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There is absolutely no doubt whatsoever, that our monthly newsletter, which has survived many different trials and tribulations over the last forty-six years would have survived without the valuable contributions of our many Brethren (and their families). By this, we don't necessarily mean those who make the monetary donations on a regular basis, although this in itself is very gratifying, and has contributed greatly to Lodge Funds over the years.

What we are referring to is those who take the trouble to research information for inclusion on our pages, or perhaps pick-up an item or snippet on their travels, and pass it over on their return. Over the years the number of items we have published from sources such as these, is almost countless and without this "fountain of knowledge" from such a wide and fertile source, our humble journal would be much poorer.

We are fairly liberal in our editing of these articles. As long as we believe that they will be of an interest to our readers, and are generally of a Masonic nature, or about somebody or someone within the Craft we are happy to accept almost anything. We do draw the line at anything which we may regard as offensive, and thus far we don't think that we have upset too many people over the years. Perhaps that isn't exactly 100% accurate, as I remember a couple of times, failing to publish an article, on the grounds that it was simply too long. On one such occasion a rather dry subject ran to some 14 pages and I had the devil's own job explaining to its author (who was a PGM !!), why it had failed to make our pages. We do like to strike a balance, and whilst we appreciate that we aren't always entirely successful - we do try our best.

Over the years we have received rich and varied material from almost every corner of the globe. Sometimes this comes from good friends of 307, who are regular contributors, but on many occasions we have been delighted to receive something from a complete stranger, who happened to pick-up and read a copy of The Mallet, and decided to drop us a line.

We encourage everyone, no matter who they are, or what they have, to contact us, if they believe that they have something suitable for inclusion. We hope in the future not to disappoint you, and we are sure that you can all contribute in some small way to maintaining the success of our journal in the years ahead.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Robert Clark cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meeting of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Dramatised

Master Mason Degree

*by the Brethren of the
Lodge Instruction Class*

Harmony



Yours faithfully & fraternally

*R Evans Reid P.M.,
Lodge Secretary*

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 4th April the Brethren settled down expecting another rendition of the popular Dramatised FC Degree, only to discover that a small deputation of the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, headed by the PGM – Bro Ronald Fraser sought admission. This was duly completed, when another deputation, this time from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, led by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason – Bro William Ramsay McGhee.

Bro Bobby Clark, our Right Worshipful Master, presented the mallet to Bro Ramsay, who proceeded to announce that he was here, not only to witness the degree, but also to carry out some other pleasant business. He proceeded to explain that he had been asked to dedicate and present Past Depute Grand Master's regalia on behalf of 307 to Bro Bud Gauld DGMM, for his use in the future, after his year in office.

He also asked the Brethren to commence setting up for the ceremony, and asked Bro Johnny Gauld PM to retire in order to carry-out his 'special duties'. On his return, he brought Bro Bud's wife Mary, and his daughter's Amanda and Nicola, as well as Bro Johnny's wife Fiona who were asked to take a seat to allow them to witness, perhaps a unique ceremony.

Bro Ramsay, an honorary Member of Union & Crown, took great delight in presenting the regalia to a surprised and for once unprepared Bro Bud, explaining that his service to Grand Lodge over many years was a remarkable achievement and that he was most grateful for all the support and assistance he'd personally received from Bro Bud. As the ceremony drew to a close a humbled, but delighted Bro William Hyndman Gauld P.M., Depute Grand Master Mason sat down to a thunderous applause from the Brethren in attendance.

With the ladies retiring, the Lodge was reconvened and all enjoyed the Dramatised FC Degree by the 'Gud Brethren o' the Ludge'

Thereafter the Brethren adjourned downstairs to the Function Suite, and rejoined the ladies, where all enjoyed a fine Lodge Harmony, with a special buffet laid on.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.55pm

Attendance : 74



At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April, the following Candidate :

Donald Ross McLardy

received a fine MM Degree from the Installing Masters, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, in what was a spirited 3rd Degree.

Thereafter the Brethren retired to the Function Suite, where all enjoyed a fine Lodge Harmony, in each other's company.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.42pm

Attendance : 49



At the Regular Meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 11th April, the Companions of Rockmount RAC conferred a fine Royal Arch Degree on :

Edward Mullin

Those taking part are to be congratulated, for all their efforts in what was a very good degree.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, is scheduled for **Tuesday 9th May** at 7-30pm where a Lecture will be given on a particular part of the Order by MEC John S Miller PZ.

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

100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes over the last month, were :

4th April	£20 : Bro Bryce McCaig
	£10 : Bro Paul Stewart PM
18th April	£20 : Jim Miller PM
	£10 : Bro George McGrandles PM

Bro George McGrandles P.M., our Treasurer, is still taking names for this year, with the annual fee still very good value at £10. Anyone interested should see Bro George as soon as possible.

Masonic Poem

The gavel sounds and all is still:
The Master speaks, proclaims his will:
Each one obeys, takes up his tools.
Inspects the land, consults the rules:
With Trowels and Level, Plumb and Square,
Each stone is set exactly where
the plan provides, the drawing shows
And day by day the Temple grows:

The porch is finished, pillars placed;
The strands of network inter-laced;
The chambers furnished, pavement laid,
The sacred vessels all displayed:
The walls are standing straight & true;
The roof is on, the labour through:
The Master speaks, the work is done:
The gavel sounds, God calls us home.

(Bro Montford C Holley)

BITS & PIECES

- There are still a few seats for Bro Alan Izatt's fishing day up at Harelaw Fishery, just beyond Neilston on Saturday 20th May. If you're interested, you should speak with Bro Alan before it is too late (☎ 07742 423890)
- Bro Graham Manson P.M., our Instruction Master, is keen to have new Brethren coming forward to perhaps learn a small piece of ritual. Anyone interested should have a word with Bro Graham, or even pop along to the Instruction Class some Monday evening in the Temple.
- Congratulations to our W.S.W. Bro Stephen Scott who had a smashing 60th birthday celebration with his family and close friends at Loch Green House Hotel in Troon.
- Another who marked a 'milestone birthday' was Bro Jim Kennedy Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Randolph, who turned 70 recently
- Great to See Bro Alex Aitken at a recent Lodge meeting for the first time since the Covid pandemic.
- Well done to our Worthy Deacons – Bro Ross Aitken SD and Bro Eddie Mullin JD for all their efforts in putting together the recent Lodge Coffee Morning. The spread of home baking on offer was fantastic and both Brethren would like to offer their grateful thanks to all who assisted, beforehand or on the day. We believe that in excess of £500 was raised for Lodge Funds.
- Wasn't it a lovely sight to see Bro Vic Chapman escorting, and presenting the deputation of Past Masters, led by his great pal – Bro Bud Gauld PM in to the Lodge for the recent MM Degree. No easy thing to do at extremely short notice.
- It was good to see Bro Billy Dickie and his wife Bette at the Lodge Coffee Morning. They came armed with their own personal mugs as they say it saves them having to get constant 'fill-ups' !!
- It would be unfair to mention Bro Billy Dickie, without acknowledging his 'shadow' Bro Billy Little too. They are like 'co-enjoined twins' at times
- Sorry to hear that Bro Jimmy Laing has had a spell in hospital. He'd been a little off-colour recently and the medics decided to take him in to find out why.
- Isn't it heartening to see Bro Steff Lawniczak as he supports his Mother Lodge so well year after year. Rarely misses a Lodge Meeting, always in the Social Club when it is open and happy to step in when asked. A true Freemason.
- We gather that Bro David McArthur P.M. has joined the 'Cryptic Council'. Where does he find the time nowadays ?
- Bro Alex Morrison PM 129, and an affiliate to Union & Crown is a tremendous supporter of all that is 307. Now over 90, he thinks nothing of popping over from his house in Paisley if there's something on. He dragged his daughter Jennifer along to our recent Coffee Morning, and spent almost the entire morning there.

Famous Freemasons

(This month we tell of a young man who was so shocked of the abject poverty which children were found in his adopted home of London, that he set out to do something about it, setting up an institution which still exists 150 years later)

Bro Doctor Thomas John Barnardo (1845 – 1905)

Barnardo was born in Dublin, in 1845. He was the fourth of five children of John Michaelis Barnardo, a furrier who was of Sephardic Jewish descent, and his second wife, Abigail, an Englishwoman and member of the Plymouth Brethren.

In the early 1840s, his father emigrated from Hamburg to Dublin, where he established a business; he married twice and fathered seven children. The Barnardo family "traced its origin to Venice, followed by conversion to the Lutheran Church in the sixteenth century". Barnardo wrote that, as a child, he was selfish and thought that everything that was not his should belong to him. However, as he grew older, he abandoned this mindset in favour of helping the poor.

Barnardo moved to London in 1866. It was during this time that he became interested in becoming a missionary or perhaps a doctor. When he arrived, he was shocked to find children living in terrible conditions, with no access to education. Poverty and disease were so widespread that one in five children died before their fifth birthday. When a cholera epidemic swept through the East End, leaving 3000 people dead and many orphaned children, the young Barnardo felt an urgent need to help.

His first step, in 1867, was to set up a 'ragged school' where children could get a free basic education. One evening a boy at the mission, Jim Jarvis, took Barnardo around the East End, showing him children sleeping on roofs and in gutters. What he saw affected him so deeply he decided to abandon his medical training and devote himself to helping children living in poverty.

In 1870, Barnardo opened his first home for boys. As well as putting a roof over their heads, the home trained the boys in carpentry, metalwork and shoemaking, and found apprenticeships for them.

Barnardo's work was radical. The Victorians saw poverty as shameful, and the result of laziness or vice. But Barnardo refused to discriminate between the 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor. He accepted all children, regardless of race,



disability or circumstance. Barnardo believed that every child deserved the best possible start in life, whatever their background.

In June 1873, Barnardo married Sara Louise Elmslie, known as Syrie, the daughter of an underwriter for Lloyd's of London. Syrie shared her husband's interests in evangelism and social work. The couple settled at Mossford Lodge, Essex, where they had seven children, three of whom died in early childhood. A fourth child, Marjorie, had Down syndrome.

One daughter, Gwendolyn Maud Syrie (1879–1955), known as Syrie like her mother, was married to wealthy businessman Henry Wellcome, and later to the writer Somerset Maugham, and became a socially prominent London interior designer.

In November 1889, at the height of his philanthropic career and at the mature age of 44, Thomas John Barnardo was initiated into Freemasonry in the Shadwell Clerke Lodge No. 1910 at the Hotel Cecil in the Strand. The Lodge was founded in November 1882 in honour of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, PSGD who had been appointed Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England two and half years earlier.

Barnardo's progress through the three degrees took place in the old-fashioned way: one degree a year. He was passed on 23 June 1890 and raised on 8 October 1891

Nicknamed 'The Doctor', he was recognized as a leading reformer of the 19th century on a par with Sir Robert Peel, Elizabeth Fry and Florence Nightingale. Single-handed, over a period of four decades, he improved the life of hundreds of thousands of destitute children. At the time of his death, in September 1905, there

were nearly 8,000 children in 96 of his residential homes. Some 1,300 had disabilities and 4,000 were 'boarded out', with foster parents.

After Barnardo's death, a national memorial was instituted to form a fund of £250,000 to relieve the various institutions of all



financial liability and to place the entire work on a permanent basis. William Baker, formerly the chairman of the council, was selected to succeed the founder of the homes as honorary director. Barnardo was the author of 192 books dealing with the charitable work to which he devoted his life.

Barnardo's work was carried on by his many supporters under the name Dr Barnardo's Homes. Following changes in the mid-20th century, the charity changed its focus from the direct care of children to fostering and adoption, renaming itself Dr Barnardo's. Following the closure of its last traditional orphanage in 1989, it took the still simpler name of Barnardo's.

(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we visit a lodge in the New Town of East Kilbride)

Lodge Douglas, No.1557



On 29th October 1958 - Bros. D S Reid, T Fox, J D Henderson, A C Graham and A Lindsay were returning to East Kilbride from Lodge Regal, No.1422, where David, as a Past Master of that Lodge, had conferred the Third Degree. The link, which had brought them together, in the new town of East Kilbride, was Freemasonry and it is perhaps not surprising, in the discussion which took place, that a new Lodge was suggested.

To Bro Tom Fox falls the honour of proposing the same, and it was reported that they conferred on this into the "sma hours" of the morning. From this episode emanated a meeting of the first seven with a desire to spread the Light of Masonry. Viz. D.S. Reid, T. Fox, J.D. Henderson, A.C. Graham, A. Lindsay, M. Forsyth and A. Reid.

From the initial steps in late 1958, various meetings and applications were made to both Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge before the charter was finally granted by Grand Lodge on the 7th May 1959, with Lodges St. John, Busby, No.458, and Lodge St. Andrew, East Kilbride, No.524 supporting the application.

On the 27th June 1959 the Erection and Consecration of Lodge Douglas, No.1557, East Kilbride, and Installation of Office Bearers took place in A.E.U. Hall, Bosfield Place, East Kilbride. The A.E.U. Hall was packed to capacity and the facilities were augmented by two large tents pitched outside the Hall, which provided cloakroom facilities.

As the PGL of Renfrewshire East, headed by the RWPGM, Bro. Robert MacMenemy carried out the duties of Erection, Consecration & Installation, the sun was truly at its meridian and our Provincial Office-Bearers had to labour under the discomfort of intense heat. The Lodge has every reason to be grateful to the Principal

Office-bearers who throughout our early days, were ever ready with advice. Indeed to inherit a Province, which has such a high standard as that of Renfrewshire East.

Within a period of seven months this great undertaking was accomplished and not without sacrifice, skill, and perseverance on the part of the Founders who produced the finished products of Lodge Furniture, Ornaments, Lights, Jewels, tools, Emblems, Regalia etc. To David Reid, the first Right Worshipful Master and Chief Architect, great tribute must be paid, not only for his knowledge of the Craft, but for his ability in leadership that prompted and inspired the Brethren to execute the Design.



Significant Milestones in the History of the Lodge

- 1980** Disposal of Lodge Grounds in the old village of East Kilbride.
- 1984** 25th Anniversary of the Lodge, held in the Ballerup Hall, when a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East carried out a Rededication ceremony.
- May 1986** Lodge purchased the Douglas Hall from A.E.U. for £12,000. Lodge receive an interest free loan of £1000 from Lodge Union and Crown, No.307, to assist with the purchase.
- Nov 1986** Special Dinner held to officially open premises, opened by George McKillop, Provost of East Kilbride District Council, and Bro. David A. Reid, R.W.M.
- 1988** Purchase of ground from EK Development Corporation for £500.
- 1991** Lodge repaid loan of £1000 to Lodge Union and Crown, No.307.
- 1996** The Douglas, East Kilbride, Masonic Trust formed with Lodge Douglas, Lodge Kil bryd and the East Kilbride Royal Arch Chapter.
- April 2000** A major fire caused extensive damage to the Entrance Hall, Kitchen and Bar area. the total cost of repairs amounted to £40,000 .
- May 2001** Completion of the Building of an extension to the existing premises, facilitated by The Douglas, East Kilbride, Masonic Trust
- June 2009** Golden Jubilee



Douglas Hall

Did you Know ?

- That the earliest record of a Third Degree belongs to Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning, No.18, which was founded in 1726. The minute of January 29th 1726 states that *“there were present 7 MM’s, 6 FC’s and 3 EA’s”*
- That Ohio’s Ophir Lodge, No.33 claims the largest Master’s chair in world. It is a 15 feet long bench, and usually sits the WM, PM’s and any visiting dignitaries.
- That following a battle between the US Cavalry and a group of Native Americans, one of the braves, Chief Pretty Bear, was killed and on his body was found the badge of a Royal Arch Mason, the words “West Springfield Illinois” inscribed on it.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd May

Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a Dramatised MM Degree will be conferred.

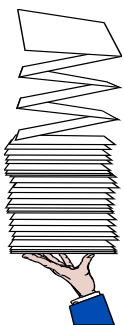
Monday 15th May

Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

(In addition to the above, the R.W.M. and his Wardens are constantly involved in unofficial visits to sister Lodges. Details of which can be easily obtained by contacting Bobby Clark RWM or via the Lodge Website at <http://unionandcrown307.com>) or any senior Office-bearer,

They will be only too pleased to take you along with them as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province)

Paper Appeal



As ever, we are always on the lookout for that most essential of commodities – PAPER, for our journal.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m² paper, preferably white but any colour will do. Without sufficient stocks, we simply cannot print enough copies of our journal to satisfy our wide-ranging readership. So if you have the odd ream lying about just let us know and we’ll even arrange to have it picked-up if necessary.

In addition, we also need 160g/m² card for various tasks within the Lodge.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 29 Years Ago

No. 173

April 1994

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April, the following two Candidates :

BRIAN NICOL STUART MYLET

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Craigielea, No.1218 in what was a fine rendering of the E.A, Degree.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-58pm

Attendance : 123

On Tuesday 19th April at the close of the normal Lodge business, in place of the customary degree, the Lodge welcomed a good friend of Union & Crown – Bro Frank Welsh P.M. of Lodge Dalhousie No.679 in Carnoustie, who thoroughly entertained the assembled Brethren with a most informative lecture entitled "Masonry Throughout The World".

With the aid of some beautifully taken slides, he took us on a pictorial journey around most of the known masonic world and enthralled everybody with his deep knowledge of the countries involved. We are indeed indebted to Bro Frank for taking the trouble to impart to us an insight in to what Freemasonry is like all over the globe.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-47pm

Attendance : 102

BITS and PIECES

We notice that Bro Vic Chapman has reached his half century and our only comment is that he's wearing well, it must be the fact that he's married to a young wife that does it !

Hasn't Bro Jim Cherry done extremely well with his fund raising efforts for the Lodge, his most recent sideline of masonic keyrings is proving very popular with everybody. Goodness knows what total he's raised over the years.

It was good to see that the recent "Top Team Quiz" organised by our hard-working Social Convenor, Bro Iain Nicol, was such a success and raised over £200 for the Building Fund.

Congratulations to Bros Eric and Nigel Fennell on the birth of a Grandson and Son respectively.

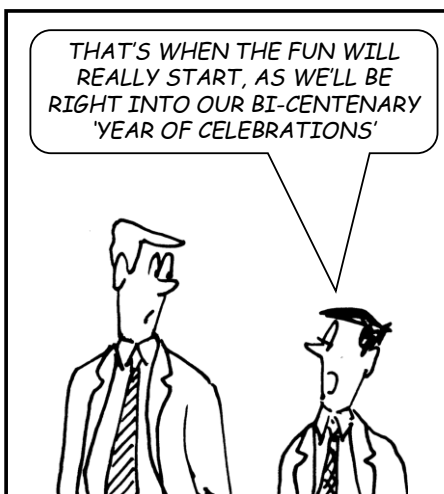
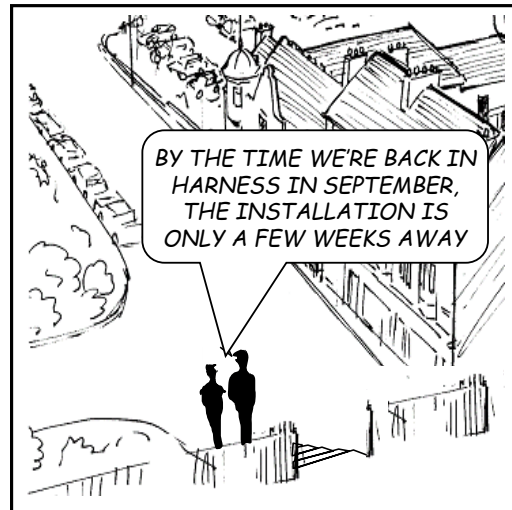
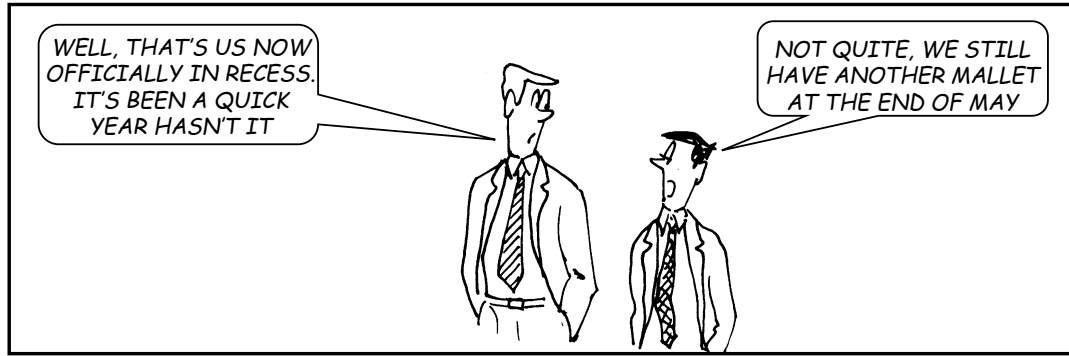
We again thank Bro Bill Drummond P.M. of Lodge St Patrick's No.1309 for his most generous donation to our funds.

We offer our congratulations to one of the oldest residents of The Marcus Humphery Home at Bridge of Weir. Bro David Burnett P.M. of Lodge Blythswood, No.817 celebrates his 100th Birthday on the 15th of May and we wish him many happy returns.

It was good to see recently that Bro David Kerr scooped the £900 first prize in the Arthurlie F.C. Tote.

We congratulate Bro Steven Walker on his election as President of Shanks Bowling Club in succession to Bro Tom Smith P.M.

MARK N' ARCHIE



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