

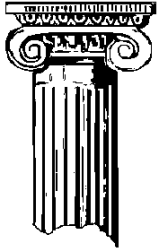
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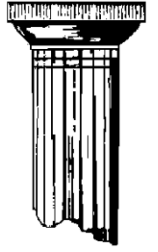
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Editorial 



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I was reminded of the old saying two wrongs never make a right and it made me wonder whether the reverse applies and two rights could never make a wrong?

As has been often touched upon Freemasonry has many facets to it and one of these most often mentioned is the constant need for funds... To maintain our Lodges and our Halls, obtain new regalia, Jewels and Lodge furniture, not to mention the basic rent, rates, heating and lighting and last but not least charitable donations.

I take my hat off to those many brethren who have the natural charm, drive and “in-your face” approachability to arrange fund raising events throughout the year and are often motivated to take on these challenges each year. My only qualm with this type of fundraising is that after the initial enthusiasm wears off the job is often passed onto a younger office bearer who has neither the experience, or perhaps more importantly the interest to undertake such a project and instead regards it as a chore put upon him.

My main concern is for the financial plight of our members and that the different parts of our order are all, and for good reasons and intentions, trying to sell to the same group of stalwarts and that as a result we are draining them, not only of their goodwill but their finances as well.

Is it time to think of a change in the way we finance our organisation? On top of the recent ending of life memberships could we see either an annual subscription, in the style of Lodge Randolph No. 1434 or the introduction of monthly subscriptions paid by Direct Debit throughout the year which could also include the collections taken at regular meetings and keep a sustainable income flowing into the Lodge and shared by all?

Well that is my last ramble for a few months... The Mallet will be in hibernation for the next couple of months until I pick up my pen in August for the summer edition. I wish the administrative office bearers Tom Mulholland PM Sec. and James Kerr PM Tres. all the best running things for us during the summer recess.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. David McArthur cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge: -

Tuesday 2nd September 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

and

FC DEGREE

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

LODGE PRINCE of WALES No. 426



Thursday 16th September 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

and

MM DEGREE

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our cash prizes for the month of May were:

Tuesday 6th May

£10: **Bro. J. Paton**

£5: **Bro. K. williamson**



Errata (We got it wrong! Ed.)

Previous editions of the Mallet have stated that the Lodge's *Summer Fayre* this year will be on Saturday the 7th June... This, we found out after our previous publication was out, is no longer the case.

Due to a clash of dates with the Barrhead Gala it has been decided to bring the Summer Fayre forward to Saturday the 31st May 2014.

For the majority of Mallet readers this news will be come too late and I can only assure you that at time of going to print, the May, and earlier, editions were correct. I try and ensure that we take every safeguard to ensure our information is correct with regard to dates and times.

Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 and following the business of the evening a well filled Temple, including many visitors witnessed Lodge Union and Crown's latest dramatisation:

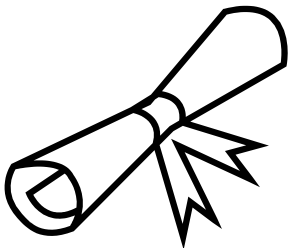


This was a dramatised degree by the brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307, set during WWII and depicting the activities of a group of Freemasons during wartime captivity trying to confer a degree.

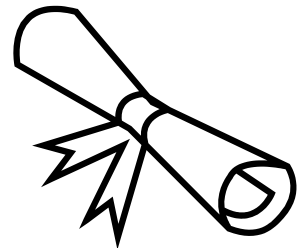
In what is undoubtedly the Lodge's most humorous dramatisation to date, the audience will long remember Bro 'Sgt.' Alex White and the 'Candidate' Bro. 'Private' Chris Baillie with a fine ensemble cast supporting.

The usual harmony followed with the brethren enjoying a spot of relaxation following the labours of the evening.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed - 09:28 pm Attendance - 89



50 Year Award's



At the above meeting, attended by the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, Bro. John S. Miller the following three Brethren were presented with certificates commemorating their 50 years of service to the craft of Freemasonry.

Bro. Davie Noble P.M.

Bro. Jim Bradshaw

Bro. Jim Cherry

The certificate were presented to each of the recipients by the P.G.M. and these Brethren were then presented to the assembled Brethren by the R.W.M. of Lodge Union & Crown Bro. David McArthur.

The recipients thanked the Brethren for the warmth of their reception and with some humorous repartee resumed their seats.

The Readers of the Mallet would like to send our own congratulations and best wishes to Davie and the two Jim's on reaching this milestone on their Masonic journey.



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 13th May 2014 the following Brother:

Ian McGregor Gunning

a MM of Lodge Eaglesham No. 1265 had a Royal Arch Degree conferred upon him by the Office Bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC No. 367.

This was also our final meeting prior to the summer recess. The Grand Superintendent, MEC Robert McCulloch standing in for MEZ George Paul wished the Companions a pleasant summer for all.

The Companions then retired downstairs for Chapter Harmony.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 9th September at 7:30pm

When the Chapter will hold its Annual General Meeting be conferred by the Office Bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEZ George Paul and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on that evening.

Strathearn Bowling Competition

The Strathearn bowling competition, played for between the Chapters of Renfrewshire took place this year on Sunday 25th May at Barrhead Bowling Club, Carlibar Road, Barrhead.

Prior to the Competition the weather overhead did not look too kindly upon us but fortunately it stayed dry during the match.

the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent MEC James Gregory welcomed everyone and we were welcomed to Barrhead BC by their own vice-president, Willie Greer.

Sadly, and particularly as we were the 'host' Chapter Rockmount RAC No. 367 did not have enough bowlers in attendance to make a team and those that did attend were absorbed into other Chapters to complete their teams.

However, these events are about those who do turn-up and Greenock RAC No. 17 are to be congratulated on lifting the trophy with Sir William Wallace RAC No. 109 being the runners-up.

Our thanks go to Barrhead BC for the use of their facilities and a grand day was had by all...



FREEMASONRY IN THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT

“WAREHOUSE 13”

I don't know whether you have watched the TV show *Warehouse 13* which was broadcast on the Syfy channel and which ended last week. It's an American adventure show following the exploits of two Secret Service agents recruited to try and secure mystical artifacts from around the world and lock them away in the Warehouse for safekeeping... Think of the end of the Indiana Jones movie *Raiders of the lost Ark* when the Ark of the Covenant was locked away.



Anyway the final episodes of the show concerned the Working Tools of a certain Hiram Abiff.

In the Show it is stated


“According to the Freemasons, Hiram Abiff was an architect that built Solomon's first temple”.

“The three tools are *The Setting Maul*, *The Masonic Compass* and *The Masonic Square*”.

“The compass is stored inside the Warehouse in a vault known as the Aisle of the Widow's Son, which is one of the most secure places in the Warehouse”.

The Setting Maul will be used to create the next warehouse, *Warehouse 14*, when struck against the newly laid cornerstone of that building.

I just don't know where some of these writers get their ideas!



The PGL of Glasgow is celebrating its 275th birthday this year and those celebrations include a day trip on the *Waverley*.

Renfrewshire East has been allocated a limited number of tickets for this Waverley Trip on Saturday 21st June and these tickets will be available on a “first come, first served basis.” **Cost is £25 per ticket.**

(The Waverly coming into Dunoon, July 2013- Yes! That is blue sky Ed.)



I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger? Then it hit me!

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.



World at War 1914 - 1918

While still trying to set the scene for coming editions, In this issue I'm trying to show what was happening, or more importantly, being reported in Britain prior to the outbreak of war.

News itself was not as instantaneous to the masses as it is today with newspapers being the only real source of local or International news and this often being days late.

It is also difficult for us to imagine that Britain, unknowingly, was at the start of thirty year period which would ultimately end it's near 400 years as certainly the largest, and arguably, the most influential and powerful 'Empire' of all time. It would probably be unimaginable to consider overall defeat anywhere we became involved.

As Europe festered with unrest the people of Britain went about their normal business more concerned about the salaries and greed of their MP's. The political unrest in Ireland and perhaps even more of a concern... Women Suffragettes.

The following is a flavour of 'news' stories from May 1914, it is interesting to see how many stories would also fit into the tabloids of today:-



King George V and Queen Mary seem to have had a busy time visiting the armed forces of late and today it was the Royal Aircraft Park at Farnborough which was the location for a royal call.

Curiously a sub-headline to the article claims "Problem of Stability" but it is unclear from the article itself exactly what this problem is since the "interesting flights" of another sub-headline all seem to go off without a hitch.

The men of the Royal Flying Corps impressed our Special Correspondent, for "they looked an exceptionally fine body of young men, splendid in physique, and obviously of far higher intelligence than the ordinary army recruit."

A printing company manager appears in court over his company printing a Suffragette newspaper, on the grounds that he is "soliciting and inciting... diverse women... to commit malicious damage to property"



A "Serious crisis in Albania" as Essad Pasha is arrested, with the aid of Austrian and Italian naval personnel. At this stage of the year it still seemed that any trouble in the Balkans would stem from this country

The Royal Army Temperance Association celebrates its twentieth anniversary with a message from the King, and statistics suggest it is having an effect on army personnel

The Principality of Albania had only been created in 1913 by the Treaty of London which ended the First Balkan War, after its independence from the Ottoman Empire had been proclaimed during the war, as much to prevent any encroachment from neighbouring states, particularly Serbia and Greece, as from any genuine national feeling. However, it had not been established in any firm way, as the various reports from the country of uprisings and atrocities in the year to date had shown

On February 23 the Telegraph had reported that Prince of William of Wied had become King of the country, and on March 9 he had arrived to take up his throne. The recent revolt of Essad Pasha had shown how shaky his position was though, and today reports a sudden flight to take refuge on an Austrian warship, then an Italian vessel.

Although he made an undignified return to his palace later in the day, the Telegraph did not give out much hope for his continuance on his new throne.

Some of Charlotte Brontë's exercise books are put up for sale by her husband's second wife.

Today's Suffragette outrages include a mummy case in the British Museum attacked with a toy axe, a portrait of the King in the Royal Scottish Academy attacked with an axe and an attempt to bomb the water pipe between Loch Katrine and Glasgow. The first of these prompts the British Museum to bar admittance to women unless issued with a ticket after production of a recommendation from a person willing to be responsible for their behaviour.

The Ipswich by-election sees a Conservative gain from the Liberals. Inevitably this is portrayed as a "strong message of hope to Ulster" and provides an editorial stick to beat the Government with.

The man credited with being the world's finest aviator, Gustav Hamel, is feared to have died in a crash in the English Channel

The Russian Foreign Minister, M. Sazonoff, extols the Triple Entente in a speech.

Hopes are rising of a peaceful settlement between the U.S.A. and Mexico.

"One of the most terrible shipping disasters in the annals of the sea" is reported on as the Transatlantic liner Empress of Ireland sinks after colliding with a Norwegian collier in the St Lawrence River, with a reported death toll of 924 - Meanwhile a Special Correspondent inspects the new Cunard liner the Aquitania at Liverpool

A 14-year-old Suzanne Lenglen bursts into tears after defeat at the French Open tennis. Our correspondent presciently predicts she "will certainly develop into a great player in a few years." (She went on to win 31 Championship titles between 1914 and 1926, including six Wimbledon Championships).

With the exception of Miss Gwladys Williams as a shepherd, the Royal Opera House stages an all-Italian performance of Puccini's Tosca, with Enrico Caruso among the cast.

A New Jersey woman given up by doctors to die a year ago, which led to appeals for the permission of euthanasia, has been cured by another surgeon, which is deemed to prove that euthanasia should not be permitted.

An accountant home from Africa on leave kills his family and attempts to take his own life.

In response to a Bill introduced by the Bishop of London in the House of Lords, attempting to restrict the trading of alcohol in Sundays, a correspondent lowers himself to visiting working class areas in the North, Midlands and East Anglia, and the result is rather fascinating.

"It is certain that these people will insist on being provided with those beverages [alcoholic liquors] on Sundays as well as weekdays", and "the efficacy of Sunday closing on the consumption of intoxicating drink is very doubtful", he concludes. The statistics he cites are fascinating - despite Scotland, Wales and Ireland banning pubs from opening on Sunday, arrests for drunkenness and licence breaches are higher than in England, where opening is permitted, while in 1912 Wales had ten times more prosecutions for illicit sale of alcohol than both England and Scotland. Glasgow's policy of calling time in pubs at 10pm on a Saturday is also cited as a reason for higher rates of drunkenness, as people are deemed to drink quicker.

Class resentment also rears its head with the complaint that the well-to-do who can afford to stock up their houses with drink won't be affected, but the working classes' rights will be by this bill, while our correspondent blithely states at one point that "Scotland is a whisky-drinking country, while England is a beer-drinking country".

The British Mediterranean Fleet visits Austria-Hungary

The Budget takes centre stage on the main news pages. The Telegraph was unsurprisingly not impressed with Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George's presentation – its leader on page 10 opines "a most serious advance has been made along the path of financial recklessness" and concludes "If anything can produce in England a population of greedy and irresponsible spongers, in place of the sturdy and self-respecting working-class we still have, it will be statesmanship of this sort."

After the attack in March of 1914 on the Rokeby Venus a John Singer Sargent portrait of Henry James at the Royal Academy is the victim of a Suffragette protest, being "seriously if not irretrievably damaged" by an "elderly white-haired woman" with a meat cleaver.

And finally...

It is an eventful year for French politician Joseph Caillaux. After the scandal of his wife shooting a newspaper editor dead he's now fighting a duel in Paris.



LODGE GOLF OUTING
2014
MOFFAT GOLF CLUB



Bro Lawrence Webb, Golf Convenor would like to remind the brethren this year's annual golf outing is taking place in Moffat on Saturday 14th June 2014. Anyone interested should contact Bro Lawrence on 0141-571 4330.

We hear that couple of spaces have opened up on the main list and that any Bro. still interested in going should contact Bro. Lawrence as soon as possible.

PGLRE NEW MEMBERS' SEMINAR 23RD MAY 2014

The annual New Members' Seminar was held on the premises of Lodge Union and Crown No.307 in Barrhead on the evening of Friday, 23rd May.

It was the latest in what has become a traditional event organised by PGLRE and to which Brethren who have recently joined Lodges in the Province were specifically invited along with their Proposers and Seconders.

Other Brethren were also made most welcome and invited to share their experience and knowledge of the Craft with the newer Brethren.

Depute PGM Bro. Neil Fraser welcomed all those present and described how the evening would be conducted in the form of a series of short presentations interspersed with group sessions during which Brethren were invited to ask questions and give their views.

In his opening address, RWPGM Bro. John S. Miller introduced the members of Grand Lodge present, welcomed representatives from the Province of Renfrewshire West and thanked Lodge Union and Crown for the use of their premises.

Past Depute Grand Master, Bro. Archie McGown, then spoke of his progress through the Craft since joining 60 years ago and urged the new Brethren was to enjoy themselves with the advice that more they put into their Freemasonry the more they would get out of it.

SPGM Bro. Dr. Iain McPhee then described the structure of Scottish Freemasonry, referred to the charity work carried out and recommended the PGLRE website as an excellent source of information about the Province.

Bro. Kenny Shearer, who was initiated into The Lodge of Erskine No.1566 a year ago, told the Seminar of his reasons for joining the Craft, these being a family tradition and his interest in the way Freemasonry had affected the course of history.

The final speaker of the evening was the Curator of Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Bob Cooper, who described Scottish Freemasonry as a "unique" part of a worldwide brotherhood.

In his closing remarks, PGM Bro. John S. Miller, reminded the assembled Brethren that the way they conducted themselves formed the public's perception of Freemasonry.

Bro. Ken Stein PG Steward

8 Reasons why Men Are Just Happier People

(What do you expect from such simple creatures?)

- Your last name stays put.
- Your underwear is £5 for a three-pack.
- Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
- *You can play with toys all your life.*
- A five-day holiday requires only one suitcase.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- If someone forgets to invite you, *He or she can still be your friend.*
- You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives On December 24 in 25 minutes.

ALMONER

Since my last report, in the April issue, I have paid visits to a number of *The Ladies* of our Lodge all of whom warmly received me into their abodes.

In addition to the above I have also, due to the distances involved, made contact with two other *Ladies* by telephone. These two ladies are in Perthshire and Warwickshire respectively.

I believe that visits and contacts of this nature are important and necessary in the everyday role of any Lodge Almoner. While I admit to being far from being perfect in this respect I always make some endeavour and as often as I can to keep in touch with Brethren and *Ladies* alike.

My 'home' visits have included:-

Mrs Isabel Heron

Mrs Betty Carrey

Mrs Mary Gray

Mrs Vera Birse

Mrs Betty McCartney

I have visited Betty McCartney on several occasions due to her daughter Laura having undergone a major medical procedure.

My 'Hospital' visits have all been to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, where I visited on several occasions Mrs Grace Smith and while there also popped in to see Bro. Jim Blair of Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167.

I have also visited or contacted the following:-

Bro. Paul Henery (Home)

Bro. Jim Liggat (Home)

Bro. Kenneth McPhie (Home)

Bro. John Raeburn (Home)

Bro. John W. Smith (home)

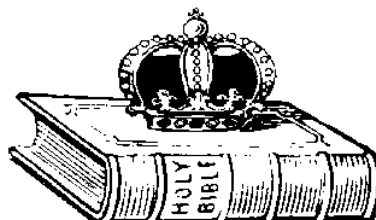
Mrs Anna Roberts (By phone)

Mrs Aileen Richardson (By phone)

Bro. Paul Henery has told me that both he and his lovely wife Angela are about to set off on a holiday to warmer climes... I'm sure I speak for all the brethren in wishing them a lovely holiday together and that they benefit from the experience.

Brethren, Ladies although the Lodge is now 'officially' in recess for the Summer months please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you require the need of your Lodge Almoner. I wish you all well over the coming holiday season.

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





FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 14 Years Ago



Issue No. 234

May 2000

RWM Bro. Donald Cook

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 2nd May 2000 the following Candidate, **Steven McGill**, was passed to the Second Square or Fellowcraft Degree by a team from Lodge Paisley St. Mirren No. 129. It has been a good number of years since 129 conferred a degree within 307 and the brethren of both lodges, 91 in attendance, took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

Thursday 27th April had seen us head south into Ayrshire where we had been invited to confer a MM Degree within Lodge Darvel, No.971 in a late addition to our syllabus...Whilst there has long been an association between Lodge Darvel and ourselves, it is a number of years since we actually conferred a degree there. This was a fine spirited degree, well in keeping with our Ayrshire Brethren, was conferred by the members of the Instruction Class. Bro Tom Young PM is to be congratulated for his efforts in organising the degree.

The following week saw us heading over the Parkhouse Proad to Rhuallan House in Giffnock where we were conferring an EA Degree within Lodge Saint Conval, No.1359. Although the actual degree was uncertain until a few weeks before, the brethren responded well and conferred a fine First Degree upon a substitute candidate.

It was good to see Bro Bill Shirlaw PM, No.1453 and Prov. Grand Chaplain at one of our recently meetings

How many have noticed the 30+ year difference in age between our WJW and his immediate successor our WSD? Thankfully, both are blessed with seemingly endless enthusiasm towards their Mother Lodge, regardless of age and experience.

It was pleasing to note that at our last regular meeting, when Lodge Paisley St Mirrins, No.129 were the visitors, Bro Willie Cook our resident organist, accompanied the deputation with a spirited rendition of "When the saints go marching in".

We are still making some finishing touches to the layout for our Lodge Website and would welcome any suggestions of what the Brethren would like to see included.

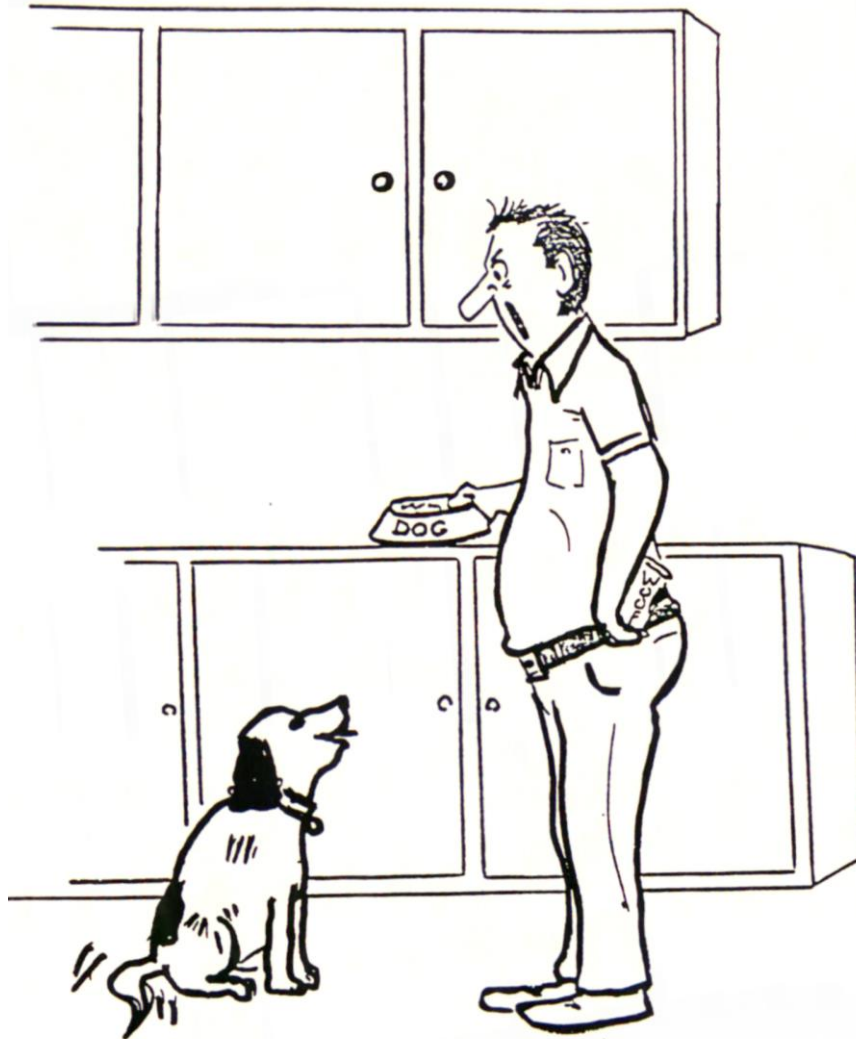
As we go to press we would like to offer the best wishes of the entire Lodge to Bro Graham Allan and his bride to be, Kim, the daughter of Bro John Livingstone PM, who are to be married on Saturday 10th June.

It seems that our Dramatised Fellowcraft degree was a success. Thus far the Lodge has received 2 tentative invitations to confer it elsewhere and are giving them careful consideration.

Our thanks go again to the Brethren of our Angling Section who recently donated £100 to Lodge Funds, an annual occurrence.

We gather that Bro Johnny Gauld thoroughly enjoyed his sojourn to the United States in the company of some Brethren from the Paisley Lodges.

It's a Dog's life



**“Look... If you can't at least give me the working sign
Then it's no harmony dinner for you”.**

Bro. Hugh Cattigan P.M.

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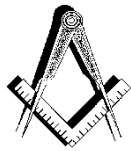
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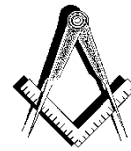
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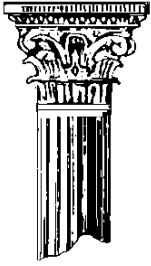
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Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

October 2014

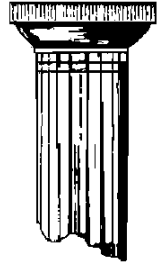
Friday	10 th	07:30pm	Open night ~ Drama, <i>The Table of Scottish Freemasons</i>	
Tuesday	21 st	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	MMDegree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM
Saturday	22 nd	04:00pm	Installation	2014-2015



OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



RWM	David McArthur
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WJW	George McGrandles
IPM	Paul Stewart IPM
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Substitute Master	Alan Bernard
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
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Junior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Inner Guard	Nicol Hynd
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Kenneth Coleman PM
Architect	John Robertson
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Davie Barr
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

