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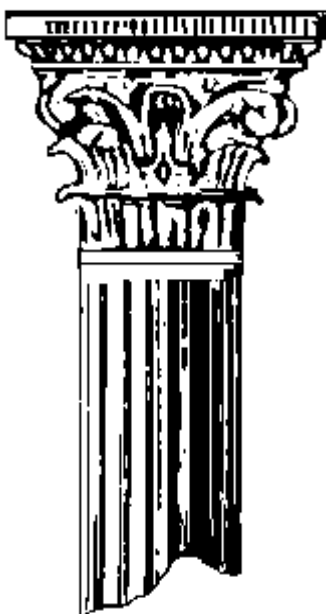
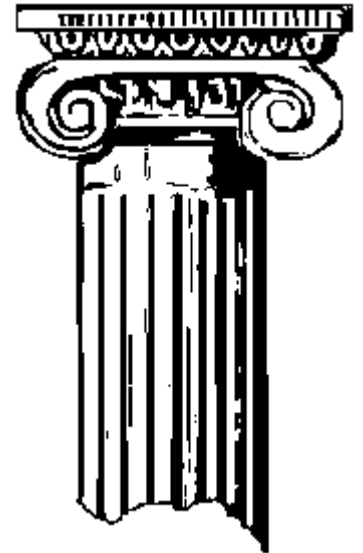
By the time most of you will have read this the annual installation season within Renfrewshire East will be well underway.

This should be a busy time for ourselves and most other Lodges in our province. Certainly, over the years it has proven to be an extremely hectic and time-consuming period for all Lodge management teams, senior office bearers and lasts from the first weekend in October right through to the second week in January.

Our RWM tries to ensure that we are represented at as many installations as possible, a daunting task when you consider that we have a total of 36 other Lodges to cover. They can be as far apart as East Kilbride in the East of the province and Lochwinnoch in the West.

For the Master elect, in particular, as well as the senior and junior wardens it is vitally important they attend as many installations as possible as they will then meet their counterparts from the other Lodges and build links for future inter lodge visits and even guest speakers for the years ahead of them.

But, it is not just the responsibility of these three brethren who are needed, the Past Masters, junior office bearers and ordinary member also have their parts to play and I therefore appeal to all the junior office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge to assist in this sometimes onerous task. Your attendance at even a couple of meetings would go a long way to alleviate the current situation.



Within Union & Crown, our Annual General Meeting, where we nominate and elect our Office-bearers and committees for the forthcoming session, is a brisk business-like affair, carried out with the minimum of fuss. This year was no different, and on behalf of the Mallet readers I offer our congratulation to our RWM Elect, Bro. George McGrandles and wish him and his team of office bearers all the best for the coming year.

So while Bro. George wanders around with a notebook constantly writing things down and repeating the master elect mantra “nobody told me that”! The business of the Lodge continues and RWM, Bro. Ian Blair still has a few tasks ahead of him as he completes his final month as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Union & Crown. No. 307.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. Ian Blair cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings and official visits of the Lodge: -

**Tuesday 1st November 2016
7:30pm**

Business meeting
followed by a:

Dramatized MM Degree conferred by:
The Lodge Instruction Class



**Tuesday 15th November 2016
7:30pm**

Business meeting
followed by a:

MMM Degree conferred under the instruction of:
IPM Bro. Alan Bernard



**Saturday 26th November 2016
4:00pm**

**ANNUAL INSTALLATION
OF
OFFICE BEARERS**
followed by:

Installation Dinner – Tickets £12.50 (£10.00 for senior members)
Tickets available from the Wardens



100 CLUB

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

Friday 7th October £10: **Bro. Les Reilly**
 £5: **Bro. Wilson Davidson PM**

Tuesday 18th October £10: **t.b.c.**
 £5: **t.b.c.**



Regular Meetings

At the regular, rescheduled to Friday 7th October 2016 a meeting of the lodge took place with a short business meeting being conducted.

Following the closure of the lodge a number of gentlemen who had been invited as guests of brethren entered the Lodge room and along with many brethren witnessed one of the Lodge Union & Crown's dramatizations, *The Table of Famous Scottish Freemasons*.

A harmony followed with our guests getting the feel of an evening at a lodge meeting and were made most welcome by all the brethren in attendance.

Lodge opened - 7:30pm Lodge closed 8:12pm Attendance was 56

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the Installation Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October, MEC Hugh M Cattigan was installed into the office of Most Excellent First Principle of the Chapter, in what was a fine and enjoyable evening for Rockmount R.A.C.

He was joined in the Principle's Chairs by MEC George Paul PZ and MEC David Allan*.

The Installing Team of MEC's James Miller PZ, Robert McCulloch PZ, MEC John S. Miller PZ and Jim Miller PZ* had taken great pains to ensure that all had been meticulously prepared and this was most evident.

An excellent 'Buffet style' harmony took place following the meeting which was enjoyed by all present. The speeches were kept short and to the point (almost Ed.) and special thanks were given to MEC Andrew Piggot, MEZ of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. 17, for his reply on behalf of visiting Companions and his toast to the Chapter.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be on **Tuesday 8th November**, where a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred by the Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEC Graham Manson has assured us that all Companions and visiting Companions will be made most welcome in the Chapter.



* Sadly the best laid schemes of mice and men came a cropper when due to ill health MEC Jim Miller PZ was unable to take part in the ceremony meaning that MEC David Allan had to wait a further week when his installation was completed by our good friends at Greenock RAC No. 17 on the evening of their own installation. We wish MEC Jim a speedy recovery.

Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

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

T.I.M. Robert McCulloch invites all members of Rockmount Cryptic Council to attend and extends a special invitation to members of other Councils.

Rockmount R.A.C. & Rockmount C.C. No. 367 2016-2017 Syllabus

Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter				Rockmount Cryptic Council			
2016				2016			
Oct	11	Installation	7:00pm	Sept	27	Installation	7:00pm
Nov	8	Regular EM	7:30pm	Nov	22	Regular	7:30pm
Dec	13	Regular RA	7:30pm	2017			
2017				Jan	24	Regular	7:30pm
Jan	10	Regular EM	7:30pm	Feb	14	Stat Visit PGRC	7:30pm
Feb	14	Stat visit PGRAC	8:15pm	Mar	28	Regular	7:30pm
Mar	14	Regular RA	7:30pm	Apr	25	Regular	7:30pm
Apr	11	Regular EM	7:30pm	Sept	26	AGM Installation	7:00pm
May	9	Regular	7:30pm				
Sept	12	AGM	7:30pm				
Oct	10	Installation	7:00pm				

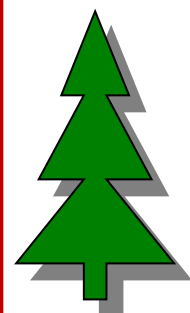
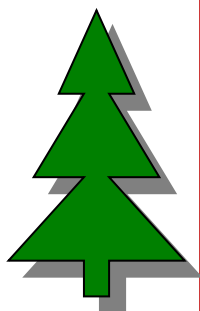
Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2016

Saturday 17th December 2016

Music by
'BRONX'

*For Tickets and or further information contact
Bro Lawrence Webb on 0141-571 4330*



Visitations

On Saturday the 15th October a deputation of brethren, headed by the RWM, Bro. Ian Blair, made their way from Barrhead to Largs, there to confer our dramatised 'Prisoner of War' degree and visit with the brethren of Lodge Lodge St. John (Kilwinning) Largs No.173 and their other guests.

A good day was had by all and some weary travellers returned back to Barrhead.

PGLRE NOVEMBER 2016 INSTALLATIONS

Friday	4 th November	6:30pm	Lodge St Christopher No. 1453
Saturday	5 th November	3:00pm	Lodge The Royal Stuart No. 1414
Saturday	5 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Sir George Cathcart No. 617
Saturday	5 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Craigends No. 1042
Tuesday	8 th November	6:30pm	The Pollokshaws RA Lodge No. 153
Friday	11 th November	7:00pm	Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242
Saturday	12 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Nitshill No. 1478
Saturday	19 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Captain Speirs No. 791
Saturday	19 th November	3:30pm	Lodge Albert Edward No. 592
Friday	25 th November	6:45pm	Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129
Friday	25 th November	7:00pm	The St. John's Operative Lodge No. 1218
Saturday	26th November	4:00pm	Lodge Union & Crown No. 307
Saturday	26 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Newton Mearns No. 1706

I recently attended the Tri-Annual communication meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East held at the premises of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307, Barrhead. While Union & Crown were once again unable to secure one of the Provincial sporting trophies we certainly won a watch for the number of brethren from 307 who were in attendance to support the PGM Bro. John S. Miller and his Provincial team.

Word on the street is that our current Depute Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Neil Fraser, Past Master of Lodge St Barchan will be our next Provincial Grand Master pending the approval, rubber stamping etc, of our Grand Master Mason, Bro. Charles I. R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont.

Congratulations to Bro. David Watson PM on his nomination and election as Provincial Grand Lodge Marshall.

The Knights Templar



Whether you believe that Freemasonry grew out of the order of The Knights Templar or not, you cannot dispute the Templars influence on some of the degrees and orders within the fraternity today.

For most, Freemasonry consists of the initial 3 familiar degrees of what is called "Blue Masonry". For those wishing to advance their Masonic education, two paths are given. The Scottish Rite and the York rite. It is the latter, The York Rite which contains the influence of the Historical Knights Templar. The Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented fraternal organisation based on the ancient order founded in the 11th century

The Knights Templar were without a doubt the single most influential and powerful of the religious military orders that sprang up as a result of the crusades. Although younger than their rivals "The Order of the Hospital," as a monastic institution, the Templars were the first to add a military face to monasticism.

In the 200 years of their existence and in the centuries that have elapsed since, much speculation and conjecture has been presented regarding this noble order of white mantled knights.

The Knights Templar were a monastic military order formed at the end of the First Crusade with the mandate of protecting Christian pilgrims on route to the Holy Land. Although originally a small group of nine knights, they became very powerful and influential. After the crusades were over, the knights returned to their Chapters throughout Europe and became known as moneylenders to the monarchs. In the process many historians believe they invented the Banking System. The Templars fought along side King Richard I (Richard The Lion Hearted) and other Crusaders in the battles for the Holy Land.



Within two centuries they had become powerful enough to defy all but the Papal throne. Feared as warriors, respected for their charity and sought out for their wealth, there is no doubt that the Templar knights were the key players of the monastic fighting orders. They were destroyed, perhaps because of this wealth or fear of their seemingly limitless powers. In either case, the order met with a rather untimely demise at the hands of the Pope and the King of France in 1307 and by 1314, "The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon" ceased to exist.

The secret meetings and rituals of the knights would eventually cause their downfall. The King of France, Philip the Fair used to his advantage to destroy the knights. The real reason for his crushing the Templars was that he felt threatened by their power

and immunity and desperately needed funds, to support his war against England's Edward I. In October 1307 Philip had all the Templars arrested on the grounds of heresy, as this was the only charge that would allow the seizing of their money and assets. He was successful in stripping the Templars of their power and wealth and urged all fellow Christian leaders to do the same thing.



On March 19th, 1314 the last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay was burned at the stake, and is said to have cursed King Philip and Pope Clement as he burned inviting both men to join him within a year. Whether he uttered the curse or not, it remains a fact is that Clement died only one month later and Philip seven months after that.

We know the Temple, did not die with Jaques de Molay, that its lineage continued albeit in altered form. In 1314 Knights Templar fight alongside Robert Bruce at Bannockburn, and as a result Bruce protected the Order which managed to keep its lands in Scotland. The signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which rid Scotland of serfdom, was strongly influenced by the Templar ideal and the Sinclairs of Rosslyn were amongst the signatories. In 1331 Henry de St Clair, who fought at Bannockburn, is buried at Rosslyn as Grand Master of the Temple. The modern day masonic ruling body - The Scottish Grand Priory was created in 1962 and continues to flourish

Today membership of the Order requires the individual to be a Royal Arch Mason, although in some jurisdictions, membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters is also required. Current Knights Templar display their courage and goodwill in different ways from the ancient Templars, raising millions for charitable purposes. Templar membership consists of people from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers, clergy, businessmen and entertainment personalities, all of whom profess a belief in the Christian Religion.

On a local note, the Knights Templar also acted as parish clergy at Inchinnan in Renfrewshire and several are buried at the Renfrew end of the runway of Glasgow Airport where All Hallows Church of Scotland had to be demolished when the runway was built in the 1960s. Several Templar tombstones were removed at that time to the replacement church, St Conval's Church of Scotland, Inchinnan, and are in the Church grounds.

Entry to the Templar cemetery requires the permission of Glasgow Airport security and can only be accessed with security present.

Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor.



Mick says, "Oi Paddy, what ya doing?"

Paddy replies, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor."

Working Tools of a Traveling Mason

I now present to you the working tools of a traveling mason; They are the Jack, the AA card and the Mobile Phone.

The Jack is the first tool placed in the hands of the traveling brother to enable him to lift his car and change the tyre while swearing and soiling his clothes.

The AA card is a small piece of plastic, meaningless by itself, but powerful when the first tool proves unsatisfactory. It yet admitted by them all that no towing can be done without it.

The mobile phone is an annoying tool, expensive in its use and yet an evil necessity. It is calculated to have its battery die just when it is about to be engaged with the second tool, and the mightiest curses have been created by its aid.

But as we are not all traveling masons, but more social and local or visiting brethren we apply these tools to our morals.

In this sense, from the Jack we learn that it is more important to lift our brethren up than worry about a soiled trouser or a bit of inconvenience.

From the AA card we learn that help, support and backup are of importance.

It is more important to help one another than to try to go it alone. That teamwork is the way to grow. Although the lodge may be strong and the members may be dedicated it is all in vain if we do not support one another.

From the mobile phone we learn communication is necessary to achieve comradeship, that devotion is achieved through repeated and caring conversations alone and nothing short of familiarity and support is necessary to induce the virtue of brotherly love, encourage the Lodge and raise membership from obscurity.

On the whole we deduce the following moral, that visiting, meant as support, aided by team work and prompted by brotherly love will finally overcome all our hurdles, raise attendances and promote contentment in the Lodge.



It is with profound sadness that I intimate the passing away of Mrs Isabel Heron, aged 83, the dear and beloved wife of Bro. James Heron. Isabel passed away on Friday 7th October 2016 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH), Paisley having been admitted there a few days earlier. Dear Isabel's illness had progressed over a lengthy period of time which she bravely endured with a positive capacity of quiet repose. In my role as Lodge Almoner, I regularly visited with Isabel and Bro. Jim and a warm hearted welcome always awaited me on each and every occasion, especially when a visit took place on a Sunday afternoon. In consequence a kindly, respectful and meaningful friendship developed. Bro. Jim and Isabel enjoyed the Church 'discipline' we all shared and Bro. Jim encouraged me to continue with my visits. The door of their home was forever open to welcome me no matter what the circumstances might be. I expressed deep and heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Jim, daughters Linda and Janice and through them to all the family on behalf of our Lodge. Bro. Jim responded with a warm sense of gratitude. The funeral service, which I attended along with a goodly number of 307 brethren, took place at the United Reform Church, Barrhead and Woodside Crematorium, Paisley. Mrs Isabel Heron will be affectionately missed coupled with a strong measure of endearment and love by all who had the privilege of knowing her within the Church and wider community of Barrhead, myself included.

I have also visited the following Brethren of the Lodge at their respective homes:

Bro. Donald Ferguson

Bro. Robert Kennedy

Bro. Jim Flockhart (on his discharge from hospital)

I then made the following telephone calls to keep in touch with the following Brethren and Ladies of the Lodge:

Bro. Jim Heron (Multiple calls)

Bro. Brian Morton PM (Multiple calls)

Mrs Anna Roberts (Warwickshire)

Bro. Jim Laird

Bro. Alex Aitken

Bro. Jim Flockhart

Bro. Tom Conway

To Bro. Brian Morton PM 307/154/1386 re your most recent telephone call to me ~ So glad was I to hear that your hospital visit of late has brought about a reasonable measure of good cheer to you. Bro Brian, steadfast and sure forever.

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





WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(October 1916)



Two streets meet at the edge of Oakmere Park in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. Their names are Tempest Avenue and Wulstan Park. The casual visitor will never guess it, but this junction marks the spot where a Zeppelin fell to earth.

Zeppelins were not always deployed as weapons in war. They were first used by the military as escorts for naval convoys. An airborne vantage-point was particularly effective for keeping an eye on enemy craft. The idea of bombing enemy territory soon followed.

For around two years, beginning in April 1915, the [Zeppelin](#) campaign was played out over London and the towns of south-east England. The spectacular demise of the L31 on 1 October, 1916 helped to hasten its end. In command was Heinrich Mathy, the most celebrated and audacious of the airship raiders.

Imagine yourself high in the night sky above southern England. This is the autumn of 1916, and the scene is frozen in the sweep of the searchlights. A thousand feet beneath this looming monster, a tiny black-painted biplane is labouring in the sparse air. Despite the distress of his engine, 2nd Lieutenant Wulstan Tempest is determined to gain Mathy's altitude.

In time to come, Mathy's nemesis will lend his name to the streets below, streets where today nothing remains of that fateful night 100 years ago.

Hans Rose was one of the most successful and highly decorated German U-boat commanders during World War I. Rose was one of the most respected and brave U-boat commanders and famous for his humanity and fairness in battle. Sometimes when he torpedoed a ship he would wait until all the lifeboats were filled, he would then throw a tow line, give the victims food, keeping all the survivors together until a rescuing destroyer appeared on the horizon when he would let go and submerge. There exist many reports of him caring for survivors even when putting his own boat at risk.

In September 1916 Rose brought *U-53* to Newport, Rhode Island, much to the amazement of the American authorities. He proceeded to dock and then invite the American Naval Officers and their wives aboard to view his gleaming vessel. After delivering a message to the German Ambassador on 1st October 1916 he proceeded offshore. He sent five or six ships to the bottom having questioned their captains on their cargo and ordered the abandonment of their ships.

Finally, On the 5th October 1916 a little known soldier by the name of Adolf Hitler is wounded in the left thigh by an exploding shell during the Battle of the Somme (One can only wonder what a difference there may have been to the 20th century if the artillery men had aimed just a little higher).



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 10 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Robert I Miller

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 1st October, the following two candidates, Ian Cameron and Martin Carr were passed to the second, square or F.C. Degree by a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from Lodge St John, Busby, No.458 in what was a fine F.C. degree.

The deputation headed by Bro John Graham, the popular Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St John Busby and a frequent visitor to Union & Crown, acquitted itself well.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-33pm

Attendance : 94

On Tuesday 15th October, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting. The various Office-bearers and committee members for the forthcoming year were nominated and elected by the Brethren, with the worthy Secretary and Treasurer submitting their respective reports. Both gave clear and precise details of the complex workings of the Lodge and were well received by the Lodge, who were grateful to both of the executive office-bearers for their efforts over the preceding twelve months in what was an extremely busy year for the Lodge,

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 8-34pm

Attendance : 59

On Monday, 28th October, a deputation of the Office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge, led by our own R.W.M., Bro Robert Miller, set off for the small village of Drummore in Wigtonshire, a journey which until recent years had been a regular outing for several of the Brethren. Our destination, was Lodge St Medans, No.1335 and the Mother Lodge of our recently deceased former Treasurer, Bro John Livingstone P.M. The journey was a little bit more sombre than we had anticipated, with many filled with memories of former visits to the most southerly Lodge in Scotland, with Bro John at the wheel as we travelled to confer a degree in their tiny Temple close to the shore, or perhaps attending their annual installation.

The party of 17 Brethren arrived just as the meeting was about to commence, and were soon admitted into a packed Temple where we had been invited to confer the FC Degree. Seated in the Temple was Bro Jim Livingstone PM, John's father, and a large deputation from the PGL of Galloway headed by their PGM. The degree team consisted of a small group of 307 Past Masters who had been Bro John's closest friends in Union and Crown and all in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the obvious sincerity which each of the ceremonial workers brought to the occasion.

We gather that the annual golf outing is scheduled for Saturday 14th June at Torwood Lea Golf Club in Galashiels.

Humour



Almoners arial support team

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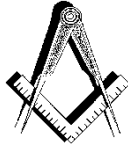
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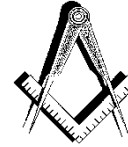
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"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"



Syllabus 2015-2016



November 2016

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Alan Bernard IPM

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SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2016
04:00pm

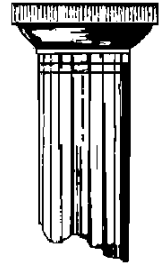
INSTALLATION
of
RWM 'Elect' Bro. George McGrandles
And his
OFFICE BEARERS

December 2016

Tuesday	06 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By the '307' Wardens
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By the '307' Deacons



OFFICE BEARERS 2015 - 2016



RWM	Ian Blair
WSW	Christopher Baillie
WJW	Kenneth Beatts
IPM	Alan Bernard IPM
Depute Master	William H Gault PM
Substitute Master	George McGrandles
Secretary	James Miller PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
Inner Guard	Robert Clark
Senior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Junior Chaplain	Steven Ross
Director of Ceremonies	David McArthur PM
Architect	Roy Farquhar
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Lee Renfrew
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Billy Petrie
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	John Miller
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Gordon Neil
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

