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It is truly amazing just how fast time can pass when you are engaged in the more leisurely activities one is expected to pursue during the long, hot Summer months

It seems only a couple of short weeks ago that we were putting the finishing touches to the May Edition of our journal, and wistfully dreaming of a long and relaxing break, our Summer edition only a distant troublesome spot on the horizon.

Well here we are at the keyboard, forlornly trying to put together that distant dream in the last few days of a another Summer which seems to have evaporated all too quickly.

Short thought it may have been, the break was most enjoyable and hopefully we will have fully recharged the batteries in readiness for another hectic session in an increasingly busy schedule for all in Lodge Union & Crown. From some of the stories that have filtered back to the editorial office, we gather that a good time was had by all.

Whilst most of you were sunning yourselves on beaches on distant shores, the business of the Lodge trundled on regardless and the grateful thanks of the entire Lodge must go to the long list of Brethren who gave much of their valuable time to ensure the Lodge continued to function properly. Our Executive Office-bearers, PM's David McArthur and Jim Kerr, our Almoner Bro Alex White, and of course Bro Evans Reid PM, our long-suffering Bar Convener and his enthusiastic bar teams are to be congratulated for their fine efforts.

Whilst we are moving into another year statistically, there is still much to be achieved during the remainder of this session and we are sure that all of the Brethren of the Lodge will continue to provide the support and enthusiasm necessary to ensure that Union & Crown remain in the successful position we now occupy.



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 4th September 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Fellowcraft Degree Degree

Conferred by

Lodge 'Prince of Wales'. No.426

Harmony



Tuesday 18th September 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree

Conferred by the 'Brethren o' the Lodge'

Harmony

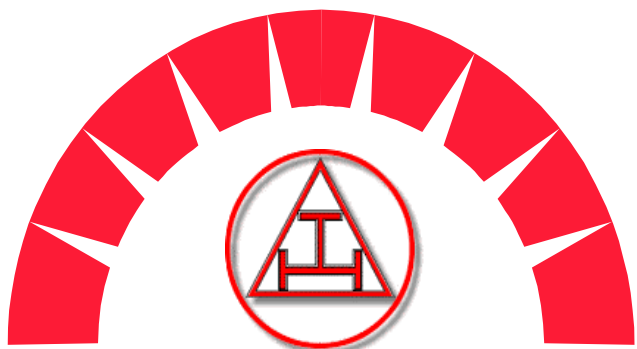


Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M., Secretary

BITS & PIECES

- 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.
- We gather that Bro Evans Reid PM is giving up as Scribe E in Rockmount RAC, and will be succeeded by Bro Hugh Cattigan PM.
- Great to hear that the a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Lodge on Saturday 12th May raised £398 for Lodge Funds. Well done to Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW, Bro George McGrandles PM and all their helpers.
- We gather that Bro Jim Renfrew PM spent two weeks during August as a volunteer at the European Championships held in Glasgow, and met quite a number of celebrities.
- We offer our deepest congratulations to Bro Willie Dougray, a former Baillie in the town, on him being honoured in the Queen's Birthday honours List, where he received a well-deserved MBE for his civic efforts over more than 50 years.
- We gather that Mrs Josie Flockhart, wife of the late Bro Jim Flockhart, has sold her house in Barrhead and is moving in to Paisley to be nearer to her daughter.
- We offer our best wishes to Bro David Begg, recently retired Grand Secretary, and an Honorary Member of 307. He has been in hospital for several weeks following a fall at home during the summer.
- We gather that Bro Gordon Neil is thoroughly enjoying his new job as a delivery driver with a firm in the catering industry. He tells us he has a very early start, but can often be finished by Lunchtime.
- Bro Adam Watson recently decided to dispose of his lifelong collection of football programmes to make some space. It consisted of **FOUR** suitcases full of programmes going right back to the 1950s !!



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

Office Bearers for 2018-2019 will be nominated and elected.

The next Meeting of the Chapter is our Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for:

Tuesday 11th September 2018
at 7-30pm

MEC Hugh Cattigan MEZ invites all Companions in good standing to attend this important business meeting when, amongst other important business, the

From The East



As I write this we are more than halfway through our summer recess and I have been reflecting on some of the highlights of my year as master. We started off the new year with a visit to our good friends Thistle and Crown up the road in Neilston where we carried out a first degree and closely followed that with a visit to Nitshill to carry out a second degree. Both lodges have reciprocated and in all occasions we had a most enjoyable time.

In February we took a deputation of 30 members to PGL of Perthshire East to carry out our dramatized "Table of Freemasons" and were warmly received by Bro Russell Logan PGM and his brethren, who stated that they were

blown away with our degree and the numbers we were able to take to Perth.

Bro Russell Logan to repay us for our visit, brought a deputation from PGL of Perthshire East to our "Burns vs Kipling" dramatization we also had deputations from our own provincial grand lodge headed by our own PGM Neil Fraser and also a deputation from Grand Lodge headed by PDGM Archie McGowan that same evening. I felt quite intimidated as I was the only blue regalia in a sea of green in the east. The evening was rounded off by presentation of distinguished service certificates to two of our own Bro Tom Wilson and Bro Jimmy Laing this was carried out with dignity and also some humour.

On May 1st we had a 'Reigning Masters Degree' and 8 masters carried out a first degree on our candidate. As expected the degree went well and everyone enjoyed the evening. Unfortunately I was unable to attend The Dramatized POW Degree, but from all accounts it was another good night (IPM George MacGrandles saw to that as he was generous with the master's drink).

A month later we visited Lodge St John Fisherow in Musselburgh and again carried out the table of freemasons degree another successful day and we have been getting rave reviews from the east of the country.

Even though we are now in recess the work still goes on. The Widows Lunch in June is always a great success, but a lot of work for those involved. The building is still being used by the Slimming World, the dance class and also the Indian Christians as well as our own Sausage Club, so the premises still have to be cleaned and maintained. Talking about the Sausage Club it brings in between £20-£40 pounds each week which is spent on maintenance and upgrades to the building, we have added new astroturf to the garden at the rear of the building, the outside has been painted as well as the front door and the windows are being painted also. New display cabinets have been installed in the downstairs corridor and 5 new mirror windows have been ordered for the function hall. Hopefully we will also be replacing the old strip lighting in the Temple before the next meeting.

So as I have already said the work goes on and with the help of the Brethren I am hopeful that the remaining time I have as RWM is as successful.

Your RWM Bro Thomas Nicol Hynd

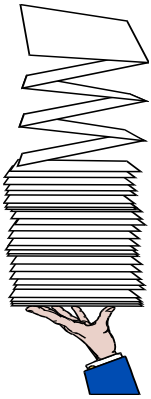


Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 4th Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where an FC Degree will be conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
- Monday 17th Sept** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 18th Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the 'Brethren o' the Ludge' will be conferring a Dramatised FC Degree.
- Friday 5th Oct** Visitation to The Lodge of Fort William, No.43 where we have been invited to confer the 'Prisoner of War' Degree as part of the Lodge's 275th Anniversary celebrations.

(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/m² 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.



"No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say with due deliberation and without fear of breaking the faith.

I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world."

The words of a Mason who was also a President of the United States,

Warren G. Harding.

LODGE UNIQUE ?

I believe that throughout the World there are many Lodges that are considered to be unique. But I was delighted when a Brother said to me that Lodge Union and Crown No. 307 was in his opinion a very unique Lodge.

So I asked in what way does he think the Lodge is unique. Well you have for example all those Dramatised Degrees, and the number of brethren that are actively involved is tremendous, no other Lodge has that.

A very varied Syllabus, not the usual 1, 2, 3 etc.

The Mallet Magazine has been in existence for 42 years is a unique achievement, has any other Lodge printed a Magazine for that period of time. (I must remember to take this opportunity to congratulate the Editor)

Then you always seem to have Candidates. Not every Lodge can say that Then of course you have the Sausage Club, no other Lodge has that, although why it is not copied is totally beyond me.

You also have extremely enthusiastic brethren their energy and enthusiasm is so apparent at the meetings, and you have exceptional leadership. And of course you have the Tom Wilson garden. The Lodge seems to be always upgrading their facilities.

Yes, brethren he is correct we are indeed a 'UNIQUE' Lodge, and we should be all proud we are part of it. So give yourself a pat in the back but remember don't drop the standards because five years this coming February will be our 200th Anniversary and we want to put on a great 'Year of Celebration'.

That reminds me I will have to purchase new Regalia or maybe I could go back into Office again as our hard-working Management Committee consider who is to be our Right Worshipful Master in 2024-2025 !!!

just a thought thought, perhaps I am just a little bit too old to be considered for the role ???? What a pity, I would have loved that.

(Dream on Brother Miller !!!)

Bro. James Miller PM



When Mussolini gained control of Italy, Masonic lodges were declared illegal and the Grand Master was arrested, tried, and imprisoned, where he died. Mussolini also ordered all Masonic references removed, including the emblems on the base of Garibaldi's monument in Rome.

After the restoration of the republic in 1946, fascist emblems were removed and the Masonic emblems restored.

Did you Know ?

- Dr. Edward Jenner, in 1789 discovered the vaccination process against smallpox. At the time, he was the Worshipful Master of the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship No.270 in Berkeley, Gloucestershire
- Francis Stephens, the Duke of Lorraine, received the first two Masonic degrees in 1731 in a special lodge convened at The Hague, Holland, becoming the first known royal freemason. Later he received the third degree in England. In 1735 renounced his title.
- The Rev. William Dodd, first Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, was hanged for forgery on June 2nd, 1777.
- In Fascist Spain under Franco, it was a crime to be a freemason. Masons convicted had to serve prison terms equal in years to the number of Masonic degrees possessed. Master Mason – 3 years.
- In 1801, Czar Alexander I of Russia banned the craft. In 1803 he rescinded the order and became a Freemason. But in 1822 he again ordered Freemasonry banned in Russia
- Lodges in Massachusetts have no numbers, whilst In Pennsylvania. there are 11 lodges that have numbers but no names.



At the New York World's Fair in 1964 there were over 140 pavilions, 110 restaurants, with 80 nations and over 45 Multi-national corporations building exhibits or attractions at Flushing Meadows Park in Queens, NY.

The immense fair covered 646 acres, with numerous pools or fountains, and an amusement park with rides near the lake

Amongst the many exhibits, which were showcased, there was a magnificent Masonic Pavilion replete with a huge S&C sculpture in front.

That S&C sculpture now resided on the grounds of the Masonic Care Community in Utica, New York.



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 is best known for his role during the American War of Independence)

Brother John Paul Jones (1747 – 1792)

Born John Paul (he added "Jones" in later life to hide from law enforcement) was the leading naval figure of the American Revolution and is considered one of "the fathers of the American Navy". Born on the Arbigland estate in Kirkbean, Kirkcudbright, on July 6, 1747, he became a member of St. Bernard's Lodge No. 122 in Kirkcudbright, and was raised to Master Mason on November 1770. He left school at age 12 and became an apprentice to a local shipper, working on a series of commercial ships, finally earning command of the vessel *Betsy* in 1773. Jones was confronted by mutinous crewmembers and killed one of crewmen in an act of self-defence, in waters off the British island of Tobago. Warned that authorities on the island planned to arrest and put him on trial, Jones fled to America making his way to Philadelphia in 1775, where he offered his services to the Continental Congress, and was assigned as First Lieutenant aboard the *Alfred*, the first ship commissioned in the fledgling Continental Navy. His performance in the early stages of the Revolutionary War, led to Jones being given his own command – the *Providence*. Shortly after he was named commander of a squadron.



In June 1777, John Paul Jones oversaw the completion, and took command, of the 18 gun sloop *Ranger* at Portsmouth NH. Jones was said to have visited St. John's Lodge No. 1 during his stay, and in November he set sail for France. After conferring with American commissioners in Paris (which included fellow mason Benjamin Franklin), Jones began a series of coastal and commerce raids against the British Isles. During one of these raids, the *Ranger* engaged the British warship *HMS Drake* in the Irish Sea. In an hour long battle, the *Ranger* defeated and captured the *Drake*, marking the first time during the Revolution a British warship was captured by the Americans.

Upon returning to France, Jones was promised command of a new and larger vessel. In August 1779, Jones departed France in command of a five ship squadron with the *Bonhomme Richard* as his flagship. Jones' squadron encountered the British warships *HMS Countess of Scarborough* and *HMS Serapis*. Jones managed to defeat both ships and the victory made him a hero both in France and America. Upon returning to America, Jones oversaw the construction of the 74 gun warship *America* (the largest ship in the Continental Navy).

With the war ending in 1783, Jones along with other Naval Officers, found himself being discharged from service. Facing an uncertain future, he accepted a commission as Admiral in the Navy of Catherine the Great whose antiquated fleet was in need of modernization. He led the Russian Black Sea fleet against the Turkish Navy, and although successful, he was constantly being undermined by officers who resented a "foreigner" holding such a high position. Eventually Jones was relieved of his command, and soon moved back to France in May 1790. Two years later he died alone in his Paris apartment. At the time of his death, Jones was near penniless, and friends (some who were said to be masons) had to raise the money for his burial in a French Protestant cemetery reserved for foreigners.

In 1905, the US Ambassador to France, Horace Porter found Jones' grave: and arranged to exhume his body and have the remains shipped back to the US for internment at the Naval Academy Chapel. The eulogy for Jones' internment was given by US President (and fellow mason) Teddy Roosevelt...



June saw Allied counterattacks halt the German advance at the Marne River. Allied casualties were massive at 127,000, including 98,000 French casualties and 29,000 British casualties. Germany suffered slightly more with 130,000 casualties. German forces had also launched the fourth stage of their offensive against the Allies on the Western Front with Operation Gneisenau, beginning with 21 German divisions attacking over a 23 mile front along the Matz River in France, resulting in an advance of 9 miles

July saw the RMS *Carpathia* (famed for rescuing survivors of the RMS *Titanic*) being torpedoed and sunk off the East coast of Ireland by German submarine *U-55*. 218 of the 223 on board are rescued.

The Execution of the Romanov family took place by order of the Bolshevik Party. Former emperor Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, their five children, and family retainers are shot at the Ipatiev House, in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

The Battle of Amiens also known as the Third Battle of Picardy, was the opening phase of the Allied offensive which began on 8 August 1918, later known as the Hundred Days Offensive, this would ultimately lead to the end of the First World War. Allied forces advanced over 7 miles on the first day, one of the greatest advances of the war, with the British Fourth Army playing a decisive role. The battle is also notable for its effects on both sides' morale and the large number of surrendering German forces. This led German General Erich Ludendorff (No friend of the Masons) to describe the first day of the battle as "the black day of the German Army". Amiens was one of the first major battles involving armoured warfare.

On 15 August 1918, British Field Marshal Douglas Haig refused demands from Supreme Allied Commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch to continue the Amiens offensive as that attack was faltering because the troops outran their supplies and artillery, also German reserves were being moved to the sector. Instead, Haig began to plan for an offensive at Albert. The second battle began on 21 August and that developed into an advance which pushed the German Second Army back over a 55 kilometre front, from south of Douai to La Fère, south of Saint-Quentin, Aisne. On 26 August, the British First Army widened the attack by another twelve kilometres, Bapaume fell on 29 August. The Australian Corps crossed the Somme River on the night of 31 August, and broke the German lines at the Battle of Mont St. Quentin and the Battle of Péronne. The British Fourth Army's commander, General Henry Rawlinson, described the Australian advances of 31 August – 4 September as the greatest military achievement of the war.

Hugh Cattigan PM

Almoner's Report

With much regret I intimate the passing of Bro Gordon Percy (73) on Friday 22nd June at the Beatson Hospital, where he'd been a patient for several weeks. I contacted his wife Margaret by phone and expressed condolences on behalf of the Lodge, before calling in at the family home a few days later where I spoke with both Margaret and son Martin.



Bro Gordon joined the Lodge in 1973 and was at one time the Lodge Treasurer, before pressure of work with British Airways at Glasgow Airport forced him to step down due to shifts. He still managed to assist the Lodge where possible, and was a good man and mason.

The funeral took place at Woodside Crematorium with the fter gathering taking place at Fereneze Golf Club. Bro Gordon Percy will be deeply missed by all who were honoured in knowing him.

Care Home Visits : Bro Robert Kennedy (Norwood) & Bro Jim Waterson (The Firs)

Home Visits :

Bro Donald Ferguson	Bro Willie Dougray	Bro Jim Kerr PM
Bro Robert Kennedy	Bro Robert Nixon PM	Mrs Marion Reid
Bro Willie Reid	Bro Campbell Stewart	
Bro Eric Gray	Bro John W Smith	

Home Phone Calls :

Mrs Ray Campbell	Mrs Dora Pattison	Bro Jim Bradshaw
Mrs Aileen Richardson	Mrs Marion Reid	Bro Willie Dougray
Mrs Alice Francis	Mrs Irene McKnight	Bro Tom Conway
Mrs Betty McCartney	Mrs Florence Laird	Bro Eric Gray
Mrs Margaret McLellan	Mrs Karen Laird	Bro Willie Reid
Mrs Isabel Paton	Bro Jim Boulton	

Mr James Robertson, father of Bro Kenneth Robertson, (and son-in-law of Bro Donald Ferguson) was admitted to the Golden Jubilee Hospital in July, where he underwent major heart surgery and is now recovering at home. I sent best wishes to all the family on behalf of the Lodge, and I thank Mrs Mary Ferguson for keeping me up to date on his progress.

'Widows' Lunch'

Our annual Widows' Lunch took place on Thursday 14th June and was a tremendous success. Our Function Suite was filled to capacity as the Ladies of the Lodge, and an invited guest, enjoyed the day.

The planning and organisation which went into the day was superb and all the Brethren involved are to be commended. Many Ladies have contacted me since to express their gratitude for a wonderful day.

Brother Alexander D. White
Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 36 Years Ago

No. 55

May 1982

Regular Meeting :

At the regular meeting on Tuesday 4th May the following five candidates - Peter McLean, Bruce Oliver, Martin Pitches, Brian Fulton & Arthur Scott were presented for the Entered Apprentice degree. The ceremonial work was undertaken by a team drawn from the younger members of the Instruction Class, a most competent and satisfying performance resulted.

One of the most pleasing features of the past year or two has been the number of Affiliate Members who have been received into the Lodge. At this meeting yet another five Brethren from other Lodges took the Oath of Affiliation which was ably administered by Bro David Noble PM. They were : James Young, Thomas Conway, George Earley, Ninian Adam & Thomas Lyon. We are delighted to welcome them into our ranks and would encourage them to take the same active interest in the affairs of the Lodge as so many of their predecessors have done.

Lodge Opened : 7.30pm Lodge Closed : 9.45pm Attendance : 151

On Wednesday 12th May Bro Bud Gauld organised a highly successful Music Quiz in the Police Club, Barrhead. Four teams competed - The Police Club, The Neilston Pipe Band, The Knights of St Columba & Lodge Union & Crown. As can be imagined the good natured banter between the Masons & the Knights was fast and furious.

The eventual winners were the team from Union & Crown of Bros Alan Packer, Willie Dougray, Davie Noble & Tom Wilson. Altogether a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent with the proceeds of £40 being donated to Nether Kirkton Home for Children in Care.

Our Holiday Caravan :

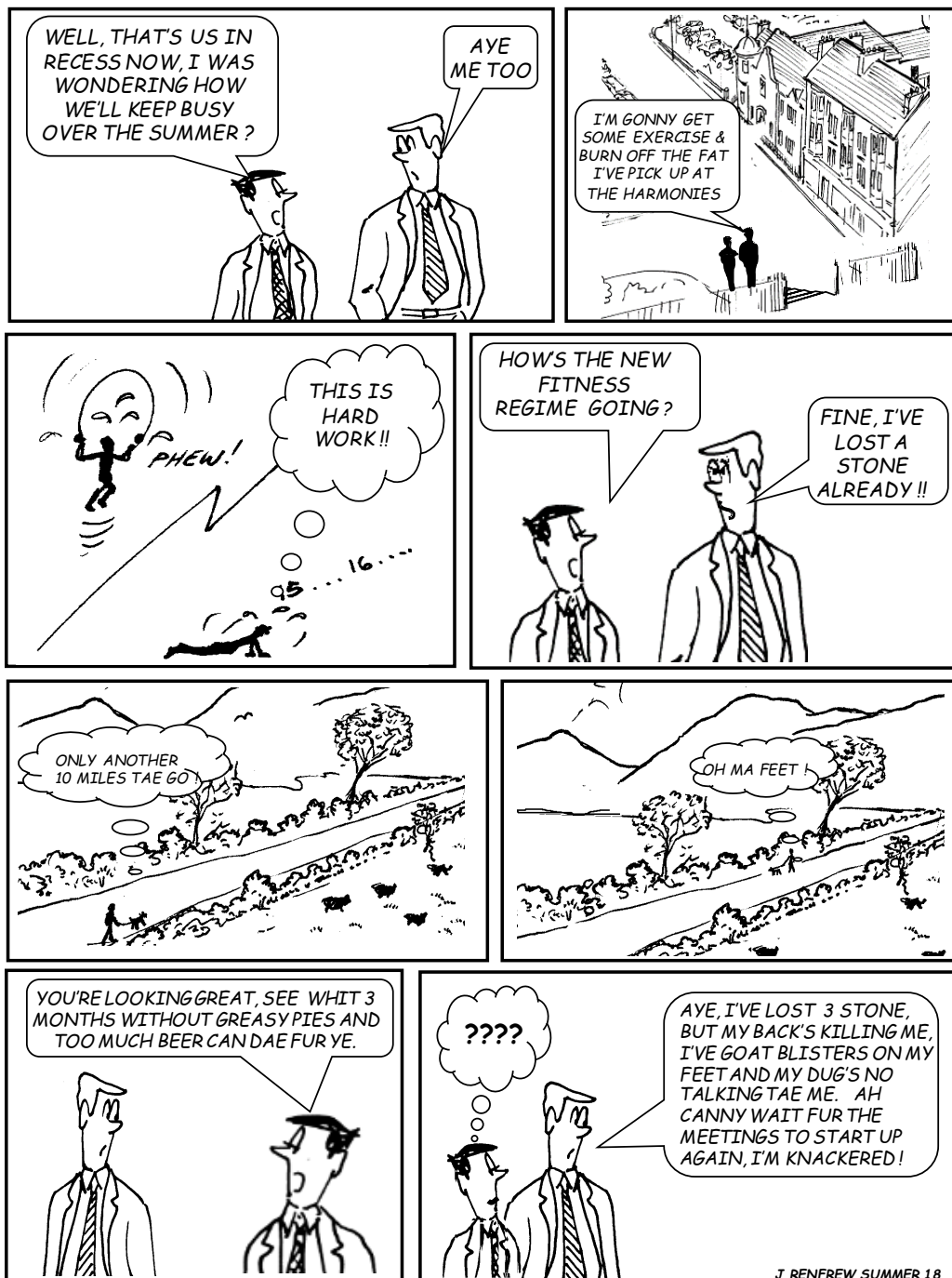
The holiday caravan at Wemyss Bay is now open for the summer months and is solidly booked from now until September. As a matter of fact there is now a waiting list.

We have tried, as far as possible, to accommodate all kinds of deserving cases, Brethren of the Lodge, Widows, people recovering from illness & elderly citizens who just need a holiday. Our thanks go out to the Brethren of the Lodge for their continued support and especially to those who, so ungrudgingly, provide the necessary transport at the week-ends.

Lodge Gossip :

- Congratulations to Danny Carlton on the birth of a baby girl.
- Bro Jim Galbraith, a local publican, has won a trip to the World Cup Finals in Spain.
- By the time you read this Bro Willie Shaw will be on holiday in New Jersey, USA
- Congratulations to Bro Ernie Duthie on his retirement.

MARK N' ARCHIE



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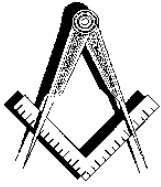
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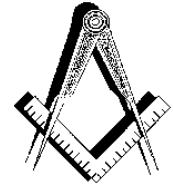
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Lodge Website address : <http://unionandcrown.org>



Syllabus 2018

(* Denotes an Official Visitation)



September 2018

Tuesday 4th September	FC	Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday 18th September	DFC	Lodge Instruction Class

October 2018

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

November 2018

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