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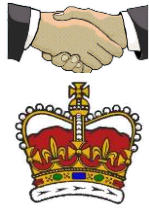
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Commitment and foresight are undoubtedly the key features of a successful Lodge, in what are difficult and turbulent times for Freemasonry. Without doubt these are two characteristics which have never been short in Union & Crown and when you ally them to the courage needed to put the resultant innovations in place you have a powerful combination. Of course our attendances are down, our stream of Candidates is slowing up, but when you consider that Freemasonry in general is in decline (some might say terminal !) our situation is still one to be envied and admired.

We like to remark that we look for quality, rather than quantity in Candidates, and this has borne much fruit over the years with a high percentage of our Initiates continuing to attend their Lodge after the first full flush of enthusiasm has dimmed. When you consider that many of our Initiates are successful businessmen with heavy commitments elsewhere, it is gratifying to realise that they continue to find freemasonry in general, and 307 in particular, a meaningful part of their life.

We have ever continued to keep looking forward to ensure that the Lodge is plotting a safe course with many initiatives introduced to ensure that not only are we successful, but the interest of our membership is maintained. Dramatised degrees, special social functions and dinners, trips (far & near) and, of course, publications ! are well thought out and painstakingly researched before the approval of the Brethren is even sought. This ensures that a balanced, accurate proposal goes forward and in most cases is faithfully accepted by the Brethren in open Lodge. Most, if not all of the initiatives introduced in the last 25 years have managed to survive and indeed prosper to become traditions for those who will follow on in the years to come.

So it simply isn't just luck that we have managed to maintain a steady course in troubled waters. They say that success breeds success, and we hope that the long line of eminently capable and talented Masters which have graced Union & Crown over the years will continue to ensure that their successors in office will take 307 into the future with confidence. Continue to support your Lodge, for you can rest assured that Union & Crown will continue to do everything that it can for you.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

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, Cochran Street, Barrhead on :

Friday 2nd November 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Table of Scottish Freemasons

Conferred by Lodge Instruction Class

Harmony

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Mark Ceremonial

Harmony

Saturday 24th November 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Installation of Office-bearers

Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M., Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday 2nd October, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out an excellent rendition of our 'Dramatised Master Mason Degree', which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance, especially the visitors.

Opened : 7-31 pm

Lodge Closed : 8.56 pm

Attendance : 47

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 16th October, the Annual General Meeting of the lodge was held. Following the relevant reports given by both Secretary and Treasurer, the election of office bearers was held with a full compliment being once again achieved. Following the meeting a brief harmony took place with the traditionally short evening allowing the brethren to get home early.

Meeting opened at 7.30 and closed at 8.21 with the attendance being 42. Due to unforeseen circumstances the 100 Club was not drawn.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 8.21pm

Attendance :42



100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 2nd October

£20 : Bro David McArthur PM, Secy

£10 : Bro Douglas Junner PM

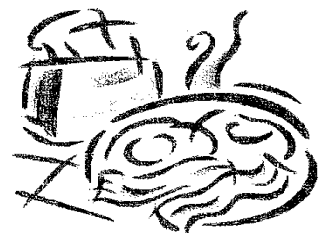
Names are still being taken for next year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro Jim Kerr PM, our Treasurer.

Big Breakfast

Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW is organizing another of his popular 'Big Breakfast' fundraisers on Saturday 17th 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

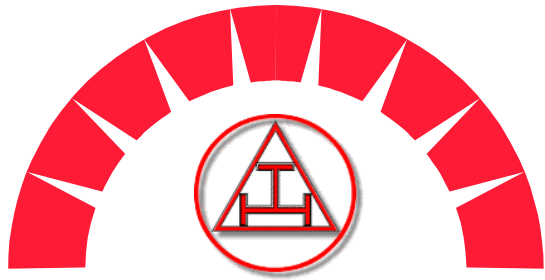
- We gather that quite a number of Brethren have 'signed-up' for the Lodge's '200 for 200' initiative. All interested should see Bro Robert Scott WSD
- Instruction Master Bro. Tom Mulholland PM would like to remind all incoming office bearers to attend instruction class on Monday evenings at 7.30 in order to rehearse all respective parts for the approaching year.
- Any brethren interested in getting involved in degree work will, as always be most welcome as well as the brethren taking part in forthcoming degrees.
- Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convener tells us that tickets are now available for the Christmas Dance on Saturday 15th December, and anyone interested should move fast.
- Our most grateful thanks to Bro David McLintock for his generous donation to Lodge Funds. After a globetrotting career which took him to Canada, South Africa and Australia he is now settled in Vista in Southern California with his wife Marillyn. Initiated in Union & Crown in September 1958, he recently celebrated 60 years as an active Freemason, and is currently Tyler in his adopted Lodge – Vista Lodge No.687
- Our Bro Treasurer Jim Kerr PM would like to inform the brethren that Test Fees are now due at £40 per head & any brother wishing to pay the capitation fee, or contribute towards it should see him as soon as possible.
- With the Installation Season almost upon us, a list of all Installations in the Province of Renfrewshire East has been posted in the Downstairs Lounge. If you can assist our Senior Office-bearers by attending the odd Installation, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Well done to Bro Robert Scott WSD for all his hard work in organising the recent trip to Fort William, and of course his fine article about the visit, which you can find later in this edition of *The Mallet*.
- We gather that Bro Iain Nicol had a great time whilst over in Canada on a recent holiday with friends.

Visitation to Lodge Loretto Centenary, No.1373

On Saturday 20th October 22 brethren from Union & Crown travelled through to Dalkeith in Midlothian, where we had been invited to confer the Dramatised PoW Degree, within Lodge Loretto Centenary, No.1373



A large attendance of Brethren witnessed yet another fine rendition of our popular Dramatised Degree, set in a Prisoner of War Camp in Germany during World War II. A couple of late changes in personnel didn't detract from the performance which was appreciated by all in attendance.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

At the regular meeting held on Tuesday 9th October, MEC David Allan was installed as Most Excellent First Principle in what was a fine Installation ceremony, ably conducted by three Companions of Rockmount RAC – MEC's Graham Manson PZ, John S. Miller PZ and George Paul PZ.

The evening's ceremonial was conferred in a most dignified manner, by each of the Companions concerned and the reception from all in attendance was greatly appreciated with the installing team carrying out their duties with aplomb.

A fine harmony/buffet followed with brevity being the order of the day for all the speakers and all the Companions being well looked after by the Companions of Paisley Abbey Royal Arch Chapter No.76.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for Tuesday 13th November at 7-30pm, when a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC.

MEC David Allan MEZ extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend.

Rockmount Council of Royal & Select Masters No. 367

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	Installation
Tuesday 13th Nov	Regular (EM)
Tuesday 11th Dec	Regular (RA)

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

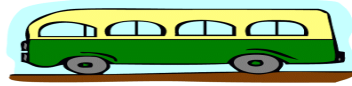
Cryptic Council Meetings

Tuesday 24th Sept	A.G.M. & Installation
Tuesday 26th Nov	Regular

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Tuesday 21st Jan	Regular
Tuesday 12th Mar	Prov. Visit
Tuesday 26th Mar	Regular
Tuesday 24th Apr	Regular
Tuesday 24th Sept	A.G.M. & Installation

VISITATIONS



Lodge Fort William, No.43

On Friday 5th October a deputation of 17 Brethren of the Lodge headed North to join in a very special weekend of celebration that marked the 275th anniversary of Lodge Fort William No. 43, where Union and Crown had been invited to attend by the RWM of Lodge 43 - Brother Iain Rodger.

Brother Iain, a good friend of PM Bud Gauld, was looking for a way to extend his weekend of celebration and had heard that Union and Crown might well be able to assist. And so we agreed to attend on the Friday evening and entertain the assembled Brethren with our Dramatised Degree, set in a POW Camp during the Second World War.

The Lodge room was packed and included Brethren from around the Province, around the country, and even some visitors from England, Ireland and overseas. As if the team weren't nervous enough, at the last minute we were advised that word of our performance had reach the ears of Grand Lodge and a small deputation, headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, would be attending.... 'no pressure'.

The degree team, as expected, put on a great show and the response from those in attendance was phenomenal. Even our special guest from Grand Lodge praised the efforts of our "travelling band of thespians" (his words not mine). It was a great display of freemasonry in action and the way that the deputation conducted themselves throughout the weekend brought great credit on Lodge Union and Crown.

On Saturday we had the honour of attending the 275th Anniversary Celebration and witnessed a very fine rededication ceremony carried out by Grand Lodge, headed once again by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason. The event ran with Military Precision which was in no small part due to the efforts of the Grand Lodge DOC, our own Brother Bud.

Our new friends from Fort William No. 43 were the perfect hosts and their support, friendship and hospitality could not have been any better. We look forward to repaying the favour when they next visit Barrhead.

Lodge 'Prince of Wales', No.426

On Tuesday 23rd October 19 brethren from Union & Crown travelled to visit our good friends in the 'Royal Burgh of Renfrew', where we had been invited to confer the FC Degree, within Lodge 'Prince of Wales', No.426.

A very large attendance were able to witness a very good degree carried out by the office bearers and brethren of 307 with Bro. Stephen Scott making a particularly impressive debut on the floor. The degree was in the hands of Bro Willie Renfrew PM who is an honorary member of 426. The labours of our brethren were appreciated by all in attendance with the best of attention being afforded to the degree workers. A harmony followed and the close association of both lodges was re-affirmed.

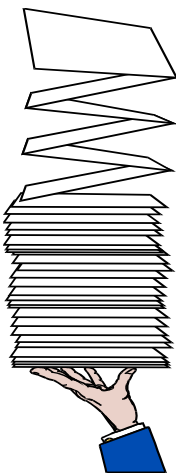


Dates for your Diary

- Friday 2nd Nov** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the 'Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class' will be conferring the Dramatised 'Table of Scottish Freemasons'
- Tuesday 6th Nov** Regular Meeting Postponed
- Monday 19th Nov** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 20th Nov** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the 'Mark Ceremonial' will be conferred.
- Saturday 24th Nov** Installation of Office-bearers at 4pm

(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.

Paper Appeal



As ever, we are still looking for that most essential of commodities – PAPER.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m² copier or duplicator 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. Any colour will do.

Installation Dinner

The Brethren are reminded that Installation Dinner tickets priced £12.50 for Brethren (£10 for Senior Members) are now available from Bro Ronnie Maclsaac WSW and Bro Bobby Clark WJW. Senior Members should see Bro Alex White, our Almoner. You are advised to get your order in early, as they are expected to sell-out very quickly.

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 was the greatest road, canal and bridge builder Scotland has ever seen)



Brother Thomas Telford (1757-1834)

Telford was born on 9 August 1757 at Glendinning, a hill farm 3 miles east of Eskdalemuir Kirk, in Eskdale, Dumfriesshire. His father John Telford, a shepherd, died soon after Thomas was born and he was raised in poverty by his mother Janet. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a stonemason, and some of his earliest work can still be seen on the bridge across the River Esk in Langholm in the Scottish borders.

He worked for a time in Edinburgh on the construction of the New Town, before moving to London in 1782, after meeting architects Robert Adam and Sir William Chambers, where he was involved in building additions to Somerset House. Two years later he found work at Portsmouth dockyard and in 1787, he became Surveyor of Public Works in Shropshire.

He was initiated into Antiquity Lodge (Portsmouth) in 1770 and was also a founder member of Phoenix Lodge, No.257 in Portsmouth in 1786. He affiliated to Salopian Lodge, No.262 in Shrewsbury in 1788.

Civil engineering was a discipline still in its infancy, so Telford was set on establishing himself as an architect. His projects included renovation of Shrewsbury Castle and the town's prison. In 1790 he designed a bridge carrying the London–Holyhead road over the River Severn at Montford, the first of some 40 bridges he built in Shropshire. He was one of the first engineers to test his materials thoroughly before construction. During his later years, Telford was responsible for rebuilding sections of the London to Holyhead road; today, much of the route is the A5 trunk road,

On the island of Anglesey a new embankment across the Stanley Sands to Holyhead was constructed, but the crossing of the Menai Strait was the most formidable challenge, overcome by the Menai Suspension Bridge (1819–26). Spanning 580 feet, this was the longest suspension bridge of the time. Unlike modern suspension bridges, Telford used individually linked 9½ foot iron eye bars for the cables.

The punning nickname Colossus of Roads was given to Telford by his friend, the eventual Poet Laureate, Robert Southey. Telford's reputation as a man of letters may have preceded his fame as an engineer: he had published poetry between 1779 and 1784, and an account of a tour of Scotland with Southey. In 1821, he was elected a foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Other works by Telford include the St Katharine Docks close to Tower Bridge in London, the Gloucester and Berkeley Ship Canal, Over Bridge near Gloucester, the second Harecastle Tunnel on the Trent and Mersey Canal (1827), and the Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal

In 1820, Telford was appointed the first President of the recently formed Institution of Civil Engineers, a post he held until his death.

Thomas Telford was buried in the nave of Westminster Abbey, with a statue erected to him nearby, in St Andrew's Chapel adjoining the north transept.

Almoner's Report

It is with regret I intimate the very sudden passing of Anna-Marie Wilson, aged 24 years of age, at home in Edinburgh on Monday 24th September. Anna -Marie was the eldest Granddaughter of Bro Sam Wilson, our worthy Organist. I made contact with Bro Sam and expressed to him and his family our very sincerest condolences.

The funeral service took place in St Peter's Church, Morningside in Edinburgh.

I further sadly intimate, the passing of Bro Alex Kelly, 69 years of age, at Crosshouse Hospital, near Kilmarnock, on Friday 28th September. I spoke with Bro Alex's son Tom (also a member of Union & Crown) and expressed our sincere condolences to him and the family, when I paid a visit to his home. The funeral took place at the United Reform Church in Barrhead on Tuesday 9th October, and was followed by a committal at Clyde Coast & Garnock Valley Crematorium in Dalry. I attended the Thanksgiving Service at URC, Barrhead on behalf of the Lodge.

With profound sadness I report the passing of Bro Robert McCulloch on Thursday 4th October at Accord Hospice in Paisley. Bro Robert was a well-known, and very well-respected Freemason throughout Scotland, where he'd been a hard-working and very committed member of several Masonic Orders. He will be greatly missed.

I visited the family home in Barrhead and expressed our deepest sympathy to Bro Robert's wife Sheila. I attended the funeral at Woodside Crematorium on Tuesday 16th October.

With regret I intimate the passing of Bro Victor Neil, aged 75 years, on Saturday 6th October. A member of Thistle & Crown, No.1167, Bro Victor was the father of our own Bro Gordon Neil. I expressed our sincere sympathy to Bro Gordon and his wife Lynn on behalf of the Lodge. A Service of Thanksgiving took place at Neilston Parish Church on Thursday 18th October, followed by the committal at Woodside Crematorium. I visited Bro Gordon at home on the day after the funeral, and was warmly thanked.

Home Visits : Bro Robert Kennedy & Bro Archie Boyd 1167

Home Phone Calls :

Bro Richard Brown

Bro Jim Cherry

Bro Robert Kennedy

Bro Jimmy Laing

Bro Donald Ferguson

Bro Gordon Neil

Bro Ewan Martin

Bro Jim Paton

Bro Tom Conway

Bro Jim Phillips

Mrs Margaret McLellan

Mrs Margaret McIntyre

Mrs Dora Pattison

Mrs Sheila McCulloch

Brother Alexander White

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WORLD AT WAR
1914 – 1918
(October 1918)



Battle of the Canal du Nord – The British First and Third Armies, with support from the Canadian Corps, captured the entire Canal du Nord in north France along with 36,500 German prisoners and 380 guns. The Allies were now in attacking distance of the German-held city of Cambrai. In all, 12 Victoria Crosses were awarded for bravery and action during the battle.

On October 3rd Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany appointed Prince Maximilian of Baden Chancellor of Germany. King Ferdinand I of Bulgaria abdicated in the wake of the Bulgarian military collapse, with his son, Boris succeeding him.

Prince Faisal, leader of the Arabal rebellion (*See Lawrence of Arabia*), lead his forces into Damascus.

October 4th New Chancellor of Germany, Prince Maximilian of Baden forms a new and more liberal government and sues for peace. German submarines were scuttled when they could not be moved along with the other retreating German Navy vessels from the Zeebrugge and Ostend ports.

Battle of Cambrai – British forces launched a major attack on the Germans involving 730,000 British, Canadian and Australian troops and 324 tanks, supported by artillery and aircraft. With German defenses so weakened, the Canadian Corps was able to occupy the French city of Cambrai by the end of the day with little resistance. The League of Free Nations Association and the League of Nations Society merged to form the League of Nations Union to promote a new system of international relations, human rights and world peace through disarmament.

A naval order was issued by the German Admiralty, calling on the German High Seas Fleet to provoke a decisive battle against the British Grand Fleet in the North Sea, but only fueled dissent among fleet sailors that lead to the Kiel mutiny days later. Battle of Vittorio Veneto – The Italian army with British and American support established a bridgehead 2.5 miles deep and 5 miles broad into enemy territory. Mutinying troops on the Austro-Hungarian side prevented any counterattack on the position. The Italian victory marked the end of the war on the Italian Front and the end of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

On October 31st the Aster Revolution ended with a coup, with revolutionaries supported by the Royal Hungarian Army seizing public buildings in Budapest. The Prime Minister resigned from his position while former prime minister István Tisza was assassinated in his home. By the end of the day, Charles I of Austria accepted the coup and appointed Mihály Károlyi as prime minister, who dissolved the Kingdom of Hungary and proclaimed a new Republic.

Hugh Cattigan PM

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 10 Years Ago

No.317

October 2008

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday 7th October, the following Candidate :

KENNETH BEATTS

was raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason, by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class, in what was a very good 3rd Degree. Bro Michael Hughes PM, our Instruction Master cannot fail to have been delighted by the efforts of his team.

Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-23pm

Attendance : 63

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 21st October, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting. The various Office-bearers and committee members for the forthcoming year were nominated and elected by the Brethren, with the worthy Secretary and Treasurer submitting their respective reports. Both gave clear and precise details of the complex workings of the Lodge, with an emphasis on a need to increase attendances in future, and were well received by the Brethren, who were grateful to both of the executive office-bearers for their efforts over the preceding twelve months in what was an extremely busy year for the Lodge.

Opened : 7-30pm

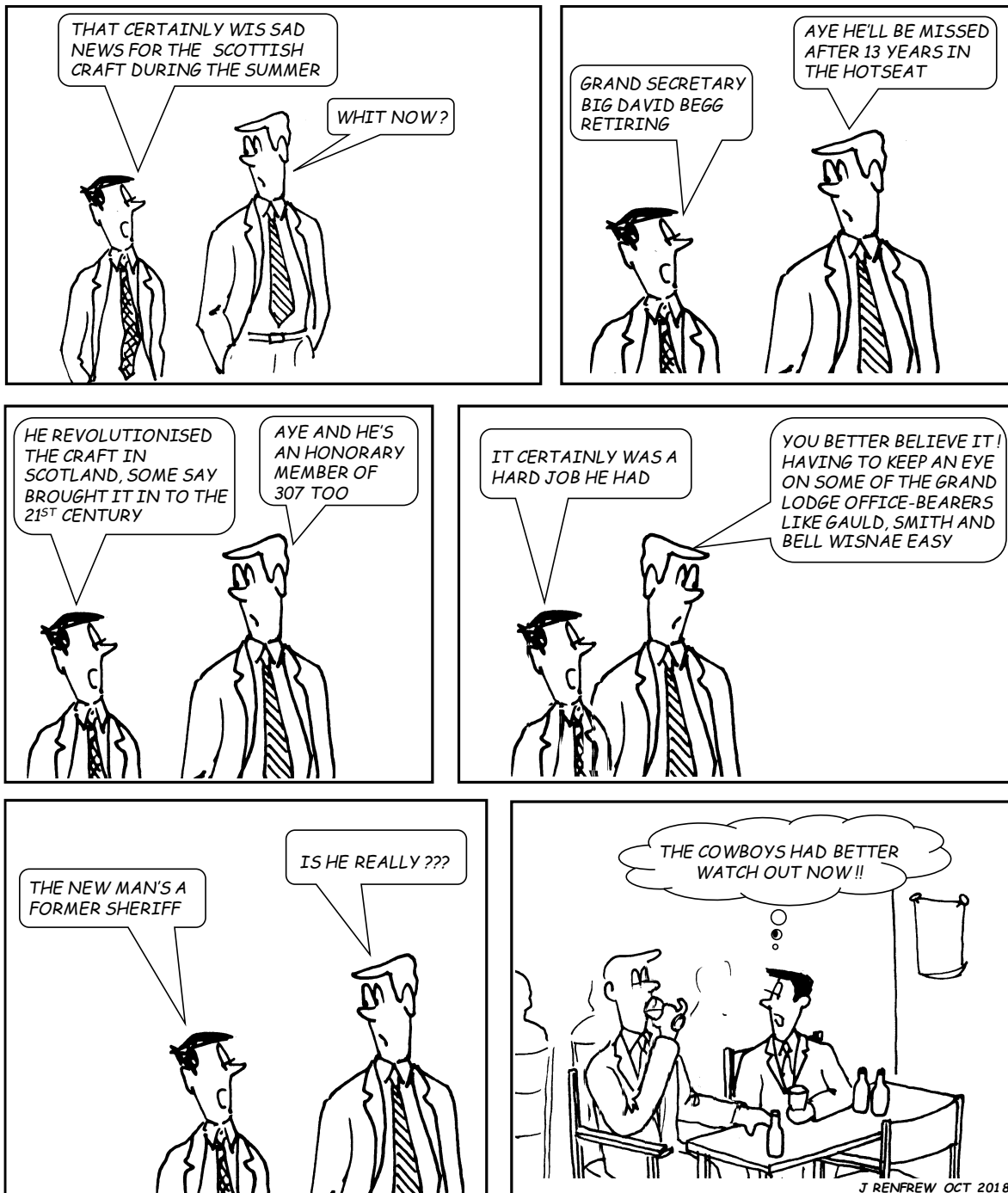
Lodge Closed : 8-23pm

Attendance : 49

Bits & Pieces

- Brethren are reminded that the Function Suite, with all the facilities of the Lodge are available for hire at a very modest charge. Depending upon the nature of the function, it can accommodate up to 120 people, and is ideal for family parties and dances.
- Sorry to hear that Bro Mark Lawn has had to cut back in several of his business interests due to ill health. He's happily working now as a taxi driver in the town, and hopefully recuperating well.
- We see that Bro Jimmy Laing's younger daughter, Michelle, is now settled in her new house in Gateside Crescent.
- Good to see RWM Bro George Munn 1434 and several Brethren from Lodge Nitshill who have given excellent support over the years along with another regular Bro Tom Nixon PM of 370 at a recent regular meeting.

MARK N' ARCHIE



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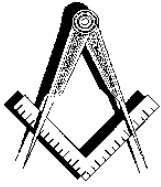
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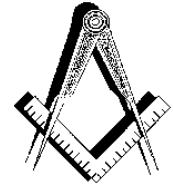
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Syllabus 2018

(* Denotes an Official Visitation)



November 2018

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

December 2018

Tuesday 4th December	EA Worshipful Wardens
Tuesday 18th December	FC Worthy Deacons

January 2019

Tuesday 1st January	Meeting Postponed
<i>* Thursday 3rd January</i>	<i>MM At Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167</i>
Tuesday 15th January	MM Installing Masters
<i>* Monday 28th January</i>	<i>EA At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478</i>