



District Grand Lodge of South Africa Western Division

# Newsletter

December 2011



*A voyage of discovery through our principles*

*And our Principles make a difference*



**District Grand Lodge wishes  
all our Christian brethren a  
Merry Christmas**



## *From the District Grand Master's Desk*

Greetings Brethren.

I am very pleased to advise you that thus far this year we have had 35 initiations in our district. I would now like to ask the question have you given a good man and true the opportunity of becoming a freemason lately, and if not why not?

Back in 1967 my Father enquired as to whether I would be interested in being interviewed as a prospective candidate for his lodge, and I graciously declined the idea. Then some three years later one of my uncles told me how disappointed my father had been with my rejection of his suggestion. Needless to say my conscience got the better of me and I was initiated in 1972, much to the joy of my father and three of my uncles who were all members of the same lodge.

Regretfully I was not so ecstatic, I had a fantastic reception by the brethren on the night of my initiation, but thereafter with at least 100 brethren present at each meeting, I felt very much alone. My father and Uncles all held office in the lodge hence I sat on my own at the meetings not really understanding the ritual or its meaning.

Some two years later I mention my regret at joining and why to another brother, thankfully he understood my predicament and from then on made a point of sitting next to me at each meeting and explained what was happening and why, "bingo I was hooked" The rest is history.

Now back to my opening statement. My own start in Freemasonry is as relevant today as it was some 39 years ago, we have no idea as to whether a particular good man and true will find Freemasonry to his liking, and without our initiative he will never get the opportunity to find out.

Secondly getting him to become a member is in reality the easy part as without a mentor to guide him, he will be just like me, rather lonely and in truth a member in name only.

I therefore recommend that we all take a good hard look at those that we sit next to in Church, those with whom we do business and socialise with. We all know good men and true, and must take the initiative to give them the same opportunity that my father gave me, ever remembering that encouragement and guidance will be needed in order to make him feel truly a Brother amongst Freemasons.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

H. Jim. Duggan.

District Grand Master



### *The Secretary's Say*

The District Grand Lodge office has been advised of the resignation from Office of the Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution R W Bro. Billy Knox who has moved to Citrusdal. We wish him well with his new career; and trust that his health will improve.

In August an escort of 18 Grand Lodge officers was provided for the official visit of R W Bro George P Francis PGSW to the 50 year celebration of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, the events of the week end was a suitable start for their next 50 years and we offer them our fraternal good wishes in all their Masonic endeavours.

The Scottish District Grand Master R W Bro Charles Smith presented us with a cheque for R80,000 and Lodge Royal Alfred another R2,000 towards the building renovations, once again demonstrating the universal attributes of Freemasonry when a brother helps another in need. We thank our Scottish Brethren most heartily for their generous contribution.

It is with sadness that I report that King Edward VII Lodge and Naval Lodge have returned their Charter's to the District Grand Master. Much of the history of those Lodges will be lost and prudence dictates that we all should be mindful to maintain and support our Lodges.



### **MASONIC RECIPE**

*Take two heaped cups of PATIENCE*

*One heart full of LOVE*

*Two hands full of GENEROSITY*

*One head full of UNDERSTANDING*

*Sprinkle generously with KINDNESS*

*Add plenty of FAITH*

*Mix well, spread it over a lifetime*

*and SERVE everybody you meet.*

*The only knowledge that can hurt you is the knowledge you don't have*



## *Editor's Note.*

An editor's job is no sinecure and getting out a newsletter is no picnic. If we print jokes, folks say we are silly and if we don't, they say we are too serious. If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety. If we publish things from other publications, then we are too lazy to write. If we don't print contributions, we don't show appreciation, if we do print them; the newsletter is filled with junk and too long.

Like it or not, some fellow will say I swiped this from another place. **He's so absolutely right, I did!**

Seriously though, a newsletter is only as successful as the brethrens enthusiasm to contribute and to appreciate its content, chaff and grain together. We all have something to share in this medium of happy communication. **So,..... Come'n Guys, let's get your Lodge Badge under the section of "Lodge Drumbeat"**. Hopefully we will get all Lodges represented at very least once throughout the coming year.

This Newsletter is in hard copy however it is expensive to produce at R8.00 per booklet X 650 = R5,000, so future newsletters will be either e-newsletters sent via 'pdf' file, or one single hard copy per lodge, unless we are to secure some sponsorship or cost recovery.

We don't necessarily want to hear your appreciation but we sure do want to hear your objections, disappointments and suggestions to ensure we improve as we go along. For all contributions and/or correspondence please email to [jasac@iafrica.com](mailto:jasac@iafrica.com)

*Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set*  
*Proverbs 22 v 28*

**And remember... Any time you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 per cent probability you'll get it wrong.**



## Know your Brother

### W. Bro. Alfred Webb PAGStb

This month and one day before Christmas our truly worthy brother, Worshipful Brother Alfred Webb will be celebrating his 76th Birthday. He was initiated on the 10 May 1979 and after this he committed himself whole heartily to Freemasonry quickly earning a District Rank. It is often said that W. Bro Webb is a ritualist of note, being keenly familiar with every facet of Emulation Working. To this day, he never requires a ritual book and will pick up on any deviation from Emulation Working or Ritual. His devotion was such that he earned the nickname or unofficial title as the '**District Grand Mascot**'. He received Grand Lodge Honours in 2008 and was appointed Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.

Brother Alfie, as he is more affectionately known to the brethren has a zest for life and social work. There was hardly a social occasion that our good brother would not involve himself in, extending goodwill to any he met with compassion and a smile. With such energy one would assume that a depilating stroke may have hindered his



activities, yet he still makes so many Lodge visits and never neglects his Masonic duties. He has been an inspiration to younger and older Masons alike.



## Board of General Purposes Report

At the regional info indabas held early in 2011, the question was raised as to the business of the Board of General Purposes. Lodges are asked to nominate brethren to serve on the Board, but without knowing what is expected of its members there is little guidance as whom to nominate.

The key issues of the Board in recent times can broadly be described as Membership Development, Communications, Financing of the District Administration and that of the Masonic Centre Pinelands and the long term sustainability of the District Grand Benevolent Fund. The Board has six portfolio committees to address all issues within one of the focus areas.

Membership development remains the key to the sustainability of freemasonry in our District and the value outcome to our members. Freemasonry should add value to the lives of each of its members and be enjoyed by all that partake. Much of the value and enjoyment of Freemasonry stems from vibrant lodges to who enjoy a strong membership base within the local community.

Every lodge should be able to have regular meetings and conduct workings without the assistance of visitors, have well supported and regular fellowships, be financially self supporting and be able to make significant contributions to charity. In present times this may seem a far off dream, but can be achievable if each lodge had an annual net membership growth of at least 2 and two initiates.

Membership growth stems from a strong public image, a well informed membership and successful fellowship events which are enjoyable to non masons. Within the portfolio of membership the Board activities have focused on the development of the web site, the mentorship program, indabas to inform all members of administrative and financial matters, regional meetings for principal lodge officers and the DGL newsletter.

The Phase One renovations of the Masonic Centre Pinelands, at a cost of R723,803-00 has been completed and FULLY financed by sponsorships. Our thanks go to all the members, lodges, side degrees and even country lodges who made a contribution. Each contribution no matter how small or large made a difference. Some members even

contributed more than once. The Phase one project has occupied much of the Board's time and so has the 3 year budgeting plan to ensure financial sustainability.

The Masonic Club continues to provide a valuable bar service to all users of the Masonic Centre and is an attractive potential source of income towards financing the upkeep of the Centre. Our support goes to W. Bro Peter Rowland, who has taken on the chairmanship of the Masonic Club and in this capacity also serves on the Board, as well as having other portfolios.

Although there has been a slow response to the Rand -a -Day per subscribing member of each lodge as the target for the annual DGM charity appeal, it remains a practical and viable option achievable by all. Perhaps one of the reasons for a reluctance to accept the concept is that it is such an effective means to raise sufficient funds to maintain the payment of monthly grants to those in distressed circumstances for years to come. The many objections to the target come from those who have not taken a tin and tried to place only one Rand in the tin per day. For those that have not tried, there are still many tins available. The Rand - a - Day is yet another project handled by the Board.

Due to the limitations of space in this newsletter, it is not possible to detail all the recent matters handled by the Board, but will be covered in summary reports of each board meeting sent to lodge secretaries for distribution to members.

W Bro John Ackermann

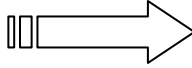
**SOONER OR LATER THOSE  
WHO WIN ARE THOSE  
WHO THINK THEY CAN**

**The more vital your research, the less people will understand it**

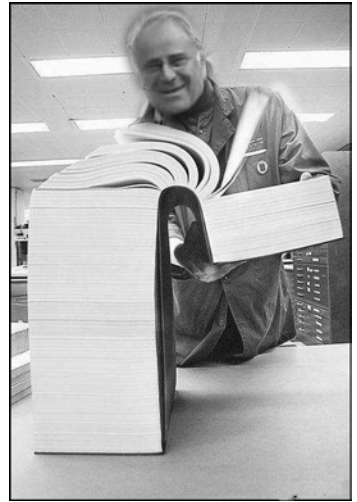


## The Ritual

For those who know well the Emulation Ritual book, just wait for the new ritual book designed by our Worshipful Brother Kenneth Marcus, coming out this year. It is the condensed version of what he knows.



p.s. **Lodge of Instruction** will now be **eight hours a session.**



## Drumbeats from Lodges



### Phoenix Lodge No.1860 - "The Wow Factor!"

In September the Lodge had an opportunity to entertain nine brethren from Natal and one from Australia. There were five constitutions gathered and the camaraderie demonstrated at a 'Fish Braai' during the day and the impromptu party that followed afterwards through to the Victorian waterfront and hotel was exceptional to say the least. Renewed friendships and new ones made with a repertoire of songs that often burst out, no matter where they were, continued into the early hours of the next morning. It was an experience where Brotherly Love was verified by all, to a point of commitment by two distant Lodges doing this each year, once in Durban and



alternatively in Cape Town. Whilst all were in boisterous spirit, prudence dictated that a Mason's conduct in public was beyond approach and all the public would see is a happy bunch of guys.

It all ended at 12h30 when the last act of the evening was a group of twenty huddled together, in the hotel car park, singing "Auld Lang Syne", and a tear glistened in more than one eye.

This was indeed Masonic Brotherhood with a great big WOW factor! Much appreciation was afforded to the Master W. Bro. John Ridley.



## **Wynberg Lodge No.2577**

### **"Ten year drought ends"**

For the past ten years Wynberg Lodge has had to recycle its Masters but this year saw a new man in W.Bro. Trevor Cohen. 2011 was a good year for Wynberg Lodge under the directorship of W.Bro. Stephen Hutching and the Lodge experienced a magnificent growth with five new initiates and two joining members. Bro. Stephen generously hands over to Bro. Trevor a full detail with two more initiates in the pipeline and two more joining members. When asked of W.Bro. Stephen Hutching, his formula for success, all he would tell us is "Watch this space"



## **British Lodge No.334 - Bi-Centenary**

We have all heard about the 200th year meeting and celebration as it was well publicised, however for those that weren't able to make this auspicious occasion, herewith are some interesting facts.

This is the oldest English Lodge in the southern hemisphere and the next to celebrate a bi-centenary will be in about 60 years from now.

Wednesday and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>. The pressure started on the District team to collect no less than 10 District Grand Masters hailing from Gambia Ghana, Nigeria, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leon and all the Districts in South Africa. The Right Worshipful Nigel Brown, Grand Secretary and The Right Worshipful David Kenneth Williamson, Assistant Grand Master arrived from England.

Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. A meeting of all the DGMs chaired by the Grand Secretary took up most of the day which was followed by a formal dinner in the evening hosted by our DGM.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> That afternoon was the Bi-Centenary meeting and ceremony at Pinelands. Saturday night was a dinner/dance at Kelvin Grove.

Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. A braai at Pinelands which was very well attended and where all were afforded the opportunity to informally meet and confer.



### **Columbine Lodge No. 9267 - Eiland Huis**

Columbine Lodge has a very active Charity Steward and Master and Eiland Huis is only one of the charities they have involved themselves in.



Recently, an installation of a complete solar water heater was done for Eiland Huis in St. Helena Bay close to the Lodge at a cost to Columbine Lodge of R 9,000. The couple who run 'Eiland Huis' look after six severely handicapped youngsters, none of whom are their own children, and in the past Columbine have also given them a new fridge and deep freeze as they get a number of bulk donations of food from



various sources and need to keep it as fresh as possible for later use.

Our congratulations go out to the Charity Steward, Bro. Marius Begemann, seen here handing over the installation. This is the essence of our order.

**What we do for ourselves will die and be buried with us,  
What we do for others lives on forever**

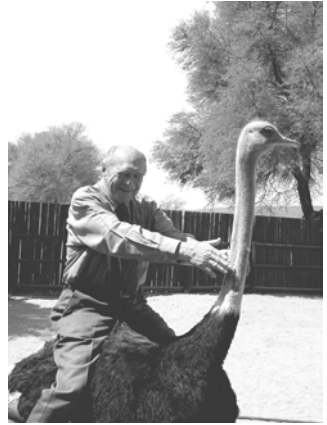
*Albert Pike*



## Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

Quatuor Coronati is a research lodge that regularly meets in London and our very own W. Bro. Tom Webb is the current Master who regularly travels there. As the WM of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, W Bro Tom Webb hosted a meeting of that Lodge in Cape Town at the end of September. It was the first time in 125 years that the Lodge had its meeting outside the borders of England.

One has to wonder about the initiation ceremony and its term of 'riding the goat' when we see our brother practising his skills.



## Metropolitan Lodge No. 2538 - 'Metropolitan Handicap'

Coming on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 is Metropolitan Race Day. This is an incredible family day of fun and excitement. Not to be missed! It is held in the Peninsula room at Kenilworth Race Course, a scrumptious meal is provided and a permutation of bets, bought horses and even wide exposure for business advertising. A few years ago Metropolitan Lodge made R 50,000 and this year R20,000 to which all proceed go to a worthy cause, part of which is the District Benevolent Fund.

Don't be disappointed and treat your family to some excitement with the knowledge that if you lose money, you still win by knowing it has gone to a worthwhile cause. Book early by contacting W. Bro. Jim Blain on 0823949908.

**See you there!**



## Rudyard Kipling

Born December 30 1865

Died January 18 1936

### The Mother-Lodge

There was Rundle, Station Master,  
An' Beazeley of the Rail,  
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,  
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;  
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,  
Our Master twice was 'e,  
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,  
Old Framjee Eduljee.

*Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salutel!  
Salaam!"*

*Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do no  
'arm.*

*We met upon the Level an' we parted on  
the Square,  
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-  
Lodge out there!*

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,  
An' Saul the Aden Jew,  
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman  
Of the Survey Office too;  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,

An' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,  
The Roman Catholicick!

We 'adn't good regalia,  
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,  
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,  
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;  
An' lookin' on it backwards  
It often strikes me thus,  
There ain't such things as infidels,  
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,  
We'd all sit down and smoke  
(We dursn't give no banquits,  
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),  
An' man on man got talkin'  
Religion an' the rest,  
An' every man comparin'  
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',  
An' not a Brother stirred  
Till mornin' waked the parrots  
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;  
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,  
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,  
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva  
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service  
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,  
An' bore fraternal greetin's  
To the Lodges east an' west,  
Accordin' as commanded  
From Kohat to Singapore,  
But I wish that I might see them  
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,  
My Brethren black an' brown,

With the trichies smellin' pleasant  
An' the hog-darn passin' down;  
An' the old khansamah snorin'  
On the bottle-khana floor,  
Like a Master in good standing  
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

*Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute!  
Salaam!"*

*Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do  
no 'arm.*

*We met upon the Level an' we parted  
on the Square,  
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Mother-Lodge out there!*



### ***Let George do it***

*Some members keep their Lodge strong,  
While others join and just belong;  
Some dig right in, some serve with pride,  
Some go along, just for the ride.  
Some volunteer to do their share,  
While some lay back and just don't care;  
On meeting nights some always show  
While there are those that never go.  
Some always pay their dues ahead,  
Some get months behind instead.  
Some do their best, some build, some  
make,  
Some never give, but always take  
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some  
do,  
Consider, which of these are you*



\*\* Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee..

\*\* Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

\*\* Law of Probability -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act

\*\* Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

\*\* Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire..

\*\* Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

\*\* Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

\*\* Law of Close Encounters -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

\*\*\* Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

\*\*\* Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.



## Inner Sanctum

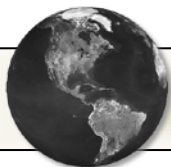
Whilst our newer Masons are awed with the ceremonies conducted in our Lodges, often times they may lose some understanding why such rituals are taking place. There is no dogma to these lessons and each will take his own answers as life meets him. So, why so much drama and the same rituals taking place all over the world? The short answer to this is that it's a 'Rite of Passage' and so well explained by the V. Rev. Frederick A. Shade PPGSoj.

Societies present and past have developed ceremonies to assist the individual's transition to the next stage in life, and they also help the community to recognise that this transition is taking place. The initiations and journeys taken in our Masonic rituals also help the brother mason, in that they help to give sense, meaning and purpose to his life. For this reason our lodge has become our 'house of meaning', to use Carl Jung's term. It is our modern-day equivalent to the 'Men's House' of ancient times. Modern Freemasonry provides the member with teachings that reflect on various stages of personal existence. It changes, or ought to change, the behaviour of the initiate, his attitude to life and the manner in which he relates to other people. Show me one Mason who has not been changed in some way by his initiation into our Fraternity!

The knowledge of our science of Freemasonry, which is a "science of living", is conveyed through ritual drama, one in which the candidate plays the principal part. Information is thus presented in a most dramatic and effective manner and the psycho-spiritual process of personal transformation begin. Such is the intention of Masonic ritual.

When we study the mystery schools of ancient Egypt, Greece or Rome, as well as modern-day Freemasonry, we will find that their rituals of initiation also have as their aim to help the candidate to answer five fundamental questions, questions that man has been asking since the dawn of human consciousness. These questions are (i) who am I?

(ii) where do I come from? (iii) what am I doing here? (iv) where am I going? and (v) how can I transcend the limitations of this physical world so that I may become a co-worker with the Creator? I leave it to you to decide whether this Craft is successful in providing some of the answers to these questions.



## Masonry Universal

**Freemasonry in Brazil** - Brazil, with a population in excess of 200 million, is the largest country in the South American continent.

There are 28 Grand Lodges in the country, one in each of the 27 States plus the Grand Orient of Brazil which is based in the capital Brasillia and has District Grand Lodges in each State. The United Grand Lodge of England recognises the Grand Orient of Brazil (Not to be confused with the Grand Orient of France), but only four of the State Grand Lodges. Grand Secretary for Foreign Relations at the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo reports that there are 20,000 members belonging to 610 lodges, amongst who practise six different rites. The Brazilian Grand Lodges hold a conference each year in a different State.

**Grand Lodge of Slovakia** - Consequent upon the reorganisation of the countries formerly behind the so-called Iron Curtain, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Slovakia were established.

The Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, with headquarters in Prague, had little more than a name change to become the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic. It has now collaborated with the Grand Lodge of Germany and Austria, respectively, to constitute the Grand Lodge of Slovakia.

There are currently three craft lodges working in the capital, Bratislava. The new Grand Lodge was consecrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

**Cuban Sesquicentenary** - The Grand Lodge of Cuba, often styled as Columbus's Grand Lodge has recently celebrated its sesquicentenary in December 2009. Members are proud that they have been able to promote Masonic principles and values for 150 years often in difficult times.

Organisers of the celebrations to mark the anniversary were very happy and surprised to receive so much support from across their borders that they had to move to a larger venue than that originally booked.

**Grande Loge Nationale De Madagascar** - Madagascar is close enough to be called a neighbour and we recognise that it is a significant island in the Indian Ocean to our east.

Grand Masters of the National Grand Lodge of Madagascar may serve for six years. The installation of a new Grand Master, W. Bro. Alain Soumoudronga, was held last year in March.

*We will cover Austria and Japan in the next newsletter edition*



## PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT MASTER MASON

At very least there has been fourteen American Presidents who have been Masons including Harry S. Truman and Gerald Ford, who is still active. Theodore Roosevelt was the ninth to be a Mason after Washington, Munroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield and McKinley.

Brother Theodore Roosevelt was initiated January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1901, passed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1901, and raised in Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay, Long Island. The "Masonic Standard" reported that on hand that Wednesday night was..."as distinguished a gathering of Masons as ever assembled in this State to do Masonic Work. There were probably in excess of 500 Brethren present" A close friend said that when it came time for his examination in open Lodge, Brother Roosevelt was more than letter perfect; he actually corrected his conductor in an error.

### **Equality in the Lodge**

Theodore Roosevelt never held any Masonic office. In fact, he seemed to take particular joy in not holding Masonic office. It proved to him the "rightness" of things that even the president of the United States was an equal among Brothers when the Lodge was opened. This is what he said to one of his many Masonic Brothers about his life as a Mason.

*"As you know....I am a member of the local Lodge of Masons. You also know, Brother, I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values of Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground where, for a time, all men are equal and have one common interest."*

*"For example, when I was President, the Master was Worshipful Brother Dought, a gardener on the estate of one of my neighbours, and a most excellent public-spirited citizen, whom I like to maintain contact. Clearly I could not call on him when I came home. It would have embarrassed him. Neither could he, without embarrassment, call on me. In Lodge it was different. He was over me, though I was President, and it was good for him, and good for me."*

### **Merit as a man.**

Roosevelt went on to tell his friend, *"I go to the Lodge, and even those folks who do not belong, or believe in the order rather like that I should go. They seem to feel its part of the eternal fitness of things. Whenever I return home from one of my journeys, I always go there to tell of the Lodges I have visited, in Nairobi in Africa, in Trinidad, or the quaint little Lodge I found away up on the Ascuncion River. They sort of feel I am their representative to those Lodges, and they like it. There is a real community of interest."*

Theodore Roosevelt endeared himself to the American nation as its "speak softly and carry a big stick President"; he was equally at home in Lodge.

On another occasion, when he was speaking at the Washington Sesquicentennial celebration in 1902, Theodore Roosevelt summed up his life as a man and as a Mason perfectly when he said, *"One of the things that so greatly attracted me to Masonry and that I hailed the chance of becoming a Mason was that it really did act up to what we, as a government are pledged to - namely, to treat each man on his merit as a man."*

Extracts from **"Theodore Roosevelt, Man and Mason"** by R. P. Stueber, The Empire State Mason, New York.





## Freemasons at the Community Carnival

The four constitutions of Freemasonry in the Western Cape will once again join forces and man the now well known Freemasons Square at the Community Chest Carnival to be held at Maynardville, Wynberg from Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sat 3 March 2012. The carnival brings together charity organisations and community groups who offer their free time in manning food and entertainment stalls to raise funds for many needy causes in the Cape area.

Once again Freemasons Square will prepare and sell doughnuts, candy, ice cream, hot chips, hamburgers, boerewors rolls etc and man a bar with music and karaoke. All ingredients are supplied by the Community Chest and all takings go to them.

The carnival is open each night from 6.00pm until 11.00pm and Saturday from 11.00 am. What is needed is many keen hands to set up the stall, prepare the food, serve, clean up each night, clear up after the carnival and ENJOY the vibrant atmosphere.

Serving at the Community Carnival is visible evidence to the public that Freemasons do care about others and are NOT only about looking after themselves. Our performance last year has placed us high on the list of being one of the most profitable stalls.

The participation of the English constitution is being co-ordinated by John Ackermann and Peter Rowland.

Family and friends are also welcome to assist. A duty roster requesting assistance will soon be circulated to all lodge secretaries.

***The Public will judge us as Masons  
& our Masonic Order  
By our Personal Behaviour.***



*Lighter tailcoats of real men who wear aprons*

### A Question of fact

There was an alarm at one of the meetings. The Inner Guard, having been newly appointed to his office, this was his first alarm, reported to the Junior Warden. Receiving the affirmative knock he went to the door and the Tyler announced a Grand Officer of senior rank together with all his titles.

The I.G. was about to report to the W.M. but could not remember all the ranks that the visitor held. He blustered for a few moments then said.

"Worshipful Master I think it is the Great Architect Himself who seeks admission".



Martin belonged to a secret and mysterious organization with obscure rules that engaged in bizarre rituals of routine humiliation. Then he quit the Cape Town Traffic Department and joined the Masons instead.

### Hot Night

A small Lodge had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a very hot night in February and its air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what was the prominent wish of his heart.

The candidate replied "a beer".

At this juncture the WM, being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.

"Ok," the candidate replied "a lite beer".

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**"I just joined the Freemasons  
and I'm afraid you're our  
next sacrifice.."**

### **Burying his wife**

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the preacher and calmly said, 'Well.....she's there!'

### **The Secretary around for dinner**

The young Mason and his wife invited the elderly Lodge Secretary for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the Secretary asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the Lodge, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'

### **Early for the Meeting.**

Arriving early Trevor walked into the bar and said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little wife.'

Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?'

'When it was over,' Trevor replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! ?'

What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little coward.'

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