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Well November found us back in almost full Lockdown, with most shops, pubs, restaurants etc. closed, and travel severely limited after a spike in the coronavirus figures. Unfortunately, for many it could not have come at a worse time, with the festive holidays only a few short weeks away, and little sign of let up in the near future for most of us.

The Lodge is no different from many institutions in the town, and throughout the central belt as the government and the health service try to get to grips with the pandemic. We haven't had a regular meeting since the first week in March, almost 9 months ago ! Our social club opened briefly with a short window of opportunity in July & August before the most recent restrictions called a halt. The Sausage Club, which had been operating successfully with a whole host of safeguards in place, has also fallen foul to the lockdown, and we as a Lodge are in limbo as 2020 draws to a close.

The 307 'Telephone Tree' is allowing Lodge Office-bearers to regularly contact Brethren who are perhaps housebound due to the pandemic, and the thought of a friendly, cheery phone call is proving a godsend to many of our older members and their families. It is an excellent initiative, which at the very least, keeps us all in touch during the shorter days, and darker nights.

November is always a special month for Union & Crown, with dramatised degrees, Mark Ceremonials, and perhaps the highlight – our annual Installation. Sadly, none of the above have happened this year. Thankfully all our Office-bearers have agreed to continue in office until we see this situation through and I feel sure that come next autumn, we will be back in the groove and enjoying all the delights of the 307 calendar.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our Brethren, and their Families



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Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Ronald Angus MacIsaac intimates that, until further notice, there will be no Regular Meetings held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead.

When formal clearance is received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is hoped there will be a resumption of meetings.

Yours faithfully & fraternally

Brother David McArthur P.M. Lodge Secretary



100 Club

As promised during Lockdown, Bro George McGrandles, our worthy Treasurer, has continued to make the 100 Club draw, even though there are no Regular Meetings being held. Below is a list of this month's winners.

Meeting Date	£20.00 Winner	£10.00 Winner
November 6 th 2020	Mrs McArthur	Bro Paul Stewart PM
November 17 th 2020	Bro Adam G Watson	Bro Robert Clark WSW

Special Installation Draw :

Meeting Date	£100.00 Winner	£50.00 Winner
November 28 th 2020	Bro Tom Mulholland PM	Bro Stewart Gray PM

Masonic Home at Bridge of Weir

We know that there are still a few weeks to go, but we would appeal to all our Brethren to remember the Brethren who are in the Marcus Humphrey House in Bridge of Weir.

It would be a nice touch if as many as possible could send a Christmas card again this year, simply to remind the residents that they are still very much in our thoughts during the Festive Season. The address is:

Marcus Humphrey House, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir PA11 3SX

BITS & PIECES

- Our Worthy Treasurer has informed us that Lodge Test Fees are now overdue, and should be paid as soon as possible.
- Great to see that several of our Brethren , and their families, who have been struck down by the COVID19 virus are back on their feet and recovering well.
- Brethren can tune in to the 'Virtual Instruction Class' being held on most Mondays at 7.30pm. If you want to participate, contact Bro Robert Scott WSW.
- It's hard to believe that it is 10 years since we celebrated the centenary of our Temple with a Dedication Service in Bourock Church, followed by Rededication Ceremony in the Lodge. 175 Brethren attended, with 26 members of Grand Lodge, including the MW Grand Master Mason Bro Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont enjoying an fine celebratory dinner and excellent entertainment. Our Right Worshipful Master – Bro Colin McLardy was a proud man that day.
- Our Instruction Master, Bro. Tom Mulholland P.M. would like to remind anyone wishing to try their hand at degree work that they should be making full use of all the spare time during the 'Lockdown' to perhaps learn some ritual parts, ready to start back.
- You can still 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 3 years if necessary) will secure a range of 200th Anniversary benefits including Tickets, Jewels, Books etc. Almost 40 Brethren have already enrolled, and anyone interested should be Bro Robert Scott WJW as soon as possible.

The Royal Masonic School for Girls



The RMS is one of the oldest girls' schools in the country. Founded by Chevalier Ruspini in 1788, the School's original purpose was to educate the daughters of Freemasons who were unable to support their families through death, illness or disability. The School started with fifteen pupils and a matron in Somers Place in East London and moved twice within London until it finally settled in the magnificent grounds of Rickmansworth Park, Hertfordshire, in 1934.

The School became an open fee paying school in 1978 and accepts girls from all backgrounds and faiths. Sadly, the

majority of families associated with the School no longer have any links with Freemasonry,

The School motto comes from Psalm 144, "That our daughters may be as the polished cornerstones of the Temple." The Ashlar is a 'polished cornerstone' and it is a traditional award given as a silver badge to girls in recognition of their hard work, demonstration of the school values, and contributions to school life.



(Editor's Note : There was also a 'Royal Masonic School for Boys' in Bushley, Hertfordshire but sadly this closed in 1977. The empty building still exists, and has been used in numerous films, including Monty Pythons "Meaning Of Life" "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "Out Of Bounds". Former pupils include Actor Anthony Andrews, and football administrator David Davies)

We continue our series of articles which trace the history of some of the local Lodges. This month we trace the history of another of the earliest Lodges in the Province.)

Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426



The first Lodge of Renfrew was founded in 1777. Its name, which is also that of its successor, was due to the fact that one of the many titles of the heir to the British throne is Baron Renfrew. Perhaps its health was never very robust, and the feeble spark was extinguished after it had flickered for sixty years. The Lodge lapsed on November 13, 1837, the year of the accession of Queen Victoria. In 1905 rummagers among the property of the present Lodge came upon the old Charter in a cupboard, and from that time it has occupied a principal place of honour on the walls of the Lodge Room.

Almost a generation passed before a new Charter was obtained on November 2, 1863. The first Master was Bro. James Henderson, a shipbuilder in the town, and Provost of

Renfrew (1864-67) Originally the brethren met in the Wheatsheaf Inn Hall in Fulbar Street, although negotiations were soon opened with the Town Council for the tenancy of the Athenaeum, as our old Lodge Room was magnificently called. The Festival of St. John was a great occasion, and the brethren would meet in the Ferry Inn, the Bunch of Grapes in Clyde Street, or Lizzie Adam's in Canal Street for a torchlight procession.

The first Chaplain of the Lodge was the Rev. Robert Stephen, M.A., minister of Renfrew Parish, and copies are still treasured of a notable sermon of his, afterwards published with the title "Brothers of Christ,"



A later incumbent was the Rev. David Young, B.D. So great was the estimation in which Mr. Young was held that in 1926 he was elected to the Chair of the Lodge amid popular acclamation. His influence extended beyond his Lodge, and he was called to be P.G. Chaplain of Renfrewshire East, an office which he relinquished to become Substitute Grand Master of the Province. He also held successively the offices of Junior and Senior Chaplain of Grand Lodge.

Evidence of the Craft's increasing popularity was seen on November 2nd 1923, when the Diamond Jubilee of the Lodge came round. The event was celebrated in Renfrew Town Hall, under the chairmanship of the Bro. Duncan McGregor RWM. The attendance that evening was 485, and included distinguished Masons such as the Grand Master Mason himself, Bro The Earl of Elgin.

This growing prosperity, welcome as it was, brought with it its own problems. The main one was the increasing inadequacy of the Lodge Room, and there was a feeling that "the auld house" had served its day. A movement towards this end was initiated in 1911. One event planned was a Grand Bazaar, to be held in Paisley in 1914 and most of the arrangements for it were actually completed. Then, like a bolt from the blue, came War. The Bazaar was never held. In its place there was a wonderful Fete at Blythswood on

Saturday, June 28, 1919, the very day on which Peace was signed. The sum realised was over £3,000.

At length, and at a cost of £600, the Lodge purchased three houses, with considerable gardens attached to them, in that quaint old thoroughfare, Queen Street, the "Coo Loan" of days gone by. The three houses were taken down, and room was made for the new Temple, towards the end of 1930.

And here, in ampler surroundings, no longer "cabined, cribbed, confined," the Lodge continued the good work she had done. With that record behind her she entered her new domain, with high expectations of the future, yet not without regret for the old haunt she was leaving.

*The auld house, the auld house !
Deserted tho' ye be,
There ne'er can be a new house
Will seem sae fair to me.*

Finally, and connected with the old place in the High Street, the Lodge has her proud memories. We have supplied the Province of Renfrewshire East with three Provincial Grand Masters - the first Lord Blythswood, who ruled for over a quarter of a century; Bro. George Glen, ten times elected to the chief seat on our dais; and one who was greatly beloved of all, Archibald, the 4th Lord Blythswood. From our original or affiliated or honorary members we have given three occupants to the throne of Scottish Masonry - both Lord Blythswoods, and Bro. Hagart Speirs, and the Lodge has even basked in the sunshine of the Royal favour. The Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII, signed the Sederunt Book in 1876, and an autographed portrait of His Royal Highness hangs upon our walls.

The page of the Book was duly detached and framed, with the signature, "Albert Edward, MWGMMOE"

Of his grandson, later King George VI, there are three mementos - a photograph of the then Prince signed and presented by him to the Lodge, his signature in the Sederunt Book, and a facsimile of the proposal form for his initiation into the Household Brigade Lodge, with the signature of the late Lord Blythswood as his seconder. Of these tokens of Royal interest the Lodge is very proud



Masonic Snippet

The Lodge of Sincerity, No.428, in Northwich, Cheshire, was continuously tyled by the Wilding family from the formation of the Lodge in 1836 for a total of 168 years.

Bro. Tony Wilding the 7th generation of the family to serve the Lodge, was the last in a long line when he demitted office in 2004 when the Lodge merged with another local Lodge to become Northwich Lodge, No.428

The Five Noble Orders Of Architecture



Why do these noble orders feature so prominently today in Freemasonry in general and in the furnishings and rituals of our Lodges in particular? Let us explore the Architectural History of these five Orders, and having established their architectural significance, to show the close connection between operative Masonry and architecture on the one hand and speculative Freemasonry on the other.

There are fine examples of the five Orders in buildings and structures such as:

- 'Chelsea Hospital'- an example of the Doric Order
- The Grand Lodge of England on Great Queen Street - the two great pillars which flank the principal entrances are highly decorative derivatives of the Doric.
- The Archway Screen of Hyde Park Corner-example of the Ionic
- The portico of the famous Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at the NW corner of Trafalgar Square-a splendid example of the Corinthian Order, and finally
- The even more famous and well known St Paul's Cathedral - where the Corinthian occurs on the lower storey of the facades, and on the upper storey the Composite Orders.



Historical Background

First, let us look at the term “Noble”. A diligent search through many encyclopedias, dictionaries and books of architecture, has failed to reveal the term and this suggests that it is only used in Masonic literature, but it is not conclusive. However, some refer to these five Orders as “Classical” suggesting that both these terms are synonymous.

‘An ‘Order’ is an architectural term which comprises the classical column with its capital and superimposed horizontal entablature.” The column by itself is not the Order. They were strict rules which governed the relationship between diameter and height of columns of each Order and the proportions of intercolumniation.

The column proper is divided into three named parts:

- Base-a series of annulets or ring-like mouldings. The portion of the column on which the Shaft is placed
- Shaft- may either be fluted (having long round grooves) or unfluted or plain as are the shafts in the Temple of Freemasons’ Hall, Company Path.
- Capital – the carved head or upper part of a column superimposed on the shaft which, by its design, is the manner by which each Order is recognized and distinguished.
- Pilaster- a square pillar projecting from a wall.
- Abacus- a square or rectangular member interposed between the capital of a column and the superstructure it supports (in other words, akin to a shim)

The five Orders of architecture are thus classed: Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite

The above listing ranges them not chronologically, but in increasing order of complexity. The Doric, Ionic and Corinthian are the original three Orders invented by the Greeks and are considered as representing Strength, Wisdom and Beauty. The Tuscan and Composite are of Roman origin.

The Orders, as used by the Greeks, were essentially constructive. The Romans, on the other hand, frequently used them as purely decorative features, without any structural value; although they continued to use them constructively, as in the colonnades of forums and temples.

(Our grateful thanks to W Bro. K.W. Williams DGJD of Union Lodge No.247, in Georgetown, Guyana, for his contribution and also to Bro. J.S. Donaldson, Secretary of Hawick Lodge No. 111)

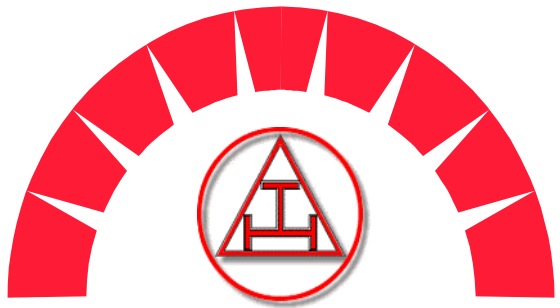
This article will be concluded in our December edition.

Bro John Glenn

Brother John Glenn, Concord Lodge 688 Concord, Ohio, became the first American to orbit the earth on February 20, 1962. Immediately recognized as one of the greatest American heroes of the time, the ticker-tape parade in New York held in his honor equaled in size only that of Brother Charles Lindbergh. Afterward, the city reported it had picked up a record 3,474 tons of confetti!



Brother Glenn never flew again during the early space program. Reports say officials grounded him because they felt in the event of a mishap, the loss of such a great American hero would irreparably damage the space program as well as the morale of the American public.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

Renfrewshire regarding the situation we all currently find ourselves in.

My own internet searches found this Scottish Government site: -

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/>

I found it very useful and by just inputting my postcode it tells me which of the five Levels (Tiers) my house/area are in, what the level means and what is expected of me

Away from coronavirus It is sometimes said that "A picture paints a thousand words". If this is indeed the case then I hope the attached charts and diagrams give you pause for thought. The enforced break has allowed me some time to just look at and review some of the records we take for granted, in this case, the Sederunt or 'sign-in book'.

Hugh Cattigan PZ, Scribe E.

Message from the ME First Principal

Hi Companions,

Fraternal greetings to you all and your families and I hope you are all safe and well,

Companions, once again as I compile these few lines the information from the Scottish Government is not good, further restrictions have been put in place by the introduction of a tier system at this time can I ask Companions to adhere to restrictions enforced upon us in a hope to rid us off this pandemic.

I have received no update at present from PGRAC of Renfrewshire, which I think is understandable under the current situation that we are now experiencing.

I am delighted that two of my installing Principals, MEC's George and Ian Paul have been granted Hon Rank in a different order, (Hon Grand Prefect) congratulations to both.

May I again finish by thanking both Hugh and Jim for the hard work they are doing for the chapter,

Companions please keep safe

Harry Lloyd MEZ

Famous Freemasons

(This month we turn to one of the true giants of the literary world)

Bro Rudyard Kipling (1865 - 1936)

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India, on December 30, 1865. His father, John L. Kipling, was an artist of considerable ability. Like most British children born abroad, he was sent to England for his education, which he received at United Services College at Westward Ho, North Devon. By 1880, however, he was back in India, at Lahore, where at the age of seventeen he began his life's work, writing, as a sub-editor for *The Civil and Military Gazette* and *Pioneer*.



Some of his first short stories appeared in that journal. Between 1887 and 1889 he travelled extensively in Asia and America. He lived for four years in Vermont. In 1892 he married an American girl, Caroline Batestier. He became acquainted with the leading American writers of the day, including Mark Twain, with whom he was later to receive an honorary degree from Oxford University, in 1907. But England was his spiritual home. He settled there soon after his marriage, to become one of that country's most admired and prolific writers. In 1907 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, the first English writer to win that prize. In his lifetime he was widely acclaimed and highly honoured.

Rudyard Kipling was an active and devoted Mason all his life. His writings contain many allusions and references to Masonic practices; some of them completely Masonic in thought and motivation. He was made a Mason in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782 (EC) at Lahore, India in 1886. It required a special dispensation, because he was only twenty years of age at the time. The same evening he was raised, he was elected secretary of the lodge, and recorded his own initiation in the minutes.

Rudyard Kipling became a Mark Master in Mark Lodge "Fidelity" on April 12, 1887, and received the Mark Mariners degree in Lodge "Mt. Ararat" at Lahore, April 17, 1888. After settling in England, he also affiliated with Motherland Lodge No. 3861 in London, and helped to found two other lodges there, Author's Lodge No. 3456 and Lodge Builders of the Silent Cities No. 4948. In 1905 he was chosen poet laureate of Scotland's famous Canongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, Edinburgh, and thereby became one of the successors to the immortal Robert Burns, the first to hold that distinguished Masonic office. What seems to have attracted Rudyard Kipling to Freemasonry are the same ideals and tenets which have long fascinated men since time immemorial, the possibility of all good men "meeting on the level" and building a better society "by the square".

The *Jungle Books* are regarded by many critics as his finest writing. These fascinating tales of wild animals are still best-sellers on book lists for children. Published in 1906 & 1910, they were written for the children of England, to make them aware and proud of the country and its history. He also tried his hand at novels. *Kim* (1901), a novel of Indian life, is regarded as the best of these. Kipling's poetry was an early product of his pen. In 1896 appeared the collection of poems titled *The Seven Seas*, which contains the Masonic composition, "Mother Lodge".

Some of Kipling's poems may be positively labelled "Masonic". Among them are "The Palace", "Banquet Night", "The Widow of Windsor", "Rough Ashlar" and "Mother Lodge", which first appeared in *The Seven Seas* (1896). The story of "The Man Who Would Be King" has a plot which is based on the degrees of Symbolic Masonry. Its "moral" suggests that no man may use Freemasonry to advance his own personal, selfish ends.

Brother Kipling knew how to tell a story. He died on January 18, 1936, and was buried as an English hero in Westminster Abbey.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 39 Years Ago

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At our regular meeting on 3rd November Bro's Jim Renfrew, William Renfrew, George Jack and Peter Cameron were raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by our friends from Lodge Thistle and Crown No.1167. The Lodge opened at 07:30pm and closed at 10:40pm with an attendance of 166.

On Tuesday the 17th November, twenty brethren were presented for the MMM degree conducted by the IPM, Bro. 'Bud' Gauld. The Lodge opened at 07:30pm and closed at 09:45pm with an attendance of 141.

On Saturday the 28th November a large deputation from the PGLRE, headed by the PG Substitute Master Bro. James E. Corbitt witnessed a fine Installation ceremony carried out by the practiced hands of Bro's Tom Young PM and David Noble PM. 245 brethren witnessed Bro. Brian Morton being installed as RWM.

Our recent Sports Quiz was reported in the Glasgow Herald, The Rangers News and the Barrhead News.

The Worthy Almoner's briefcase has eventually been found after being missing for six weeks, in, of all places, the Secretary's desk? "It just goes to show how often it is opened".

Bro. Gordon McMillan will be running a Ne'erday Darts tournament.

Bro's Bob Carrey PM and Willie Cunningham have the forthcoming *Masonic Burns Supper* well in hand.

Bro. Ian McMahon is organising a *Race Night* for early in the New Year.

We are informed that Bro. 'Bud' Gauld PM Sec. is in the process of arranging an inter-Lodge quiz.

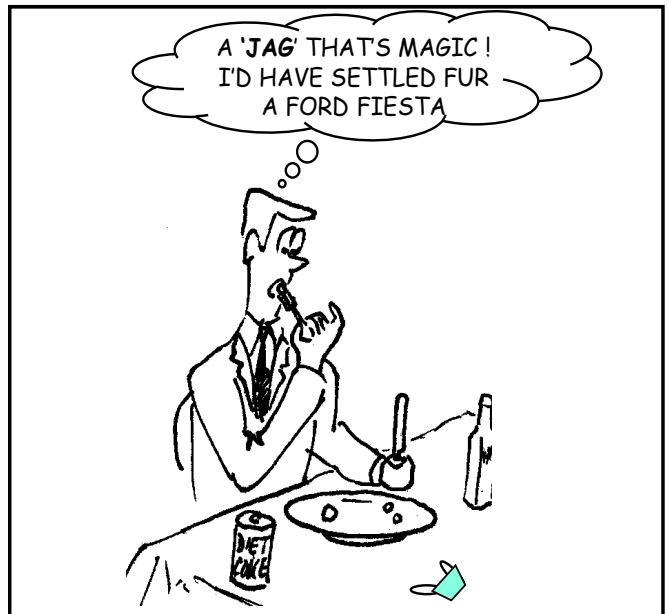
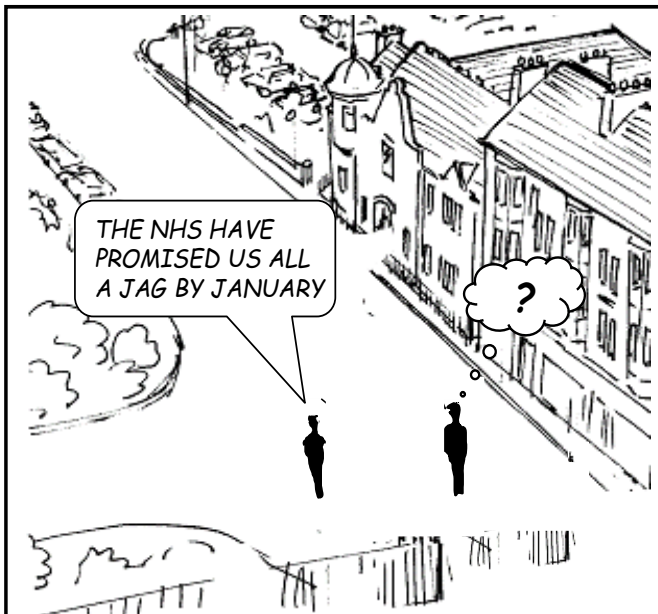
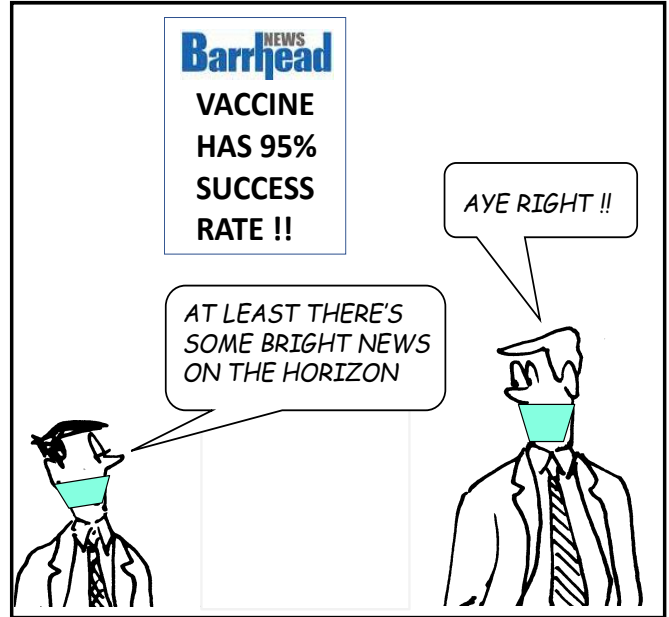
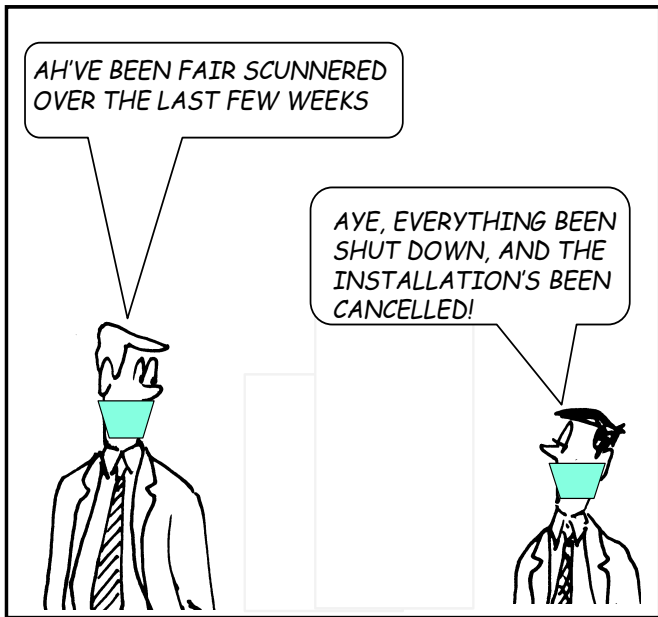
Congratulations to Bro. Willie Cunningham who has taken over the job of Social Convenor from Bro. Alex Mcleod. We wish him every success.

A letter was printed from Bro. George Zeller, Scribe E. of Rockmount RAC No. 367 complaining about a previous issue of the Mallet which seems to have, or at least was taken to have, contained disparaging remarks about the 'Red' orders of freemasonry. (Good to see that after 29 years *The Mallet* and *Rockmount RAC* are still talking. Ed.(and current Scribe E.)).

We learn that Bro's Tom Young PM and Bob Carrey, on a recent visit to Stoke on Trent were invited to the Lord Mayor's banquet.

Did you know: Harry S.Truman, President of the United States of America, was an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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