

## 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 5th November 2014 will take place at Tapton Hall, Sheffield 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.

## THE 2014 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 2014 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 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, 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 2014, by permission of the Supreme Council 33°, demonstrations of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Degrees will be given as follows:

Monday 28th April 2014, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ; Saturday 10th May 2014, The Novotel Hotel, 1 West Quay Road, Southampton SO15 1RA; Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Masonic Hall, Wellington Park, Leyland, Lancashire PR25 3AB and Saturday 7th June 2014, Royal Masonic Rooms, Albert Square, Great Yarmouth, NR30 3JH.

In 2015, demonstrations of the 5th and 6th Degrees will be given as follows:

Monday 27th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; Saturday 23rd May at Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren; Saturday 6th June at Tapton Hall, Sheffield; Saturday 27th June at St. Edmund Masonic Centre, Bury St. Edmunds.

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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AND ITS DISTRICTS AND CHAPTERS  
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## ANNUAL CIRCULAR No. 131

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, 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° 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. 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 OStJ 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 MVO 33°	Grand Chamberlain
M.:Ill.:Bro. R. E. Furber 33°	Grand Secretary General H.:E.:

M.W. Bro. V. Valsson, Grand Master, National Grand Lodge of Iceland, has been elected an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33°.

## SUMMARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

During the period under review Members of the Supreme Council held 6 meetings of the 33°, conducted 15 meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 710 Brethren were invested), appointed 12 Inspectors General, re-presented patents to 13 Inspectors General, consecrated 3 Chapters and visited the Districts of Guyana, South Eastern Caribbean, Bahamas and Turks and Sierra Leone and the Gambia.. Visits were made to the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Iceland and to the Supreme Councils for France, for Finland, for Scotland, for Cuba, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA and for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA, for its 200th Anniversary celebrations. Members of the Supreme Council also attended the 51st Conference of the Sovereign Grand Commanders of Europe in Istanbul and the Baltic Briefing in Tallinn. The Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Iceland attended a meeting at Duke Street.

## 33rd DEGREE

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

M.:P.:Bro. The Ven R. Clayton Stevenson 33°	Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ireland
V.:Ill.:Bro. S. G. Obray 33°	Past member SABC, Past Inspector General, South Africa, W. Cape
V.:Ill.:Bro. O. F. Kanitsch 33°	Past Inspector General, Bahamas and Turks
V.:Ill.:Bro. L. C. Denyer 33°	Past Inspector General, East Kent
V.:Ill.:Bro. H. R. Sawyerr 33°	
V.:Ill.:Bro D. G. Gelling 33°	Inspector General, Isle of Man
V.:Ill.:Bro. W. C. Muller 33°	Member SABC, Inspector General, South Africa Eastern Cape
V.:Ill.:Bro. G. A. Bracewell 33°	Past Inspector General, Suffolk.

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

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

V.:III.:Bro. J Boyington 33°	Inspector General, Yorkshire, West Riding
V.:III.:Bro. R E Stone 33°	Inspector General, Berkshire
V.:III.:Bro. F P Gardner 33°	Inspector General, North West Lancashire
V.:III.:Bro. A J Wellan 33°	Inspector General, Warwickshire
V.:III.:Bro. R J Marple 33°	Inspector General, Zimbabwe
V.:III.:Bro. A G Tayler 33°	Inspector General, Norfolk
V.:III.:Bro. E F Mullan 33°	Inspector General, Isle of Man
V.:III.:Bro. H G Rebeiro 33°	Inspector General, Guyana
V.:III.:Bro. R Johnstone-Smith 33°	Inspector General, Somerset
V.:III.:Bro. P Messenger 33°	Inspector General, Cumberland and Westmorland
V.:III.:Bro. I Crowe 33°	Inspector General, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
V.:III.:Bro. J Everett 33°	Inspector General, Dyfed

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

V.:III.:Bro. P D Cole 33°	Bahamas and Turks
V.:III.:Bro. B M Hocking 33°	Cornwall
V.:III.:Bro. M Daws 33°	Northumberland
V.:III.:Bro. M J Page 33°	Nottinghamshire
V.:III.:Bro. R J R Tile 33°	Suffolk
V.:III.:Bro. G F Redman 33°	St. John
V.:III.:Bro. M Graham 33°	Yorkshire, North and East Ridings
V.:III.:Bro. D G Edwards 33°	South Wales and Monmouthshire
V.:III.:Bro. J S Vincent 33°	Bedfordshire and Heretfordshire
V.:III.:Bro. N C Williams 33°	Cambridge and Isle of Ely
V.:III.:Bro. K H Barnes 33°	Dorset
V.:III.:Bro. Lord Gough 33°	St. Matthew
V.:III.:Bro. T A Denne 33°	East Kent

#### OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

III.:Bro. B Clitherow 32°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
III.:Bro. G. McGowan-Smyth 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
III.:Bro. J M Hamill 31°	Honorary Historian

#### CHAPTERS

Warrants have been granted for the following Chapters: Turks and Caicos Islands Chapter No. 1206, and Jack G. Cash Chapter No. 1207, Bahamas and Turks.

The following Chapters have received Centenary Warrants: Orion Chapter No. 176, Murray Chapter No. 177, Hartley Chapter No. 178, Oliver Cockrem Chapter No. 180 and Public Schools Chapter No. 181.

#### HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS

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

#### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1151 18° certificates (including in South Africa) were issued in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013, compared with 1210 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### THE CONFEDERATION OF SUPREME COUNCILS IN EUROPE

Brethren may be aware that this Confederation has been formed. Among its members are a number of Supreme Councils with which we are in amity and our relationship with them is unaffected, notwithstanding that we do not belong to the Confederation and do not support its formation.

#### FINANCE - YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>		
Fixed Assets	£1,081,737	£1,088,544
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>383,172</u>	<u>394,633</u>
	£1,466,160	1,484,428
Provisions	(95,993)	(98,493)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>£1,370,167</u></b>	<b><u>£1,385,935</u></b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b><u>£1,370,167</u></b>	<b><u>£1,385,935</u></b>
<b>Income and Expenditure Account:</b>		
Income From:		
Members	£588,138	£586,179
Rent/Hire of Temples	168,889	162,299
Investments & Deposits	<u>2,865</u>	<u>1,529</u>
	<u>£759,892</u>	<u>£750,007</u>
Expenditure:		
Staff Costs	£382,996	£370,832
Building Admin/Maintenance	188,594	172,669
Office Administration	73,781	73,320
Council Activities	<u>132,789</u>	<u>101,625</u>
	£778,160	£718,446
Charges to Provisions	(2,500)	(1,300)
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(15,768)</u>	<u>32,861</u>
	<u>£759,892</u>	<u>£750,007</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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 will increase to £16.00 (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 £12.50 per subscribing member, retaining the balance of £3.50 to help defray District costs.

#### 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 increases to £2.00 as at 1st July 2014.

#### THE ROLE OF ALMONER IN A ROSE CROIX CHAPTER

The role and responsibility of the Almoner in a Rose Croix Chapter have been enhanced and are to include contacting, where possible and practical, all members of the Chapter who are unable to attend a meeting.

Your Inspector General will be giving further instructions on what the enhanced role should include.