

The Mallet

The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307



Issue No. 361

February 2013



Syllabus 2013

* - Denotes an Official visit



March 2013

Tuesday 5th	07:30pm	Business meeting and Visitation by the P.G.L.R.E.	
Tuesday 19th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478
*Tuesday 26th	07:30pm	MM Degree	At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153

April 2013

Tuesday 2nd	07:30pm	Dramatisation	
Tuesday 16th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

May 2013

Friday 10 th	7:30pm	Dramatisation	"The Table of Scottish Freemasonry"
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September 2013

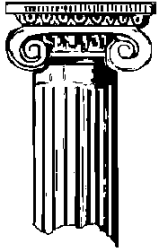
Tuesday 3rd	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday 17th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge St John RA, No.320
*Friday 20th	07:30pm	Dramatised FC	At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

October 2013

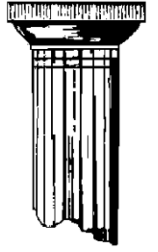
Tuesday 1st	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday 18th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2013

Tuesday 5th	07:30pm	"Dramatised MM Degree"	
Tuesday 19th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Kenneth Coleman IPM
Saturday 23rd	t.b.c.	Installation of Office Bearers 2013 - 2014	



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Brethren, the past month or so has had my mind concentrating more on the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East (P.G.L.R.E.) perhaps a little more than on my own Mother Lodge with Bro. Steven Allan P.M. and myself representing Lodge Union and Crown as Provincial Office Bearers. I make no apology for this fact, it's just the way it is with February being the start of the annual visits by P.G.L.R.E. to all the daughter Lodges within the province.

I have always found it a little odd that many brethren, including Past Masters and Office Bearers treat this visit as *The Meeting most likely to avoid* and then with a disdainful shrug of the shoulder dismiss the visit as "It's only 'Provincial'"! This perpetuates this idea amongst younger less experienced brethren who in-turn gain a negative view of the role of the Province.

Many of these same individuals will also be the brethren who throughout the year complain about the number of Past Masters who visit your Lodge on an ordinary meeting night and will be content if three or four visiting P.M's take their place in the East yet every member of the P.G.L.R.E. is already a Past Master somewhere but collectively these brethren do not garner the same respect or welcome, a mystery to me!

It is often said that we don't want the Craft or individual Lodges to be just a production line of the 1, 2, 3, Mark degrees followed by the world renowned disappearing Mason.

It has always been my own personal opinion that the after meeting harmony is every bit, if not more, important in the role of producing well rounded brethren who engage in not only the ritual but the working and running of the premises.

We need only look at the origins of the modern Lodge (see *our dramatized FC degree*) to see that ale-houses and taverns were the preferred meeting places of skilled workmen seeking an escape from their working lives in the company of like-minded individuals.

Finally, and not only during a *Provincial visit* we must remember we are hosts and should act accordingly. It should be every brother's job to see that a visitor to the Lodge is made comfortable amongst us... Remember a stranger will be more nervous than you are. Always ensure they know where the facilities are, invite them to the harmony and always ensure they are served (ideally before members of your own Lodge). Imagine how you would like to be treated when visiting another Lodge.



Hugh Cattigan PM



Brethren,

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

**Tuesday 5th March 2013
7:30pm**

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST
Annual Visitation



**Tuesday 19th March 2013
7:30pm**

Business meeting
followed by

**A FC Degree conferred by:
the Brethren of Lodge Nitshill No. 1478**



**Tuesday 26th March 2013
7:30pm**

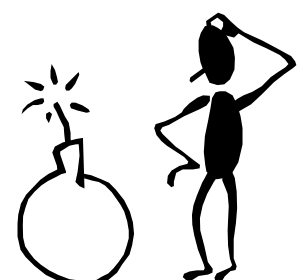
Official visit to Lodge Pollokshaws Royal Arch No. 153
Pollokshaws Burgh Halls, 2025 Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow, G43 1NE

When the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown will confer a:
FC Degree



Bro. Lawrence Webb has informed us the cabaret taking place in May is now sold out and a reserve list is now in operation for tickets. This is another evening to look forward to.

My Grandfather used to say that during World War 2 the only bomb you had to be scared of was the one with your name on it... Which used to scare the hell out of our neighbours Mr and Mrs Doodlebug.



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 12th February, The Provincial Grand Chapter of Renfrewshire paid its annual visitation to Rockmount RAC. The deputation was headed by MEC Gordon M Renfrew, Depute Grand Superintendant and PZ of Sir William Wallace RAC No. 109 and they were warmly welcomed into the Chapter by MEC George Paul MEZ, who immediately offered the fealty of the Chapter to MEC Gordon.

Thereafter, in what was a short meeting, MEC Gordon M Renfrew proceeded to outline the workings of Rockmount during the previous year which had been under the stewardship of MEC John S. Miller. He then instructed the Provincial Grand Scribe E., MEC Livingstone Boyd MBE, to read out the complimentary minute which had been inscribed in the minute book, with MEC George Paul making suitable reply.

At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter and Rockmount Cryptic Council enjoyed a fine harmony in the company of those members of the Provincial deputation, who had remained to sample the more than adequate hospitality.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, is scheduled for **Tuesday 12th March 2013 at 7-30pm** when the Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC.

MEC George Paul MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions, especially any visitors, to support the Chapter by attending on that evening.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

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

Tuesday 26th March 2012 at 07:30pm

Strathearn Bowling Competition

The Strathearn Will take place on Sunday 26th May at 01:30pm in Johnstone bowling club. The Rockmount teams were drawn against:

Rockmount 'A'	versus	Paisley Abbey 'B'
Sir William Wallace 'A'	versus	Rockmount 'B'

Even if you're not a bowler, why not pencil this into your diary for a convivial day out among friends and maybe you will find out you are a bowler after all.



100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 5th February	£10: R.W.M. Bro. Paul Stewart
	£5: Bro. Jim Heron
Tuesday 19th February	£10: Robert McCulloch
	£5: George McGrandles



If you are interested in joining the 100 club for 2012-2013, the annual fee is still very good value. Just contact Bro Jim Kerr PM Treasurer.

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th February 2013 and following a short business meeting the brethren retired to the function suite to enjoy the 188th anniversary dinner.

Following a fine meal Substitute Provincial Grand Master Bro. Ian McPhee, P.M. of the Lodge of Erskine No. 1566 gave a fine toast to Lodge Union And Crown and this was well received by the assembled brethren.

The Brethen were then well entertained by a well kent face to Lodge Union & Crown, Sandy Strang whose humour and style left a smile on everyone's face. A fine atmosphere pervaded and everybody left having enjoyed themselves very much.

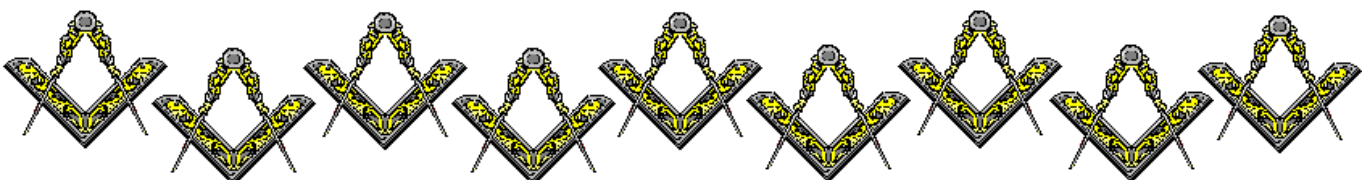
Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 08:07pm Attendance – 61

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 19th February the following candidate was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by our good friends from Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167:

David Barr

In what was a first-rate EA Degree the brethren of Lodge Thistle & Crown can be well pleased with their work which was appreciated by all in attendance and their own R.W.M Bro. Robert McCulloch could have had every reason to have been a very proud man.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:38pm Attendance – 69





Our recent Burns Supper held on Friday 15th February was a fantastic success with all the featured Artistes hailing from no further than the ranks of 307 itself.

Following the unfortunate cancellation of last year's event Bro. Alan Bernard WSW is to be warmly congratulated on putting together a most entertaining evening.



Bro. Alan gave a full and enthusiastic report at the Feb. 15th meeting and summed up the the whole event by stating he was proud to be the organiser of such a fine night of entertainment and friendship.

It was good to see so many visitors at this year's supper and this was mainly down to our younger members who brought a great many of their friends along. Bro. Alan was delighted to pass the

wonderful sum of £447.00 to our Bro. Treasurer and he made a point of thanking the barstaff, Bro Evans Reid P.M. and Bro. Chris Bailey who worked extremely hard to ensure all in attendance were served promptly. Well done boys!

We all enjoyed the fine meal served by Andrew Sherlock and his team which was up to their usual high standard. After the formal part of the evening, ably chaired by Bro Jim Renfrew P.M had ended, it was good to see so many of the brethren and their guests sitting on for a while and enjoying each other's company.

The performers for the evening, Bro. Johnnie Gauld P.M, Bro. Graham Manson P.M., Bro. Alex White Almoner and Bro. Kenny Coleman I.P.M. were delighted with the response of all in attendance and were happy to help contribute to the overall sucess of the evening.



It was good to simply see so many brethren and guests turn up and have a great time in the Lodge premises and it was another great advert for the social side of Union And Crown.



I'm dating a girl who works at Marks & Spencer. That way I can exchange her if I don't like her.

A man goes into a bar where all the customers have nasty skin rashes... He asks the barman what the problem is?

He replied it's a *Shingles Bar*.

"King Solomon Plot"

In 1883, one of the most prominent Masons in the history of Canadian Masonry, M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson P.G.M., decided, as it is expressed in the original deed, "That he was desirous of providing a burial ground for the interment of such poor and indigent Masons. Legally and lawfully admitted members of the order as may die without having provided for their interment, or whose interment it may be desired by the proper representatives of the Masonic Order."

To carry out this expressed wish the late M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson purchased a lot in Mount Pleasant cemetery, to be known as "King Solomon Plot", erected a splendid monument (Masonic in character) on it. and by deed of trust conveyed the lot to the craft in general.

The chairman and secretary treasurer of the Masonic Board of Relief, of Toronto, elected by the representatives of the Toronto lodges were appointed custodians with authority to permit burial in this Masonic lot, "free from all fees and charges" any member of :

A lodge of A.F. & A.M. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, or in a jurisdiction recognized by the G.L. of C.

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

A Royal and Select Master.

A Preceptory of K.T.'s.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.



This munificent gift to the craft, during the last 57 years has provided a decent resting place for 120 members of our order, who have died in Toronto without any money and in many cases without friends or relations who could afford to bury them.

It is interesting to find that Brother Masons from every part of the empire have found their last resting place in our midst, from the Home Land to the Antipodes, of every faith and country. One entry shows that a Mason was "found dead" in this city, even his name was not known with any degree of certainty, but he was given a masonic burial with his brethren. While the birth place is known of most of them, they came from all over the globe. The records show that these buried in our masonic lot originally came from: England, 34; Scotland. 25; Ireland. 14; Canada, 38; U.S.A., 3; Channel Islands, 3; Newfoundland, 2; Unknown, 1.

Our masonic burial ground has also, some unique features, it is circular in form and the graves are in three circles round the central monument, which is quite an unusual arrangement. The monument itself in the centre, is a grey granite Ionic column, surmounted by a sphere on which is affixed the emblems of our order in bronze, emblematically representing the strength of our order and its universality.

During the year of 1932 the officers of the Masonic Board of Relief worked on a plan to have our masonic lot properly looked after and improved and at a meeting in April of that year this matter was thoroughly considered and discussed, the general feeling at that meeting was, that it had been sadly neglected in the past and that some real effort should be made to remedy the situation. The members of the board unanimously voted the sum of \$500.00 to be used to put the lot in such shape as to be a credit to the craft and a fit memorial to its distinguished donor.

The lot was returfed. a grey granite marker placed on each grave with the names and dates thereon, the original monument was cleaned and repaired, and a complete record also compiled of all brethren buried in our lot.

Additional ground surrounding the lot was purchased by the board giving 48 more graves.

Ed. My thanks to Bro. John Watson P.M. of Lodge Georgetown No. 1170 for bringing this story to my attention... Those of you with an eye for detail may also wish to note that the story was originally written in Canada in 1940 by G. O. Coales, Chairman of the Masonic Board of Relief of Toronto and the picture was taken in 1933.

Perhaps if this Mallet reaches Toronto, a Canadian Bro. can update us as to the current condition of the "King Solomon Plot".

I scared my postman today by coming to the door naked... I don't know what scared him more: me being nude or the fact I knew where he lived?





Since my last written report published in the January edition of the Mallet there has, sadly, been 4 obituaries brought to my attention.

On Monday January 28th 2013, after enduring a long illness, Past Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, Bro. Alexander G. Hutton passed away at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley. Bro. Alexander was also an honorary member of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 and the funeral service took place at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley. I attended that service and also the after gathering which I was invited to attend. Whilst there I expressed our most deepest sympathy to the grieving family members who were present including Bro. Alexander's wife Norah and his daughters, all thanked me for being there and endeavouring to give some form of support to them at this time.

It is with further, and much regret, I intimate the death of Bro. Duncan (Dunci) McLellan who peacefully passed away on Sunday 10th February 2013 at the R.A.H. with his beloved wife Margaret and many family members present. Bro. Dunci had over the past few years endured major health upsets with great dignity and fortitude. I attended Bro. Duncan's funeral service which was held at Woodside Crematorium along with a large number of members from Lodge Union & Crown. Condolences were given by me on behalf of the Lodge to Margaret and family, all of whom responded with sincerity and gratitude to myself and indeed all the Lodge for the care, concern and compassion shown to Bro. Duncan through my visits and the many visits by Bro. Willie McGinlay. Bro. Duncan will be sorely missed.

On Monday 18th February 2013 I was in attendance at the funeral service of Mrs Martha ("Mattie") Miller, the loving mother of Bro. Robert Miller P.M. The funeral service took place at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley – I also attended the after gathering in Paisley where I expressed sympathy to Bro. Robert, his father, Robert, and other members of the family who were present, all of whom intimated their gratefulness for my presence on that day.

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of Mrs May Spiers, dear wife of Bro. Robert Spiers who sadly passed away on Saturday the 16th February at The Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley. I visited Bro. Robert at Norwood Care Home, Barrhead where he has been a resident for some time. We had a short conversation and I assured him I would return. At time of writing this report the funeral is to be held at Woodside Crematorium on Tuesday 26th February and I do intend to represent the Lodge at that service. Again at time of writing I have conveyed condolences to niece, Mrs Laura Johnstone who warmly thanked me.

During the past month I visited Lodge members whilst they were in hospital, namely: Bro. John Raeburn whilst in the R.A.H. Bro. John I'm glad to say is now back home and recovering.

Bro. John Hay, also in the R.A.H.

Bro. Willie Dempsey is also still a patient in the R.A.H. and it is requested that he has no visitors other than family.

Bro. Ian Horn is back home after being discharged from the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

A number of visits (some more than once) have been carried out by me over the past period namely to:-

Bro. John Osborne. (Home)

Bro. Ian Christie (Home)

Bro. Harry Paton (Home)

Bro. Eric Gray (Home)

Bro. John W. Smith (Home)

Mrs Netta Miller (West Lea Care Home)

Bro. Davie Provan (Home)

Bro. Jim Liggat (Home)

Bro. Hugh Munro (at "FIRS" Nursing home)

Bro. Bobby Kennedy

Bro. Robert Ross (home)

Mrs Helen Young (Home)

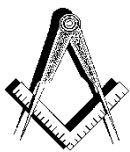
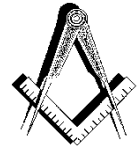
Finally may I take this opportunity to remind all that should the service of your Lodge Almoner be required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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



It was nice to see our last hall keeper, Bro. Eric Gray at our recent meeting.

Yet another paper read out at the last meeting. We must be doing something right!



Good to see a strong deputation of 16 brethren from Lodge Thistle and Crown 1167 at our recent meeting. They had a couple of last minute call-offs but no one present would have known, such was the quality of the work displayed.

Summer 2013 – Bus Run?



Bro. Johnnie Gauld P.M. is planning for a summer bus run on Saturday 1st June this year.

At the moment he is only looking at the level of interest for a day trip to Largs culminating in an evening social in the local Masonic Lodge, Lodge St John No. 173.

Hopefully this will be another success and a welcome return to the social calendar. If you, or you and your partner, are interested let P.M. Johnnie know as soon as possible.

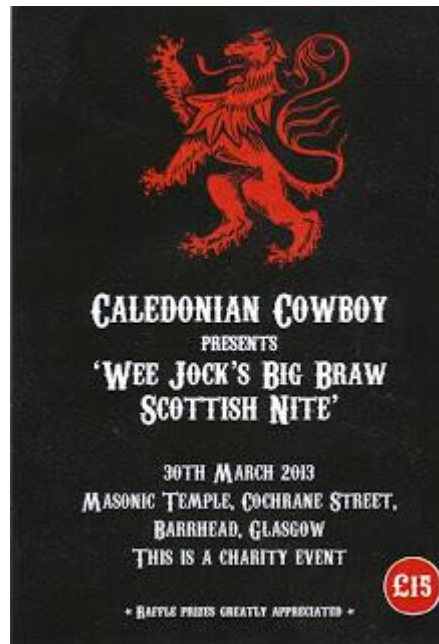
We will be on the road again after the summer recess to perform our Dramatised F.C. Degree at lodge Kelvin Partick on Saturday 12th October.



It is most encouraging to see the social events being well supported. The "less is more" approach seems to be paying off with the brethren and their guests looking forward to the various planned items.

Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Event *'Barrhead'*

It's billed as Wee Jock's Big Braw Scottish Night – and guaranteed to be the social event of the year.



The P.G.L.R.E. Fund Raising Night will be held on Saturday, 30th March 2013, 6.30 for 7 pm start, at Lodge Union & Crown No.307 in Barrhead.

With tickets just £15 and non-Masons and partners welcome, the evening promises to provide great entertainment for all guests with a heady mixture of Burns, Scottish music hall, and a 'Chewing the Fat' vein of comedy.

There will also be piping, foot-tapping audience participation and a sing-along not to mention food and drinks all at Masonic bar prices. All proceeds will be donated to Masonic charities.

Tickets available from Commissioned Office Bearers who will have them at forthcoming Annual Visitations or contact your local Provincial representative who I'm sure can assist.

ANNUAL LUNCH

SATURDAY

13TH APRIL 2013

THREE COURSE MEAL

ENTERTAINMENT/COMEDIAN

£25 PER COUPLE

Lodge Opens 12:00 noon

To be seated for 2:00pm

Contact P.M. Johnnie Gauld for tickets



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 30 Years Ago



Issue No. 62

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RWM Robert Easdon

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February, the following two Candidates

KENNETH JUNNER

HUGH GRAHAM Jun

received the Fellow Craft Degree. The proceedings were in the capable hands of a team from Lodge Thistle & Crown No.1167, Neilston who were the visitors for the evening. We have come to expect that the degree work of our friends from Neilston will attain a high standard and once again we were not disappointed, the degree work was well nigh perfect.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-35pm

Attendance : 193

The same two Candidates were raised to the M.M. degree at the meeting on February 15th by a team provided by our own Instruction Class. We have often commented very favourably on the unfailing degree of competence provided by the Instruction Class and once again they proved their worth with an almost flawless rendering of this degree,

Lodge Opened : 7-35pm

Lodge Closed : 9-50pm

Attendance : 180

The lucky winners of the 100 club for February are :

£10-00 - Robert Dunlop, J Rice

£3-00 - Peter Cameron, Roy Dinning

£1-00 - Jack Gauld, Stuart Gillan Jun.

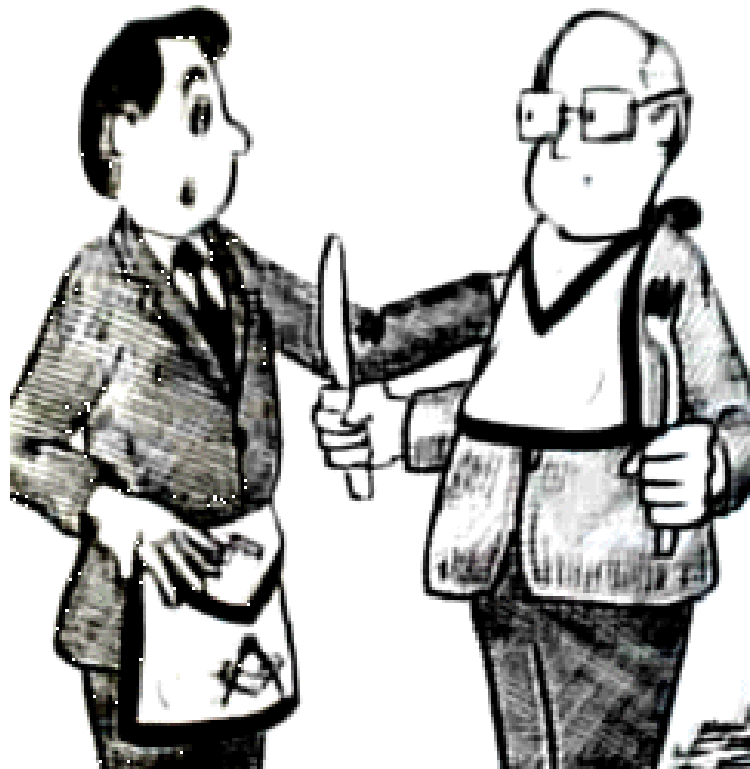
Congratulations to Bro Brian Morton I.P.M. who has been made Proxy Senior Warden of Lodge Thomas Gardener, No.762 in Transvaal, Orange Free State & Northern Cape.

We are delighted to tell you that Bro Gordon Wright has taken over as Secretary of the N.E.C. Charities Committee. He is the 4th member of 307 to hold this position and has replaced Bro Ian McFarlane who is kept busy with his duties within his Mother Lodge.

We are glad to hear that Bro Eddie Glasper has finally got his Hackney Carriage licence and now has his own taxi on the road. We wish him all success.



Humour?



Don't get me wrong Brother, we're all glad You're here but let's have the meeting first!

And Finally...

Never get stuck behind the Devil in a Post Office queue... For the Devil can take many forms.

Selling sea shells by the sea shore... Easier done than said!

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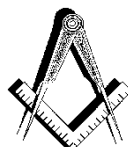
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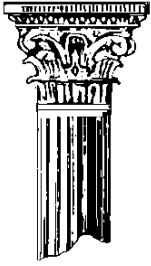
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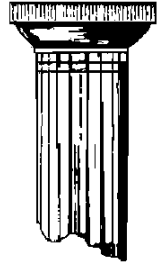
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"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"





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Almoner	Alexander White
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Junior Deacon	John Robertson
Inner Guard	Ian Blair
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Junior Chaplain	George McGrandles
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