

## MEMORABLE ORDER OF TIN HATS

### Pretoria District Dugout



### MOTH CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

#### CITATION FOR: MOTH GRAEME THOROLD

GRAEME STEVEN THOROLD is a man four-square! He joined the Order at Vacant Chair Shellhole on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2006 and, very soon became involved in the management affairs of the Shellhole. Subsequently, Moth Thorold has served the Shellhole in all the Executive Offices for extended periods with the Office of Paybill being his favourite.

Moth Thorold is employed as a financial manager in the construction industry and has always given freely of his time and expertise to the greater good of the Order. In his distinguished career within the Order, Moth Graeme has served as Paybill at Shellhole, District and Provincial levels and as Treasurer of the MESCA Sound Memory Cottages Pretoria. Holding down a very demanding job, Moth Thorold creates time to not only fit in his commitments to the Order, but to actually do a great job while at it. Being the Provincial Paybill for Platinum Provincial Dugout, by far the largest Province within the Order, is not an easy job. With sheer commitment, due diligence and a great sense of honour, humour and pride, Graeme makes the job look easy. His ability to do all of this in his confident stride, is not always understood by lesser mortals who have neither the expertise nor the levels of commitment to emulate him in this regard.

Personal politics always plays a part in an organisation such as the M.O.T.H. Graeme has proven over an extended period of time that his character is sound and he has been able to rise above such matters, by continuing to produce great work on behalf of the Order, in the backroom, where knowledge and commitment is required and where those who seek the limelight, are not often found!

In fulfilling his M.O.T.H. commitments and sharing his great sense of humour with others, Graeme has received tremendous support from his better half Daline; the two of them being regular attendees of M.O.T.H. Memorial Parades throughout

the vast expanses of Platinum Province. As a person and as a Moth, Graeme is approachable and always willing to assist. He rolls up his sleeves and gets the job done without fanfare. It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to be associated with Graeme, a man who cares about those less fortunate and actually assists them, a man who commits to attending various Shellhole functions just to bring comfort and socialise, a man who has throughout his M.O.T.H. career been willing to step-in where and when required, to make a difference and deliver work of the highest calibre!

For his services to the Order, Moth Thorold has received the Certificate of Comradeship (February 2011) and the Certificate for Excellent Service (April 2017). After having held various Executive Offices, he currently serves as Platinum Provincial Paybill, Pretoria District Paybill, Vacant Chair Shellhole Paybill and special financial advisor to the MESCA Sound Memory Cottages Pretoria – not merely a bum on a seat!

Although born and bred in the United Kingdom, after emigrating with his family to South Africa, Graeme volunteered for National Service, where he served with SAMS and is a recipient of the General Service Medal.

Outside the M.O.T.H., Graeme is an active member at Harlequins Bowling Club and used to be involved at the Services Golf Club in Voortrekkerhoogte; his imposing golf-swing (Craig Stadler) being a regular spectacle at M.O.T.H. sponsored Golf-days.

Graeme Thorold is a Moth through and through, a credit to the Order and, as Executive members at all levels, we have no hesitation in recommending that he is awarded the Certificate of Merit for his extraordinary selfless service to the Memorable Order of Tin Hats; greatly assisting in ensuring that the Order's wheels in motion, stays oiled!

Old Bill  
Pretoria District Dugout

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