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With this edition of our monthly journal we thankfully take, what we sincerely hope will be a well-earned rest after our endeavours of the last ten months, and join the remainder of our Masonic colleagues who have been enjoying the delights of the recess for a few weeks already.

It has been a busy year for Union & Crown, with the added distractions of additional visitations adding to the workload for many of the Brethren.

The peaceful attractions of the beach, the bowling green, the golf course or even the armchair, beckon for many of us. Over the frustratingly short period of the next couple of months, the world becomes a somewhat less frantic and more tranquil place, without the seemingly endless distractions of Meetings, Visitations, Committees, deadlines and even more Meetings to interfere with the hopefully peaceful and sunny idyll, far removed from all things Masonic. You never know, we might even be afforded the pleasant opportunity of spending some "Quality Time" with our loved ones, who sometimes forget what we look like !

Already though we are planning well in advance (admittedly half-heartedly) to a renewed campaign in the Autumn, when we will again dust down the trusty computer, and try to ensure that our brain also comes out of cold storage. No doubt that for the first few days we'll sit endlessly gazing at a blank screen in a concerted effort to recall just where we left off, but it will all come back eventually.

Be warned though that we have an army of informants spread throughout the town and beyond, just lying in wait for someone to slip up in a moment of weakness during the balmy summer months and present us with a really good story to recount to our faithful readership in the Summer edition, at the end of August.

Spare a thought for those who will continue to work on behalf of the Lodge, while the rest of us are skiving off. Our executive office-bearers, especially our Almoner Bro Alex White, and our hard-working Bar Convenor Bro Evans Reid PM, and many others will be beaver away in the background on OUR behalf.

So in closing our message is simple. Like us try, wherever possible to enjoy yourselves. Whatever you do make sure that you make the best of the extended break, so that when you all return back to the fold in September, the batteries will be fully-charged. And don't forget that, whilst the Lodge marches on regardless, we still require the support of as many of you as possible, especially in the Social Club.



# Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

*Dear Sir & Brother,*

*The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Thomas Nicol Hynd cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :*

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Fellowcraft Degree Degree*

*Conferred by*

*Lodge 'Prince of Wales'. No.426*

*Harmony*



*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Master Mason Degree*

*Conferred by 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 1<sup>st</sup> May the following Candidate :

## **Jamie Shorthouse**

received a fine EA Degree from a deputation of 9 reigning masters from both within and out with the province. A seamless degree which, considering the variations in the way lodges work their ritual, I was testimony to all who took part.

Perhaps the start of a regular feature which could be carried out in a different lodge each time! Well done to everyone involved. Thereafter the Brethren retired to the Function Suite and enjoyed a spot of harmony.

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.31pm**

**Attendance : 97**



At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, the members of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out another of our popular dramatized degrees. On this occasion, it was the 'Prisoner of War' degree and all the Brethren present thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment from the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class.

Due to the absence on holiday of our RWM, Bro George McGrandles IPM took the chair and anchored a fine meeting. At the close of the meeting, Bro John Thorburn RWM, St John Fisherrow, No. 112, spoke well of the entire evening, and said his Brethren were looking forward to the forthcoming visit of 307 to Musselburgh on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.05pm**

**Attendance : 84**

## **100 CLUB**

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

£20 : **Bro Hugh Cattigan PM**

£10 : **Bro Alan Davidson**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

£20 : **Mrs Elaine Webb**

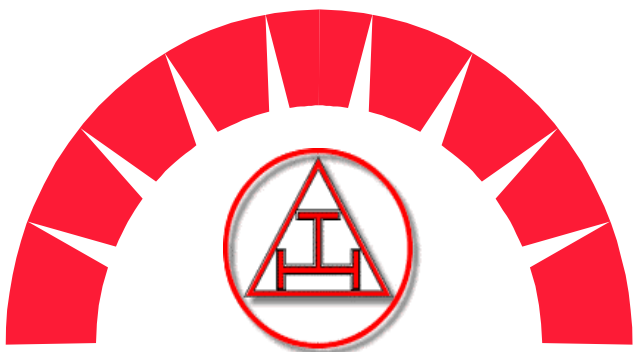
£10 : **Bro James Kerr PM**

Names are still being taken for the current year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10 per person



# BITS & PIECES

- Best wishes to Bro Gordon Wright who recently celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Any brother wishing to get involved in degree work is warmly invited to attend Lodge Instruction Class on a Monday evening from 7.30pm, or speak to Bro. Tom Mulholland PM our Instruction Master.
- Congratulations to Bro Hugh Cattigan PM, the ME First Principle of Rockmount RAC, No.367. On a recent visit to Port Glasgow RAC, No.900 he was made an honorary member for all his efforts in supporting Port Glasgow during recent troubled times.
- Great to hear that the a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Lodge on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May raised £398 for Lodge Funds. Well done to Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW, Bro George McGrandles PM and all their helpers.
- Congratulations to Bro Stephen Allan and his lovely wife Lindsay, who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.



## Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 8th May, The Companions of Rockmount RAC No. 367 conducted an emulation of the RA Degree with MEC George Robertson, IPZ of Ranfurly Royal Arch Chapter No 289, volunteering to act as candidate.

At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers, visitors and Companions went downstairs to enjoy some harmony.

The next Meeting of the Chapter is our Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7-30pm

Before this, there will be a General Committee meeting (for office bearers and PZ's) which will be held on Monday 4th June 2018 at approximately 8pm, this is immediately after the Rockmount Cryptic Council Committee meeting which will commence at 7pm

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7-30pm, and a good attendance would be appreciated by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC.

As you may be aware, the Chapter is experiencing a shortage in Candidates at the moment, and would welcome any Brother (who's been through his MMM degree) and would like to join to contact MEC Hugh Cattigan ☎ 07981 566 901

MEC Hugh Cattigan MEZ wishes the companions all the best for the Summer holiday season.

# Did you know ?

- That of the early American Astronauts, John Glenn, L. Gordon Cooper, Virgil I. Grissom, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., Thomas P. Stafford, and Donn F. Eisele were all members of our 'Craft'.
- The great Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, , was initiated, passed & raised in a single day in 1922, at the age of 56 in Soumi Lodge No. 1. The entire ceremony lasted from 10 am till 7 pm with an intermission of an hour for lunch. His Mother Lodge had only been formed a few months earlier with the support of the Grand Lodge of New York.
- For more than 140 years, the Lodge St. George of Bermuda has paid Bermuda's Governor "one peppercorn" as annual rent of the old state house.
- The Liberty Bell cracked while tolling the Death of Chief Justice John Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.
- A Masonic Lodge, Henry Knox Lodge of Massachusetts, was constituted on the ship USS Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," on March 17, 1926.
- The military bugle call "Taps," written by Brother Daniel Adams Butterfield, was originally called "Butterfield's Lullaby."
- Abraham Lincoln petitioned the Masonic Lodge in Springfield, Illinois, but did not join, thinking it would look like he was doing so for political purposes.
- Brother Harland Sanders started his huge Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise empire with nothing more than a single Social Security Check.
- All four presidential candidates in 1948, Republican Thomas Dewey, Progressive Henry Wallace, Dixiecrat Strom Thurmond and the eventual winner, Democrat Harry Truman, were Freemasons.

## Meet The Candidate

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we were pleased to welcome Jamie Shorthouse as our latest Candidate for our mysteries and privileges :. Jamie is 30 years old and a Barrhead boy.

The grandson of the late Bro. Jim Heron and stepson of Bro. Alan Izatt, Jamie is a Chief Engineer in the Merchant Navy and divides his time between living in Greenock and Barrhead.

His main hobby is sailing which would have to be classed as a busman's holiday, albeit a water bus! Welcome aboard Jamie!

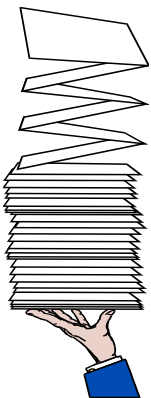


# Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** Visitation to Lodge St John, Fisherrow, No.112 in Musselburgh, where we will be conferring the popular 'Table of Scottish Freemasons'. Transport will be leaving the MT at 12 Noon on that day and anyone looking for a lift should contact Bro Ronnie Maclsaac WSW,
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June** Ladies Lunch at 1.30 for 2pm within the Function Suite
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where an FC Degree will be conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class will be conferring a MM Degree.

*(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 as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province.*

## Paper Appeal



As ever, we are still looking for that most essential of commodities – PAPER.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m<sup>2</sup> copier or duplicator 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.

### Where did the word "lodge" derive from?

Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived. Lodges of masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352, at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1483, and at St. Giles, Edinburgh, in 1429. "Lodge" first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598.

# The Forget-Me-Not

As early as the year 1934, after Hitler's rise to power, it became apparent that Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Bayreuth (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges), realized the imminent problems facing them and elected a little blue flower, the Forget-Me-Not, in lieu of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identity for Masons.



It was felt that the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some recognizable means of identification. Throughout the entire Nazi era, the little blue flower in the lapel marked Brothers in Concentration Camps as well as in the cities.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth, the Forget-Me-Not was adopted as the official emblem of the first annual convention of those who survived the bitter years.

In 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem honoring those valiant Brethren who carried their work on under adverse conditions. At the Grand Masters Conference in the United States, Dr. Theodore Vogel, Grand Master of the newly formed UGL, AF & AM presented one of the pins to each of the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions with which the UGL, A.F. & A.M. enjoyed Fraternal relations.

## "The Character of a Freemason"

*(From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823)*

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world.

A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection.

He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

# Famous Scottish Freemasons

*(Continuing our series of the Brethren portrayed in the Mural in our Function Suite, we turn this month to the Scot who gave the humanity the World's first 'Miracle Drug')*

## Sir Harry Lauder (1870-1950)

Sir Harry Lauder was a Scottish singer and comedian popular in both the English music hall and vaudevillian theatre tradition, where he achieved international success.

He was born on 4 August 1870 in his grandfather's house in Portobello, near Edinburgh, the eldest of seven children. His father, John Lauder, was a descendant of the feudal barons the Lauders of the Bass, and his mother, Isabella McLennan, was born in Arbroath to a family from the Black Isle.

Lauder's father moved to Derbyshire in 1882 to take up a job designing china, but died soon after his arrival from pneumonia. His Mother, left with little more than £15, moved to be with her own family in Arbroath. To finance his education beyond age 11, Harry worked part time at a flax mill. In 1884 the Harry's family moved to Hamilton to live with his uncle who found Harry employment at Eddlewood Colliery at ten shillings per week; where he remained for almost 10 years.



In 1891 Lauder married Ann Vallance, the daughter of a colliery manager in Hamilton. Harry often sang to the miners in Hamilton, who encouraged him to perform in local music halls. While singing in nearby Larkhall, he received 5 shillings—the first time he was paid for singing. He received further engagements including a weekly spots at the Scotia Music Hall and Metropole Theatre in Glasgow. He was advised to gain experience by touring music halls around the country with a concert party, which he did. The tour allowed him to quit the coal mines and become a professional singer. Lauder concentrated his repertoire on comedic routines and songs of Scotland and Ireland.

By 1894 he had turned professional and performed local characterisations at small, Scottish and northern English music halls, but had ceased the repertoire by 1900. In March of that year, Lauder travelled to London and reduced the heavy dialect of his act which according to a biographer, Dave Russell, "handicapped Scottish performers in the metropolis". He was an immediate success at the Charing Cross Music Hall and the London Pavilion, venues at which the theatrical paper *The Era* thought he generated "a great furore" among his audiences with three of his self-composed songs.[1]

He was initiated a Freemason on 28 January 1897 in Lodge Dramatic, No.571 in Glasgow, and remained an active Freemason for the rest of his life.

He was described by Sir Winston Churchill as "Scotland's greatest ever ambassador", He became a familiar worldwide figure promoting images like the kilt, with his 'twisted walking stick' to huge acclaim, especially in America. Other songs followed, including "Roamin' in the Gloamin'", "A Wee Deoch-an-Doris", "The End of the Road" and, a particularly big hit for him, "I Love a Lassie".

By 1911 Lauder had become the highest-paid performer in the world, and was the first British artist to sell a million records. He raised vast amounts of money for the war effort during the First World War, for which he was knighted in 1919. He went into semi-retirement in the mid-1930s, but briefly emerged to entertain troops in the Second World War. By the late 1940s he was suffering from long periods of ill-health and died in Scotland in 1950..



## **WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918 (May 1918)**



May 20th saw Germany launch the largest, and last, heavier-than-air raid against Great Britain during World War One, with 38 Gotha (see picture) and three Riesenflugzeug bombers participating. The bombers dropped 2,724 pounds (1,236kg) of bombs according to British estimates or 1,500 kilograms (3,307 pounds) according to the Germans, killing 49 people, injuring 177, and inflicting £117,317 in damage. British fighters and antiaircraft guns shot down six Gothas, and a seventh was forced to land in England. Germany had made a total 27 heavier-than-air raids, dropping 111,935 kg (246,774 lbs) of bombs that killed total 835 people, injured 1,972 for the loss of 62 bombers either shot down or crashed while returning to base.



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Costa Rica declared war on Germany.

Royal Navy troopship HMS Moldavia was torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel by German submarine SM UB-57 with the loss of 56 lives.

German submarine SM UB-52 was torpedoed and sunk in the Strait of Otranto by Royal Navy submarine HMS H4 with the loss of 32 of her 34 crew.

British passenger ship Innisfallen was torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea by German submarine SM UB-64 with the loss of 10 lives.

Canadian women obtained the right to vote in federal elections.

German submarine SM UB-74 was depth charged and sunk in Lyme Bay (South West England) by a Royal Navy ship, killing all 35 crew.

On May 27, the German forces launched the third stage of their offensive against the Allies on the Western Front with Operation Blücher-Yorck, beginning with the attack on Aisne River in France. Taking advantage of thinly spread out defences, the Germans advanced through a 40 km (25 mi) gap in the Allied line, punched through eight Allied divisions between Reims and Soissons, and gained another 15 km to the Vesle River by nightfall.

By May 30th, during the third Battle of the Aisne – German forces advanced on Paris, capturing 50,000 Allied soldiers and over 800 guns.

On May 31st the U.S. Navy troopship USS President Lincoln was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic Ocean by German submarine SM U-90 with the loss of only 26 of the 715 people on board. Survivors were rescued by fellow U.S. Navy ships

**Hugh Cattigan PM**

# Almoner's Report

Brethren, at the time of writing this report, I have received no notice of any Obituaries or Bereavements for this period.

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever”**

*Psalm 107, verse 1*



## Hospital Visit

Mrs Marion Reid – Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank.

## Home Visits :

Mrs Catherine Fennell

Bro Campbell Stewart

Bro Robert Nixon PM

Mrs Jean Ryan (*Millview Care Home*)

Mrs Florence Laird

Bro Donald Ferguson

Bro Jim Boulton

Bro Robert Kennedy

## Home Phone Calls :

Mrs Betty McCartney

Bro Lawrence Webb

Mrs Anne Houston

Bro John W Smith

Mrs Ray Campbell (nee Hutton)

Bro Robert McCulloch

Bro Eric Gray

## In conclusion :

The Lodge ‘Summer Recess’ period is about to commence, but I as Lodge Almoner look forward with eager anticipation to our Annual Ladies Lunch to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, where I will look forward to meeting all the ‘Ladies of the Lodge’, and embrace the joy of that most worthy event.

**Brother Alexander D. White**

Lodge Almoner

☎ 0141-571 6411

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 37 Years Ago

No. 45

May 1981

### REGULAR MEETING :

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 5th May the following five Candidates ; Hugh McKellar, Colin Paton, Alan Gebbie, Robert Spiers and Robert Scott received the Entered Apprentice degree from a team composed of Past Masters & Offic-bearers of the Lodge. Needless to add the usual immaculate 307 degree was performed.

Lodge opened 7.35pm

Lodge closed 10.05pm

Attendance 149

### SNIPPETS FROM 307 :

Bro Bob McPhail of 307, former Rangers & Scotland legend has completed 55 years of membership.

In the year 1930, almost every Office-bearer was over 40 years of age.

In 1924 the Social Club of the Lodge was mentioned in the Glasgow Herald by their columnist "Scratator" who said *"It is one of the most progressive clubs in the country"*

### MANY THANKS :

To Bro Tom Rankin who put up ashtrays in the Gent`s washroom and to Bro Billy Baxter for services rendered.

To Bro Raymond Smith for supplying a fire extinguisher and a gas bottle for the Pensioner`s Caravan at Wemyss Bay.

To Bro Jim Dunn for the beautiful bible he donated for the showcase

To Bro Willie Love who stepped in at short notice and did some plumbing work for the Lodge.

To Bro Archie Miller for the donation of some ink.

### LODGE GOSSIP :

We hear that Bros Bob Carrey Jnr, David Law & Roy Townsend are going to Palm Beach for a holiday.

We hear that Bro Vic Chapman is contemplating emigrating to Australia.

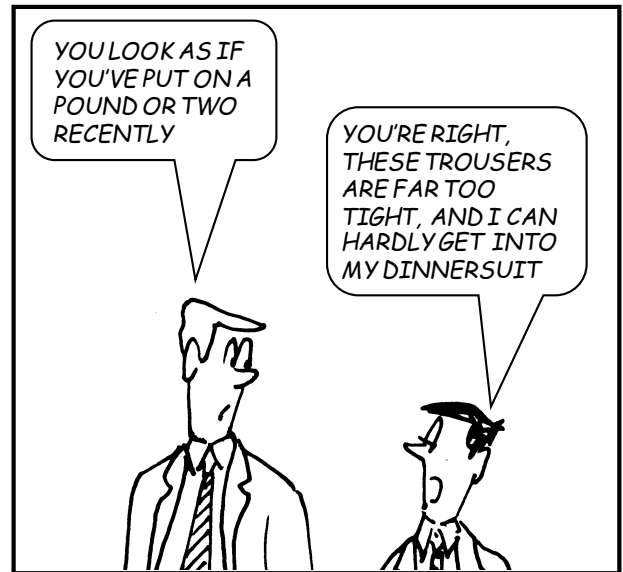
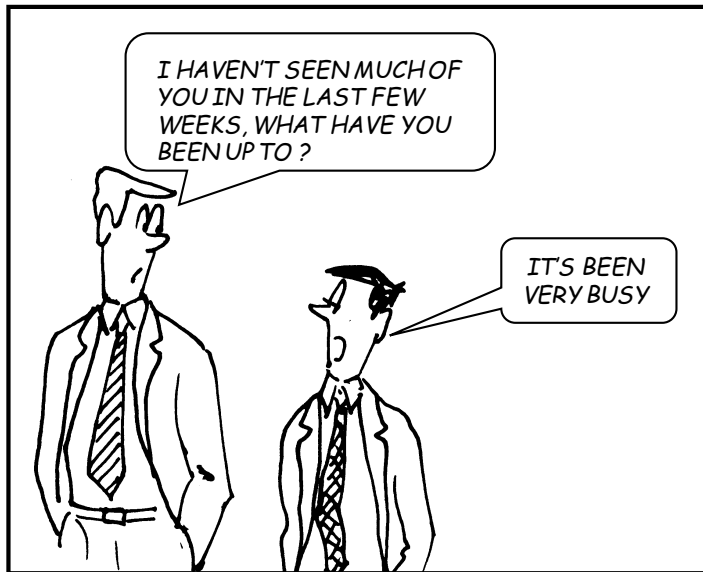
Our congratulations to Bro Ian McFarlane who has been elected as Secretary of the N.E.C. Committee.

### QUOTES of the MONTH :

Bro Billy Morris on leaving says *"If I don`t see you about I`ll see you a shoe !"*

At a recent debate in the Lounge big Bro Donald Reid No.153 settled an argument by saying - *"I`ve seen it on the wireless"*

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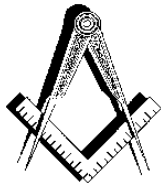
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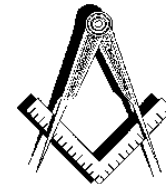
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# Syllabus 2018

(\* Denotes an Official Visitation)



## May 2018

<b>Tuesday 1st May</b>	<b>EA</b>	<b>'Visiting Master's Degree'</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Prisoner of War Dramatisation
<i>* Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	<i><b>TSF</b></i>	<i>At Lodge St John Fisherrow, No.112</i>

## September 2018

<b>Tuesday 4th September</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>MM</b>	Lodge Instruction Class

## October 2018

<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	<b>DMM</b>	<b>Lodge Instruction Class</b>
<i>* Friday 5th October</i>	<i>PoW</i>	<i>At The Lodge of Fort William, No.43</i>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>MM</b>	Annual General Meeting
<i>* Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>PoW</i>	<i>At Lodge Loretto Centenary, No.1373</i>
<i>* Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</i>	<i>FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426</i>

## November 2018

<b>Friday 2nd November</b>		<b>'Open Night'</b> (followed by the Table of Scottish FMs)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>MMM</b>	Bro George McGrandles IPM
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>		Annual Installation of Office-bearers