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Writing and editing a monthly journal such as ours has certainly had its moments over the years. We have had some incredibly rewarding and fulfilling highs, when you come to realise that a simple idea when written down, translates into a satisfying article one can be proud of. Correspondingly, there will always exist the occasional low point that results from wrong information, poor research, too tight a deadline or simply too little attention to detail. To be perfectly honest, there have even probably been a few isolated cases when poor articles have been used simply to fill pages, when information was scarce.

We like to think that our Journal has, over the forty-two years it has been in existence, set high standards which in our modest opinion and the opinion of many independents, haven't been consistently matched by any of our many contemporaries, a record of which Lodge Union & Crown can be justifiably proud, and when you realise that "The Mallet" has been printed and reprinted over and over again, throughout the English-speaking Masonic world almost since its conception in 1976, we must be doing something consistently right !

Having been at the helm for almost twenty-five of those years, we have always attempted to maintain the distinctive style originally achieved, it has not always been easy and we can honestly admit that we have probably settled for a more comfortable and conservative stance at times, publishing a wide variety of pieces which have come through a tried and tested process and over the years proved successful. Perhaps we should have taken the crusading approach, often adopted by our pioneering predecessors on a more regular basis. That isn't to say that we didn't provoke the odd bit of controversy with certain articles, and we would like to hope that we can continue to provoke comment from the wide spectrum of people who populate Freemasonry, both at home and abroad.

One thing we have never done, and will certainly never do, is write simply to upset anyone just for the sake of it, we may feel passionately about certain topics, and this passion may be reflected honestly and sincerely on the pages of our journal and if this attracts unfavourable criticism or comment so be it. One thing we will always be grateful for is material for publication in The Mallet, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem all is most welcome. From time to time we are accused of many things, one month it is that we're too serious and another we are too flippant, so at times we simply cannot win and we'll continue to accept the brickbats and praise, in the hope that your comments and contributions continue to maintain our newsletter's position right at the top. But remember we only as good as the information we receive, and if things prove to be unpopular, or we are becoming too bland let us know ! Don't say we didn't give you the opportunity.



# Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

*Dear Sir & Brother,*

*The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Stewart Gray cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Entered Apprentice Degree*

*Conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426*

*Harmony*



*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Dramatised Prisoner of War Degree*

*'Harmony*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*David McArthur P.M.*

*Lodge Secretary*

# Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, an excellent Master Mason Degree was conferred on the following Candidate

## **CRAIG GRAHAM HAUGH**

by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class. All in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the extremely high standard set by all who participated.

**Opened : 7-31 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.39 pm**

**Attendance : 62**



At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, the Brethren of the Lodge came together to carry-out the popular 'Burns vs Kipling' dramatization before a large attendance of our own Brethren and visitors.

Again, all will have been impressed by this 'quirky' dramatised series of masonic poems and songs from two of Britain's foremost poets and writers.

**Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 8.59 pm**

**Attendance : 84**



## **100 CLUB**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**      £20 : **Bro Evans Reid PM**    &    £10 : **Bro Robert Miller PM**

**16<sup>th</sup> April**      £20 : **Bro Robert Miller PM**    &    £10 : **Bro Hugh Cattigan PM**

Names are still being taken for this year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see George McGrandles PM, our Acting Treasurer.



## ***Widow's Lunch***

The annual Widow's Lunch is being held this year on 14<sup>th</sup> June, and most of the invitations should have been delivered by now. If, however, you may know of someone who hasn't yet received theirs, please let our Worthy Secretary know as soon as possible.

Whilst on the subject, if you would like to assist by 'sponsoring a widow' and making a donation towards the cost of a lunch, just speak with any Senior Office-bearer.



# Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Brethren of Lodge Prince of Wales are conferring an EA Degree.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Official Visitation to Lodge Prince of Wales where we have been invited to confer a FC Degree.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Dramatised 'Prisoner of War' Degree will be conferred.

*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)*



## “AN IMPOSTER .....

A fraternity that performs so many charitable acts is bound to be the target of fraud. Those impersonating Masons for financial gain and those appealing to Masonic charities under false pretences have been around almost as long as the order itself.

Today, with the Internet and mass media, word can spread quickly when a charlatan surfaces. In times past, such communication was slower and more difficult. In 1859, Rob Morris, founder of the Eastern Star, published "The Prudence Book." Updated annually, it was an attempt to publish information about impostors, but was discontinued after a short run. It was found easier to print and distribute "broadsides" as Lodges discovered impostors. Here is an example of one notice warning Lodges of an impostor from the 19th century.

**CAUTION!**

**MASONIC LODGE OF RELIEF,**  
MASONIC TEMPLE, Baltimore, July 24, 1877.

A man calling himself "HERBERT SYDNEY," professing to hail from Langthorne Lodge, Stratford, Essex, England, is an

**IMPOSTER.**

Information has been received from Langthorne Lodge that no such person is known there.

**DESCRIPTION.** Height about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches; complexion dark; black hair and eyes; bald patch on top of head; hair somewhat thin; black moustache. Professes to be a portrait painter, and ruined by the fire at St. John's, Canada, in June 1876. Reports from Masonic Lodge at St. John's, say that no portrait painter of that name ever lived there, but there had been one named Sydney Herbert Gadsen.

The Fraternity is hereby warned against this person, and is furthermore advised to have him arrested, if possible, for obtaining, or attempting to obtain money under false pretenses.

He was in Baltimore about a month ago, and succeeded in swindling the Fraternity to a small extent. He then went to Washington, D. C.

He is believed to be now tramping about, victimizing Masonic Lodges, and the St. George's Societies.

**ALBERT LYMAN, M. D.,**  
**Secretary.**

Please post the above in every Lodge in your jurisdiction.

D. K. Osborne & Co. Masonic Printers and Stationers, Baltimore, U.S.

# BITS & PIECES

- Congratulations to Heather Allan and her new husband Liam following their recent wedding. (*Heather is of course the daughter of Bro Stephen Allan PM, and the granddaughter of Bro Douglas Junner PM*)
- Tickets for the 'Recess Dance' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May are selling well with more than half of them already gone !! If you're interested, see Bro Lawrence Webb (☎ 07736 780 132)
- We hear that late Bro Willie McGinlay's Daughter Janice has bought Bro Iain Nicol's house in Stobs Drive, and will be moving in in early June.
- Thanks to Bro Lawrence Webb and Bro Bud Gauld PM for their donations of paper for The Mallet.
- Tickets costing £25 are now available for the Lodge's 'Sportsman's Dinner' which is being held on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. The speakers on that evening are Derek Ferguson and Frank McAvennie. Anyone interested should contact Bro Lawrence Webb on ☎ 07736 780 132 as soon as possible.
- Congratulations to Bro Colin McLardy PM and his wife Tracey following their marriage in Galveston, Texas, where Bro Colin is now working.
- Arrangements for the forthcoming Birse Cairn Ceremony on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May are going well. However, Bro Jim Renfrew PM is looking for donations of Whisky, to be used as complimentary hospitality at the Celebration Dinner which follows the Ceremony.
- Bro Robert Scott WJW is still looking for Brethren wishing to participate in the '200 for 200' scheme being offered by the Lodge's Bi-centenary Committee? A single payment of £200 (which can be paid up over the next 5 years if necessary) will secure a range of 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary benefits including Tickets, Jewels, Books etc.
- Congratulations to Bro Bobby Clark WSW following his recent promotion within the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- Several of our Brethren participated in a short online survey (*forwarded by our Worthy Secretary*) which asked how important was Freemasonry. It originated from an academic within Edinburgh University who was also a Freemason.
- It is good to see Bro Raymond Smith PM up and about following his recent Triple Heart Bypass operation.
- We gather that the Lodge has entered 6 teams in the Provincial Pairs Golf competition for the McMenemy Trophy. Hopefully we'll do well this year after a few near misses recently.
- It was pleasing to see quite a number of our Brethren who are members of Fereneze Golf Club attending the recent MM Degree of Bro Craig Haugh who is the Golf Professional there.
- Congratulations to Bro Kenny Beatts' elder daughter – Caitlyn and her fiancée Robert following their recent engagement.

# From the East



If you had told me two years ago that I would be the Master of my Mother Lodge, Union and Crown No. 307, I would of thought you were crazy. But here we are almost half way through my year, after reaching was has been the pinnacle of my Masonic career.

The support and encouragement expressed by the Brethren of the Lodge has been outstanding. During our official/unofficial visitations the numbers that have accompanied me have been exceptional, who could forget the ad hoc visit to Montefiore No. 753, still the talk of Glasgow. I thank each and every one of you for that support.

There has been many high lights so far, attending my brothers Installation in York as the RWM is well up there, but what has been and should be for every Master of Union and Crown is the pride and belonging you feel when the Past Masters parade in to Lodge at the start of every meeting. Is there any other Lodge anywhere that gives the Master that commitment and support?

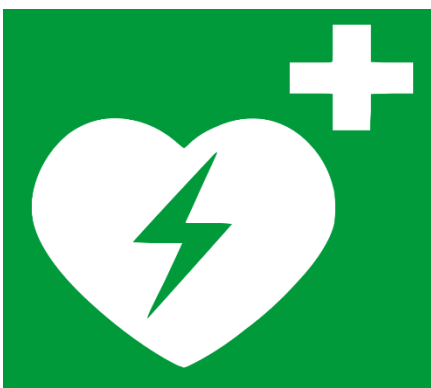
Of course we have a very important date in our history on the 25th May with the Grand Lodge cairn dedication service for late Bro. Duncan Birse. As you know I will be at my son's wedding on that date in London, but I can assure you my thoughts will be with you all on that day. I wish our IPM Bro. Nicol Hynd every success that day, it is never in doubt after witnessing the hard work and dedication that has been applied by the Brethren of our Lodge.

Of course the Lodge does not stand still and preparations are already well in hand to ensure that Bro. Ronnie Maclsaac has a successful term in office. I am looking forward to continuing my journey as Master of the Lodge. And as they say

*"If it has been to the satisfaction of the Brethren then that good enough for me".*

**Bro Stewart Gray R.W.M.**

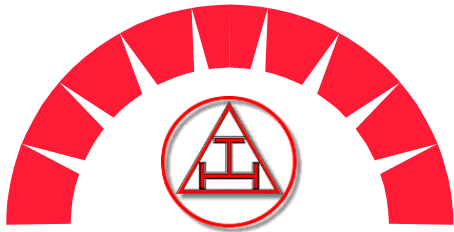
## Defibrillator



As many of our readers will know, the Lodge has installed a Heart Defibrillator within the entrance of Temple, for our own use in an emergency.

It is also installing another outside for use by the general public as part of a local scheme to have a chain of them throughout the town.

Our thanks goes to Bro Bobby Clark WSW who recently organised a training session for 15 of our Brethren in how to use this vital equipment.



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

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the Companions of Rockmount RAC conferred a fine Mark Affiliate, and Excellent Master's Degree on

**Bro Ronald Bright**

MEZ David Allan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend the next meeting of the Chapter, where a Royal Arch Degree is scheduled for: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:30pm**



## **To The Secretary**

Make thou the record duly,  
Our Mason life is there;  
Make thou the record truly,  
With close and anxious care.  
The labours on the busy stage,  
At every step, from age to age!

Make thou the record plainly,  
How oft does error lurk!  
Herein our children mainly  
Will read their fathers' work.  
Herein will trace with joy or gloom  
Our pathway to the closing tomb.

Make thou the record kindly,  
Omit the cruel words;  
The Mason spirit blindly  
A gentle shroud affords.  
Oh, let thy record grandly prove  
Freemasonry's a thing of love.

Make thou the record swiftly,  
Time's scythe is sweeping fast;  
Our life, dissolving deftly,  
Will soon, ah, soon, be past.  
And may a Generous Eye o'erlook  
Our record in the Heavenly Book!

# Famous Scottish Freemasons

*(Continuing our series about Famous Scottish Brethren, this month we consider one who gave up plans for a place in the medical profession, and turned to writing where he brought us super sleuth Sherlock Holmes)*

## Brother Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930)



Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was born on May 22, 1859, in Edinburgh, where. His father, was a moderately successful artist. His mother, was a vivacious and well educated young woman with a passion for books and was a master storyteller.

At the age of 9, he spent seven years in a Jesuit boarding school, where his only moments of happiness were when he practised sports, mainly cricket, at which he was very good. It was during these difficult years that Arthur realized he also had a talent for storytelling, often surrounded by younger students listening to the amazing stories he made up to amuse them.

Family tradition would have dictated the pursuit of an artistic career, yet Arthur decided to follow a medical one at the University of Edinburgh, A couple of years into his studies, Arthur decided to try his pen at writing a short

story. The result entitled *The Mystery of Sasassa Valley*. It was accepted in an Edinburgh magazine called *Chamber's Journal*,

Arthur Conan Doyle's was twenty years old and in his third year of medical studies when a chance for adventure knocked on his door. He was offered the post of ship's surgeon on a whaling boat, about to leave for the Arctic Circle. This adventure found its way into his first story about the sea, a chilling tale called *Captain of the Pole-Star*. Conan Doyle returned to his studies in the autumn of 1880, graduating a year later. Dr Arthur Conan Doyle's first employment was as a medical officer on a battered old vessel navigating between Liverpool and the west coast of Africa. Unfortunately he did not find Africa to be as seductive as the Arctic, so he gave up that position as soon as the boat landed back in England, where he set up practice in Portsmouth. During the next years, he divided his time between trying to be a good doctor and struggling to become a recognized author. In August of 1885, he married a young woman called Louisa Hawkins, the sister of one of his patients.

In March 1886, Conan Doyle started writing the novel which catapulted him to fame. At first it was named *A Tangled Skein* and the two main characters were called Sheridan Hope and Ormond Sacker. Two years later this novel was republished, under the title *A Study in Scarlet* which introduced us to the immortal Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson. Conan Doyle opened a practice in Upper Wimpole Street in London where, not a single patient ever crossed his door and he made the most profitable decision of his life, to become a full time author.

In May of 1891 he wrote a series of short for *The Strand* magazine featuring Sherlock Holmes. The "image" of Holmes was created by the illustrator Sidney Paget who took his handsome brother Walter as a model for the great detective. This collaboration lasted for many decades and was instrumental in making the author, the magazine and the artist, world famous.

Doyle was initiated into Phoenix Lodge No.257 in Portsmouth in 1893.

He served as a doctor in the Boer War. During the few months he spent in Africa, he saw more soldiers and medical staff die of typhoid fever, than of war wounds. Exhausted and disappointed, Conan Doyle opted for yet another change of direction when he returned to England. He threw himself head first into politics by running for a seat in Central Edinburgh, he lost the election by only a narrow margin and returned to London to continue writing.

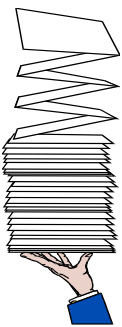
The inspiration for his next novel came from a prolonged stay in the Devonshire moors, which included a visit to Dartmoor prison. As the novel progressed, he came to realize that his story lacked a hero. He is quoted as having said, "Why should I invent such a character, when I already have him in the form of Sherlock Holmes." However, rather than resurrecting the detective, the author wrote the story as if it was a previously untold adventure. To the delight of thousands of frustrated fans, The Strand magazine published the first episode of The Hound of the Baskervilles in August 1901.

A year later, King Edward VII knighted Conan Doyle for services rendered to the Crown during the Boer War. Gossip has it, that the King was such an avid Sherlock Holmes fan, that he had put the author's name on his Honours List to encourage him to write new stories.

The toll of the Great War was cruel on Conan Doyle. He lost his son, his brother, his two brothers-in-law and his two nephews. In 1928 his last twelve stories about the exploits of the immortal detective were compiled in The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes.

In the autumn of 1929, despite being very ill, Conan Doyle went off for his last tour to Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Unfortunately, he was forced to return home and died peacefully on July 7, 1930.

## Paper Appeal



As ever, we are still looking for that essential commodity – PAPER.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m<sup>2</sup> 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/m<sup>2</sup> card for various tasks within the Lodge.



Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honourable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice.

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

**Bro George Washington**

# Did you know ???

- That of the statues in Glasgow's George Square, five of them are of Freemasons (Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Sir John Moore, Thomas Campbell and James Watt)
- Between 1890 (when it became a state) and 1951, every Governor of the State of Wyoming, except one, was a Mason. The sole exception was Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, the wife of a mason and a member of Eastern Star.
- There have been a total of 1356 recipients of our highest award for valour, The Victoria Cross. It is known that 139 (over 10%) of these are known to be Freemasons
- That the then Secretary of State for War, who upon the orders of HM Queen Victoria, organised the creation of the VC, assisted in its design and even chose the jeweller to produce it, was the Right Honourable Fox Maule, 11th Earl of Dalhousie and later Grand Master Mason of Scotland (1867-1870)
- That many of Britain's foremost Soldiers were Freemasons ?
  - The Duke of Wellington, The hero of Waterloo and later Prime Minister, was a member of Lodge No. 494, in Trim, County Meath.
  - Field Marshall Earl Kitchener (1850-1916) was an active member of Union Lodge No. 114, in Ipswich. (He was also Junior GW of the Grand Lodge of England at the time of his death in 1916).
  - Field Marshall Earl Haig (1861-1928) Elgin's Lodge at Leven No. 91,
  - Lieutenant-General Sir John Moore (1761-1809) St John's Lodge No.2 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



## How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: After much research, it can now be answered. It takes **20**, as follows:

- 2 to complain that the light does not work;
- 1 to pass the problem on to the Halls Committee;
- 3 to do a study on light in the lodge;
- 2 to check the type of lights the Lodge uses;
- 3 to argue about the liability involved in using volunteer labour to change it;
- 5 to plan a fund raising dinner to pay for the change;
- 2 to complain that "that's not the way we used to change bulbs";
- 1 to borrow a ladder, donate the bulb, and install it; and
- 1 to order the brass plate and have it inscribed.

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 14 Years Ago

No.283

April 2005

### Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th April, the following Candidates : **ROSS CONNOLLY & MATTHEW HEPBURN** were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order, in what was a fine Entered Apprentice Degree, conferred by a deputation of 20 Brethren from Lodge Saint John's Operative Lodge, No.347 in Rutherglen, who were our guests for the evening. The fine deputation, was headed by their R.W.M. – Bro Duncan Smith, who must have been very satisfied with the ceremonial work of his Brethren.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30pm      Lodge Closed : 9-46pm      Attendance : 119**

During the business on Tuesday 19th April, Bro Dixon J Drye, Provincial Grand Master of R.E., who had been invited by the Lodge to present a distinguished service certificate, had the tables turned upon him, when the Lodge, in keeping with the tradition which has been maintained since 1824, conferred Honorary Membership upon him. Bro Dixon was completely taken aback, but managed to thank the Lodge for the high honour bestowed upon him by Union & Crown.

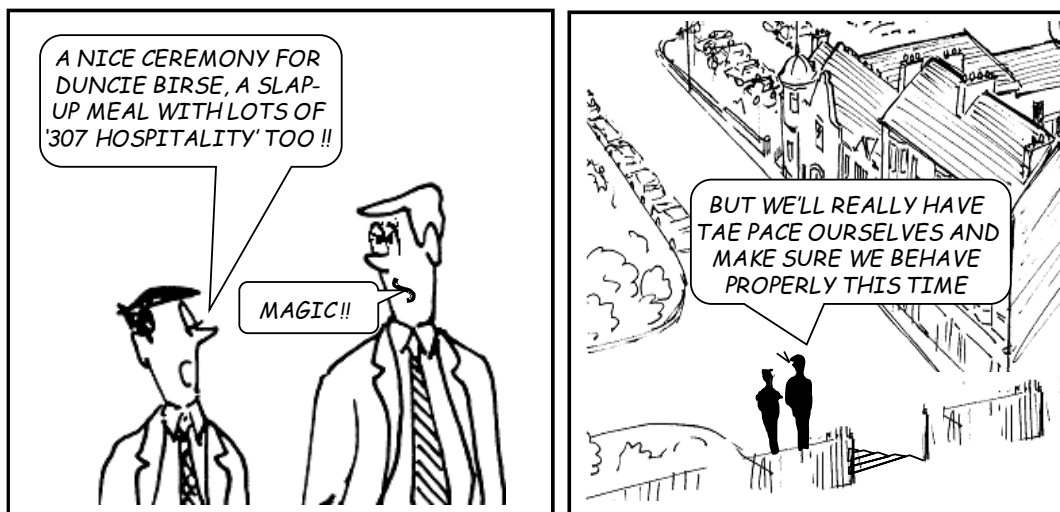
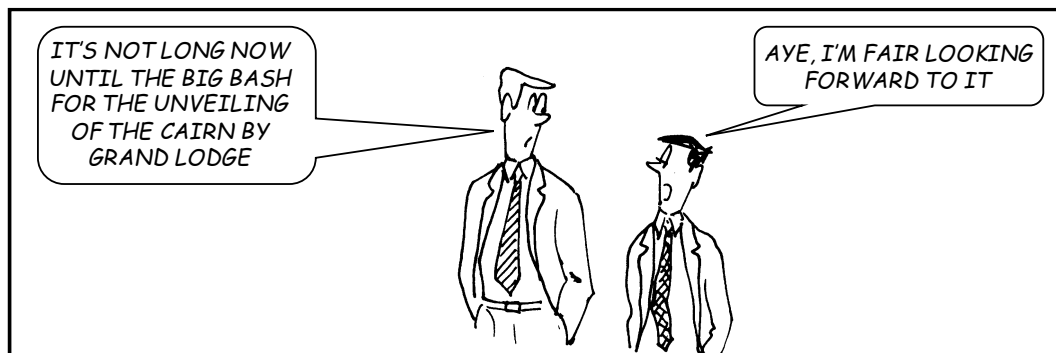
Thereafter, "The Guid Brethren o' the Ludge" conferred another splendid rendition of the popular "Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree", and it was refreshing to see the members of the Instruction Class dressed up for the occasion in period costume as they reinacted the Fellowcraft Degree of 1824.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30pm      Lodge Closed : 9-44pm      Attendance : 124**

### **BITS & PIECES**

- Congratulations to Bro Willie Renfrew PM on his election as Vice-Captain of Fereneze Golf Club.
- We notice that the Temple has finally received its "Heritage Trail Plaque" from East Renfrewshire Council, to mark its place in the history of Barrhead. Unfortunately, it appears to be rather low, and we hope that this doesn't appeal to some of the local worthies, who may be tempted to remove it !
- Congratulations to Bro Graham Manson, our popular Substitute Master, who recently celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party in the Function Suite.
- We gather that the "Rededication" of Lodge The Royal Stuart's newly constructed Temple will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We wish them every success in their new home after the unfortunate fire in 2003.
- Many thanks to the members of the Union & Crown Angling Club, for their generous £60 donation to Lodge Funds.

# MARK N' ARCHIE



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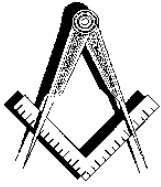
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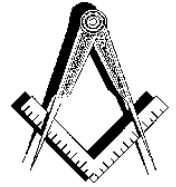
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# Syllabus 2019

(\* Denotes an Official Visitation)



## May 2019

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May EA Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

\* Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May FC At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Dramatised 'PoW Degree'

## September 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September FC Lodge Thistle & Rose, No.169

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September MM Lodge Instruction Class

## October 2019

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October DMM Lodge Instruction Class

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Lodge AGM

## November 2019

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Table of Scottish Freemasonry

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November MMM Bro Nicol Hynd IPM

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Installation of Office-bearers