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It is almost 25 years since Lodge Union & Crown took the initiative to research and introduce a dramatised element to our ritual work. Originally to bring a different flavour to our already impressive standard of degree work, it was well received and accepted by the Brethren of Union & Crown. Over the next few years this welcome addition prospered and grew as it proved popular.

The fertile and imaginative mind of Brother Bud Gauld PM wasn't finished there, and within a few years the extremely popular 'Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree' was born and introduced to our already busy syllabus. Much discussion went on behind the scenes, as it became accepted that Lodges in many cases had simply become 'Initiation Factories' who regularly churned out the standard three degrees – 1,2,3 .... 1,2,3 etc. More variety, and a different approach it was conceived would bring a fresh approach which it was felt would make our meetings much more enjoyable for the Brethren who attended. In addition, and added bonus was the simple fact that less of the standard degrees over the course of a year, would lessen the need for candidates – a double bonus !

Not content with dramatised MM and FC degrees, Bro Bud took it further and scripted his remarkable 'Table of Scottish Freemasons' which has expanded and developed beyond even his far-sighted vision. Now an open night, to which non-masons are invited, it tells the full story of Scottish Freemasonry from the Middle Ages right through to modern times through the remarkable long line of famous Scottish Freemasons. In recent years, this open evening has delivered a steady stream of Candidates who attended as guests, not realising at first exactly what our Craft was all about.

Over the last few years the addition of the 'Burns/Kipling' dramatization and the extremely popular 'Prisoner of War Degree' have delighted audiences in both Union & Crown, and all round the country, with a steady stream of invitations received in the years ahead.

The question we ask today is 'Were we correct to go ahead and introduce all these 'Damatisations', or should we have stuck with the traditional 3 degrees ?

Believe it or not there are some who would have us revert to the old way !!!

We'd be delighted to hear your opinions on this.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

*Dear Sir & Brother,*

*The Right Worshipful Master, Bro George McGrandles cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :*

***Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

***Dramatised MM Degree***

*conferred by*

***Lodge Instruction Class***

*Harmony*



***Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

***Mark Ceremonial***

*Harmony*



***Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017***

***at 4pm***

*Business : Installation of Office-bearers*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

***James Miller P.M., Secretary***

# Regular Meetings

At the rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class presented the popular 'Table of Scottish Freemasons' which was greatly appreciated by all. That evening saw a small deputation of Brethren from Spring Lodge in Houston, Texas in attendance. The 4 Texan Brethren also took some time out during the evening to present a 'Masonic Civil War Re-enactment' which went down well.

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 8.07pm**

**Attendance : 52**

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, the Lodge held its Annual General Meeting, where the election of Office-bearers and Committees etc. was successfully carried out.

**Opened : 7-31 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 8.34 pm**

**Attendance : 39**



## 100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for the month of October were :

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

£10 : **Roy Dinning PM**

£5 : **Bro Tom Mulholland PM**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

£10 : **Bro Ken Coleman PM**

£5 : **Bro Jim Paton**

Names are still being taken for next year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro Jim Kerr PM, our Treasurer.

### ***Did you know that . . . . .***

A Masonic 'Square and Compasses' ring is not regarded as an official item of Masonic Jewelry, even though many Freemasons wear one.

However, the general consensus seems to be that if the wearer wishes to advise others that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear the ring with the Compasses points toward the fingertips.

If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear it with the compasses points toward the wrist.



# Dates for you Diary

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Dramatised Master Mason Degree will be conferred by the Lodge Instruction Class

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** 'Big Breakfast' : 9am till 1pm in the Function Suite.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** Regular Meeting where the Mark Ceremonial will be conferred by a team led by Bro Ian Blair IPM

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** Annual Installation of Office-bearers at 4pm.  
The Installing Masters are : Bro William Gauld PM; Bro Johnny Gauld PM and Bro R Evans Reid PM

*(In addition to the above, the R.W.M. is constantly involved in unofficial visits to Sister Lodges, details of which can be obtained by contacting any senior Office-bearer who will be only too pleased to take you along with them as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province.*



## Masonic Hall at Beamish

The opening of the Masonic Hall at Beamish, The North of England Open Air Museum in April 2006 was the culmination of a project that began in 1988. Beamish is an open-air museum set in a 300-acre site in the north east of England, between Durham and Newcastle. Threatened significant buildings from around the region have been physically moved to the museum and set in the landscape. They are interpreted by people in costume; the buildings are set in 1913 or 1825 depending on the area in which they are located.



The purpose of the museum is to preserve the history of the North East. The Masonic Hall provides an insight into the changing world of freemasonry. Set in 1913 the building, with its costumed interpreters, allows members of the public to explore Edwardian freemasonry at their own pace. At that time the institution was much more public, visible and thriving than it is today.

Although Masonic Temples as they are sometimes known, are not considered to be places of worship, there are obvious similarities between their architecture and the ecclesiastical architecture of the Victorian and Edwardian periods, not only in terms of size and form, but also in terms of the threats they now face

# BITS & PIECES

- Our Worthy Treasurer is still looking for outstanding Test Fees to be paid as soon as possible. If required, a 'Standing Order' can be set-up for anyone to pay their annual fees in an easy and convenient way.
- Best Wishes to Bro Bert Smith and his wife Margaret, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding.
- Congratulations to Bro Lawrence Webb and his wif Elaine who recently became grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Jillian gave birth to a bouncing baby girl who has been named Erin
- Our Worthy Treasurer would be more than willing to accept any donations towards the annual Capitation Fee that the Lodge pays to Grand Lodge. This is based upon the number of active Brethren in the Lodge and comes to a bill well in excess of £2000.
- Bro Bud Gauld PM is the latest member of Union & Crown to reach the milestone of 70 this year. We wish him '*continued long life & happiness*'.
- Bro Ian Brenchley PM of our near neighbours Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 has been installed in to the Chair of his Mother Lodge for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. 2018 is their Centenary Year and Bro Ian, who is a frequent visitor to 307, was thought to be the best candidate for this important role.
- Taking everything into account, there's absolutely no doubt that Lodge Union & Crown has had a spectacular year over the last 12 months.
- It was heartening to see that the Lodge managed to fill every office at our recent AGM, without resorting to using Past Masters out with the executive offices.
- At the end of our recent official visitation to Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153 it was a delight to see two Brethren well known in 307 – Bro Jack Clugston PM and Bro George Smith Almoner. receive their 60<sup>th</sup> Year Jewels. Coincidentally, both were also initiated on the very same evening.
- It was good to see a total of 4 papers read out at our recent meeting, two initiates, and two affiliates, all of whom will proceed in the months ahead.

## Visitations



Our final couple of official visitation of the year saw us travelling to Lodge St Conval, No.1359 in Busby on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, where Bro David Watson PM and some of the Brethren conferred a fine FC Degree upon their Candidate.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Bro Colin Hamilton and his experienced team conferred an EA Degree within Lodge Pollokshaws, No.153.

On both occasions Bro George McGrandles RWM was well supported, with 19 & 13 Brethren respectively in our deputation.

# A CIVIL WAR STORY

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks



didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag.

It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Master's Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

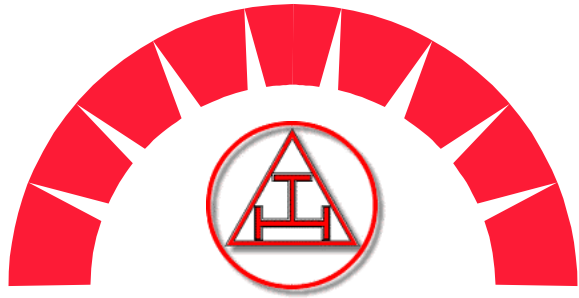
The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

Anyway, I have loved this story since the first time I heard it. It clearly demonstrates that, at the darkest period in our Nation's history, when brothers were killing brothers, Brothers could still be Brothers

**by Bro John Hohenstein, Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia**

*(Editor's Note : Following the 'Civil War Re-enactment' carried out by the Brethren of Spring Lodge in Houston, Texas at our recent Regular Meeting, we thought it appropriate to publish this story in this edition.)*

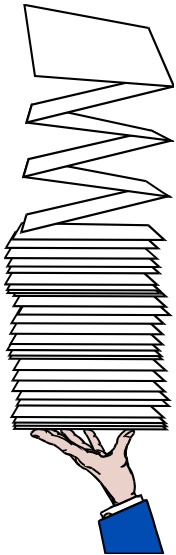


**Rockmount R.A.C. No.367**

At the Regular Meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, the Chapter held its annual Installation, where MEC Hugh Cattigan was installed as ME First Principle for a second year.

The Installing Principles were MEC James Miller PZ; MEC Robert McCulloch PZ and MEC John Miller PZ. All in attendance enjoyed a fine ceremonial.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be on : **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm and the Companions of Rockmount, extend a warm invitation to all to attend on that evening, where an Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred by the Companions of Rockmount RAC.



## Paper Appeal

Due to a rapid, and unexpected, decline in our stock, we are in grave danger of running out of that most essential of commodities – PAPER.

As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m<sup>2</sup> copier or duplicator paper, preferably white but any colour will do. Without sufficient stocks, we simply cannot print enough copies of our journal to satisfy our wide-ranging readership. So if you have the odd ream lying about just let us know and we'll even arrange to have it picked-up if necessary.



## Masonic Snippet

In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote :

*"A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square."*

Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."



# "Freemasonry Around the World" Portugal

The first known Freemason in Portugal was a Swiss immigrant by the name of John Coustos, who along with two other Portuguese members of his lodge, were arrested by the Portuguese Inquisition and questioned under torture in the 1740s. Coustos later wrote a book detailing his sufferings under the Inquisition.

Today, Freemasonry in Portugal consists of two differing branches who are currently "not in mutual regular amity" with each other

1. the Anglo/American "Regular" tradition of jurisdictions, typified by the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) who are mostly termed Grand Lodges.
2. the European "Continental" tradition of jurisdictions, typified by GODF (mostly termed Grand Orients) with varying and shifting amity.

In most Latin countries, the GODF style predominates, although in most of these Latin countries there are also Grand Lodges and Grand Orients that are in "regular amity" with the UGLE and the worldwide community of Grand Lodges that share regular fraternal relations.

The "*Grand Oriente Lusitano*", founded in 1802, is the oldest Masonic organisation in Portugal. It is recognized by the Grand Orient de France and also belongs to 'The Centre of Liaison and Information of Masonic Powers Signatories of Strasbourg Appeal' (CLIPSAS). This is an international group of Masonic Grand Orients and Grand Lodges that adhere to Continental Freemasonry and signed the Strasbourg Appeal. Other members include the Grand Orient de France, the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Lodge of Italy.

Under the auspices of the Grande Oriente Lusitano there are lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and of the French Rite. These Rites are administered by their respective governing bodies, with which the Grande Oriente Lusitano has a treaty to confer the symbolic degrees:

The three organisations (or potencies as they are named masonically) are represented in civil society through the Grémio Lusitano, a cultural, recreational and philanthropic society whose headquarters are situated at the Rua do Grémio Lusitano in Lisbon. This building, also hosts the Portuguese Masonic Museum, considered by many as one of the best of its kind in Europe, and is open to the general public.

The "*Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal*" (GLRP) was created under a warrant from the Grande Loge Nationale Française in 1991.

The "*Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal*/GLRP" (GLLP/GLRP) was created in 1996, after a dispute over the legality of an election to the Grand Mastership. That led the majority of the members of that body to create a new civil association under the name "Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal/GLRP".

As such, most international masonic bodies no longer recognize GLRP. GLLP, however, is recognized by most Grand Lodges in the Anglo-American stream of Freemasonry as the only Regular masonic obedience in Portugal.

There is yet a third Masonic body in Portugal - *Grande Loja Nacional Portuguesa* and this is the only masonic body currently recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In addition, there are four English Lodges and three Royal Arch Chapters, operating across the Algarve and in the greater Lisbon area, who's members are largely British expats with Links to the UGLE.



## **WORLD AT WAR**

### **1914 – 1918**

**(October 1917)**



On October 6<sup>th</sup> one of the bloodiest conflicts in history ended. The Battle of Passchendaele finished when Canadian troops captured the village of Passchendaele after a conflict which resulted in 250,000 casualties on both sides.

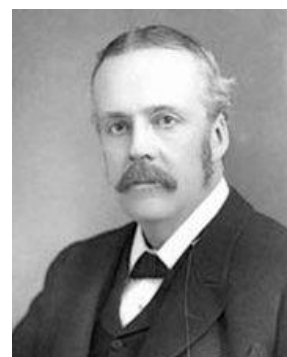
Two days later, Leon Trotsky, Russian Marxist revolutionary and theorist, Soviet politician, and the founder and first leader of the Red Army was named chairman of the Petrograd Soviet as Bolsheviks gain control and within the week the Soviets accept establishment of Petrograd Military.

Oct 15 Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan Mata Hari is executed by firing squad for spying for Germany during WWI at Vincennes near Paris

Mid October saw the first Americans to see action on front lines of WWI: US troops enter the front lines at Sommervillier under French command and on Oct 23 the 1st Infantry division "Big Red One" shoots 1st US shot in WW I. At the same time Lenin speaks against Kamenev, Kollontai, Stalin & Trotsky.

October also saw, in Southern Palestine, at the Battle of Beersheba, the last "successful cavalry charge in history" performed by the 4th Australian Light Horse

Back home, George V was on the Throne while David Lloyd George was Prime Minister of a coalition government. The British government gave final approval to the Balfour Declaration, named after Arthur Balfour a Scottish Conservative MP and former Prime Minister and which effectively proclaimed British support for a Jewish state in Palestine. Sir Arthur Lee donated the country house of Chequers to the country



Thirteen Zeppelins set out on a high-altitude raid against the middle of England but severe weather conditions prevented all but two in reaching their targets. One of the airships bombed London, killing 24 people and injuring nine others, as well destroying the Austin Motor Works plant at Longbridge, England. The second airship bombed Northampton and London.

### **Other Trivia**

Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell attended the unveiling of a monument to him in front of a crowd of thousands in Brantford, Ontario

Bob Fitzsimmons, British boxer, held world champion titles in all three major weight classes Bob was considered the lightest heavyweight champion.

Born this month were Hollywood actresses June Allyson (The Glen Miller Story, The Three Musketeers) and Joan Fontaine (Rebecca, Jane Eyre)

# Almoner's Report

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother James Brigg Anthony (85) of Union & Crown, peacefully at the RAH in Paisley on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Bro Jim was initiated in 1953 and for a time later was the Lodge Hall Keeper. I as your Almoner did not know Bro Jim too well, but used to meet him whilst attending church services in Barrhead over many years. A devout churchman, he was very well known in that 'Godly Sphere' On the occasions when I found myself in conversation with Bro Jim, I always found him to be gentlemanly and pleasant – a most agreeable man and mason.



I'm certain he performed and made a truly worthwhile contribution to our Lodge and fraternity when he was fit and able to do so. I thank Bro Donald Ferguson of 307 for briefing me regarding Bro Jim's sad passing.

The funeral service took place at Woodside Crematorium on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, where sincere condolences were tendered by me to family members on behalf of the Lodge. I received a warm heartfelt response from sons Colin and Robin.

## **Birthday Celebrations :**

- Bro Andrew Meiklejohn, resident in Haig House, Erskine Hospital, turned 75
- Bro John B Ross at home in Paisley turned 70
- Bro William 'Bud' Gauld PM turned 70

Birthday wishes were afforded in a most cordial and sincere manner, embracing the joy of the occasion to the above Brethren by me.

## **Home Visits :**

Bro Donald Ferguson

Bro Willie Reid

Bro Robert Kennedy

Bro Tom Conway

Bro Jim Laird

Bro Jim Waterston

## **Phone Calls :**

Mrs Anne Houston

Bro John B Ross

Mrs Karen Laird

Bro Campbell Stewart

Mrs Margaret McLellan

Bro Jim Paton

Bro John W Smith

Bro Robert McCulloch

In conclusion, I take time to put into words my gratitude to Bro Jim Bradshaw, a stalwart of 307, for the compassionate, caring and dedicated support he has given me in recent times. Also for his words of comfort and steadfast and loyal support to Bro Jimmy Heron and family during Bro Jimmy's health upset.

**Brother Alexander G. White**

Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 39 Years Ago

No. 18

October 1978

TO OUR READERS : We thought it was about time that our publication had a title. Quite a few suggestions were put forward, but were all rejected as being unsuitable. Suddenly the inspiration came : why not call it THE MALLET ? After all, is it not the Symbol of Authority. We hope you like it ?

### REGULAR MEETINGS :

On the 3rd October the following four Candidates had the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred upon them by a well-rehearsed team from the Instruction Class : A Joss, J McKinnon, A Kelly & J Reid. There was also the affiliation of Bro Sam Francis of Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 Attendance : 140

On the 17th of October, there was a fraternal visitation from Lodge Garthland St Winnoch, No.205. Their Office-bearers conferred an excellent Fellow Craft Degree on the above-mentioned candidates. Attendance : 120

### POINTS of INTEREST :

Martin Henderson, the former Ranger's player, who recently returned from the USA and who was signed for Leicester City by Jock Wallace, is a member of the Lodge of Kirkaldie, No.72, where his father is a Past Master.

Did you know that Shanks & Co., when founded had strong Masonic ties. The Tubal Works were called after the first artificer in brass and iron.

To settle an argument in the Lodge concerning Ian St John, one-time centre forward with Motherwell, Liverpool & Scotland, and now manager of Portsmouth FC, he is a member of Lodge Livingstone St Andrew, No. 573.

### 100 CLUB :

£10 : David Noble & Sam McFadyen.

£5 : David Gebbie & Jim Easdon.

£1 : Nat Christie & Len Matthews.

### ACQUISITION :

Through the good offices of Bro Jack Gauld we have now acquired an electric typewriter.

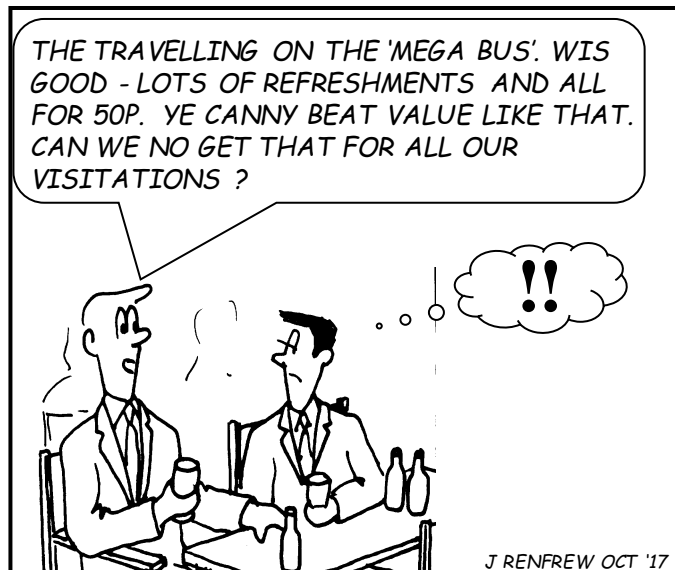
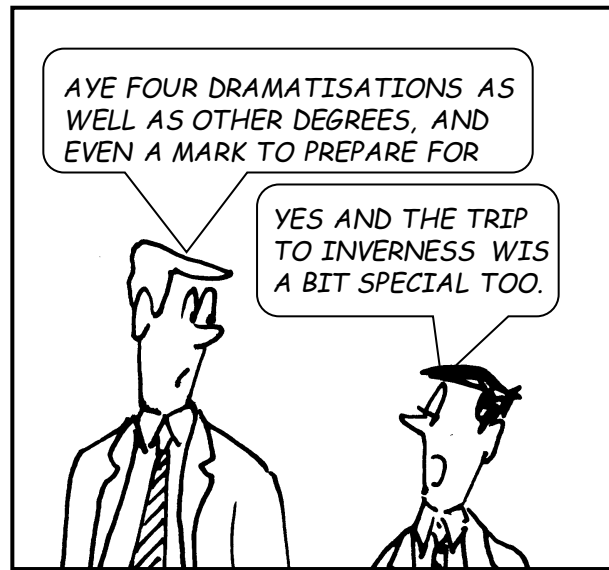
He has our grateful thanks ! That now makes our publication totally independent.

### TAILPIECE :

Conductor to Candidate : " I must divest you of all money and metallic substances "

Candidate : " My wife must be a mason, she's been doing that for years "

# MARK N' ARCHIE



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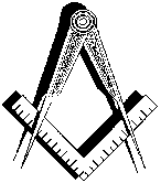
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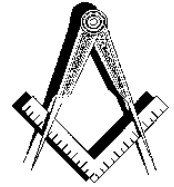
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" With grateful thanks to all those who gladly gave their assistance "

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# Syllabus 2017 / 2018



## November 2017

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**      **DMM**      by the Lodge Instruction Class
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**      **MMM**      by Bro Ian Blair IPM
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**      Annual Installation of Office-bearers at 4pm

## December 2017

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**      **EA**      by the Worshipful Wardens
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**      **FC**      by the Worthy Deacons

## January 2018

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**      Meeting Postponed
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**      **MM**      by the Installing Masters