

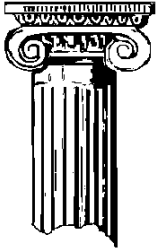
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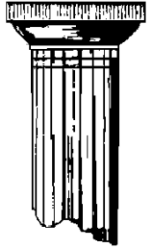
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Editorial 



October 2014

As the month of November races up on us again, it is surely a time of reflection for some and a time of great anticipation for others. The Annual General Meeting has been and gone and we can congratulate Brother Secretary, Past Master Tom Mulholland, The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. David McArthur and of course our management team for the smooth job of organising the election of next year's office bearers and presenting same to the Lodge at our Annual General Meeting.

One thing that I did find disappointing is that the ordinary member does not seem to appreciate the amount of work and preparation that goes on behind the scenes prior to an A.G.M. and treats this most important of meetings almost with contempt, as if, because there is no degree, it can be relegated to a position where it has no importance or relevance to them.

How many times have you experienced in life, read a paper or seen something on television where you have thought, even known, that the wrong person was voted into a position of power or responsibility, not because they were the right person for the job but because of the apathy of everyone else. It has happened many times before and I am sure it will happen in the future too. In the majority of these cases, the person nominated is usually only trying to do their best and perhaps intending only to be holding down the fort. But the same mechanisms allow for a less scrupulous individual, or group of individuals, to be placed in a position of authority. The Lodge is like an organism that we must protect and nurture. The A.G.M. is the best time of the year to raise questions, put yourself forward and be seen to support (or not) the workings of the Lodge management and next group of office bearers.

While the above has a touch of doom and gloom about it, the truth is that for many years now we have had a dedicated bunch of brethren who attend management and general committee meetings throughout the year and see that OUR Lodge, Lodge Union and Crown's business dealings are continually monitored and will not present us with any nasty surprises, long may this continue to be the case.

Is it really too much to ask that brethren come along to the A.G.M., listen to the secretary, treasurer and auditors reports... This is still usually our shortest meeting and if you do not avail yourself of Lodge harmony, you could still be home inside an hour. This year we again had our usual low attendance although it was commented upon, that the 'East' was fairly sparse of P.M.'s also.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. David McArthur cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge: -

Tuesday 4th November 2014
7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

Dramatized MM Degree conferred by:
The Lodge Instruction Class



Friday 7th November 2014
7:45pm

Official visit to Saint Conval No. 1359
Duff Memorial Hall, Main Street Busby, G76 8DX

Where the Lodge Instruction Class will confer a:
FC Degree



Tuesday 18th November 2014
7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

MMM Degree conferred under the instruction of:
IPM Bro. Paul Stewart



Saturday 22nd November 2014
4:00pm

ANNUAL INSTALLATION
OF
OFFICE BEARERS
followed by:

Installation Dinner – Tickets £12.50 (£10.00 for senior members)
Tickets available from the Wardens



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our cash prizes for the month of September were:

Tuesday 10th October	£10: <i>Somebody?</i>
	£5: <i>Somebody else?</i>
Tuesday 21st October	£10: Bro. James Kerr P.M.
	£5: Bro. Alex White



Regular Meetings

At the regular, rescheduled to Friday 10th October 2014 a meeting of the lodge took place with a short business meeting being conducted.

Following the closure of the lodge a number of gentlemen who had been invited as guests of brethren entered the Lodge room and along with many brethren witnessed one of the Lodge Union & Crown's dramatizations, *The Table of Famous Scottish Freemasons*. A harmony followed with our guests getting the feel of an evening at a lodge meeting and were made most welcome by all the brethren in attendance.

Lodge opened - 7:30pm Lodge closed 8:14pm Attendance was 56

On Tuesday 21st October. The Annual General Meeting of the Lodge took place with a reasonable number of brethren attending. Bro. Tom Mulholland P.M. Secretary gave a full report on the previous year and was able to give positive feedback on the various aspects of the events which took place including 9 candidates joining the Lodge. Sadly, this was tempered with the news that we also lost 9 brethren throughout the year.

It was good to see, that our annual and average attendances were up, if only slightly, and this is an area we should all strive to improve on including that old chestnut, visitors and visiting.

Bro. Jim Kerr P.M. Treasurer presented a resume of The Lodge finances for the year and although we are financially stable, emphasised the importance of fundraising and maintaining a stable financial base especially with attendances being down on the year previous.

The Lodge was then raised to the 3rd degree and a full complement of office bearers was elected for the ensuing 12 months.

Lodge opened: 7.30pm Closed 8.20pm Attendance: 48



I rang the bell of this small bed-and breakfast place, whereupon a lady appeared at an outside window. "What do you want?" she asked.

"I want to stay here", I replied.

"Well, stay there then", she said and closed the window.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the Installation Meeting held on Tuesday 12th October, MEC Graham Manson was installed into the office of Most Excellent First Principle of the Chapter, in what was a fine and enjoyable evening for Rockmount R.A.C.

He was joined in the Principle's Chairs by MEC Hugh Cattigan and MEC Eric Tannahill and they made an imposing sight when enrobed and installed in the East.

The Installing Team of MEC's John S Miller, Jim Miller and Jim Renfrew had taken great pains to ensure that all had been adequately prepared and this was most evident in the ceremonial work of each one of them. Luckily, the Chapter has a full complement of Office-bearers and we are convinced that we will continue to prosper under the careful eye of MEC Graham and his team.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be on **Tuesday 11th November**, where a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred by the Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEC Graham Manson has assured us that all Companions and visiting Companions will be made most welcome in the Chapter. A copy of the Rockmount syllabus is as follows:

<u>Royal Arch</u>		<u>Cryptic Council</u>	
2014		2014	
Tues 14 Oct	Installation	Tues 23 Sep	AGM & Installation
Tues 11 Nov	Regular (EM)	Tues 25 Nov	Regular
Tues 9 Dec	Regular (RA)		
2015		2015	
Tues 13 Jan	Regular (EM)	Tues 27 Jan	Regular
Tues 10 Feb	Provincial Visit @ 8-30pm	Tues 10 Feb	Provincial Visit - 7-30pm
Tues 10 Mar	Regular (RA)	Tues 25 Mar	Regular
Tues 14 Apr	Regular (EM)	Tues 28 Apr	Regular
Tues 12 May	Regular (RA)	Tues 22 Sep	AGM & Installation
Mon 1 June	General Committee		
Tues 8 Sep	Chapter A.G.M.		

Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 25th November 2014** at 07:30pm.



Our Lodge Treasurer would like to remind brethren that Lodge Test Fees are now due.

Also, any contributions towards Capitation Fees would also be most welcome.



A bus station is where a 'bus' stops. A train station is where a 'train' stops...

On my desk, I have a work station!!!

Second Month of the installation season is already here, this month includes our own, Lodge Union & Crown's on **Saturday 22nd November at 04:00pm.**

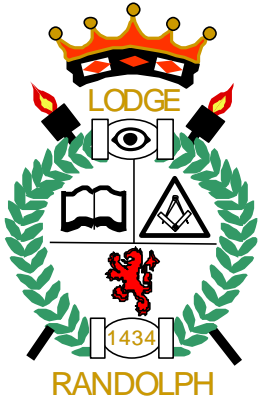
Why not try and get along to support a Sister Lodge, and we'll be able to cover as many Lodges as possible within the Province. I'll draw your attention to our near neighbours down the road at Lodge Nitshill No. 1478 who are having their installation a couple of weeks before us on Saturday the 8th November at 04:00pm.

PGLRE NOVEMBER 2014 INSTALLATIONS

Saturday	1 st November	3:00pm	Lodge The Royal Stuart No. 1414
Saturday	1 st November	3:00pm	Lodge Sir George Cathcart No. 617
Saturday	1 st November	3:00pm	Lodge Craigends No. 1042
Friday	7 th November	6:30pm	Lodge St Christopher No. 1453
Saturday	8 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Nitshill No. 1478
Tuesday	11 th November	6:30pm	The Pollokshaws RA Lodge No. 153
Friday	14 th November	7:00pm	Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242
Saturday	15 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Captain Speirs No. 791
Saturday	15 th November	3:30pm	Lodge Albert Edward No. 592
Saturday	22nd November	4:00pm	Lodge Union & Crown No. 307
Saturday	22 nd November	4:00pm	Lodge Newton Mearns No. 1706
Friday	28 th November	6:45pm	Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129
Friday	28 th November	7:00pm	The St. John's Operative Lodge No. 1218

It was good to see the recent Table of Famous Scottish Freemasons being so well received at our recent meeting. The guest were very impressed by all the performances and may have been slightly surprised by some of the brethren to grace the Craft throughout the centuries. The hard work which goes into this particular evening has to be recognised and the brethren involved are to be congratulated on assembling the various costumes and learning their spiels to help in portraying our illustrious brethren from past to present.

Lodge Randolph No. 1434



The next Regular Meeting of Lodge Randolph is scheduled to be held at the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on:

Friday 14th November at 07:30pm

The RWM of Lodge Randolph, Bro. Alasdair Keith invites you to attend Lodge meetings whenever possible but please note, prior notification SHOULD be given to the Lodge Secretary (Bro. Alistair MacDonald P.M.) if you intend to dine at the harmony.

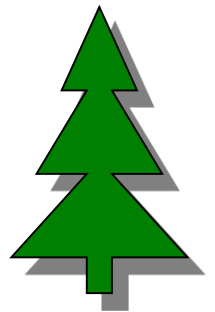
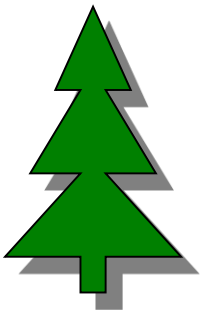
Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2014

Saturday 6th December 2014

Tickets £6.00

*For Tickets and or further information contact
Bro Lawrence Webb D.O.M. on 0141-571 4330*



A Kind Thought

You, like me are probably dreading the making up of Christmas Cards this year. Like me, perhaps you forgot to fulfil the promise you made to yourself and put everyone's address into the computer. Then you have to consider who is getting *struck off* this year and, sadly, those who may no longer require one... Spare a thought also and perhaps ONE card to someone unknown to you who may have no one thinking of them this year.

Why not pick out a nice card and send it to a local nursing/old people's home or even someone serving in the forces? If you know a particular person, great, send it to them but even a general one to the establishment itself would I am sure go down well with the residents and show they are not forgotten.

The Masonic Home at Bridge of Weir I am sure would also appreciate such a gesture.

**Marcus Humphrey House,
Quarrier's Village
Bridge of Weir PA11 3SX**

A man walked into a Zoo and said, "I want to borrow two Giraffe's for a magazine photo shoot and I want them in ten minutes."

The Zoo manager said "That's a tall order."



Christmas Concert

by

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir

Sponsored by W.T. Dunbar Funeral Directors

Marilyn J. Smith MBE - **Conductor**

Cameron Murdoch - **Accompanist**

& **Depute Conductor**

Freemasons' Hall

96 George Street

Edinburgh

Sunday 7th December 2014

2.00pm for 2.30pm

Tickets available from Grand Secretary

Tel: **0131 225 5577**

Concert promoted by

The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

Proceeds from this concert supporting Prostate Scotland

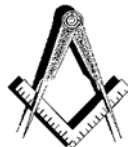
Ticket £10.00

A complimentary refreshment will be offered

Attendance at the above Christmas Concert has increased year on year and it is anticipated that tickets will be in greater demand than ever before. It is suggested that those wishing to attend ought to obtain tickets earlier than in previous years.

Tickets can be purchased directly from Freemasons' Hall (0131 225 5577) - credit/debit cards accepted, or in person from the shop on the first floor of Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh.

Proceeds from the concert will go to supporting Prostate Scotland.



As we look forward to this year's installation it is good to see, yet again a full complement of office bearers being elected. The Installing Masters have been working very hard preparing for this extremely important occasion so let's see if we can turn out in number to support them along with the new RWM and the office bearers. The installation is a real highlight in any lodge's calendar and Union and Crown No. 307 is no exception.

Congratulations to our Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr Iain McPhee, Senior Lecturer in Alcohol and Drugs studies, based at the Paisley Campus of University of the West of Scotland (UWS) on being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA).

We can only echo the words of RWPGM Bro. John S. Miller who said: "Our warmest congratulations to Bro. Iain on achieving this recognition. His work in his professional field is matched by his commitment to the Province of Renfrewshire East."

Lodge Night

(Author Unknown)

He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his Fireman's uniform on the hook and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said good night to his children and changed his clothes. Upon leaving he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work, it was also tiring. Normally he would have been headed home for a relaxing evening but tonight was not normal and he felt none of the usual fatigue as tonight was Lodge night.

Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. Most of all he missed his lifelong partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain, and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

The accident had been terrible. But there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy and there were possibilities of complications, but for a while he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight was Lodge night.

It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day he faced the nameless horde of people who continue to tell him that he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed, it was Lodge night.

He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he didn't know, and a few he did. Now with an ancient relic of a bygone age they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

From all walks of life we come. We donate our time to an age honoured tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves. We gather in fellowship and part in peace. For a while we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves.

Tonight is Lodge night and I am glad I am a Mason.

Got something you want to say about your Lodge, the Mallet or just Freemasonry in general ~ Why not submit an article to the Mallet and see it printed here?

(The Editor reserves the right to refuse to publish any article deemed by himself to be offensive)



It is with much sadness that I intimate the passing, on the 1st October 2014, of Brother Brian Conway, aged 72. The funeral service took place at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn. Bro. Brian was a native of Barrhead, but for some time has resided in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire. Sadly, in consequence of not knowing of Bro. Brian's passing I was not able to attend or respond in the correct masonic manner. I am grateful to Past Master Bro. Raymond Smith for bringing this sad passing to my attention. I am also certain that Bro. Brian Conway will be sadly and profoundly missed by all who dearly loved and knew him.

I have visited the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.) in Paisley where I called on Bro. Jim Hughes and co-incidentally Bro. Jim's wife Ray who also had been hospitalised. The good news is that both Jim and Ray are now home. Sadly, Mrs Catherine Fennel is still hospitalised in Ward 1 of the R.A.H.

On Tuesday the 7th October, I was accompanied on my visits, including the above R.A.H. visit, by the R.W.M. Bro. David McArthur... We also visited the homes of:-

Bro. Robert Nixon P.M.

Bro. Jim Liggat

Bro. William Reid

Bro. Robert Spiers (*Norwood Care Home*)

Bro. John McCuish

Bro. Davie Provan (*Millview Care Home*)

Brethren, I must make comment, that on this most memorable day that the Right Worshipful Master and I had a hearty and much appreciated lunch with Bro. David kindly footing the bill.

Back on the 'solo' trail, I also visited the home of:

Bro. Willie Pattison

Bro. Eric Gray

Mrs Mary Gray

Bro. John Raeburn (*on discharge from hospital*)

Mrs Margaret McLellan

Mrs. Mary Martin (*on discharge from hospital*)

Mrs Margaret McLean (*Norwood Care Home*)

Mrs Catherine Fennel (*Prior to admission to the R.A.H.*)

I have also maintained contact, by telephone, with, Mrs Anna Roberts down in Warwickshire, Mrs Aileen Richardson in Perthshire and also with Mrs Angela Henery regarding the health of Bro. Paul (Privacy is requested and being observed at this time).

On Thursday 23rd October 2014, I was accompanied by the R.W.M. 'Elect' Bro Alan Bernard on my visit to the R.A.H. where we visited with Mrs Catherine Fennel.

A sad footnote to the month on hearing that Bro. Jim Heron had a bad fall at home. After spending a couple of days in the R.A.H. Bro. Jim is back home where I visited him on Monday 27th and found him to be strong but with a bit to go before a full recovery.



Bro. Alex White, Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411





WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(October 1914)



- 3rd** British Expeditionary Force begins to move from the Aisne to Flanders
First elements of Royal Marine Brigade of Royal Naval Division arrive at Antwerp
- 6th** British 7th Division begins to land at Ostend and Zeebrugge with the intention to assisting at siege of Antwerp
- 8th** Second British air raid on Germany as airship sheds at Cologne and Dusseldorf are attacked again
- 10th** British forces seize Hazebrouck and Estaires
The Battle of La Bassee begins
- 12th** Lille falls into German hands
Ghent falls into German hands
- 13th** British forces occupy Ypres
First appearance of a German submarine threatening the main Southampton-Le Havre cross-Channel route
- 14th** German forces occupy Bruges
- 15th** German forces reach the Belgian coast and occupy Ostend and Zeebrugge
- 16th** New Zealand Expeditionary Force leaves home for France
Indian Expeditionary Force "B" leaves India for East Africa
- 17th** German submarines attempt a raid on Grand Fleet anchorage at Scapa Flow
- 29th** Turkey commences hostilities against Russia
- 30th** British hospital ship "Rohilla" wrecked off Whitby
- 31st** HMS Hermes sunk by German submarine off Dover
British government commences hostilities against Turkey
Lord Kitchener sends conditional guarantee of Arab independence to Sherif of Mecca





FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 20 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. John Livingstone

At the Regular meeting held on Tuesday 4th October, the following three Candidates,

JAMES FLOCKHART, WILLIAM LAIRD and JOHN SHAW

were passed to the F.C. Degree by the Office-bearers and Brethren of our good friends from Lodge Nitshill, No 1478 in what was a fine Second degree from our near neighbours. The Lodge Opened at 7:30pm and closed at 9:32pm with an attendance of 117.

On Tuesday 18th October, the Lodge held its Annual General Meeting. Those in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the excellent manner in which business of the evening was conducted by the Executive Office-bearers.

The Worthy Secretary and Treasurer submitted their respective reports to the Lodge and whilst both stated that the past year had been a busy and difficult one for the Lodge, the impressive achievements attained by Union & Crown were there for all to see and the onus was now on everyone concerned to strive to maintain the fine progress made and ensure a better and brighter future for the Lodge.

At the close of the meeting, Bro Alexander G Murray P.G.M. accompanied by a distinguished deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, and at the invitation of the Lodge officially dedicated and opened the new Function Suite in an impressive and entertaining manner, with all in attendance grateful to the PGM for his fine efforts.

Thereafter, the evening's entertainment was in the more than capable hands of that fine Comedian "EDDIE DEVINE", who kept all the Brethren in a continual state of laughter in what was a worthy harmony for the occasion. The Lodge Opened at 7:30pm and closed at 9:09pm with an attendance of 83.

We offer our congratulations in advance to Bro Elias Sudding and his popular wife Jean who celebrate their Silver Wedding in mid-November.

We noticed that one of our affiliated Brethren, Bro John Ross, who is renowned for his culinary expertise at our Installations for many years, was featured in the Daily Record for his efforts in raising over £800 for the CHAS Appeal.

Well done to Bro Alexander Irvine's lovely wife Alison who was successful in the prestigious "Silver Jack" competition at Shanks Bowling Club.

We were pleased to discover that Lodge Dunlop Caledonia, No.1408 has managed to attract a Candidate, the first one in over two years.

We congratulate one of our Brethren, Bro Alan Forrest, on the recent birth of a lovely daughter. Bro Alan now resides down in Ochiltree in Ayrshire.



Humour

Would you Adam and Eve it?

A little girl asked her father, "How did the human race start?"

The father answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so all mankind was made from there."

Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question. The mother answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."



The confused girl returned to her father and said, "Dad, how is it possible... you told me the human race was created by God, and Mom said they developed from monkeys?"

The father answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers."

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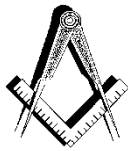
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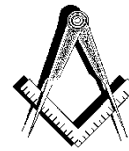
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"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"



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* - Denotes an Official visit



November 2014

Tuesday	04 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatization
Friday	07 th	07:45	FC Degree	At Lodge St Conval No. 1359
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM

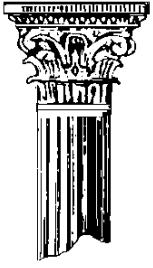
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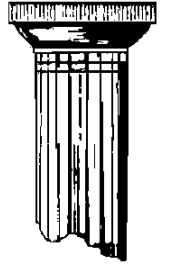
INSTALLATION
RWM 'Elect' Bro. Alan Barnard
And his
OFFICE BEARERS

December 2014

Tuesday	2 nd	07:30pm	EA Degree	by the '307' Wardens
Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	by the '307' Deacons



OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



RWM	David McArthur
WSW	Ian Blair
WJW	George McGrandles
IPM	Paul Stewart IPM
Depute Master	William H. Gauld PM
Substitute Master	Alan Bernard
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Junior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Inner Guard	Nicol Hynd
Senior Chaplain	Ronald Mclsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Kenneth Coleman PM
Architect	John Robertson
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Davie Barr
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

