



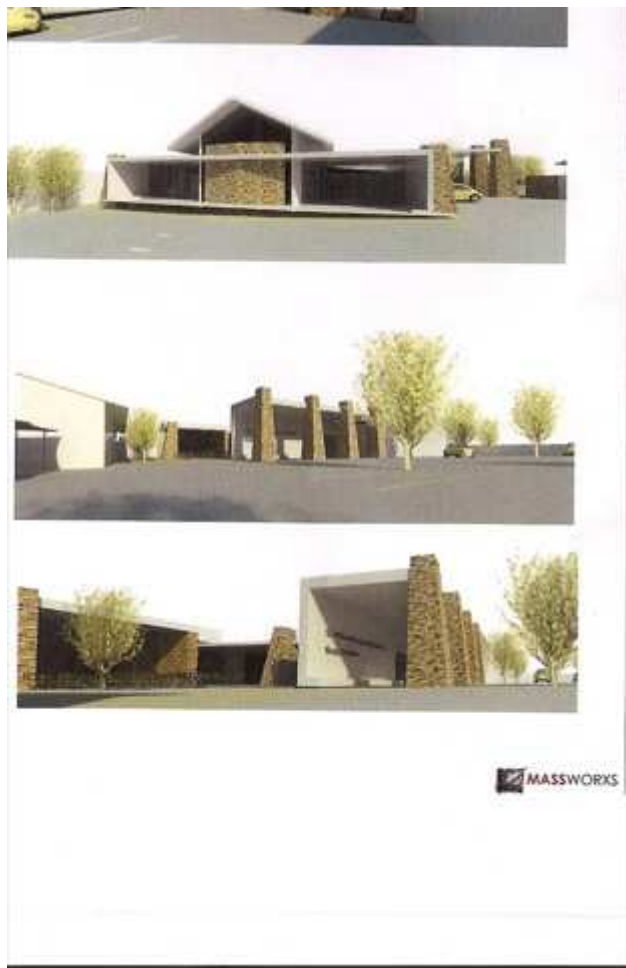
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

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First Concept Drawings of New Temple at Parkhill Gardens



FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Brethren,
Summer is once again upon us and so I hope you enjoy our latest edition.

To subscribe, or to unsubscribe, just send an e-mail to [Rhoda is my sister/secretary] rhodaj@telkomsa.net with your request in the subject line, and that will do the trick.]
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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bro. Neville,

Lodge the Pilgrim No 738 SC - 125th Anniversary Celebrations

The first meeting of the Lodge the Pilgrim was held in the Masonic Temple in Pilgrim's Rest on the 23rd October 1886. The Lodge has therefore decided to celebrate its 125th Anniversary in Pilgrim's Rest on **Saturday 5th November 2011**. This will take the form Special Meeting in the Masonic Temple (now the home of Lodge Blyde), followed by a Harmony banquet at the Royal Hotel in Pilgrim's Rest.

The programme is as follows:

17h00 -Special Meeting of Lodge the Pilgrim in the Masonic Temple, Pilgrim's Rest.

Ladies can gather in the Lounge of the Royal Hotel, where light refreshments will be served.

18h30 for 19h00- Harmony Banquet at the Royal Hotel. (Regret admission will be by Ticket only).

Cost: R100.00 per person.

Please Note. 1. Harmony Banquet.

There is very limited seating space available at the Harmony Banquet, and it has therefore been necessary to restrict admission to special guests and those with prior reservations. To avoid disappointment, any Brother wishing to attend is urgently requested to make a reservation by contacting the Convenor of the Organising Committee, Bro. David Blane at 082 651 4763 or dqblane@gmail.com asap.

2. Accommodation.

Royal Hotel. There is very limited accommodation available at the Royal Hotel for that night. To avoid disappointment, any Brother requiring accommodation is urgently requested to make a reservation by contacting the Royal Hotel directly themselves at 013 768 1100. We are attempting to arrange a special rate.

Mona Cottage. This is still available, and sleeps 6 in three double rooms. Contact Bro. Mike Goodwin at 082 878 1397.

DISTRICT GRAND STEWARDS COLUMN

By Bro. Bill Craig-District Grand President of Stewards

1) BUY A BRICK FUND RAISING.

The principal is straight forward and sponsors can be individuals, (Masonic or not), Lodges or businesses.

The sponsor donates to our building fund R1,000 What do they get in return?

We will mount a BRASS PLAQUE in a strategic position within the new temple with the sponsors name, details & short message. This plaque will remain in place for a period of ten years. This means exposure for ten years for only R1,000 Contact D. G. L. or any D. G. Steward for further details. Let's all get involved!!!

2) We are trying to plan a Masonic Ball around March 2012. This function will consist of dinner, dancing and live entertainment.

However before securing a venue we desperately need to have some kind of idea of numbers.

Please assist by submitting approximate numbers to D. G. L. for your lodge.

Bro. Bill Craig, President of Stewards

FOR SALE



Only 2 left and they are on special at R360-00 reduced from R400-00.

Call Bro. Dave Kennedy 083-2945530

BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH? OR SOMETHING LIKE IT.

by Bro. Grant Devine PM, Lodge Sound Memory No. 1655 SC

As we are all well aware, the three great tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. And these are not merely suggestions, but the golden rule that we are all to live by, if we want to call ourselves Masons.

The "truth" is, unfortunately, nothing like that.

As an Entered Apprentice, or as in one of our sister constitutions, a Fellow Craft, you are put to the test, when asked to assist in a case of a well deserving destitute brother, and all have assured us that they would help if in their power to do so.

I can honestly say that it is in the power of all of us to help our less fortunate brethren, and I don't say that we have to dip into our own pocket all the time, we just have to get involved, and do our bit to raise money, goods or services, that can go to our less privileged brethren of their families. Some of the best times that I can remember in Masonry, have been while we were working to raise funds from the public, at Golf Days, Fetes, outdoor shows and many other events.

All that is needed is a desire to get involved, and "roll your sleeves up" and have some fun.

The Brotherly Love is enhanced by giving freely of yourself and not attaching any conditions or expectations.

Reward comes from a job well done!

I was recently informed of a case where an active member of a lodge, who does rely on the Masonic Grant to survive, had that grant threatened in open lodge by a senior mason, if the Lodge did not comply with certain conditions, none of

which had anything to do with him.

I ask, was it really necessary to cause embarrassment to this Brother, and are we now going to start to put conditions on our relief efforts, other than, is he a well deserving candidate for relief?

If he or she is a well deserving candidate for relief, then we are duty and honour bound to do what we can to assist, and certainly not use it as leverage for our own agenda.

It is my sincere hope that none of us will ever need to depend on the charity of others, but reality tell us that more and more people are being forced into that situation, and when that arises, we are duty bound as men of honour to abide by what we have been taught, and make every effort to assist, without expecting anything in return.

I can assure you that you will be blessed with gratitude from the recipient even if he or she never knows that it comes from you, and it is my belief that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless you for your efforts.

In closing, give freely of your time, energy and money. And do it with a willing heart.

If you do follow these principals, you will receive so much more in return, not least of which is the respect of your brethren, and the world at large, and a certain knowledge that you are doing your bit to make this world a better place for us all to inhabit.

WEBSITE TO CHECK OUT:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ35SOU9HTM&feature=related> - some Scottish fun.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/athlete-freemasons-2011-9#shaquille-oneal-basketball-1> - USA Masonic athletes



Raising of Bro. Niell Barnard -Randfontein Lodge No 979 SC

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

By Bro. Roger Edmed DG Almoner

We have the perfect opportunity to air our views in the District Grand Lodge Newsletter, each and every month. Collectively, what do we do is - NOTHING. There are obviously exceptions with a relatively small group of Brethren, who regularly contribute. At a Lodge meeting on the West Rand, not long ago, a Fellow Brother remarked that he thought that our newsletter wasn't up to the standard of some of the international equivalents. The reply by another was to ask what he had done to help or in other words, what was his contribution? He looked shame faced and quite rightly, for he had, as for so many Brethren, let apathy win the day.

The unpalatable truth is that it is much easier to do nothing, sit back and criticise than actually 'put pen to paper.' We wonder, "Why on Earth are some Lodges dying?" Surely it's not that hard to understand that the natural consequence of inaction must surely be death. This is true in every facet of life, whether it be business, sport, the relationship with one's spouse or friends or even your own life itself.

Another question that I hear often passing the lips of many Brethren is, "Where did Masonry go wrong?" Well, here's some news, Masonry is never wrong, only some of the Brethren who are members and choose to do as little as possible. Of course, everyone else to blame! For example, the District, the RWM or a destructive vendetta with a Brother in his Lodge are all to blame, but naturally, not himself.

The newsletter is supposed to be a 'community' newsletter, but with the best will in the world, without the information reaching the Editor, it's not likely to happen, and a lot of articles never get read. Good news, such as; someone's wedding, birth of a child, Lodge workings or anything that would or should be of interest, never gets to be heard. But most important of all is that a lot of Masonic knowledge, through natural attrition, by means of death, retirement and moving away etc, is lost forever. The opportunity to publish this knowledge is here.

It is here that your Lodge's history could be published. Every Lodge has its own idiosyncrasies and traditions, but as the years go by, they tend to change and they are lost. Again this is the perfect place to put them on record.

You don't have to be a Past Master or a great scholar but only willing to participate, and provided that it is within the rules and laws of the Constitution and of a reasonable standard, it will be published.

Please Brethren, be a part of this very fine community – contribute, let the Brotherhood share in your knowledge, experiences and your Lodge workings.



Bro. B. Newman receives his prize from RWM Bro. Alan Stewart-Lodge St Andrew's installation

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Use those talents you have. You will make it. You will give joy to the world. Take this tip from nature: The woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except those who sang best. ~ Bernard Meltzer

No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today, that the weight is more than a man can bear. ~ George Macdonald

"Virtue is true nobility, and Wisdom is the channel by which it is directed and conveyed. Wisdom with humility and virtue alone distinguish Masons."- Brother William Preston

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DID MOSES HAVE HORNS?

By Bro. Zak Theron RWM Lodge Unity No. 1006 SC.

Freemasons have been accused of many things. And quite frankly, some of the accusations are of such a flattering nature that one is almost tempted to plead guilty. However, the "accusation" discussed below is neither flattering or justified. It is simply preposterous – and does not even have its origins in Freemasonry. The accusation to which I'm referring is that Freemasons – notably on the Master Mason's Certificate, depict Moses as having horns on his head. Needless to say, once such a baseless indictment is aired, cries of "Satanists!" reverberate around the globe. However, not only did Moses not have horns but actually *no* Jews have horns contrary to what the old anti-Semitic myth purports. The whole thing is obviously ridiculous. But since this bizarre idea has enjoyed quite a bit of dissemination in the past, it is worthwhile to ask: just how did this whole misconception get started?

Let's go back to the Bible. Moses was on the mountain top to receive the tablets twice. (*Remember, he broke the first set and had to return to receive a second copy.*)

When Moses descended from Sinai the second time, the Torah tells us¹ "the skin of his face was radiant." In fact, to protect the people from being overwhelmed by his glowing aura, Moses put on a veil at all times, except when teaching Torah.²

It is unknown whether or not Michelangelo understood the Biblical verse properly and was just trying to represent beams of light in stone or if he actually thought that Moses had horns

Anyway, the Hebrew word meaning to be radiant or cast a glow which is used in the above-quoted Biblical passage is "*karan*." When Jerome's Vulgate, the Catholic Church's Latin translation intended to be the definitive interpretation of the Bible, was composed in the 5th century CE, Jerome took the verb "*karan*" to be a literal form of the noun "*keren*" which means a horn.

So rather than meaning, "to emit rays," he understood it to mean "to grow horns." (You can see the connection between the two ideas and why the etymology would be

similar, but context makes it pretty obvious that we're not talking about antlers here.)

When Michelangelo sculpted what he imagined to be the likeness of Moses, he included odd protrusions jutting out from the sculpture's forehead. It is unknown whether or not Michelangelo understood the Biblical verse properly and was just trying to represent beams of light in stone or if he, like Jerome, actually thought that Moses had horns.

What matters is the popular perception and that to most people, these strange bumps sure looked like they were supposed to be horns. From there, this likeness became widely accepted and was copied by other artists spreading the misunderstanding far and wide.

Footnotes

1. Exodus 34:29.

2. Interestingly, it was not after the first time on Mt. Sinai when he first received the Torah that Moses' face began to shine. It was after the second time, when he went to beseech mercy for the people on account of the sin of the Golden Calf. Thus, it was his selfless dedication to his flock, not enlightenment through Torah, that put the glow on his face

WHAT'S ON!!!

Lodge Athol No. 1442SC

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29th October 2011

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Somah Herber Lodge No. 1485 SC

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POINTS TO PONDER

The study of Freemasonry is the study of man as a candidate for a blessed eternity.

It furnishes examples of holy living, and displays the conduct which is pleasing and acceptable to God. The doctrine and examples which distinguish the Order are obvious and suited to every capacity. It is impossible for the most fastidious Mason to misunderstand, however he may slight or neglect them.

It is impossible for the most superficial brother to say that he is unable to comprehend the plain precepts, and the unanswerable arguments which are furnished by Freemasonry.

by Rev. George Oliver

POEM

A TOAST TO THE LADIES

By Bro. Gary Hepburn PM, Lodge Athol No. 1442 SC

This speech I have been given tonight to say
Has burdened my thoughts during each passing day

A brother who I cannot name
Set a standard so high that others could not attain

To try and do a speech that is almost equal
Would be the worst type of a movie sequel

So the ladies who are present here tonight
I hope you can sense my urgent plight

If this speck does not seem sincere
It's because I live in the deepest fear

So I take on this duty with open arms
And wave a branch from the tree of palms

To toast the ladies on this fine eve
Is more difficult than you perceive

We may not always show our gratitude to you
But we are always thankful for what you do

All brethren who are here with me
I'm sure that you will agree

Our ladies that wave us off at night
And wait at home without a fight

Your abundance of patience and love
Fits around us like a glove

Once a month or sometimes more

We thank you silently as we shut the door

We invite you into lodge once a year
To have you close and oh so near

Your understanding of our obligation
Goes with full realisation

That our ladies here or far apart
Have only our best interests at heart

So to have you here for an evening
Is an awesome and wonderful feeling

Now before I use every rhyming word I know
I bid you farewell coz I have to go

So if you would be upstanding brethren and all
Let's toast to our ladies in this Masonic hall

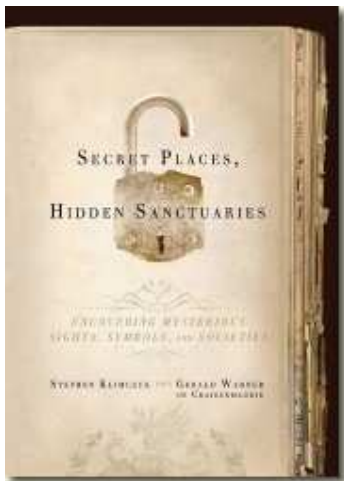


Installation of Bro. Zak Theron R –Lodge Unity No. 1006 SC

BOOK REVIEW

SECRET PLACES, HIDDEN SANCTUARIES,

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Travel around the world and enter some of the most secret places ever to have existed and many to which few have had access. Here you will gain exclusive admittance to the tunnel at the Vatican down which Popes fled to safety, made

famous in Dan Brown's novel and the movie adaptation of *Angels and Demons*; the underground government bolt-hole to which then U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney was allegedly spirited off, following the 9/11 attacks; and a strictly guarded sanctuary that is the world's most tantalizing site of still undiscovered hidden treasure; among some 150 other hush-hush locations.

Your mode of transportation? **Secret Places, Hidden Sanctuaries**, a remarkable book that takes a controversial stance on many celebrated "mysteries." Rennes-le-Château is not the key to Templar treasure or secrets of the early Christian Church, claim the authors, but a fabrication by a hard-up restaurateur. Rosslyn Chapel a secret Templar shrine? We don't think so, since it was built 150 years after the extinction of the Order. As for the persecuted Templars – guilty as charged, is the authors' verdict. But this book will not leave readers' hopes of genuine mysteries disappointed. After debunking the bogus, the authors highlight lesser-known sites and totems, including a plausible version of the Holy Grail in Spain, the remarkable events that preserved the holy oil of Saint Remi in France, an island that probably holds a fabulous treasure on whose origins they offer a completely new theory, and the secretive Swiss banks whose vaults guard the fortunes of the super-rich.

On the Lighter side...



DIARY

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1	Nelspruit United	Installation	Nelspruit
5	Ophirton	3rd Degree	Boksburg North
6	Balmoral	Installation	Kempton
6	Randfontein	Installation	Krugersdorp
8	Oranje	Installation	Bloemfontein
10	Alberton	1st Degree	Germiston
10	Sound Memory	2nd Degree	Orange Grove
11	Glen Douglas	Installation	Rewlatch
13	Golden Thistle	2nd Degree	Park Lane
17	Florida	Installation	Roodepoort
26	Argyll	Lecture	Roodepoort
26	Somah Herber	3rd Degree	Park Lane