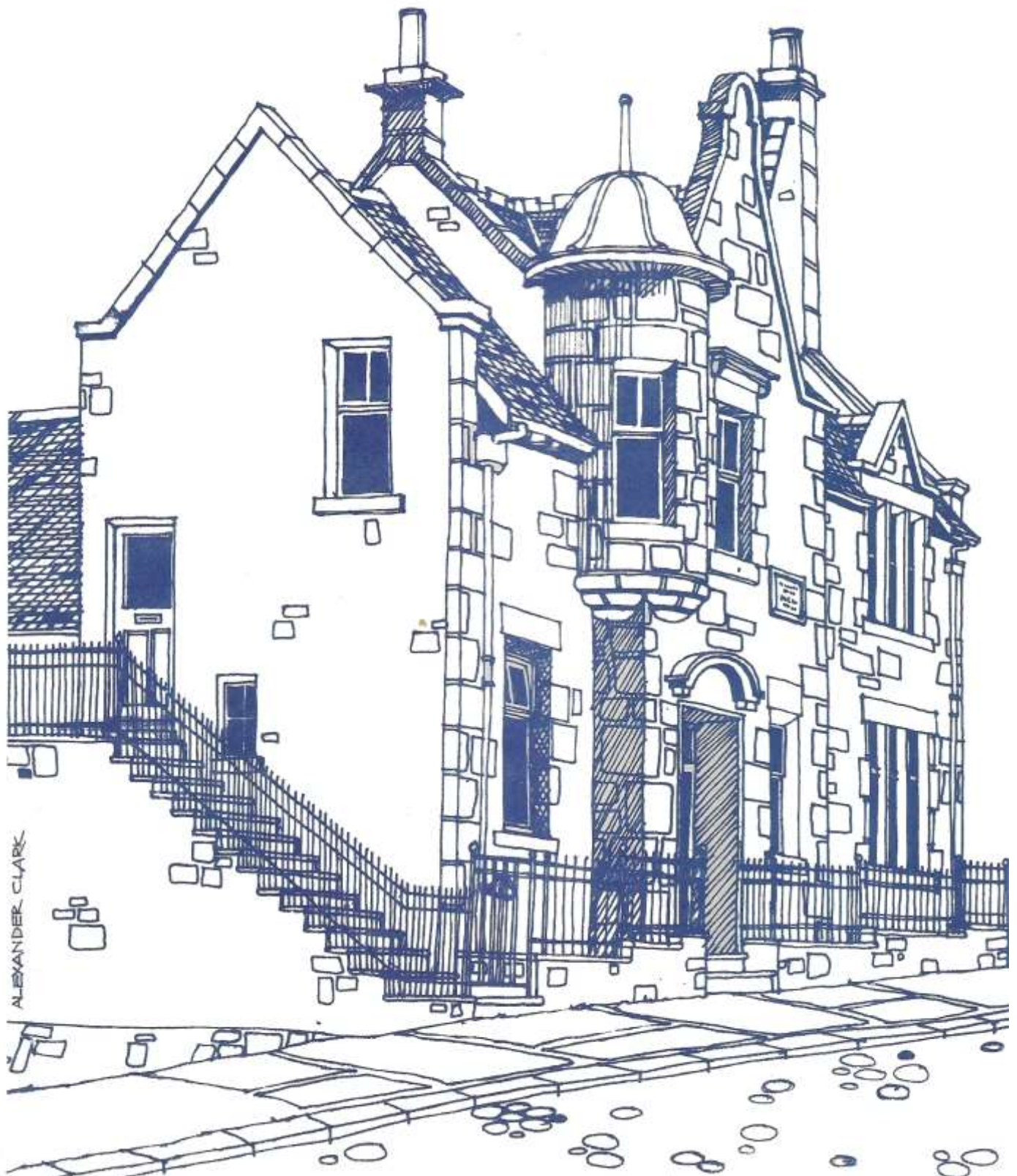


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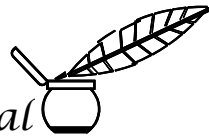
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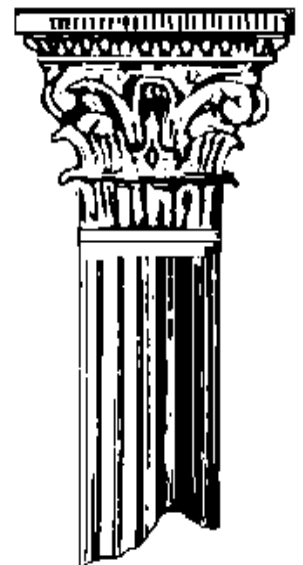
It is a fact that modern life, and the undoubted pressures it brings, are unhelpful to Freemasonry in general and the Daughter Lodges in particular. Whilst in the past, Brethren as they advanced through the offices, possibly had more time to devote to their duties, and perhaps a greater opportunity to progress and develop, it is now much more difficult to be an office-bearer in any Lodge. Nowadays, many have the obvious distractions of mortgages, young children, more-demanding wives or girlfriends, and this makes it harder each year to devote the time and effort necessary to keep the Lodge on an even keel, much less take it forward.

However, as we enter the month of October and the beginning of the "Steak Pie season" it is incumbent on all the Lodges to prepare brethren to pick up the baton for the forthcoming Masonic year.

We at Union & Crown will have our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 18th October and we will hope, as always, that all offices are successfully occupied.

We presently look to fill some twenty five offices in the Lodge and whilst any member can put himself forward for an office (with the exception of IPM) up to and including the day of the AGM we can count ourselves fortunate that we have an active and robust management team who working with the Right Worshipful Master and the Substitute RWM have been sounding out individuals prior to the AGM itself and will make recommendations. What cannot be in doubt though is that a volunteer is worth his weight in gold and that goes the same in any order in masonry.

Finally, I urge the new office bearers to go in with their eyes wide open, ask about the job you are accepting for a year. It is not long ago that Lodge Harmony would sometimes continue onto 02:00am, or later. The latest licencing laws now mean that many brethren now bring their own cars, take soft drinks with the Lodge being clear between 11:00pm and 11:30pm. Is it too much to ask that the majority of office bearers remain behind until at least our visitors/guests have been fed and the tables cleared.



Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.

Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of 6th September 2016 The meeting commenced with the RWM welcoming the brethren back after the summer recess.

Following a slightly longer than usual 'business' of the Lodge, caused by the recess, a large, and most welcome deputation from Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426 and headed by their own Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Ronnie Alexander was admitted.

After a short recess our friends from Renfrew carried out a very fine FC Degree where they passed the following three candidates to the second square.

JOHN BELL

ROSS BERNARD

KENNETH ROBERTSON

After the degree, The Mallet was returned to our own RWM, Bro. Ian who congratulated Bro. Ronnie and the degree team. This sentiment was echoed by Bro. Drew Calderwood the Right Worshipful Master of Pollokshaws Royal Arch No. 153 who spoke on behalf of the visitors.

Following the close of the meeting a harmony took place downstairs with many of the brethren catching up after the summer break.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed - 09:50 pm Attendance - 101

At the regular meeting of the 20th September 2016. A meeting of the lodge took place. Following the regular business.

JOHN BELL

ROSS BERNARD

KENNETH ROBERTSON

were raised to the High and Sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Office bearers and brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307.

The degree was appreciated by all in attendance and a vote of thanks was called for by the RWM Bro. Ian Blair. The Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Erskine No. 1566 also wished the new brethren well and offered the Lodge fraternal greetings on behalf of all the visitors.

A quieter than usual harmony followed but still enjoyed by all in attendance.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:43pm Attendance – 54



Congratulations to Past Master Bro. Roy Dinning and his wife May on celebrating their 56th Wedding anniversary.

Your friends at 307 wish you both health and happiness for the future.

More Chic Murray



I met this cowboy with a brown paper hat, paper waistcoat and paper trousers.

He was wanted for rustling.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



The M.E. First Principal, MEC Graham Manson and his Office Bearers would like to thank the Companions who took the trouble to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter on Tuesday 13th September 2016.

MEC Hugh Cattigan was elected into the post of MEZ, First Principal for 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 downstairs 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 11th October 2016 at 07:00pm

MEZ, MEC Graham Manson extends a cordial invitation to all Companions from within and without the Province to attend.

Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

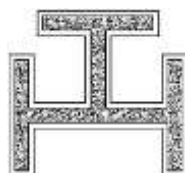
On Tuesday 27th September 2016 Rockmount Cryptic Council held its combined Annual General Meeting and Installation.

The Installing Principals were James Miller PTIM and Robert McCulloch TIM. It may be fair to say that the Council room was not exactly bursting at the seams but the Companions who had made it along were witness to a fine Installation ceremony delivered with the correct amount of gravitas due such an important ritual but punctuated with moments of well-aimed humour. The Provincial deputation was very well represented and led on this occasion by the Depute Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gordon McGregor Renfrew PTIM of Paisley Abbey CC No.76.

MEC James Miller PTIM installed the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Robert McCulloch TIM back into the chair of the Council and then Bob himself installed the office bearers present into their respective offices.

After the ceremony the Companions retired downstairs to enjoy a lovely 'harmony' meal downstairs.

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 22nd November 2016** at 07:30pm.



PGLRE OCTOBER 2016 INSTALLATIONS

Saturday	1 st October	3:00pm	The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566
Saturday	1 st October	4:00pm	Lodge Kil Bryd No. 1667
Friday	7 th October	7:00pm	Lodge Paisley St James No. 1116
Saturday	8 th October	3:30pm	Lodge Douglas No. 1557
Friday	14 th October	6:45pm	Lodge Craigielea No. 1218
Saturday	15 th October	3:00pm	Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167
Friday	21 st October	7:00pm	Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219
Saturday	22 nd October	3:00pm	Lodge Georgetown No. 1170
Saturday	22 nd October	3:30pm	Lodge McLaren No. 1688
Wednesday	26 th October	7:15pm	Lodge The Kings Park No. 1386

Yes...It's installation season again so let's try and support as many as possible within the Province

Over the summer recess two social events took place, the first of these being the Recess Dance which, again was a great success with everyone present enjoying great music and company. This event raised £ 350 for lodge funds and many congratulations to Bro. Lawrence Webb for his enthusiastic organisation of this fine evening.



The " Brick Project" which has been overseen by Bro. Adam G Watson has raised, so far, the utterly phenomenal amount of £5,200 which is being wisely spent on making improvements to the lodge premises. Bricks are still available at the cost of £20 each and can feature the name of a brother of the lodge, a brother who's a friend of the lodge as well as friends and family members and last but not least, local businesses who have a connection to the lodge. Bro Adam will be only too happy to take your orders!

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2016

Saturday 17th December 2016

Keep the night free. Please come along and have a great night with your wives, partners and friends.

Ticket details etc. coming soon

To pre-book tickets and or further information contact

Bro Lawrence Webb





With sadness, I intimate the passing, on Sunday 14th August 2016, of Mrs Isa Leckie, aged 95 years. The funeral service took place in Bournemouth on Thursday 25th August with family and extended family members in attendance. Local church members were also in attendance to lend their support and comfort.

Isa Leckie was the widow of Bro. Calum Leckie of Lodge Union & Crown. Bro. Calum sadly passed away some 20 years ago. Calum and Isa stayed in Barrhead then Isa moved to Prestwick about ten years ago to be near her son, Peter. A year past she then moved to Bournemouth to stay with her daughter Isabel to whom my thanks must go for advising me of Isa's passing.

During my time as Lodge Almoner I visited Isa at Prestwick on a number of occasions, Christmas was especially pleasant as I would call to arrange my visit with one of the Lodge Christmas parcels. Soon after arriving at her home she served lunch which she had prepared, a truly kindly lady... When she moved to Bournemouth in August 2015 I kept in touch by telephone/letter/card. Mrs Isa Leckie will be missed by all who were privileged to know her. Condolences were offered by myself on behalf of the Lodge.

On Friday, September 2nd, I experienced much pleasure attending our Lodges's Senior members dinner which took place within the Lodge Function Suite. The whole experience turned out to be an occasion of Masonic excellence. The atmosphere, the table settings and layout was most welcoming to all members on their arrival. The dinner prepared by Mrs Mary Gauld was complete in every sense of the word. Mary was ably assisted by daughter, Nicola, a compassionate mind associated with skilled hands and ability to work.

A toast to our Lodge was proposed and thoughtfully delivered by Bro. William (Billy) Stewart of Lodge Thistle and Crown No. 1167. Bro. Billy, for those who don't know, is the father of our own Bro. Paul Stewart PM. Bro. Billy, "Well done".

The entertainment which followed was of the finest quality ~ emotionally taking us all back to earlier years in our lives. The organisers of this event truly made the effort to make this occasion a memorable one. At the end, a sea of happy faces was there to be seen amongst the senior members assembled and on their behalf may I express our sincere thanks to the brethren of our beloved Lodge for giving us such a lovely day together. "Thank you all".

During the past month the following home visits were made to the following brethren and ladies of the Lodge:-

Bro. Davie Provan (at Millview Care Home)	Bro. Jim Laird & Florence
Bro. Philip T Reilly & Margaret	Bro. Jim Heron & Isobel
Mrs Karen Laird	Bro. Roy Dinning PM (on his birthday)
Bro. Robert Kennedy (on his birthday)	Bro. Donald Ferguson & Mary
Mrs Margaret McLellan	Bro. Robert Nixon PM

I also visited Bro. Tom Conway in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

Finally, it is with much delight that I intimate, as Lodge Almoner, that Bro. James Miller PM Secretary and Bro. Wilson Davidson PM are both receiving benefit from their many hospital visits over recent months, good news and well done to them both.

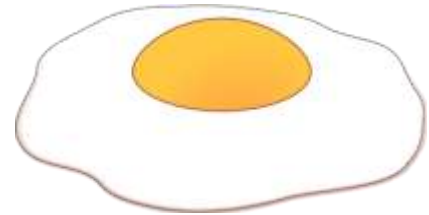
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Lodge Union & Crown No. 307, Cochrane Street, Barrhead.



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It's Only
THE**



BIG BREAKFAST

Saturday 22nd October 2016

10:00am to 12:30pm (or the food just running out ☺)

Tickets **£3.00**...

...or pay on the day

Be there or be square [That's the sausage, that is]

Tickets are available from Bro's Ronnie McIsaac, Gordon Neil or any office bearer

On the 11th October 2016 Bro. Hugh Cattigan PM is taking the chair in Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No.367 for the first time.

In his role, Bro. Hugh is keen to continue MEC Graham Manson's efforts in attempting to encourage Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter to resume visiting other Chapter's a bit more after this practice had dropped off over the years.

This month already, Hugh has been invited to give the toast to Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. 17 at their Installation on Wednesday the 19th October

Our Treasurer would like to remind all brethren test fees are now due at the cost of £40 and any brother wishing to contribute to capitation fees would be greatly welcomed. The 100 Club fee of £10 is now also due.

More Chic Murray



I rang the bell of this small bed-and breakfast place, whereupon a lady appeared at an outside window.

"What do you want?", she asked. "I want to stay here", I replied.

"Well, stay there then", she said and closed the window.

Meet the candidates

Once again we are extremely fortunate to enjoy a long list of candidates joining the lodge and we are proud to introduce the following new members.

Bro. Ross Bernard is the latest "young gun" and is of course the son of Bro. Alan Bernard IPM. Ross is studying Electrical Power Engineering and enjoys playing football as well as bass guitar. Another musician for the lodge harmonies!!!

Next we have **Bro John Bell** who lives in Bishopton and is married with one daughter. Bro John works for the Fire Service and enjoys relaxing by fishing. Bro John also has a strong interest in the work of Robert Burns and will no doubt be involved at some point in our annual Burns Supper.

Last but not least we meet **Bro Kenneth Robertson** who lives in Bishopbriggs and works as a Duty Manager with a well know supermarket chain. Bro Kenny is the grandson of our very own Bro Donald Ferguson and enjoys football, although his playing days are over due to injury he proudly informed us he managed to let in 20 goals in one half whilst playing in goals for his Boys' Brigade Company (We like this guy!!, Ed). He also enjoys a game of chess.

We welcome all three of our latest members and hope they will come among us for many years to come, Welcome aboard, brethren!



We were joined at our last meeting by Brother Ron Hudson of Orange Park Lodge No.267 in Florida who presented our RWM with a fine lapel badge which will be displayed in the downstairs lounge display cases. Bro. Ron is working here with the U.S. Navy (somewhere on the Clyde) for a few months so we will hopefully enjoy his company again!

This year's Summer Fayre raised the sum of £360 which went towards lodge funds. A warm thanks to all who assisted and contributed.

A couple of weeks after the recess dance a Caribbean Barbecue took place and with the sun shining many of the brethren and their wives and partners came dressed for the occasion. A fantastic afternoon followed with Bro Alan Bernard IPM working hard to make sure everyone was well fed! Many thanks to Bro Alan's lovely wife, Linda and his hard working sister, Catherine who ensured the afternoon/ evening went very well indeed and raised £200 for lodge funds!

Many congratulations to Bro Robin Murray PM's son Andrew who was recently married to his lovely bride, Nichola in a ceremony which included motorcycle transport!!

The Annual Grand Lodge Installation will take place on Thursday 24th November at George St, Edinburgh followed by the Festival of St. Andrews which will take place at the Corn Exchange where we will be travelling in numbers to support our RWM and of course Bro Bud Gauld PM who will be re-installed as Grand Director of Ceremonies. This should be a fantastic occasion and tickets priced £60 can be ordered from our Treasurer, Bro Jim Kerr PM.

A seminar for new members in the province will take place in our lodge premises on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm.

It's always good to hear the long list of Past Masters' names being read out in the minutes of previous meetings showing the great support we enjoy from our PMs.



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This year Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No.367 have produced a new Chapter Tie.

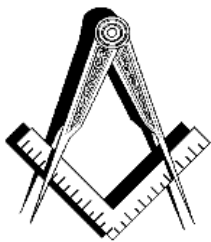
This is available from Hugh Cattigan or any other Chapter office bearer, price £12.

On a maroon base with blue stripes and Chapter Crest the attached photo will give you an idea of how the tie looks (see the Mallet on-line, via the Lodge web-site to see the tie in colour).

Brethren of Lodge St John Busby No.458 celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding on Saturday, 6th August – the exact day that the lodge's Charter was granted by Grand Lodge a century and a half ago.

RWM Bro Stewart Henderson welcomed Deputations from Grand Lodge headed by PDGM Bro. Archibald M. McGown and Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East headed by PGM Bro. John S. Miller along with a large number of visitors to the temple in Hawthorn Road, Busby.

Ceremonies of Re-consecration and Rededication were then carried out by members of PGLRE with great solemnity and style.



The last of Chic Murray



I got on a bus and went upstairs. The conductor came along asking for my fare. I said, "A single to the west end". He said, "We don't go to the west end". I said, "You've got west end on the front of the bus"?

He said, "We've got Persil on the back of the bus but we don't take in washing".



WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918 (September 1916)



Two things caught my eye as I reviewed some of the many sites which devote themselves to the history of the first world war.

Firstly, on the 15th September 1916 saw the first use of tanks in warfare, "Little Willies" at Battle of Flers-Courcelette, part of the Battle of the Somme. The first tank- Was named "Little Willie", they originally were called "landships." and it had a top speed of 3 MPH. (Tanks received their name because the British tried to conceal their identity by calling them water storage tanks, hence the name tank).



Despite its seemingly cute name the "Little Willie" was in fact an impressive war machine conceived to punch a hole in the German lines.

The battle of Flers-Courcelette, 15-22 September 1916, was the third main phase of the battle of the Somme. It is best known as the first tank battle in history, as it featured forty-nine Mk I tanks although not all of the tanks made it into battle due to reliability.

The use of the tanks at Flers-Courcelette will always be controversial. Although they failed to achieve the great breakthrough, many contemporary accounts record how welcome they had been, and how helpful the surviving tanks were to the advance.

The most serious charge laid against Field Marshall Haig is that he revealed his new secret weapon prematurely, reducing the chance of winning a major breakthrough using them. However, it is possible to argue that the poor performance of the tanks on the Somme, and over the next few months, lulled the German High Command into a false belief that they were ineffective weapons, delaying their own tank programme.

It is also argued that the use of the tanks at Flers-Courcelette taught their designers important lessons, making later tanks more effective.



The second thing which caught my eye happened at virtually the same time. On the 17th September 1916 a young German flying ace won his first aerial combat, his name was Manfred Von Richthofen, better known as "The Red Barron". He would become a scourge of the Royal Flying Corp, the precursor of the RAF. His personal story has been turned into many books and films.





FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 27 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Raymond Smith

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 5th September the following two Candidates:-

STEVEN AMABILE

PAUL JAMES CHERRY

were passed to the second square or F.C. Degree by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Georgetown No.1170

Lodge Opened at **7:30pm** Lodge Closed at **9:52pm** Attendance was **132**

At our Regular Meeting on Tuesday 19th September the same two Candidates were raised to the high & sublime degree of a M.M. by the Office-bearers and Past Masters of Lodge St John, Busby, No. 458.

Those in attendance witnessed a fine degree and are to be congratulated for attending on an evening when Rangers were playing in a Skol Cup semi-final at Hampden.

Lodge Opened at **7:30pm** Lodge Closed at **9:52pm** Attendance was **126**

The lucky winners of the 100 club for the month of September are as follows :

5th Sept	£10	Bro Alan Weir	£5	Bro Billy Dickie
19th Sept	£10	Bro John Gray P.M.	£5	Bro Jim Kerr

Our very best wishes for many years of good health go to both Bro Tom Young PM & Bro Archie Douglas, who have recently retired.

Belated best wishes to Bro Willie Love's daughter Susan on her recent betrothal.

Bro Tom Forde's garden, after a year or two of inactivity, is now resplendent and lush. At great expense, Bro Tom has had it re-turfed.

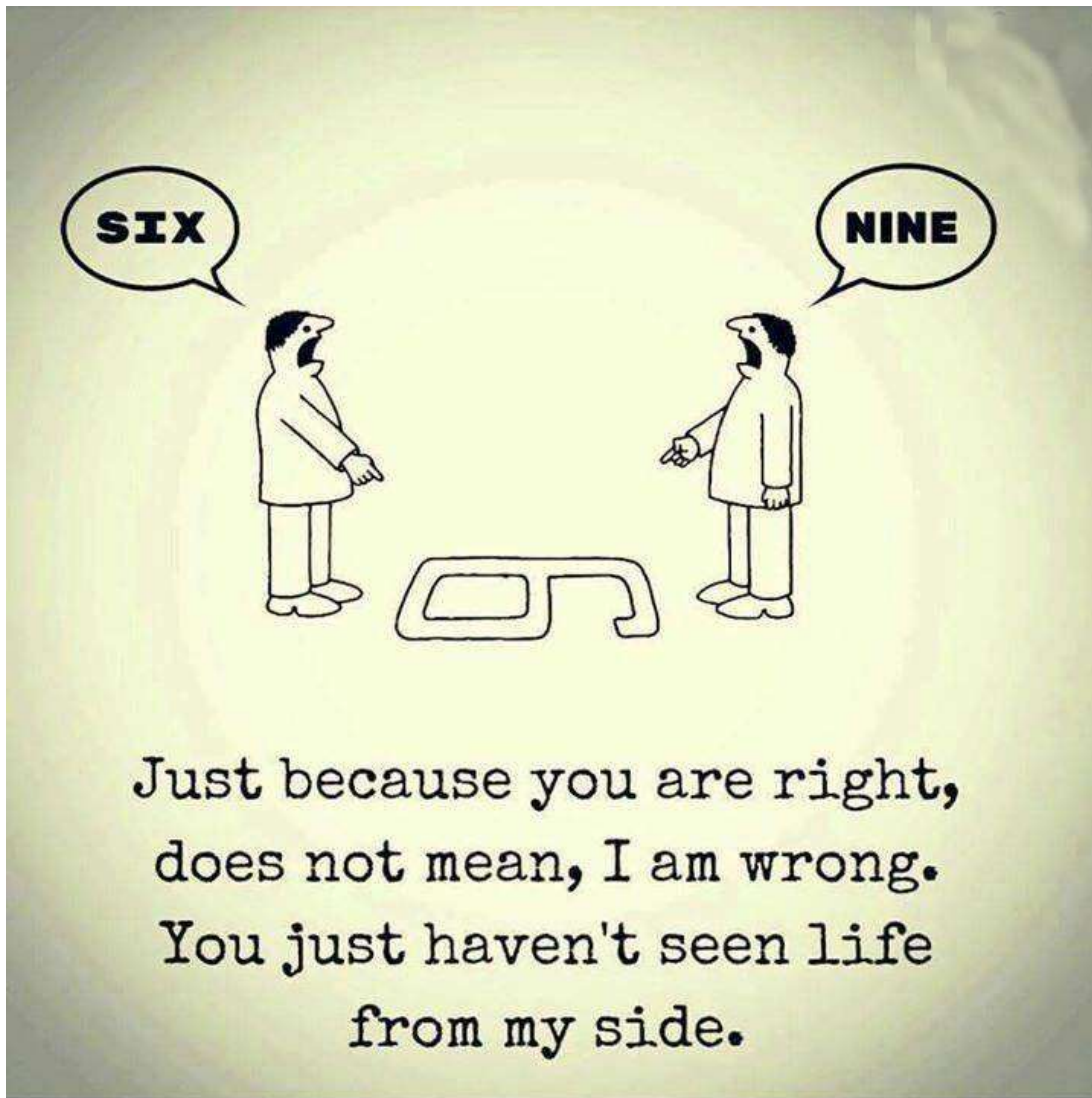
Well done to Bro Colin Maclean after his recent success in the J & B Golf Tournament at Renfrew.

Bro Douglas Miller has at last secured a teaching post - in Campbeltown.

Bro Jackie Ross tells us he has purchased a retiral home in Largs.



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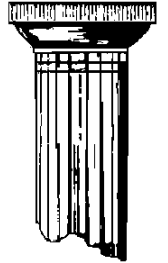
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WJW	Kenneth Beatts
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Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
Inner Guard	Robert Clark
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Junior Chaplain	Steven Ross
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Bible bearer	Lee Renfrew
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