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Union & Crown has often been thought of as a Lodge that is strange mixture of many differing things. Some say it is “conservative” yet “innovative”, many consider 307 to be traditionalist and consistent, whilst still pioneering many novel and exciting ideas in what is undoubtedly troubled times for Lodges the length and breadth of the country.

Much of its success and consistency over the last 40 years, can be attributed to a strong and able leadership supported by an understanding membership, who are well aware of what is right for the future of the Lodge. Another strength is the talented and diverse succession of Office-bearers who have worked long and hard for their Mother Lodge over the years,

It has not been uncommon over the years for the only change in the twenty-five strong list of office-bearers to be the single retirement due to natural progression, when a Past Master reaches the end of the line at Director of Ceremonies.

There have been odd occasions in the past where some Brethren, who are extremely successful men within their chosen fields, and as such, the pressures that they find when attempting to combine the running of a successful business with their Lodge duties – “something has got to give”.

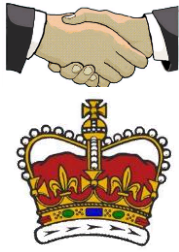
Whilst many Lodges would balk at the prospect of these wholesale departures, we are still blessed with many skilful and talented Brethren, able and willing to take the Lodge forward. When you consider our situation as a lodge, we can indeed count ourselves fortunate. We have a stable, and supportive membership. We enjoy better than average attendances at our Regular Meetings, and can still get our share of gentlemen from the outside world who are willing to join our ranks, albeit in lesser numbers than in the past.

In addition, we have fine premises of our own, no debts, and running costs which are easily manageable, and the real “motherlode” - a strong and steady line of Brethren who are willing and able to attain the “Chair” of the Lodge. A series of attributes which would be the envy of many other Lodges.

Some 20 years ago, some thought that the “loss” of Bro Bud Gauld PM, when he gave up as Secretary after 22 years in the job, was perhaps a calamity for 307. The first person to dismiss that claim as nonsense was Bro Bud himself, and were are still here, still performing well and about to celebrate our Bi-Centenary. No man is greater than the Lodge itself, and much has been done over the years to ensure that sufficient foundations are in place to ensure good succession and careful planning.

As we enter a new year, the 200<sup>th</sup> in the long history of the Lodge, let us count our blessings, and look forward with confidence and assurance to a bright future.

**A Happy New Year to all**



# Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

*Dear Sir & Brother,*

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

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Dramatised Degree*

*'Burns vs Kipling'*

*Carried out 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 5<sup>th</sup> December, the following Candidates :

**DARREN ANDERSON      DARREN POLE**

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order, in what was a fine Entered Apprentice Degree conferred by the Worshipful Wardens. All who took part are to be congratulated upon the high standard of ceremonial considering most were in their new offices for the very first time.

Bro Jim Renfrew PM took the opportunity of installing the last two Office-bearers into their offices, and was in turn installed into his own office by his Installing Colleague – Bro Paul Stewart PM.

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.26pm**

**Attendance : 50**

## *Meet the Candidates*

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| <b>Darren Anderson</b> | Darren is 26 and lives over in Newton Mearns with his family. His job as a driver with a welding company keeps him on the go, although he likes to find time to keep fit with his passion - Jujitsu  |
| <b>Darren Pole</b>     | Darren is 45 and lives with his wife Anji and their two kids in nearby Glenburn. He is a self-employed Health & Safety Advisor in the Offshore industry and spends some time away from home in the North Sea, on a '3 on 3 off' basis. When he is home, and family life allows, he likes to go hill-walking utilising their new motorhome. He has recently invested in property and thinks that a lot of his time will be spent in renovations |

## **Did you Know ?**

- That there is a company in Sheffield called "Tubal Cain Ltd" who supply specialist tools and outdoor equipment. Supporting the needs of archaeologists and earth scientists working in the field.
- That Hiram, King of Tyre, was actually a close friend of King David, the father of Solomon, who provided his friend and neighbour with "cedars, carpenters, and masons" to build the Hebrew King's palace. Some 40 years later he also assisted when King Solomon began building his Temple, sending workmen and materials to Jerusalem.
- That there is a town named Boaz in Alabama with a population of over 7000 people. The local Lodge is not surprisingly called "Boaz Lodge, No.546". By coincidence, there's another Alabama town called "Jachin", but unfortunately it doesn't have a Lodge (yet ?)

*This month, we conclude our series about the Anti-Masonic Movement with the final two parts*

# **The ‘Origins of Anti-Masonry’**

## **Part 4 – Revolution**

Anti-Masonry did not see a lot of growth during the era of the American Revolution. Colonists were, after all, preoccupied with other things. It is also a well-known fact that many Freemasons – George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock and a nearly endless list of others – supported the cause. Not only that, the Revolution was fought for liberty and equality, ideals that were consistent with those of the fraternity. The perceived secrecy added to the mystique of the order and most saw membership as a desirable enhancement to one's status.

Still, the same objections to the Craft that had always been there – suspicion of its secrecy, objections by organized religion, the perception of elitism, and rumors of conspiracies – continued to plague the Masons.

A few years after the American Revolution, the French Revolution came along and with it a complex relationship with Freemasonry. A number of factors including social inequality, financial problems due to the monarchy's extravagance, taxes, and the King's weak leadership led to public dissatisfaction culminating with the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789.

The Enlightenment, with its ideas about reason and individual rights appealed to the populace and was also a factor leading to its discontent. These same ideals promulgated by the Enlightenment, were not at all inconsistent with progressive Masonic thinking, leading many prominent Freemasons to support the revolution. Among these were the Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834), Georges Danton (1759-1794), Jean Sylvain Bailly (1736-1793), Count Volney (1757-1820), and Comte de Mirabeau (1749-1791).

The end of the revolution became a tumultuous period now known as the French Reign of Terror, characterized by extreme repression. The Committee on Public Safety sprang up in order to deal with threats to the revolution and the newly-formed republic. Although formed to suppress counter-revolutionary forces and protect the revolution, the Reign of Terror soon devolved into a violent force using accusations of treason to settle personal conflicts.

Not all Freemasons supported the revolution, but many of them supported it initially until the violence of the Reign of Terror emerged. As such some of those same Masons who were supporters of the revolution were later declared its enemies. Danton and Bailly were both declared traitors and guillotined when they became disenchanted with the Committee's violent tactics. Mirabeau and Lafayette changed their views but escaped the wrath of the Reign of Terror. Pierre Samuel DuPont de Nemours (1739-1817), who also fell into this group, escaped the guillotine only because the head of the Reign of Terror, Maximilian Robespierre, was executed beforehand.

Without the existence of definitive data, it is probably safe to assume Freemasons, more than not, supported both revolutions. In the case of the French Revolution, it is probable Masonic support did not extend to the Reign of Terror. In both cases anti-Masonry may have been aligned with those in opposition to the revolutions or, later, part of Robespierre's terrorism.

## Part 5 – Post-Revolutionary Resurgence

Once the American and French Revolutions were in the rear-view mirror, anti-Masonry again began creeping out into the open. Strong voices, including future president John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), John Robinson (1739-1805), and Reverend Jedidiah Morse (1761-1826), came on the scene to voice their opposition to the Freemasons.

In 1798, Robinson published a scathing 240 page diatribe with the daunting title, *Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati and Reading Societies*. Morse picked up on the views expressed in Robinson's book, preaching sermons against the Freemasons and Illuminati, claiming they had incited the French Revolution. This prompted George Washington, clarifying the separation between Freemasonry, the Illuminati, and the still active Jacobites to respond.

It was not our intention to doubt that, the Doctrines of the Illuminati, and principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more truly satisfied of this fact than I am. The idea that I meant to convey, was, that I did not believe that the Lodges of Free Masons in this Country had, as Societies, endeavored to propagate the diabolical tenets of the first, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they are susceptible of separation). That Individuals of them may have done it, or that the founder, or instrument employed to found, the Democratic Societies in the United States, may have had these objects; and actually had a separation of the People from their Government in view, is too evident to be questioned.

Still, a growing segment of the population continued to be wary of the Freemasons. The mystique of the Craft's secret nature gave way, for some, to suspicions and rumors of brewing conspiracies, its gentry-based membership drew accusations of elitism, and objections by organized religion continued.

Within the Catholic Church, anti-Masonry became more intense. In 1739, Cardinal Firrao issued an edict imposing the death penalty for anyone disobeying *In eminenti*.<sup>xvi</sup> In 1751, Pope Benedict XIV issued *Providas Romanorum Pontificum* which reaffirmed Clement's bull of 1738, condemning Freemasonry based on its demand for oaths, secrecy, religious ecumenism, and its perceived opposition to the Church and State. In 1821 Pope Pius VII issued *Ecclesiam a Jesu Christo*, reinforcing opposition to Freemasonry based on its oath-bound secrecy. Leo XII published *Quo graviora mala* in 1825 condemning Freemasonry as a secret oath-binding society.

The Catholic church has issued many condemnations of Freemasonry since that time. However, after *Quo graviora mala* in 1825 little additional condemnation was necessary to change public opinion about the Craft. The following year, a man named William Morgan came on the scene and superseded anything the church could have done to turn the tide against the Masons.

Morgan's threats to reveal Masonic secrets and the Freemasons' ill-advised response garnered an anti-Masonic wave that swept the country, led to the formation of the anti-Masonic political party, forced the closing of many lodges, prompted many men to leave and disavow Freemasonry, and changed American history.

## Did you Know ?

That while he is not the founder of the NBA as an association, Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball itself in 1891. He was Initiated at Roswell Lee Lodge, Springfield, Massachusetts. He later affiliated and became the Worshipful Master of Lawrence Lodge No. 6, Kansas in 1927-28.

# Dates for your Diary



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where the popular 'Burns vs Kipling' dramatization will be carried out by the members of the Lodge Instruction Class.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Visitation to Lodge Thistle & Crown where we have been invited to confer a MM Degree.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

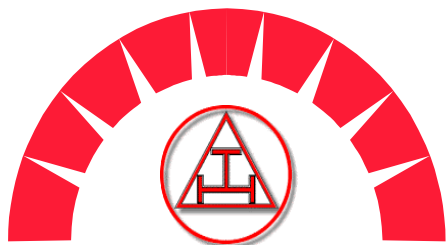
Lodge Burns Evening at 7pm (*Tickets are still available from Bro Stephen Scott SM*)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Bi Centenary Celebrations (*invited guests only*)

(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 any senior Office-bearer,

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



**Rockmount R.A.C. No.367**

At the Regular Meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the following Candidate :

**ROSS AITKEN**

received a fine Royal Arch Degree from the Companions of Rockmount, in what was perhaps a disappointing attendance of under 20 Companions.

The next meeting of the Chapter on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January will be a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree, and MEC Graham Manson MEZ and his Companions extend an invitation to any Companions who would like to attend. They will be most welcome.

# Do We Meet Him On the Level?

(by Author Unknown)

To meet upon the level  
Is an easy thing to say,  
But when it comes to practice,  
Do we do it every day?  
Do we meet him on the level,  
If the Brother chance to be  
Just a little out at elbow  
Or baggy at the knee?

When we meet him in the workshop,  
Do we greet him with the grip  
That we do the noted statesman  
On a European trip?

Do we meet him on the level  
And give him just the chance  
That we do the dashing fellow  
With the creases in his pants?

If fortune does not smile on him  
In sunshine and repose,  
Do we meet him on the level  
In his second-handed clothes?  
Do we invite him to our church,  
And seat him in our pew,  
And warm our hearts by clasping hands  
As Brothers ought to do?

Yes, we meet him on the level,  
On the broad Masonic plan,  
Whenever we know him to be  
A Mason and a man.  
We'll meet him on the level,  
And part upon the square,  
And then perhaps he'll vouch for us  
When we meet him over there.

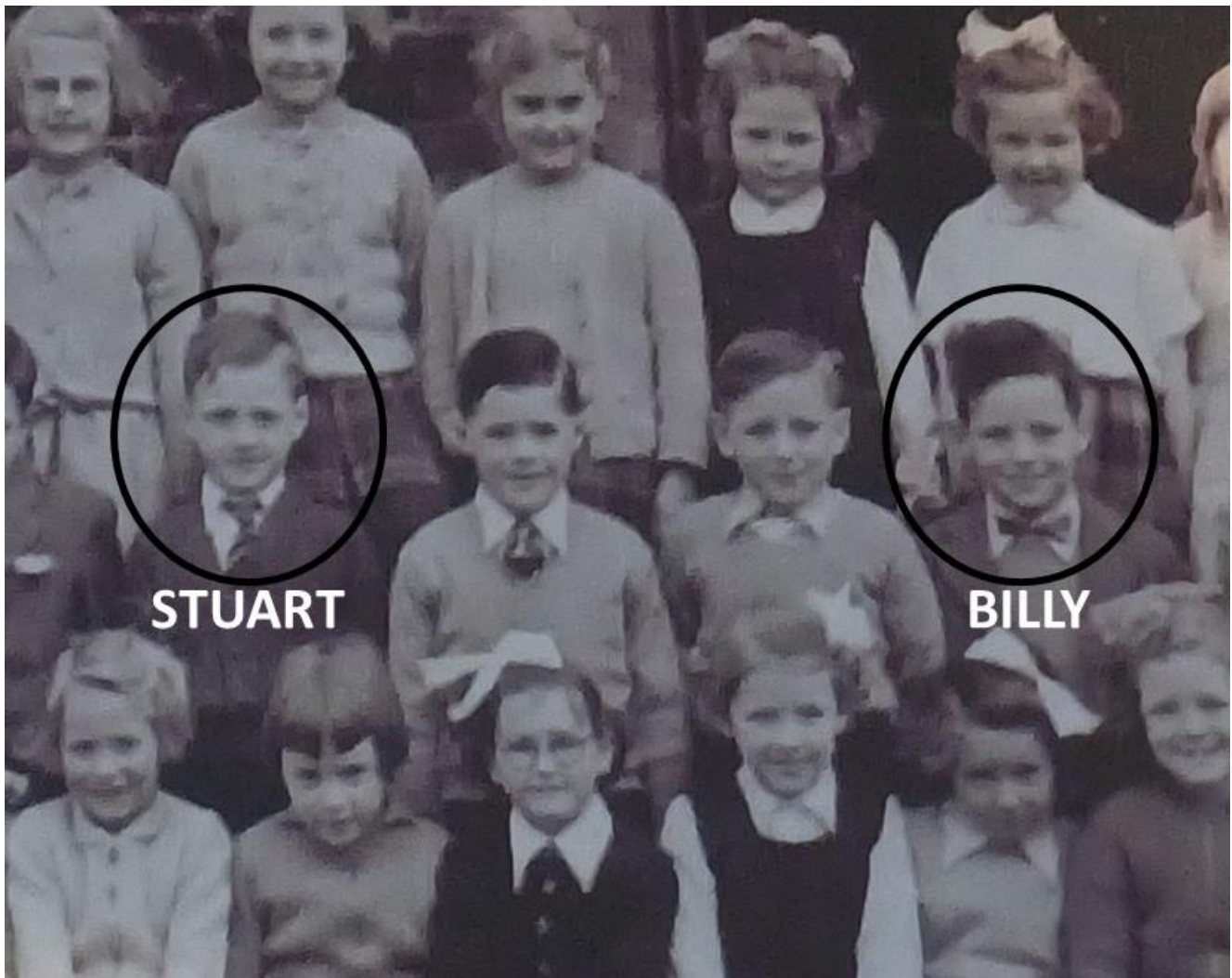
# Photographic Memories

At the end of our recent Installation, as a few photographs were being taken, Bro Billy Little turned to Bro Stuart Welsh and said did he realise that it was 68 years since we had our very first photograph taken in a group such as this ?

That was when we were in primary one at the old Cross Arthurlie Primary, now the industrial estate where Bryars & Mulholland had their garage. The boys entrance was on Cogan St., the girls and infants entrance was on Robertson St.. Mrs Hamilton was our teacher.

Below we reproduce that old school photograph so our readers can make comparisons between then and now.

Another Lodge Member in the class photo is Ian Cowie,



# Famous Freemasons

*(This month we tell of a medical pioneer whose successful career had its roots in Freemasonry)*

## Brother Charles Horace Mayo (1865 – 1939)



Charles Mayo an American physician was born on July 18th, 1865 in Rochester, Minnesota. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1888 with his M.D. He went to receive his Masters of Arts in 1904 Northwestern. He also did postgraduate work at a variety of schools.

In 1889, Mayo joined his father's private practice along with his brother. His father retired just three years later. This left Mayo, his brother and several doctors in practice together which became the beginnings of the Mayo Clinic.

During World War I, Mayo served as a colonel in the United States Army, Medical Corp. After the war he was chief consultant for Office of Surgeon General and was brigadier general in Medical Reserve.

After the war, Mayo, among other things became the surgeon to St. Mary's and Worrall hospitals. He also became the professor of surgery for the Medical School at the University of Minnesota from 1919-36.

It was also in 1919, the members of the practice Mayo's father started decided to make the clinic not-for-profit. It was the world's first "integrated group practice" and was established by the seven partners and staff.

The Mayo Clinic came to be regarded as one of the foremost medical treatment and research institutions in the world. The partners in the Clinic demanded a high level of sterility in all of the surgical theatres, beyond the standards of the time, this helped in their success as a practice. The idea of medical specialization was started by the founders of the Mayo Clinic, including Mayo himself.

The Clinic began in the Masonic Temple in Rochester, Minnesota until Mayo and his brother donated a combined \$2.8 million dollars for the construction of a new facility.

Mayo retired in 1930 and passed away on May 26th, 1939 from pneumonia. One of his two sons, Joseph Graham predeceased him when his truck was struck by a train, killing Joseph and his hunting dog. Joseph and the dog were buried together.

Mayo was a member of Rochester Lodge No. 21 in Rochester, Minnesota. He was also a member of Halcyon Chapter No. 8, Royal Arch Masons and a member of Home Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and received his 33° in 1935.

# BITS & PIECES

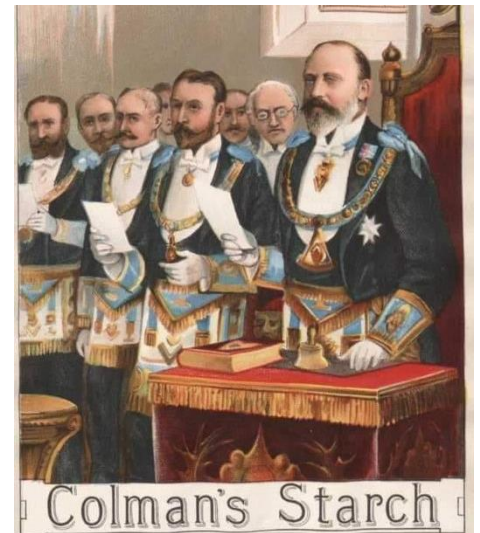
- Isn't it fantastic that a total of 67 Brethren have opted to participate in the '200 for 200' initiative which, after costs, has raised over £10.000 towards the cost of our forthcoming Bi-Centenary celebrations
- The heartiest of congratulations to Bro Craig Allison on his installation as RWM of his adopted Lodge in Aberdeen – 'The Lodge of Old Aberdeen, No.164' for a second consecutive year. We wish his well
- We're grateful to all the Brethren, for their generous donations of that much needed commodity – A4 Paper. Without it there would be no Mallet each month.
- Best Wishes to Bro Paul (PJ) Smith, our worthy Jeweler on reaching his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday just before Christmas.
- Bro Lawrence Webb IG is still covering the Almoner's duties until the end of the month, whilst Bro Jim Miller PM is on an extended holiday in Portugal. He can be reach on ☎ 07736 780 132
- Congratulations to Bro Paul Higgins on the recent birth of his first Granddaughter.
- Sorry to hear that Bro Alan Izatt WSW has undergone his second bout of surgery in two months, this time to his hand. Must be something in the water in Kilcreggan !!
- Isn't Bro Graham Manson PM such a cheery and irrepressible individual. Always laughing and joking to keep everyone's spirits up, despite him being a St Mirren supporter !!
- I bumped into Bro Allan McIntyre in the street recently and was very pleasantly surprised s he was looking great. When you consider what he's gone through in recent months with bereavement and serious ill health.

## Royal Connections

An interesting snippet of history showing how society had an open view of Freemasonry over 120 years ago.

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII from 1901 until his death in 1910) was the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1874 until 1901.

The Colman company often used images of royalty in their advertising and this advert for 'Colman's Starch', depicting him wearing a stiffened shirt front and collar with Masonic regalia, dates from around the time of his coronation in 1902



# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 27 Years Ago

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### Regular Meetings :

On Tuesday 3rd December, the following three Candidates :

**MARK LAWN**

**STEVEN DICKSON**

**PHILIP REILLY**

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by the Worshipful Wardens of the Lodge in what was a fine E.A. Degree. As all our Office-bearers were occupying their respective offices for the first time, they are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they adapted to their new positions.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-36pm**

**Attendance : 73**

At the Regular meeting on Tuesday 17th December, the same three Candidates were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree by our Worthy Deacons and all present cannot fail to have been impressed by the obvious sincerity of all taking part in the evening's ceremonial.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-14 pm**

**Attendance : 80**

### 100 Club :

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for December were as follows :

**Tuesday 3rd Dec**    £10 :Mrs Muriel Fraser                    £5 : Mrs Liz Nicol

**Tuesday 17th Dec**    £10 : Bro Willie Wade PM                    £5 : Bro David Ritchie

- We offer our heartiest congratulations to two Brethren well known within 307. Bro Frank Harper, our retiring Prov. Grand Secretary, has been awarded Honorary Grand Rank and Bro Andrew Tannahill who was recently installed as Grand Senior Deacon.
- Bro Robin Murray is still looking for entries for his competition to design a commemorative jewel for the 175th Anniversary of the Lodge in 1997.
- We notice that another publication is circulating within 307. This appears to be a Masonic Fanzine and seems to be raising funds for the 175th Fund. Whilst not wishing to give it any sanction, we will be following its development with interest !
- We noticed Bro Bobby Douglas and Bro Arthur Renfrew deep in conversation recently and wondered at the connection, only to discover that they had been apprentices together at Leggats over 50 years ago !
- It was pleasing to note that Bro Ian Milliken recently made and donated a set of collection plates to Lodge Craigielea.

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