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Mr. Master of Ceremonies, the Honourable Minister of Finance, other Honourable Ministers present, the Secretary of the Department of the Chief Minister Mr Johns, the Commissioner of Police Brigadier Fontini, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission Mr Mncwanga, Senior Officials of the department:

of the Chief Minister, Finance and Police and all our colleagues in all these departments, I thank you for the opportunity of saying a few words to all my fellow-workers in all our departments.

It is a privilege to do 'so as the:ryear .draws to a close, I have said before at a similar occasion that I wish that we had more opportunities to know each other better, not only as fellow workers, but also as fellow human beings. The fact that this does not happen easily, is the penalty we pay for

the unfortunate ordering of our society. I have each year lamented the fact that we are not able to live as one community here, at ULUNDI. I requested that we should nevertheless in the circumstances try. .to strive as much as possible to know each other better. I do not know if much was achieved in this direction. I know that I had asked the Deputy Secretary to regard this effort as his particular project I

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at the same time appreciate that with the moving of the Chief Minister's Department to the new Legislative Building, and the fact that the departments of Finance and Police continue to operate at our original offices, this must have been rendered more difficult. I also appreciate that the new building is

in itself incomplete, which means that not all the facilities that are being provided for us at the New Assembly Buildings are available to us at this point in time as part of the building is still under construction.

I regard the departments under the various portfolios I hold, as part of one family., It is for this reason that I feel that members of a family should know each other better. This is not only good for the morale of those who in fact do work together as we do, but it is only in this way that the wheels of social intercourse amongst us, can be oiled and serviced through direct contact in the work situation and outside of the work situation., We interact at our places of work as a family, we should be able also to interact when we are at play outside the work situation. This is about the only way in which human beings can in fact know each other better, and even begin to cultivate friendships.

In my own simplistic way I always feel that it is possible for us here at ULUNDI to be a kind of oasis in human relationships. We are a very small community here, but I do think that we may as a microcosm of South African society prove that people like us who come from as diverse backgrounds as we come from, can in fact live and work together in harmony. We know, as most of us here are over 21 years, that our country is the polecat of the world because of the manner in which the ordering of

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our society is structured. So I certainly believe that whilst we serve the people of this Region called KwaZulu in our various roles, as we perform our various jobs, we do have at the same time a golden opportunity to prove a point as far as human relationships are concerned.

I have dedicated my life to finding a modus operandi et vivendi for our troubled land. It should therefore not surprise anyone who knows this, that I regard the field of human relationships as an important aspect of my work, not only in all of South Africa, but even right here, where I work on a daily basis. I am always nagged by the thought every day that if I cannot promote good human relationships right here where I am, within

a small a Community as we have here, how can I hope that I have a snowball's chance in Hell to do so within the greater South African society. This is a matter which is very close to my heart. If there are some who may be tempted to think that it is my political instinct which prompts me to speak as I do,

and therefore who may resent what they regard as politics at

a social gathering, let me tell them that the tenets of our Christian faith dictate this to us as well. We cannot proclaim ourselves as followers of Christ and at the same time not care two Hoots in Hell about our human relationships.

I do also believe that if there is harmony between people linked together by working for a common objective, they can in fact move mountains in the attainment of that objective. We can pull together in one direction if there is harmony amongst us. We must remember that we here serve the largest single ethnic group in South Africa, black or white, the Zulu people. If the experiment of harmonious human relationships works here, it will have a ripple effect beyond just the Zulu people.

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I know that most people here come here to enjoy themselves

at a Christmas Party and not really to listen to me. I would like to thank all members of Staff in the various departments under my particular portfolios for all they have done in the passing year. I thank the Heads of departments for their dedication, and for the effective manner in which they have made it possible for their particular departments to make the contributions which they have made this year, I highly appreciate what each and every member of staff in all our departments has done during this year. I know that we all need the where-withal to live and in order to support our families. I however, know many people in our service to whom finance is not at all a primary consideration at all. These are the people who are the salt of the earth and without whom what

has been achieved would not have been achieved this year.

We welcome the Honourable Minister of Finance Mr Madonsela_who has joined us since October. I have known Mr Madonsela for many years and it was with a sense of great relief that I heard him accept coming here to relieve me of the portfolio of Finance. I wish him well in the tasks that he has undertaken on behalf of the Nation. I feel certain, knowing Mr Madonsela as I do, that those who will work under his department will enjoy working under a man of his calibre, dedication and patriotism. I just want to remind his staff that Mr Madonsela is a Lawyer, so they can if they are skilful enough extract legal advice from him pro amico from time to time as long as they don't tell him why they ask him certain questions,

I thank the Chairman of the Public Service Commission Mr Mncwanga for his remarks this afternoon. I remain ever grateful that Mr Mncwanga accepted my invitation to come to Ulundi to serve his people in the highly responsible capacity in which he serves them. Mr Mncwanga has the interests of

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civil. servants at heart. Wherever he is whether â\200\230it "is here or overseas he is always trying to find out what he can do for the KwaZulu Civil Servant to make him better equipped to perform his tasks. In him our civil servants have both an elder brother and a friend.

The matter which feels me with sadness is the imminent departure of Mr Jordaan, who is due to leave for KaNgwane on promotion as Head of the Department of the KaNgwaneâ\200\231s Chief Executive Councillor. I have extremely mixed feelings about Mr Jordaanâ\200\231s impending departure from KwaZulu. As most of you know, the Hon. E. J. Mabuza is a colleague of mine and a Comrade in the South African Black Alliance and I wish him well in all he does. But his requesting the Department of Cooperation and Development to make Mr Jordaan's services available to KaNgwane presented me with a dilemma.

It was the same dilemma that would face a man if his best friend requested to share his wife or girl-friend a mensa et thoro, for however short a time. Even . it was just one day and night, all men who are here would understand what kind of conflict this would cause to their own minds. I do hope that we will have a special occasion on which I can thank

Mr Jordaan formally for what he has done for KwaZulu, My only consolation in all this is that Mr Jordaan is a youngster and also a Natal boy, and that therefore he may still return to us later before he retires.. â\200\230It . is difficult to imagine our establishment without Mr Jordaanâ\200\231s powerful presence in our midst.

I take this opportunity to thank members of staff who have done all they have done to make these elaborate arrangements for this Staff Christmass Party. I thank Mr Memela and Mrs Makiwane and their colleagues who have spared no effort to

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make this party as enjoyable as possible both from a gastronomic point of view and also from an aesthetic point of view. We thank them most sincerely for ensuring our happiness as we formally conclude this year together at this party.

I also thank the Satellite Singers, and the Skylines for entertaining us so magnificently. When we saw the programme many of us may have wondered why they called themselves 'Skylines' and 'Satellite Singers'. After their wonderful repertoire, we now perfectly understand why they call themselves those names.

They have really been super!

Let me wish you and yours a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year. May God bless you all,