

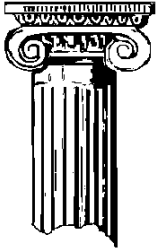
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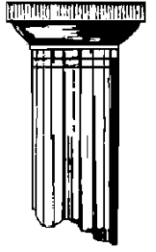


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Editorial



November 2014

Can I firstly, on behalf of Mallet readers everywhere, offer congratulations to our new RWM Bro. Alan Bernard and all his office bearers and wish them well for the coming twelve months. For the new RWM in particular, I can only give this well worn piece of advice, “don’t blink”.

Secondly, I’d also like to thank our IPM, Bro. David McArthur, and his team of office bearers for their labours over the preceding twelve months.

I hope that at this, the time of 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. If you’ve found yourself drifting away from the Lodge why not take this opportunity to dust of the old apron and come amongst us once again.

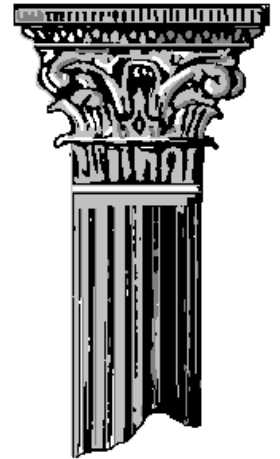
Similarly, if you see someone coming into the Lodge be it a visitor or someone who you just haven’t seen for a few, or possibly more, meetings, get on over to them and offer them a hand of friendship.

I think I can speak for every one of the ninety-five who attended our Installation on Saturday the 22nd of November in saying what a great day it was. The installing Masters, Bro. Kenny Coleman PM, Bro. Davie Watson PM and Bro. Jim Renfrew are all to be congratulated for navigating us through the ceremony of installation.

Downstairs, again all the ‘toast’ speakers should be thanked for the brevity of their speech’s before our ‘keynote’ speaker, Mr George McNeill, had the entire audience in stitches at his stories based around his career as a footballer and runner. Mr McNeill, a former Scottish world professional sprint champion and the only man to have won both of the most famous professional footraces in the world. Mr. McNeill had played professional football in the Scottish Football League before switching to athletics.

The close of the ‘official’ part of the day saw Lodge Union and Crown maintain its usual low standard of singers, led off as tradition dictates, by our brand spanking new RWM Bro. Alan. Alas, many others were called to the mike... but few were asked back!

A great day was had by all.



CORINTHIAN



Merry Christmas to all our readers



Hugh Cattigan PM Ed.



Brethren,

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

Tuesday 2nd December 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

&

EA DEGREE

(By the Lodge Wardens)



Tuesday 16th December 2014

7:30pm

Business meeting

&

FC DEGREE

(By the Lodge Deacons)



Bud Gauld Plate

At the Installation harmony on Saturday 22nd November, as the various toasts and replies drew to a close, the Brethren held their breath as Bro Bud Gauld stood up to announce who would be the latest winner of the award, named in his honour.

Bro Bud stated that once again, it had been a particularly difficult decision this year. Nevertheless, after a short but impressive introduction, and a wee false start (*you had to be there, Ed.*) the Lodge was delighted to hear that **Bro. Evans Reid PM** our President of Stewards and **Bro. Iain Nicol** our Organist were to be the latest co-recipients of the Bud Gauld Plate for outstanding service to Lodge Union & Crown.

A pair of very worthy winners, nobody can doubt that these two brethren well deserved this recognition as winners of this unique and prestigious award. Bro Evan's couldn't attend as he was sunning himself in warmer climes and Bro. Iain was almost speechless as he accepted the 'Plate' from Bro. Bud. An acceptance that was warmly received by all those in attendance.

Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 4th November 2014. A meeting of the lodge took place and following the business The Lodge Instruction Class carried out the *Dramatised* M.M. Degree.

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 – 09:19pm Attendance – 68

At the regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 18th November and following the business the RWM, Bro David McArthur presented the Mallet to IPM Bro. Paul Stewart for him to assume the role of RWMM, form a Mark Lodge and confer the M.M.M. ceremonial.

An experienced team took five 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 22nd November 2014. The annual Installation of Office Bearers took place with a good attendance enjoying a very good ceremonial from Installing Masters Bro. Kenneth Coleman PM, Bro David Watson PM and Bro James Renfrew PM.

RWM Bro Alan Bernard was delighted 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. David McArthur 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. Willie Fleming 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 Mr George McNeil and also various "*Singers*"!

Lodge Opened - 04:00pm Lodge Closed – 06:40pm Attendance – 95



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our 'Installation' cash prizes for the month of November were:

Saturday 22rd November £100 Bro. Alan Bernard RWM

£50 Bro. Donald Cook PM



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 12th November 2014 the Companions witnessed a fine exemplification of a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's 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 9th December at 7:30pm

When a Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEC Graham Manson, 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 27th January 2015



Q. Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

A. Because you do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit...



Won't it be good to see all the new office bearers settle into and learn their new roles within the Lodge.

With the team we now have it has the potential to be a most enjoyable year for us all.

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

Buy a Brick

Commerative bricks which adorn the wall in the downstairs hallway are still available at £20.00 each.

Anyone interested should see Bro. Adam G Watson (Big Adam) to secure their personalised brick either for themselves or a loved one.

(Makes an ideal Xmas present. Ed)

The Farewell

Robert Burns

Adieu ! a heart-warm fond adieu !
Dear brothers of the mystic tie !
Ye favour'd, ye enlighten'd few,
Companions of my social joy !
Tho' I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing fortune's slidd'ry ba',
With melting heart, and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, tho' far awa'.

Of, have I met your social band,
And spent the cheerful festive night ;
Of, honour'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light :
And by that hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but craftsman ever saw !
Strong memory on my heart shall write
Those happy scenes when far awa' !

May freedom, harmony and love
Unite you in the grand design,
Beneath th' Omniscient eye above,
The glorious Architect Divine !
That you may keep th' unerring line,
Still rising by the plummet's law,
Till Order bright completely shine,
Shall be my pray'r when far awa'.

And You, farewell ! whose merits claim,
Justly, that highest badge to wear !
Heav'n bless your honour'd noble name,
To Masonry and Scotia dear !
A last request permit me here :
When yearly ye assemble a', -

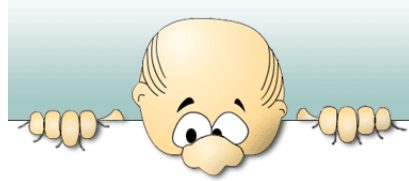


PROVINCIAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December at 7pm

Stowe Brae Kirk, Paisley

No regalia, Family service, wives/partners
and family invited.



And now, the end is near...

by Bro. David McArthur IPM Sec.

In quotation of the world famous song My Way, "And now the end is near" (be thankful you cannot actually hear me sing it!). Well, those lyrics do sound a tad terminal but with the month of November slipping quickly away, so too does the end of my reign as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Union and Crown No.307.

The past year has been the quickest passage of time in my life. I was warned by many a Past Master that no sooner would I be installed in the chair of the Lodge, that I would find myself preparing to step aside and out of the chair, and to hand the gavel to the new Master- elect to lead the lodge in the next 12 months. True to their prediction, I am looking back over the last year, and it contains many incredible memories of my time as Master, and reminders that I held such a privileged position in the lodge when many important milestones and events happened for 307.

The lodge has continued to move from strength to strength, including:

a continued influx of new, affiliate and honorary members for 307,

A Lodge room full of brethren at each meeting... with an average attendance of circa 80 brethren

the lodge function suite (with immense thanks to all the brethren who worked very hard all year) received a much needed make-over and is now an impressive bright and welcoming venue for harmonies, private parties and functions of all kinds.

The walls of the lower walkway are endowed with The Brick Project Display Boards featuring the names of many 307 member, brethren from other lodges both within and outwith Renfrewshire East, members of Provincial Grand Lodges and many more masons from far and wide. A new board is now under construction for Friends and Family of 307, who have their own connections to the lodge, to have their name names etched within the building.

Representing Lodge Union and Crown as part of the development of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East Intender Programme, and assisting with presenting at Grand Lodge to many representatives of the Scottish Daughter lodges who were present at the conference.

Taking a deputation of brethren through Lodge Earl Haig No.1260 in Fife to present the Dramatised FC Degree. A trip that was very successful indeed, with many new friends made and a sound Lodge relationship formed.

A particularly special evening for myself as Master of 307 when I had the privilege, on behalf of all Past Masters, Office Bearers and Brethren of 307, to offer, obligate and welcome The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, Bro. John Samuel Miller as an Honorary Member of Lodge Union and Crown No.307.

As my year comes to a close with a visit to Lodge St Conval No.1359 on Friday 7th November 2014, and my final full meeting in the chair as Master on Tuesday 18th November 2014 for a Mark Master Mason Degree, my feelings are very much mixed with pleasure and a hint of sadness. My year as Master has been incredible, and I will openly admit that, I would happily do it all again... in a heartbeat.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been the Right Worshipful Master of such an amazing lodge, a role that could only be successful with the incredible support of my Installing Masters, Bro. Johnny Gauld PM, Bro. Graham Manson PM and Bro. David Watson PM. My Depute Master Bro. William 'Bud' Gauld PM who kept me right with excellently aimed and timed kicks to the ankle when needed ... Bud, your support and guidance through the last 12 months was invaluable, and you can be assured that the '307' way will continue as long as I have breath.

My heartfelt thanks however, must go to all the Past Masters, Office Bearers and brethren of Lodge Union and Crown No.307 who have been a constant support to me throughout the entire year, not only at our own meetings and events, but out and about visiting sister lodges too. No man can be Master of any Masonic Lodge without an excellent lodge of brethren to help him every step of the way ... and I have had the best!!

Thank you all at Lodge Union and Crown No.307.... I can only hope that I have held up the name and reputation of 307 to the right and proper high standards that all Masters of the lodge have done, and always should do, and that my work in leading the lodge during 2013/14 has been to your entire satisfaction.



Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

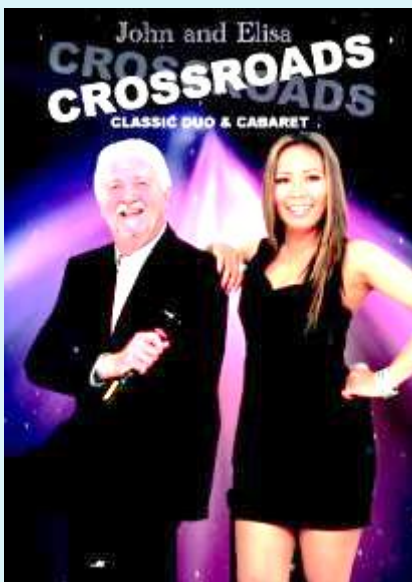
CHRISTMAS DANCE 2014

Saturday 6th December 2014

Music by

CROSSROADS
Classic Duo & Cabaret

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





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 worthwhile cause would be much appreciated.

Manpower is always a major factor and the more brethren the better for our Worthy Almoner (Bro Alex White) who can always find work for any brother either willing to pick up or deliver these parcels. If you can help, please contact Bro. Alex.

The parcels are to be picked up at the premises of Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405 on **Sunday the 14th December** 2014 between **11:00am** and **12:00 noon** and thereafter brought to the Lodge in Barrhead for distribution.



The run up to Christmas is the one time of the year that you can slam your lap-top shut when your partner enters the room and not get a suspicious or disgusted look...

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. Alan Bernard by attending as many of those remaining Installations as possible and supporting our sister Lodges as well as our own.

RENFREWSHIRE EAST - DECEMBER INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday	3 rd December	7:00pm	Lodge Moorpark No. 1263
Thursday	4 th December	7:00pm	Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370
Friday	5 th December	6:00pm	Lodge Thorntree No. 512
Saturday	6 th December	3:00pm	Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405
Saturday	6 th December	3:30pm	Lodge St. John, Busby No. 458
Saturday	6 th December	4.00pm	Lodge Garthland St. Winnoch No. 205
Tuesday	9 th December	7:15pm	Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426
Saturday	13 th December	3:00pm	Lodge St. Barchan No. 156
Saturday	13 th December	4:00pm	Lodge Eaglesham No. 1265
Saturday	13 th December	3:55pm	Lodge St. Andrew No. 524
Thursday	18 th December	7:00pm	Lodge Burnside No. 1361
Saturday	27 th December	4.00pm	Lodge Rutherglen Royal Arch No. 116

RENFREWSHIRE EAST - JANUARY 2015 INSTALLATION

Saturday	10 th January	4:00pm	Lodge St Conval Giffnock No. 1359
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It is with much regret and profound sadness that I intimate on the early evening of Monday 3rd November, at his home in Barrhead, the very sudden passing of Bro. William Pattison, aged 88. Later, at a convenient time to the family I called at Bro. Willie's home and expressed, on behalf of the Lodge, condolences to his wife, Dora, and other members of the family who were present at the time all of whom thanked me most sincerely. In recent years Bro. Willie had been unwell on a number of occasions but always recovered. I visited Bro. Willie at his home on a regular basis and in consequence of these visits we became friends. Although Willie had not attended a Lodge meeting for some time, due to age and health, he always maintained a constant interest in his Mother Lodge and looked forward to receiving and reading the "Mallet". He was much loved by his wife Dora, son, Stuart, daughter, Linda, granddaughter, Claire and great grandson, Sol. The funeral service took place at St Andrews Church Barrhead and then Neilston cemetery, I attended both services on behalf of the Lodge and was embraced by the whole Pattison family who invited me to take charge of one of the cords at the committal ceremony. Bro Willie Pattison was a Freemason for 56 years, was a conscientious man, a good man and Mason. He will be sadly missed.

On Monday 10th November I visited Bro. Jim Liggat at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and then again on 21st November. Sadly Bro Jim is quite poorly at the moment and tires easily. We can only wish him well at this time.

Due to some health issues of my own I could only maintain my Almoner duties by telephone. By this means I kept in contact with:

Bro. Ken Hill	Bro. John W. Smith
Bro. Jim Cherry	Bro. Jim Heron & Isobel
Mrs Isa Leckie	Mrs Catherine Fennel ~ <i>R.A.H. (Ward 8)</i>
Mrs Dora Pattison	Mrs Angela Henery ~ Ref. Bro. Paul

I also visited Mrs Jean Sudding at her home.

Brethren, it was a great delight for me, and I am sure, to all the assembled brethren, to see Bro. Willie Reid in attendance at our regular meeting of Tuesday 18th November. Bro. Willie suffered severe ankle damage some months ago after a bad fall at his home in Barrhead. A Brother truly worthy of his place on the members role of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 Ref under "Courage".

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all the Brethren of our beloved Lodge for their continued and honest support during the past twelve months.

To I.P.M. Bro. David McArthur I simply say, Thank you, thank you, thank you...

May I also wish you all a peaceful, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



WORLD AT WAR
1914 – 1918
(November 1914)



- 1 German forces capture Messines, south of Ypres
- 2 First elements of Indian Expeditionary Force leave India for Egypt
Government of India announces immunity of Muslim holy places during hostilities with Turkey
Russia declares war on Turkey
Admiralty declares North Sea a military zone
British force begins attack at Tanga in German East Africa
- 3 German naval raid on Great Yarmouth and Gorleston
British troops cross northern frontier of German East Africa
Allied naval squadrons bombard forts at entrance to Dardanelles
- 5 Britain and France formally declare war on Turkey
Britain annexes Cyprus
British force repulsed at Tanga
- 6 Advanced troops of Indian Expeditionary Force land at Fao in Mesopotamia (present day Iraq)
British submarine B-11 proceeds to miles into Dardanelles straits
- 7 Tsingtau (China) falls to Japanese forces
- 9 German cruiser "Emden" destroyed by Australian war ship HMAS "Sydney" off the Cocos Islands
- 11 Heavy German attack in Ypres area repulsed at Nonne Bosschen
Sheikh-ul-Islam issues fatwah declaring jihad against all Allied forces
- 14 Field Marshal Earl Roberts dies in France, visiting Indian troops
- 16 First elements of Indian Expeditionary Force "F" arrive in Egypt
- 21 British naval air raid against Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen
- 22 War Office takes control of operations in East Africa
British force in Mesopotamia captures Basrah
- 23 Portuguese government announces prospective co-operation with Britain
- 26 HMS "Bulwark" destroyed by internal explosion in Sheerness harbour
- 27 General Paul von Hindenburg promoted Field Marshal
- 28 Fighting at Miranshah on NW frontier of India



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FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 19 Years Ago



November 1995

RWM James Kerr

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November the following two Candidates:

Ian Milliken and Paul Elcock

were passed to the high & sublime degree of a M.M. by the members of the Lodge Instruction Class in what is now our customary dramatized degree. All who took part played their parts to the full and all in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the high standard of work.

Lodge Opened: 7-30pm Lodge Closed: 9-56pm Attendance: 116

On Tuesday 21st November the following 10 Brethren:

**John Young, Stephen Blair, Phillip Stein, William Laird, Brian Cannon,
Ian Milliken, Colin McLardy, Kenneth Bates, Alex Carlton & Paul Elcock**

received a fine Mark Ceremonial from the degree team formed at great expense by our own I.P.M. Bro John Livingstone and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. It should be noted that Bro Brian Cannon is a member of Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 and having missed his MMM at Neilston during September was permitted to join in with our participants.

Lodge Opened: 7-31pm Lodge Closed: 9-33pm Attendance: 104

We're told Bro Bob McCulloch and his popular wife Sheila, although not members of our Rambling Club, are both very keen hill-walkers. Between them they have "Bagged" almost 180 Munro's, with Sheila a couple in front of her husband.

We gather that Bro Alex White's youngest daughter Irene is now studying to be a Teacher at college in Dundee. We wish her every success.

We are led to believe, from a very reliable source, that Bro David Cameron has given up his position as a surveyor and is currently studying to be a Minister.

It has been most heartening to see the large sums of money that have been donated to Lodge Funds recently. At the last meeting, over £1000, the combined proceeds of a Race Night, Jumble Sale and a Ladies Night, were handed in and all who either organized or participated are to be most gratefully thanked for all their fine efforts on behalf of the Lodge.

Best wishes to Bro Alistair Carse and his wife on becoming parents with the recent birth of a lovely daughter Gemma.

We notice that Bro Bert Smith's wife Margaret has become a bit of a Jet-setter recently. Within a couple of days of returning from an eventful holiday in Turkey with her cronies, the Dickie's, Fraser's and the Forde's she was then jetting off to Sunny Australia for a family wedding. It's a great life!

Humour



Apparently turkey's did actually vote for Christmas, but afterwards many complained that they found the ballot paper confusing.

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



Syllabus 2014-2015

* - Denotes an Official visit



December 2014

Tuesday	02 nd	07:30pm	EA Degree	By the Lodge Wardens
Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By the Lodge Deacons

January 2015

Tuesday	06 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Installing Masters
<i>*Thursday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>EA Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167</i>
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478

February 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	Business Meeting	Followed by 191 st Anniversary Dinner
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>09th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478</i>
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	

March 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	Business Meeting	P.G.L.R.E. Visitation
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167

April 2015

Tuesday	07 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday	21 st	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Paisley St Mirren No. 129
<i>*Tuesday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>EA</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426</i>

May 2015

Tuesday	05 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	
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September 2015

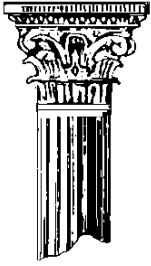
Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

October 2015

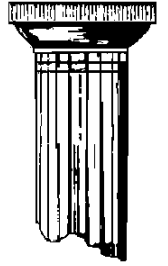
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>05th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Paisley St Mirren No. 129</i>
Friday	09 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation,	The Table of Scottish Freemasons
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. David McArthur IPM
Saturday	28 th	04:00pm	Installation	2015-2016



OFFICE BEARERS 2014 - 2015



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

