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## ANNUAL CIRCULAR No 136

Dear Sir and Brother,

This Annual Circular comprises a report on the activities of the Order since 1st January 2018, 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 WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2019

Following a recent reshuffle, Membership of the Supreme Council 33° stands as follows:

M.:P.: Bro A J Englefield 33°	Sovereign Grand Commander
V.:P.: Bro G D A Elgood 33°	Lieutenant Grand Commander
M.:Ill.: Bro Sir Frederick Crawford DL 33°	Grand Chancellor
M.:Ill.: Bro A W Hanbury-Bateman 33°	Grand Marshal
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 Treasurer General H.: E.:
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 eleven meetings of the Higher Degrees (during which 597 Brethren were invested), installed eight Inspectors General, re-presented patents to twelve Inspectors General, consecrated three Chapters and visited the Districts of Berkshire, Cambridge & Isle of Ely, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Dorset, Durham, Dyfed, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, Hampshire & Isle of Wight (Solent), Isle of Man, East Kent, North East Lancashire, South East Lancashire, South West Lancashire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Somerset, South Wales & Monmouthshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire, West Riding, as well as South Africa, North East and South Africa, Eastern Cape. The Supreme Council also received an inward visit from a representative of its unattached Chapter in Singapore. Visits were made to the Supreme Councils for Canada, Germany, Monaco and Switzerland and to the Norwegian Order of Freemasons. Members of the Supreme Council also attended the re-inauguration of the National Supreme Council of France. During the year, Members of the Supreme Councils for Canada, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg and Switzerland 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 R J R Tile 33°	Past Inspector General, Suffolk
V.:Ill.: Bro R J Marple 33°	Past Inspector General, Zimbabwe
V.:Ill.: Bro the Revd Canon F B Oddy 33°	Past Inspector General, North West Lancashire
V.:Ill.: Bro Dr J B Lloyd 33°	Past Inspector General, Dyfed
V.:Ill.: Bro Dr P J L Chapman 33°	Past Inspector General, East Cheshire
V.:Ill.: Bro C A Young 33°	Past Inspector General, South Africa, Central
V.:Ill.: Bro F M Barrett 33°	Inspector General, South Africa, Western Cape

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

V.: Ill.: Bro A G De Pontes 33°	Inspector General, South Africa, Eastern Cape
V.: Ill.: Bro P Kelvin-Smith 33°	Inspector General, South Wales & Monmouthshire
V.: Ill.: Bro J A F Thom 33°	Inspector General, St James Group of London Chapters
V.: Ill.: Bro H Kukiewicz 33°	Inspector General, Leicestershire & Rutland
V.: Ill.: Bro R N Howarth 33°	Inspector General, Nottinghamshire
V.: Ill.: Bro R G H Bethel 33°	Inspector General, Middlesex
V.: Ill.: Bro R H Waltham 33°	Inspector General, East Kent
V.: Ill.: Bro S Read 33°	Inspector General, Northumberland

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

V.: Ill.: Bro F P Gardner 33°	North West Lancashire
V.: Ill.: Bro A J Wellan 33°	Warwickshire
V.: Ill.: Bro N C Williams 33°	Cambridge & Isle of Ely
V.: Ill.: Bro A G Tayler 33°	Norfolk
V.: Ill.: Bro the Rt Hon the Viscount Gough 33°	St Matthew Group of London Chapters
V.: Ill.: Bro E F Mullan 33°	Isle of Man
V.: Ill.: Bro R Johnstone-Smith 33°	Somerset
V.: Ill.: Bro J Everett 33°	Dyfed
V.: Ill.: Bro I Crowe 33°	Gloucestershire & Herefordshire
V.: Ill.: Bro G F Redman 33°	St John Group of London Chapters
V.: Ill.: Bro K Michel 33°	South Africa, Eastern Natal

## OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

Ill.: Bro J D Lippiat 32°	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro M H Burrows 31°	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Ill.: Bro M Rizzarda 30°	Assistant Grand Organist

## STAFF

Nigel Banks, Finance Assistant at 10 Duke Street for over 37 years, retired on 30th June 2018 and Sally Gale, Personal Assistant to the Grand Secretary General for over 12 years, retired on 30th September 2018. The Supreme Council extends its sincere thanks to them both and wishes them well in retirement.

## CHAPTERS

A Warrant has been granted for Chater Chapter No. 1217 (Hong Kong).

Centenary Warrants were granted during the year to Tower Chapter No. 192, Manchester Chapter No. 193, Mark Wilkinson Chapter No. 194, Walter M Hamilton Chapter No. 195, Colonel J D Murray Chapter No. 196, James D Murray Chapter No. 197 and St Nicolas Chapter No. 198.

The following Chapters surrendered their Warrants to the Supreme Council: Freeman Chapter No. 209 (South East Lancashire), St Giles Chapter No. 363 (Middlesex) and Lytham St Annes Chapter No. 980 (North West Lancashire).

## HIGHER DEGREE MEETINGS OVERSEAS

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

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1024 candidates were Perfected in the year to 30th June 2018 compared with 987 in the previous year. The number of subscriptions received fell by 232 from last year to 26,773. The number of extant Chapters on 30th June 2018 was 913 with an average membership of 29. The average age of candidates for Perfection was 54.

## 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, **Mauritius**, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela. (New relations in bold)
- 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 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>		
Fixed Assets	1,068,848	1,065,554
Investments	1,251	1,251
Net Current Assets	<u>688,368</u>	<u>539,006</u>
	1,758,467	1,605,811
Provisions	(324,536)	(199,536)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>1,433,931</u></b>	<b><u>1,406,275</u></b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b><u>1,433,931</u></b>	<b><u>1,406,275</u></b>

### Income and Expenditure Account:

#### Income from:

Members	667,459	624,402
Rent/Hire of Temples	213,844	203,454
Investments & Deposits	<u>625</u>	<u>1,431</u>
	<u>881,928</u>	<u>829,287</u>

#### Expenditure:

Staff Costs	363,250	386,144
Building Admin/Maintenance	193,658	179,822
Office Administration	77,489	71,672
Council Activities	<u>94,875</u>	<u>87,060</u>
	729,272	724,698
Charges to Provisions	125,000	68,115
Surplus for the year	<u>27,656</u>	<u>36,474</u>
	<u>881,928</u>	<u>829,287</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 2019 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 2019 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. 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°. It should also be noted, that in the light of recent data protection legislation, it has been decided that the contact details for Chapter Recorders will no longer be shown in the Year Book. Any brother seeking to contact or visit a Chapter should do so through the relevant District or Group Recorder. A copy of the Year Book, the cost of which is £12.00, is sent to each Chapter Recorder. You may order copies of the 2019 Year Book through your Recorder or directly from the Grand Secretary General's office (enclosing a cheque for £12.00 payable to 'Supreme Council').

## **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.

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

In 2019, by permission of the Supreme Council, demonstrations of the 13th Degree will be given: on Monday 29th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 18th May at Freemasons' Hall, Worthing; on Saturday 1st June at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester; and on Saturday 13th July at The Shepherds, Carlisle.

In 2020, demonstrations of the 14th Degree will be given: on Monday 27th April at Freemasons' Hall, London; on Saturday 9th May at the Masonic Hall, Bolton; and on Saturday 6th June at Great Yarmouth Masonic Association, Great Yarmouth.

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 2019.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,



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