

BRETHREN MOVING HOMES TO ANOTHER DISTRICT

Any brother who is moving home to another District is strongly encouraged to advise his current Inspector General in order to get assistance with an introduction to the Inspector General of his new District and to a Chapter near his new home.

DUAL ALLEGIANCE/AFFILIATION

Brethren are reminded that except in Cyprus, New Zealand and India, where specific arrangements are in force, dual allegiance is not permitted. Any enquiries about this subject must be submitted to the Grand Secretary General.

HIGHER DEGREES MEETINGS

Please note that the 32° and 30° meeting in June 2012 has been moved to 29th May to avoid the Bank Holiday.

The 32° meeting on 2nd November 2012 will take place in Bristol at 12.30pm followed by lunch. It is expected that many existing holders of the 32° will wish to attend and early booking is recommended.

It is planned to hold a 31° meeting in Spring 2013, possibly in York, and confirmation of the arrangements will be notified as soon as possible.

THE 2012 YEAR BOOK

The Supreme Council requires that a copy be given to every new member on his Perfection.

The Year Book provides information that cannot be included in Annual Circulars, such as detailed lists of members of the South African Branch Council, the 33°, Districts, Groups and Chapters including the name of the current Sovereign and name and address of the Recorder of each Chapter. It also contains an Historical Section, with chronological lists of Members of the Supreme Council and the offices they hold and of other members of the 33°. A copy is sent to each Chapter Recorder. It remains at £9.00 and you may order copies of the 2012 Year Book through your Recorder or direct from the Grand Secretary General's office (enclosing a cheque for £9.00 payable to "Supreme Council").

HANDLING OF CHARITY MONIES

When a private chapter intends to disburse its charitable monies, they are advised to ensure that this intention is circulated to all members of the Chapter prior to any disbursement. Chapters are reminded that Relief Chests can be set up with the Grand Charity to benefit from Gift Aid.

THE KING EDWARD VII CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT: DEMONSTRATIONS

In 2012, by permission of the Supreme Council 33°, demonstrations of the 15° and 16° Degree will be given as follows:

Monday 30th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; Saturday 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, St. Georges Avenue, Northampton; Saturday 2nd June, at the Webbington Hotel, Loxton, Somerset; Saturday 23rd June, at Hemsley House, 41 The Crescent, Salford.

In 2013, demonstrations of the 17° Degree will be given as follows:

Tuesday 7th May at Freemasons' Hall, London; Saturday 18th May at the Masonic Hall, Alexandra Road, Gateshead, Co. Durham; Saturday 1st June at the Masonic Hall, Franklin Road, Gillingham, Kent; Saturday 29th June at Queen's College, Cambridge.

All the Members of Supreme Council take this opportunity to wish the members of the Order a very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely and fraternally



Grand Secretary General H. E. E.

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR No. 129

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1st December 2010, notices of forthcoming events, announcements of administrative changes, reminders about certain Rules and guidance and instructions on relations with foreign jurisdictions.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The Supreme Council 33° announces that M. Ill. Bro. Rev. Dr. M. Morgan 33° has retired as Grand Prior with effect from 31st December 2011 after 20 years of dedicated service to the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas. He has been succeeded as Grand Prior by M. Ill. Bro. Rev. Dr. J. R. H. Railton 33°.

Membership of the Supreme Council 33° is therefore as follows:

M. P. Bro. J. L. W. Wright <i>RD FRCS</i> 33°	Sovereign Grand Commander
V. P. Bro. A. J. Englefield 33°	Lieutenant Grand Commander
M. Ill. Bro. H. W. J. Stubbs 33°	Grand Treasurer General H. E. E.
M. Ill. Bro. Sir Frederick Crawford <i>DL</i> 33°	Grand Chancellor
M. Ill. Bro. A. W. Hanbury-Bateman 33°	Grand Marshal
M. Ill. Bro. G. D. A. Elgood 33°	Grand Captain General
M. Ill. Bro. T. J. Lewis <i>O.St.J.</i> 33°	Grand Chamberlain
M. Ill. Bro. J. R. H. Railton 33°	Grand Prior
M. Ill. Bro. R. E. Furber 33°	Grand Secretary General H. E. E.

M. Ill. Bro. Rev. Dr. M. Morgan 33° and M. P. Bro. G. Leatham 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Supreme Council 33° for Ireland, have been elected Honorary Members of the Supreme Council 33°.

SUMMARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

During the period under review Members of the Supreme Council held 5 meetings of the 33°, conducted 12 meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 741 Brethren were invested), installed 3 Inspectors General, re-presented patents to 9 Inspectors General, consecrated 5 Chapters and visited the Districts of South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and the Gambia and East Africa and our Chapter in Gibraltar. Visits were made to the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Iceland and to the Supreme Councils for France, for the Southern and Northern Masonic Jurisdictions of the USA, for Spain for the 50th Conference of Sovereign Grand Commanders of Europe, for Germany, for India, for Cyprus and for Estonia. Members of the Supreme Councils for France, Togo, Latvia, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA, Switzerland, Belgium, Austria and Australia attended meetings at 10 Duke Street. The Tripartite Meeting with the Supreme Councils of Scotland and of Ireland was held at 10 Duke Street.

33rd DEGREE

The Supreme Council records with great regret the death of the following members of the 33rd Degree:

M. P. Bro. Canon R. Tydeman	Past Sovereign Grand Commander
V. Ill. Bro. M. C. Dunlop	Past Inspector General, St Paul Group
V. Ill. Bro. G. P. Pirie-Gordon	Past Inspector General, St Matthew Group
V. Ill. Bro. A. I. Pearmain	Past Inspector General, Dorset
V. Ill. Bro. R. J. D'Archambaud	Inspector General, Berkshire
V. Ill. Bro. R. K. Matterson <i>OER</i>	Past Inspector General, North East Lancashire

It also records with great regret the death of Ill. Bro. A. Georges 32°, Inspector General Designate in Charge, South West Lancashire.

The 33rd and last Degree was conferred on the following Brethren:

M.:Ill.:Bro. Rev. Dr. J. R. H. Railton	Grand Prior
V.:Ill.:Bro. R. J. Race	
V.:Ill.:Bro. M. A. F. Ribeiro	Inspector General for Ghana
V.:Ill.:Bro. P. J. Hodcroft	Inspector General for Derbyshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. J. M. Hooton	Inspector General for Berkshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. B. Addy	
V.:Ill.:Bro. F. S. Potter	Inspector General Designate in charge for South West Lancashire

The following Inspectors General were re-presented with their patents for a further five years:

V.:Ill.:Bro. B. M. Edwards 33°	West Cheshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. P. J. L. Chapman 33°	East Cheshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. D. B. Whitfield 33°	South Africa, North East
V.:Ill.:Bro. P. C. Gillman 33°	Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. G. M. Cooper 33°	Lincolnshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. D. G. Gelling 33°	Isle of Man
V.:Ill.:Bro. M. J. Green 33°	St. James
V.:Ill.:Bro. P. J. Turner 33°	Warwickshire
V.:Ill.:Bro. C. Gunnery 33°	St. Peter

In addition the following were re-appointed for a further five years:

V.:Ill.:Bro. P. D. Cole 33°	Bahamas and Turks
V.:Ill.:Bro. P. G. S. Radford 33°	Zambia

OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The Supreme Council is pleased to announce the following appointments and promotions:

V.:Ill.:Bro G. D. M. de Margary <i>T.D.</i> 33°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.:Bro. B. C.T. Clitherow 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.:Bro. J. A. Vasquez 30°	Sentinel
Ill.:Bro. J. Sacré 30°	Honorary Archivist

CHAPTERS

Warrants have been granted for the following Chapters: Tria Juncta in Unitate Chapter No. 1198, London; Uranus Chapter No. 1199, Freetown, Sierra Leone; Nigeria Chapter No. 1200, Lagos, Nigeria; Pearl of Nigeria Chapter No. 1201, Lagos, Nigeria, and Abuja Chapter No. 1202, Abuja, Nigeria.

The following Chapters have received Centenary Warrants: Sancta Maria Chapter No. 167 and Crusaders Chapter No. 168.

The following Chapters surrendered their Warrants to Supreme Council: Cathedral Chapter No. 258, Gibside Chapter No. 761, Dyfrdwy Chapter No. 841, and Red Rose of Lancaster Chapter No. 179, which has amalgamated with Mystic Rose Chapter No. 157 to form Mystic Rose and Red Rose Chapter No. 157.

HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS

Meetings of Higher Degrees were held in South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone and the Gambia.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1329 18° certificates (including in South Africa) were issued in the year to 30th June 2011, compared with 1267 in the previous year. The number of subscriptions received this year fell by 337 from last year to 29,501. The number of extant Chapters on 30th June 2011 was 916 with an average membership of 32.2. The average age of candidates for Perfection was 52.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Supreme Council is in amity with the following jurisdictions:

- The Supreme Councils for the United States of America (the Southern and the Northern Jurisdictions), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Cuba, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain (NEW), Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela;
- The Grand Lodges of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

If you intend to visit a Chapter of a jurisdiction with which we are in amity, other than Scotland or Ireland, please obtain your Inspector General's approval in advance. The same applies if you wish to invite a member of another jurisdiction to visit your Chapter. If you wish to visit a Chapter under the Supreme Council for Ireland, you must contact the office of the Grand Secretary General at 10 Duke Street beforehand. Communications between Supreme Councils are normally conducted by Grand Secretaries General. Brethren should therefore not attempt, without the Grand Secretary General's prior permission, to make direct contact with another jurisdiction.

FINANCE - YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
Balance Sheet:		
Fixed Assets	£1,079,255	£998,248
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>372,361</u>	<u>318,787</u>
	£1,452,867	£1,318,286
Provisions	(99,793)	(80,478)
Net Assets	<u>£1,353,074</u>	<u>£1,237,808</u>
Capital Fund	<u>£1,353,074</u>	<u>£1,237,808</u>

Income and Expenditure Account:

	2011	2010	2011	2010
Income From:				
Members	£680,317	£638,431		
Rent/Hire of Temples	159,129	155,272		
Investments & Deposits	<u>1,317</u>	<u>985</u>		
	<u>£840,763</u>	<u>£794,688</u>		
Expenditure:				
Staff Costs	£360,905	£340,716		
Building Admin/Maintenance	155,838	180,795		
Office Administration	81,543	69,791		
Council Activities	<u>107,896</u>	<u>121,816</u>		
	£706,182	£713,118		
Transferred to Provisions	19,315	0		
Surplus for the year	<u>£115,266</u>	<u>£81,570</u>		
	<u>£840,763</u>	<u>£794,688</u>		

The above is extracted from the accounts audited by Haysmacintyre, Chartered Accountants. If any member of the Order wishes to view the audited accounts, they may do so with prior notification to the office.

As last year the surplus mainly represents the amount of the Centenary Appeal Fund spent during the year which has been transferred to the Fixed Assets of The Supreme Council. It does not represent a "cash" surplus.

ANNUAL DUES and FEES

The Supreme Council has decided that the Annual Dues payable on 1st July 2012 will increase to £15.00 (plus VAT where applicable) for every subscribing member of each Chapter during all or part of the preceding year. Districts overseas (except where special arrangements apply) will remit £12.00 per subscribing member, retaining the balance of £3.00 to help defray District costs.

The fee for perfection will increase to £25 (plus V.A.T. where applicable) from 1st July 2012.

DISTRICT LEVIES

The maximum levy that each Inspector General is authorised to make on each subscribing member in his District/Group to help defray District/Group costs remains at £1.20.

CENTENARY OF 10 DUKE STREET

The Centenary Appeal is now closed and the Supreme Council wishes to thank all those who gave so generously. Further work was carried out in 2011, particularly improving the lighting in the Grand Temple, and the final elements will be completed in 2012 to bring to conclusion a very satisfactory episode in the history of Ten Duke Street.

CONFERENCE FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL

The first conference to be held for Inspectors General took place in June at Duke Street. It was attended by 42 Inspectors General from England and Wales and 4 from Districts Overseas. A considerable number of topics were discussed and several initiatives are being developed, in particular the role of the Almoner and the identification of suitable candidates for the Order. Further details of these initiatives will be circulated in due course.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Brethren are reminded that all candidates for membership of the Ancient and Accepted Rite under our jurisdiction must profess the Trinitarian Christian faith and have been Master Masons *for at least one year* as set out in Rule 36 (a)(ii) of the Rules of the Order. Proposers and seconders must check that their candidates are duly qualified.