

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 £13.50 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 remains at £2.00, as set on 1st July 2014.

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. Any enquiries about this subject must be submitted to the Grand Secretary General.

HIGHER DEGREES MEETINGS

The 32nd meeting on 4th November 2015 will take place at Duke Street at 12.30pm, followed by lunch. It is expected that many existing holders of the 32nd will wish to attend and early booking is recommended.

THE 2015 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 33rd, Districts, Groups and Chapters, including the name of the current Sovereign and 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 hold) and of other members of the 33rd. A copy, the cost of which is £12.00, is sent to each Chapter Recorder. You may order copies of the 2015 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.

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 disbursal. 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 2015, by permission of the Supreme Council, demonstrations of the 5th and 6th Degrees will be given: on Monday 27th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 23rd May at Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren; on Saturday 6th June at Tapton Hall, Sheffield; and on Saturday 27th June at St Edmund Masonic Centre, Bury St Edmunds.

In 2016, demonstrations of the 7th and 8th Degrees will be given: on Monday 25th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 21st May at Berkshire Masonic Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham; and on Saturday 4th June at Freemasons' Hall, London Road, Leicester.

All the Members of Supreme Council take this opportunity to wish the members of the Order a very happy new year.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Dr G R E Shilson 33rd
Grand Secretary General H.: E.:

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR No 132

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1st January 2014, 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 33rd announced that M.: Ill.: Bro T J Lewis 33rd retired as Grand Treasurer General H.: E.: with effect from 31st December 2014 after five years of dedicated service to the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas. He was succeeded as Grand Treasurer General H.: E.: by M.: Ill.: Bro G D A Elgood. Following the death of M.: Ill.: Bro H W J Stubbs, M.: Ill.: Bro D K Williamson was elected to the Supreme Council and appointed Grand Chancellor. M.: Ill.: Bro R E Furber retired as Grand Secretary General H.: E.: and was appointed Grand Captain General. M.: Ill.: Bro Dr G R E Shilson was also elected to the Supreme Council and appointed Grand Secretary General H.: E.:.

Membership of the Supreme Council 33rd, with effect from 1st January 2015, is therefore as follows:

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

SUMMARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

During the period under review Members of the Supreme Council held seven meetings of the 33rd, conducted 16 meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 676 Brethren were invested), appointed nine Inspectors General, re-presented patents to nine Inspectors General, consecrated two Chapters and visited the Districts of South Africa Eastern Cape, South Africa Eastern Natal, North Eastern Caribbean, South Eastern Caribbean and Jamaica & the Cayman Islands. Visits were made to the Icelandic Order of Freemasons, to the Norwegian Order of Freemasons and to the Supreme Councils for Finland, France, Germany, Ireland (for a tripartite meeting) and Italy. Members of the Icelandic Order of Freemasons and the Norwegian Order of Freemasons and members of the Supreme Councils for the USA (Southern Jurisdiction) and the USA (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction) attended meetings at Duke Street.

33RD DEGREE

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

M.: Ill.: Bro H W J Stubbs 33 rd	Grand Chancellor
M.: Ill.: Bro R A Ingham Clark 33 rd	Hon Member of SC and Past Grand Secretary General H.: E.:
M.: Ill.: Bro R J McGarel-Groves OBE 33 rd	Hon Member of SC and Past Grand Chamberlain
V.: Ill.: Bro P Messenger 33 rd	Inspector General, Cumberland & Westmorland
V.: Ill.: Bro His Hon Sir Lawrence Verney TD DL 33 rd	Past Inspector General, Berks, Bucks & Oxon
V.: Ill.: Bro Dr A A Akiwumi 33 rd	Past Inspector General, Ghana
V.: Ill.: Bro G N Fletcher TD 33 rd	Past Inspector General, Northumberland
V.: Ill.: Bro S M Crawshaw Jones 33 rd	Past Inspector General, Derbyshire
V.: Ill.: Bro B B Wallwork 33 rd	Past Inspector General, South East Lancashire

V.: Ill.: Bro K N Park 33° Past Inspector General, Durham
 V.: Ill.: Bro P J Turner 33° Past Inspector General, Warwickshire

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

V.: Ill.: Bro G P Francis 33°
 V.: Ill.: Bro K Michel 33° Inspector General, South Africa, Eastern Natal
 V.: Ill.: Bro G C Higgs 33° Inspector General, West Kent
 V.: Ill.: Bro D F Woodings 33° Inspector General, Suffolk
 V.: Ill.: Bro P P Paterson 33° Inspector General, Durham
 V.: Ill.: Bro A O'B Campbell CBE 33° Inspector General, Barbados
 V.: Ill.: Bro K J White MBE 33° Inspector General, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Wessex
 V.: Ill.: Bro P G Jones 33° Inspector General, Oxfordshire
 M.: Ill.: Bro Dr G R E Shilson 33° Grand Secretary General H.: E.:
 V.: Ill.: Bro D Bowden 33° Inspector General Designate in Charge,
 Cumberland & Westmorland

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

V.: Ill.: Bro D M Sawyer 33° Buckinghamshire
 V.: Ill.: Bro the Revd A W Avery 33° Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire
 V.: Ill.: Bro C A Young 33° South Africa, Central
 V.: Ill.: Bro D P S Hobbs 33° Wiltshire
 V.: Ill.: Bro L E B Nanton 33° North Eastern Caribbean
 V.: Ill.: Bro R Batters 33° South East Lancashire
 V.: Ill.: Bro P R Whitmore 33° Hong Kong
 V.: Ill.: Bro A E Kemp 33° South Essex
 V.: Ill.: Bro A A Lazarus 33° Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

V.: Ill.: Bro P E Malan 33° was installed as Inspector General, South Africa, Eastern Cape.

OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

Ill.: Bro Dr J W P Campbell 32° Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 Ill.: Bro P F Wynter Bee 32° Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 Ill.: Bro Lt Col B S Dyson 30° Sentinel
 Ill.: Bro J J Neave 30° Sentinel

THE ORDER OF THE EAGLE AND THE ROSE

The Supreme Council was pleased to confer this award on Ill.: Bro R Helliar 32°, Grand Outer Guard, who has given exceptional service to the Ancient and Accepted Rite under our Jurisdiction.

STAFF

Ken Beard, Operations Manager at 10 Duke Street for 11 years, retired on 31st July 2014. Bob Helliar, Operations Assistant for 14 years, retired on 31st October 2014. Supreme Council extends its sincere thanks to them both for all that they have done and wishes them well in retirement.

Supreme Council welcomes Simon Lincoln as Higher Degrees Assistant and Charles Ntow as Front of House/Doorman and Deputy Buildings & Operations Assistant.

CHAPTERS

Warrants have been granted for the following Chapters: King Sebbi Chapter No 1208 (North Essex) and Prince Albert, Duke of York Chapter No 1209 (Yorkshire, West Riding).

The following Chapters have received Centenary Warrants: John o'Gaunt Chapter No 182, Ravensworth Chapter No 183, Old Wykehamist Chapter No 184 and Connaught Army and Navy Chapter No 185.

The following Chapters surrendered their Warrants to Supreme Council: Temple Chapter No 223, Clarendon Chapter No 716, Magna Carta Chapter No 868, St Michael and All Angels Chapter No 891 and Alan Trapnell Chapter No 1018.

HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS

Meetings of Higher Degrees were held in Ghana, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Nigeria, South Africa and South Eastern Caribbean.

DISTRICT OF ZAMBIA

As of 1st January 2015, the two Chapters thitherto meeting within the District of Zambia (Lewanika Chapter No 489 and Kafue Chapter No 559) became unattached and are now being administered directly from Duke Street.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1,054 18° certificates were issued in the year to 30th June 2014, compared with 1,151 in the previous year. The number of subscriptions received this year fell by 461 from last year to 28,552. The number of extant Chapters on 30th June 2014 was 918 with an average membership of 31. The average age of candidates for Perfection was 52.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Please note that on 8th January 2015 the Supreme Council suspended recognition of the Supreme Council for France (Suprême Conseil pour la France) with immediate effect. Brethren are advised that they may therefore not visit Chapters in France, nor may members of the Order under that Supreme Council visit Chapters within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council for England and Wales.

The Supreme Council is in amity with the following jurisdictions:

- The Supreme Councils for the United States of America (the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, **Brazil**, Canada, **Croatia**, Cuba, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, **Panama**, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela. (New relations in bold face)
- 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 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 2014

	2014	2013
Balance Sheet:	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,080,927	1,081,737
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>349,951</u>	<u>383,172</u>
	1,432,129	1,466,160
Provisions	(73,671)	(95,993)
Net Assets	<u>1,358,458</u>	<u>1,370,167</u>
Capital Fund	<u>1,358,458</u>	<u>1,370,167</u>

Income and Expenditure Account:

Income from:		
Members	571,587	588,138
Rent/Hire of Temples	168,553	168,889
Investments & Deposits	<u>3,231</u>	<u>2,865</u>
	<u>743,371</u>	<u>759,892</u>
Expenditure:		
Staff Costs	404,035	382,996
Building Admin/Maintenance	192,224	188,594
Office Administration	70,196	73,781
Council Activities	<u>110,947</u>	<u>132,789</u>
	777,402	778,160
Charges to Provisions	(22,322)	(2,500)
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(11,709)</u>	<u>(15,768)</u>
	<u>743,371</u>	<u>759,892</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 2015 will increase to £17.00 (plus VAT where