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Having been back in harness now for almost 3 months, it is genuinely beginning to feel as if we are finally starting to get back to normal again. Whilst we still wear protective masks at all our meetings, and try to ensure that we are fully sanitised, nothing beats being able to confer a 'REAL' degree in the Lodge. Looking at our new syllabus, there is an excellent balance of ceremonial and dramatization to carry us through until the Summer Recess and beyond.

A lot of deep thought went in to the planning for our forthcoming Masonic year, and we are sure that we will all reap the rewards of this in the coming months. We have a handful of young candidates, eager to join our ranks and the outlook is particularly rosy. We have structured our programme in such a way as to allow the candidates to immediately watch the appropriate dramatised degree, after they themselves have had that degree in reality conferred upon them. A few meetings have been moved to Friday evenings, with a short business meeting followed by something more informal. This allows us still to operate accordingly as a Lodge, with a good sprinkling of social events co-enjoined.

Our Office-bearers this year are a fine balance of experience, ability and much needed natural exuberance. As we approach our Bi-centenary in February 2024, it is essential that we have the correct people in place, especially in the key offices in a year where the spotlight will be shone on us as a Lodge particularly brightly. Over the years Union & Crown has maintained a particularly high standard in everything it does, and this is indeed especially important in 2024.

The Lodge committee responsible are keen to spread our celebrations over an extended period, as has been enjoyed in previous special anniversaries, and a 'Year of Celebrations' will mark 200 years of Freemasonry in Barrhead. Watch this space as the plans are finalised and published for all to see, and don't forget to get your name down !

A Very Merry Christmas to All



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Ronald Angus MacIsaac cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :

Tuesday 7th December 2021

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Entered Apprentice Degree

By the Worshipful Wardens

Harmony



Tuesday 21st December 2021

Tuesday 4th January

No Meeting



Tuesday 18th January 2022

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Dramatised 'Prisoner of War Degree

By the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class

Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M., Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 2nd November, after a short Business Meeting, the Lodge was adjourned before the Brethren performed the
'Burns vs Kipling' Dramatisation

All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the various performances, and when the Lodge was resumed, Bro Drew Calderwood RWM 153 spoke warmly about the efforts of all.

Thereafter, the Brethren retired to the Function Suite and enjoyed an excellent harmony in a relaxed atmosphere.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 8.48pm

Attendance : 46

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday 16th November :

John McIntyre

received a fine Mark Ceremonial from Bro Stewart Gray IPM, assisted by the Brethren of the Instruction Class.

Opened : 7-30 pm

Lodge Closed : 8.23 pm

Attendance : 39

At the Installation Meeting of the Lodge held within the Temple on Saturday 27th November, Brother Ronald Angus Maclsaac was installed in to the Chair of King Solomon by the Installing Masters for the day – Bro Graham Manson PM and Bro Thomas Mulholland PM.

The entire ceremony, albeit slightly abbreviated, was carried out in a most dignified and sincere manner by the Brethren involved, and the entire ceremony was enjoyed by all, in what was a fine attendance, considering the circumstances.

Opened : 3.58pm

Lodge Closed : 5.48pm

Attendance : 64

100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes this month were :

2nd November £20 : **Bro Ronnie Maclsaac RWM** £10 : **Mrs Ann Eason**

16th November £20 : **Bro Kenneth Robertson** £10 : **Bro Evans Reid PM**

At the Special Installation Draw on Saturday 27th November :

£100 : **Bro Ronnie Maclsaac RWM**

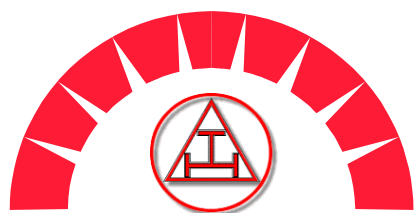
£50 : **Mrs Amanda McGrandles**

Bro George McGrandles P.M., our Treasurer, has started taking names for next year, which will commence immediately after our Annual Installation.

The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro George as soon as possible.

BITS & PIECES

- Apologies for recently missing upon the fact that Bro David Law also celebrated 40 years a member of the Lodge. (Oops!!)
- It was good to see a handful of Brethren back in attendance at a recent meeting after prolonged spells away.
- Great to hear that Bro Alex White is back on the mend and enjoying the company of a new dog, which will certainly keep him active.
- Many thanks yet again to Bro Lawrence Webb for further donations of much needed paper and card.
- We were saddened to learn that it is estimated that the Scottish Craft lost over 1000 Brethren to coronavirus during the recent pandemic. The numbers within our own province of Renfrewshire East currently stand at a total of 160 Brethren who have ascended to the Grand Lodge Above.
- On the subject of PGLRE, we congratulate Bro Ronald Fraser PM on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master. We look forward to his installation, and that of the remainder of his Commission early in 2022.
- Our squeaky new Instruction Master - Bro. Graham Manson P.M. would like to remind any brother wishing to try their hand at degree work is more than welcome to come along to the lodge instruction class on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm. He would also like to remind all incoming office bearers to also attend instruction class on Monday evenings to rehearse all respective parts for the new Masonic year
- Bro George McGrandles PM, our Treasurer, would like to remind the brethren that Test Fees are now overdue at £40 per head & any brother wishing to contribute towards the capitation fee should see him as soon as possible.
- Glad to hear that Bro Billy Dickie is out and about after his long stay in Hospital.
- Congratulations to Bro Robin Murray PM's daughter Louise following the birth of a baby girl. On a sadder note, we gather that Bro Robin has had to give up golf after many years due to a back problem
- The date for our annual Lodge Burns Supper has now been agreed. It will be on Friday 18th February. Bro Robert Scott WSW is taking names for tickets.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

The most recent Regular Meeting of Rockmount RAC was held on Tuesday 9th November, where the Annual Business Meeting of the Chapter was held.

ME First Principal MEC Harry Lloyd MEZ, and his team of Office-bearers were re-elected for another year

The next regular meeting of the Chapter will be on Tuesday 14th December, and will be a rescheduled Installation.

This will be followed by a Regular Meeting of the Chapter on 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Dates for your Diary



- Tuesday 7th December** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where an EA Degree will be conferred by the Worshipful Wardens, aided by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class.
- Monday 20th December** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 21st December** **Regular Meeting Cancelled**
- Tuesday 4th January** **Regular Meeting Cancelled**

In addition to the above (COVID Restrictions allowing) the R.W.M. may be 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)



'The Bud Gauld Plate'

As has become the custom at the Installation harmony, the winner of the Bud Gauld Plate was announced, and presented by Bro Bud Gauld PM

The prestigious award is given annually to the Brother or Brothers of the Lodge, who it is thought has contributed above and beyond the call of duty within Lodge Union & Crown. and the list of previous winners have shown that it is not given lightly, nor without great thought.

This year it was a double award, due to the cancellation of our Installation last year as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. The belated award for 2019-2020 went to Brother John McIntyre, a popular choice which was well received by the Brethren. Thereafter, Bro Bud went on to make the 2020-2021 award, with Brothers Stefan Lawniczak and Campbell Ritchie joint winners for all their hard work during the year. All in attendance gave a rousing round of applause to very popular choices.



Well Brethren, as hard as it is to believe, Christmas is just around the corner. If you are anything like me you will be amazed how quickly this year has gone. Considering that most of us have had limited ability to travel, or even leave the house, 2021 has gone by in a blur.

The events that have unfolded over the past couple of years could not have been predicted, nor could the impact they have had on all of our lives. Having said that I am sure, like me, you are glad to see Lodges reopening and Brethren having the opportunity to attend meetings and catch up with old friends.

When we came together on the 27th on November at the annual installation of office bearers it struck me that our Bicentenary year, which at one time seemed so far off, would be here before we know it.

I can literally remember sitting in the Lodge when Bro Johnny Gauld PM stood up and announced that the event was only 9 years away and we should start thinking about how we wanted to mark the occasion... that was 7 years ago Brethren... unbelievable. So at the risk of sounding like a broken record, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that our bicentenary is only two years away and approaching fast.

Planning for the big event has now stepped up a gear. The bicentenary committee met recently and will continue to do so at regular intervals. A full year of celebration is being planned with events taking place every month from Nov 2023 - Nov 2024.

These events of course do not come free of charge and, as you will no doubt agree, Union and Crown has high standards and I am sure we all want to make sure this occasion is marked in the manner befitting this fine old lodge.

Hopefully most folks will be aware of the **200 for 200** initiative where Brethren are being asked to consider contributing a total of £200 each to assist in the financing of these celebrations. The uptake for this scheme has been outstanding with 30 members of the lodge being fully paid up and a further 23 partially paid or committed to doing so in the near future. This is a magnificent effort for sure, however I would love to see that number grow.

I therefore ask, on behalf of the RWM, that if you are in a position to do so, and are able to assist, that you speak to either myself, or the Bro Treasurer at the earliest opportunity. We are happy to take the full amount up front, but equally happy for this to be paid up over the coming months, in cash or by standing order.

In return for your contribution you will receive:

- *Dinner on the day of the celebration*
- *Five drink tokens*
- *A commemorative jewel/ token*
- *Name tile displayed on our new board downstairs in the function suite*
- *A copy of our new Lodge History book*

Thank you for giving this your consideration Brethren and if you would like any further information please do not hesitate to ask me or any other member of management.

Bro Robert Scott WSW



Famous Freemasons

(This month we read of one of the most successful English football managers of his era)

Bro Donald George Revie OBE (1927-1989)

Donald George Revie OBE was an English football player and manager of the famed Leeds United team of the 1960s and 1970s.

Don Revie was born in Middlesbrough, then in the North Riding of Yorkshire, on July 10th, 1927. His mother passed away from cancer when he was 12. His father was a joiner, although was often out of work due to the Great Depression. As a child Revie learned the game of football by playing in a small plot land behind his house and using a ball made up of old rags. Later in life Revie stated he thought all young players should learn to play on a smaller pitch and with a smaller ball so they learned better control.



In 1944, Revie began his professional career. He first played for Leicester City. He worked on his game under Sep Smith and played for Leicester until 1949, when he joined second division team Hull City. He stayed with them until 1951 when he was sold to Manchester City in the first division for £25,000. Initially with Manchester City things did go well. Eventually he was moved up and the manager at the time began using Revie in what was to be called the "Revie Plan" which changed English football with the deep-lying centre forward. Revie ended up having a problem with his manager which led to Revie leaving the team in 1956 to play for Sunderland and finally Leeds United. He scored 108 goals in 501 league and cup appearances in an 18-year professional career, also scoring four goals in six England appearances.

Revie married Elsie, the niece of Leicester City's Scottish manager Johnny Duncan, on 17 October 1949. They had a son Duncan and daughter Kim.

In 1961, Revie was made a player-manager for Leeds United. In 1962, he stopped playing to focus entirely on managing. He brought a sense of family to the team and the quality of the personnel and level of play increased during his tenure as manager. In the 1962 season, an overly aggressive team captain caused Leeds to get the reputation as being "dirty" this stuck with Revie through his remaining time with Leeds. He published an autobiography, Soccer's Happy Wanderer, in 1955.

In 1965 he was initiated into Leodiensis Lodge No 4029 in Otley, West Yorkshire and was an active freemason, attending until his death.

In 1974, he accepted the position as manager of the England team. Remaining in the position until 1977 when Revie announced he became the manager for the United Arab Emirates. This outraged the Football Association and they suspended Revie for 10 years for brining disrepute to the game. Revie sued to have the suspension overturned and was successful.

In 1986, Revie moved to Kinross in Perthshire where he planned to retire. In May of 1987, Revie was diagnosed with motor neuron disease. He made his final appearance in May 1988 at a charity football match for MND at Elland Road. He passed away on May 26th, 1989. His funeral in Edinburgh was well attended by representatives of Leeds United and many others involved in football such as Kevin Keegan, Brian Moore, Lawrie McMenemy, Denis Law and Alex Ferguson.

Don Revie remains a highly popular figure in Leeds, and has a stand named after him at Elland Road as well as a statue outside the ground.

(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we look at a lodge with which 307 has had a long association)

Lodge Georgetown, No.1170

During the Great War, A munitions factory was set-up adjacent to the Glasgow to Gourock railway at Houston Station. This was later changed to Georgetown, after that great Welshman - Lloyd George, and a small village of some 500 souls grew up near the entrance to the factory. There was a village hall, and it was here that the idea of forming a Lodge was first mooted by Brethren working at the factory, who were unable to attend their Lodges in Glasgow and Paisley.



A meeting was called with 35 Brethren present, to discuss the formation of a Lodge. Brother Hamilton of Lodge 413 proposed that a Lodge be set up, and this was seconded by Brother James Robertson of Lodge Union & Crown No.307, who was to have a great influence upon the Lodge at Penilee Road, and to render magnificent service there in latter years. Needless to say the proposal was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The Consecration of the Lodge was held on Saturday, 25th May 1918, with the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Pattison presiding. Also present was the local

laird, Brother A.A. Hagart Spiers, who was at that time PGM of Glasgow, and would later become MW Grand Master Mason in 1929. Immediately after Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the PGM then opened the Lodge and carried out its first installation, in which Brother J.W. Nesbitt was installed as RWM. Among the office-bearers duly installed were Bros. J. Robertson as WSW and A. Brown as WJW, both were to become Master in due time. The petitions of 19 gentlemen were read and among them were three that were to become Masters of 1170.

Eighteen Entered Apprentices were initiated on Friday 7th June 1918, as this was in the days before any restriction on the numbers was passed by Grand Lodge, and the first Master Masons were raised on the 19th July 1918. The Master's regalia presented by the Senior Warden Bro. James Robertson, a set of Tracing Boards from Bro. A. Brown, and the Working Tools by Bro. George Hamilton.

The Armistice of November 1918 may have brought peace, but it also brought problems and uncertainty to the fledgling Lodge Georgetown. A number of the Founder Members were military men, and their demobilisation would take them away from their new Lodge. The Munitions Factory at Georgetown ceased production and many people moved away in search of other employment.

In November 1919, Bro James Arnot Robertson was the unanimous choice for Master, after the grand service he had given as Depute Master during the previous year. December brought the Installation and Past Masters from the Master Elect's Mother Lodge - Union & Crown Barrhead, No 307 conferred the Ceremony to the delight of all present.

One of the most enjoyable nights in the history of the Lodge was held on the 3rd of June 1921, when two large deputations visited the Lodge. One was from the Naval Division at Abbotsinch and the other headed by Brother Captain Lyle V.C. from the Military Camp at Inchinnan. Also in this year we hear of deputations from the newly formed Lodge Moorpark No.1263, the Paisley Masonic Cycling Club and the Babcock and Wilcox Masonic Club.

On 16th May 1924 a notice of motion was submitted, calling for the Lodge be moved to other premises. The Cardonald United Free Church Hall was put forward, and on 5th June 1924 the motion was carried by a large majority. On November 7th 1924 the last meeting to take place in the Township Hail, Georgetown Village was held.

1925 and the Lodge was in its new home on Berryknowes Road, Cardonald and this meant a change of the meeting night from Friday to Wednesday. The Social activities were not neglected and a Grand Dance was held in Govan Town Hall and was voted a great success. The Brethren still living at Georgetown although now few were not forgotten and an attempt to have suitable train stop at Georgetown Station in order to allow the Brethren to attend the Lodge meetings was not successful,

The need for a home of their own was soon to be in the thoughts of the brethren and in April 1926 a motion was unanimously passed to start a building fund, although almost fourteen years were to pass before the dream became a reality. During this time the Building Committee were not idle and it reported that a Whist Drive, and a number of other functions had been held to raise funds

On the 7th of December 1927, Lodge Georgetown was favoured by the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Bro. Lord Blythswood, who in his capacity as P.G.M. headed the Annual Visitation.

The building of their own home continued to occupy the minds of our brethren of that day. It was felt that it was misleading to have Georgetown in the Lodge s title, so with the approval of the parent bodies, the Lodge became Lodge Georgetown Cardonald.

Summer came along and the Lodge went "doon the watter", when a happy and successful outing was held to Ettrick Bay. The Social Committee were busy and a Whist Drive and Dance were held in Paisley Town Hall and it s success was such that steps were taken to hold another later in the year. In April, Lodge Gleniffer No.1219 came along to Berryknowes Road to confer the Fellowcraft degree. Thus keeping up the bond of friendship these visitations create. It is of interest to note that there was a close connection to Paisley, as well as that Govan, with the Lodge meeting in Glasgow but maintaining its close connection with Renfrewshire.

During the festive season, the brethren remembered the children and a Children's Christmas Party was held with all the usual noise and fun. An unusual event took place on 19th February 1933, when a Founder Members and Past Masters re-union was held. The Brethren recalling, tales of labour, harmony and good fellowship of the Lodge's first 15 years of history, remembering Georgetown days.

Our brethren maintained their interest in other Masonic Orders and it was noted that Bro J Pate had been installed into The Chair of Paisley Abbey Royal Arch Chapter on 9th October 1934

The Grand Lodge was already making arrangements for the Bi-Centenary of Grand Lodge to be held in 1936 and the Secretary and Treasurer were appointed Stewards to collect for a fund to provide hospitality for overseas brethren, who would be attending.

Early in 1935 the Lodge received a letter from the Kirk Session of Cardonald Church, informing us that the Lodge would have to find a new home once more. This was the first intimation of this need to move. Many headaches and heartaches were to occur before the permanent home was found in 1940.

The social side of the Lodge's activities were not being neglected and the Picture House Cafe in Paisley and The Plaza Ballroom, Glasgow were venues for some festive



occasions for the Brethren of 1170. During the year the Lodge continued to meet at Berryknowes Road although the hunt for premises went on.

On 30th November 1936 - St Andrews Day, during the Bi-centenary year, saw the Installation of Brother King George VI as Grand Master Mason. Lodge Georgetown, Cardonald was represented at this grand affair in the Usher Hall Edinburgh and in St. Andrews Hall in Glasgow, to which the ceremonial was relayed. At a meeting shortly after, the brethren were entertained with music provided by the Masonic Club of Barr & Stroud Ltd. The influence of the violin playing Master was being felt. Later Brother Ferrier was to serve for a number of years as Provincial Grand Organist.

The month of June 1938 was to begin a troublesome time for the Lodge, as notice to quit the Church Hall as soon as possible was given, with the last meeting held there on October 5th 1938. All Summer the Lodge searched for premises and it was thought that a home had been found in the Shieldhall and Drumoyne Church Hall (later to be the first home of Lodge Royal Stuart No 1414) but the Provincial Grand Lodge objected and this proposal fell through.

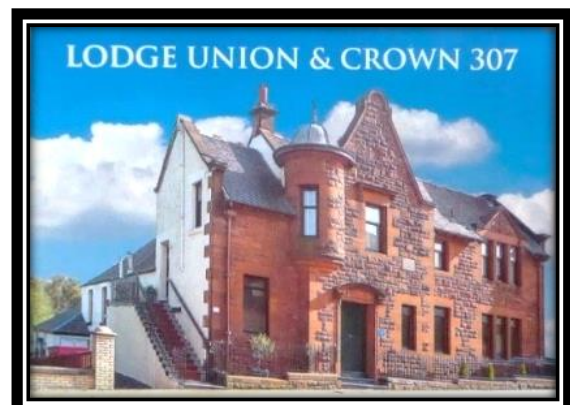
A special meeting was held in The Masonic Hall at 20 High Street, Paisley to discuss the situation and Past Masters Robertson, Pennie, Pate and Anderson were delegated to meet James Y. Keanie Builders who were developing the Ralston area. This was the first contact with Brother Norman Keanie, who was to build the Lodge's present home at Penilee Road, Ralston.



Lodge Postcards

Unique colour postcards of our Temple are still available for sale at the bargain price of £1-00 each from Bro Jim Miller PM (☎ 0141 881 4006) jimmiller307@hotmail.co.uk

All proceeds will go to The Lodge Charity Fund, with an annual donation being made to a local charity each year at our Anniversary Dinner in February. As it stand, a magnificent total of £399 has been raised so far.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 43 Years Ago

No. 19

November 1978

To all our readers :

We are pleased to report that as a result of the increase in contributions and various donations from the Brethren, we are now able to publish a larger edition. It is also noted that quite a few of our visiting Brethren are taking copies away with them. We are delighted with this, but think that it would be in order to ask them very kindly to perhaps leave a small donation towards our expenses.

Regular Meetings : On Tuesday 7th November, the following four Candidates :

A Joss J McKinnon A Kelly & J Reid

had the Master Mason Degree conferred upon them by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Glasgow, No.441, and one must pay tribute to a brilliant performance from Bro Jack Ewart.

Attendance : 199

Twenty-two Candidates were presented on the 21st November for the Mark Ceremonial, carried out by the members of the Instruction Class in their usual efficient manner.

Attendance : 134

Installation :

Saturday 25th November saw the Installation of Office-bearers with Bro William McCartney, being installed as Right Worshipful Master with Bros Archie Grant PM & John Gray PM officiating as Installing Masters, a duty they performed in a highly competent manner.

100 CLUB :

£10 : W Wade PM & G McMillan,

£3 : J Richardson PM & W Montgomery

£1 : W Webster & W Shaw

£100 : Kenny Williamson **£50 :** Ian Horn **£10 :** Lex Shields

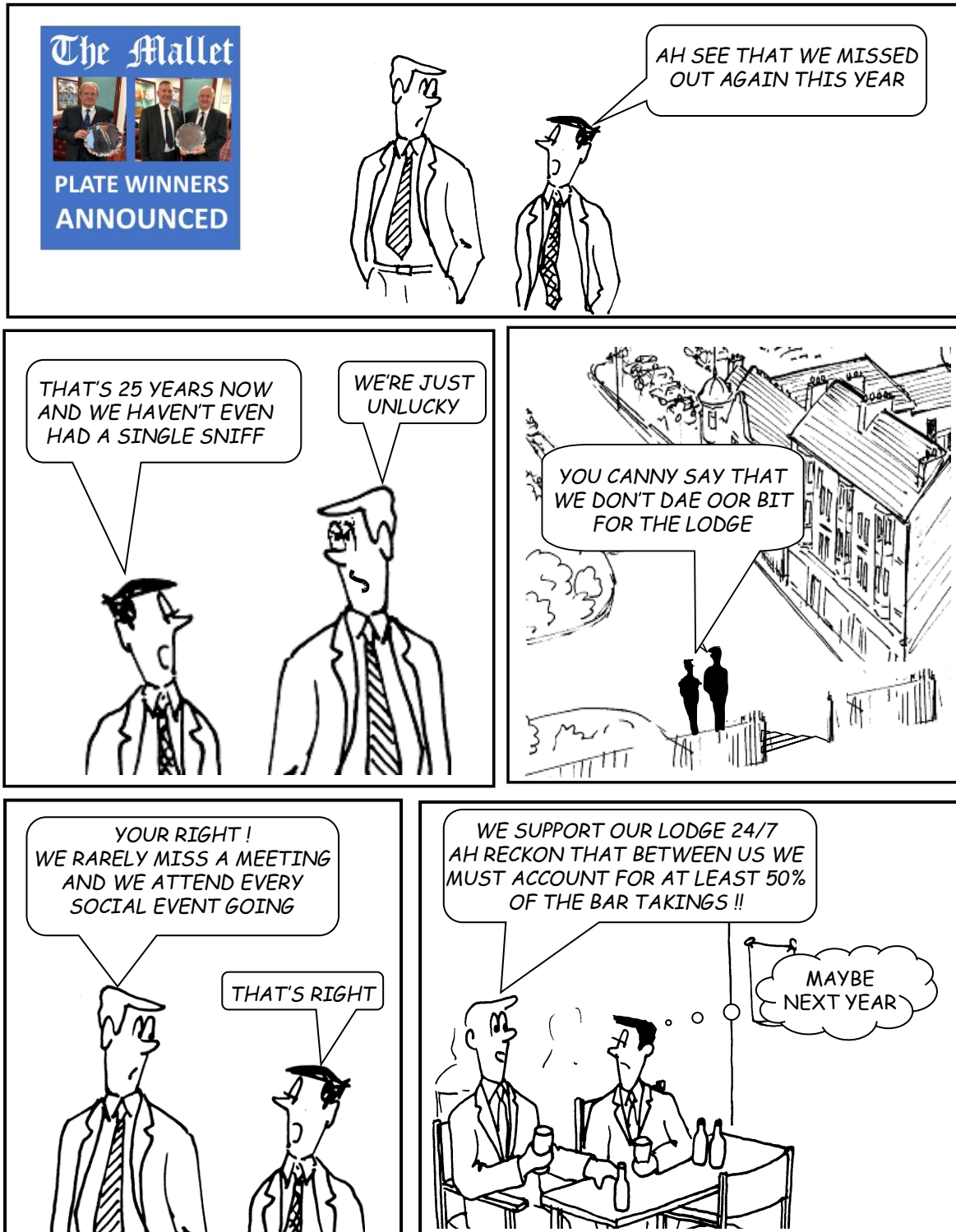
Thanks : Our respected Hall Keeper, affectionately known as "Wee John", would like to express his thanks, through the Mallet, to Bro Robert Easdon, who has given up his lunch hour twice a week for a year, to stack the tables and chairs left after the meetings

Congratulations :

To Bro Archie Grant PM, who was made an Honorary Member of Lodge South Western, No.1242

To PM's Tom Young & Willie Wade who are on the Toast Lists of Lodge Darvel, No.971 and Lodge St Convals, No.1359 respectively.

MARK N' ARCHIE



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