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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 (honest, some of them were !)

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 Secretary, Treasurer and Bar Convener have all kept working throughout the recess, as have our bar teams. Each and everyone involved is to be congratulated for their hard work.

As you will see, the 'refurbishment team' have also been hard at work, with extensive painting, new suspended ceilings and lighting in the Vestibule, Office-bearer's Room and Committee Room upstairs leaving the Lodge looking well. As we went to print, the spring cleaning team were about to have a final tidy-up before we start back.

While 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

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Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Stewart Gray cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Fellowcraft Degree

Conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

Harmony



Tuesday 17th September 2019

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Master Mason Degree

Conferred by Lodge Instruction Class

'Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M.

Lodge Secretary



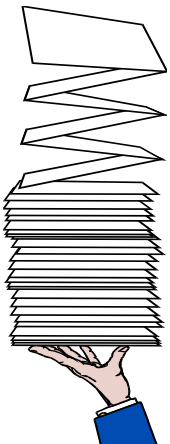
Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 3rd Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where a Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
- Tuesday 10th Sept** Regular Meeting of Rockmount RAC, No.367 where the Chapter will be holding their Annual General Meeting and election of Office-bearers
- Friday 13rd Sept** Regular Meeting of Lodge Randolph. No.1434 at 7.30pm
- Monday 16th Sept** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 17th Sept** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where a Master Mason Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class.

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)



Paper Appeal



As ever, we are still looking for that essential commodity – PAPER.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m² 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.

In addition, we also need 160g/m² card for various tasks within the Lodge.

BITS & PIECES

- Congratulations to our own Right Worshipful Master – Bro Stewart Gray and his lovely wife Suzanne who recently celebrated their ‘Pearl Wedding Anniversary’.
- We hear that Bro Iain Nicol has moved in to his new house up in the new development at Springhill..
- Unfortunately, the Lodge’s ‘Sportsman’s Dinner’ which was due to be held on **Friday 25th October** has had to be postponed due to the unavailability of the speakers. Bro Lawrence Webb, our hard-working Social Convener, is looking at a date in the spring of 2020, with the possibility of a Race Night being arranged for October. Watch this space !!
- Bro Robert Scott WJW is still looking for Brethren wishing to participate in the ‘200 for 200’ scheme being offered by the Lodge’s Bi-centenary Committee? A single payment of £200 (which can be paid up over the next 5 years if necessary) will secure a range of 200th Anniversary benefits including Tickets, Jewels, Books etc.
- Our Instruction Master, Bro. Tom Mulholland P.M. would like to remind any brother wishing to try their hand at degree work is more than welcome to come along to the lodge instruction class on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm.
- Well done to all the Brethren who worked hard over the Summer Recess to keep the Lodge in fine fettle. The evidence of their labours is there for all to see.
- Congratulations to Bro Adam Watson and his wife Sylvia, on their forthcoming Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
- Our worthy Secretary, Bro David McArthur PM, is always on the look out for email addresses from the Brethren. This allows him to increase the numbers he can reach when he sends out the minutes etc. So if you want to keep in touch, jot down your details and hand it to Bro David.
- Tickets for the ‘Christmas Dance’ on Saturday 14th December are already on sale! If you’re interested, see Bro Lawrence Webb on ☎ 07736 780 132
- Best wishes to Bro George McGrandles PM and his wife Amanda who have now moved in to their new home in Pitlochry. Very much a renovation project, they have grand plans for the extensive detach property in lovely Perthshire.
- We were saddened to hear that Bro David Taylor, a close friend of Bro Evan Reid PM and an Honorary member of Union & Crown, has passed away after a short illness. Bro David was the link between 307 and Lodge Frituna in Essex.
- Our Bro Treasurer asks us to remind the brethren that Test Fees are now overdue at £40 per head & any brother wishing to pay the capitation fee, or contribute towards it should see him as soon as possible.

Anti-Masonic Postage Stamps

In 1942 Serbia issued four postage stamps to commemorate the Grand Anti-Masonic Exhibition, which opened in Belgrade on October 1941. These stamps depict a strong, victorious Serbia crushing the evil Masonic-Communist-Jewish plot for world domination. The surtax on this stamp issue was used for the printing and distribution of Anti-Masonic, Anti-Communist, and Anti-Jewish propaganda. Each stamp was labeled "Anti-Masonic Exhibition" and "Serbia" in Cyrillic letters.



These stamps, with their Masonic, Communist, Jewish and Serbian symbols provide a remarkable window into the Serbian wartime worldview. Even after the Communist takeover of Yugoslavia in May 1945 Masons were regarded with much suspicion and contempt by the Serbian dominated Yugoslav authorities.

The first stamp in the picture below shows Masonry, allegorically clad as a hooded figure wearing an apron and Star of David upon its bosom. This hooded figure is shown cringing from a strong ray of light, which emanates from a circular design apparently representing the forces of Anti-Masonry. Nowhere in Masonry does a hooded figure appear. Also any Mason can readily see the fallacy of "Cringing from Light" because Masons ask for light at least three times as they progress in the degrees of the Blue Lodge. Then too, the attempt to link Jewry with Freemasonry is very evident by the Star of David on the figure's chest.

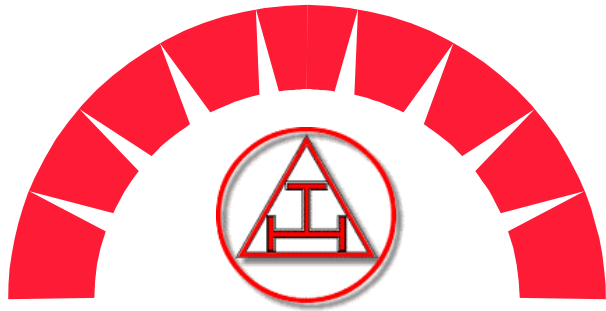
The second stamp in the series shows a hand emanating from a silvery light and grasping the neck of a huge snake whose head rests upon a square and compasses. This reptile is covered with the Stars of David rather than scales. Biblically, the snake represents the perceived forces of evil (Jews and Masons) and here is symbolically being stopped by the hand of Nazism.



Unused sets of these stamps were offered to stamp collectors in the 1950's and 60's by some US stamp companies as an incentive to order other interesting world-wide topical stamps. Used copies are very scarce and highly prized by Masonic stamp collectors today.

Masonry remained outlawed in this part of the world from 1945 until the summer of 1995 when Freemasons legally renewed work in Croatia under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Austria. They are registered with the Ministry of Administration as a 'civil association' under name of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia (RGLS) noting the existence of six lodges within the country. Serbian Freemasonry today is completely new and there is no connection with Freemasonry from the World War II era. The United Grand Lodge of England later approved the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Serbia (Croatia). By summer of 2001, 30 additional Grand Lodges from five continents did the same.

The Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia held its Annual Conference in June 2008 in Belgrade, and a great number of delegations from foreign Grand Lodges were present. This was the end of yet another very successful year for the Brethren from Serbia, who in spite of quite unstable political and economic situations managed to enlarge their numbers, improve their education, and give back to society through particularly strong humanitarian and charity work.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

that evening, and enjoy some Chapter hospitality.

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

The next regular meeting of the Chapter will be held on **Tuesday the 10th September 2019**, where the Companions of Rockmount RAC will be holding their annual business meeting and election of Office-bearers for 2019-2020.

MEZ David Allan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on



Lodge Refurbishment

As touched upon earlier, much has been done in the ongoing refurbishment of our 100+ year old building. Just when you think that all is well, and the Temple is looking 'sparkling', another job crops up and the paint brushes are out again.

While many are involved in jobs about the Lodge, the small nucleus of Brethren closely involved in most of the work are not getting any younger, with their average age mid to late 70s. Perhaps we ought to consider on

some 'succession planning' and look at a 'modern apprenticeship scheme' to ensure that we inject some much needed new blood in to our work force. If you have some time on your hands, and are willing to dedicate a hours to helping out, please have a quiet word with Bro Bud Gauld PM, who I'm sure will find a few odd jobs for you, after all it is all in a good cause.

Whilst we don't like to single out Brethren for giving of their time and talents too often, we felt that it would be remiss of us if we didn't remark upon the sheer hard work Nicol Hynd PM, who gave up much of their recess for the second year in a row installing the new suspended ceilings, and super bright lighting upstairs. In addition, their gave a much-needed lick of paint to parts of our upstairs rooms. Well done to both.





There are almost certainly more, but a minimum of 22 Freemasons have won a prestigious Nobel Prize.

The list of these distinguished Brethren includes:

Ivo Andric (1892–1975), Serbian novelist and short story writer. (Literature, 1961)

Sir Edward Victor Appleton (1892–1965), English physicist who studied the ionosphere and contributed to the development of radar. (Physics, 1947)

Leon Bourgeois (1851–1925), French statesman, Prime Minister, President of the Council of the League of Nations. (Peace Prize, 1920)

Giosue Carducci (1835-1907), considered the national poet of modern Italy. (Literature, 1906)

Sir Winston Churchill (1874–1965), Politician and author. (Literature, 1953.)

Elie Ducommun (1833-1906), Swiss founder of the International Bureau of Peace. (Peace Prize, 1902)

Jean Henri Dunant (1828-1910), Swiss philanthropist and founder of the Red Cross. (Peace Prize, 1901)

Sir Alexander Fleming (1881-1955), British discoverer of penicillin. (Medicine, 1945)

Alfred H. Fried (1864-1921), Austrian pacifist. (Peace Prize, 1941)

Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins (1861–1947), English biochemist who discovered essential amino acids and researched vitamins. (Medicine, 1929)

Frank B. Kellogg (1856-1937), US Secretary of State, Senator, Ambassador to England. (Peace Prize, 1929)

Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), English writer. (Literature, 1907)

Henri Lafontaine (1854-1943), Belgian Senator. (Peace Prize, 1913)

George Marshall (1880-1959), General of the Army, Secretary of State, author of the post WWII "Marshall Plan. (Peace Prize, 1953)

Albert A. Michelson (1852-1931), American scientist who first measured the speed of light. (Physics, 1907)

Carl von Ossietzky (1889-1938), German writer, pacifist and Nazi opponent. (Peace Prize, 1935)

Wilhelm Ostwald (1853-1932), Latvian chemist who studied catalysis, chemical equilibria and reaction velocities. (Chemistry, 1909)

Salvatore Quasimodo (1901–1968), Italian author and poet. (Literature, 1959)

Santiago Ramón y Cajal (1852-1934), Spanish physician recognized for his work on the structure of the nervous system. (Medicine, 1906)

Charles Robert Richet (1850-1935) French physiologist who discovered the phenomenon of anaphylaxis. (Medicine, 1913)

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) Twenty-Sixth President of the United States. (Peace Prize, 1906)

Gustav Stresemann (1878-1929) Chancellor of Germany. (Peace Prize, 1926)

Did you know ???

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, actually wrote the music which later became the US national anthem. Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was adopted by an Irish Masonic orphans' Home as its song. When Francis Scott Key utilized this music for the Star Spangled Banner, the tune was popular in taverns of that time.

Czar Nicholas I banned Masonry in Russia in 1801. He rescinded the order in 1803 and became a Freemason, probably for political reasons; but in 1822 he again banned Freemasonry in Russia. Masonry was reconstituted several times in the ensuing years, but was declared officially 'dead' around the time of the Bolshevik Revolution. It rose from the ashes again in 1995 under the Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise.

In order to have unbroken floor space in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, the cars in two elevator shafts move sideways thirty-five feet. As the elevators rise 255 feet in two slanting hoist-ways from the main floor to the observation platform at the top of the building, it moves sideways 1 foot for approximately every 7 ¼ feet it ascends or descends.

Bro Charles Lindbergh, Keystone Lodge 243, St. Louis, once appeared on the cover of Time Magazine, not for any of his accomplishments in aviation, but for his role in inventing what was called an artificial heart !

That Dan Brown, author of 'The Da Vinci Code' and 'The Lost Symbol' once said that*"In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot adequately express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward [the Freemasons], an organization in which men of differing faiths are able to 'break bread together' in a bond of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie"*

Bro Sir Winston Churchill, Rosemary Lodge No.2581, Wartime Prime Minister and one of the great leaders of the 20th century, on April 9, 1963 became the first person ever to receive the designation "Honorary Citizen of the United States."

Only 7 people hold this rare distinction. Among them are Marquis de Lafayette, A Freemason who is also an Honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and Casimir Pulaski, reported to be a member of Gould Lodge of Georgia. Congress granted 5 of the honorary citizenships posthumously, with Brother Churchill and Mother Theresa being the only designees to receive the honour while living.

Bro Bartholomew Ruspini, a member of Burning Bush Lodge in Bristol, and founding member of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, was a progressive 18th century dental surgeon who developed one of the earliest forms of toothpaste. He founded the Royal Masonic School for Girls, which still exists today. He used most of his resources for charity and when he died, left a modest annuity which could support only his wife — two of his granddaughters therefore becoming wards of the Royal Masonic School he had founded.

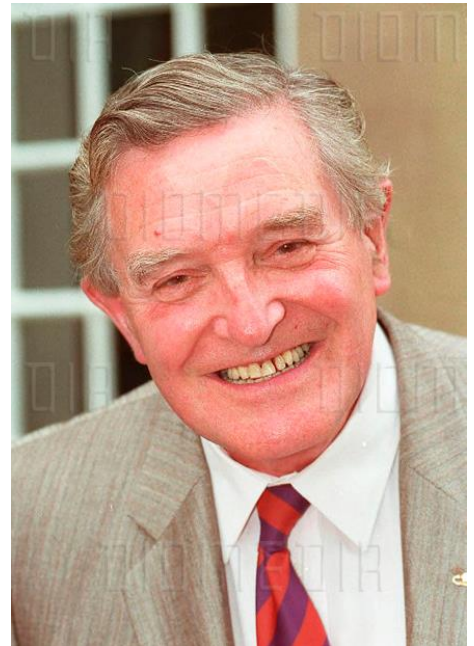
Famous Scottish Freemasons

(Continuing our series about Famous Scottish Brethren, this month we consider one who began as a child entertainer in Music Hall, graduating on to Pantomime, TV and Films before becoming a Theatre Impresario in his native city)

Brother Jimmy Logan (1928-2001)

Born James Allan Short on the 4th April 1928 in the Dennistoun area of Glasgow, a member of a family of entertainers, he took his stage surname, from his aunt who was the Broadway performer Ella Logan. His parents were the music hall act Short & Dalziel. His sister is actress-singer Annie Ross, and his brother was vocalist Buddy Logan.

Educated at Gourock High School, and latterly Bellahouston Academy in Glasgow, Logan left school at the age of 14. His family, in the 1930s and 1940s, toured the small music halls of Scotland and Northern Ireland and ran seasons at the Metropole, Glasgow and in the Theatre, Paisley, where Logan became house manager for the family. He was in pantomime by 1944, playing the cat in Dick Whittington and His Cat, and soon became a comedy star with BBC Scotland. His connection with pantomime continued throughout his life, most famously with the long-running pantomimes produced by Howard & Wyndham in Glasgow & Edinburgh. Starring with Jack Radcliffe, Logan held the record number of performances of the famed Five Past Eight shows staged each summer at the Alhambra Theatre. He was initiated into Lodge Anima, No.1223 on the 17th October 1948. He was an active member and degree worker within his Mother Lodge, reaching the office of Senior Deacon, before his stage and film career meant that he had to stand down. At the Lodge's 75th Anniversary in 1995 he attended in the company of his good friend Bro Edward Ashley, long-time manager of the King's Theatre in Glasgow.



His first acting role was in the film *Floodtide* (1949), a drama set on Clydeside. His other film roles included *The Wild Affair* (1964), *Carry On Abroad* (1972), *Carry On Girls* (1973), *Captain Jack* (1999), and *The Debt Collector* (1999) with Billy Connolly. His London stage debut came in *The Mating Game* in 1973.

He staged an adaptation of *Oor Wullie*, the Sunday Post comic strip character, for the Dundee stage. His acclaimed one-man musical based on the life of Scottish entertainer Sir Harry Lauder was called *Lauder* (1976). Logan collected Lauder memorabilia, which is now housed in the Scottish Theatre Archive at the University of Glasgow. Other theatrical events included *The Entertainer* (1984), *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (1989), Bill Bryden's *The Ship*, *The Comedians* (1991), *On Golden Pond* (1996) and *Death of a Salesman* at the Pitlochry Festival (1992).

Logan purchased the Empress Theatre for £80,000 in 1964. He refurbished it, reopening it as the New Metropole. One of the last events to be staged there was the first Scottish production of the rock musical *Hair*. Logan was awarded an honorary doctorate by Glasgow Caledonian University in 1994, and was awarded an OBE for "services to Scottish theatre" in 1996, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama in 1998. His last two performances were at Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Glasgow's Pavilion Theatre respectively. An extensive archive of his personal papers and performance ephemera is now held by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland archives. Logan published his autobiography, *It's a Funny Life*, in 1998.

Thoughts of a Mason's Wife

How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought
To the Wonderful Biblical lessons that Masonry has taught ?
Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night,
While hubby is away at Lodge, is my reasoning straight and right?

I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question comes to me
“If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”
I know nothing of their secret work, but this much I understand,
That the lessons taught in Masonry have made a better man.

So ask yourself this question, which has always come to me,
“If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”
They call us “Masonic Widows”, I've been one for many a year
I've spoken my piece on lonely nights, and berated my hubby dear.

But then again I regret my words, and with wisdom try to see,
“If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”
So I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate
And see his point, as he leaves for the Lodge, with these words, “I won't be late”.

Some say that men make Masonry, and this I understand
But deep in my heart I still maintain “that Masonry makes the man”.
And as we journey the highway together, to the inner things of life,
May their teachings go on forever, Sincerely, a Mason's Wife.

Early Lodges

Following the formation of the Grand Lodge in England in 1717, a number of lodges were formed, and, as was the custom they were named by a number only. By 1723 there were 20 lodges, numbered 1 through 20. By 1738 there were 106 lodges, and a second descriptive portion was being added, such as Lodge No.6 at the Rummer Tavern in Queen Street, Lodge No.84 at the Black Bag in Castle Street, or Lodge No.98 at the Bacchus Tavern in Little Bush Lane.

This continued until the close of the 18th century, when Lodges began to be called 'The Shakespeare Lodge at Stratford-on-Avon', 'The Royal Brunswick at Sheffield' or 'The Lodge of Apollo at Alcester'. Since that time the delineation has included both name and number, along with an addendum of a location.

It is interesting to note that all early lodges met at taverns, and always in upper rooms. By having a separate room, raised and accessed by a stairway only, privacy and secrecy were thus secured. 'Cowans and eavesdroppers' were thus circumvented. Today, a great number of lodges have carried on this tradition, but for reasons which are now much more practical... the people who rent the commercial space below the lodge rooms pay for the mortgage and maintenance of the lodge building.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 15 Years Ago

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Bits & Pieces

- Many thanks to Bro Robert Renfrew PM of Setech Lodge, No.8185 in Folkestone, for his donation to our funds. Bro Robert, a native of Barrhead, but resident in Dover for many years, is a cousin of Bro Jim Renfrew PM & a good friend of Bro Ewan Martin PM 1167.
- Congratulations to Bro Johnny Gauld, who celebrated his 30th Birthday with a party for family and friends in the Function Suite in July.
- Best Wishes to Bro Tom Young PM who celebrates his 80th Birthday later this month.
- Also to Bro Robert Miller PM, who hits his "Half Century" during the month. We also wish Bro Robert well in his new job.
- We gather that the Summer Bus Run to Ayr, recently organised by Bro Donald Cook PM, was a great success. In spite of the poor weather !
- We gather that Bro Walter Fleming's proposed move to the new development at Nether Kirkton on the approaches to Neilston is being held up by building delays.
- We notice that Bro Graham Allan and his wife Kim have sold their flat in Gertrude Place. We wish them well in their new home.

Civic Dinner

As part of the Lodge's 180th Anniversary celebrations, we hosted a Civic Dinner on Thursday 24th June within the Function Suite. Invitations had been extended to all the Organisations and Clubs throughout the town and a fair cross-section of the community was represented on the evening.

A fine meal was served up by Thistle Caterers, and everybody was comfortable and relaxed in each other's company, largely due to the copious quantities of liquid hospitality served-up. A fine selection of toasts to both the Town, and the Lodge were given, with both Provost Betty Cunningham and Councillor Alan Lafferty speaking well about The Lodge and its involvement in the local community. Provost Cunningham then presented 307 with a Crystal Bowl, suitably engraved to commemorate our anniversary. Bro Bud Gauld PM then closed the proceedings with a full and frank appraisal of The Craft, and its place in modern society, which was very well received by all in attendance, most of which were not Freemasons.

Notes from the Secretary's Desk

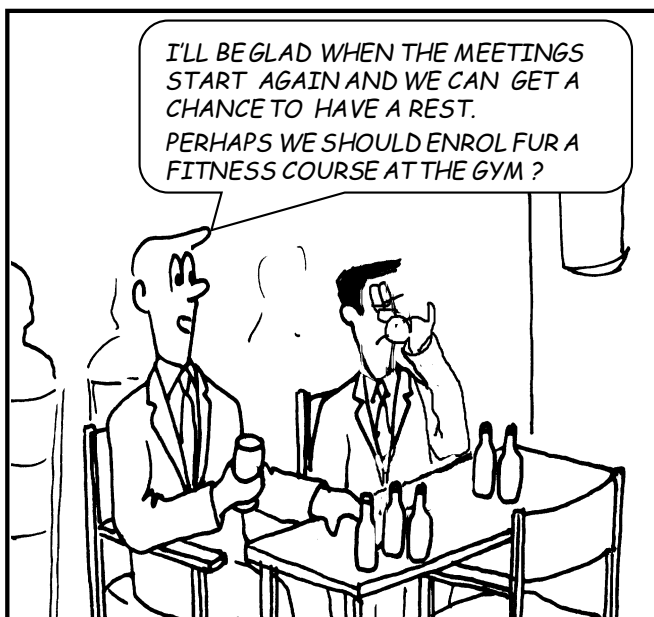
In Scandanavia, the Candidate spends an hour on the night of his initiation in a "Mediation Cell" to enable him to think about what he's joining.

I notice that Lodge Ayr St Paul's old temple in Nile Court, Ayr (just off the High Street) which they sold off to a nightclub owner, is back on the market again.

I hear that Lodge The Royal Stuart, No.1414 have decided to re-build their Temple on the site of the original building which was destroyed by fire last year.

How many of you realise that the Old "George Cinema" which stood on Main Street, had been owned by the grandfather of Bro Grant McLeod PM of 242. George Palmer had several cinemas, all called "George".

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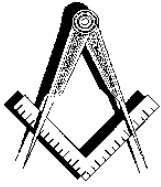
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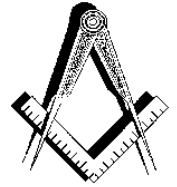
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Syllabus 2019

(* Denotes an Official Visitation)



September 2019

Tuesday 3 rd September	FC	Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday 17 th September	MM	Lodge Instruction Class

October 2019

Tuesday 1 st October	DMM	Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday 15 th October		Lodge AGM

November 2019

Friday 1 st November		Table of Scottish Freemasonry
Tuesday 19 th November	MMM	Bro Nicol Hynd IPM
Saturday 23 rd November		Installation of Office-bearers

December 2019

Tuesday 3 rd December	EA	Worshipful Wardens
Tuesday 17 th December	FC	Worthy Deacons