



District Grand Lodge  
of  
Central South Africa  
R.W. Bro. James Kerr  
District Grand Master

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District Grand Lodge Update.

5th. July 2018.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I write to you with an update on the District of Central South Africa. Last month a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, headed by R.W. Bro. William A. Perry, Provincial Grand Master (and Proxy Master of Lodge Union of Athole No. 591) attended the 356<sup>th</sup>. District Communication on 30<sup>th</sup>. June in the Scottish Masonic Centre, Germiston. The Deputation was enhanced by the presence of R.W. Bro. Alistair Marshall, Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire (and Proxy Master of Lodge Braemar No. 1469) and R.W. Bro. George R. Kelly, Past Substitute Grand Master. Other Brethren who formed the Deputation were, Colin Campbell, Proxy Master of Lodge Gordon No. 804, Gordon Mather, Proxy Master of Lodge Ophirton No. 886, James Lees, Proxy Master of Lodge Transvaal Volunteer No. 1007, Ean Brown, Proxy Master of Lodge East Rand Scots No. 1093, James Ferguson, Proxy Master of Lodge Bloemhof Fontein No. 1250 and Andrew D. Millar, Proxy Master of Lodge Turffontein No. 1556.

After the normal business of the Communication was concluded, R.W. Bro. James Kerr, District Grand Master invited R.W. Bro. George R. Kelly to take the Chair of the District Grand Lodge and conduct the Twinning Ceremony between The District of Central South Africa and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. This is believed to be the first such Twinning in the history of the Scottish Craft. The District and Provincial Grand Masters took an obligation binding District and Province to work closely together in all areas of Freemasonry by exchanging information, ideas and improving communications. Twinning Certificates, which were signed by The Grand Master Mason were exchanged. In an act of mutual friendship and respect which delighted the two hundred and eighty-eight Brethren attending, Bro. Kerr conferred Honorary Membership of The District on Bro. Perry and Bro. Perry conferred Honorary Membership of The Province on Bro. Kerr. After the close of the meeting the Brethren were joined by over sixty Ladies for an excellent dinner. The hospitality shown by the various Brethren in the District who volunteered accommodation for the visitors was of the highest standard and the visiting Brethren were delighted at the generosity extended.

Other Lodge meetings attended during the visit were, Lodge Union of Athole No. 591 M.M.M. in Kimberley, Lodge Braemar No. 1469 F.C. in Johannesburg, Lodge Friendship No. 95 Grand Lodge of South Africa E.A. in Johannesburg, East Rand Scots Lodge No. 1093 M.M. in Boksburg and Lodge Transvaal Volunteer No. 1007 Installation in Johannesburg. The hosts had also arranged a full programme of social events to which the visitors were made most welcome.

R.W. Bro. James Kerr, District Grand Master will be attending the Installation of The Grand Master Mason in Edinburgh on 29<sup>th</sup>. November with a Deputation from Central South Africa and this would be an excellent opportunity to meet with the Brethren of our Proxy Lodges again.

Yours Faithfully and Fraternally,

James L. Jack, *Proxy District Grand Master, Central South Africa*