

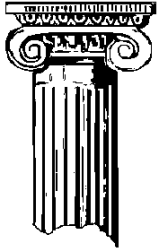
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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307

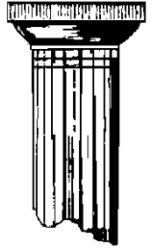


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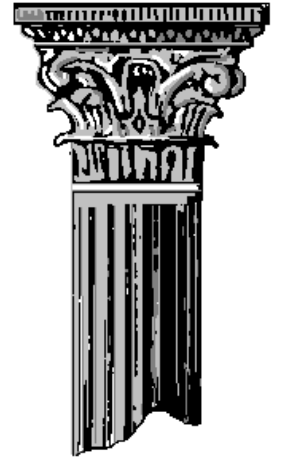


Can I firstly offer congratulations to our new RWM Bro. David McArthur and all his office bearers and wish them well for the coming twelve months, for the new RWM in particular I can only give the time worn advice, "don't blink".

Secondly, I'd like to thank IPM Bro. Paul Stewart and his team of office bearers for their labours over the preceding 12 months.

I hope that at this, the time of our annual Installation, not only the Office Bearers of the Lodge, but also the ordinary brethren of the Lodge can treat this moment as a time of renewal. The obligations that we all took do not diminish with time and the principals we hold, while we may sometimes get them dented we know in our hearts that they are good principals and well worth holding onto.

Similarly, it's always easy at this time of the year to be so busy buying and wrapping presents that we forget those who perhaps have no one living local or have even perhaps just outlived their family and old friends.



CORINTHIAN

Installation

At time of going to print the 2013 Installation of Lodge Union & Crown Office Bearers will just have taken place.

We hope everyone has had a great day and we hope a full report with pictures will appear in the next edition of the Mallet after blackmail letters have been issued to those singing or otherwise taking part in the harmony entertainment.

Perhaps you have a big box of Christmas cards still to write, why not pick out a nice one and send it to a local nursing/old peoples home? If you know a particular person, great, send it to them but even a general one to the establishment itself would I am sure go down well with the residents and show they are not forgotten.

The Masonic Home at Bridge of Weir I am sure would also appreciate such a gesture.

Marcus Humphrey House,

Quarriers Village

Bridge of Weir PA11 3SX

Due to my Brother and his wife going to Australia before Christmas and the family having a pre-Christmas "Christmas Dinner" on the same day, I was unable to attend our Installation... I therefore hope that the above is correct, that the new R.W.M. turned up and Bro. Paul is indeed I.P.M.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Ed.



Merry Christmas to all our readers



Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th November 2013. A meeting of the lodge took place and following the business The Lodge Instruction Class carried out the *Dramatised M.M. Degree*.

There were a few changes made to the personnel involved and the brethren present enjoyed a spirited rendition of this popular event.

A harmony followed with a very good number of brethren and visitors getting together to enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:09pm Attendance – 88

At the regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 19th November and following the business the RWM, Bro Paul Stewart handed the Mallet to IPM Bro. Kenny Coleman for him to assume the role of RWMM, form a Mark Lodge and confer the M.M.M. ceremonial.

An experienced team took four candidates through their Mark degree and their work was appreciated by all in attendance. A harmony took place after the close of the meeting with brethren taking the opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:27pm Attendance – 58

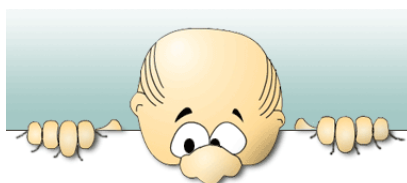
At the Installation Meeting held on Saturday 23rd November 2013. The annual Installation of Office Bearers took place with a good attendance enjoying a very good ceremonial from Installing Masters Bro. Johnnie Gauld PM, Bro David Watson PM and Bro Graham Manson PM. RWM Bro David McArthur was very pleased to take the chair for the forthcoming year and wished all the newly installed office bearers all the very best for the forthcoming year.

After being invested with his jewel of office as IPM our outgoing RWM, Bro. Paul Stewart thanked all the brethren present for their support over the previous year and called on their support for the new RWM and his team.

The annual Grand Lodge Offering was uplifted and the Mallet was presented to Substitute PGM Bro. Dr. Ian McPhee who thanked the RWM for the presentation and went on to congratulate the new RWM and indeed all the new office bearers on their appointments.

After the ceremony a fine installation dinner and harmony followed with all present being well entertained by Br. John McKelvie with his fine humour and also various "Turns" from many of the brethren present including the RWM and his Installing Masters as well as some of the younger office bearers.

Lodge Opened - 04:00pm Lodge Closed – 06:20pm Attendance – 101



We Three Lodges

It always amazes me how every Lodge is so different, each having their own problems and I have no doubt it takes a certain type of brother to be a member of the various type of Lodges.

For example I was recently part of a deputation that visited a Lodge in another Province that met in the village hall.

We were there, in numbers, to witness one of our lodge Past Masters affiliating into this Lodge. I was totally amazed that the collection and raffle money for that evening paid for two years hall rent.

It is very true that they are suffering with the lack of candidates and the number of their attending Lodge members could be higher but it would appear that they do not have any financial worries.

The village hall was being used by other organisations at the same time as the Masonic meeting and I did wonder the reaction of the public if and when they see the prepared candidate.

The Masonic Lodge appeared to be very much part of the community.

Then we have Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 with our fine Masonic Temple.

We always seem to have candidates, good attendances, although, to be fair, in recent times the numbers are dwindling. A varied syllabus that must be the envy of a lot of other Lodges.

But we have the worry of maintaining high standards and the financial battle for the upkeep of the Temple. This constant struggle can also create a bond between the brethren and because of this financial struggle it is important that we have candidates and good attendances and you don't have to be an accountant to understand why. We just require the support of the brethren including of course visitors. You would think that this is not a lot to ask especially when you consider what the brethren get in return.

Then we also have Lodge Randolph No. 1434. Good attendances, no financial worries and resident in a fine Temple. They have taken all the good points from the various Lodges and created the almost perfect Lodge. I often wonder do the brethren of Lodge Randolph realize how fortunate they are in being a member of such a Lodge. They do not have to worry about candidates, visiting, degree work or fund raising, indeed it is a masonic Utopia. You can understand why they all have a smile on their faces when attending their meetings.

As you can see brethren, three Lodges that are so different and some clever person will say but that is what masonry is all about, so true. By visiting we can reflect on how fortunate we all are and the tremendous work being done by others.

Brother James Miller P.M.



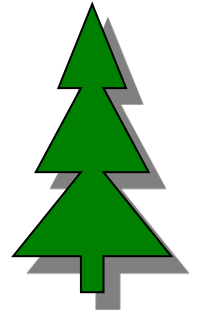
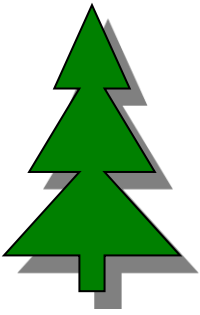
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CHRISTMAS DANCE 2013

Saturday 7th December 2013

Music by
'BRONX'

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



Fantastic to see Bro. Brian Morton PM at a recent meeting. Bro. Brian now resides in Old Meldrum in Aberdeenshire but always makes time to come down and visit his brethren at 307.

Bro. Brian is as enthusiastic as ever about his freemasonry and it is always a delight to catch up with him.

We also hear that Bro Brian has just been elected RWM of Lodge St Anthony No. 154 in Inverurie for the coming year.

You just can't keep a good 307 man down. Congratulations to Brian from all here at 307.



**Lodge St Anthony
22 High Street
Inverurie
AB51 3XQ**

We visited to Lodge St. Conval 1359 on Friday 1st November 2013.

Fourteen brethren travelled to our good friends in Giffnock to confer the FC. Degree.

A very good exemplification took place in the absence of a candidate but was enjoyed nonetheless by all present.

A fine harmony followed with the brethren strengthening the already special bond which exists between our lodges,

BUD GAULD PLATE

What a delight to see both Bro. Nicol Hynd and Bro. Ian McPhie winning The Bud Gauld Plate at our installation.

Well done to both of you.





It is with much regret that I report the death of Bro. Henry (Harry) Grier, age 92, who passed away, quite suddenly, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley on Tuesday 5th November 2013.

On having been informed, I did call at the family home in Barrhead and conveyed deepest sympathy, on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Harry's dear wife, Nan, as well as to other family members who were present at the time.

The funeral service took place at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley which I attended as well as the Funeral Tea, at the Dalmeny Park Hotel, Barrhead and there I further expressed Lodge condolences to son, David and others. All responded warmly to my presence at both venues and to the Lodge in particular.

Bro. Henry will be missed by the many folk who, over many years, had the pleasure of his acquaintance in Barrhead and beyond.

On Thursday 21st November 2013 I attended the funeral service of Mrs Grace Crossan, aged 92 years. The funeral service took place at Woodside Crematorium I was present at that service and I expressed sincere condolences to family members and I was thanked for support given on that day.

Mrs Grace Crossan was the widow of Bro. Albert Crossan, a member of Lodge Union and Crown who passed away a good number of years ago. During my term as your Lodge Almoner I visited Grace, on occasion, at her place of residence in Arthurlie Street, Barrhead. She was always pleasant to me whenever I visited and she will be sadly missed.

During the Past weeks I have visited the following Brethren and Ladies of the Lodge:-

Bro. George Jack and Bro. Jim Liggat at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Bro. Harry Paton, also at the R.A.H. as well as at Accord Hospice, Paisley

I also visited at their homes:-

Bro. Ken Hill

Bro. Ian McPhie & Nancy

Bro. John Raeburn

Bro. Jim Heron & Isobel

Bro. Jim Hughes

Bro, Robert Spiers ~ Norwood Care Home

Bro. Donald Ferguson

Bro. Davie Provan ~ Millview Care Home

Bro. John W. Smith

Mrs Netta Miller ~ Westlea Care Home

Mrs Liz Kavanagh

Mrs Jean Lane

Mrs Mary Gray

I am much pleased to report that Bro. Michael McBride and Bro. Lawrence Webb (our worthy Director of Music) are both making progress after their recent stays in hospital. *Freemasons* do care for the wellbeing of members of their Lodge.

As this Masonic year of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 is about to come to a close and a new year begins I will make every endeavour to fulfil your good expectations of

me as your Lodge Almoner on the unknown journey that lies ahead for me in the coming year.

I wish to express my thanks to our outgoing R.W.M. Bro. Paul Stewart, Worshipful Wardens, Worthy Deacons, Office Bearers and indeed all the Brethren of the Lodge for their continued loyalty and support without which I would have stumbled more often than not on my daily encounters as Lodge Almoner during the past twelve months.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



Christmas Parcels

Some of you may have noticed, but, Christmas isn't too far away and we will soon be distributing parcels on behalf of the Lodge.

This can be quite a considerable task both to coordinate and fund and any donations towards this very worthy cause would be much appreciated.

Manpower is also a major factor and the more *Elfs* the better for our Worthy Santa... sorry, Almoner (Bro Alex White) who can always find work for any brother either willing to pick up or deliver these parcels.

The parcels are to be picked up at the premises of Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405 on Sunday the 15th December 2013 sometime from 11:00am to 12:30pm (*subject to review*) and thereafter brought to Barrhead.



My brother's a keen SCUBA diver, so, one Christmas I bought him a mask and a pair of flippers. Which was awkward because we always wear our new presents when we visit our mother on boxing day.

Lodge Web-Site



The Lodge Web-site got its new look this year but we hear a lot of brethren may have lost their 'link' to it on their PC's, lap-tops etc... the NEW URL is:-

www.unionandcrown307.com

Links are now working again from the Grand Lodge of Scotland web-site and I am confident that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East web-site link will soon be too.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 13th November 2013, the following Brother:

Ken Stein

Bro. Ken of Lodge Newton Mearns No. 1706 received a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree from the Companions of Rockmount RAC. The Companions taking part in

the degree are to be congratulated on work done on this the first meeting since the Installation.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 11th December at 7:30pm

Where for administrative reasons a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree will take the place of the scheduled Royal Arch Degree. This will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEC George Paul MEZ extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

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

Tuesday 22nd January 2014



The long and distinguished Masonic career of Bro. Archie McAllister McGowan was celebrated in style in his Mother Lodge Burnside No.1361 on Friday, 21st November at an event hosted by RWM Bro. Will McArthur.

Bro. Archie, a well kent face in our Lodge, as well as in many others was presented with a Diamond Certificate to mark his 60 years of service to the Craft. A Past Depute Grand Master Mason, Bro. Archie was also celebrating 50 years as a Past Master of Lodge Burnside.

Attending the event was a large Deputation from Grand Lodge of Scotland headed by the MWGMM Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont

Presenting the 60-year certificate, the RWPGM of Renfrewshire East, Bro. John Miller outlined Bro. Archie's career in the Craft since his Initiation into Lodge Burnside No.1361 in November 1953.

The PGM noted that Bro. Archie's first Office was as Junior Steward in 1954 - looking after the pies and sandwiches and washing up – exactly the role he now performed in Lodge Burnside!

The Province of Renfrewshire East is now two-thirds of the way through its Installation Period and it would be good to see as many brethren and new office bearers supporting the new RWM Bro. David McArthur by attending as many of those remaining Installations as possible and supporting our sister Lodges as well as our own.

PGLRE DECEMBER INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday	4 th December	7:00pm	Lodge Moorpark No. 1263
Thursday	5 th December	7:00pm	Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370
Friday	6 th December	6:00pm	Lodge Thorntree No. 512
Saturday	7 th December	3:00pm	Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405
Saturday	7 th December	3:30pm	Lodge St. John, Busby No. 458
Saturday	7 th December	4.00pm	Lodge Garthland St. Winnoch No. 205
Tuesday	10 th December	7:15pm	Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426
Saturday	14 th December	3:00pm	Lodge St. Barchan No. 156
Saturday	14 th December	4:00pm	Lodge Eaglesham No. 1265
Saturday	14 th December	3:55pm	Lodge St. Andrew No. 524
Thursday	19 th December	7:00pm	Lodge Burnside No. 1361
Tuesday	27 th December	6.30pm	Lodge Rutherglen Royal Arch No. 116

PGLRE JANUARY 2014 INSTALLATION

Saturday	11 th January	4:00pm	Lodge St Conval Giffnock No. 1359
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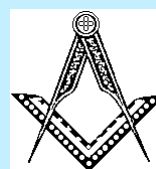
We must thank all our visitors who have made our meetings that bit more special with their regular attendance.

We greatly appreciate their efforts and have made many good friends over the year.

We very much look forward to seeing you back and to visiting you at your own respective Lodges.

We received a very nice letter from Lodge Kelvin Partick 1207 thanking us for our recent visit and rendition of The Dramatised FC Degree.

It was good to hear everyone present had enjoyed our performance including the nine Belgian brethren who were at this particular meeting.



It's going to be good to see all the new office bearers settle into their new roles within the lodge. With the team we now have it has the potential to be a most enjoyable year for the Brethren.

We wish the very best to all the new office bearers. Some taking office for the very first time.

Lodge Prince of Wales No.426



Congratulations to our sister lodge, Lodge Prince of Wales No.426 which celebrated its 150th Anniversary in style on Saturday, 2nd November, with a Civic Reception, a Rededication Ceremony and a dinner in the evening.

The Civic Reception in Renfrew Town Hall was hosted by Provost Anne Hall who congratulated RWM Bro. John P. Dallas and the Brethren of the Lodge on their achievement. She also spoke warmly of the charity fundraising the Lodge has carried out and the fellowship it has provided to men in the town over the years.

Our own past-master Bro. Kenneth Coleman spoke on behalf of the visitors and a good day was had by all in attendance.

Buy a Brick

Commerative bricks which will adorn the wall in the downstairs hallway are now available at £20.00 each. Interested brethren should see Bro. Adam G Watson (Big Adam) to secure their personalised brick.

Wasn't it nice to see Bro. Billy Stewart, father of Bro. Paul Stewart IPM being invited to the East at Bro. Paul's last full meeting. Bro. Billy also took his place there at Bro Paul's first meeting last year and has been a fantastic support to Paul and Union And Crown.

Bro. Robert Hunt of Lodge Shamrock And Thistle no 275 and a regular visitor to our lodge has been awarded his 'Ayrshire Passport' for attending every lodge in that province. A dedicated visitor to many lodges in the area Bro. Bobby is to be congratulated on this fine achievement.

PGLRE NEWS

Following the recent resignation due to ill-health of former RWSPGM Bro. Robin Barker PM of Lodge Eaglesham No.1265 it has been announced that Bro. Robert McPhee of The Lodge of Erskine No.1566 will take up the position of RWSPGM of Renfrewshire East joining his 'blood' brother Bro. Dr. Iain McPhee as a Commissioned Office bearer of the Province.

Welcoming Bro. Robert as RWSPGM, the RWPGM, Bro. John S. Miller said: "It is certainly highly unusual for two blood brothers to serve in this capacity at the same time in any Scottish Province. However, I am convinced that Bro. Robert's appointment to join Bro. Iain in this important role and the enthusiasm they both show for the Craft will be of great benefit to all in the Province of Renfrewshire East."



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 28 Years Ago



Issue No. 80

November 1985

RWM Hugh Fraser

At the regular meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November, Lodge St John Busby, No.458 conferred the M.M. Degree on the following three Candidates :

WILLIAM LAMB

WILLIAM DICKIE

GRAEME WRIGHT

It was an excellent degree, fully up to the standards that we have come to expect of our old friends from Busby. The attendance was **171**

The regular meeting on 17th November saw the M.M.M. Ceremonial being carried out by members of the Lodge Instruction Class, led by Bro Douglas Junner PM, who acted as Mark Master.

As normally happens with a degree which is only carried out once a year, there were a few slight hitches, but nevertheless the 15 Candidates who were advanced to the rank of M.M.M. were suitably impressed. The attendance was **135**

The annual installation was held on Saturday 23rd November at 4pm when Thomas Blair Armstrong Smith was installed as R.W.M. for the forthcoming year, the Installing Masters were Bros David Noble PM & Bro Douglas Junner PM.

It was an excellent ceremony, with PM Noble using his flair and experience to the full, while Bro Douglas Junner, a "First Timer" was quite outstanding. As he installed each Office-bearer, he told the truth as he saw it, about each in turn. As a result the assembled Brethren were in tears of laughter - yet none of the dignity was lost.

At the harmony afterwards, Bro Iain McFarlane Sub. Master won the £100 in the 100 Club Draw and promptly donated it back to the Lodge ! Well done Iain.

We hear that Bro Ninian Jamieson is now listed as an International Antiques Dealer, working from Fort Worth, Texas.

It was a pleasure to see Bro Billy Baird at a recent meeting. He is now resides in England.

Sorry to hear that some vandal smashed the window of Bro Billy Little's shop on Main St.

Congratulations to Bro Graeme Wright who gained his Queen's Badge with the B.B.

Did anyone spot Bro Alistair Clark, the designer of our front cover, on the Reid Report on T.V. recently.

Bros Bud Gauld and Johnny McFarlane have bought a rowing boat from which they hope to do a bit of fishing and diving at Port Bannatyne.

We hear that Bro Gordon Boyd, ex Glasgow Rangers Footballer and a member of Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 is now playing with Whitby Town and has opened a boutique

We offer sincere congratulations to Bro Billy Bell and his wife Betty, who recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding.

Humour



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."



Our town's Christmas lights used energy-saving bulbs for the first time this year... After the big switch-on we only had to wait two hours to see how pretty it was.

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



Syllabus 2013-2014

* - Denotes an Official visit



December 2013

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	EA Degree	By the Lodge Wardens
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By the Lodge Deacons

January 2014

Tuesday	07 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Installing Masters
*Thursday	16 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	At Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167
Tuesday	21 st	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478

February 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	Business Meeting	Followed by 190 th Anniversary Dinner
*Monday	10 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	'Kipling' By the Brethren

March 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	Business Meeting	P.G.L.R.E. Visitation
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167
*Tuesday	25 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153

April 2014

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242

May 2014

Tuesday	06 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	New
*Thursday	08 th	07:30pm	t.b.c.	At Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242

September 2014

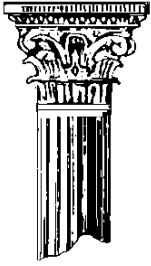
Tuesday	02 nd	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

October 2014

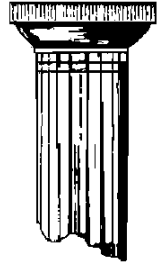
Friday	10 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	21 st	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM
Saturday	22 nd	04:00pm	Installation	2014-2015



OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



RWM	David McArthur
WSW	Ian Blair
WJW	George McGrandles
IPM	Paul Stewart IPM
Depute Master	t.b.c.
Substitute Master	Alan Bernard
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Junior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Inner Guard	Nicol Hynd
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Kenneth Coleman PM
Architect	John Robertson
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Davie Barr
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

