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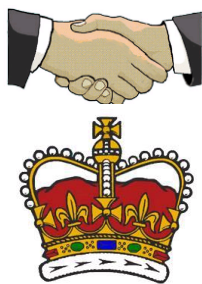
As we head off in to the Summer Recess after an almost full session, it will be good to get a break and not have to think too much about meeting tight monthly deadlines. However, we decided to be a little different this month and have a somewhat 'lighter' tone to **The Mallet** in a similar fashion to many of the local school kids who have a 'Fun Day' on the last day before their summer holidays.

We are marking (not a pun !) the fact that our lovable cartoon Brethren – Mark n' Archie recently reached the milestone of 21 years old and over that period have hopefully kept a smile on the face of our readers with their antics.

It was during the early part of 2000, just after we'd entered the new Millennium that the late Bro Gordon Miller and I sat down and discussed the possibility of perhaps creating a fresh topical type of cartoon for our monthly journal which had been well-served by the hand-drawn cartoons of the late Bro Roddy Glen of Lodge St Andrew, No.465. This excited both of us and took us back to earlier times when we worked together. A few month later, Bro Gordon came up with the prototype drawings which we quickly got in to the required format and decided upon the name 'Mark & Archie' for obvious masonic reasons.

For the original artwork for our intrepid pair, we decided to base upon two of 307's characters – Bro Tom Forde and Bro Eric Gray, who sadly are no longer with us, and the rest they say is history ! This month we have included some of the favourite efforts previously published and we hope that it will again bring a wry smile to all of us as we remember the sad passing of Brothers Gordon, Tom and of course Eric, who actually had some dealing with our lovable rogues in cartoons past.

The Mallet will be celebrating its own milestone anniversary in 2026, when it reaches 50 years old. Perhaps it is fitting that Mark n' Archie will celebrate their 25th Anniversary in the same year.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Ronald Angus MacIsaac cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meeting of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Entered Apprentice Degree

*By the Brethren of
Lodge Instruction Class
Harmony*



Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M. , Lodge Secretary

Regular Meetings

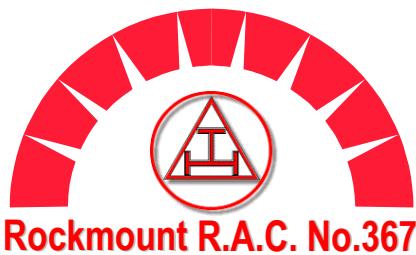
At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 3rd May, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out our popular 'Dramatised' Master Mason Degree. Short of a couple of the regular 'players' due to Covid and other family commitments, those taking part delivered a fine rendition of the 3rd Degree.

Thereafter the Brethren retired to the Function Suite, where they enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere at the Lodge Harmony.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 8.55pm

Attendance : 46



On Tuesday 10th May, the Chapter continued its return to normal working, and conferred an excellent Royal Arch degree on :

**Bro David Peters
& Bro Derek Cameron**

in what was a particularly competent and enjoyable performance by those who took part, in some cases for the very first time, and all can be satisfied by the overall performance.

The next regular meeting of the Chapter will be on Tuesday on 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm. where the Chapter will hold it's Annual Business Meeting, and election of Office-bearers.

Did you know ?

- That it is extremely common for Lodges in the US to stage 'Car Show' in aid of Lodge Funds, or other deserving causes. The Brethren take over a local car park and invite Brethren and their families to bring along their Muscle Cars and Hot-roads etc for the public to admire. Many such events become social gatherings which do much to raise the standing in the Local community and even attract new candidates.
- Whilst the Mark Master degree is conferred in most parts of the world, in Kentucky the degree consists of four different ceremonies combined, including a combination of the English Mark Man degree originally conferred on Fellowcraft, and the Mark Master degree which was reserved for Master Masons. The American degree is an extension of the Fellowcraft, but conferred only on Master Masons.

BITS & PIECES

- Hearty congratulations to Bro PJ Smith and his lovely wife Elaine, who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.
- The Widows' Lunch is on the 9th June, and all the invitations have been distributed. Bro Jim Miller PM is again organizing this popular event, and is seeking Brethren to 'Sponsor a Widow' and perhaps donate a raffle prize.
- We gather that Bro Kenny Gasper's son Austen is the No.1 ranked boxer for his age group in Scotland.
- Best Wishes to Bro Jim Wade, who is affiliating to Lodge Craigielea. Bro Jim has lived all his life in Paisley and finds it a little more convenient.
- Any brother wishing to try their hand at degree work is more than welcome to come along to the lodge instruction class on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm, where the Lodge will be rehearsing for the new Masonic year
- Congratulations to a youthful Bro Donald Cook PM who celebrated his 65th Birthday earlier this month, also to Bro Stef Lawniczak who hits 70 this month
- Another milestone, this time for Bro Hugh Cattigan PM who turned 66 and retired after almost 50 years with the Civil Service. We wish him a long and happy retirement.
- Congratulations to Bro Tom Mulholland's daughter Laura who was recently married.
- In a busy month for weddings, we also offer our best wishes to Bro Kenny Gasper and his lovely wife Kirsty who were married in Pollokshields Burgh Hall. Kirsty is of course the daughter of the late Bro Tom Smith PM.
- We gather that our intrepid SD, Bro Alan Izatt is now settled in his newly-completed home in Kilcreggan where he enjoys wonderful views across the Firth of Forth. Bro Alan commutes regularly back to Barrhead and seldom if ever misses a Lodge Meeting, Committee Meeting or Instruction class, even turning up for his bar duty !
- Bro Stef Lawniczak's daughter Nicole is studying hard in her effort to become a Ambulance Paramedic. One of the strange conditions of her quest is that she must pass a particular category of Driving Licence which includes tractors ! The consequence of this is that she needs to know intimate and obscure details of this for her theory test.
- Great that Bro Billy Dickie, who hasn't enjoyed the best of health in recent months, travelled to Darvel for our recent visitation.
- Good to see Bro Colin McLardy PM home from Canada for a few days recently. Unfortunately, it didn't coincide with a Lodge Meeting. He was rushing back afterwards to attend the Rangers North American Supporters convention in Las Vegas.
- Wonderful to see Bro Paul Stewart PM attending the Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark HM's Platinum Jubilee. Bro Paul is a senior member of Scotland's Fire & Rescue Service and is due to retire at the end of June after almost 30 years service.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 2nd September Visitation to Lodge Paisley St Mirrins', No.129 where we have been invited confer a Dramatised FC Degree.

Tuesday 6th September Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where an Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class



100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes this month were :

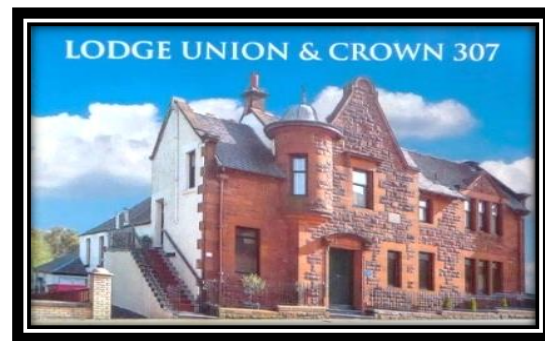
3rd May £20 : **Bro Kenny Beatts**

£10 : **Bro Robert Clark SM**

Lodge Postcards

Unique colour postcards of our Temple are still available for sale at the bargain price of £1-00 each from Bro Jim Miller PM (☎ 0141 881 4006) jimmiller307@hotmail.co.uk

All proceeds will go to The Lodge Charity Fund, with an annual donation being made to a local charity each year at our Anniversary Dinner in February. As it stand, a magnificent total of over £800 has been raised so far.



Visitations



Just a few days after the Lodge held its own last Regular Meeting before going into Summer Recess, we travelled the short journey to Nitshill on Monday 9th May, where we had been invited to confer a MM Degree. A decent deputation of 20 Brethren support our RWM, and the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out a fine 3rd Degree upon a single candidate.

The following week we travelled down to Lodge Darvel, No.971 on Friday 20th May to carry out the Dramatised 'Prisoner of War' degree. Again Bro Ronnie MacIsaac was well supported by the Brethren of 307 and a goodly number of visitors in the attendance were well-entertained by our efforts.

Famous Freemasons

(This month - a Brother whose image became famous on WW1 Recruiting Posters))

Bro Viscount Horatio Herbert Kitchener (1850-1916)

Horatio Kitchener was born in June 1850, at Bally Longford in County Kerry in Ireland, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Kitchener.

He was educated in Switzerland and at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. In 1871, he joined in the Royal Engineers. He took part in the unsuccessful operation to relieve General Charles Gordon at Khartoum in 1884-1885, and in 1886 was appointed governor general of eastern Sudan. Six years later served he became commander in chief of the Egyptian army. In 1896, he began the reconquest of Sudan from the forces of al-Mahdi, culminating in the Battle of Omdurman and the reoccupation of Khartoum in 1898. Kitchener was then made governor of Sudan, having become a national hero.



In 1900, Kitchener was appointed chief of staff to Lord Roberts, British commander in the Boer War. When Roberts returned to England, Kitchener was left to deal with continuing Boer resistance. His ruthless measures - including the use of camps to imprison civilians (the origin of the term 'concentration camp') - were much criticised.

On returning to England in 1902, he was created Viscount Kitchener (he was made an earl in 1914) and was appointed commander in chief in India. In 1911, he became the proconsul of Egypt, serving there and in the Sudan until 1914. When war broke out, Kitchener reluctantly accepted the appointment of secretary of state for war. Unlike many in government and the military, he foresaw a war lasting for years, and planned accordingly. He rapidly enlisted and

trained huge numbers of volunteers for a succession of entirely new 'Kitchener armies'.

As secretary of state for war in the first years of World War One, he was depicted on the most famous British army recruitment poster ever produced.

But his cabinet colleagues did not share the public worship of Kitchener and he was gradually relieved of his responsibilities. His support for the disastrous Dardanelles operation, combined with the 'shell crisis' of 1915, eroded his reputation further. Sent on a mission to Russia in June 1916, he drowned on 5 June when his ship, HMS Hampshire was sunk by a German mine off the Orkneys.

While in Egypt, Kitchener was initiated into Freemasonry in 1883 in the Italian-speaking La Concordia Lodge No. 1226, which met in Cairo. In November 1899 he was appointed the first District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Egypt and the Sudan, under the United Grand Lodge of England.

He was a founder member of the following: Drury Lane Lodge, No.2127, founded in 1885; Khartoum Lodge, No.2877, founded in 1901; Kitchener Lodge, No. 2998, founded at Simla, Punjab, in 1903.

Brother Lord Kitchener was District Grand Master of the Punjab in 1902; Junior Grand Warden of England in 1916. Brother Kitchener possessed great talents as a linguist in Oriental languages which stood him in good stead in his Masonic work, and this, coupled with his strength of character and power and skill as a soldier, made him a man who was loved by all his men and by the entire English-speaking world and one of whom the Masonic Fraternity is justly proud.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 17 Years Ago

No. 274

May 2004

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 4th May, the following Candidates:

Campbell Kennedy

Ronnie MacIsaac

Paul Ratheram

were passed to the Second, Square or Fellowcraft Degree, by the Office-bearers and Brethren of our near neighbours, Lodge Saint Conval, Giffnock, No.1359, in what was a fine FC Degree ably conferred by the "conferring master" for the evening - Bro David Park PM and his experienced team. Bro David Graham Right Worshipful Master of 1359 must have been satisfied by the efforts of the degree workers.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-37pm

Attendance : 97

Ladies Night

Bro Jim Miller PM staged another of his popular Ladies Nights on Friday 7th May within the Function Suite. Although the attendance was slightly down on previous functions, it was nevertheless, well attended with the "Ladies of the Lodge" and their family and friends well entertained.

The Karaoke was provided by Bro George Munn PM of Lodge Nitshill, free of charge, and although it was indeed late in the evening before the ladies found their voice, a good time was had by all. The main entertainment was provided (by popular demand) by the members of the 307 Concert Party who were in fine voice themselves. Many of the regular "Acts" were again on show, with one or two additions to their repertoire – notably Bro Wolf Easdon as a youthful "Buddy Holly" ably backed and accompanied by his "Crickets".

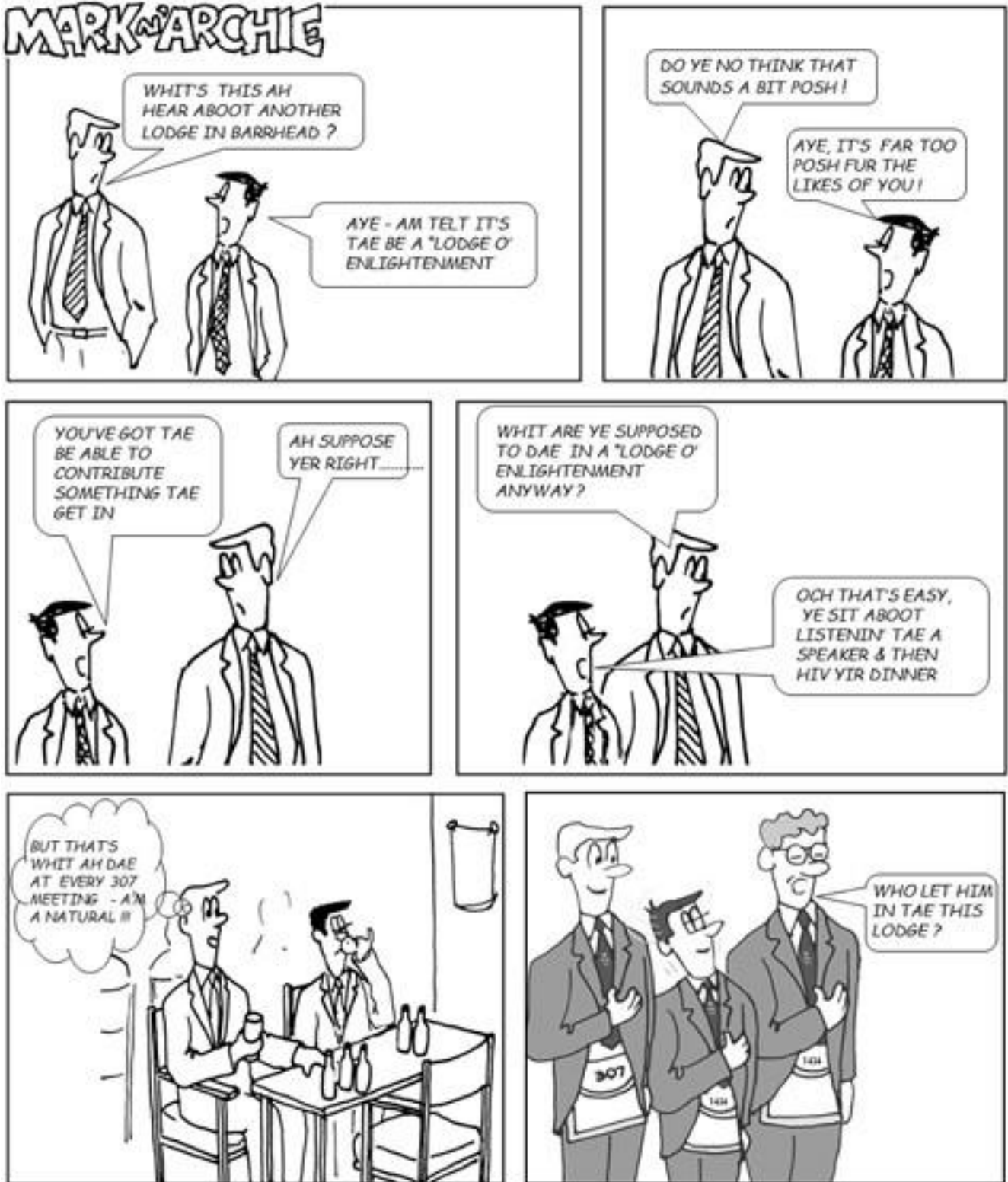
A good evening, enjoyed by all in attendance, has managed to raise a sizeable amount for Lodge funds, and the thanks of all must go to Bro Jim Miller PM for all his effort and hard work.

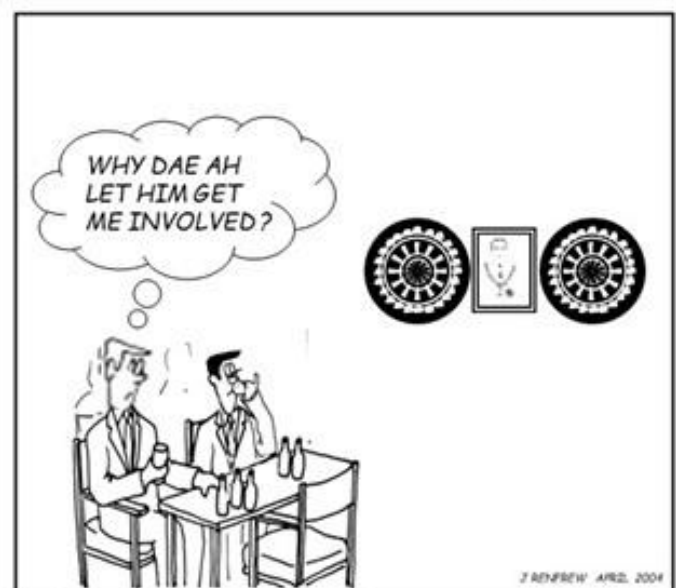
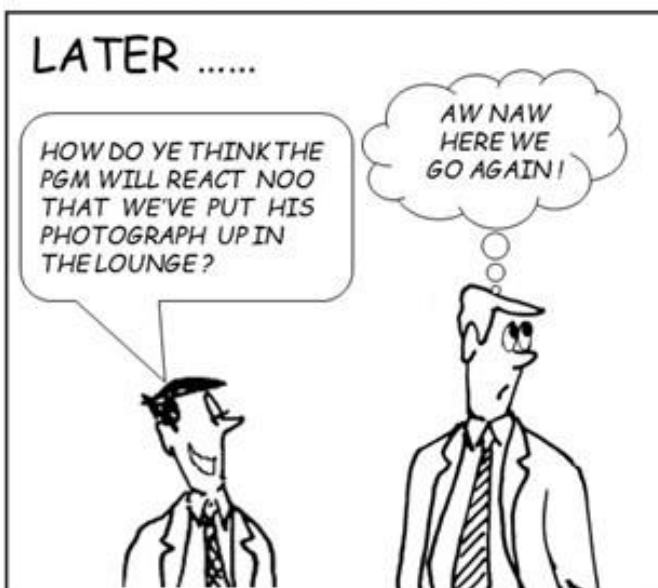
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- All are reminded that Bro Tom Young PM will be reconvening the Lodge Instruction Class on Monday 16th August at 7-30pm. Those who involved in degrees during September and beyond, should ensure that they take their ritual books with them on the beach during the break to ensure that they are ready come September !
- Plans are afoot to visit Lodge St Kilda, No.881 on Skye in early September. Anyone interested should append their name to the list on the Noticeboard, or contact Bro Johnny Gauld IPM (☎ 881 2358)
- Congratulations to Bro Billy McGinlay's granddaughter Gemma, and PM Jim Renfrew's daughter Leanne, both very promising basketball players with the prestigious Paisley Basketball Club, who were recent voted "Player of the Year" in their respective age groups.
- Congratulations to Bro Johnny Gauld IPM, who was recently installed in to the office of Provincial Grand Piper. The very first time that anyone had received this office in RE.
- We gather that the Annual Summer Outing is back on the agenda again... Bro Donald Cook PM is organising the once popular "Bus Run" and details should be finalised very soon.

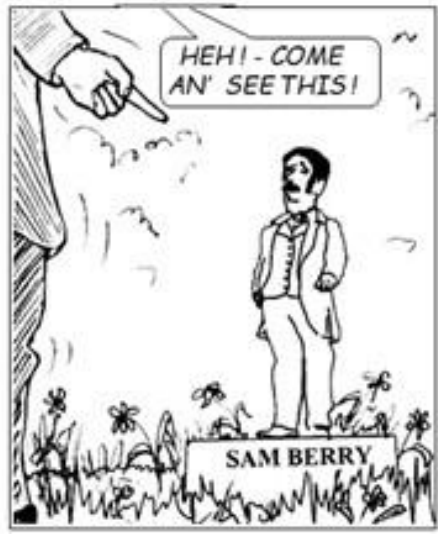
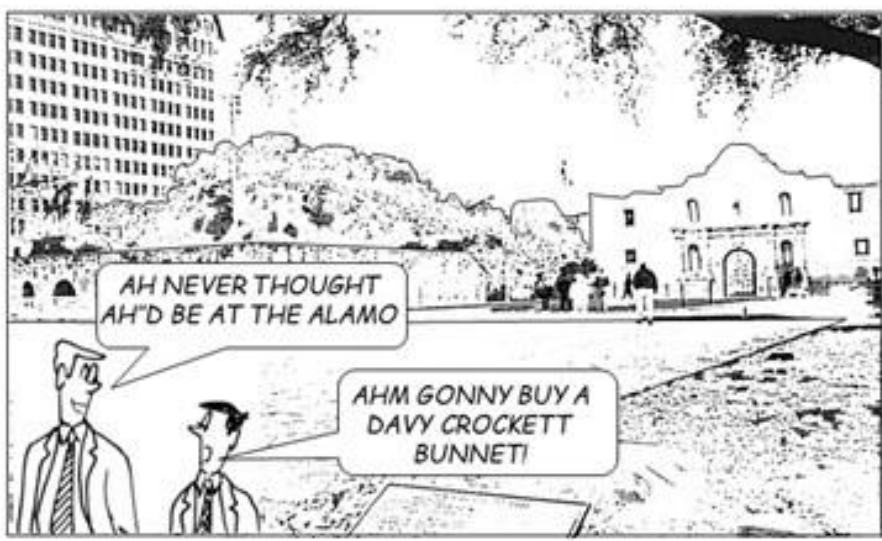
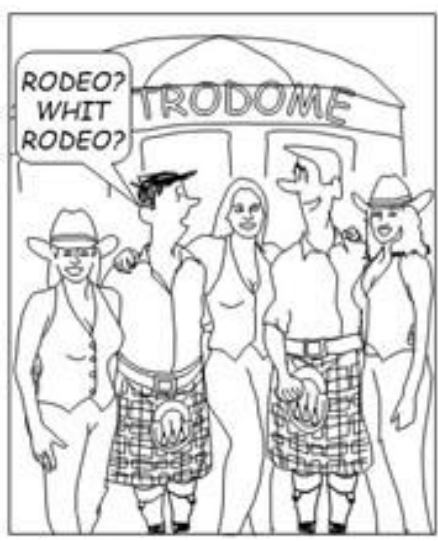
21 Years of MARK N' ARCHIE

The story so far





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www.unionandcrown.org



SEE HOW WE'RE A DAUGHTER LODGE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND?

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WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE GOT A WEBSITE, ARE WE A 'DOT ORG' LODGE OF THE INTERNET?

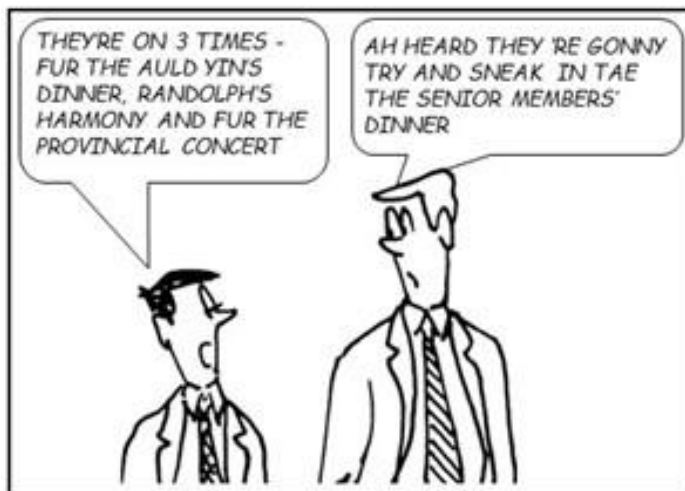
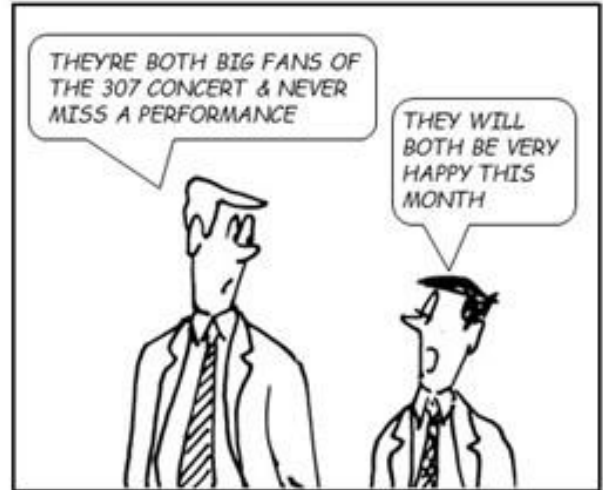
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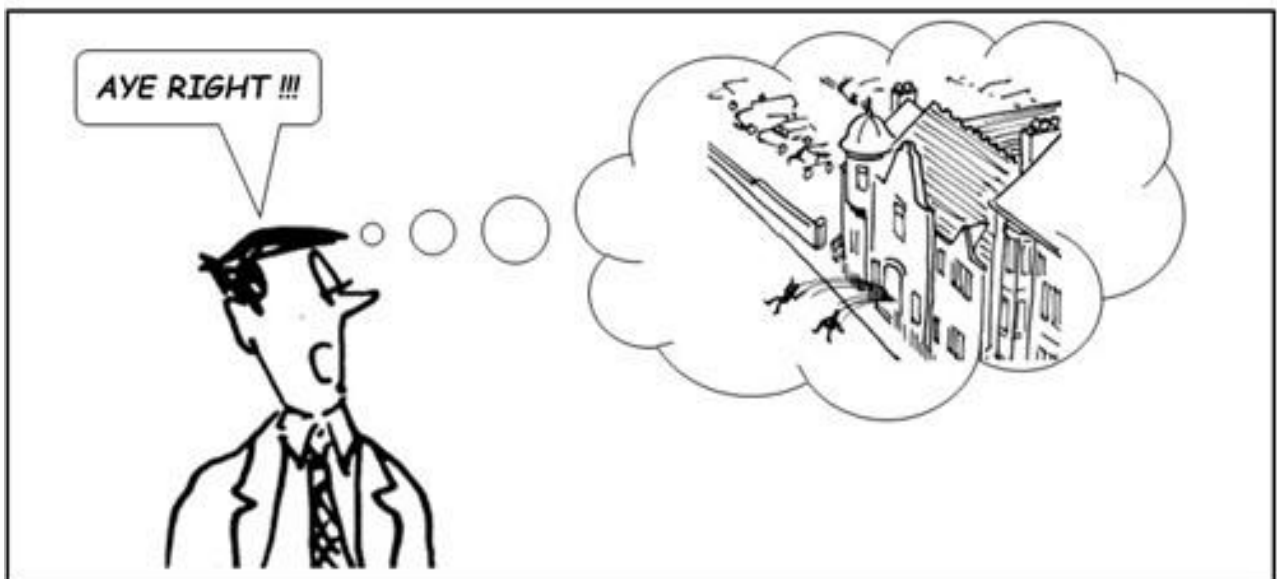
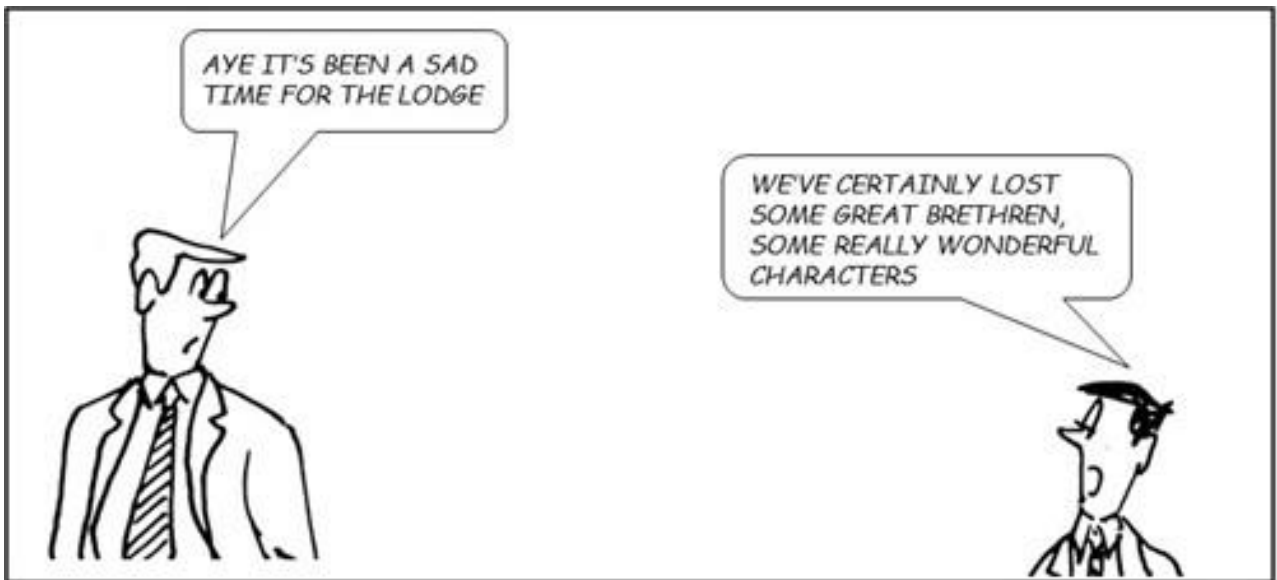


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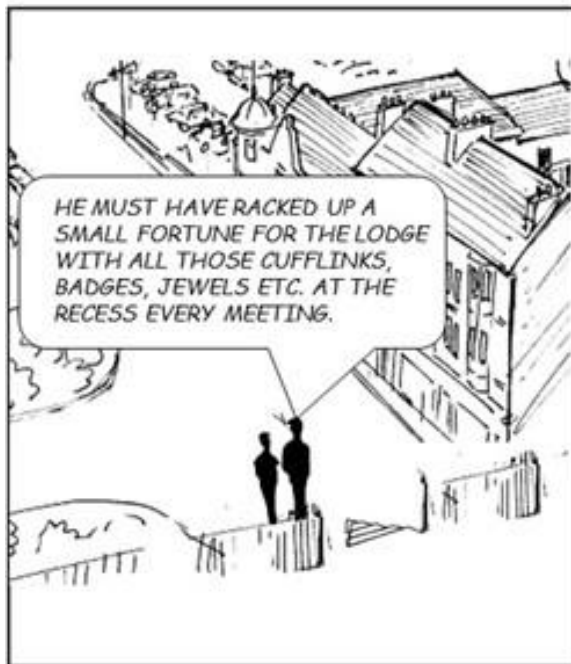


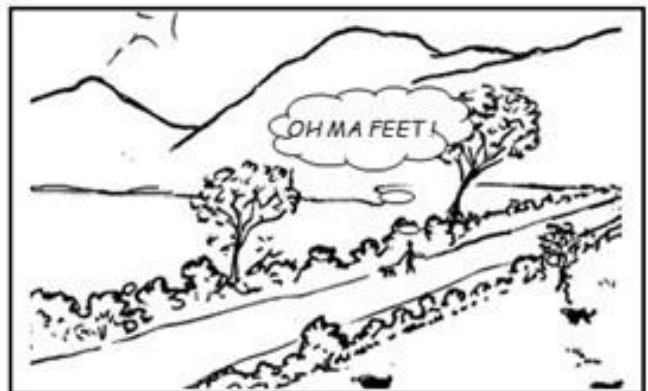


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