



Provincial Grand Lodge Irish Digest

September, 2015

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OBITUARIES

With great sadness we report the following obituaries:

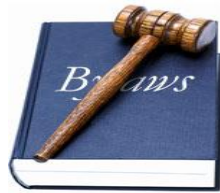
- ⚡ Very Wor. Bro. D.Watts – Past Master of Achill Lodge.
- ⚡ The mother in law of late Rt. Wor. Bro. Ray Thorpe.
- ⚡ The mother in law of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dirk Lourens
- ⚡ The father in law of V.Wor. Bro. Fanie Bezuidenhout

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".
- ⚡ Pretoria Leinster has its Installation on Friday the 4th September in Pretoria. A Past Master going back in the chair.
- ⚡ Losie Petit has its Installation on the 7th September in Queen street Brakpan. A Past Master going back in the chair.
- ⚡ Tirmochree Lodge has its Installation on the 10th September 2015 at CERT in Boksburg. This is a full Installation ceremony.
- ⚡ The Bi Annual is scheduled for Saturday the 12th September 2015 at CERT in 66 Jubilee Road Boksburg. Provincial Grand Lodge will open at 14h00 sharp. All Master Masons are invited and urged to attend and should be seated at 13h30.
- ⚡ Erin has cancelled its regular meeting of the 25th September 2015 due to the holiday.
- ⚡ Ulster Lodge has its next meeting on Monday the 2nd November 2015 in Queen Street Brakpan.
- ⚡ Clara Lodge has its Installation on the 1st October 2015 at Roodepoort Masonic Centre. A Past Master going back in the chair.
- ⚡ PGL Luncheon. The PGL Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday the 1st Nov. 2015 at the Golden Pipit. Details to follow.
- ⚡ Tirmochree has booked the Hartebeespoort Resort for Tirmochree Bush Working Weekend for 8,9,10 April 2016.

- ⚡ PGL Office. A reminder that the Office has relocated to Randburg. Telephone number being 076-890-2898.
- ⚡ PGL Web Site. The site is up and running. Special thanks to Wor. Bro. Graham Patrick for his hard work. Details available from Wor. Bro. Graham Patrick @ 082-907-4188.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE



- **BALLOT BOX:** According to Grand Lodge Law 51 " *The Board decided in connection with the ballot box, that, if there be more than one Candidate for initiation or affiliation, then separate ballots must be held , unless the ballot box makes provision for multiple ballots in separate compartments.*"

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.

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 Christmas Parcel Project. MSC meets at 17h30 at Parklane on the Third Wednesday of every month.

The Committee has also arranged for an Optician to do a free Eye Check between 11h00 and 13h00 at CERT prior to the Bi Annual on Saturday the 12th September 2015.



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.

THE CHIVALRIC ORDER OF KNIGHT MASONS



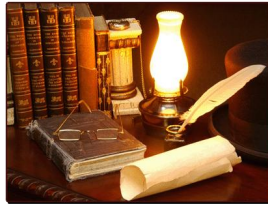
1. The Chivalric Order of Knight Masons continue the story of the Temple in Jerusalem. Further details are available from V.Wor. Bro. Justin Dawe at 083-353-7790.
2. The Irish Masonic Study Group has taken off. The group meets on a regular basis and discussions are not only limited to the Knight Masons, Knight Templars and Royal Arch. Details are available from V.Wor. Bro. Andre de Roubaix at 082-851-1595.

LODGE FUNCTIONS



- ♠ Day Time Lodge: Well done to Belfast Lodge who meet on the 2nd Monday of March, May, July, September and November at 11h00 at Parklane in Johannesburg. Details from Wor. Bro. Graham Patrick on 082-907-4188.
- ♠ Potjie Kos Competition, Scheduled for Saturday 26th September at 2 Coetser Street Greenside. Contact Wor.Bro. Mark Aspeling at 082 493 3469.
- ♠ Greek Evening. 10th October 2015 at Parea Taverna 3 Corlett Drive Illovo. Meze -Style Set Menu R290.00 p.person Contact Wor. Bro. Mark Aspeling at 082 493 3469.

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.

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 Robert Dick had a knee operation.
- ♠ Wor. Bro. Malcolm Botha who was hospitalised.
- ♠ V.Wor. Bro. Schalk Stapelberg who is not well.
- ♠ The father of Rt. Wor. Bro. Kriel's good lady who is not well.
- ♠ The mother-in-law of Bro. Staphorst has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ♠ The wife of Wor. Bro. Picton who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- ♠ Linda Forte daughter of V.Wor. Bro. Franco Forte who is not well.
- ♠ The father of Wor. Bro. Stephen Miller who is not well.
- ♠ The wife of Wor. Bro. Graham Collins on the road to recovery.
- ♠ The Good Lady of Wor. Bro. Brian Bull who has not been well.
- ♠ Very Wor. Bro. Tom v Blommenstein undergoing an eye operation.
- ♠ Tersia wife of our PGM, Rt. Wor. Bro. T.Adlem who had another eye procedure recently.

Rt Wor Bro John Harmse P A G M