

PRIVATE.

NATAL DISTRICT GRAND LODGE

OF

Antient, Free and Accepted Masons

OF ENGLAND.



*Statement of Business to be considered at the
One-Hundred-and-Third Regular Half-yearly Com-
munication to be held in the Masonic Temple,
Pietermaritzburg, on Saturday, 23rd September,
1933, at 7.30 p.m. prompt.*

PLEASE NOTE ALTERED TIME OF MEETING.

- I. *To open District Grand Lodge at 7.30 o'clock, p.m.*
(Evening Dress essential) Brethren will be admitted only by presenting a signed attendance card to the D.G. Tyler, and must be seated by 7.15 p.m.
- II. *To read the notice convening this Communication.*
- III. *To call the Roll of District Grand Lodge Officers.*
- IV. *To call the Roll of Lodges.*
- V. *To confirm the Minutes of the last Communication.*
- VI. *Address of the District Grand Master.*
- VII. *Presentation of the Report of the District Board of General Purposes.*

The District Board of General Purposes reports as follows :—

1. The following letter from M.W. The Grand Master to the V.W. Bro. The Grand Secretary is published for the information of the Brethren :—

Clarence House,

St, James's, S.W.,

21st July, 1933.

DEAN COLVILLE SMITH,

Now that our great Temple and War Memorial has been opened and dedicated, I feel that I must heartily congratulate the Brethren on this wonderful consummation of our united endeavours to erect a worthy memorial to the memory of all those Masons who fell in the Great War.

In this splendid building, we have a visible sign for all time of the unity and generosity of Freemasons from all parts of the Empire.

I feel I must express to all the Brethren my fraternal thanks for the splendid manner in which they have supported me in this great undertaking. From my heart I thank them for the generous response that they have shown to my appeal, which is worthy of the great traditions of our Craft.

Though, unfortunately, many were prevented from taking part in the great ceremony of the dedication of our Temple, I feel convinced they were with us in spirit, and I can assure them that they were in the thoughts of all present.

As your Grand Master, I desire to express my personal thanks to all those who worked so hard, not only in raising the large necessary funds, but also in ensuring the success of our great ceremony.

I thank the Great Architect of the Universe that I have been spared to see the completion of the work I had so much at heart.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

(Sgd.) ARTHUR,

Grand Master.

SIR COLVILLE SMITH, C.V.O.,

Grand Secretary.

2. The M.W. The Grand Master having authorised the R.W. District Grand Master to confer Past District Grand Rank on five Brethren in commemoration of the completion of the Masonic Million Memorial Hall, The District Grand Master has appointed the following Brethren:—

W.Bro. E. S. Henochsberg, Lodge of Israel, No. 3170,
P.D.G. Senior Warden.

W.Bro. A. R. Ralph, Inanda Lodge, No. 1192

W.Bro. W. A. G. Johnston, Umlazi Lodge, No. 1976

W.Bro. P. J. Johnson, Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1729

W.Bro. W. C. Webber, Concord Lodge, No. 4912

as P.D.G. Junior Deacons.

3. MASONIC YEAR BOOK :

I am desired by the Board of General Purposes to draw your attention to the forthcoming issue of the Masonic Year Book. A special effort has been made in recent years to increase the circulation and it is hoped that the successful results will be steadily maintained.

The Board feels that every Lodge under the Jurisdiction would do well to purchase two copies annually—for the Master and the Secretary—and that the latter Officer should make a point of bringing the Book to the notice of the Brethren. It contains a wealth of information

that ought to be in the possession of the responsible Officers of Lodges, and Brethren will find in it matters of interest which will enable them to appreciate something of the extent of our Order and the magnitude of its organisation.

To meet the convenience of Lodges facilities are offered whereby permanent annual deliveries of the Book can be made.

This publication is issued in the first week in December each year at 3/6 per copy (postage extra), and the prompt return of Order Forms is desired in order that early arrangements may be made for printing.

May I ask your kind co-operation once again for as pointed out in past years, it is only by a largely increased circulation that the Book can be issued without loss to Grand Lodge.

4. W. Bro. E. S. Henochsberg, P.D.G.W., D.G. Registrar, has been appointed Vice President of the Board of General Purposes for the year ending March, 1934.

5. The District Board has appointed as members of the Finance Committee:—

W. Bro. W. C. H. Smith, F.D.G. Sword B.

W. Bro. H. E. Derby, P.D.G. Supt. of Works.

6. The District Board has appointed as members of the Education Committee:—

W. Bro. W. A. D. Russell, P.D.G.W.

W. Bro. J. D. Robertson, P.D.G.W.

W. Bro. F. Lipinski, P.D.G.W.

W. Bro. E. Chapple, P.A.D.C.

7. Disbursements as Grants out of Benevolent Funds:—

Benevolent Fund	..	..	£97	0	0
Aged and Indigent Fund	..	..	435	0	0
MacIntyre Bequest	..	..	17	0	0
Education Fund	..	..	834	0	0

for period April to September, 1933.

8. The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the donation of £100 received from District Grand Lodge of the M.M. Masons to the Aged and Indigent Fund in commemoration of their Jubilee, also £100 from Port Natal Royal Arch Chapter as a contribution to the Wesley Francis Education Fund, Basutoland Lodge, No. 2835, £105 for Aged and Indigent Fund.

9. The Board reports that the Jubilee Jewels have now been received from the Royal Mint, Pretoria, and the following Lodges and Brethren present will be handed theirs:—

- 738 Port Natal Lodge (£47 5s.)—Grant, W. S. R., Marriott, W. J., Oldham, O., Smith, H. P., Scott, A. N., Mason, E. G., Mason, G. R., Hansford, C. J., Bromley, J. A., Cunningham, A. V.
- 956 Prince Alfred Lodge—Jackson, W. L., Porritt, S. H., Tooth, E. C., Smith, W. C. G., Frogg, H., White, A. H., Gregory, T. F., Roberts, L. A., Reid, W. S., Garnett, J., Webb, H., Davies, D.
- 1192 Inanda Lodge—Bestal, W. J. A., Wright, Arnold, King, F. H., Bailey, V. R., Purchase, J. H., Casells, E., Lewis, E. F., Murray, G. E., Hutchinson, J. M., Ralph, A. R.
- 1665 Natalia Lodge (£10 10s.)—Thornton-Dibb, R., Beall, W. J., Goss, W. H. D., Jones, H. A., Foggitt, L. J., Evans, J., Craib, J., Mellish, A. D., Francis, C. P. W., Jones, P. H.
- 1680 Carnarvon Lodge—Mellor, A.
- 1729 Skelmersdale Lodge (£16)—Johnson, J. D., Johnson, P. J., Burkimsher, W.
- 1867 Umvoti Lodge—Elliott Dr.
- 1937 Addington Lodge (£250)—Le Clercq, J. J., Law, G. R. F.
- 1976 Umlazi Lodge (£10 10s.)
- 2084 Biggarsberg Unity Lodge—Sneddon Hogg, J.
- 2299 Mount Currie Lodge (£10 10s.)—Cuthbert, R. A., Gundry, F. H., Klue, E. C., Wendell, J., Woolley, J. W., Scott, W. A., Draper, D. G., Human, J. J. H., Lindon, H. E. R., van Niekerk, S. A., Meyerowitz, J. B., Shuttleworth, A. F., Simpson, J., Tiedt, P. J., Jenkins, G. W., Williams, E. A.
- 2401 Klip River County Lodge (£10 10s.)—Christopher, W. J., Corrigan, J., Maarschalk, O., Rawlinson, E. R., Forsyth, C. M., Rawlings, J. A., Clarence, E. G., Harris, Macaulay, J., Jones, C. J.

- 2515 Ixopo Lodge (£10 10s.)
 2544 Lodge St. George (£21)
 2623 Etekweni Lodge—Hodges, E. C.
 2835 Basutoland Lodge (£22 15s.)—Waterston,
 G. D., Foord, F., Brady, J. H., Wachter, L. T.,
 Dutton, S. B., Murray, R. E. K., Warren, F. D.,
 Ford, E. G., Verney, F. A.
 3035 Sir John Brand Lodge—Blechman, M., Murdoch,
 J. D. G.
 3170 Lodge of Israel (£26 5s.)—Jacobson, S. L.,
 Lyons, S., Weinberg, P., Henochsberg, F. S.,
 Hackner, V., Tomson, S., Tomson, A., Moshal,
 S., Gevisser, J., Cohen, A., Lipinski, H.,
 Lachman, C., Bloom, J. H. H., Bloom, S.,
 Sher, L.
 3482 Wilfrid Lawson Lodge (£10 10s.)
 3553 Ficksburg Lodge—Maurer, J. H. H., Arnott, O.,
 Barnett, S. D.
 3572 Hilton Lodge—Phillipoti, L.
 3906 St. Alban's Lodge (£15 15s.)—Dove, L. E.
 4015 Camperdown Peace Lodge (£10 10s.)
 4912 Concord Lodge (£15 15s.)—Barnes, E. C.,
 Barnes, A. W., Barnett, H. T., Fells, W.
 3639 Dronk Vei Lodge—Taylor, F. S., McLuckie,
 D. M. W., Lombard, E. J.
 2097 Newcastle Lodge £10 10s.)
 2900 Umkomias Lodge—Peddie, G. M.
 3751 Alexandra County Lodge (£10 10s.)—Maclean,
 W. J.
 D.G. Mark Lodge (£100)
 Chapter St. George (£10 10s.)
 Chapter Port Natal (£20)

10. The Revised By-Laws of District Grand Lodge are now available, through Secretaries of Lodges, price three-pence (3d.) each; also the Rules and Regulations of the Benevolent, Aged & Indigent and Education Funds, bound in one volume, are likewise available, price three-pence (3d.) each.

11. Renewals of Grants, Aged & Indigent Fund were made as follows:—

- Widow, St. George's Lodge No. 2544.
 „ Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1729.
 „ St. George's Lodge, No. 2544 (new).

12. Application for Benevolent Grant, Sir John Brand Lodge, No. 3035, £40, recommended.

The Board recommends a Grant of £50 to the Coast United Benevolent Fund.

13. The Board calls the attention of Master of Lodge to the following Ruling of the Grand Secretary re visitors to Private Lodges :—

Speaking to this matter in Grand Lodge in March, 1887, the then Grand Registrar said :—

“ There seems to be an idea that there is such a thing as official visiting. Now, there is no such thing. There is visiting enjoined; Masters and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that there may be uniformity. But that the Master and Wardens should enter into a Private Lodge which they visit, where they are not in office, the Master with the square, the Senior Warden with the level, and the Junior Warden with the plumb, meaning actual office, would be obviously improper and would create much confusion. For Masters and Wardens to visit officially, as it is called, is a distinct innovation; it is not right; it is not recognised.”

14. The District Grand Master having appointed W.Bro. Dr. Chas. Cooper as P.B.G.P., a vacancy occurred on the Board of General Purposes, but owing to their not being sufficient time to allow Lodges in the District to nominate a W.Brother for election at this Communication, the election will take place at the Annual Meeting in March next.

(Signed) C. COOPER,

September 5th, 1933.

President.

VIII. The President of the District Board to move :

That the foregoing Report of the District Board of General Purposes be now received and entered upon the Minutes.

IX. W.Bro. Canon Rogers to move :

That a grant of £50 be made out of Benevolent Fund to the Coastal United Masonic Benevolent Fund.

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X. *General.*

XI. *Collection on behalf of the Aged & Indigent Fund.*

P. K. Francis,

P.A.G.D.C., P.D.G.W., D.:G.:Secretary, Natal.

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It is expected that District Grand Lodge Officers (present or past) should purchase their own regalia, which should be worn by them whether attending District Grand Lodge, or at Private Lodges. It is not only their privilege to do so, but their duty to wear it, and is in fact their only clothing.

Evening Dress must be worn, and in the event of a Dinner jacket being used the band of the Apron must be outside.

All Master Masons may, and are invited to attend the Communications of District Grand Lodge.

The D.G. Director of Ceremonies, the Deputy D.C., the Asst. D.C's, the Pursuivant, the Asst. Pursuivant and Stewards are requested to meet the D.G. Secretary at 7 p.m. on the evening of the Communication.

Masters and Wardens must wear their collar of Office at this Communication.

The mover of an original resolution together with the seconder thereof shall be limited to ten minutes in speaking to same, and other Brethren desiring to speak to a motion shall be limited in speech to five minutes. The mover shall have the right to reply, which reply shall be limited to ten minutes, but no other Brother shall speak twice to the same question unless in explanation.

The Communication of District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at 3.30 p.m., in the Masonic Temple, Pietermaritzburg, on the same day.

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU.