

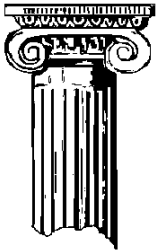
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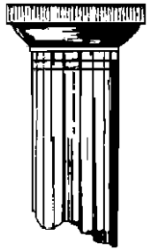


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Editorial

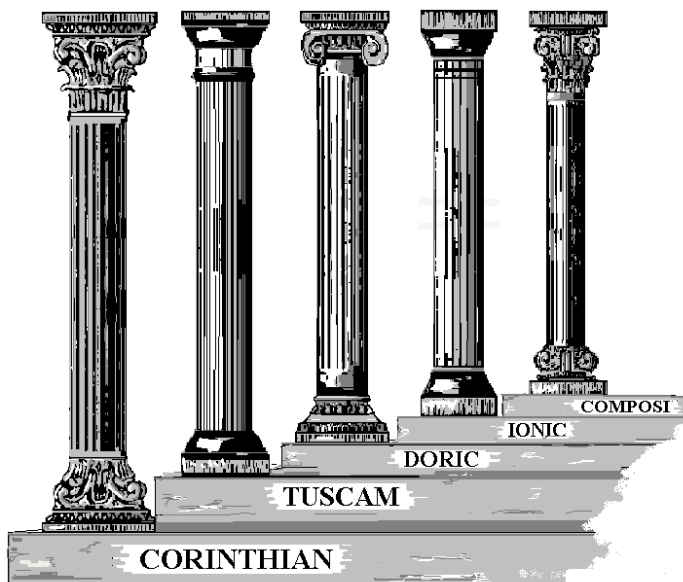


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Often it has been said, and without doubt it will continued to be repeated in Lodges the length and breadth of the country, that "*Visitors are the Lifeblood of Freemasonry*". How dull and comparatively lifeless our Regular Meetings would become if they were filled with nothing but our own Brethren (*I'd still like to see that Ed.*). We couldn't have had two better examples of this double edged sword than this month when on the 13th April our RWM Bro. Alan led a deputation of some 27 brethren from Lodge Union & Crown down to Lodge St Johns Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320 there to confer a third degree and also enjoy the company provided.

Then, as if to prove what goes around, comes around we were rewarded by a most welcome and long overdue return to Lodge Union and Crown, when their own RWM, Bro John Syme, brought a large deputation of brethren from our old friends at Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129 who in turn were accompanied by brethren of other Lodges. Anyone who was at either night would certainly feel that there wasn't any problems in attracting people to the Lodges.

As we hurtle towards the recess, indeed when this issue of the Mallet is published we will only be a few short days away from our final meeting prior to the recess, the dramatized "Prisoner of War Degree" (Tuesday 5th May) and those who saw its premier last year will no doubt be back to see what the Colonel and Sgt. Major have in store for their troops this time.



Another often overlooked event which occurs around this time are the Divine Services of the Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodge as well as that of the Royal Arch Chapters and Cryptic Councils. Please try and get along to at least one of these, particularly that of the Lodge.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 14th April 2015

The Companions of Rockmount RAC. conferred a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree.

While the numbers in attendance were disappointing, in part due to Companions being involved with their 'Blue' Lodges, that cannot take away from the excellent work done by the

Companions taking part in the degree who are to be congratulated on work very well done.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 12th May at 7:30pm

When a Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the Office Bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. This will also be our final meeting prior to the summer recess.

MEC Graham Manson MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on that evening.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

At the Regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 **C. Kevin Pollok** stepped up to act as our candidate for this evenings exemplification.

C. Kevin was accepted as a candidate and went through the full initiation rite of Rockmount Cryptic Council in what was a fine display of the Cryptic rite.

T.I.M David Bannerman wished all the Companions a good summer and as this is the last meeting before the recess invited us to attend the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 which will also be the A.G.M. and Installation.

Tuesday 23rd September 2014

Brethren, I received a text message today (30/04/2015) from our worthy Almoner, Bro. Alex White, and while it is too late to include in his own monthly report. It is with a heavy heart that I include in this edition of the Mallet the news that Bro. Duncan Birse, known to many in the Lodge, has passed away earlier today at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock. No details are presently available.

Our very own Bro Brian Morton PM who is presently RWM of Lodge St. Anthony no 154 in Aberdeenshire West will be delivering a paper on Symbolism In The First Degree at Lodge The Kings Park no 1386, where he is also a PM, on Wed 27th May so it would be nice to see a number of brethren from his mother lodge turning up to give him and of course The Lodge Of Research some support.

OTHER ROYAL ARCH NEWS

The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire will be having its DIVINE SERVICE on:

SUNDAY

3rd May 2015

2:30 for 3:00pm

STOWBRAE KIRK, CAUSEYSIDE STREET, PAISLEY

The Grand Superintendent, MEC Robert McCulloch, would like to see all the Chapters and Councils well represented on the day.



The half-yearly Convocation of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire will be held in the premises of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on:

Friday 22nd May 2015 at 07:30pm.

The Grand Superintendent, MEC Robert McCulloch, would like to see all the Chapters well represented on the night.



The Annual Divine Service will, this year take place at Lodge Thistle and Crown no 1167 on

Sunday 7th June.



Our Provincial Grand Master, Bro John Samuel Miller and his team of Provincial Grand Lodge Office Bearers have now completed their visits to all 37 lodges in the province with each and every lodge receiving a clear minute. This is a fantastic advert for the standards maintained in our province and everyone in Provincial Grand Lodge must be commended for their efforts.



Meet the candidate

Bro. James Scott lives in Ayr where he works as an area manager. Bro Jim is married to Tracy and has two sons, Cameron, 19 and Adam, 17. In his spare time Bro Jim likes to learn the piano and has an interest in music in general. Welcome aboard Bro Jim.



As previously intimated by me in the March issue of our magazine, the passing of Bro. Samuel Hay. I was present at the funeral Service held at Paisley's Woodside Crematorium on Saturday the 28th March 2015. While speaking to members of the family I once again expressed our sympathy on their loss. Warm kindness, in return, was given to me.

It is with profound sorrow I intimate the passing of Bro. Paul Henery, aged 50. Bro. Paul passed away peacefully at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow on Saturday 4th April 2015.

The funeral services were held at the Quarter Parish Church in the village of Quarter, near Hamilton, Lanarkshire and was officiated by Rev. Gordon Armstrong, Scottish Fire and Rescue Chaplain, and thereafter at Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow where the service was officiated by Rev. Leslie Edge, Prince and Princess of Wales chaplain. I attended both services and I was gratefully accompanied by Bro. James Laing our worthy Tyler, I sincerely appreciated his company and companionship on this day.

Bro. Paul joined Lodge Union & Crown some 18 months ago and on that memorable evening was accompanied by friends and colleagues. Though Bro. Paul did manage to attend a few meetings that soon became impractical due to the developing nature of his illness.

As your Almoner, I paid visits to Bro. Paul and his lovely wife, Angela, at their family home in Glasgow on more than one occasion. Angela and Paul truly and warmly welcomed me into their home and the ensuing conversations were anything but solemn and mostly centred on his 20 plus years of service and experience with the Fire service as well as the great joy they both experienced in life and on holidays throughout their married life.

In discussing Bro. Paul's interest in joining Lodge Union & Crown, I quietly witnessed the warmth with which he spoke of his friends who, at the funeral services 'shouldered' their commitment to Paul as Pall-bearers with dignity and ceremonial splendour.

On this day, I your Almoner, witnessed many, many, members of Scotland's Fire and Rescue Service standing shoulder to shoulder, from senior rank to junior rank displaying their respect for their departed colleague, Bro. Paul Henery and his dear wife Angela and wider family. Bro. Paul will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ye all members of Scotland Fire and Rescue Service. I, Alexander Doig White, Lodge Almoner of Lodge Union & Crown No.307, I do SALUTE YOU.

During the past month I have endeavoured, as always, to carry out the duties of Lodge almoner and have visited the following brethren and ladies of the Lodge:-

Bro. Jim Kerr PM (Home/several)

Bro. Graham Manson (Home/several)

Bro. Duncan Birse (Home/several)

Bro. Robert Nixon PM (Home)

Bro. John Osborne (home)
Bro. Robert Kennedy (Home)
Mrs Margaret McLellan (Home)
Bro. Wilson Davidson PM (Home)

Bro. Jim Phillips & Liz (Home)
Bro. Campbell Stewart (Home)
Bro. John Raeburn

I also spoke on the telephone with:

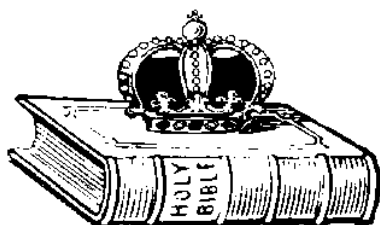
Bro. John Osborne

Mrs Norah Hutton

Brethren, please take note that I, in all Masonic assurance, declare and now abideth, Faith, Hope and Charity, these three but the greatest of these is Charity.

Brethren, I, your Worthy Almoner, await your call to aid and help you all, no matter what... I wish you all well.

Bro. Alex White, Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411



Bro. Ronnie McIsaac Sen. Chap. is hard at work with his team refurbishing the upstairs hallway and corridor and the results are looking fantastic already!

Not content to do all this Bro Ronnie has decided to erect a new fence at the side of the lodge to try and prevent litter from blowing into the garden are at the side of the lodge building. Bro Ronnie has asked for donations of £1.60 per paling from brethren but has informed us that unlike the bricks in the downstairs corridor we can't have our names on the fence palings!



With reference to the above mention of the bricks in the downstairs corridor, Bro Adam G Watson would like to remind the brethren, The Brick Project has been an incredible success in raising funds for the lodge and anyone wishing to purchase any further bricks only has to ask him. Well done to Bros Ronnie and Adam for overseeing these fantastic projects.

Summer Fayre

Saturday 30th May



Bro Ian Blair, Sub Master is looking for donations of Tombola Prizes, home baking, books, CD's, DVD's etc. and of course support from the brethren and their families on the day. Please come along and have an enjoyable afternoon in the lodge where there will be plenty food. The tea room and the bar as well as the usual attractions will be there. Any brother willing to help can contact Bro Ian.

As well as a fun day out, it is also a great opportunity for a social occasion with many wives, partners, families and friends joining the brethren in both the tearoom and bar as the day progresses.

It is also important however to remember this afternoon is without doubt one of the most important fundraisers of the year because with the lodge in recess, income is severely limited and bills still need to be paid.

It is vital therefore that the Summer Fayre is a success and that as many brethren as possible contribute in even the smallest way. Perhaps by handing in a prize, some old books, bric-a-brac (not old broken electrical equipment or VHS tapes!) and more importantly by turning up and participating on the day...

Of course we are only too aware of holidays, bowling, caravans and all the other distractions the summer brings but it cannot be emphasised strongly enough how important a good Summer Fayre can be to the Lodge.

The usual stalls will be there and the Right Worshipful Master Bro. Alan Bernard hopes this will be a successful day and appeals for a good attendance.



We had 3 brethren from Lodge Oak no 877 from Kelty in Fife at a recent meeting. This was their first visit to 307 and they enjoyed themselves very much, haste ye back brethren.

(Looks like they have themselves a nice wee Lodge Ed.)



Overheard at a funeral tea in Paisley.

“What amazes me is that at a funeral tea nobody ever talks about the deceased. By the way, how did the Gers get on last night?”

2nd GENERATION



SATURDAY 9TH MAY

Second Generation are an experienced duo, if you are looking for a good old knees-up Second Generation will provide an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

If you are looking for class and elegance this duo have it in abundance, however they are also down to earth, full of fun and ready to roll out the party numbers if and when required.

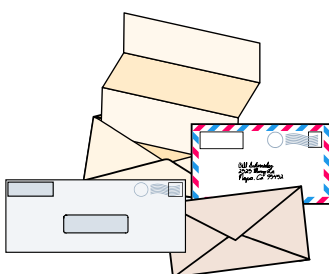
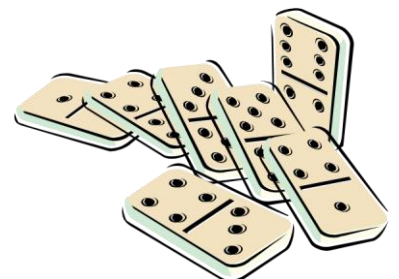
They have an enviable play list and you're just as likely to hear a good old swinging 60's classic as a current chart hit.

If interested in attending what should be a great night there are still a handful of tickets left.

For tickets and or further details contact Bro. Lawrence Webb (Tel: 0141-571 4330).



Bro Lawrence Webb, Director of Music, has been running a series of games nights on the last Friday of each month as well as a darts competition and these have proved to be popular and a great, fun night. It is hoped even more brethren will attend these evenings and join in when they resume after the recess.



Great to see another 2 petitions being read at our 7th April meeting. We are very fortunate to have this interest from gentlemen wishing to join the craft and our lodge in particular.

(Long may it continue Ed.)



WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(April 1915)



With the arrival of spring on the Western Front, German commanders began looking with interest at the Flemish town of Ypres in western Belgium, a site that had been successfully defended by the British the previous November. The Second Battle of Ypres was to become notorious for a sinister reason: it would see the first large-scale use of gas as a weapon of war on the Western Front. The age of weapons of mass destruction had begun (The Germans had already put it to use against the Russians in Poland).

The spring of 1915 also saw the "shell crisis of 1915". Persistent newspaper reports of a shortage of artillery shells on the front lines, and its impact on the war effort, led to a political crisis in London. Asquith's Liberal government was held responsible for the shortages and blamed for poor planning.

Once the fighting on the Western Front in France and Flanders settled into siege warfare that defied attempts by both sides to break through, some British politicians became entranced by the idea of attacking Germany 'by the back door'. Despite pre-war Naval planning that suggested a passage of the Dardanelles Straits was impossible, the lure of an easier route to the defeat of Germany became irresistible. The pro-western front support in the high Army command were overruled and eventually acquiesced.

Gallipoli is the most frequently used name for the peninsula to the west of the Dardanelles Straits, and the fighting that took place there between allied troops and Turkish troops between April 1915 and January 1916. Most famously, it was where the soldiers of the first ANZAC - the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps - went first into action during the Great War.

The planning of the Gallipoli operations was makeshift to say the least, but it was based on land operations only being required *in support of* a naval breakthrough of the Dardanelles Straits. The naval attempt to bombard the Turkish guns and forts failed, as did a half-hearted attempt to push through the Straits minefields. The Royal Navy now called on the army to capture the guns from the land side, and the door was thus opened to disaster.

It is easy to forget, given the quite proper place that Gallipoli has in Australian and New Zealand history, that Gallipoli was by no means purely an ANZAC affair; in fact, both the rest of the British, and the French army contingents on Gallipoli outnumbered the ANZACs in terms of men deployed and casualties lost.

It has proven to be very difficult to determine the losses on both sides in this most appalling and costly theatre: perhaps the most realistic estimates are that the Turkish army suffered 300,000 casualties and the Allies, 265,000.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 11 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Gordon Miller

At our regular meeting, on Tuesday 6th April 2004 Bro's:

Campbell Kennedy and Ronnie McIsaac

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order, in what was a fine Entered Apprentice the Degree conferred by a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from Lodge Craigielea, No.1218 who were our guests for the evening. The deputation, which numbered 19 Brethren, was headed by their own RWM, Bro Ian McDowall.

The Lodge Opened at 7:30pm, Closed at 9:48pm and the attendance was 80.

Following the regular business meeting on Tuesday 20th April "*The Guid Brethren o' the Ludge*" gave another splendid rendition of the dramatised Fellowcraft Degree, which had proved so popular over the last few years. This was in fact the 10th time that we have performed this entertaining degree.

The lodge was greatly honoured on this evening, when a very special visitor, paid an unannounced visit to Union & Crown. None other than Bro Sir Archibald Orr Ewing, Bart., B.A., the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Bro C Martin McGibbon. It is believed that this is the first time that a GMM has ever attended 307, and it was most heartening to see Bro. Orr Ewing mingling well amongst the Brethren of the Lodge. The Lodge opened at 7:30pm, Closed at 9:40pm with an attendance of 139.

The fortunate winners of the 100 Club cash prizes for the month of April, were:

Tuesday 6th April - £10 Miss Karine Livingstone; £5 : Bro Robin Murray PM

Tuesday 20th April £10 : Bro Bill Amabile; £5 Bro. Jim Kerr PM.

Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge No.4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song for many years. Some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to the US National Anthem "*The Star Spangled Banner*"

The town was devastated to hear that Nestlé are to close their Purina factory in the town with the lost of over 200 jobs. 307 have quite a number of Brethren who work in "The Kennomeat" and we sincerely hope that they are fortunate enough to secure new jobs soon.

It is extremely heartening to find that East Renfrewshire Council are making plans for a "Heritage Trail" in the town, and that our Temple, now almost 100 years old and a listed building, is to be included. A commemorative plaque will be fitted to the outside of the building later this year.



Humour



"I'm telling you, I'm not paranoid! Some time he only pretends to throw the ball to make me look like an idiot!"



Evidence uncovered to suggest Bro. Graham Manson PM is torturing his dog, Lacey, to pass the time while he recovers?

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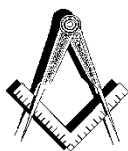
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"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"



Syllabus 2014-2015

* - Denotes an Official visit



May 2015

Tuesday	05 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	<i>Prisoners of War</i>
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RECESS

September 2015

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

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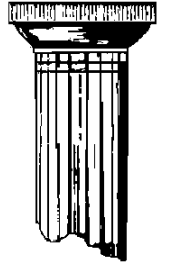
<i>*Saturday</i>	<i>3rd</i>		<i>Dramatisation</i>	<i>At Lodge Loretto Centenary No. 1373</i> <i>(FC Degree)</i>
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Paisley St Mirren No. 129</i>
Friday	9 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. David McArthur IPM
Saturday	28 th	04:00pm	Installation	2015-2016



OFFICE BEARERS 2014 - 2015



RWM	Alan Bernard
WSW	George McGrandles
WJW	Christopher Baillie
IPM / Secretary	David McArthur
Depute Master	Steven Allen PM
Substitute Master	Ian Blair
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
Inner Guard	Robert Clark
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Paul Stewart PM
Architect	David Graham
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Iain Nicol
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	John Miller
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Gordon Neil
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

