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They say that the painting on the Forth Bridge is never actually complete, as soon as they finish at one end, it is already time to start all over again at the other and !

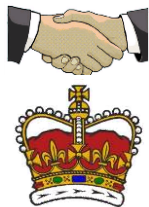
The maintenance of our own Lodge property is a much similar scenario, with a whole host of Brethren continually beavering away to ensure that it is maintain to a particularly high standard, with many initiative additions and alterations. On several occasions in recent times, visitors to our Temple, both old and new, have remarked that our premises are looking superb. This doesn't come easy, and too many Brethren to mention, are wholly responsible for the current high standards we enjoy.

There has been a whole host of improvements made in recent years, with fresh lighting throughout, new carpets, new seating in the temple, new toilets, upgrades t the heating system, a greatly enhanced entrance hall, additional storage for visitors, new ceiling tiles, a totally refurbished and re-equipped Lounge Bar and so much more.

Many thousands of pounds have been raised and thereafter spent on a well-thought out programme of refurbishment, and each of those who gave up their time to organise events, and of course those who supported them by attending and putting their hands in their pockets are due the grateful thanks of each one of us for their contributions.

But as I said at the onset of this editorial, no sooner will we have reached a point where some will believe that we have everything just as we want it, when another repair or refurbishment will kick-off the next round of work.

So we ask all our readers to continue to support the Lodge in all its valuable efforts over the coming months (and years!!)



# Lodge Union & Crown

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*Dear Sir & Brother,*

*The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Thomas Nicol Hynd cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :*

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

***Dramatised Master Mason Degree***

*Conferred by*

*Lodge Instruction Class*

*Harmony*



***Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

***Annual General Meeting***

*Election of Office-bearers etc.*

*Harmony*



*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*David McArthur P.M., Secretary*

# Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the RWM welcomed all the brethren to the first meeting following the summer recess.

Thereafter a fine Fellowcraft Degree was conferred by a deputation of 16 Brethren from Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426 upon a substitute Candidate. Unfortunately, our Candidate for that evening was unable to be present due to unavoidable work commitments, and he will take his degrees at a later date.

Following the close of the lodge a very fine harmony took place with all the brethren present enjoying a good catch up after the summer break with both our own members and all the visitors.

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.28pm**

**Attendance : 79**

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out an excellent rendition of our 'Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree', which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance, especially the high number of visitors.

**Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.26 pm**

**Attendance : 63**



## 100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for the month of September were :

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**     £20 : **Bro Tom Conway**

   £10 : **Mrs Isobel Lawson**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**     £10 : **Bro Jim Renfrew PM**

   £5 : **Bro Alex White**

Names are still being taken for next year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro Jim Kerr PM, our Treasurer.

## ***Big Breakfast***

Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW is organizing another of his popular 'Big Breakfast' fundraisers on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Lodge Function Suite.

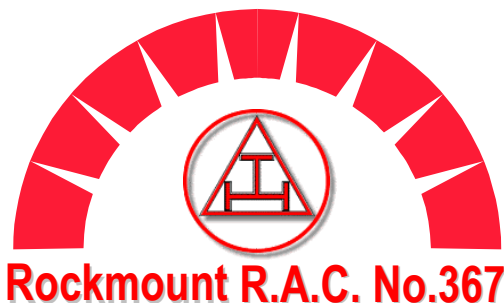
On from 10am till 1pm, you'll be guaranteed a hearty (and healthy ??) start to the day from Bro Ronnie and his team. Any donations, especially of Home Baking would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets costing £3.00 are available from Bro Ronnie or any Office-bearer.



# BITS & PIECES

- We gather that Bro Bud Gauld's elder daughter Amanda has been appointed as 'Depute Head of Education' at the University of Strathclyde.
- Bro Robert Scott, our popular Senior Deacon, gave an excellent talk at a recent meeting of Lodge Randolph on the events surrounding the Grenfell Tower Fire in June 2017. Bro Robert was a high-ranking officer in the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service until his retirement last year.
- Our thanks again go to Bro George Smith of Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153 for his generous donation of paper for our newsletter.
- Any brother wishing to get involved in degree work is warmly invited to attend Lodge Instruction Class on a Monday evening from 7.30pm, or speak to Bro. Tom Mulholland PM our Instruction Master.
- As we write, PMs Donald Cook and Robert Miller and their wives are enjoying a luxury cruise around Australia and the South Sea Islands.
- Good to see Danny Webster, who has lived in Western Australia for some 25 years, back at a meeting whilst in Scotland on Holiday.
- We gather that Bro Tom Wilson and his wife Liz will be moving in to the upstairs flat very soon. We wish them well.
- Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convener tells us that tickets are now available for the Christmas Dance on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and anyone interested should move fast.
- After a long and extremely arduous selection process, Bro Jim Renfrew PM's daughter Leanne has been accepted in to Police Scotland as a recruit.
- Bro Ian McCulloch PM 1218, and a long time resident of Barrhead, has recently sold his home and moved back to his roots in Paisley.
- Our Bro Treasurer Jim Kerr P.M. would like to inform the brethren that Test Fees are now due at £40 per head and any brother wishing to either pay the capitation fee of £35 or contribute towards it should see Bro Jim as soon as possible.
- We wish Bro Bud Gauld PM and his popular wife Mary best wishes on their forthcoming Golden Wedding celebrations.
- What a treat to see a number of brethren back at the lodge for the first time in a while. A very warm welcome back into the fold.
- We're told that Bro Colin McLardy PM is moving over to Texas in the next couple of months to take up a position with First Bus Group. He is to be based in North Houston, and Bro Jim Renfrew PM has promised to provide him with plenty of Masonic contacts in that area.
- It was good to see a handful of Reigning Masters at a recent meeting. Among them was Bro Jim Pride RWM of Lodge Loretto Centenary, No.1373 We are of course travelling to his Lodge in Dalkeith during October to confer the 'Prisoner of War' Degree,



The M.E. First Principal, MEC Hugh Cattigan and his Office Bearers would like to thank all the Companions who took the trouble to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter on Tuesday 11th September 2018. The Companions present were delighted to elect MEC David Allan to the position of First Principal of Rockmount RAC for this the first time.

Following the nomination and election of Companions into the remaining offices and subsequent completion of the business at hand all the Companions retired to the downstairs lounge which had been set out for the Chapter's harmony supper and a good night was had by all.

The next Meeting of the Chapter will be our Annual Installation and this will take place on:- **Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7:00pm**

MEZ, MEC Hugh Cattigan extends a cordial invitation, on behalf of MEC David Allan, to all Companions from within and without the Province to attend.



On Tuesday 25th September 2018 Rockmount Cryptic Council held its combined Annual General Meeting and Installation.

Installing Principals, James Miller PTIM and John S. Miller PTIM of Rockmount CC No 367 installed TIM George Paul PTIM back into the chair of the Council and his office bearers into their respective offices in what was a most dignified ceremony enjoyed by all in attendance. After the ceremony the Companions enjoyed a harmony downstairs.

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 07:30pm.

## Royal Arch & Cryptic Council Syllabus

### Royal Arch Meetings

Tuesday 9th Oct	<b>Installation</b>
Tuesday 13th Nov	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 11th Dec	<b>Regular (RA)</b>

### 2019

Tuesday 8th Jan	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 12th Feb	<b>Regular (RA)</b>
Tuesday 12th Mar	<b>Prov. Visit</b>
Tuesday 9th Apr	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 14th May	<b>Regular (RA)</b>
Tuesday 10th Sept	<b>A.G.M.</b>
Tuesday 8th Oct	<b>Installation</b>

### Cryptic Council Meetings

Tuesday 24th Sept	<b>A.G.M. &amp; Installation</b>
Tuesday 26th Nov	<b>Regular</b>

### 2019

Tuesday 21st Jan	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 12th Mar	<b>Prov. Visit</b>
Tuesday 26th Mar	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 24th Apr	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 24th Sept	<b>A.G.M. &amp; Installation</b>

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### **200 for 200 Fundraising Initiative**

Just before the recess that the Bi Centenary Sub Committee issued a short newsletter to update Brethren on progress with regards our 200th Anniversary Celebration.

Within the newsletter there was an item entitled “200 for 200” where Brethren were asked to commit to supporting the Lodge, in efforts to commemorate our bi centenary, by contributing £200 each between now and February 2024.

The call for support has been well received by a number of Brethren. Some have elected to pay this sum as a one-off payment and others have committed to paying £40 a year over the five years that remain before the anniversary.

To those who are willing to support us in this effort, we greatly appreciate your commitment and can assure you your contribution will be put to good use. We must stress however that this is in no way mandatory, and we fully understand that some Brethren may feel they are unable to support this initiative for a variety of reasons. This is entirely their prerogative.

If you do want to support this fundraising effort we would be grateful if you could give your name to Brother Robert Scott, our Senior Deacon, who will add you to the list of those already committed to this initiative.

### **If I give it – will I get it?**

For those who do choose to support the “200 for 200” fundraising effort you will not only be supporting your Mother Lodge, you will also receive a number of benefits. These include:

- A Ticket for the Bi Centenary Dinner
- 5 Complimentary Drinks on the day
- A Commemorative Jewel to mark the occasion
- A Commemorative Token
- Your name displayed on a brick on a new board within the downstairs function suite
- Your name printed within the new edition of the Lodge History book



# Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** Annual General Meeting of the Lodge where all our Office-bearers and committees etc. will be elected.
- Friday 5th Oct** Visitation to The Lodge of Fort William, No.43 where we have been invited to confer the 'Prisoner of War' Degree as part of the Lodge's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the 'Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class' will be conferring a Dramatised MM Degree.
- Saturday 20th Oct** Visitation to Lodge Loretto Centenary, No.1373 where we have been invited to confer the 'Prisoner of War' Degree.
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** Visitation to Lodge Prince of Wales No.43 where we have been invited to confer a Fellowcraft Degree.

*(In addition to the above, the R.W.M. is constantly involved in unofficial visits to Sister Lodges, details of which can be obtained by contacting any senior Office-bearer who will be only too pleased to take you along with them as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province.*

## Almoner's Report

I made the following **home phone calls** during the month of September :

Bro Ian McPhie	Bro Tom Mulholland (Bute)	Mrs Sheila McCulloch
Bro Willie Reid	Bro Paul Higgins	Mrs Marion Reid
Bro Donald Ferguson	Bro John W Smith	Mrs Florence Laird
Bro Robert Kennedy	Bro Robert Nixon PM	Mrs Karen Laird
Bro Jim Boulton	Bro Allan McIntyre	Mrs Eleanor Dougray
Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW	Bro Campbell Stewart	Mrs Dora Pattison

**Care Home Visits :** Bro Robert Kennedy (Several) at Norwood

**Home Visits :** Allan McIntyre & his wife Margaret following discharge from Hospital

**Brother Alexander White**

**Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411**

# Now you Know ?

How often have we sat at an E.A. Degree and watched the Candidate being invested and wondered about the terms the WSW uses during this delightful piece of ceremonial. In an attempt to enlighten some of our readers, especially the younger ones, we have managed to put together some details :

**The Golden Fleece :** Many will be familiar with the ancient fable of the Golden Fleece and the heroic adventures of Jason and his Argonauts, who sailed through many perils to finally capture the miraculous prize. Unfortunately ancient mythology neglects to keep us informed of what became of our ancient heroes and their prize.



Our ceremonial actually refers to the Order of the Golden Fleece which was an Chivalrous Order of Knighthood established in Flanders (modern day Belgium) in the mid 15<sup>th</sup> century by Philip the Bold Duke of Burgundy. The fleece was selected as its badge, because wool was the staple product of that region. It has always been considered as one of the most illustrious orders in Europe.

Today the order is still very much in existence, although it has two separate branches – one Spanish, and the other Austrian with King Juan Carlos himself the head of the Iberian branch.

**The Roman Eagle :** In ancient Rome the majestic Eagle was adopted as a symbol of Rome's military might. It had be traditionally believed to have brought the symbols of earthly power to King Tarquinius Princus and was adopted in 104 B.C. as the military emblem of the Legions throughout the Empire. Originally made of simple wood, it soon began to be cast in bronze or silver with expanded wings and was carried by the Centurion. It symbolically became the rallying point for the troops in battle and was without doubt to the citizens of Rome the ensign of Imperial Power



**The Order of the Garter :** An order of knighthood, it is the most ancient and illustrious in the world. Originally instituted by Edward III in 1348, it was confined to the King, Prince of Wales and 24 Knight Companions, although the numbers have since expanded to allow additional "Royal Knights". Each Knight has a private stall in St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle where his banner and personal coat of arms are permanently displayed during his lifetime. If, however, a Knight breaks his vow, he is expelled and his banner turned towards the wall – not fit to be seen.



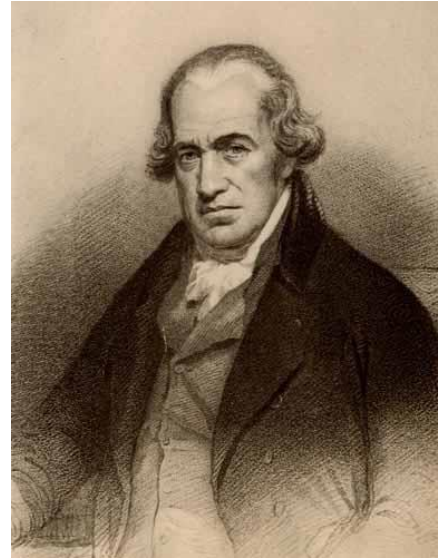
The origin of the emblem of the Order, a blue garter, is obscure. It is said to have been inspired by an incident which took place whilst the King danced with Joan, Countess of Salisbury. The Countess's garter fell to the floor and after the King retrieved it he tied it to his own leg. Those watching this were apparently amused, but the King admonished them saying, '*Honi soit qui mal y pense*' (Shame on him who thinks this evil). This then became the motto of the Order

# Famous Scottish Freemasons

*(Continuing our series of the Brethren portrayed in the Mural in our Function Suite, we turn this month to the Scot who is best known for his discovery of the properties of Steam, an important driving feature of the Industrial Revolution)*

## Brother James Watt (1736-1819)

James Watt was born in Greenock on 18 January 1736. His father was a prosperous shipwright and Baillie in the Clydeside port. Watt initially worked as a maker of mathematical instruments, at Glasgow University, but soon became interested in steam engines.



The first working steam engine had been patented in 1698 and by the time of Watt's birth, Newcomen engines were pumping water from mines all over the country. In around 1764, Watt was given a model Newcomen engine to repair. He realised that it was hopelessly inefficient and began to work to improve the design. He designed a separate condensing chamber for the steam engine that prevented enormous losses of steam. His first patent in 1769 covered this device and other improvements on Newcomen's engine.

Watt's partner and backer was the inventor John Roebuck. In 1775, Roebuck's interest was taken over by Matthew Boulton who owned an engineering works in Birmingham. Together he and Watt began to manufacture steam engines. Boulton & Watt became the most important engineering firm in the country, meeting considerable demand. Initially this came from Cornish mine owners, but extended to paper, flour, cotton and iron mills, as well as distilleries, canals and waterworks. In 1785, Watt and Boulton were elected fellows of the Royal Society.

In 1763, aged 24, he married and set up his own business in Glasgow's Saltmarket near St Andrew's Square. In order to make a living, he manufactured mathematical instruments and repaired musical instruments, including organs. In June 1763 he was initiated in to the now defunct Glasgow Royal Arch Lodge No.77. However, the business was not sufficiently profitable to provide a reasonable living for Watt and his wife Margaret, and he undertook work as a Civil Engineer and was involved in surveys of the Forth & Clyde Canal, Monklands Canal, Caledonian Canal and the Crinan Canal

By 1790, Watt was a wealthy man and in 1800 he retired and devoted himself entirely to research work. He patented several other important inventions including the rotary engine, the double-action engine and the steam indicator, which records the steam pressure inside the engine.

Watt died on 19 August 1819. A unit of measurement of electrical and mechanical power - the watt - is named in his honour, and his image appears on the Bank of England £50 note.



## **WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918 (September 1918)**



While the UK and her allies continued to make headway on nearly all military engagements perhaps the situation on the home front was the most dire, within a year killing more people than the war itself. The Flu Epidemic of 1918 was the most devastating event of the twentieth century. Walking down any given street in the year 1918 between the months of June and December, one would take notice of coffins lining the sidewalks. Nobody was on the streets, and dead bodies were stuffed into every available space.

It became popularly known as the Spanish influenza. This is slightly a misnomer because although it became widely known in Spain during the spring of 1918, it had been noticed on British and US army bases and knew no borders or boundaries. This new virus became extremely deadly in a short amount of time. A victim could be walking around feeling perfectly healthy one morning, be bedridden by nightfall, and have died before daybreak. Doctors were baffled, and gave vaccines that didn't work.

Allied troops on the Salonika, or Macedonian Front, begin their final offensive against Bulgaria, under a new commander, the French general Louis Franchet d'Esperey. Two weeks later, Bulgaria is the first of the Central Powers to sue for peace, signing an armistice on September 29 just as hostilities on the Western Front are reaching a critical moment for Germany.

British-led forces in Palestine, under General Sir Edmund Allenby, achieve a decisive victory over the Ottomans at the Battle of Megiddo, clearing the way for the capture of Damascus and the end of the Palestine campaign.

The Allies deliver a series of blows across the Western Front on successive days, part of a strategy conceived by their commander-in-chief, Marshal Foch, to dislodge and outflank the German army. It starts with the American-led assault on the Argonne Forest on September 26. This clash, north of Verdun, will be the biggest and bloodiest US battle of the Great War, continuing until the Armistice in November.

The Hindenburg Line - Germany's system of fortified defences stretching across Northern France - is breached at the St Quentin Canal with assaults by Australian, British and US troops.

Under the weight of the Allied onslaught, the German supreme commanders, Paul von Hindenburg and Erich Ludendorff, call for a ceasefire.

In a political shake-up, Kaiser Wilhelm appoints the liberal Prince Max of Baden as Chancellor on October 3. He's instructed to approach the Allies through President Woodrow Wilson, delivering a request for an Armistice on the basis of the US leader's "Fourteen Points" on October.

**Hugh Cattigan PM**

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 23 Years Ago

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### Regular Meetings

On Tuesday 5th September, the following three Candidates :

**Colin McLardy**

**Gordon Durie**

**Scott McKinnon**

were raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by the members of the Instruction Class in what was a fine degree, considering it was our first meeting after the Summer Recess.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-46pm**

**Attendance : 166**

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September, the following four Candidates :

**Paul Elcock**

**James Hughes**

**Ian Milliken**

**David Watson**

were initiated into our fraternity by the Office-bearers and Brethren of our good friends from Lodge Nitshill, No.1478. All in attendance will undoubtedly have been impressed by the standard of the degree from Bro Robert Kyle R.W.M. and his team.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.43pm**

**Attendance : 86**

### 100 CLUB

The fortunate winners for the month of September were as follows :

Tuesday 5th September : £10 : Bro Peter McManus, No. 1453

£5 : Bro Willie Love PM

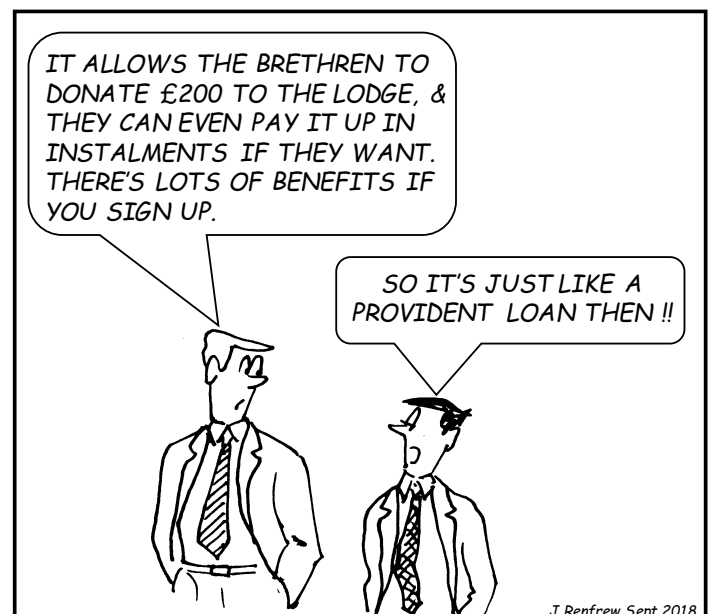
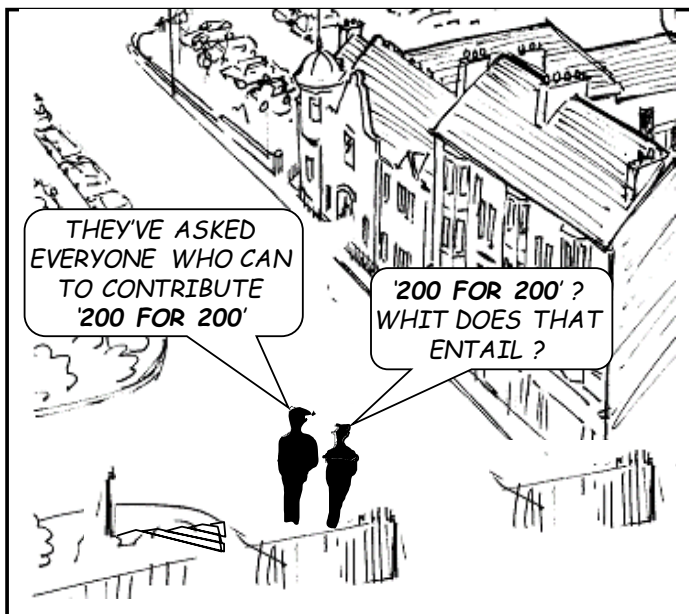
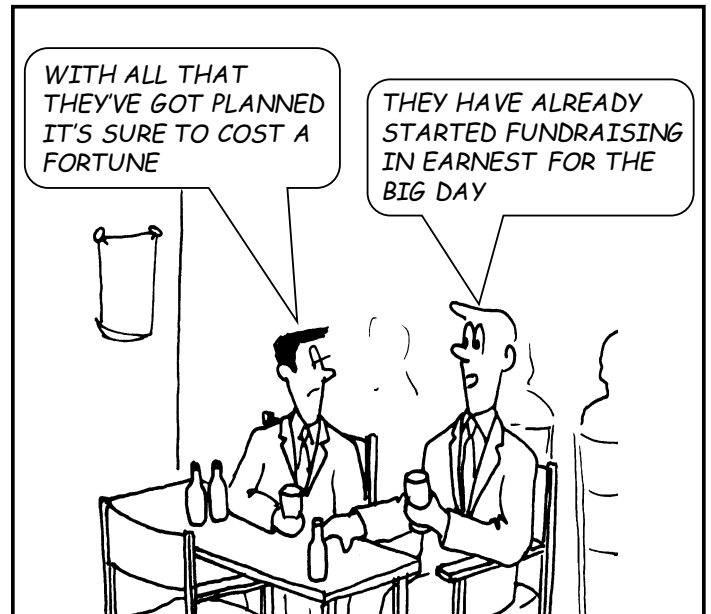
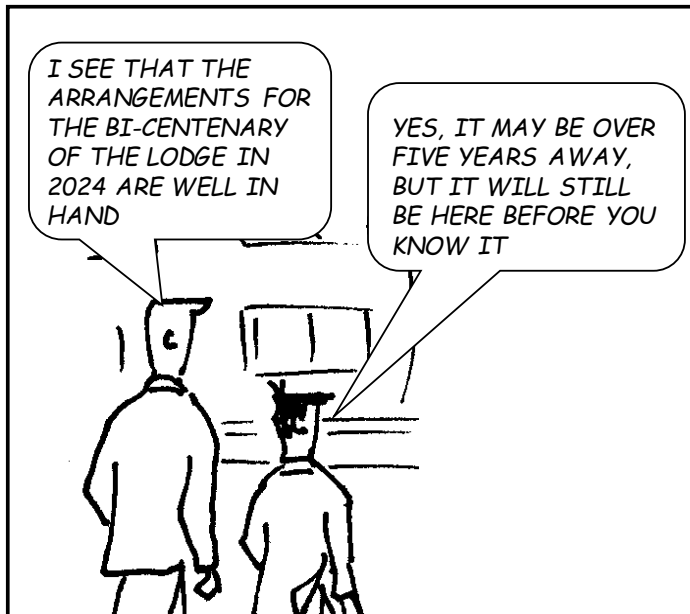
Tuesday 19th September : £10 : Bro Elias Sudding PM

£5 : Bro Lex McKenzie PM No.1167

### Bits and Pieces

- We offer our congratulations to Bro Tom Rankin following his success in the recent singles championship at Shanks Bowling Club.
- It was a pleasant surprise to hear from Bro Alan Bruce recently, out of the blue he telephoned from the Gas Rig he is currently working on, somewhere in the English Channel, and had a chat about the Lodge. He even inquired about what Lodge Fees he was outstanding and made arrangements to pay them the next time he was onshore.
- As we announced in our last edition, Lodge St Conval, No. 1359 have moved from Capelrig House in Newton Mearns and are now holding their Regular Meetings in Rowallan House in Montgomery Drive in Giffnock.
- We offer our best wishes and congratulations to the late Bro Wylie McDonald's middle daughter, Marion, who recently got engaged, much to the delight of her mother Muriel and the rest of the family.
- We congratulate Bro Alan Cluckie and his wife Heather on the birth of a lovely baby daughter to be called Laura.

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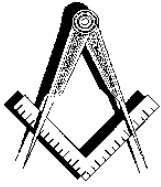
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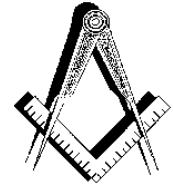
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# Syllabus 2018

(\* Denotes an Official Visitation)



## October 2018

<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	<b>DMM</b>	<b>Lodge Instruction Class</b>
<i>* Friday 5th October</i>	<i>PoW</i>	<i>At The Lodge of Fort William, No.43</i>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<i>* Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>PoW</i>	<i>At Lodge Loretto Centenary</i>
<i>* Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</i>	<i>FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426</i>

## November 2018

<b>Friday 2nd November</b>	<b>'Open Night'</b> <i>(followed by the Table of Scottish FMs)</i>	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>MMM</b>	<b>Bro George McGrandles IPM</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Annual Installation of Office-bearers</b>	