

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 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

The 32° meeting on 6th November 2013 will take place in London at 12.30 pm followed by lunch. It is expected that many existing holders of the 32° will wish to attend and early booking is recommended.

There will be a 31° meeting on 21st March 2013, at Duncombe Place, York, starting at 12.30 pm. Early booking is also recommended for this ceremony.

THE 2013 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 & 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 the cost of which is £10.00. You may order copies of the 2013 Year Book through your Recorder or direct from the Grand Secretary General's office (enclosing a cheque for £10.00 payable to "Supreme Council").

WEBSITE

The Supreme Council Website has been launched at www.sc33.org.uk.

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 2013, by permission of the Supreme Council 33°, demonstrations of the 17th Degree will be given as follows:

Monday 29th April at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London; Saturday 18th May, at the Masonic Hall, Alexandra Road, Gateshead, Co Durham, NE8 1RG; Saturday, 1st June at the Masonic Hall, Franklin Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4DF; and Saturday, 29th June at Queen's College, Cambridge, CB3 9ET.

In 2014, demonstrations of the 4th and 5th Degrees will be given as follows:

Tuesday 29th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; Saturday 10th May at the Novotel, Southampton; Saturday 17th May at the Masonic Hall, Leyland; Saturday 7th June at the Royal Masonic Rooms, Great Yarmouth.

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.:

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR No. 130

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1st January 2012, 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° announced that M.:P.:Bro J. L.W. Wright *RD FRCS* 33° retired as Sovereign Grand Commander with effect from 17th July 2012 after 14 years of dedicated service to the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas. He was succeeded as Sovereign Grand Commander by M.:P.:Bro. A. J. Englefield 33°. V.:P.:Bro Sir Frederick Crawford *DL* 33° was appointed Lieutenant Grand Commander, M.:Ill.:Bro H. W. J. Stubbs 33° Grand Chancellor and M.:Ill.:Bro T. J. Lewis *OSIJ* 33° Grand Treasurer General H.:E.: M.:Ill.:Bro. the Hon. Andrew F. C. Wigram *MVO* 33° was elected to The Supreme Council 33° as Grand Chamberlain.

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

M.:P.:Bro A. J. Englefield 33°	Sovereign Grand Commander
V.:P.:Bro. Sir Frederick Crawford <i>DL</i> 33°	Lieutenant Grand Commander
M.:Ill.:Bro. H. W. J. Stubbs 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>OSIJ</i> 33°	Grand Treasurer General H.:E.:
M.:Ill.:Bro. Rev. Dr. J. R. H. Railton 33°	Grand Prior
M.:Ill.:Bro. the Hon Andrew F. C. Wigram <i>MVO</i> 33°	Grand Chamberlain
M.:Ill.:Bro. R. E. Furber 33°	Grand Secretary General H.:E.:

M.:P.:Bro. J.L.W. Wright *RD FRCS* 33°, M.:P.:Bro K. Osterberg 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Supreme Council 33° for Finland, M.:P.:Bro. M. Leunk 33°. Sovereign Grand Commander for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, M.:P.:Bro. T. Theodossiou 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for Cyprus and M.:P.:Bro. J. W. McNaughton 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA 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 15 meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 695 Brethren were invested), installed 3 Inspectors General, represented patents to 6 Inspectors General, consecrated 2 Chapters and visited the Districts of South Africa and East Africa. Visits were made to the Grand Lodges of Denmark, Norway and Sweden and to the Supreme Councils for France, for Germany, for Finland, for Latvia, for Switzerland and for Ireland. Members of the Supreme Councils for Togo, Estonia and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA attended meetings at 10 Duke Street.

The Grand Patron, M.: Ill.: Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent *KG* 33° honoured the Supreme Council by attending the lunch following the installation of the Sovereign Grand Commander on 17th July which was attended by representatives from the Supreme Councils of the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Finland, Scotland, Ireland and Cyprus and the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Denmark and Iceland.

33rd DEGREE

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

M.:P.:Bro. C F Kleinknecht	Hon. Member of S.C. and Past S.G.C., Southern Jurisdiction, USA
V.: Ill.: Bro. K. W. Roorda, OER	Past Chairman SABC, Past Inspector General South Africa, Transvaal
V.: Ill.: Bro. R L Ringrose	Past Inspector General, Lincolnshire
V.: Ill.: Bro. C J Mandleberg OER	Honorary Historian
M.:P.:Bro. S F N Waley	Hon. Member of S.C. and Past S.G.C., Cyprus
V.: Ill.: Bro. R G Farmer	Past Member SABC, Past Inspector General, South Africa, Eastern Natal
V.: Ill.: Bro. Rev Canon J Weaver	Past Member SABC, Past Inspector General South Africa, Western Natal
V.: Ill.: Bro. R Parry-Davies	Past Inspector General South Africa, North East
V.: Ill.: Bro. J M Hooton	Inspector General, Berkshire
V.: Ill.: Bro. L F Dring	

It also records with great regret the death of Ill.: Bro. R M Collins, OER 32°.

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

V.: Ill.: Bro. G D M de Margary	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.: Ill.: Bro. R V Wallis	
V.: Ill.: Bro. W D O Ookok	Inspector General, East Africa
V.: Ill.: Bro. K Saywood	Inspector General, Zimbabwe
V.: Ill.: Bro. R N Hoare	Inspector General, Worcestershire

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

V.: Ill.: Bro. E G Charlesworth	South Africa, North-West
V.: Ill.: Bro. M D Withams	North Essex
V.: Ill.: Bro. J J Parker	West Kent
V.: Ill.: Bro. G T Gallichan	Channel Islands
V.: Ill.: Bro. H J Duggan	South Africa, Western Cape
V.: Ill.: Bro. T S Bruty	Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Wessex

OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

Ill.: Bro. A G Tayler 32°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro. J W P Campbell 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro. P F Wynter Bee 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro. V W Keene 30°	Sentinel
Ill.: Bro. A J Crooke 30°	Sentinel
Ill.: Bro. J F Sacré 31°	Honorary Archivist and Librarian

CHAPTERS

Warrants have been granted for the following Chapters: West Cheshire Chapter No. 1203, West Cheshire; Amici Concilii Chapter No. 1204, St Peter Group of London Chapters; and White Rose Chapter No. 1205, Yorkshire, North and East Ridings.

The following Chapters have received Centenary Warrants: Lakeland Chapter No. 173 and Helena Chapter No. 175.

The following Chapter surrendered its Warrant to Supreme Council: Leicester-Warren Chapter No. 808

HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS

Meetings of Higher Degrees were held in East Africa, South Africa, Ghana, and Nigeria.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1210 18° certificates (including in South Africa) were issued in the year to 30th June 2012, compared with 1329 in the previous year. The number of subscriptions received this year fell by 406 from last year to 28387. The number of extant Chapters on 30th June 2012 was 919 with an average membership of 32. 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 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, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela;

b): 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 2012

	2012	2011
Balance Sheet:		
Fixed Assets	£1,088,544	£1,079,255
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>394,633</u>	<u>372,361</u>
	£1,484,428	£1,452,867
Provisions	(98,493)	(99,793)
Net Assets	<u>£1,385,935</u>	<u>£1,353,074</u>
Capital Fund	<u>£1,385,935</u>	<u>£1,353,074</u>
Income and Expenditure Account:		
Income From:		
Members	£586,179	£680,317
Rent/Hire of Temples	162,299	159,129
Investments & Deposits	<u>1,529</u>	<u>1,317</u>
	<u>£750,007</u>	<u>£840,763</u>
Expenditure:		
Staff Costs	£370,832	£360,905
Building Admin/Maintenance	172,669	155,838
Office Administration	73,320	81,543
Council Activities	<u>101,625</u>	<u>107,896</u>
	£718,446	£706,182
Transferred/(Charges) to Provisions	(1,300)	19,315
Surplus for the year	<u>32,861</u>	<u>115,266</u>
	<u>£750,007</u>	<u>£840,763</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.

ANNUAL DUES and FEES

The Supreme Council has decided that the Annual Dues payable on 1st July 2013 will increase to £15.50 (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 £12.25 per subscribing member, retaining the balance of £3.25 to help defray District costs.

The fee for Higher Degree appointments increased to £85 plus V.A.T. (where applicable) as of 1st January 2013

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.