

A BRIEF HISTORICAL RECORD OF SPHYNX LODGE

International Co-Freemasonry was begun in Johannesburg on the 14th of June 1916 when authority was given to a Triangle under the direction of R.W.Bro. Allerley Glossop to organise Freemasonry in Johannesburg. In December 1917 the scope of this Triangle was extended to cover the Transvaal. Meetings were held in Sphynx Studio Pretoria in 1918 and in the following year they were held in Sphynx Studio Johannesburg. R.W.Bro. Allerley Glossop journeyed to London in the year 1922 when she received the honour of the 18°. A Petition for a Charter had been signed by 11 M.M.s including R.W.Bro. Marsh, Glossop, Havik and Murchie. Sphynx Lodge received its Charter and the first business meeting was held at the Temple 30, St. Mary's Building, Kerk Street, Johannesburg on the 8th of March 1923. R.W.Bro. A. Glossop had returned from London and was the first R.W.M. of Sphynx Lodge. W.Bro. E.M. Pomfret was the S.W. and W.Bro. C. Morisse was J.W. In the year 1933 Honorary Life Membership of the Lodge was conferred on R.W.Bro. A. Glossop and then 22 years later when Sphynx Lodge had found its permanent home in Rutland Hall The Ills. . . Bro. Glossop 32° passed to the G.L.E.

Number:	Year:	R.° W.° M.°	Membership.
1	1923	R..W..Bro. A. Glossop	28
2	1924	" C.M. James	28
3	1925	" C.M. James	28
4	1926	" C.M. James	28
5	1927	" L.P. Pemberton	28
6	1928	" L.P. Pemberton	31
7	1929	" R. Rowe	16
8	1930	" R. Rowe	16
9	1931	" M.G. Hodgson	33
10	1932	" M.G. Hodgson	34
11	1933	" D.E. Dallamore	31
12	1934	" S.J. Bischoff	29
13	1935	" D.J. Bischoff	31
14	1936	" M.G. Hodgson	34
15	1937	" E.M. Tann	42
16	1938	" E.M. Tann	45
17	1939	" E.M. Corylon	46
18	1940	" R.G. Pizzighelli	47
19	1941	" S. Truman	47
20	1942	" E.B. Bergen	47
21	1943	" A.E. Robinson	41
22	1944	" M. Carter	37
23	1945	" E. Wellbeloved	42
24	1946	" F.E. Jenner	47
25	1947	" R.G. Pizzighelli	51
26	1948	" C.F. Pizzighelli	55
27	1949	" E.B. Bergen	56
28	1950	" R.E. Lavery	62
29	1951	" R.E. Lavery	64
30	1952	" C.F. Pizzighelli	64
31	1953	" E. Wellbeloved	63
32	1954	" R.E. Lavery	69
33	1955	" T.P. Watson	73
34	1956	" T.P. Watson	74

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Droit Humain gathers together men, women who differ in race, customs, social and meta-physical concepts.

People realize that though they are unique, individual units yet they needs be bonded together in order to become increasingly aware in which turn becomes an ideal.

The acceptance of one Deity is surely the intention to find ones' own self-divinity, because each unique individual can be safe in their expression under the umbrella of Freemasonry. The structure of sharing towards the acceptance of responsibility in turn can spell harmony, only if co-operation, co-ordination through the elemental worlds join together in the Brotherhood of Freemasonry. The symbology is like a thumb on a hand, unable to operate without the help or back-up of the hand, with all its variant ~~om~~ponents, without order, discipline, and the feeling of freedom a lodge cannot function.

Thus the intention to seek the Light becomes again the ideal so making up, in part, the mysteries of why Droit Humain gathers together men and women.