

# PAUCIS VERBIS

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## FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S DESK

Dear Brethren All,

I greet you very well and thank you once again for the trust you place in me as your new Grand Master. I do sincerely hope that, at the end of my term in office, you will be able to say with pride that I was your Grand Master and I assure you that I will do my utmost to fulfil the duties of my high office accordingly. Almost unnecessary to say that the same goes for the team. The Grand Officers I have chosen will without any doubt assist me in outstanding manner, whether they have already been "on duty" for many years or have been appointed for the first time.

It cannot be denied that there have been times of trouble in the past but I am sure that with the united efforts in the private Lodges, the Grand Lodge Officers and myself brotherly love, relief and truth will flourish again; so that our Grand Lodge will go from strength to strength.

It is my aim to make ALL brethren of our Grand Lodge aware that without them there will be no Grand Lodge in the future. A couple of new ideas will hopefully serve that aim, one of them being that every new candidate will receive a personal welcome letter from me. Also Grand Lodge Certificates in future will be presented at the Communications to make the new brethren acquainted with "The Family". This may not seem very important to some, but do not forget: The more familiar you are made in the beginning, the longer you stay and the harder you work for the common benefit.

We will, of course, continue to work hard in the field of charity as we always did since the foundation of our Grand Lodge. Here again your assistance is required!



So let us all work together for the benefit of Freemasonry and our fellow creatures - and let us not forget that the reward always follows labour!

With best fraternal regards

Sincerely yours

Frederick T. Colbran  
Grand Master

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### The NEW Paucis Verbis:

- Issued quarterly - in March, June, September and December
- News from Grand Lodge, the Lodges and Brethren
- Food for thought: Lectures and other interesting Masonic materials
- And of course: YOUR COMMENTS - please !

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



Grand Lodge 2006  
The Most Worshipful Grand Master together with his Officers, Representatives of the Private Lodges and Distinguished Visitors  
(Copies of the picture available from the photographer - see insert above!)

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

### The new Board of Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master	MWBro.	Frederick T. Colbran
Immediate Past Grand Master	MWBro.	Michael A. Cooper AOH
Deputy Grand Master	RWBro.	John B. Gibson BEM
Assistant Grand Master	RWBro.	Richard Ancliffe
Senior Grand Warden	VWBro.	Norman H. McDermott
Junior Grand Warden	VWBro.	Harry R. Ungerer
Grand Chaplain	WBro.	G. Ernst Johnson
President of the Board of General Purposes	MWBro.	David.F. Gale AOH, OSM, PGM
Grand Secretary	VWBro.	Peter Murgatroyd
Grand Director of Ceremonies	VWBro.	Alan W. Wainwright
Grand Sword Bearer	WBro.	Ronald Cairns
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	WBro.	Gary R. Wormald
Senior Grand Deacon	WBro.	Joseph K. Maison
Junior Grand Deacon	WBro.	James J. Paterson
Grand Treasurer	WBro.	D.J. Smith
Grand Charity Steward	WBro.	John MacKinnon
Grand Almoner	WBro.	David J. Stevens
Grand Registrar	WBro.	Robert G. Garrett PJGD
Assistant Grand Secretary	WBro.	Glyn V. Edmonds PJGD
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	WBro.	Roger T. Fairfield
Grand Organist	WBro.	Savino Batanov
Grand Standard Bearer (VGL)	WBro.	Peter Dickson
Grand Standard Bearer (GL BFG)	WBro.	Trevor A. Parfitt
Grand Pursuivant	WBro.	Norbert Schoen
Grand Steward	WBro.	Adrian J. Lane
Grand Steward	WBro.	Stephen C. Pipes
Grand Tyler	WBro.	Peter Frenes

## MASON + FUN - MONEY + BEAR = SMILE

If you think that this formula is sheer nonsense, you haven't met Ashleigh Turley! WBro. Ashleigh, Past Master of Keys of Münster, recently brought a stunning idea back from the UK. A Lodge there started to sell teddy bear shaped lapel badges and from the profit they buy teddies which are given to children in hospitals. But Ashleigh wasn't Ashleigh if he wouldn't have come up with a method to make the whole thing more suitable for Germany and much more profitable! Instead of just selling the pins he developed a game - and within a relatively short time he succeeded in raising more than 2000 Euro! WBro. Ashleigh plays "Heads or Tails" with the brethren - everyone gives 2 Euro and the last man standing gets the pin, whilst one of the teddies is given as "The Travelling Bear" to a volunteer from another lodge, along with some pins. Quite a good method to spread the idea and collect even more money.

Ashleigh himself has a daughter who needs to go to hospital quite often. He told us the story: "It was again one of these dreaded days and my little girl felt really very, very bad. But when we arrived at the hospital one of the nurses immediately took notice, disappeared shortly and came back with a little teddy - and at least for a couple of minutes there was a bit of sunshine for my daughter!" So it was no question

for him what to do when he came in touch with the "Teddy Bear Appeal" Sounds like a good idea for charity, doesn't it? Watch out for the bear!

At the moment the money still goes to the TLC (Tender Loving Care) Appeal of King Alfred Lodge No. 3169 EC in Weston Super Mare where the idea was born. But WBro. Ashleigh hopes that from autumn of this year he will have the necessary materials ready to collect money for German children as well. And if you want to support a local hospital, WBro. Ashleigh surely will be pleased to assist you: phone 02571/585908 or send an e-mail to ash@satents.net.



← At Doric Installation: Bros. Klaus Offen-berg FC and Manfred Jürgens MM of Lodge "Zu den drei Balken No. 127 at Münster with the Travelling Bear; Bro. Scott Cochrane, newly appointed JW of Doric Lodge and latest winner of the Teddy Pin; WBro. Ashleigh Turley PGStdB and new Charity Steward of Doric (left to right).

## ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge Custodian of Regalia	VWBro.	Ian Harris PSGW
Grand Lodge Historian	VWBro.	Owen F. T. Smart OSM PSGW
Grand Lodge Internet Coordinator	WBro.	Wolfram Ottersbach
Grand Lodge Newsletter Editor	WBro.	Peter Frenes GTyler

## OBITUARY

### IN MEMORIAM

Most Worshipful Brother  
Most Excellent Companion

Albert Settle †

Award of Honour, Paulskirchen Medal, Order of Service to Masonry  
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany  
Past First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Royal Arch Masons in Germany

9<sup>th</sup> November 1923 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006

It is with deep regret that we must announce the passing, on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in Düsseldorf, of our dearly beloved Brother Albert Settle following a prolonged illness.

Brother and Companion Albert was initiated into the Craft in the Grand Land Lodge of Germany's Johannisloge Rose und Akazie Nr. 518 in Düsseldorf on the 17th April 1961. He was a Founder Member of our Lodge Niederrhein No. 892, consecrated in Düsseldorf on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1964 and also a Founder Member of our Rheinland Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, consecrated in Düsseldorf on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1972.

His great enthusiasm coupled with his undoubted ability, resulted in his becoming the Master of Lodge Niederrhein in 1968 and again in 1989, the Lodge's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He was also First Principal of the Rheinland Royal Arch Chapter in 1975.

MW Bro Albert was first appointed an Officer of Grand Lodge in 1970. He was elected Grand Treasurer of our Grand Lodge in 1972 and of our Grand Chapter in 1977. During his time in these offices he succeeded in putting the finances of our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter on to the very secure footing which exists to this day. His engaging personality and humour, together with his many other talents, ensured his well earned progression to Grand Master and First Grand Principal in 1980. Brother Albert was also active in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, together with The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners.

During his three years as Grand Master he displayed qualities of leadership which were of inestimable value to our Grand Lodge. He went on to become our representative on the United Grand Lodges of Germany Senate for six years between 1988 and 1994. As a mark of the affection and the hard work he carried out to bring together Germany Lodges of all languages and rituals he was awarded the Paulskirchen Medal by the United Grand Lodges of Germany and subsequently the Award of Honour, following his three years as our Grand Master.

His natural ability to educate and motivate our Brethren and Companions alike, led to him to be elected an Honorary Member of no less than five of our Craft Lodges and three of our Royal Arch Chapters.

MW Bro Albert lived in Düsseldorf where he became the senior accountant for Price Waterhouse (Europe) Ltd and was largely responsible for that company's expansion into Germany in the nineteen sixties.

With his untimely death, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter mourn the passing of a truly dedicated Brother, the likes of whom we are seldom privileged to have met or about whom we are truly able to say, that it was an honour to have known such a Mason.

It is indeed very sad to record that the last years of MW Bro Albert's life were unfortunately spent in a debilitating illness, with little relief from his sufferings. Our condolences go out to his family, and may the G A O T U grant our Brother and Companion eternal peace in the Grand Lodge above.

In sorrow,

*Michael A Cooper*

Immediate Grand Master

# PAUCIS VERBIS - THE GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL



Dear Brethren all,

My apologies once again for being late - I promise that I will never buy a Fujitsu-Siemens Computer again! Following the publication of the first issue of Paucis Verbis under my editorship I received a couple of very nice comments - thank you very much! What is still missing is more input from the Lodges, although some brethren continue to send in material. Could it be that some of you are still waiting whether this new attempt to revive the newsletter will really work? Although I will try to visit all Lodges regularly - which means once a year if I can manage - you will have to assist a bit if you want YOUR Lodge mentioned on these pages. Please help me to get along with YOUR newspaper and provide what YOU would like to have published! I hope that this second issue also finds your approval. Wishing you a good summer break and enjoyable holidays I remain until September

Oh Brother, it's warm outside!

Cordially and fraternally yours,  
WBro. Peter Frenes

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear W.Bro. Peter,

I just rooted through my internet favourites and entered the BFG site and I saw your newsletter. A great job, very good and informative, I presume it will be in the BFG website published all the time, if not I would like to be included in the email list.

Since I was member of Beaver Lodge, I had very good memories of British Freemasonry in Germany, which is really my Masonic home, your excellent newsletter keeps me in touch with it.

Thanks

Eduard Schmidt-Zorner

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Dear W Bro Peter,

Absolutely amazing!

Attached is a historical copy of the GL Newsletter form Jan 1999.

We have come a long long way!

Regards

Bobby G

Hallo Peter,

es fiel mir gerade wieder ein, mal nachzusehen, ob paucis verbis inzwischen online ist.

Gratulation - sieht sehr gut aus :-D

Tolle Arbeit, gutes Design, weiter so.

Wollte ich nur 'mal eben loswerden.

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