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A casual examination of the Lodge Financial Report at our Annual General Meeting in October would have revealed that the collections uplifted at all our Regular Meetings, still provide a sizeable proportion of the Lodge's income. This is income that is entirely at the will of the Brethren themselves, and we are extremely grateful that they continue to put their hands in their pockets. Indeed about a dozen of the Brethren, in addition, also donate a sum each month to the Lodge by standing order.

Back in the 1980's the average collection from Brethren would have been around £1.00, and because of convenience, this remained the same for quite a number of years. Unfortunately, inflation took its toll and devalued this quite considerably. Thankfully, many of the Brethren realised this, and upped their collection accordingly, and it is not uncommon to have a fairly 'silent collection' with many dropping in a fiver.

However, it saddened me on a handful of occasions in recent times to accidentally observe a Brother of the Lodge dropping in just a few pence as his collection. The fact that I personally saw this happen on more than one occasion makes me believe that it was intentional, and this saddens me greatly.

I realise that everyone's circumstances are different, and hard times can affect anyone at any time. But the Brother in question has a decent household income, and there is absolutely no excuse. Perhaps it is a game – Who knows, but if this is all that the Brother wishes to contribute a couple of times a month to his Mother Lodge, I can only surmise that perhaps he doesn't value the Lodge greatly, or mistakenly doesn't believe that Lodge needs the income generated from collections. Brethren in less favourable circumstance than him, contribute far more.

Perhaps he donates in other ways - over the bar, or freely gives of his time and efforts for his Mother Lodge, but to be honest I don't believe that he does.

I'll leave all our readers to come to their own conclusions over this.

A Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year To all our Readers



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

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

Friday 4th December 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Entered Apprentice Degree

*Conferred by Worshipful Wardens
Harmony*



Tuesday 18th December 2018

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Fellowcraft Degree

*Conferred by Worthy Deacons
Harmony*

Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M., Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting on Friday 2nd November, after a business meeting, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out an excellent rendition of our 'Table of Scottish Freemasons', which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance, especially the visitors, where Brethren are permitted to invite members of the public to attend.

Opened : 7-30 pm

Lodge Closed : 8.11 pm

Attendance : 65

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 20th November, the Brethren of the Lodge, led by Bro George McGrandles IPM, carried out the Mark Ceremonial on the following Brethren :

ALAN IZATT

PAUL HIGGINS

STEPHEN SCOTT

All in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the work of Bro George and his well-chosen team of Brethren.

Thereafter, the Brethren all retired to the Function Suite, where a harmony was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.19pm

Attendance : 61

At the Installation Meeting of the Lodge held within the Temple on Saturday 24th November, Brother Stewart Gray was installed in to the Chair of King Solomon by the Installing Masters for the day – Bro Johnny Gauld PM and Bro David McArthur PM, with Bro David making his debut.

The entire ceremony, from start to finish, was carried out in a most dignified and sincere manner by the Brethren involved, and the entire ceremony was enjoyed by all, in what was a fine attendance.

Opened : 4.00pm

Lodge Closed : 6.28pm

Attendance : 106



100 CLUB

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

2nd Nov £20 : **Bro David Noble PM** & £10 : **Bro Alan Barnard PM**

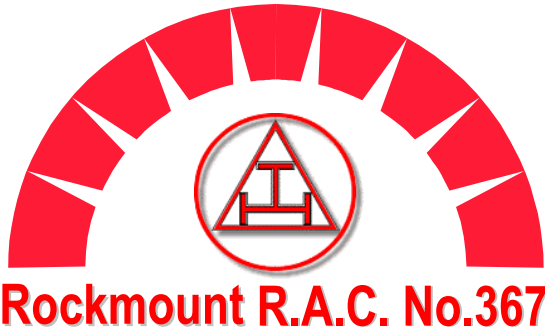
20th Nov £20 : **Bro William Petrie** & £10 : **Bro Ian McPhie**

24th Nov £100 : **Mrs Isobel Lawson** & £50 : **Bro Ewan Martin**

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

BITS & PIECES

- It was most pleasing to see over 20 Brethren from Lodge Thistle & Rose, No.169 attending our recent Lodge Installation. Bro Stewart Gray, our newly-installed R.W.M. is an affiliate to 169, and indeed served as Master in 2010 and 2011
- On a similar note, it was encouraging to see 24 of our own Past Masters attending our Installation.
- Instruction Master Bro. Tom Mulholland PM would like to remind all incoming office bearers to attend instruction class on Monday evenings at 7.30 in order to rehearse all respective parts for the approaching year. Any brethren interested in getting involved in degree work will, as always be most welcome as well as the brethren taking part in forthcoming degrees.
- Our thanks go to Bro Donald Ferguson and his wife Mary for their donation of paper for The Mallet.
- Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convener tells us that a small handful of tickets are still available for the Christmas Dance on Saturday 15th December, and anyone interested should give him a call.
- It was pleasing to welcome a total of 13 R.W.M.s at our recent Installation.
- Our Bro Treasurer asks us to remind the brethren that Test Fees are now overdue at £40 per head & any brother wishing to pay the capitation fee, or contribute towards it should see him as soon as possible.
- It was a pleasure to see Bro Eddie Findlay PM of Lodge St Barchan at the Installation. Bro Eddie was a very frequent visitor to 307 in the late 80s and early 90s. He tells us that he is going back into the chair of 156 this year for the third time.
- The grateful thanks of the Lodge go to Bro Nicol Hynd IPM for his generous donation of a brand new carpet for use at the Installing Board.
- We gather that Bro Bud Gauld PM's elder daughter – Amanda is about to set off to travel to China and Saudi Arabia on a mission to attract foreign students to Strathclyde University as part of her remit as Deputy Head of Education at the University.
- Bro Stewart Gray R.W.M. tells us that his eldest brother – Willie, a former member of the Royal Corps of Signals, who is now resident in York is taking the chair of his Lodge at the end of February. It would be great if Bro Stewart and some of the Brethren who knew Bro Willie, could managed to attend his Installation.
- It is great to see that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is moving forward with the times and has embraced 'Social Media'. It has its own Facebook page and Twitter feed !!!
- Congratulations to Bro Drew Calderwood, a local resident and extremely frequent visitor to 307, on his installation as R.W.M. of Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 13th November 2018, the following Brother:

Bro. Stephen Hardy

A Master Mason, and Mark Master of Lodge Nitshill No. 1478 Lodge received a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree from the Companions of Rockmount RAC.

The Companions taking part in the degree, many for the first time or in new roles are to be congratulated on work well done. Following the meeting a harmony supper took place downstairs.

MEZ David Allan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Chapter which is scheduled for:

Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 07:30pm



Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 4th Dec** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Worshipful Wardens will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree.
- Monday 17th Dec** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 18th Dec** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where a Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred by the Worthy Deacons

(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)

'The Bud Gauld Plate'

As has become the custom at the Installation harmony, the winner of the Bud Gauld Plate was announced, and presented by Bro Bud Gauld PM

The prestigious award is given annually to the Brother of the Lodge, who it is thought has contributed above and beyond the call of duty within Lodge Union & Crown and previous holders have shown that it is not given lightly and without great thought.

This year's award went to : **Bro Lawrence Webb**

And all in attendance gave a rousing round of applause to a popular choice.



EMAILS TO THE EDITOR



From: "Rob McPhee" <rob_mcphee@hotmail.com>

Date: 5 Nov 2018

Subject: Table of Freemasons

Dear RWM Bro. Nicky Hynd,

Just a wee note of thanks and appreciation to the brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307. I thoroughly enjoyed the *Table of Freemasonry* event which had a great mix of Masonic Education and humour.

What a fine and fitting end to the display when the GMM Elect Bro. Ramsay McGhee played his part to compliment the proceedings.

Well done to all involved and I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the hospitality and friendship extended to all your visitors.

Many thanks and fraternal regards,

Robert

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From: Douglas Jurgens <douglas.jurgens@hotmail.com>

Date: 9 November 2018 at 16:58:21 GMT

Subject: Re: LU&C No 307

I received my tokens in the post today and I just wanted to pass along my thanks to you, your Right Worshipful Master, and the Brethren of Lodge Union and Crown for the tokens and for putting on an absolutely outstanding POW Degree! It really resonated with me, because my grandfather, Henry Jurgens (B-24 Left Waist Gunner, U.S. Army Air Corps) was an American POW held captive at Stalag Luft 7 after he bailed out of his crippled Bomber.

Although he was not a Freemason, your Degree truly captured the spirit of honour and perseverance the men had despite their unfortunate circumstances. I followed in his footsteps and flew over 200 combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan as a Flight Engineer on the KC-10 Tankers in the US Air Force. I hope to have an opportunity to see the other dramatizations your Lodge performs sometime in the near future.

Sincerely,

Douglas Jurgens, Lodge Coupar o'Fife No. 19

(Editor's Note : We thank both Bro Rob and Bro Douglas for their kind words)

LODGE GOSSIP

- Bro Craig Allison, who moved to work in Aberdeen a few years ago, is now an office-bearer in The Lodge of Old Aberdeen, No.164
- We gather that Bro George McGrandles IPM has taken out a form to join our Sister Lodge, Randolph 1434.
- Thanks to Bro Brian Morton PM, who now lives in Aberdeenshire, for taking out membership of the '200 for 200' club.
- The Mangt Committee have passed that new windows be fitted in the Lodge House, albeit because we are a listed building, planning permission is required.
- Bro Bud Gauld PM's grandson Nathan, who's signed for Ayr United, sustained a spiral fracture of his leg while playing.
- Sadly, Bro Tom Conway has tendered his resignation from Lodge Randolph due to age (he's 93) and ill health. (we hope he can still come along to 307?)
- We hear that Bro Hagen Morschek is now working in Holland
- Just as we publish this month's edition, Bro William Ramsay McGhee, an Honorary Member of 307 was installed as M.W. Grand Master Mason.
- We can tell you that Bro Mark Lawn is now playing drums with Strathendrick Pipe Band.
- Bro Chris Baillie recently held the christening of his infant son in the Temple.
- One of our Brethren, who shall remain anonymous, had a £10 each way bet on Uplawmoor trainer Jim Goldie's horse recently. It came in at 80 to 1 !!!
- Bro Gordon Durie is now back at Ibrox working.
- Our Substitute Master Bro Ronnie Maclsaac's son is reported to be doing extremely well in the Merchant Navy.
- Morven, the grand daughter of the late Bro Ellis Sudding PM has been chosen to go to the World Jamboree of Scouting in America.
- Bro Bobby Easdon PM's stepson Hagen was the very last Mason in Scotland to take out Life Membership. It stopped the very day Hagen took it out.
- Sorry to hear Bro Michael McBride had a stay in hospital recently, and also became unemployed from his job as a driver with a fabrication firm in Paisley.
- We hear that 25th May has been pencilled in as the date the Cairn built in memory of the late Bro Duncan Birse is to be dedicated. Bro Birse left a large legacy to the Lodge.
- Congratulations to Bro Jimmy Laing who has been installed a Worshipful Serior Warden in Lodge Dunlop Caledonia, No.1408

Did you Know ?

- That there are now about 4 million Freemasons under more than 100 'Regular Grand Lodges' worldwide today.
- That Freemasonry is believed to have begun its evolution 500 or more years ago in Scotland.

Almoner's Report

It is with much sadness and regret I intimate the passing of Bro Robert Kennedy, aged 85, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital on Sunday 25th November. I was informed by his Son-in-Law Bro Robert Miller PM just shortly before I went to print.

Over the past weeks, whilst Bro Bobby was in hospital, I visited him on several occasions, as Lodge Almoner and friend. As Almoner I visited Bro Bobby on a regular basis over recent years at his home in Barrhead, and I was always greeted with a warm welcome. He often encouraged me to bring my dog with me on my visits, and I often obliged.



I will very much miss Bro Robert Kennedy, a good man and Mason. Condolences have been extended on behalf of the Lodge to his Daughter Christine, and the family. His funeral will be at Woodside Crematorium in Paisley on Tuesday 4th December at 1pm, and I shall attend on behalf of the Lodge.

Home Visit : Bro Donald Ferguson

Home Phone Calls :

Bro Jim Cherry

Mrs Dora Pattison

Bro Donald Ferguson

Mrs Margaret McLellan

Bro Paul Higgins

Mrs Sheila McCulloch

Bro Michael McBride

Mrs Ray Campbell

Bro Ian Russell

Mrs Anna Roberts

Mrs Lynn Neil

Mrs Isabel Paton

Mrs Valerie Mulholland

Brother Alexander White

Lodge Almoner

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WORLD AT WAR
1914 – 1918
(November 1918)



Canadian and British forces captured Valenciennes, France in one of the last battles of World War One. Canadian non-commission officer Sergeant Hugh Cairns successfully led the capture of several German machine gun nests the previous day before he was critically wounded. He died from his wounds the same day the commune was liberated from the Germans, and was awarded posthumously the Victoria Cross. He was the last of 71 Canadians to receive the decoration.

The Kiel mutiny was a major revolt by sailors of the German High Seas Fleet on 3 November 1918. The revolt triggered the German revolution which was to sweep aside the monarchy within a few days. It ultimately led to the end of the German Empire and to the establishment of the Weimar Republic. German militia were called into occupy the port of Kiel but many of the soldiers called in defected to the revolutionary side. By the end of the day, some 40,000 revolutionaries had occupied the port and released 14 demands to the German government.

On November 7th The Anglo-French Declaration was signed between Great Britain and France, agreeing to implement a "complete and final liberation" of countries that had been part of the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire.

November 8th Pressure strengthened against Kaiser Wilhelm II to abdicate the throne as the German Empire began to dissolve into free states.

November 9th - The German Empire formally dissolved, Kaiser Wilhelm II handed supreme command of the army to Paul von Hindenburg and fled to the Netherlands the following day, ending 400 years of rule by the House of Hohenzollern over the Kingdom of Prussia and allowing it to become the Free State of Prussia.

Philipp Scheidemann, leader of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, proclaimed the establishment of the German Republic on the balcony of the Reichstag building in Berlin. Prince Maximilian of Baden resigned as Chancellor of Germany and was succeeded by Friedrich Ebert.

British battleship HMS Britannia was sunk by a German submarine off Cape Trafalgar, killing 50 sailors and another injuring 80 crew, in what was the last major naval engagement of World War One.

Germany signed an armistice with the Allies between 5:12 AM and 5:20 AM in Marshal Ferdinand Foch's railroad car in Compiègne Forest, approximately 60km North of Paris. The end of World War One became official on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Here are some facts that tell the story of the aftermath of World War One. As a massive, total war the conflict affected millions of lives, and shaped the future in profound ways.

- 4 empires had collapsed by the end of the war: The Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, German, and Russian.
- Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland emerged as independent nations.
- The collapse of the Ottoman Empire led to Britain and France taking their colonies in the Middle East as League of Nations mandates.
- Russia underwent two revolutions – Lenin’s Bolshevik Party took control.
- Under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was forced to accept guilt for the war and pay £24.2 billion in reparations (That is approximately £341 billion in today’s money).
- Germany lost 13% of its European territory – more than 27,000 square miles.
- Many nationalists in Germany called the signatories of the Treaty the ‘November Criminals’ and refused to accept they had lost the war. Some nationalists blamed those responsible for signing the Treaty of Versailles, the new Weimar Government and Jews for the defeat of Germany.
- The League of Nations was founded in 1920 with the mission of maintaining world peace. However, without the USA, Germany or Russia joining the League, it was doomed to impotence.
- French General Ferdinand Foch said this of the Treaty of Versailles, “This is not peace, it is an armistice for 20 years” and sadly, he was right!

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

(Laurence Binyon)



Hugh Cattigan PM

EDITOR’S THANKS

(As his excellent series of articles draws to a close with the centenary of the Armistice of November 1918, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our most grateful thanks to Bro Hugh Cattigan PM for his extensive research and hard work over the last four and a half years, as he charted the day by day happenings at home and abroad during the course of the Great War.

Over 45 articles, many with illustrations and photographs were produced, in what has proved to be a very popular feature of our journal, which will be greatly missed in the months ahead.)

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 16 Years Ago

No.258

November 2002

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th November, the following Candidates

IAN CAMERON MARTIN CARR

was raised to the high and sublime degree of a M.M. by the some of the more experienced members of the Lodge Instruction Class, in what was a fine rendition of the Dramatised Master Mason Degree, now a traditional feature of our syllabus. Unfortunately, it was also Guy Fawkes Night and the sound of the exploding fireworks throughout the town, made it seem more like Beirut than Barrhead !

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 10-09pm

Attendance : 153

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 19th November, the following Brethren :

Colin Hamilton

Graham Smith

Ian Cameron

Martin Carr

Colin Reynolds

received a fine Mark Ceremonial, conferred by Bro Evans Reid IPM and his carefully picked team of degree workers, in what is ever a popular evening. Within Union & Crown, the Mark is traditionally always the responsibility of the Immediate Past Master, and is always a good mix of the serious and the light-hearted. Bro Evans can be rightly proud of the degree under his control, where all involved are to be congratulated, especially Bro Alex White who stepped in at the last minute and delivered a fine closing charge.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

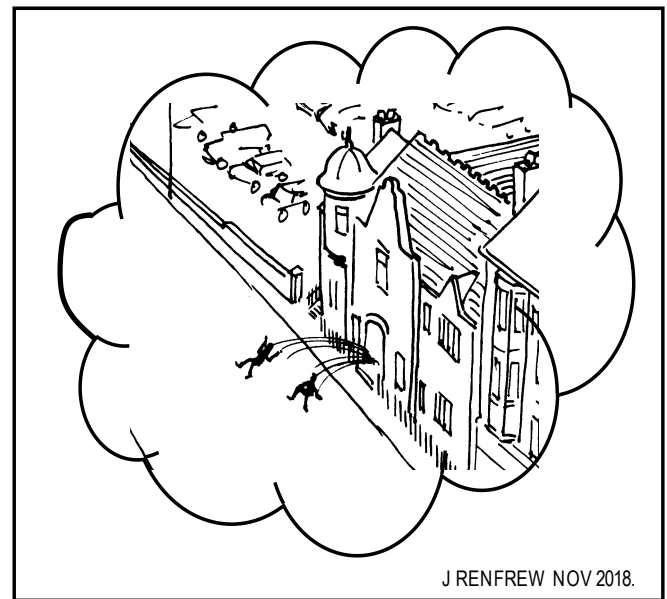
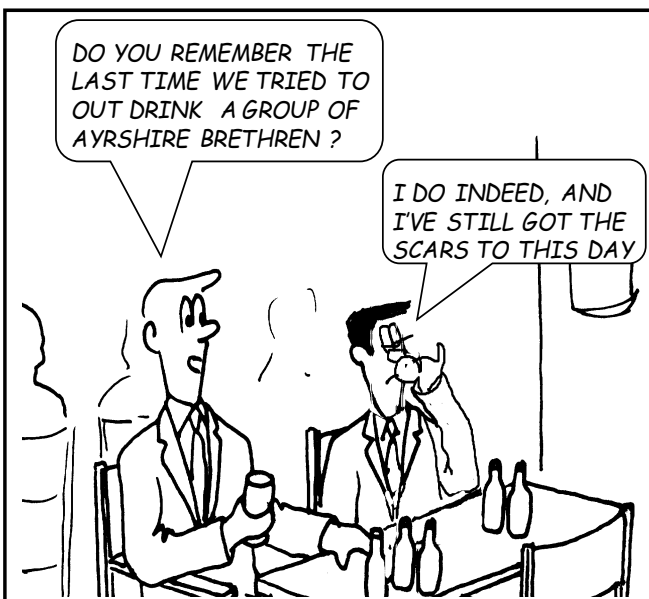
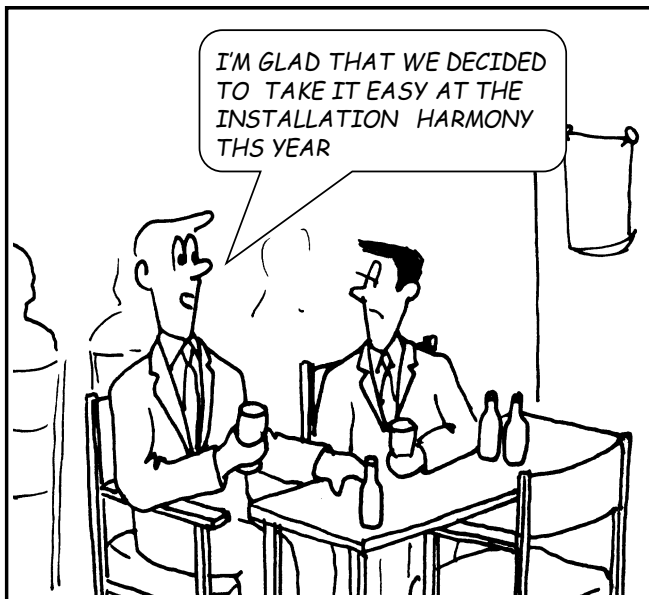
Lodge Closed : 10-04 pm

Attendance : 82

Lodge Gossip

- Following the huge success of the Grand Master's Appeal on behalf of CHAS which raised over £230,000 last year for this well-deserving children's charity, we are delighted to see that a "Friends of CHAS" Committee has been organised within the Province of Dunbartonshire to assist with the formation of a hospice in the West of Scotland and that a concert in the Pavilion Theatre has been arranged for March 2003.
- With all the coverage in the tabloid press about the Royal Household, has anyone noticed the uncanny resemblance between Bro Donnie Connell PM of Lodge Craigielea, No.1218 and Paul Burrell the former Royal Butler ?
- We were extremely disappointed to hear that the new incoming Archbishop of Canterbury, the Very Rev Rowan Williams feels that Christianity and Freemasonry are incompatible. This is rich coming from someone who was recently became a Druid !
- It is pleasing to report that the number of Brethren who have pledged a loan of £500 to the Lodges is creeping up towards the 30 mark. Our target is 40 and we are hopeful that we can achieve this figure in the next couple of months. All who are interested should contact our worthy Secretary or Treasurer.

MARK N' ARCHIE



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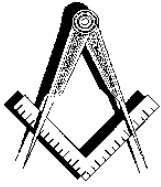
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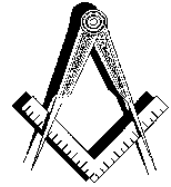
" With grateful thanks to all those who gladly gave their assistance "

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Syllabus 2018 / 2019

(* Denotes an Official Visitation)



December 2018

Tuesday 4th December EA Worshipful Wardens

Tuesday 18th December FC Worthy Deacons

January 2019

Tuesday 1st January Meeting Postponed

* *Thursday 10th January* *MM* *At Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167*

Tuesday 15th January MM Installing Masters

* *Monday 28th January* *EA* *At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478*

February 2019

Friday 1st February 195th Anniversary Dinner

Tuesday 19th February EA Lodge Nitshill, No.1478