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## ANNUAL CIRCULAR No 135

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1st January 2017, 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

Membership of the Supreme Council 33°, with effect from 1st January 2015, remains as follows:

M.:P.: Bro A J Englefield 33°	Sovereign Grand Commander
V.:P.: Bro Sir Frederick Crawford DL 33°	Lieutenant Grand Commander
M.:Ill.: Bro A W Hanbury-Bateman 33°	Grand Marshal
M.:Ill.: Bro G D A Elgood 33°	Grand Treasurer General H.: E.:
M.:Ill.: Bro the Revd Dr J R H Railton 33°	Grand Prior
M.:Ill.: Bro the Rt Hon the Lord Wigram MVO 33°	Grand Chamberlain
M.:Ill.: Bro D K Williamson 33°	Grand Chancellor
M.:Ill.: Bro R E Furber 33°	Grand Captain General
M.:Ill.: Bro Dr G R E Shilson 33°	Grand Secretary General H.: E.:

### SUMMARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

During the period under review Members of the Supreme Council held five meetings of the 33°, conducted twelve meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 625 Brethren were invested), installed seven Inspectors General, re-presented patents to two Inspectors General, consecrated two Chapters and visited the Districts of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, South Essex, South East Lancashire, South West Lancashire, Suffolk, Worcestershire and the St Peter Group of London Chapters, as well as Bahamas & Turks, South Africa Central and South Africa North East. The Supreme Council also received inward visits from representatives of its unattached Chapters in Malaysia and New Zealand. Visits were made to the Supreme Councils for Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA and the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA. During the year, Members of the Supreme Councils for Germany and India and the Sovereign Grand Master of the Swedish Order of Freemasons attended meetings at Duke Street.

### 33RD DEGREE

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

V.:Ill.: Bro M A Cooper 33°	Past Inspector General, South Africa Eastern Natal
V.:Ill.: Bro V Outram 33°	Past Inspector General, Yorkshire, West Riding
V.:Ill.: Bro W Green 33°	Past Inspector General, Zimbabwe
V.:Ill.: Bro G C Chung 33°	Past Inspector General, Guyana
V.:Ill.: Bro D N Hayden 33°	Past Inspector General, South Africa Central & SABC
V.:Ill.: Bro R D M Penny 33°	Past Inspector General, Devonshire
V.:Ill.: Bro A J Bolus 33°	Past Inspector General, Staffordshire & Shropshire
V.:Ill.: Bro G L Bourne 33°	Past Inspector General, Middlesex

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

V.: Ill.: Bro J F Jansen 33°	Inspector General, South Africa Central
V.: Ill.: Bro A Strong 33°	Inspector General, South Africa Western Natal
V.: Ill.: Bro C van Gaalen 33°	Inspector General, South Africa North West
V.: Ill.: Bro P N I Harborne 33°	Inspector General, Buckinghamshire
V.: Ill.: Bro G L Flight 33°	
V.: Ill.: Bro J A Carey 33°	Inspector General, Bahamas & Turks
V.: Ill.: Bro A J Evans 33°	Inspector General, Cornwall
V.: Ill.: Bro P R Clement 33°	
V.: Ill.: Bro R H Clarke 33°	Inspector General, Derbyshire

The Supreme Council has been pleased to extend the following patents for a further five years:

V.: Ill.: Bro R E Stone 33°	Berkshire
V.: Ill.: Bro K H Barnes 33°	Dorset
V.: Ill.: Bro A R Gregory 33°	Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Solent
V.: Ill.: Bro J Boyington CBE 33°	Yorkshire, West Riding
V.: Ill.: Bro H G Rebeiro 33°	Guyana
V.: Ill.: Bro F P Gardner 33°	North West Lancashire
V.: Ill.: Bro A J Wellan 33°	Warwickshire
V.: Ill.: Bro A G Tayler 33°	Norfolk
V.: Ill.: Bro N C Williams 33°	Cambridge & Isle of Ely
V.: Ill.: Bro the Rt Hon the Viscount Gough 33°	St Matthew Group of London Chapters
V.: Ill.: Bro E F Mullen 33°	Isle of Man

#### **THE ORDER OF THE EAGLE AND THE ROSE**

The Supreme Council was pleased to confer this award on V.: Ill.: Bro D B Whitfield 33°, Secretary of the South African Branch Council and Past Inspector General for South Africa North East, who has given exceptional service to the Ancient and Accepted Rite under our Jurisdiction.

#### **OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

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

Ill.: Bro W N C Hale 32°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro J R Soper 32°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro C P Noon 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

#### **CHAPTERS**

Warrants have been granted for the following Chapters: Sitis pro Scientia Chapter No 1213 (East Kent), Tennyson Chapter No 1214 (Lincolnshire), Hoo Peninsula Chapter No 1215 (East Kent) and Dunelmensis Chapter No 1216 (Durham).

Centenary Warrants were granted during the year to Corona Chapter No 153, Welcome Chapter No 189, Barnard Chapter No 190, Maguncor Chapter No 191 and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Chapter No 207.

The following Chapters surrendered their Warrants to the Supreme Council: Gerald Alderson Chapter No 560 (Warwickshire) and Bellville Chapter No 953 (South Africa Western Cape).

#### **HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS**

Meetings of Higher Degrees were held in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa Central, South Africa North East & South Africa North West (joint meeting) and South Africa Western Cape.

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

987 18° certificates were issued in the year to 30th June 2017 compared with 1,006 in the previous year. The number of subscriptions received fell by 482 from last year to 27,005. The number of extant Chapters on 30th June 2017 was 909 with an average membership of 30. The average age of candidates for Perfection was 55.

## RELATIONS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Supreme Council is in amity with the following jurisdictions:

- a) The Supreme Councils for the United States of America (the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Haiti, India, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela.
- b) The Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish Orders of Freemasons.

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 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 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,065,554	1,073,125
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>539,006</u>	<u>426,846</u>
	1,605,811	1,501,222
Provisions	(199,536)	(131,421)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>1,406,275</u></b>	<b><u>1,369,801</u></b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b><u>1,406,275</u></b>	<b><u>1,369,801</u></b>
 <b>Income and Expenditure Account:</b>		
<b>Income from:</b>		
Members	624,402	606,798
Rent/Hire of Temples	203,454	184,624
Investments & Deposits	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,411</u>
	<u>829,287</u>	<u>792,833</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Staff Costs	386,144	368,100
Building Admin/Maintenance	179,822	166,538
Office Administration	71,672	72,589
Council Activities	<u>87,060</u>	<u>100,789</u>
	724,698	708,016
Charges to Provisions	68,115	60,000
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>36,474</u>	<u>24,817</u>
	<u>829,287</u>	<u>792,833</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, he may do so with prior notification to the office.

## ANNUAL DUES AND FEES

The Supreme Council has decided that the Annual Dues payable on 1st July 2018 will remain at £20.00 (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 continue to remit £16.00 per subscribing member, retaining the balance of £4.00 to help defray District costs.

## **DISTRICT/GROUP 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 £2.00.

## **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.

## **BRETHREN MOVING HOMES TO ANOTHER DISTRICT**

Any brother moving home to another District is strongly encouraged to advise his current Inspector General in order to receive 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. Enquiries about this subject are to be submitted to the Grand Secretary General.

## **THE 2018 YEAR BOOK**

The Supreme Council requires that a copy of the Year Book 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 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 have held) and of other members of the 33°. A copy, the cost of which is £12.00, is sent to each Chapter Recorder. You may order copies of the 2018 Year Book through your Recorder or directly from the Grand Secretary General's office (enclosing a cheque for £12.00 payable to 'Supreme Council').

## **WEBSITE**

The Supreme Council website is available for viewing at [www.sc33.org.uk](http://www.sc33.org.uk).

## **HANDLING OF CHARITY MONIES**

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

## **THE KING EDWARD VII CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT – DEMONSTRATIONS**

In 2018, by permission of the Supreme Council, demonstrations of the 11th and 12th Degrees will be given: on Monday 30th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 19th May at Novotel Hotel, Southampton; on Wednesday 6th June at Freemasons' Hall, Birmingham; and on Saturday 15th September at Freemasons' Hall, Isle of Man.

In 2019, demonstrations of the 13th Degree will be given: on Monday 20th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 18th May at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing; on Saturday 1st June at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester; and on Saturday 6th July at The Shepherds, Rosehill Estate, Carlisle.

The Members of the Supreme Council take this opportunity to wish all members of the Order a very happy new year and best wishes for 2018.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,



Dr G R E Shilson 33°

Grand Secretary General H.:E.: