



UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

District Grand Lodge Of Guyana

CONSTITUTED 28TH OCTOBER 1899
UNDER THE UNITED GRAND LODGE
OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND



R. W. BRO. ROYSDALE A. FORDE
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

W. BRO. DUNSTAN BARROW, AA, PJGD
DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

W. BRO. KHEMRAJ GOBERDGAN
ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

W. BRO. JOHN LEWIS, PDistSGD
DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY

HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION

Of

The District Grand Lodge of Guyana
Freemasons' Hall, Company Path, Georgetown
Saturday, 20th October, 2018

Grand Officers of England on the Roll of the District of Guyana – 2018

R. W. Bro. R. A. Forde, DGM	-	2018
R. W. Bro. D. Persaud, PDistGM	-	2011
W. Bro. J. A. Peroune, PJGD, PDDistGM	-	2015
W. Bro. F. C. McLean PSGD, PDDistGM	-	2015
W. Bro. E. E. Heyligar, CCH, PJGD, PDDistGM	-	2003
W. Bro. D. Barrow, AA, PJGD, DDGM	-	2012
W. Bro. Maj. W. H. F. Bowling, PAGDC, PADistGM	-	2008
W. Bro. D. T. Saywack, PJGD	-	2012
W. Bro. R. L. Singh, AA, PJGD	-	2012
W. Bro. C. N. Murray, PAGReg	-	2007
W. Bro. I. E. O'Brien, MS, PAGDC	-	2011
W. Bro. H. G. Rebeiro, PAGDC	-	2012
W. Bro. A. Muneshwer, PAGDC	-	2012
W. Bro. R. K. Chand, PAGDC	-	2016
W. Bro. O. P. Insanally, PAGDC	-	2018

In Memorium

Rt. W. Bro. Richard Berkeley Fields, SC
District Grand Master 2001 - 2011

District Grand Lodge of Guyana Roll of Lodges

1. UNION	-	247
2. MOUNT OLIVE	-	385
3. ITUNI	-	2642
4. SILENT TEMPLE	-	3254
5. CONCORD	-	3508
6. RORAIMA	-	3902
7. MOUNT EVEREST	-	5868
8. KARA KARA	-	8349
9. EUREKA	-	8515
10. GUYANA LODGE OF RESEARCH	-	8525
11. LOTUS	-	8735
12. KLUBBA	-	9103
13. UNIVERSITY LODGE OF GUYANA	-	9331
14. GUYANA WHEEL OF SERVICE	-	9431
15. PHOENIX	-	9517

District Grand Lodge of Guyana

Under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England

R. W. Bro. ROYSDALE A. FORDE

District Grand Master

W. Bro. DUNSTAN BARROW, AA, PJGD

Deputy District Grand Master

W Bro KHEMRAJ GOBERDHAN

Assistant District Grand Master

W. Bro. JOHN LEWIS, PDistSGD

District Grand Secretary

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Inaugurated on 28 October, 1899

24th September, 2018

Dear Sirs and Brethren,

Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana

You are requested to attend the Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge which will be held at 16:00 hours on Saturday, 20 October 2018, at Freemasons' Hall, Company Path, Georgetown.

Brethren are requested to be seated at 15:45 hours.

All Master Masons being subscribing members of loges in the District are cordially invited to attend the Communication and the Secretaries of lodges are kindly requested to notify the membership of their respective lodges, accordingly.

The appropriate dress is a dark suit and a Craft or plain black tie. In addition, Brethren are required to wear the regalia appropriate to their masonic rank and Past Grand Officers, as well as District Grand Officers, Present and Past, are requested to wear full dress regalia. Masters and Wardens are required to wear the collar, jewel and apron of their respective offices.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. Bro. John Lewis, PDistSGD
District Grand Secretary

HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE
SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER, 2018
ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. The R. W. District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England, Wardens, Deacons and the Standard Bearer of the District Grand Lodge and other officers of District Grand Lodge enter in Procession.
2. District Grand Lodge is opened in due form.
3. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies accords the salutations to the District Grand Master.
4. The District Grand Secretary calls the roll of lodges of the District Grand Lodge.
5. The minutes of the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 as printed and circulated are taken as read and confirmed.
6. The minutes of the Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge held on Saturday, 21 July 2018 as printed and circulated are taken as read and confirmed.
7. Obituaries are announced.
8. Interim Reports of the following are received:
 - i. the District Board of General Purposes
 - ii. the District Board of Benevolence
 - iii. the District Grand Almoner
 - iv. the District Grand Mentor
9. The Accounts of the District Grand Lodge for the year ended 31 December 2017 and the report of the Auditors thereon which were previously circulated, are considered
10. Announcement of dispensations granted
11. Announcement of petitions, communications and correspondence
12. The District Grand Lodge is called off to receive a presentation
13. The District Grand Lodge is resumed
14. The R. W. District Grand Master addresses the Brethren
15. The R. W. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana under the Grand Lodge of Scotland is invited to deliver a few remarks
16. The Deputy Grand Master of District No.2 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean and Jurisdictions is invited to deliver a few remarks
17. Any other business (By-law 3)
18. Benevolent collection is taken
19. District Grand Lodge is closed in due form
20. The R. W. District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England and other officers of District Grand Lodge accompanied by the Deputation of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Deputy Grand Master of District No.2 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean and Jurisdictions and other distinguished Brethren retire in recessional order.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA

Minutes of the Annual Communication of District Grand Lodge of Guyana, held on Tuesday, 27th March, 2018 at The Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel, whereat one hundred and sixty-five brethren were present, including:

W. Bro. Kenrick I. Philadelphia	-	District Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Joseph E. Harris	-	District Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Stanley Wills, PDistSGW	-	District Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. Michael Daniels	-	District Grand Treasurer
W. Bro. Roysdale A. Forde, PDistJGW	-	District. Grand Registrar
W. Bro. Oliver P. Insanally, PDistJGW	-	District Grand Secretary
W. Bro. Wayne R. Austin	-	President. District Board of Bev.
W. Bro. Mark A. Bender, PDistJGW	-	District Grand Dir. of Cer..
W. Bro. John G. Ramotar	-	District Grand Sword Bearer
W. Bro. Tristan W. Gomes	-	District Grand Sup. of Works
W. Bro. Shivraj Singh, PDistJGW	-	Dep. District Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Errol O.S. Hanoman	-	District Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Courtney A. Frank	-	District Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Dr. Lennox M. Applewhaite, PDistJGW	-	District Grand Organist
W. Bro. Enrico M. Woolford	-	District Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro. Ronald Taylor	-	District Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro. Dr. Winston M. Lawrence	-	District Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. Sunil Biachini	-	District Grand Steward
W. Bro. Athmaram S. Mangar	-	District Grand Steward
W. Bro. James E. Mentore	-	District Grand Tyler

Distinguished Brethren from United Grand Lodge of England

M. W. Bro. Peter Geoffrey Lowndes	-	Pro Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Oliver A. W. Lodge, TD, PSGW	-	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Bro. Brig. William E. Shackell, CBE, PJGW	-	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. Alistair J. Townsend, PDGDC	-	Deputy Grand Dir. of Cer.

Other Distinguished Brethren

R. W. Bro. Walter H. Scott, QC	-	DGM, Jamaica & the Cayman Is.
R. W. Bro. Gordon Thavenot	-	DGM, Trinidad & Tobago
V. W. Bro. Denis H. Lalor, PGSwidBr	-	Jamaica & the Cayman Islands
W. Bro. Fitz C. McLean, PSGD	-	PDDGM, Guyana
W. Bro. John A. Peroune, PJGD	-	PDDGM, Guyana
W. Bro. Dunstan Barrow, AA, PAGDC	-	PADGM, Guyana
W. Bro. Donald T. Saywack, PJGD	-	Guyana

Other Distinguished Brethren

Past Grand Officers of England, Past District Grand Officers as well as Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons.

Excuses of absence were received from:

W. Bro. The Rev. Canon Clifton A. Elias, PDistSGW	-	District Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. Collin McG. Kirton, PDistSGW	-	President, District. Board of General Purposes
W. Bro. Keith W. Williams, PDistSGW	-	District Grand Mentor
W. Bro. Lennox J. Hernandez, PDistJGW	-	Asstant District Grand Secretary

Scottish Constitution

Bro. Brig. (ret'd) Edward O. Collins, MSM	-	R. W. District Grand Master
Bro. Stephen G. Backer	-	R. W. Past District Grand Master
Bro. Yule Gooding	-	R. W. Past District Grand Master
Bro. Michael G. McKenzie	-	Sub. District Grand Master
Bro. Kenneth M. Bentick	-	District Senior Grand Warden
Bro. Nicholas Chuck-A-Sang	-	District Grand Almoner
Bro. Reginald Brotherson, AA	-	District Senior Grand Deacon

Opening

W. Bro. Fritz Charles McLean, PSGD, Past Deputy District Grand Master, and Officers of District Grand Lodge entered in procession.

The Past Deputy District Grand Master was saluted according to antient form.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master, Peter Geoffrey Lowndes and the Visiting Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, entered in procession under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master appointed R. W. Bro. Walter H. Scott, QC and R. W. Bro. Gordon Thavenot as Wardens and W. Bro. Stanley Willis, PDistSGW, as Chaplain.

The Pro Grand Master was saluted according to antient form.

The opening ode was sung and the District Grand Lodge was opened by the M. W. Pro Grand Master in due form with solemn prayer at 14:30 hours.

Salutation

The Grand Director of Ceremonies accorded the salutation to the M. W. Pro Grand Master.

Installation of District Grand Master

The M. W. Pro Grand Master addressed the brethren and stated the object of the meeting. He then inspected the Patent of Appointment of the District Grand Master Designate and finding it to be regular, instructed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to read it and form a Deputation to introduce the District Grand Master Designate.

The District Grand Master Designate answered affirmatively when asked whether he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the Office of District Grand Master by the M. W. Pro Grand Master. Thus assured, the M. W. Pro Grand Master duly obligated and invested W. Bro. Roysdale Alton Forde as District Grand Master for Guyana. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the R. W. District Grand Master and called upon the brethren to salute him.

Installation of Deputy District Grand Master and Assistant District Grand Master

The R. W. District Grand Master appointed, obligated and invested W. Bro. Dunstan Barrow, AA, PAGDC, as Deputy District Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the Deputy District Grand Master and called upon the brethren to salute him.

The R. W. District Grand Master then appointed, obligated and invested W. Bro. Khemraj Goberdhan as Assistant District Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Assistant District Grand Master and called upon the brethren to salute him.

Address by the R. W. District Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Roysdale Forde said that it was an honour to be installed as District Grand Master. He disclosed that he was fully conscious of the challenges faced by Freemasonry both in Guyana as well as globally. Nevertheless, he found solace and strength in the tenacity of freemasons both locally and around the world.

The District Grand Master noted that Freemasonry had an important role to play in Guyana's multi-ethnic society and that it was his responsibility to develop and strengthen this important role.

He thanked the Pro Grand Master and other distinguished installing officers for their support and participation in the installation ceremony and offered a warm welcome to all visiting brethren.

The District Grand Master indicated that he was ready to work together with all freemasons to deepen bonds and to raise the profile of Freemasonry in Guyana.

Roll Call

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of the lodges in the District, whereupon all fifteen (15) Lodges in the District being represented in the District Grand Lodge, the R. W. District Grand Master declared the District Grand Lodge duly constituted.

Appointments to and Promotions in Grand Rank

The R. W. District Grand Master made the following announcements:

W. Bro. Oliver P. Insanally appointed to the office of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Dunstan Barrow, AA, promoted to the office of Past Junior Grand Deacon.

Appointments to and Promotions in Past District Grand Rank

The R. W. District Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the respective offices and invested those present:

W. Bro. Mark A. Bender	-	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Joseph E. Harris	-	Past District Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. John Lewis	-	Past District Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Gyandat Marray	-	Past District Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Aubrey K. Roberts	-	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro. Leslie Simpson	-	Past District Grand Standard Bearer

Appointments to and Promotions in District Grand Rank

The R. W. District Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the respective offices and invested those present:

District Senior Grand Warden	-	W. Bro. John G. Ramotar
District Junior Grand Warden	-	W. Bro. Errol O.S. Hanoman
District Grand Chaplain	-	W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Clifton A. Elias, PDistSGW
District Grand Treasurer	-	W. Bro. Michael R. Daniels
District Grand Registrar	-	W. Bro. Frederick G. Singh
President, District Board of General Purposes	-	W. Bro. Stephen G. Lewis
District Grand Secretary	-	W. Bro. John Lewis, PDistSGD
President, District Board of Benevolence	-	W. Bro. Wayne R. Austin
District Grand Director of Ceremonies	-	W. Bro. Mark A. Bender, PDistJGW
District Grand Sword Bearer	-	W. Bro. Fairbain Liverpool
District Grand Superintendent of Works	-	W. Bro. Gavin Todd
Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies	-	W. Bro. Shivraj Singh
District Grand Charity Steward	-	W. Bro. David Carto
District Grand Mentor	-	W. Bro. William A. Boyle
District Senior Grand Deacon	-	W. Bro. Courtney A. Frank
District Junior Grand Deacon	-	W. Bro. Enrico M. Woolford
Assistant District Grand Secretary	-	W. Bro. Gary Hall

District Grand Organist	-	W. Bro. Christopher Matthias
District Grand Standard Bearer	-	W. Bro. Ronald Taylor
District Grand Standard Bearer	-	W. Bro. Dr. Winston M. Lawrence
District Grand Pursuivant	-	W. Bro. Sunil Biachini
District Grand Steward	-	W. Bro. Athmaram Mangar
District Grand Steward	-	W. Bro. James Mentore
District Grand Tyler	-	W. Bro. Lee Baptiste

Presentation of the Caribbean Jewel of Merit

The R. W. District Grand Master conferred the Caribbean Jewel of Merit on W. Bro. Herman G. Rohlehr of Mount Olive Lodge No. 385 in recognition of his distinguished and long record of service to Freemasonry in Guyana.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge held on Saturday, 14 October 2017, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed on a motion moved by W. Bro. K. I. Philadelphia and seconded by W. Bro. Joseph E. Harris.

Obituaries

There were six (6) reported transitions to the Grand Lodge above:

- W. Bro. Geoffrey Andrew Proctor, Past Master of Klubba Lodge No. 9103;
- W. Bro. Royston Arthur Evanson Anderson, PDistGSwdB, Past Master of Ituni Lodge No. 2642 and member of Union Lodge No. 247;
- Bro. Gregory Paul Lewis, Master Mason of Mount Olive Lodge No. 385;
- W. Bro. Martin Jagdeo Boodhoo, PDistGSwdB, Past Master of Mount Everest Lodge No. 5868 and member of University Lodge of Guyana No. 9331;
- W. Bro. Carl Anthony Russell Sylvester, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 8515; and
- W. Bro. James Naraine, Past Master of Mount Everest Lodge No. 5868.

Reports

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

This report being previously circulated, was taken as read.

The brethren confirmed this report based on a motion moved by W. Bro. Kenrick I. Philadelphia and seconded by W. Bro. Joseph E. Harris.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (DBOB)

This report being previously circulated, was taken as read.

The brethren confirmed this report based on a motion moved by W. Bro. Mohamed F. Karimullah and seconded by W. Bro. Mark A. Bender.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHARITY STEWARD

This report being previously circulated, was taken as read.

The brethren confirmed this report based on a motion moved by W. Bro. Ivor E. O'Brien and seconded by W. Bro. Victor I. Hopkinson.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MENTOR

This report being previously circulated, was taken as read.

The brethren confirmed this report based on a motion moved by W. Bro. David Carto and seconded by W. Bro. Claude E. Housty.

Report of Dispensations Granted (14th October 2017 to 27th March, 2018)

Two dispensations were granted as follows:

- The first to Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge No. 9431 to hold a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Carmichael Street, Georgetown, instead of at the specified place of Freemasons' Hall, Company Path; and
- The second to Mount Everest Lodge No. 5868 to hold a regular meeting on 20th December 2017 instead of the specified date of 27th December 2017.

Accounts of District Grand Lodge

Consideration of the accounts of District Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st December 2017 and the report thereon of the auditors was deferred based on a motion moved by W. Bro. Michael Daniels, District Grand Treasurer, and seconded by W. Bro. Mark A. Bender.

Announcement of Petitions, Communications or Correspondence

The Assistant District Grand Secretary announced that the usual communications and correspondence from united Grand Lodge and Local Lodges were received and duly circulated.

Election and Investiture of the District Grand Treasurer for 2018 – 2019

W. Bro. Michael Daniels was elected District Grand Treasurer for the year 2018-2019 based on a motion moved by W. Bro. Shivraj Singh and seconded by W. Bro. John G. Ramotar.

The R. W. District Grand Master invested W. Bro. Michael Daniels.

Appointment of District Board of General Purposes (2018 – 2019)

The R. W. District Grand Master appointed the following eight (8) brethren to this board:

- W. Bro. Errol O. S. Hanoman
- W. Bro. Gary Hall

- W. Bro. Oliver P. Insanally
- W. Bro. Ram L. Singh
- W. Bro. Herman G. Rohlehr
- W. Bro. David Carto
- W. Bro. Paul Chan-A-Sue
- W. Bro. Clifford Van Doimen

The Worshipful Masters of the following lodges were also appointed to this board based on a successful motion moved by W. Bro. Mohamed F. Karimullah and seconded by W. Bro. Errol O.S. Hanoman:

- Union Lodge No. 247
- Ituni Lodge No. 2642
- Silent Temple Lodge No. 3254
- Concord Lodge No. 3902
- Mount Everest Lodge No. 5868
- Kara Kara Lodge No. 8349
- Eureka Lodge No. 8515
- Guyana Lodge of Research No. 8525

Appointment of District Board of Benevolence (2018 – 2019)

The R. W. District Grand Master appointed the following brethren to this board:

- W. Bro. Shivraj Singh
- W. Bro. Christopher Matthias
- W. Bro. Devanand Lalgie
- W. Bro. Deryck King

The following brethren were also appointed to this board based on a successful motion moved by W. Bro. Wayne R. Austin and seconded by W. Bro. John Lewis:

- W. Bro. Victor Hopkinson
- W. Bro. George Jervis
- W. Bro. Andre Joseph
- W. Bro. Desmond Gajraj

Remarks by Bro. Brig. (ret'd) Edward O. Collins, MSM, R.W. District Grand Master, S.C

Bro. Brig. (ret'd) Edward O. Collins, MSM, R.W. District Grand Master, made the following invited remarks:

- He acknowledged the presence of the R. W. District Grand Masters from Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.
- He extended a “gentle hand” of support to R. W. Bro. Roysdale Forde in his undertaking of the duties as District Grand Master.
- Bro. Collins expressed that he had no doubt that R. W. Bro. Forde would have an excellent term in office and wished him well in this regard.

Any Other Business – By Law 3

There was no such business to report.

The Benevolent Collection

The Benevolent Collection was taken and realised the sum of ...

Closing of the District Grand Lodge

The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 17:10 hours.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master, the R. W. District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Master, the Visiting Officers of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Officers of England and Officers of District Grand Lodge accompanied by the District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Deputy District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and other distinguished Brethren retired from the Temple under the directions of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. John Lewis, PDistSGD
District Grand Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA HELD ON SATURDAY, 21 JULY 2018, AT THE MASONIC HALL, FERRY STREET, NEW AMSTERDAM

Eighty-five Brethren were present, including:

R. Wor. Bro. Roysdale A. Forde	-	District Grand Master
W. Bro. Dunstan Barrow, AA, PJGD	-	Deputy District Grand Master
W. Bro. Kemraj Goberdhan	-	Assistant District Grand Master
W. Bro. John Ramotar	-	District Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Victor Hopkinson, PDistSGW	-	as District Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Anand Chand, PAGDC	-	as District Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. Michael Daniels	-	District Grand Treasurer
W. Bro. Frederick Singh	-	District Grand Registrar
W. Bro. Stephen Lewis	-	President, District Board of General Purposes
W. Bro. John Lewis, PDistSGD	-	District Grand Secretary
W. Bro. Mark Bender	-	District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. William Boyle	-	District Grand Almoner
W. Bro. Enrico Woolford	-	District Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Christopher Matthias	-	District Grand Organist
W. Bro. Dr. Winston Lawrence	-	District Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro. Sunil Bianchini	-	District Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. James Mentore	-	District Grand Steward
W. Bro. Lee Baptiste	-	District Grand Tyler

Other Brethren Present:

Past Grand Officers of England, Past District Grand Officers as well as Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Master Masons.

Excuses of absence

W. Bro. The Rev. Canon Clifton A. Elias, PDistSGW	-	District Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. Errol Hanoman	-	District Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Wayne Austin	-	President of the District Board of Benevolence.

Representation from the Scottish Constitution:

Bro. Phillip Smith	-	Past Substitute DGM
Bro. Whittington Brathwaite	-	Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies

Opening

The District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England, Wardens, Deacons and Standard Bearer of District Grand Lodge entered in procession and District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 11:45 hours.

The District Grand Director of Ceremonies accorded the salutation to the District Grand Master.

Roll Call

The District Grand Secretary called the roll of the lodges in the District. All fifteen lodges being represented the R. W. District Grand Master declared the District Grand Lodge duly constituted.

Obituaries

The following obituaries were announced by the District Grand Secretary and a minute of silence was observed in memory of the late brethren:

- W. Bro. Stephen Bovell, PDGStdB, Past Master of Kara-Kara Lodge No. 8349; and
- Bro. Patrick Holder, Master Mason of Roraima Lodge No. 3902 and of the Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge No. 8349.

Reports

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

W. Bro. Stephen Lewis, President of the District Board of General Purposes, presented a brief report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (DBOB)

W. Bro. Deryck King presented a brief report on behalf of the President of the District Board of Benevolence.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND TREASURER

W. Bro. Michael Daniels, District Grand Treasurer, presented a statement on the financial position of the District Grand Lodge as at 15 July 2018.

In the ensuing discussions the following were noted:

- √ a request for funding the renovation of Freemasons' Hall at Company Path, should be submitted to the National Trust, immediately;
- √ a suggestion that the financial statements of District Grand Lodge should be audited by an independent, professional body and considered and circulated by the District Board of General Purposes;
- √ a revaluation of the Company Path property would be done following receipt of a Transport. The process should be completed no later than August 2018;

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ALMONER

W. Bro. William Boyle presented a brief report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MENTOR

The District Grand Secretary presented a brief report on behalf of the District Grand Mentor.

In the ensuing discussions the following were noted:

- √ recruitment of membership should be done on a scientific basis;
- √ the District Grand Mentor should engage lodges in the development and implementation of the Mentor's Plan;

In other discussions the following were also noted:

- √ the proposed Strategic Plan for the District Grand Lodge is being developed. In this regard the team engaged in its development would meet shortly. Membership of the team is open to brethren who may wish to contribute special expertise;
- √ inputs for the plan would be provided by the District Grand Master as well as past and present senior officers of District Grand Lodge;
- √ some lodges have held retreats to consider issues which the plan should address;
- √ the first draft of the plan should be available by the beginning of October 2018;
- √ the need to promote an aggressive programme of exaltation into Holy Royal Arch masonry and the commendation of certain brethren for their leadership in this regard;
- √ the need for a property assessment committee involving masons with special skills;
- √ the proposed meeting with the officers of Mount Olive Lodge in August to discuss their plans for the disposal of the property owned by the lodge;
- √ the situation with respect to the masonic building in Linden is to be considered; and
- √ the proposal to confer masonic awards at the next Communication of District Grand Lodge.

Announcement of Dispensations Granted (March-July 2018)

Seven dispensations were granted as follows:

- Kara-Kara Lodge No. 8349 - change of date and venue for its Installation Meeting held on 12 May;
- Silent Temple Lodge No. 3254 – change of date for its regular meeting held on 18 May;
- Roraima Lodge No. 3902 – change of date for its Installation Meeting held on 28 May;
- Guyana Lodge of Research No. 8525 – Emergency Meeting held on 6 June for the installation of a new Master;
- Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge No. 9431 - Emergency Meeting held on 11 June;
- Ituni Lodge no. 2642 – Installation Meeting held on 21 July; and
- Phoenix Lodge No. 9517 – Installation Meeting held on 21 July.

Announcement of Petitions, Communications and Correspondents

A – Petitions

No petitions were announced.

B - Communications

Items received from the United Grand Lodge concerning the following matters were previously circulated;

- implementation of new registration forms for candidates that provide for a mandatory consent for the processing, retention and sharing of personal data;
- UGLE Membership Conference in September to be hosted by the District Grand Lodge of East Africa;
- the forwarding of Annual Returns for all lodges for the year ending 31 December 2017; and
- UGLE gender reassignment policy.

C - Correspondence

Fraternal greetings were received from the following distinguish brethren:

- R. W. Bro. Walter H. Scott, QC, District Grand Master of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands;
- R. W. Bro. Dereck Hugh, London; and
- R. W. Christopher A. S. Harding, District Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge of the Caribbean and Jurisdiction;

Address by the District Grand Master

The District Grand Master addressed the brethren. He focussed on the need for masons to apply in their communities and in their relations to each other the tenets learned from our masonic rituals. He stated that:

- √ according to the author, Bother Robert Davis, the whole purpose of masonic ritual is to provide a map which indicates how masons and others should act;
- √ the Worshipful Master at his installation is exhorted, among other things, to charge the brethren to practise out of the lodge those duties that they have been taught in it;
- √ our Grand Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth serve as the North Star in our changing world and equip us with the philosophy and values essential for us to comfort and alleviate problems in our communities;
- √ masonic tradition and history augment our rituals by illustrating how masons should act;
- √ the ritual requires us to live not apart from our community, not aloof of our neighbours, but to love our neighbour, our neighbour being everyone in every parish or country irrespective of that person's race, gender, disability, social status, religion or political persuasion;
- √ by providing more than just money, freemasonry can significantly contribute to the alleviation of the many social problems of the region;
- √ according to the author, David West, the word charity has today come to mean little more than the giving money. The target of relief is specific, not impersonal. Relief is of the person, an individual and while it may be about money it is more about behaviour. The giving of money must be accompanied by a motivation of mercy, compassion or

- ✓ pity;
- ✓ in contemplating our response to the problems plaguing our communities we must be very mindful of that response and of our behaviour;
- ✓ we should bear in mind the view of the Assistant Grand Master, the R. W. Bro. Sir David Wootton that “we want our halls and centres to be at the centre of our local community. Maybe we should refer to them as Masonic Community Centers”;
- ✓ we should also be mindful of the views of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, who had urged that charity is not just about raising money and making contributions to good causes, valuable though these are, it has a broader and deeper purpose. Apart from giving alms and providing help to those in need or in distress, charity is defined as love of one’s fellow man, as kindness, and as a leniency in judging others. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had further urged that as masons, we should try to involve ourselves to a greater extent in activities which bring joy and happiness into the lives of disadvantaged people, and not just assume that a cash donation discharges our obligations;
- ✓ in the context of the foregoing, it is not just the responsibility of the District and individual lodges, but of every mason to inculcate a greater awareness of our role and capacity to contribute positively in our communities. Every mason by embracing his community would be able to transmit the essence of masonry into our lives and the community. We would need to volunteer more of our time, expand the type and range of our community activity, collaboration with civic and social organisations on community issues if necessary to deliver relief in our communities;
- ✓ by demonstrating our commitment to our communities we preserve our heritage, discharge our responsibilities to the needy and distressed, whilst fulfilling the true fraternal responsibility we owe to our fellow creatures.

Remarks by Bro. Phillip Smith, Past Substitute DGM, Scottish Constitution

Bro. Smith addressed the brethren. He apologise for the unavoidable absence of the R. Wor. District Grand Master, Bro. Brig. (ret’d) Edward O. Collings, MSM, congratulated R. Wor. Bro. R. Forde for his leadership and commended the work being done by the District Grand Lodge.

Any Other Business – By Law 3

The R. W. District Grand Master was pleased to announce the following promotions:

- W. Bro. Sydney Jackman to the office of Past District Senior Grand Warden; and
- W. Bro. Ramesh Maraj to the office of Past District Junior Grand Warden;

and to make a presentation to W. Bro. Maj. W. Bowling in recognition of his services in promoting the development of freemasonry in the Berbice area.

The Benevolent Collection

The Benevolent Collection was taken and realised the sum of \$28,070.

Closing of the District Grand Lodge

The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 13:00 hours.

The District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England and officers of District Grand Lodge accompanied by the Deputation of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and other distinguished brethren retired in recessional order.

**W. Bro. John Lewis, PDistSGD
District Grand Secretary**

INTERIM REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R. W. District Grand Master, Wor. Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England, Officers of District Grand Lodge of Guyana Past and Present, Distinguished Brethren, Brethren All:

I hereby present to you the Interim Report of the District Board of General Purposes.

At the Annual Communication of District Grand Lodge and the Installation of the R. W. District Grand Master held on the 27th March, 2018 I was appointed to the office of President of the District Board of General Purposes. Since my appointment, the Board has held three (3) meetings at the first of which W. Bro. Errol Hanoman was elected to the office of Vice President of the Board.

Obituaries

Since the Annual Communication of 27th March, 2018 the following brethren have ascended to the Grand Lodge above:

- Bro. P. Holder of Roraima Lodge No.3902
- W. Bro. B. Vigilance of Mount Olive Lodge No.385
- W. Bro. S. Bovell of Kara-Kara Lodge No.8349
- W. Bro. P. Hamilton of Ituni Lodge No.2642
- W. Bro. B. A. I. Crawford, AA, PGStB of Mount Olive Lodge No. 385

Financial Matters

At 15th September, 2018, the Account Balances of District Grand Lodge were as follows:

- Funds of General Purposes	\$ (872,217)
- Fund of Benevolence	\$ 1,140,944
- Building Fund	\$ 784,700
- Charity Fund	\$ 4,926,987
- Travelling Fund	\$ 296,000
- Accumulated Funds Balance	\$ 6,848,631

At the 15th of September, 2018, seven (7) lodges were indebted to District Grand Lodge for dues in the accumulated sum of \$1,228,000. The period of indebtedness is from the year 2014 to 2018.

Annual Returns

As at the 15th September 2018, five (5) lodges had not submitted their Annual Returns for the year ended December, 2016. I must note that of the five lodges, three (3) have not met for some time. The two other lodges ought to put themselves in order.

Installation Returns

As at 15th September 2018:

- one (1) lodge had not submitted Installation Returns for 2014.
- Five (5) lodges had not submitted Installation Returns for 2015
- One (1) lodge had not submitted Installation Returns for 2016.
- Two (2) lodges had not submitted Installation Returns for 2017.
- Ten (10) lodges had not submitted Installation Returns for 2018.

Other Matters

The Board has received the District Grand Lodge budget for the year 2018/2019 and the reports of the District Grand Treasurer, the District Board of Benevolence and the District Grand Mentor's Plan. These Reports will be presented at the meeting.

I wish to urge those lodges and brethren who are indebted to District Grand Lodge for dues and ticket monies to settle their indebtedness immediately. I ask you to be mindful that the proceeds

of all ticket sales go to some worthy charitable or benevolent activity. Therefore, your failure to settle your indebtedness adversely affects our benevolent efforts and deprives a person in need.

New and Young Members Club

On the 14th April, 2018 the New and Young Members Club was launched. I later presided at the first meeting of this club for the purpose of election of its office bearers.

Bro. Randy Prashad was elected President of the Club.

Forum of Installed Masters

The forum was launched for a second time and W. Bro George Jervis was elected President.

Revival of the Lodges

In keeping with one of the District Grand Lodge's programs to revive and resuscitate the lodges which have fallen off and have not met for an extended period of time, several lodges were revived. To this end, Kara-Kara Lodge No. 8349 saw the election and Installation of a new master and the reception of a number of joining members. W. Bro Atukunde Cameron was elected and installed as master at a meeting held in Georgetown in April, 2018. This lodge has since successfully planned at least one fundraiser.

The Guyana Lodge of Research No.8525 was also revived. On 6th June, 2018 W. Bro. Lee Baptiste was elected and installed as master of the lodge. Seven joining members were also received by the lodge at that installation meeting.

It was resolved that the University Lodge of Guyana No.9331 will install a new Master in November of this year and a plan of the role of that lodge in conjunction with the University Scheme has been mapped out. There are several proposed joining members.

A delegation, including representatives of District Grand Lodge, met with the University of Guyana Student Executive and Student Council to foster a relationship with the University community to promote and develop the UGLE University Scheme.

Eureka Lodge No.8515 is busy again. This lodge received several joining members and has done an initiation ceremony after several years. An awareness meeting intended to sensitize masons about Holy Royal Arch masonry was hosted by this lodge at which W. Bro. Phil Young, 3rd District Grand Principal, delivered an address about the Order. The address was followed by a very interactive and informative session about the Order and why master masons should become Royal Arch masons.

At a meeting held on 12th May 2018 the members of Ituni Lodge No. 2642 and Phoenix Lodge No.9517 indicated a desire to have both lodges resuscitated and on the 21st July 2018 both lodges were resuscitated and new masters installed. W. Bro. Christopher Mathias was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Ituni Lodge and W. Bro. Andre Joseph was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge.

In an effort to promote and encourage freemasonry and the works of freemasonry in Berbice, two activities were undertaken:

1. A Medical Outreach was held in New Amsterdam. Prostate screening, medical check-ups and dental check-ups were done to almost 100 persons.

Television interviews were done and broadcasted on National Communications Network. This gave District Grand Lodge an opportunity to be seen out there for what masons do.

District Grand Lodge undertook the renovation of the masonic building at Ferry Street,

New Amsterdam. The building was cleaned, extensive renovation works were done to the structure and the interior and exterior of the building were repainted.

2. On the 21st July 2018 a Special Communication of District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Ferry Street. The Communication was well attended by brethren of the District and a deputation from the Scottish Constitution.

It is hoped that these efforts coupled with those to come would reposition freemasonry in Berbice, send a positive image about freemasonry in the area, recharge the interest of the masons of Ituni and Phoenix lodges and arouse serious interest from just and upright men in Berbice in particular and Guyana in general.

The Board and indeed District Grand Lodge are entirely grateful to those who have played a part in making these revival efforts realized.

Freemasons' Hall, Company Path

Following an emergency meeting held on 2 May 2018 a leak in the roof of the masonic building and an infestation of pigeons which caused damage to the ceiling were remedied the very next day.

In September last the building was cleaned and renovation works were done.

The Board is in possession of an estimate of the cost for further repairs to the masonic building.

The future of the masonic building is still under active consideration. Be assured that the underlying objective is to have a building that can take us well into the future, meet our masonic needs and sustain itself.

A meeting was convened with representatives of Mount Olive Lodge No. 385 and of the District Grand Lodge to discuss collaboration in the program to rehabilitate Freemasons' Hall at Company Path. Those discussions are ongoing.

District Grand Lodge Secretariat and Caretaker Accommodation

The Board has resolved that a secretariat will be placed at the upper floor of the existing cottage at Company Path. In addition, a separate caretaker accommodation will be constructed south of the existing cottage.

Guidance Notes/Secretariat Outreach

The Board has established a format for some documents held by the lodges and submitted to District Grand Lodge and the R.W. District Grand Master.

These are:

- i) Minutes
- ii) Report of the Worshipful Masters
- iii) Worshipful Masters Plan
- iv) Visiting Officers form.

Guidance notes in this regard have been circulated to the lodges. These notes are not intended to change one's style of writing but to point out what items must be included in the documents. The items assist with better record keeping and provide important information for the District administration.

The Board mandated the District Grand Secretary and Treasurer to meet with Lodge Secretaries and Treasures to deal with such matters as Annual and Installation returns and explanation of the new guidance notes. It was also an interactive session to understand and address, where possible,

the challenges faced by the lodge secretaries and treasurers in the execution of their duties and improve the relationship and communication between the District Grand Secretary and the Lodges.

On the 8th day of September 2018 the District Grand Lodge hosted a forum for Lodge Secretaries. This forum involved a presentation by Ms Susan Snell, BA DAA MA RMARA, Archivist and Records Manager of the Library and Museum, United Grand Lodge of England, on record keeping and preservation of documents.

District Grand Lodge Website

The District Grand Lodge website has been reformed. It now embraces a number of features which include a calendar of events, profiles of District Officer and general information on the lodges and District Grand Lodge.

We continue to invite ideas as we strive to have an outstanding web site.

Membership Retention Rate Survey

A survey of the retention rate of masons has been commissioned. As the response to the survey was only 20% of the membership it is proposed to relaunch the survey to secure maximum participation of the membership.

Other Matters

The Board noted with admiration and approval the initiative of the "Travelling Gavel" launched by Union Lodge and resolved to lend its support, and encourages all lodges to support the initiative and to recognise, on a yearly basis, the lodge that was outstanding in this event.

The Board also noted the initiative of Union Lodge to launch the R. W. Bro. Richard Berkeley Fields, SC, LLM (Merit) (Lpool) Memorial Lecture Series and encourages other lodges to undertake such or similar initiatives.

I wish to thank the members of the Board and all those brethren who assisted for their hard work thus far and say that we have miles to go further, and collectively, we can further develop the programs for freemasonry in Guyana.

Stephen G. Lewis
President of the District Board of General Purposes

October 20th 2018

INTERIM REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

R. W. District Grand Master, Wor. Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England, Officers of District Grand Lodge of Guyana Past and Present, Distinguished Brethren, Brethren All:

I present to you the Interim Report of the District Board of Benevolence.

At the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge held on Tuesday March 27, 2018, I was re-appointed to the office of President of the District Board of Benevolence.

Other members appointed or elected were:

Appointed:

-	W. Bro. Deryck A. King	-	W. Bro. Shivraj Singh
-	W. Bro. Devanand Laljie	-	W. Bro. Victor I. Hopkinson

Elected:

-	W. Bro. Desmond Gajraj	-	W. Bro. Christopher Matthias
-	W. Bro. Andre Joseph	-	W. Bro. George Jarvis

The Board held its first meeting on Saturday, 17 April 2018 at which W. Bro. Devanand Laljie was elected to the office of Vice President and W. Bro. Victor I. Hopkinson was appointed to the office of Secretary.

The Board met on two other occasions to discuss and finalise its programme for the ensuing year in keeping with the mandate given by the District Grand Master, and same was submitted.

Programme for 2018/19

The Board after much deliberation on a number of activities, both fund raiser and charitable, agreed on the following programme for 2018/19:

i)	Curry Que and Karaoke	-	June 24
ii)	Bursaries for Children of Masons and Orphans	-	September 14
iii)	Donation to Charities (15)	-	September 14
iv)	Fund Raising Cricket Match and Guyanese Lunch	-	September 30
v)	Fund Raising Raffle	-	September 30
vi)	Senior Citizens' Luncheon	-	October 28
vii)	Widows' Appreciation Programme	-	December 16
viii)	Benevolent Assistance to Masons	-	December 16
ix)	Orphans' Christmas Party	-	December 16
x)	Event in New Amsterdam	-	1st Quarter, 2019
xi)	Event in Linden	-	1st Quarter, 2019
xii)	Regional Disaster Fund	-	1st Quarter, 2019

Budget: \$7,020,000

-	Bursaries	-	\$400,000
-	Donation to Charities	-	\$500,000
-	Senior Citizens' Luncheon	-	\$500,000
-	Widows' Appreciation Programme	-	\$1,000,000
-	Benevolent Assistance	-	\$1,000,000
-	Orphans' Christmas Party	-	\$500,000
-	Event in New Amsterdam	-	\$400,000
-	Event in Linden	-	\$400,000
-	Regional Disaster fund	-	\$220,000

Fund Raising Target: \$8,300, 000

-	Curry Q and Karaoke	-	\$800,000
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-	Cricket Match and Guyanese Lunch	-	\$2,500,000
-	Raffle	-	\$5,000,000

The Board in keeping with its mandate to effectively administer efficiently the activities for the programmes approved for 2018, held six (6) committee meetings following the first meeting of the Board of Saturday April 17, 2018. Set out below is a brief update on its activities/achievements:

It must be noted that W. Bro. William Andrew Boyle, District Grand Almoner, was invited to all of the committee meetings.

Curry Que and Karaoke

The Board held its first fund raiser on June 24, 2018 which was a Curry Que and Karaoke event at the OMG venue on Sheriff Street. It was anticipated that \$800,000 would have been realized from this venture but based on the Income and Expenditure statement our Surplus is \$790,349.

However, to date \$456,500 is still outstanding from Lodges and Brethren and I am prepared to provide information on the defaulters to the hierarchy of the District to assist in recouping this amount.

Bursaries for Children of Masons

- Bursaries will be awarded to the top eight (8) children of Masons
- Bursary would be fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per child (Includes cost of a Plaque)
- The Lodge Secretaries were given notice of the Award and applications forms were made available to Masons.

Fund Raising Cricket Match and Guyanese Lunch

- The Target for this Fund Raiser is \$3,000,000.
- Members of the Committee met with the President of Georgetown Cricket Club and discussed the use of the GCC facilities and a formal request was subsequently sent.
- The design for the Tickets was approved by the Committee and printed and 1,000 tickets distributed at a cost of \$2,000 each.
- Letters of Invitation for relevant District Officers of both the English and Scottish Constitution were approved by the Committee.
- Letters of Sponsorship for Overs in the Cricket Matches were approved by the Committee, printed and being distributed to Cooperate Bodies, Individuals, Lodges and Masons.
- List of items for the Benevolence Lunch and Cricket Match was prepared, discussed and approved by the Committee. Allocation of duties/responsibilities was also done in this regards.

Raffle

The Board anticipate to realize \$5,000,000 from this venture.

- The prizes include - Honda Motor Cycle, Solar Power System, 40" Flat Screen Television, A Gold Chain and ten (10) Consolation prizes.
- 2,500 raffle books were printed and distributed at a cost of \$2,000 per book of 10 tickets.

The raffle will be drawn on the same day of the Guyanese Lunch and Cricket Match. The Committee will continue to meet regularly to ensure that all activities are properly monitored to fulfill its commitment to a successful programme for 2018/19.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members the Board for their cooperation and look forward to their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bro. Wayne R. Austin
President of the District Board of Benevolence
September 2018

INTERIM REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND ALMONER

R. W. District Grand Master, Wor. Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Assistant District Grand Master, Past Grand Officers of England, Officers of District Grand Lodge of Guyana Past and Present, Distinguished Brethren, Brethren All:

I present to you an interim report of the District Grand Almoner.

Since the Annual Communication of 27th March, 2018 the following brethren have ascended to the Grand Lodge above:

- Bro. P. Holder of Roraima Lodge No.3902
- W. Bro. B. Vigilance of Mount Olive Lodge No.385
- W. Bro. S. Bovell of Kara-Kara Lodge No.8349
- W. Bro. P. Hamilton of Ituni Lodge No.2642
- W. Bro. B. A. I. Crawford, AA, PGStB of Mount Olive Lodge No. 385.

Insurance Scheme for Brethren

Very fruitful meetings were held with the Demerara Mutual Life and Assurance Companies with the aim of creating viable insurance schemes for our brotherhood. The company is keen on working out feasible packages for our brethren and as a result of our active discussions, several details are required from you, my fellow members of our fraternity. You are therefore kindly asked to provide the required information as soon as it becomes available. Our webmaster, Bro. Joshua Khan, has been very instrumental in formulating and electronically circulating this information. I expect no less than your overwhelming support in bringing this simple task to a conclusion. The data required would be your dates of birth, whether or not you are interested in life or health insurance and other pertinent information. We will not be able to proceed if these details are not provided.

Requests for Assistance

From time to time, requests are made of the District Grand Almoner, for financial assistance for various reasons. I'm requesting that such requests be challenged through lodge secretaries to the District Grand Almoner. for consideration. Disbursed of funds will be done on an equitable and in a transparent manner.

Respectively submitted,

**Wor. Bro. A. Boyle,
District Grand Almoner
21 September 2018**

INTERIM REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MENTOR

This report is a condensed version of the Mentor's Plan that was submitted and read at the Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge held at the Masonic Hall, Ferry Street, New Amsterdam, on Saturday, 21 July 2018. It summarizes the action points that will be done in the short term or in the next six months.

The first Mentor's Manual for our District was completed and reviewed by the District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master and the President of the District Board of General Purposes. It has been submitted to the District Board of General Purposes for adoption and once approved will be circulated to all lodges through the lodge mentors. It must be noted that it is the first version of the manual and over time, and with inputs from lodge mentors and others, modifications will be done to enhance the overall effectiveness of the manual.

Under the guidance of the Deputy District Grand Master, other parts of the Mentors plan were also developed and in this regard several forms have been completed to standardize the accumulation of information across the District. Once adopted, these will also be circulated to the lodges.

The points below will form part of the other items to be actioned in the next few months and includes but will not be limited to:

- i. updating the Grand Mentor's Register;
- ii. meeting with lodge mentors to discuss proposals for the Mentorship Program;
- iii. encouraging lodges to have events which include the participation of family members, new members and existing members who do not attend lodge meetings regularly;
- iv. Investigating twinning members from different lodges to foster more interaction. This would be similar to a plan that was the brainchild of Bro. Clifford Van Domien, which is in its infancy stages but has led to more interactions between the brethren of Union and Alpha lodges, both at regular meetings, and socially. Resource pooling can aid in achieving common goals within a short time frame;
- v. commence a lecture series on a wide array of topics, including topics other than freemasonry;
- vi. introducing a Rookie of the Year Award. The general guidelines for this initiative are already available and the program will be submitted to the District Board of General Purposes for adoption. Thereafter, it will be launched through lodges and the new and young members' club.

**David Carto
District Grand Mentor
October 2018**

ACCOUNTS OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

ASSETS	Note	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
NON - CURRENT ASSETS			
Property	4	39,164,000	39,164,000
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Bank	3	36,726,951	39,335,039
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TOTAL ASSETS		75,890,951	78,499,039
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

FUNDS

Revaluation Reserve	5	39,164,000	39,164,000
Fund of General Purposes	6	19,526	145,488
Benevolence	7	593,293	2,370,423
Charity Fund	8	4,745,686	4,969,878
Building Fund	9	30,782,700	30,787,000
Travelling Fund		296,000	296,000
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		75,601,205	77,732,789
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payables		289,746	766,250
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		75,890,951	78,499,039
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
INCOME		
Interest	24,978	26,527
Fund Raising	3,435,000	3,096,500
Fees of Honour	-	60,000
Donations to Benevolence Fund	114,585	325,420
District Grand Lodge Annual Dues	1,226,000	471,000
Donations to Grand Charity Fund	185,740	48,100
Transfers from Charity Fund	-	1,850,000
Transfers from Benevolent Fund	-	600,000
Dispensation	5,000	-
Festive Board Contributions	205,000	135,000
Prior Year Revenue now reported	775	226,165
TOTAL INCOME	5,197,078	6,838,712
LESS: EXPENDITURES		
Raffle Prizes	80,000	-
Bursaries	300,420	195,000
Donations: Benevolence Fund	1,610,000	1,650,000
Donations: Charity Fund	1,361,124	105,000
Donations: Building Fund	-	30,150,000
Children's and Seniors Parties	629,901	57,500
Widows Hampers	1,685,000	-
Printing and Stationeries	312,959	103,034
Postage and shipping	47,900	46,704
Convocation Expenses	608,155	270,704
Repairs and Maintenance	68,528	375,632
Regional Disaster Fund	329,280	210,000
Secretarial Expenses	-	60,000
Insurance	78,750	78,750
Donation- Grand Charity	-	325,000
Security Services	8,635	67,890
Bank Charges	35,400	22,000
Subdries	172,611	12,305
Transfer to General Fund	-	2,450,00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,328,663	36,179,519
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-2,131,584	-29,340,807

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Gen. Purps. G\$	Benev. G\$	Charity G\$	Build Fund G\$	Travel Fund G\$	Total G\$
Year Ended 31 Dec. 2016						
Balance at Beginning of the Year	145,488	2,370,423	4,969,878	30,787,000	296,000	38,568,789
Deficit for the Year	-125,962	1,777,130	-224,192	-4,300	-	(2,131,584)
Balance at the End of the Year	19,526	593,293	4,745,686	30,782,700	296,000	36,437,205
Year Ended 31 Dec. 2015						
Balance at Beginning of the Year	284,081	1,055,342	5,332,173	637,000	296,000	7,604,596
(Loss) for the Year	1,727,906	-451,419	-467,295	30,150,000	-	30,959,192
	1,866,499	1,766,500	105,000	-	-	5,001
Balance at the End of the Year	145,488	2,370,423	4,969,878	30,787,000	296,000	38,568,789

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2017

1. (a) BACKGROUND

The Lodge was registered as a charitable organisation under the Civil Law Act of Guyana.

(b) Principal Activity

The principal objective of the Grand Lodge is to provide assistance to brethren in need and other social activities within communities of Guyana .

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are:

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the cash basis convention. The Lodge's accounting policy confirms with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
3. CASH AND BANK		
Deposit with GBTI		
A/c No. 001016346017	1,849,762	1,849,762
Deposit with Republic Bank		
A/c No. 484-015-3	1,112,754	2,370,423
A/c No. 484-016-1	402,141	401,135
A/c No. 650-368-4	1,840,290	548,408
A/c No. 651-604-1	28,252,700	30,787,000
BCM A/c No. 483-852-0	2,909,347	3,120,116
Petty Cash Float	200,000	200,000
Cash on Hand	1,762	-
Related Party Receivable- District Chapter	158,195	58,195
	<u>36,726,951</u>	<u>39,335,039</u>

4. PROPERTY

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Building and Contents	<u>39,164,000</u>	<u>39,164,000</u>

The Grand Lodge is currently seeking to have legal possession of Certificate of Title for the land situated at Company Path, Georgetown.

5. REVALUATION RESERVE

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Revaluation Reserve	<u>39,164,000</u>	<u>39,164,000</u>

Buildings with Fixtures and Fittings were re-assessed by the Insurance Companies covering the Buildings and are stated at the indemnity values.

6. FUND OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Income

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Interest - Note 10 (i)	1,607	1,819
District Grand Lodge Annual Dues - Note 10 (ii)	1,226,000	471,000
Transfer from Charity Fund	-	1,850,000
Transfer from Benevolent Fund	-	600,000
Dispensation	5,000	-
Other Income (Festive Board)	205,000	135,000
Prior Year Revenue now reported	775	226,165
	<u>1,438,382</u>	<u>3,283,984</u>

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Expenditure:		
Printing and Stationeries	312,959	103,034
Postage and Shipping	47,900	46,704
Repair and Maintenance	68,528	375,632
Regional Disaster Fund	329,280	210,000
Bank Charges	14,500	11,000
Convocation Expenses	608,155	270,704
Donation - Grand Charity	-	325,000
Insurance	78,750	78,750
Sundries	95,637	7,364
Secretarial Expenses	-	60,000
Security Services	8,635	67,890
Total Expenditure	<u>1,564,344</u>	<u>1,556,078</u>
Net (Deficit)/ Surplus	-125,962	1,727,906
Net amount due to General Fund	-	(1,866,499)
Accumulated Fund as at 01.01.2016/2017	<u>145,488</u>	<u>284,081</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31.12.2016/2017	<u>19,526</u>	<u>145,488</u>

7. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE

Income

	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Fund Raising - Note 10 (iii)	2,340,500	1,664,000
Fees of Honour	-	60,000
Net Interest - Note 10 (i)	4,508	7,076
Bag of Benevolence	55,860	289,420
Masonic Diaries	-	36,000
Donations	58,725	-
Total Income	<u>2,459,593</u>	<u>2,056,496</u>

Expenditure

Bursaries		
Donation - Brethren, Widows Note (iv)	300,420	195,000
Children's Party	1,610,000	1,650,000
Senior Citizens Party	187,000	-
Windows' Hampers	442,901	57,500
Bank Charges	1,685,000	-
Withholding Tax Note 10 (i)	10,500	4,000
Transfer to General Fund	902	1,415
	-	600,000
Total Expenditure	4,236,723	2,507,915
Net Deficit	-1,777,130	-451,419
Accumulated Fund as at 01.01.2016/2017	2,370,423	1,055,342
Amount Due to General Fund	-	1,766,500
Accumulated Fund as at 31.12.2016/2017	593,293	2,370,423

8. DISTRICT GRAND CHARITY

Income	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Interest - Note i (c)	18,863	17,632
Donation Brethren		
Lodges - Note 10 (vi)	185,740	48,100
Fundraising Note 10 (vii)	1,094,500	1,432,500
Total Income	1,299,103	1,498,232

Expenditure:

Raffle Prizes	80,000	-
Transfer to General Fund	-	1,850,000
Bank Charges	6,100	7,000
Charitable Donations - Note 10 (viii)	1,361,124	105,000
Sundries/Withholding Tax Note i (c)	76,072	3,526
Total Expenditure	1,523,296	1,965,526
Net Deficit	(224,193)	-467,294
Accumulated Fund as at 01.01.2016	4,969,879	5,332,173
Amount Due to General Fund	-	105,000
Accumulated Fund as at 31.12.2016	4,745,686	4,969,879

9. BUILDING FUND

Income	2017 G\$	2016 G\$
Donation Brethren		
Lodges - Note 10 (ix)	-	150,000

Other	-	30,000,000
	-	30,150,000

Expenditures:

Bank Charges	4,300	-
Total Expenditure	4,300	-
Net Surplus	-4,300	30,150,000
Accumulated Fund as at 01.01.2016	30,787,000	637,000
Accumulated Fund as at 31.12.2016	30,782,700	30,787,000

	2017	2016
	G\$	G\$

10. EXPENDITURE

Note (i) - Interest

	Tax	Net Interest
(a) General Fund	1,306	1,819
(b) Benevolent Fund	3,606	5,661
(c) Charity Fund	15,337	14,106

Note (ii) - District Grand Lodge Dues

Silent Temple Lodge	-	192,000
Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge	141,000	144,000
Concord Lodge	52,000	81,000
University Lodge	-	54,000
Roraima Lodge	264,000	-
Union Lodge	144,000	-
Mount Olive Lodge	360,000	-
Mount Everest Lodge	265,000	-
	1,226,000	471,000

Note (iii) - Board of Benevolence - Fund Raising

Guyanese Lunch	1,670,000	60,000
Guyanese Tickets	-	66,000
Donations	670,500	1,538,000
	2,340,500	1,664,000

Note (iv) - Board of Benevolence - Donations

Assistance to Brethren	1,460,000	150,000
Widows Appreciation Program	150,000	1,500,000
	1,610,000	1,650,000

Note (vi) - Donations to Charity Board by Lodges

Mt Everest Lodge	40,000	40,000
Grand Charity Fund	145,740	8,100
	185,740	48,100

Note (vii)- Charity Board Fundraising

Raffle Tickets	336,500	531,000
Curry Fiesta	316,500	327,000
Charity Jewel	45,000	265,000
Fundraising receipts	396,500	309,500

1,094,500	1,432,500
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Note (viii) - Charitable Donations

Caretaker's Expenses	105,000	105,000
Orphanage and Non Government Organisations	1,200,000	-
Others	56,124	-

1,361,124	105,000
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Note (ix) - Donation to Building Fund

Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge	-	150,000
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of District Grand Lodge of Guyana which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017, the Statement of Profit or Loss and the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in pages 6 to 13.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the friendly society as at December 31, 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the friendly society in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the friendly society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the friendly society's financial reporting process.

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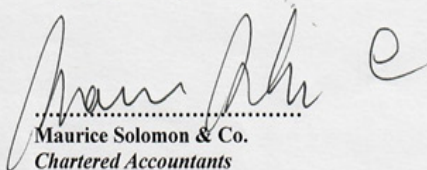
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Maurice Solomon & Co.
Chartered Accountants

October 3, 2018

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF GUYANA
PROPOSERS AND SECONDRS OF MOTIONS
ORDER OF PROCEDURE**

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| 5. | Conformation of the minutes of Tuesday, 27 March 2018 (as previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. bro J. Ramotar
Seconder: W. Bro. E. Hanoman</i> |
| 6. | Confirmation of the minutes of Saturday, 21 July 2018 (as previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. bro J. Ramotar
Seconder: W. Bro. E. Hanoman</i> |
| 8. | (i) Report of the District Board of General Purposes (previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. Bro. S. Lewis
Seconder: W. Bro. F. Singh</i> |
| | (ii) Report of the District Board of Benevolence (previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. Bro. W. Austin
Seconder: W. Bro. M. Bender</i> |
| | (iii) Report of the District Grand Almoner (previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. A. Boyle
Seconder: W. Bro. G. Todd</i> |
| | (iv) Report of the District Grand Mentor (previously circulated) | <i>Proposer: W. Bro. D. Carto
Seconder: W. Bro. E. Woolford</i> |
| 9. | That the Statement of Accounts of the District Grand Lodge for the year ended 31 December 2017 and the report of the Auditors thereon (as previously circulated) be received | <i>Proposed by: W. Bro. M.R. Daniels
Seconded by: G. Hall</i> |

NOTE:

If a Brother is unavailable to perform his assigned duties as set out above, he is kindly requested to so inform the District Grand Secretary as soon as possible so that his duties may be reassigned.