

Special 2023 AGM Edition

W.Bro Ian Fraser ADGM (DGM Designate)



When he was initiated into Southern Cross Craft Lodge on 28th January 1986, a young Ian Fraser was probably not even aware of the existence of the Mark Degree and would not have imagined that in 2023 as ADGM, he would be

preparing to be invested as The DGM of The District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of The Transvaal.

Most Brethren will know Ian not only as one of the best ritualists in the District but also for his knowledge of the Mark and RAM degrees which sometimes seems infinite. Ian has, for many years, not only been one of the most active Mark and RAM Masons in our District but has always stood ready, and more than able, to take on any role a Lodge might spring on him at short notice and sometimes with no notice at all.

Ian was Advanced into Ashlar Mark Lodge in 1990, Elevated into Transvaal Keystone RAM Lodge in 1997 and has held active rank almost continuously since being awarded Mark District Grand Rank in 2000. He was awarded RAM District Grand Rank in 2008, RAM Grand Rank in 2013 and Mark Grand Rank in 2017. In recognition of his immense contribution to The Mark and RAM Degrees he was installed as ADGM at the 2018 AGM and, as one of the most qualified Brethren in the District, and as DGM Designate, he now stands ready to

take on his biggest challenge yet with effect from the forthcoming AGM in May this year.

To many Brethren, Ian is not only known for his invaluable contribution in Lodge but, beyond his Masonic activities, he's also their "go to" expert on all things telecom, alarm and electronic systems seemingly able and willing to solve every technical problem presented to him. Fewer Brethren will be aware that, beyond Masonry and his professional life, Ian's great passion is photography... a hobby that has not only given him the opportunity to assemble a record of his interest in wild life but has also created demand for his services at weddings and functions.

Above all, and in spite of his expertise in the fields described, it's Ian's modesty and humility which endear him to most who come into contact with him and which has given rise to his popularity. There's no doubt that it is this popularity that will ensure the support of the Brethren and certain success in his tenure as DGM.

David Day PGStB, IPM TIMM Lodge

Rt.W.Bro Dave Gurney DGM

After 8 years in the DGM's chair we're sure that Rt.W.Bro Dave is well known and held in highest esteem by all in our District. As the current WM of TIMM Lodge, TIMM Members have had the benefit of his ready willingness to embrace new ideas and to explore different directions to enhance the Mark and RAM experiences. We've come to recognize Dave's leadership style as a unique combination of traditional values, depth of knowledge and innovative thinking. As Members of TIMM Lodge, we know we speak for all in the District in expressing our support and best wishes to Dave in his current battle with health issues. As the outgoing DGM, he leaves big boots to fill and there's always an empty space in Lodge whenever he's not there.

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At the 2022 AGM: W.Bro Jon Paul receives, from the DGM, an award in recognition of his Advancement 50 years ago and for his Contribution to the Mark Degree over so many years.

Freemasonry in Ukraine

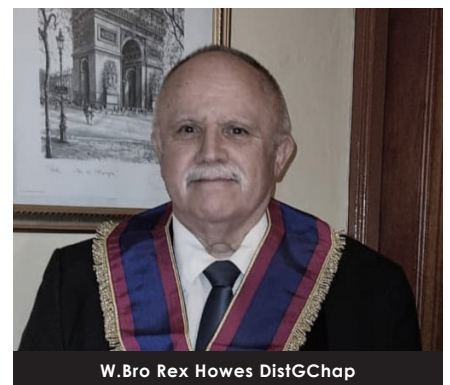
Following the short article in the fourth issue of TIMMtalk, understandably there doesn't appear to be any news readily available at this time of the 14 Lodges and Brethren that comprise the Grand Lodge of Ukraine.

Readers might be interested to know, however, that The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) in association with The United Grand Lodge of England responded quickly after the Russian invasion in donating £50,000 to the British Red Cross in support of the many thousands of Ukrainian refugees forced to flee their homes.

This was followed by the establishment of The Ukraine Fundraising Crisis Appeal which, only a year later, has raised, from the Masonic community, in excess of £1,100,000.

Meet (some of) The Team

As most Brethren will know, the DGM Designate, W.Bro Ian Fraser announced, at the recent DGM's dinner, all new and re-appointments of the Brethren to fill the Active District Offices for the forthcoming year. With the co-operation of the Brethren themselves, it is the intention of TIMMtalk to publish images of the entire team over the forthcoming issues beginning with the following 12 handsome individuals and the ranks with which they'll be invested on 13th May 2023.



Three New Grandies

Our congratulations to the following three Brethren in our District who will this year receive their first Grand Rank Appointments.



W. Bro John Cluver (soon to be) PGStB



W. Bro Dieter Dreyer (soon to be) PAGDC



W. Bro Ken van Rooyen (soon to be) PAGDC



Prosperity Mark Lodge Installation 22 March 2023



Members of Prosperity and Doornfontein Mark Lodges in serious discussion following the 2022 AGM



Grand Officers and District Grand Officers present at the re-opening of King Edward Mark Lodge July 2022