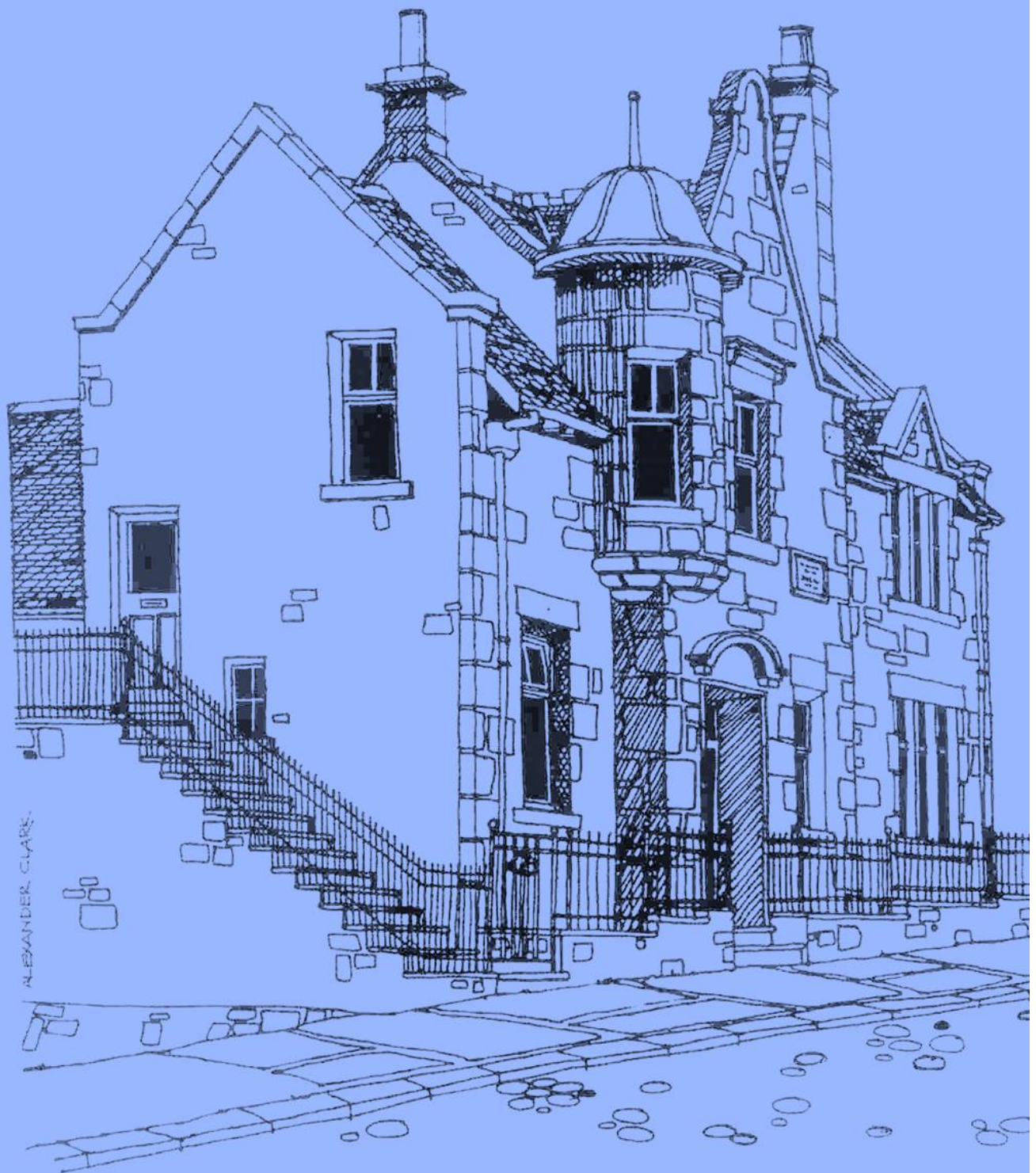


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This month, rather than dwell upon the darker side of the current pandemic, we have decided to mark what is remarkably, the 20th Anniversary of the Lodge's visit to Spring Lodge, Texas. It had all come about a year before, when Bro Jim Flockhart, who worked in the oil industry, was chatting casually about Freemasonry whilst working in the Exxon building in Houston. He was quickly introduced to Bro Stuart Glasscock, who was the WM of Spring Lodge, and a rapport was quickly established. Before you knew it, Bro Jim Renfrew PM was tasked with exploring the possibility of travelling to visit the Lone Star State, and over the coming months a list of Brethren wishing to go was drawn up, and an itinerary prepared. Flights were soon booked and on Sunday 25th February 2001 29 Brethren (including 3 from Lodge Thistle & Rose, No.169) set off, leaving both the snow and 'Foot & Mouth' crisis behind.

We were greeted at George Bush International Airport by a large party of our Texan Brethren and their families in 82 degree heat, before settling in at our hotel where jetlag began to get the better of us and we had a well-earned early night to recharge the batteries for a busy week ahead. Our own RWM Bro Evans Reid, Bro Nicol Hynd and Honorary Member Bro David Taylor flew out the following day, as Bro Evans had a clash of dates, with the wedding of his daughter Alison taking obvious precedence.

The events of the next week were simply a blur, with a packed schedule saw us visit Huntsville, the home of Sam Houston, the first president of Texas and a well-known mason, before returning for a Barbecue at a local country club. Tuesday saw us travelling into downtown Houston, to the impressive Scottish Rite Temple where we would be conferring the Dramatised MM Degree later in the week. A magnificent building, with a 800+ auditorium, arrangements were finalised with the full-time stage crew for the Friday.

We then visited the Houston Astrodome, where we were guests and taken on a unique "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Livestock Show. Our hosts then arranged for us to eat in the exclusive "Stockman's Club" before introducing us to some of the people responsible for the Rodeo. We then climbed on wagons, drawn by antique fire engines before being introduced to the entire crowd as we participated in the "Grand Entry Parade" which preceded the evening's entertainment. Soon we were in our seats high up in the 70,000-seater stadium, and we sat back to gasp at the antics of the cowboys etc.

Wednesday saw us off on our journey early to travel the 200 miles to San Antonio, to visit the famous Alamo, the shrine of Texas Independence. Thursday saw us set off for the Johnston Space Center in Houston, the home of NASA, before heading to Spring Lodge where we were received into a packed Lodgeroom to confer an EA Degree before the highest attendance in the history of Spring Lodge. Thereafter, Bro Stuart Glasscock IPM, one of the architects of our visit, was made an Honorary Member of 307 in a moving ceremony, by Bro Jim Renfrew PM.

Friday saw us travel to Holland Lodge, No.1 the oldest Lodge in Texas, where we had a tour of the facilities. In the evening, we arrived at the Scottish Rite Temple, where a packed house, in excess of 700 attending, did much to set the tone for an excellent degree which was greeted at the close by a standing ovation from our audience. We then joined the audience ourselves, and were treated to a unique display entitled "The Arch" from a group of local Shriners, most of whom were members of Spring Lodge. At the close of this, Bro Jim Flockhart, the brother originally instrumental in the setting up of our visit, was made an Honorary Shriner, and Ambassador of the Arabia Shrine in Scotland.

A goodly number of our party took the opportunity to partake of the hospitality offered by the Texas Rangers True Blue Rangers Supporters Club on the Saturday morning to watch a live transmission of a Rangers FC match. That evening we hosted a dinner in the Function Suites of the S.R. Temple as a thank you to our hosts and their families for the entire week. Almost 80 people sat down to a fine 3 course meal and ample hospitality, all courtesy of Union & Crown, with a tremendous atmosphere amongst the Brethren of both Lodges.

A fantastic experience for all and a trip of a lifetime for those who travelled some 4500 miles to confer the degrees. We have much that we should be thankful to the Brethren of Spring Lodge for.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

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 the winners for December & January.

Meeting Date	£20.00 Winner	£10.00 Winner
February 2 nd 2021	Bro Robert Scott WSW	Bro Alan Davidson
February 16 th 2021	Bro Kenny Beatts	Bro Douglas Junner PM



Masonic Tracing Boards

In lodges of the 1700's the emblems and symbols of the different degrees were drawn on the floor of the lodge with chalk or charcoal. They were obliterated at the end of each meeting because lodges met in rented rooms, and they did not want strangers viewing their secret writings. As this was troublesome and messy they were next painted on cloth or canvas, carried to each meeting and laid on the floor, hence the name 'carpets'. Today, these carpets, or charts as they are now called hang from walls or frames, and are displayed as required for the different degrees.

BITS & PIECES

- Congratulations to Bro Kenneth Robertson and his lovely fiancée Jackie who recently announced their engagement. They plan to be married in August 2023.
- Brethren can still 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.
- We gather that Bro Colin McLardy PM, who has been working in Houston Texas for the last two years is now Secretary/Treasurer of the 'Texas True Blue Rangers Supporters Club' who kindly played host to us back in 2001.
- It's good to hear that many of our more senior brethren have now received their COVID Vaccinations, without any side effects.
- You can still participate in the '200 for 200' scheme being offered by the Lodge's Bicentenary 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.



Did you Know ?

- ❖ That there is a Lodge in Santa Monica, California called Santa Monica-Palisades Lodge. Its lodge number is 307.
- ❖ That when the Chicago Masonic Temple was demolished in 1939, the Detroit Masonic Temple became the largest such building in the world, and the auditorium's stage is also the second largest in the United States.
- ❖ That before Franco came to power, there was a time when the masons were both numerous and powerful in Spain. There were 151 masons among the 470 parliamentarians who made up the first legislature of the Second Republic in 1931. Little wonder that Franco described the Republic as a masonic operation. Six of the Second Republic's prime ministers were masons, along with 20 ministers and 14 undersecretaries. A further 21 masons served as generals in the Spanish army.
- ❖ That a total of £33m in charitable donations were raised by the Freemasons in the UK during 2017, with hardly a single mention in the national press.
- ❖ That amongst the leaders of the Colonial forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775, the first major battle of the American Revolution, was Major General Joseph Warren. Bro Warren, a Harvard-educated surgeon, who died from his wounds, was a member of Lodge of St. Andrew in nearby Boston, and the serving Grand Master of Massachusetts. His Mother Lodge received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1756, and still operates to this day.

(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we look at an early Lodge in what has now become the 'New Town' of East Kilbride)

Lodge St Andrew, No.524

Although the Lodge was chartered in 1872, it is worth noting that Freemasonry first appeared in East Kilbride in 1738. Had there been no breaks in the chain, as Brethren, we would be looking at over 280 years of Freemasonry in the town.

However, on the 5th August, 1872 the Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and given the number 524. Our two sponsor Lodges being Lodge Rutherglen Royal Arch No. 116 and Lodge St. John Busby No. 458. Freemasonry had once again been introduced into East Kilbride and continues till this day. The colour for the apron was registered as crimson. Aprons, sashes and jewels were ordered and our first recorded presentation was that of a dagger in 1873 which is still in use in the Lodge today. Visiting Brethren, as far back as 1872, were recorded as being from Strathaven, Busby and Glasgow.

The early years passed with great activity by the Brethren. Degree work was carried out with 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees being carried out on the same evening. Visitations to Ayrshire, Cambuslang, Glasgow, Lanarkshire and of course, Renfrewshire East. Brethren attended consecrations, laying of foundation stones and divine services. These events took place as far afield as Glasgow and Greenock. We are proud to have sponsored Lodge Blantyre Kilwinning No. 557 (1874) and in later years Lodges Eaglesham No. 1265 (1921), Douglas No.1557 (1959), Kil Bryd No. 1667 (1972) and McLaren No. 1688 (1974). Assistance was also being given to worthy, needy Brethren and their dependants. Social events had also taken off.



In 1883 the first Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. King. Unfortunately the Lodge was struggling to stay afloat with low attendances, a dearth of candidates and finances unhealthy. However, in the three years (1887 - 89) the Lodge grew into a robust state. In 1890 PGLRE held a successful Grand Masonic Bazaar in aid of Grand Lodge Benevolent Funds in which the brethren of "524" were involved.

The Lodge's first Mark Ceremonial took place in 1891 and circulars for attendance at meetings were first issued in 1893.

There is no minute to tell what took place at the Lodge's twenty-fifth year in 1897 but we hope that some commemoration took place of these busy and fruitful years. At the start of the 20th century Queen Victoria had died. PGL had advised the Lodge that all minutes should be written into a fixed leaf book and that the loose leaf system be abandoned. How the wheel has turned.

In the Lodge's thirtieth year (1902) it was decided to start a building fund to provide our own hall. A two-day summer bazaar was held in 1904. This event, among others was successful and in 1907 the Lodge purchased land in Kitch Street, the village. The hall was built and consecrated by PGL on 9th April, 1910. When 1914 arrived it is recorded that many Brethren had "joined the colours" with several of the Brethren paying the ultimate sacrifice, those Brethren are remembered on a Roll of Honour which is on display in the Lodgeroom. After the Great War there was a great upsurge in membership.

At the jubilee celebrations of the Lodge (1922) many gifts were received throughout that year. In the year of the Empire Exhibition (1938) war clouds were gathering and the Masonic Hall was requisitioned by the military in 1939. During the ensuing Years the Lodge met practically next door in the Lesser Hall of the West Kirk until the Hall was released by the military in 1944.

The Brethren returned to the hall in 1945 and there was a great upsurge of membership the following year. In 1947 the designation of the New Town of East Kilbride was to have a great effect on what was essentially a "Village Lodge". Sadly in the Lodge's 75th year (1947) there is no reference in the minutes to the event.

A gift of a master's chair in 1955 was given to one of the newer Lodges in the Province, The Royal Stuart No. 1414. In 1967 the Lodge looking ahead set up a Centenary Committee. Also on the agenda was a further extension to the hall. The last meeting in the "Old Hall" was in May 1970 when a Mark Ceremonial was carried out. The Lodge met in the Scout Hall, Kirktonholme Road, the Village until August 1971. We moved back into the "New Extended Hall" in September 1971 and at the first meeting the Mark Ceremonial was again carried out.

The centenary celebrations are well documented in the Lodge minutes and history. On Saturday, 16th September, 1972, Bro. Norman Robb R.W.M. welcomed the Grand Master Mason of Scotland Bro. David Liddell-Granger and his deputation and the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East Bro. Ralph Denholm and his deputation. The meeting was held in the Ballerup Hall. The Grand Master and his office-bearers then re-dedicated the Lodge in an impressive manner. Grand Lodge, PGL and Lodge Brethren had earlier been received by the Provost, Mr James Smith, at a civic reception. The evening was rounded off by a dinner and entertainment.

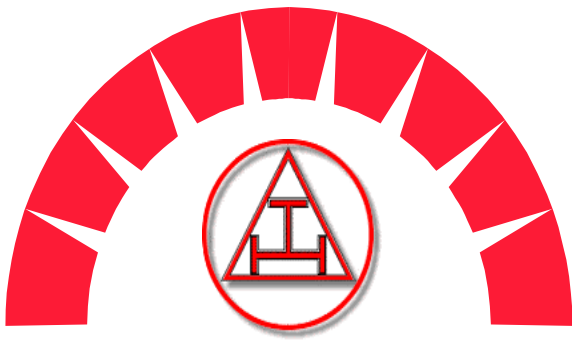
The following year the three East Kilbride Lodges held a Masonic Ball and the sum of £500 was donated to Hairmyres Hospital. The Lodge was still involved in charitable work when it sent one of its members in the Year of the Disabled (1981) to attend a Disabled Conference in the United States of America.

One of the visitations received in 1983 was from a Canadian Lodge who conducted a dramatised Third Degree. In 1986 the Lodge was well represented at the various functions held by Grand Lodge to commemorate their 250th year.



Lectures were placed on the syllabus for the education and interest of the Brethren. This continued up to and past our 125th celebrations which took place in the Ballerup Hall on Saturday 20th September, 1997. On that occasion Bro. William Greig R.W.M. welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Frank Johnstone and his office-bearers who then re-consecrated and re-dedicated the Lodge. A full report again appears in the Lodge minutes, but the ceremonial work carried out was second to none. After the meeting a fine dinner and harmony was enjoyed by the Brethren. Another important event that took place was the complete refurbishment of the Masonic Hall in 1999.

One of the visitations received in 2002 was from the Lodges of the Valley Cincinnati Ohio U.S.A. who conducted an exemplification of the Fellow Craft Degree, the meeting was once again held in the Ballerup Hall to accommodate the large number of Brethren who were in attendance afterwards an enjoyable harmony was held in The Masonic Hall, Kittoch Street.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

Companions,

Once again, we hope you, your immediate family, any extended family and friends all well. It seems that Mainland Scotland as well as many islands are in lockdown with guidance to stay at home, except for essential purposes, that these restrictions will remain in place until at least mid-February.

Things do however appear to be more optimistic for us all with multiple companies now producing approved vaccines against the COVID-19 virus as well as a number of vaccination programmes being introduced throughout the country.

We must also remember that getting the vaccination is not a starters gunshot for individuals to resume their normal lives regarding social distancing. We must continue to follow the guidance laid down by the Government irrespective of your own personal feelings or "expertise" on the subject. Neither is it advisable to listen to wee Bobby from No.42 whose 2nd cousin knows someone who heard something...

Last month we advised you that there would be a Zoom meeting of the Head of Orders on the 13th January, this took place and it was agreed that there would be no restart until at least the end of June.

Our Most Excellent First Principal

Hi Companions,

I hope this bulletin finds you and your families well and in good spirits during these restrictions, it's hard to believe this time last year COVID, or Coronavirus, was still an issue restricted to far off lands, unaware how its spread would have such an emotional impact on our lives. Living through a pandemic is incredibly difficult, and is harder for some more than others but there are signs of encouragement with the news that the vaccination programme is progressing well.

As we proceed through the Covid pandemic and eventually navigate through the aftermath, one thing is very clear; Membership retention is a concern for all Masonic organizations. The pandemic has forced many of us to reflect on our lives and on what the future may bring, and retention could become more difficult as the changes are more frequent as everyone is adapting to the new normal in the wake of this pandemic.

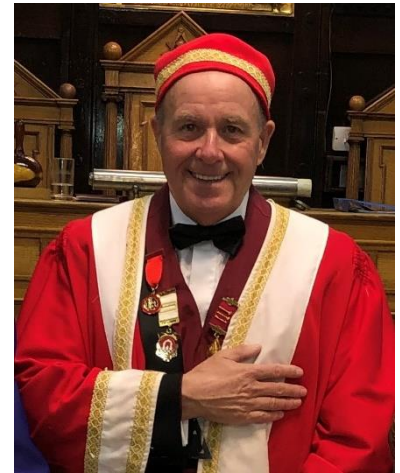
Focusing on Recruitment, Retention, Renewal, and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has organized a study group which will be chaired by M.E. Depute First Grand Principal James Turnbull, and I wish the group every success in what will not be an easy task

As I stated previously, the trustees continue to work on behalf of the Companions / Chapter, and I am extremely grateful for the support I have personally received from them, both Jim (Treasurer) and Hugh (Scribe E); and on behalf of the Chapter and companions I thank you

Can I again ask if any Companion has any information regarding the Chapter or members could they please inform our Scribe, Hugh, and if relevant he will include it in our bulletins.

Yours Faithfully and Fraternaly

Harry Lloyd MEZ





Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland

29th January 2021

Dear M.E. Companion,

You will now be aware that no masonic meetings will take place within Scotland until after the 30th June 2021 at the earliest. This unfortunately includes the Vernal Equinox and the June Convocation scheduled for the 19th March and the 11th June respectively. However, it is Supremes' intention to hold an informal Zoom Gathering on both these dates at 12 noon Scottish time and introduce a Speaker on these occasions.

The first speaker on the 19th March will be:

J. Stewart Wood B.A. (Hons) B.D., C.A., SGRAC of Scotland

Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland

Past Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland

His talk is entitled: **"We Three and Three Such as We"**

The topic explores the historical, ritual and fraternal connections between the Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Red Cross of Constantine.

Any Companion who wishes to attend the March Zoom Gathering must register their interest with ***officemanager@supreme-grand.org*** and will receive a link to the meeting nearer the time.

Numbers will be restricted (on a first come basis) and only those who register will be admitted.

Yours Sincerely and fraternally,

MEC Douglas Duncan

Grand Scribe E.

And Finally

While Winter still has more than a few bites left in her and although, on the face of it, the news that we have will have no meetings for another six months yet is disappointing. I personally believe that just as we can see the daylight hours lengthening the above letters give some hope that the Masonic "Sleeping Giant" is preparing to awaken and that all the Orders can soon start looking to the future.

With this in mind I will be trying to arrange an informal Zoom meeting for all Rockmount Companions prior to the next bulletin in March to take steps towards 2021/2022

Stay safe Companions

Hugh Cattigan PZ, Scribe E

Famous Freemasons

(This month we look at one of the leading industrialists and foremost Automotive Engineers of the 20th Century, whose name is in daily use even today)

Bro Henry Ford (1863 - 1947)

Born in 1863, Henry Ford was the first surviving son of William and Mary Ford, who owned a prosperous farm in Dearborn, Michigan. At the age of 15, his father gave him a pocket watch. Ford would take the watch apart as well as those of neighbours and family and would gain a reputation as a watch repairman

At 16, he left home for the nearby city of Detroit, where he found apprentice work as a machinist. He returned to Dearborn and work on the family farm after three years, but continued to operate and service steam engines and work occasional stints in Detroit factories. In 1888, he married Clara Bryant, who had grown up on a nearby farm.

In the first several years of their marriage, Ford supported himself and his new wife by running a sawmill. In 1891, he returned with Clara to Detroit, where he was hired as an engineer for the Edison Illuminating Company. Rising quickly through the ranks, he was promoted to chief engineer two years later. Around the same time, Clara gave birth to the couple's only son, Edsel Bryant Ford. On call 24 hours a day for his job at Edison, Ford spent his irregular hours on his efforts to build a gasoline-powered horseless carriage, or automobile. In 1896, he completed what he called the "Quadricycle," which consisted of a light metal frame fitted with four bicycle wheels and powered by a two-cylinder, four-horsepower gasoline engine.



Ford was initiated into Palestine Lodge No. 357 in Detroit at the age of 31, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1894. He kept up a Masonic career throughout his lifetime, no easy feat when his many accomplishments and innovations are considered. He was also a member of Zion Lodge No.1. He eventually received the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1940 - the capstone of many decades of Masonic service, and on that evening stated "Masonry is the best balance wheel the United States has."

Determined to improve upon his prototype, Ford sold the Quadricycle in order to continue building other vehicles. He received backing from various investors over the next seven years, some of whom formed the Detroit Automobile Company (later the Henry Ford Company) in 1899. His partners, eager to put a passenger car on the market, grew frustrated with Ford's constant need to improve, and Ford left his namesake company in 1902. (After his departure, it was reorganized as the Cadillac Motor Car Company.) The following year, Ford established the Ford Motor Company.

A month after the Ford Motor Company was established, the first Ford car—the two-cylinder, eight-horsepower Model A—was assembled at a plant on Mack Avenue in Detroit. At the time, only a few cars were assembled per day, and groups of two or three workers built them by hand from parts that were ordered from other companies. Ford was dedicated to the production of an efficient and reliable automobile that would be

affordable for everyone; the result was the Model T, which made its debut in October 1908.

The “Tin Lizzie,” as the Model T was known, was an immediate success, and Ford soon had more orders than the company could satisfy. As a result, he put into practice techniques of mass production that would revolutionize American industry, including the use of large production plants; standardized, interchangeable parts; and the moving assembly line. Mass production significantly cut down on the time required to produce an automobile, which allowed costs to stay low. In 1914, Ford also increased the daily wage for an eight-hour day for his workers to \$5 (up from \$2.34 for nine hours), setting a standard for the industry.



Even as production went up, demand for the Tin Lizzie remained high, and by 1918, half of all cars in America were Model Ts. In 1919, Ford named his son Edsel as president of Ford Motor Company, but he retained full control of the company’s operations. After a court battle with his stockholders, led by brothers Horace and John Dodge, Henry Ford bought out all minority stockholders by 1920. In 1927, Ford moved production to a massive industrial complex he had built along the banks of the River Rouge in Dearborn, Michigan. The

plant included a glass factory, steel mill, assembly line and all other necessary components of automotive production. That same year, Ford ceased production of the Model T, and introduced the new Model A, which featured better horsepower and brakes, among other improvements. By that time, the company had produced some 15 million Model Ts, and Ford Motor Company was the largest automotive manufacturer in the world. Ford opened plants and operations throughout the world.

The Model A proved to be a relative disappointment, and was outsold by both Chevrolet (made by General Motors) and Plymouth (made by Chrysler); it was discontinued in 1931. In 1932, Ford introduced the first V-8 engine, but by 1936 the company had dropped to number three in sales in the automotive industry. Despite his progressive policies regarding the minimum wage, Ford waged a long battle against unionization of labour, refusing to come to terms with the United Automobile Workers (UAW) even after his competitors did so. In 1937, Ford security staff clashed with UAW organizers in the so-called “Battle of the Overpass,” at the Rouge plant, after which the National Labor Relations Board ordered Ford to stop interfering with union organization. Ford Motor Company signed its first contract with UAW in 1941, but not before Henry Ford considered shutting down the company to avoid it.

He suffered an initial stroke in 1938, after which he turned over the running of his company to his son. Unfortunately, Edsel died in 1943, and his premature death brought Henry Ford out of retirement. He eventually turned the business over to his grandson, Henry Ford II, in 1945 and died in 1947 of a cerebral haemorrhage at the age of 83 in Fair Lane, his Dearborn estate. He is buried in the Ford Cemetery in Detroit.

'The Trials & Tribulations of a Lodge Secretary during Lockdown'

As the 1st anniversary of lockdown approaches, I thought it apt to take a retrospective view of the road we have travelled over the last year as a lodge in extended recess, and to share the some of the challenges the role of Secretary has brought.....

Where to start

Ok ... with the benefit of hindsight.....

I could have saved my own sanity if I had just run away when I saw Bud Gauld heading towards me in 2014, knowing fine well that the Secretary office was coming my way.



That said, having held the office since 2014, putting the lodge Secretarial business into a workable digital format has made the administrative tasks of Secretary much easier to handle and the overall work of the office an easier and enjoyable experience.

It would be more dramatic to say this last year has been such arduous work, and to go for the sympathy vote (yes, I know, pointless)... it has been a pleasure and at times, a welcome distraction from dealing with University students and politics.

You would think that having no meetings to attend, minutes to write (and email out with some nonsensical quirks to keep you amused), installations to sort out and visitations to arrange would have left me with that strange thing called... free time. Actually, no it didn't.

During lockdown, the general business of the lodge, communications with our own brethren, PGLRE, Grand Lodge and the many people and organisations who email and write to the lodge all continued, and in some cases increased considerably.

The role of Secretary in 307 also comes with the General Manager badge attached, which means maintaining a constant eye on all Government COVID updates, guidelines, advice, changes to business practices and how to safely implement those guidelines/rules whilst attempting to allow groups like 'The Sausage Club' and Social Club to continue using the premises, and to ensure the building remains accessible for brethren and contractors to carry out repairs and maintenance.

The Lodge Secretary is only as good as the support given to him by brethren of the lodge, and in 307 I have excellent advisors and workers to call on who make my job much easier.

I would pay tribute to Bro. George McGrandles PM - Treasurer who has been a great support, a pleasure to work with and who has been outstanding in attaining grants and managing the lodge finances over the lockdown period. The lodge currently stands financially secure and in great shape.

Until such times as we return to meeting again, you can rest assured the Secretary is on the case and will up the ante with the silly emails once again when work and time allow.

That is all... as you were brethren !

Brother David McArthur PM, Lodge Secretary

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 20 Years Ago

No. 241

February 2001

Regular Meeting

After a short business meeting on Tuesday 6th February, the Lodge held the 177th Anniversary Dinner to commemorate the founding of the Lodge in 1824. The majority of the Brethren then sat down to a fine four course meal with the customary 307 hospitality and were thereafter entertained by the principal speakers for the evening : Bro Archie McGowan PSPGMRE, Asst Grand DoC proposed a fine toast to the Lodge. Later in the evening the company thoroughly enjoyed the after-dinner talents of Livingston FC Manager Jim Leishman, who entertain those in attendance with his footballing exploits & stories, and even took the time to conduct a question & answer session with the Brethren.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 8-09pm

Attendance : 70

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February, the following Candidates :

Brian Goudie

Donald Montgomery

was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Thistle and Crown, No.1167 in what was an excellent EA Degree by our good friends, and near neighbours, from Neilston. Bro Robert Barton R.W.M. of Thistle & Crown, No.1167 must have been delighted with the efforts of his degree team.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-46pm

Attendance : 127

100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for the month of February, were as follows :

Tuesday 6th February £10 : **Bro Michael Hughes P.M.**

£5 : **Ms Evelyn Davidson**

Tuesday 20th February £10 : **Bro John Smith**

£5 : **Bro Jim Cherry**



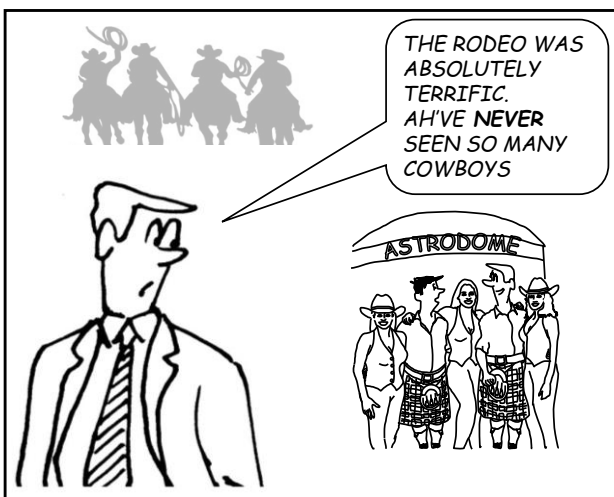
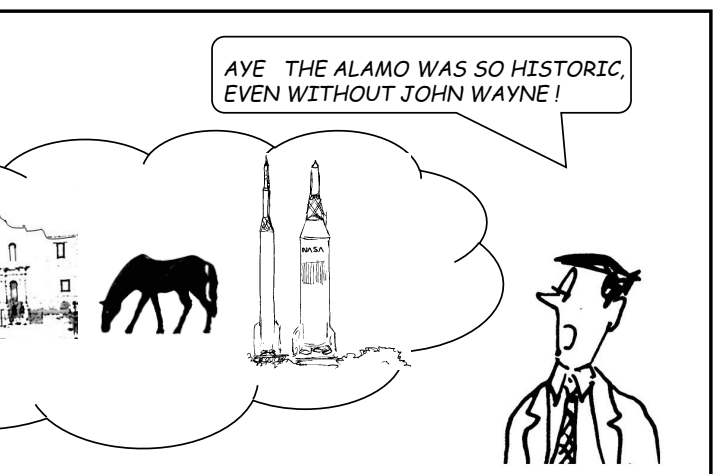
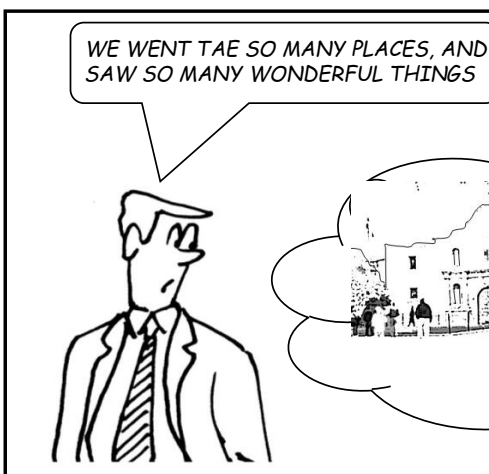
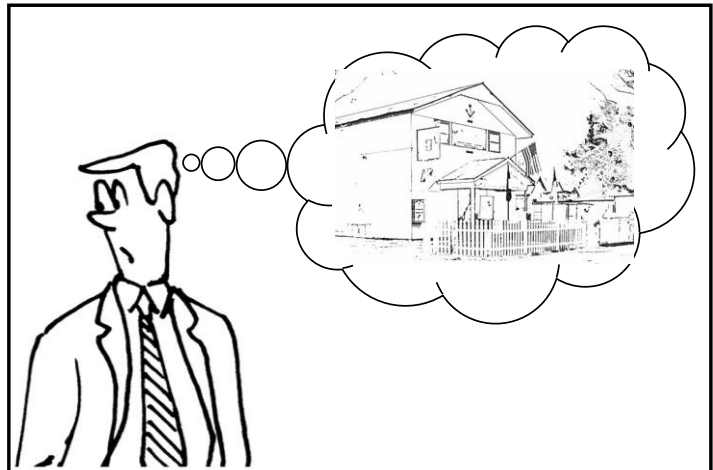
T E X A S



Having literally just stepped off the return flight from Houston, and suffering from a combination of the exertions of our trip and the inevitable jetlag, we haven't as yet had the opportunity to gather our thoughts on the trip. A full report of the exploits of the Brethren of Union & Crown and their guests will be published in our March Edition. Believe me Brethren, it makes excellent reading !



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