

**MINUTES OF THE 80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA, HOLDING AUTHORITY FROM THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND, HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S CONFERENCE CENTRE, 58 OLD PRETORIA ROAD, PRETORIA, ON SATURDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

**OPENING OF CONVOCATION**

The Convocation was opened in True and Antient form by the Grand Superintendent, M.E.C. A. Visser, at 14h30.

**PRESENT**

MEC A Visser, Grand Superintendent, MEC C I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, First Grand Principal for Scotland, MEC J A Fraser, Depute First Grand Principal, MEC T D Frost Immediate Past Depute First Grand Principal, MEC G Smith, Grand Scribe E and distinguished Companions from the Scottish Constitution and Sister Constitutions, District Grand Chapter Principals and Office Bearers both present and past as per the Attendance Register.

**WELCOME**

The Grand Superintendent welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance and stated he looked forward to a successful and profitable meeting. He also advised all present that the First Grand Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland would join the meeting later.

**APOLOGIES**

A number of apologies were received and recorded.

**MINUTES OF THE 79<sup>th</sup> CONVOCATION**

As the minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Convocation had been circulated it was proposed they be taken as read and approved as a true record of the proceedings of the Convocation.

Proposed by MEC J A Fordham                      Seconded by MEC C L du Randt

The minutes were passed by all present.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

No petitions or correspondence were received for the meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

MEC R A Franks presented his Annual audited report which was accepted by the meeting.

Proposed by MEC R A Franks                      Seconded by MEC C L du Randt

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Notice of Motion to increase the fees and contributions laid down in the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter Bye-Laws by 10% (ten per centum) as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 was tabled.

Proposed by MEC R A Franks                      Seconded by MEC J A Fordham

The motion was passed by all companions present.

### **RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER CONSTITUTIONS**

The Grand Director of Ceremonies led the procession of the representatives of Sister Constitutions and introduced them to the Grand Superintendent. They were escorted to their chairs by MEC appointed to do this duty.

### **RECEPTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION**

The Grand Director of Ceremonies led the procession of representatives of the Scottish Constitution and once again introduced them to the Grand Superintendent. They were then escorted to their seats by MEC appointed to do this duty.

### **RECEPTION OF MEC C I R WOLRIGE GORDON OF ESSELMONT, FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL AND A DEPUTATION FROM SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER**

The Acting Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter Director of Ceremonies, MEC G Smith, requested permission to enter the Temple. He announced that the First Grand Principal for Scotland was standing at the door of the Chapter and requested the Grand Superintendent to ask the Companions to stand to order. He then retired and escorted the Deputation from Scotland into the Temple. The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies introduced the Deputation to the Grand Superintendent.

### **PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER**

The Grand Superintendent MEC A. Visser requested the First Grand Principal to join him on the floor of the Chapter and conferred Honorary Membership on MEC C I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont.

M E C Visser also made presentations (gifts) to MEC C I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, MEC J A Fraser, MEC T D Frost and MEC G Smith.

The Grand Superintendent, MEC A Visser, was asked to take a seat in the East, at the right of the First Grand Principal.

### **THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

MEC A Visser read his report, a copy of which now forms part of these minutes.

### **INSTALLATION OF MEC D M A GARDINER AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT**

The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, MEC C I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, installed MEC David Motherwell Anderson Gardiner into the chair as Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch District of Central South Africa.

### **INSTALLATION OF COMMISSIONED OFFICE BEARERS**

MEC C I R Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont obligated the following Companions and installed them into their offices.

#### **Depute Grand Superintendents**

MEC W M Gray, MEC K A Maricich, MEC M P Wilmans

The First Grand Principal then requested that MEC J A Fraser obligate and install the Second and Third District Grand Principals.

MEC J A Fraser, Second Grand Principal, then obligated and installed :-

### **Second District Grand Principals**

MEC B B Claasen (*Absent*); MEC D J Cosway; MEC W R A Drysdale; MEC C L du Randt  
MEC R A Franks; MEC M S MacDonald (*Absent*)

### **Third District Grand Principals**

MEC M H Cloete; MEC M B Fordham; MEC J J vW Marais; MEC P D Opperman;  
MEC C P Seymour; MEC R D Warrender.

The First Grand Principal requested MEC T D Frost, Immediate Past First Grand Principal to install the Scribes.

MEC Frost then obligated and installed the Scribes.

### **District Grand Scribe E**

MEC J A Fordham

### **District Grand Scribes N**

MEC L M Galatis; MEC D G A Peachey (*Absent*); MEC K V Perrow (*Absent*); MEC W W Rennie (*Absent*); MEC M D Segal (*Absent*).

MEC T D Frost, Immediate Past First Grand Principal, obligated and installed the following Office Bearers.

### **District Grand Chaplain**

MEC Rev Dr V H van Wyk

### **District Grand Treasurer**

MEC A Visser

### **District Grand Directors of Ceremonies**

MEC A McK Dempster; MEC O L Edwards; MEC M Ioannou; MEC M Kruger;  
MEC R M Theaker.

### **ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS**

The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies called up the following office bearers who were obligated by MEC J A (Ian) Fraser and installed by MEC D M A Gardiner: MEC W M Gray; MEC K A Maricich and MEC M P Wilmans.

### **District Grand Recorders**

MEC D Cowan; MEC J R de Villiers; MEC G W Ogilvie

### **District Grand Chancellors**

MEC K Buyskus; MEC V M Cicione; MEC J A Grant; MEC M D Hosking

### **District Grand First Sojourners**

MEC H Deligeorges; MEC J Griffiths; MEC K Lawns; MEC J R Morris; MEC P Tallodi

### **District Grand Second Sojourners**

MEC R F Dennett; MEC C J V MacMillan; MEC F L Robinson; MEC H Sheimerdine;  
MEC A Steyn

### **District Grand Third Sojourners**

MEC A M Fourie; MEC M Lambrianos; MEC C J Oosthuizen; MEC I G Theron

### **District Grand Piper**

MEC A H Marx

### **District Grand Sword Bearers**

MEC D T Boardman; MEC M Larsten; MEC D S T Warrener

### **District Grand Depute Directors of Ceremonies**

MEC P C Browne; MEC K H Lohn; MEC E A R Mellaart; MEC J W Pritchard

**District Grand Superintendent of Works**

MEC R A Cooke; MEC S F Davids; MEC J F Mattarelli; MEC V Vacratsas

**District Grand Standard Bearers**

MEC G T Marsh; MEC R A Skinner

**District Grand Stewards**

MEC D Pantazopoulos; MEC C W A Pistorius; MEC C V van Niekerk

**ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The following three members were elected to the Executive Committee :

MEC J A Grant; MEC C J V Oosthuizen; MEC M Lambrianos

**PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER**

The following three Companions were made Honorary District Grand Chapter Third Principals :

MEC Ken Marsh

MEC Piet Slabbert

MEC Jeff Robertson

**ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS**

The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies read the Roll of Chapters and reported that all Chapters were well represented.

**COLLECTION**

MEC J A Fordham proposed that the collection be donated to Roslin Park Home for the Aged, this motion being seconded by MEC R A Franks. The meeting agreed to this proposal. The collection amounted to R1 423.50.

**GENERAL**

The new Grand Superintendent, MEC D M A Gardiner, thanked all present for their attendance and invited visiting dignitaries to address the meeting. They all wished him a most enjoyable term of office and thanked him for a well-run meeting.

The Grand Superintendent invited all present to take part in the Harmony.

**RETIRAL**

There being no further business the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation was closed at 17h20 after the singing of the closing hymn.

The Grand Superintendent and his Deputation then retired together with the dignitaries.

The 81st Convocation will be held at the St. George's Conference Centre on Saturday 15th November 2008.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 80<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER CONVOCATION WHICH WAS HELD ON SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007.

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District Grand Scribe E

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Grand Superintendent

CONFIRMED ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008