



# Provincial Grand Lodge Irish Digest

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## OBITUARIES

With great sadness we report the following obituaries:

- ✠ M. Wor. Bro. Ben Lindeque a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Africa who was initiated in Benoni Golden Jubilee Lodge in 1972.
- ✠ The father of Wor. Bro. K. Pienaar

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations must go to Tirmochree Lodge this month. At Bro. Smith's initiation in April at CERT we had a total number of 45 Brethren in the Lodge. 4 lodges visiting in strength i.e. more than 7 Brethren present. The organist was the cherry on top of the cake. Well Done Tirmochree.

## PGL NOTICES

- ✠ Quarterly Balance sheets which are again due. Brethren please liaise with the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary if in doubt.
- ✠ Irish Digest. The Irish Digest should be read in full at all regular meetings. This is our only communication of the Board of General purposes to all the Brethren in the Province.
- ✠ Open Nights. Should any Lodge wish to have an Open Night, the Lodge Secretary is reminded that they are to give PGL notice in writing, at least 2 months in advance. The notice should include the Topic, the Speaker. The Lodge Chain Representative should also be notified and invited. The preferred notice should read "Lodge of Awareness".
- ✠ The next Bi-Annual is scheduled for Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at CERT. Details will follow.
- ✠ PGL Luncheon. The PGL Luncheon is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2015. Details to follow.
- ✠ Mac Mac Lodge will not meet on 16 May 2015. Details to follow.
- ✠ 2 June 2015 – Lodge Lurgan. The venue is Parklane. This is a full installation.
- ✠ 8 June 2015 – Belfast Lodge. The venue is Parklane. This is a full installation.
- ✠ Ulster Lodge has moved back to Brakpan. The Installation ceremony will however take place on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Fourth Street Boksburg North opposite the swimming pool. A Past Master to again occupy the Masters chair.
- ✠ 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Ulster Lodge. Venue being Fourth Street Boksburg North.

- ⚡ Bi Annual meeting. Please pencil in the Bi Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at CERT Jubilee Road Boksburg South.
- ⚡ PGL Office. The Office has relocated to Randburg. Details to follow. A separate communication will be sent out as it involves a change in telephone numbers and all other addresses.
- ⚡ PGL Office. Contact telephone number. 076-890-2898.
- ⚡ Losie Petit does not meet during January, June and July.
- ⚡ Achill Lodge meets on the even months of the year.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE



According to Grand Lodge Law no. 174 "The Provincial Grand Master, or in his absence the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, or a Provincial Assistant Grand Master, may visit and preside in every Lodge within his Province."

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## CLASS OF INSTRUCTION



Any topic and even a suitable venue for the next Class of Instruction to be forwarded to the Provincial Grand lodge Secretary in writing.

The Class of Instruction is scheduled for Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Details to follow.

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## MASONIC SERVICES COMMITTEE



The normal monthly plea for, books, magazines, spectacles, clothing, stamps and electronic equipment. It is also suggested that the Lodge Secretary include this item on the Lodge agenda.

The next project is the winter project – normally blankets for the less fortunate. MSC meets at 17h30 at Parklane on the Third Wednesday of every month. 20 May 2015.

The next TIMC meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Parkhill Gardens Germiston.

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## WHAT IS THE ROYAL ARCH?



This is question many Master Masons ponder and even ask loud. The short answer: It is the completion of the symbolic story of Craft Masonry. Every serious Master Mason aspires to attain the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. To be in possession of the ultimate information it is necessary to join the Royal Arch degree.

Membership and further details are available from V.Wor. Bro. Don Cresswell at cell 083-327-9183 or [13rodos@gmail.com](mailto:13rodos@gmail.com).

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## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP



Brethren not yet members are urged to consider the Royal Arch.

Membership forms are available from V.Wor. Bro. Andre de Roubaix at cell 082-851-1595.

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## THE CHIVALRIC ORDER OF KNIGHT MASONS



1. The Chivalric Order of Knight Masons continue the story of the Temple in Jerusalem. Further details are available from V.Wor. Bro. Justin Dawe at 083-353-7790.
2. The Irish Masonic Study Group has taken off. The group meets on a regular basis and discussions are not only limited to the Knight Masons, Knight Templars and Royal Arch. Details are available from V.Wor. Bro. Andre de Roubaix at 082-851-1595. Send your e-Mail address to V.Wor. Bro. Andre de Roubaix at [belgamax@netactive.co.za](mailto:belgamax@netactive.co.za) and you will receive a personalized invitation.
3. The next Irish Masonic Study Group Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 19h00. Venue. Inisys Africa Pty Ltd at Hanover Square 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Hendrik Potgieter street Edenvale. Please to notify V, Wor. Andre de Roubaix of your intention to attend for logistical purposes.

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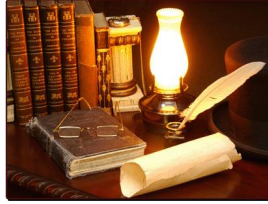
## LODGE FUNCTIONS



- ⚡ The Annual Tirmochree Bush Working scheduled for 22-24 May 2015 at Hartebeespoort. Well Tirmochree in keeping this event alive with real candidates.
- ⚡ Day Time Lodge: Well done to Belfast Lodge who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of March, May, July, September and November at 11h00 at Parklane in Johannesburg. Details from Wor. Bro. Graham Patrick on 082-907-4188.
- ⚡ Erin Go Bragh Golf day. Please pencil in Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Details to follow. Watch this space.
- ⚡ Losie Petit and Ulster Lodge is assisting Brakpan Lodge with their Bring n Braai on Sunday 31 May 2015 at the Brakpan Masonic Hall Brakpan. All welcome. Details John Harmse 082 452 8459.

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## IRISH DIGEST CONTRIBUTION



All contributions to be forwarded in writing to the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary, and the Irish Digest Editor Rt.Wor.Bro. John Harmse.

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## ALMONERS PAGE



Almoners Report:

Lodge Secretaries are reminded to submit a written report on a monthly basis to the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary and the Irish Digest Editor, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Harmse.

The Almoners that have been designated to the following areas are:

W Bro Nigel Hulse – West Rand. 011-674-3204 cell 082-296-6713

V. Wor. Bro. Joachim Prinsloo – Limpopo. 082-565-6978.

V. Wor. Bro. Dave McLean – Free State. 082-494-5046.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Thinus Kriel – Gauteng – 083-457-3973.

Brethren are requested to notify the Lodge Almoner of all cases of distress and illness.

Health Report:

- ♠ V. Wor. Bro Barrie Sergay receiving chemo.
- ♠ V. Wor. Bro. Eddie Ives who was attacked and robbed.
- ♠ Wor. Bro. Robert Walker of Erin Lodge in Ireland who is ill.
- ♠ Marista Vilbert wife of Wor. Bro. Michael Vilbert.
- ♠ The wife of Wor Bro. Paddy Quinn who is ill and currently overseas.
- ♠ The wife of Rt. Wor. Bro. John Chalmers who is ill.
- ♠ Linda Forte daughter of V.Wor. Bro. Franco Forte receiving chemo.
- ♠ Bro. Hansie Fourie recovering from his fall off his motor cycle.
- ♠ V. Wor. Bro. John Dick re-admitted to Hospital.
- ♠ Bro. Renier Shields who has not been well.
- ♠ Ms. Irene Evans was briefly hospitalised for a bad dog bite.
- ♠ Rt. Wor. Bro. Dirk Lourens our PAGM who was in ICU with respiratory problems. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dirk is still hospitalised.

**Rt Wor Bro John Harmse P A G M**