

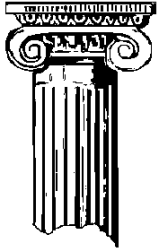
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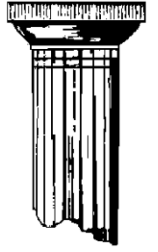
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Editorial 



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This month we broach the subject of Revenue, something that has become of paramount importance in almost all Lodges today. Many Lodges have, over the years, suffered the seemingly inter-linked double afflictions of falling attendances and lack of Candidates, yet have managed to survive for long periods. This is almost exclusively due in almost all cases to a small band of Brethren who remain resolutely determined that "Their' Lodge will survive, in the hope that they will be able to attract entrants in the future.

Normally the only stumbling block to their continued existence is financial stability; the absence of the necessary funds can be disastrous in even the most successful of Lodges. Bills, fees, rent or rates all have to be met and paid promptly if a Lodge is to survive.

We, in Union & Crown, are no different and while things appear better than they have been in the past, (remember the *Concert Party Years...*) we have to ensure that the required revenue flows through our coffers on a regular basis if we are to meet our commitments. The Summer Fayre, Coffee Mornings, Dances and many other events and functions are staged to raise funds for our needs and we are indebted to the Brethren and their partners who give their valuable time and effort to ensure success.

One important source of revenue over the past, nearly twenty, years has been the creation of the function suite and the resultant functions it has attracted. These have proved invaluable and have been a major factor in bringing a smile to the face of our worthy Treasurers.

I would therefore appeal to our Brethren to make sure that every effort is made to attract any family parties, weddings or dances etc. We are quite fortunate to possess excellent facilities and when this is added to competitive bar prices they form a powerful combination that is very difficult to beat.

Another quite simple way to help is to spend a few pound at the bar when you are in and make use of the facilities we have whether you be going out on the town and want an early drink or just want a quiet evening, perhaps with an elderly relative, there is a table at Union and Crown which will suit your needs.



Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. David McArthur cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge: -

Tuesday 1st April 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

followed by a

MM Degree

by the

OFFICE BEARERS & BRETHERN OF THE LODGE



Tuesday 15th April 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

and

EA DEGREE

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

LODGE HOUSTON ST JOHNSTONE No. 242



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our cash prizes for the month of January were:

Tuesday 4th March

£10:

£5:

Tuesday 18th March

£10: Bro. 'Bud' Gauld PM

£5: Bro. Tom Wilson



If you are interested in joining the 100 club for 2013-2014, the annual fee is still very good value. Just contact Bro Jim Kerr PM Treasurer.



There are a number of unofficial visits taking place in the near future so brethren are advised to keep up to date with the R.W.M. for details. It's always good to turn up unannounced in good numbers as it is always a lift for any lodge to see a group of brethren from a sister lodge boost their attendance.

Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 and following the opening, a deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East (P.G.L.R.E.) was admitted. The Deputation was headed by the Depute Provincial Grand Master, Bro Neil Fraser, who was supported by 11 brethren of the P.G.L.R.E.

The lodge received a very good report with Bro Neil running through some highlights of the previous year and with good humour and much buck-passing (of the speeches), I am confident Bro. Paul Stewart I.P.M. would have been relieved to be given a clear minute for his year in the chair of Lodge Union & Crown.

The R.W.M. Bro Paul Stewart made suitable reply and was given a warm ovation by the brethren in attendance.

Following the meeting the brethren gathered downstairs for an informal lodge harmony

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 08:17pm Attendance – 67

At the regular meeting of 18th March 2014 and following the business of the evening a large deputation from Lodge Thistle And Crown no 1167 was admitted in order to carry out a F.C. Degree on two candidates.

WILLIAM BEATTIE and FRASER BEATTS

Following the recess the office bearers and brethren of 1167 gave a fine rendition of the second degree with every member of their team giving their all to a busy but silent lodge room.

Following the meeting the brethren gathered in the function suite to enjoy a spirited harmony.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:33pm Attendance – 90

Visitation

On Tuesday 25th March a deputation of 11 brethren travelled the relatively short distance to Lodge Pollokshaws Royal Arch No 153 there to confer the M.M. Degree.

The Brethren of Union & Crown taking part carried out a very good degree and all, including a few of the brethren who stepped in at very short notice are to be congratulated on their performances.

The brethren of Pollokshaws RA No. 153 were, as always, very appreciative of our visit and they are to be thanked for their fine hospitality.

Although the meeting had a reasonably low attendance whether due to Rockmount Cryptic Council meeting on the same night, European football on the telly the spirit of brotherhood prevailed with the usual warm atmosphere pervading.

The labours of Union and Crown's brethren were appreciated by all in attendance and the usual warm natured harmony followed.

We hope the newest Brother of Lodge Pollokshaws Royal Arch No 153, Bro. Robert (Norrie), enjoys his freemasonry in years to come.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 the following brethren:-

Kenneth Stein of Lodge Newton Mearns No.1706

Scott Ballantyne of Lodge Firth of Clyde No.626

Gordon Hay of Lodge Eaglesham No.1265

Were all exalted in a fine Royal Arch Degree by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount

RAC. All who participated are to be congratulated on their efforts.

At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter along with their visitors enjoyed a fine harmony.

The next Rockmount RAC Meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th April 2014** and will be a Mark Affiliation and Excellent Master's degree conferred by the Companions of Rockmount RAC.

MEC George Paul MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on that evening.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

A similar invitation is also extended by the T.I.M. David Bannerman and his Office Bearers to attend the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367.

Tuesday 22nd April 2014 at 07:30pm

Strathearn Bowling Competition

The Strathearn bowling competition, played for between the Chapters of Renfrewshire will take place this year on Sunday 25th May at Barrhead bowling club (01:00 for 01:30pm). The draw was:-

Rockmount 'A'	v	Paisley Abbey 'B'
Ranfurlly 'A'	v	Sir William Wallace 'B'
Greenock 'A'	v	Baron of Renfrew 'B'
Sir William Wallace 'A'	v	Ranfurlly 'B'
Baron of Renfrew 'A'	v	Rockmount 'B'
Paisley Abbey 'A'	v	Greenock 'B'

Even if you're not a bowler, why not pencil this into your diary for an enjoyable day out among friends and support the Chapters.



The new doors into the function suite really give the downstairs part of the lodge a fresh new look.

The recent games night in the lounge was a major success with a good number of brethren getting together to enjoy a night of fun and games, quite literally! A raffle was held and raised £60.00 for lodge funds. Well done to Bro. Lawrence Webb who organised this event and even brought down a telly to allow the use of a Wii so the brethren could enjoy ten pin bowling and tennis. The overall winners were our good friends from Lodge Nitshell, Bro. David Allan R.W.M. and Bro. Robert McCalman W.J.W. An added bonus was Bro. David celebrating his birthday after midnight with a few rousing choruses from all the brethren in attendance. We very much look forward to the next one.

The board wall downstairs is filling up rapidly with bricks bearing members, past members and visitors and friends of the lodge's names. A second board is envisaged and any brother still wishing to purchase bricks are advised to contact Bro. Adam G. Watson (Big Adam!)

Our Annual Burns Supper raised the superb sum of £385.00 for lodge funds and again Bro. Alan Bernard S.M. is to be commended for his efforts.



Our Bar Convenor Bro. Evans Reid P.M. is appealing for bar staff to man the pumps at the forthcoming Scottish Nights on the 25th and 26th of April. We will require 4 members each evening in order to keep things running smoothly so anyone who can assist should contact Br. Evans as soon as possible.

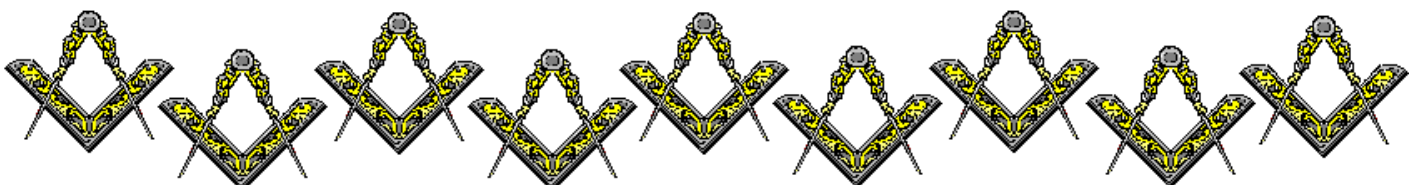
Our R.W.M. and all round Technogeek Bro. David McArthur has launched a "members only" Facebook page on t'internet so the members can keep up to date with all things 307 at the push of a button.

Isn't it good to see so many of our recent initiates attending regularly? We must be doing something right!

We're all looking forward to the latest Dramatisation from The Lodge Instruction Class on 6th May.



I come from a stupid family... During the American Civil War my great great great great grandfather fought for the West.



LEST WE FORGET

The oxford dictionary describes a generation as being a period of about thirty years or for someone to see their offspring start a family of their own. It is not an exact measurement but is often used to emphasise the importance of an individual such as “He was the greatest thinker/scientist/footballer of his generation”.

Wars can also be spoken of in terms of *lost generations* and is particularly used when referring to the two World Wars of the 20th century.

For children entering school today, the first world war (1914-18), will seem as distant and irrelevant as the hundred years war (1337-1453) or the Crimean war (1853-56), it now being approximately five generations back from them, but, we should also remember that there are still many living today to whom it was their own Father’s and Uncle’s who answered the Nations call to arms, many of whom did not return.

One such was Bro. Alexander Martin, a British soldier, born in Barrhead, a sergeant and piper in the Scots Guards and a member of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307. The facts that remain today tell us that Bro. Alexander died of wounds on the 9th February 1916 and that he served in the South African campaign.

Bro. Alexander was also the recipient of a Distinguished Conduct Medal. The D.C.M. was the first official medal awarded to recognise an act of gallantry, in the field, by a member of the armed forces who was below the rank of officer.

Two other things are also known about Bro. Alexander... One, that his nephew Bro. Ewan Martin is still a regular attender of, his Mother Lodge, Union & Crown No. 307 and two... That his name is one of many, which hangs above the RWM’s chair in the East of our Lodge on the plaque honouring the memory of those Brethren who paid the ultimate price between 1914 and 1918.



See opposite page for the text on the above plaque.

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

To the Glory of God
and
in loving memory
of
the brethren
of this Lodge
who fell
in the great war
1914-1919

Henry Anderson
James Anderson
Matthew Anderson
William Caldwell
Alexander R. Ferguson
David Harvey
Francis A. Andrew
Duncan Chisholm
Robert Ellis
Alexander Martin
James Edgar
James Maltman

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOREVERMORE

It may be of interest to note that the above plaque shows the end of the first World War as '1919' as opposed to the more familiar 1918.

November 11th 1918, to be precise was of course Armistice day, the day Germany surrendered to the Allies and two days after the Kaiser Willhelm II (a.k.a. William II) abdicated.

There are those, even now who consider June 28th 1919 and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles as the actual end date of WW1. I can only presume that this was the view of our Brethren who dedicated the plaque.

Irrespective of the dates we must not forget these brethren of the Lodge who fell and neither should we now forget those, from all sides, who died... They only died in vain if we, our children and our children's children do not learn from their sacrifice.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

From Laurence Binyon's poem For the fallen, written in September 1914

It was really great so see such a good attendance at our recent meeting on 18th March with a good number of our own brethren among the numbers. The deputation from Lodge Thistle And Crown was superb and included 5 brethren from Lodge Anima no 1223 in Glasgow. Following our recent visit to our friends at Neilston it was heartening to see them return the compliment with a fantastic turnout and to quote our own R.W.M., " To see as good a degree as you would see anywhere!" There has definitely been a real consistency in the degree work from many lodges in the province and this is most encouraging.

"THURSDAY CLUB" OFF TO A FLYING START

The newly formed group of lodges within the Province that meet on Thursdays held its first meeting on Thursday, 30th January, in the premises of one of their number, Lodge Criagends No.1042 in Linwood.

The so-called "Thursday Club" is scheduled to meet when there is a fifth Thursday in any month – an evening when none will have a regular meeting of their own.

The other lodges involved are Lodge Paisley St James No.1116, Lodge Thistle and Crown No.1167 and Lodge Newton Mearns No.1706. At the special meetings one lodge will act as host, another will confer a Degree and the others attend as witness lodges.

The inaugural "Thursday Club" attracted more than a hundred brethren not only from the lodges involved but many others from lodges across the Province and beyond. A total of 15 reigning Masters were present.

Welcoming all the Brethren, RWM of Lodge Craigends, Bro. Alan Graham, said he was amazed and gratified at the large turn-out.

He handed the lodge over to RWM Bro. Brian Jones of Lodge Paisley St. James to confer an exemplary EA Degree. The RWM of Lodge Thistle and Crown, Bro. David Wallace, stood in as candidate for the evening.

Change of Venue

We hear our good friends at Lodge St Conval No. 1359 have been forced to move premises and the next regular meeting of the Lodge will take place on Friday 4th April at 7.30pm in:-

The Duff Memorial Hall, Main Street, BUSBY G76 8DX

Business: MM on two candidates

We wish the Lodge every success for the future.

Wee Jock's Big Braw Scottish Nights

Bro. Johnnie Gault P.M. is running two Wee Jock's Big Braw Scottish Nights on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th April in the lodge premises.

Both of these nights will help to raise funds for Shelter Scotland and are guaranteed to be a sell out so please see Bro. Johnnie for tickets as soon as possible.





LODGE GOLF OUTING
2014
MOFFAT GOLF CLUB



Bro Lawrence Webb, Golf Convenor would like to remind the brethren this year's annual golf outing is taking place in Moffat on Saturday 14th June 2014. Anyone interested should contact Bro Lawrence 0141-571 4330.

We hear that Bro. Lawrence now has a full complement of golfers signed up and that anyone still interested will have to take their chances on a reserve list and call-offs.



Bro. Adam G. Watson continues to take names for "bricks" and the first few boards are now up in the lower passage leading from the Temple to the downstairs facilities and are drawing admiring glances.

Each panel 'Brick' costs £20 so if you are interested in getting your name up on the wall or perhaps you would like one as a gift or perhaps in memory of a dear departed Brother then just contact Bro. Adam, give him the details you want displayed on the 'brick' (e.g. "name and Lodge number") along with your £20 and that's it.



ROD STEWART

TRIBUTE ACT

SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Bob Wyper is firmly established as a top performer in the "Tribute World", and now rubs shoulders with the cream of the top tribute acts in the UK.

For tickets and further details contact Bro Lawrence Webb (Tel: 0141-571 4330).





It is with much regret that I now intimate the sudden passing of Mrs Lorna Kerr, the dear and beloved wife of past master Bro. Jim Kerr. Lorna passed away at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow late on Thursday the 20th March where she had been admitted only a few days earlier having come down with a serious medical condition. The funeral service will take place at St. Andrews parish church, Barrhead, on Thursday 27th March at 12:30pm and thereafter at Neilston cemetery. I do intend to be at both services. I have visited the family home in Barrhead and expressed condolences, on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Jim and family members who were present. All took time to thank me for being there. Mrs Lorna Kerr, a well known and very much respected "Lady" within the town of Barrhead will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

During the past month I have endeavoured, as always, to carry out the duties of Lodge almoner. I have visited past master Bro. Willie Love, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley. I hope that Bro. Willie will be discharged from hospital soon and feeling much better.

Bro. Kenneth Beatts, our worthy Junior Deacon has experienced a couple of hospital stays since my last report. He is now at home and recovering ~ I do endeavour to keep in touch with Bro. Kenneth.

Bro's Jim Flockhart and Donald Ferguson also experienced time in hospital of late. When I contacted them I was assured both were recovering and making good progress.

Bro. Jim Miller PM (Home)	Bro. Jim Liggat (Home)
Bro. George Jack (Home)	Bro. Bobby Kennedy (home)
Bro. John Osborne (home)	Bro. Jim Boulton (Home)
Bro. Jim Laird (home, including an 88 th birthday celebration)	
Bro. Davie Provan (Millview Care Home. Including a 73 rd birthday celebration)	
Mrs. Norah Hutton (home, including an 90 th birthday celebration)	
Mrs Margaret McIntyre (Home)	Mrs Isabel Paton (Home)
Mrs Margaret McLellan (Home)	

Brethren, I, your Worthy Almoner, await your call to aid and help you all, no matter what... I wish you all well.

Bro. Alex White, Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411

(As always, our thanks must go to Bro. Alex for all the work he does on all our behalf. Personally, I think all the help he needed this month was in eating birthday cake! Ed.)



The pen may indeed be mightier than the sword but it's a lot less effective in armed combat.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 18 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Wilson Davidson

Tuesday 5th March saw the annual visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East. An extremely large deputation, numbering a remarkable 25 Brethren, was led by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro Alexander Murray.

The report presented in exemplary fashion by the PGM, was a glowing testament to the workings of the Lodge during the previous twelve months, under the tenure of Bro Jim Kerr IPM and especial mention was made of the sterling work of the administrative office-bearers of the Lodge.

Before the Provincial deputation retired, Bro Wilson Davidson RWM asked our own Bro Willie Wade PM to come to the edge of the carpet, where he was presented with his Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden's jewel by the Lodge in recognition of his many years of service to the Craft. Attendance 94.

At the Regular meeting on Tuesday 19th March, the following two Candidates:

ALAN DAVIDSON and ROY DONALD

were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree by a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from our good friends Lodge Houstoun St Johnstone, No.242 in what was a fine rendering of the Second Degree. Attendance 113.

Fund raising - We have, with no expense spared, purchased a quantity of the finest Scotch Whisky and arranged to have it exclusively packaged especially for the Lodge. The result is our own "Union & Crown" special brand of whisky, available only to the members of the Lodge for a limited period at an attractive price of £10 per bottle.

At the Regular Meeting of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No. 367 held on Tuesday 12th March the following Brethren, Johnny Gauld and Brian Cannon, received a fine and most competent Royal Arch degree from The office-bearers and Companions of the Chapter in what was a well attended meeting. Considering that the entire West of Scotland was enveloped in an unseasonal blizzard on that evening.

It was nice to see that the Barrhead News ran an interesting article, including photographs, about Bro Tom Young P.M.'s war service with the Royal Navy in the Pacific.

We gather that another ex-sailor in the Lodge, although a fair bit younger, Bro Johnny McFarlane and currently working as a diver, has just returned from the exotic Cape Verde Islands.

Sorry to see (*although a fair number of the Brethren may disagree*) that Bro Ian Ashcroft of Pollok F.C unfortunately scored an own goal in the recent Scottish Junior Cup Quarter-Final tie against Arthurlie. The fact that he formerly played for the Barrhead team didn't help!

Humour



“.....and lastly, if there is a Brother with whom you are at variance you are to settle your differences amicably“

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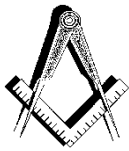
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“With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance”



Syllabus 2013-2014

* - Denotes an Official visit



April 2014

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242

May 2014

Tuesday	06 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	New
<i>*Thursday</i>	<i>08th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>t.b.c.</i>	<i>At Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242</i>

September 2014

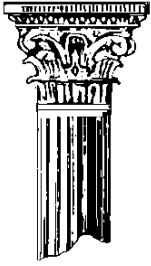
Tuesday	02 nd	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

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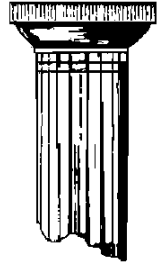
Friday	10 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	21 st	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM
Saturday	22 nd	04:00pm	Installation	2014-2015



OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



RWM	David McArthur
WSW	Ian Blair
WJW	George McGrandles
IPM	Paul Stewart IPM
Depute Master	William H. Gauld PM
Substitute Master	Alan Bernard
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Junior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Inner Guard	Nicol Hynd
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Kenneth Coleman PM
Architect	John Robertson
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Davie Barr
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

