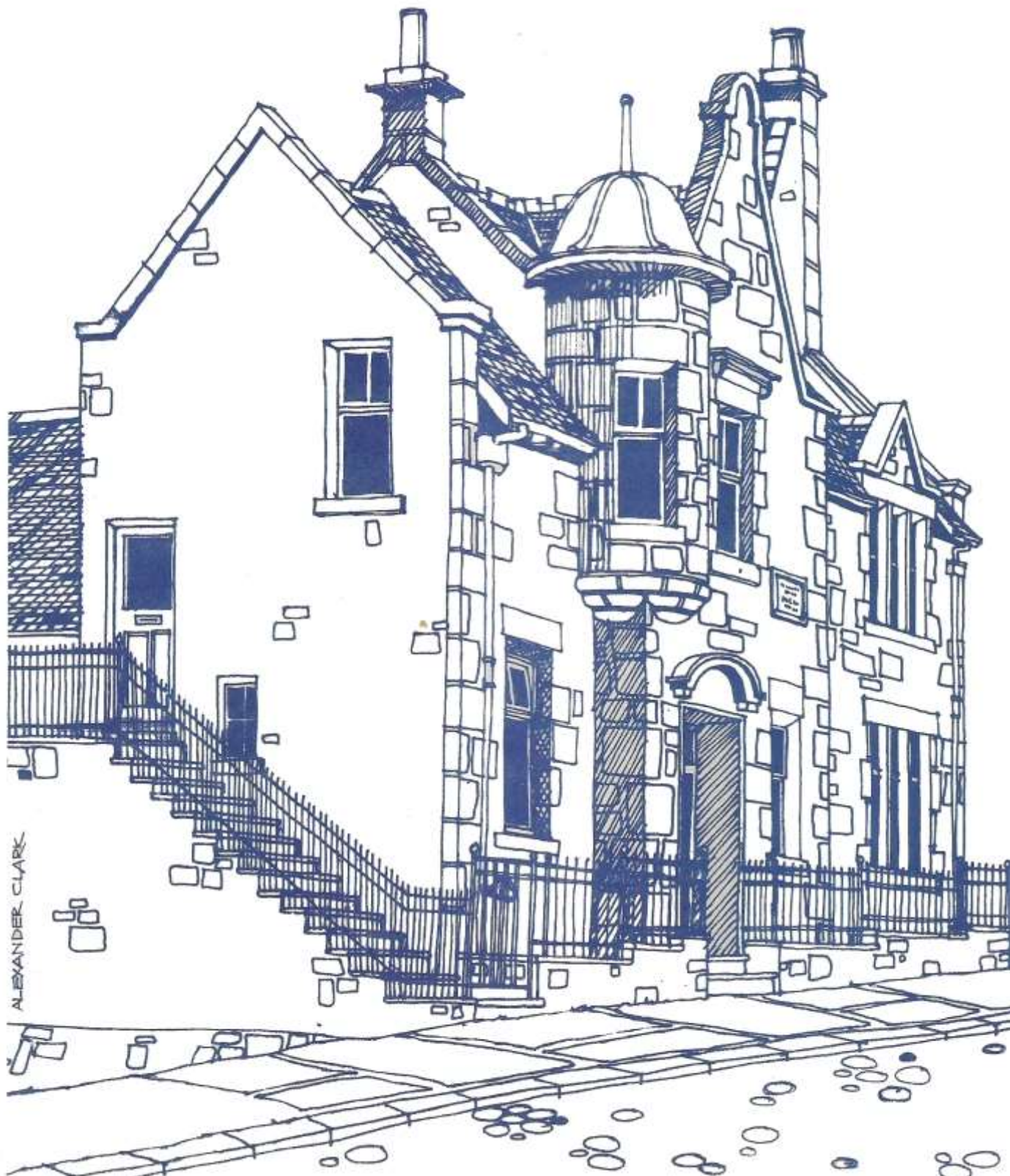


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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307



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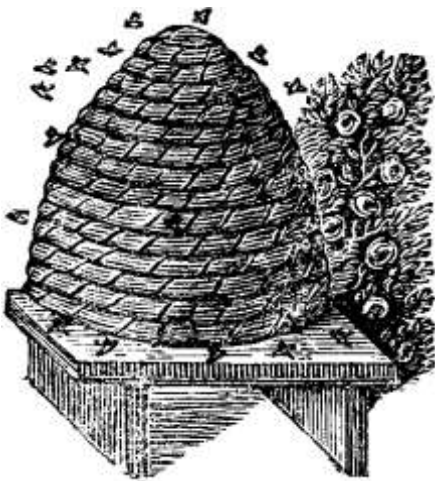
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With this edition of our monthly journal, we thankfully take, what we hope will be a well-earned rest after our endeavours of the last ten months and join the remainder of our Masonic colleagues who have already been enjoying the restful delights of the Summer recess for a few weeks.

The peaceful attractions of the beach, the bowling green, the golf course or even the armchair! beckon for many of us. Over the frustratingly short period of the next few months, the world becomes a somewhat less frantic and more tranquil place, without the seemingly endless distractions of Meetings, Visitations, Committees and even more Meetings to interfere with the peaceful and hopefully sunny idyll, far removed from all things Masonic.

Already though we are planning far in advance (*admittedly half-heartedly!*) to a renewed campaign in the Autumn, when we will again switch on the PC and wipe down the monitor from its summer slumber and sit endlessly gazing at a blank screen in a concerted effort to recall just where we left off! But remember, our trusty newshounds are lying in wait for someone to slip up in a moment of weakness during the balmy summer months, and present us with a really good story to recount to our faithful readership in the Summer edition, due out at the end of August.

One item of celebration on the horizon is our 400<sup>th</sup> Edition due in January 2017. Four hundred editions of our journal is in itself a remarkable achievement, but when you also consider that it is in fact the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding in 1976 as a one page newsletter, it is indeed a milestone. We hope to be able to mark this anniversary with something special and invite our readers to let us know over the coming months of particular articles worthy of inclusion in this special edition.



So in closing our message is simple. Like us try to enjoy yourselves and make the best of the extended break so that when you all return in September the batteries will be fully charged. And don't forget that, whilst the Lodge marches on regardless, we still require the support of as many of you as possible, especially in the Social Club.

*“Enjoy the Summer”*  
*Hugh Cattigan PM Editor.*



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. Ian Blair cordially requests your attendance at the next meetings of the Lodge which recommence after the Summer recess: -

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

and

**FC DEGREE**

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

**LODGE PRINCE of WALES No. 426**



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

and

**MM DEGREE**

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

**Lodge Union & Crown No. 307**



**100 CLUB**

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

£10: **Bro. Jim Heron**

£5: **Bro. Roy Dinning PM**



This summer the lodge will run a Ladies' Lunch for the widows and the organisers are looking for donations of bottles of spirits, raffle prizes and cash donations of £10.00 wherever possible to help offset the cost of this worthwhile venture. Contact Bro. Jim Miller PM for details.

## Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 and following the business of the evening a well filled Temple, including many visitors witnessed Lodge Union and Crown's latest dramatisation:



The Prisoner of War Dramatisation was performed by the Lodge Instruction Class. This was warmly received and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance and following the meeting a harmony took place with many of the visitors commenting on how much they had enjoyed the degree.

**Lodge Opened - 07:30pm   Lodge Closed - 09:15 pm   Attendance - 116**

## Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 the following brother:-

### **Bro. George McGrandles**

*Substitute Master of Lodge Union & Crown 307*

Was exalted in a fine Royal Arch Degree by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. All who participated are to be congratulated on their efforts.

At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter along with their visitors enjoyed a fine harmony.

This was also our final meeting prior to the summer recess. MEZ Graham Manson wished the Companions a pleasant summer for all.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm**

When the Chapter will be holding its Annual General Meeting ~ MEZ Graham Manson and his Office-bearers extend an invitation to all Companions to attend that evening.

### **Provincial Grand Chapter of Renfrewshire**

The Annual Divine Service will, this year take place at  
**Stowe Brae Kirk, Neilston Rd. Paisley** on

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

2:30 for 03:00pm



## *Freemasonry around the World*

Masonic Island is a seven acre site on Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota. It was originally named Park Island. In 1904, the island was owned by Bro. V.J. Noble, who was a member of Tuscan Lodge #44 of North Dakota. With a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and the permission of Bro. Noble, the island was cleared in 1906 for the purpose of holding outdoor Masonic conferrals of degrees. Tuscan Lodge was joined by Westhope Lodge #74 for conferrals of three Master Mason Degrees that year. The events were such a success that rituals were held annually for six consecutive years. When Bro. Noble died, Masons became interested in reviving the conferral of rituals on the island. On November 28, 1933, the Probate Court authorized the sale of the island with a deed to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation for the sum of \$277.25. At the landing dock is a flight of winding concrete stairs consisting of three, five, and seven steps that rise to the representation of a Lodge Room. The significance of the steps might be explained to you if you have a Masonic guide. An altar and officers' chairs were constructed of "beach stones" and mortared cement. Other amenities were added over the years to accommodate the island's use by Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star, and other appendant and concordant bodies.



**Many congratulations to the RWM, Bro. Tom Edgar PM, Office Bearers and Brethren of Lodge Newton Mearns No.1706 – the youngest lodge in the Province of Renfrewshire East – which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. To mark this, the Lodge hosted a special dinner in Fairweather Hall, Newton Mearns, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, when around eighty invited guests attended.**



Instead of "the John," I call my toilet "the Jim." That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning.

The Province's annual New Members Seminar was held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May in the premises of Lodge Union & Crown No.307 in Barrhead.

The event – designed to give new members further insight into the Craft and allow them to ask questions – was attended by new Brethren from within and outwith the Province many of them accompanied by their proposers and seconders.

Also present at the event as observers were the RWPGMs of Stirlingshire, Bro. Alistair T. Marshal and Dunbartonshire, Bro. John R. McCormack.

Opening the seminar, RWPGM Bro. John S. Miller stressed the importance that the Province of Renfrewshire East placed on retaining new members.

He outlined some of the innovations the Province had put in place to educate and retain the interest of new members including the Intender scheme, introductory and enlightenment booklets and the new “walk through” Degrees designed to help understanding of new Brethren.

SPGM, Bro. Dr. Iain McPhee then gave a talk on the structure of Scottish Freemasonry and outlined the sporting and charitable activities undertaken in this Province

He also spoke of the information available to Brethren through publications and websites, the library facilities that can be accessed on-line, the dramatised degrees that regularly take place and again stressed the on-going Intender training programme.

Summing up, PGM Bro. John S. Miller thanked everyone that had helped to organise the seminar and Lodge Union & Crown for hosting the event which had again helped to focus on how improvements can be made to welcome and encourage new members.

## **Masons raise £100k in a day for charity**

Scottish Freemasons, friends and ladies from 14 Masonic Provinces from all over Scotland – including 28 participants from Lodges in Renfrewshire East – accepted a Ziplide Challenge issued to them to be in Glasgow on 14 May to ziplide across the River Clyde to raise funds for Prostate Scotland. Glasgow produced stunning weather for the event when over 170 freemasons, friends and ladies were joined by a large and enthusiastic crowd of supporters who created a festival atmosphere as they took their challenge across the Clyde to the west of the Finnieston Crane to raise money for the charity.

They were supporting the Grand Master Mason's nominated charity, Prostate Scotland, a registered charity in Scotland (No. SC037494) seeking to raise awareness in men of prostate disease and prostate cancer. Through the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Scottish freemasons have supported the charity and given more than £100,000 in the last two years



My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at his face.



## **WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918**

**(May 1916)**



On the mainland of Europe, the war had been fought to a bloody standstill by the summer of 1916. It was time for the Kaiser to flex his maritime muscle. It was time for Der Tag — The Day.

Germany's High Seas Fleet's intention was to lure out, trap and destroy a portion of the Grand Fleet, as the German naval force was insufficient to openly engage the entire British fleet. This formed part of a larger strategy to break the British blockade of Germany and to allow German mercantile shipping to operate. Meanwhile, Great Britain's Royal Navy pursued a strategy to engage and destroy the High Seas Fleet, or keep the German force contained and away from Britain's own shipping lanes.

The German plan was to use Vice-Admiral Franz Hipper's fast scouting group of five modern battlecruisers to lure Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty's battlecruiser squadrons into the path of the main German fleet. Submarines were stationed in advance across the likely routes of the British ships. However, the British learned from signal intercepts that a major fleet operation was likely, so on 30 May Jellicoe sailed with the Grand Fleet to rendezvous with Beatty, passing over the locations of the German submarine picket lines while they were unprepared. The German plan had been delayed, causing further problems for their submarines which had reached the limit of their endurance at sea.

On the afternoon of 31 May, Beatty encountered Hipper's battlecruiser force long before the Germans had expected. In a running battle, Hipper successfully drew the British vanguard into the path of the High Seas Fleet. By the time Beatty sighted the larger force and turned back towards the British main fleet, he had lost two battlecruisers from a force of six battlecruisers and four battleships, against the five ships commanded by Hipper. The battleships, commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas, were the last to turn and formed a rearguard as Beatty withdrew, now drawing the German fleet in pursuit towards the main British positions. Between 18:30, when the sun was lowering on the western horizon, back-lighting the German forces, and nightfall at about 20:30, the two fleets – totalling 250 ships between them – directly engaged twice.

Fourteen British and eleven German ships were sunk, with great loss of life. After sunset, and throughout the night, Jellicoe maneuvered to cut the Germans off from their base, hoping to continue the battle the next morning, but under the cover of darkness Scheer broke through the British light forces forming the rearguard of the Grand Fleet and returned to port.

Both sides claimed victory. The British lost more ships and twice as many sailors, and the British press criticised the Grand Fleet's failure to force a decisive outcome, but Scheer's plan of destroying a substantial portion of the British fleet also failed.

The Royal Navy reached home a few days later to a storm of public protest that it had allowed itself to suffer an ignominious defeat. Dockyard workers booed the ships.

Sailors were spat on in the streets for supposedly betraying the Nelsonian tradition. It wasn't true. At worst, the battle was a draw; at best, it was a strategic victory that maintained British mastery of the North Sea and confined the German fleet to its home waters, with poor morale.

Subsequent reviews commissioned by the Royal Navy generated strong disagreement between supporters of Jellicoe and Beatty concerning the two admirals' performance in the battle. Debate over their performance and the significance of the battle continues to this day.

328 Officers were killed

5739 Seamen were killed

30 Civilian workers also killed

510 wounded

Fourteen British ships lost:

HMS Indefatigable

HMS Invincible

HMS Queen Mary

HMS Black Prince

HMS Defence

HMS Warrior

HMS Tipperary

HMS Ardent

HMS Fortune

HMS Nestor

HMS Nomad

HMS Shark

HMS Sparrowhawk

HMS Turbulent



The centenary of the biggest naval engagement of World War One is being marked by commemorative events.

A service at St Magnus Cathedral in Orkney paid tribute to the 8,648 sailors who died during the Battle of Jutland. A service of remembrance is also taking place on board HMS Duncan at Jutland Bank, the site of the battle.

The services at Kirkwall and Lyness marks the loss of 25 ships, British and German. Representatives of all the other nations connected to the battle, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Malta, New Zealand and South Africa - were at the cathedral. The commemoration was led by the minister of the cathedral, Fraser MacNaughton. He was joined by the Royal Navy's chaplain of the fleet, the Venerable Ian Wheatley, and a German naval chaplain.

In the North Sea, The German ship FGS Schleswig-Holstein will join HMS Duncan at Jutland Bank.

# Summer Fayre

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016



The Right Worshipful Master Bro Ian Blair, is looking for donations of Tombola Prizes, home baking, books, CD's, DVD's etc. and most importantly of all support from the brethren and their families on the day. Please come along and have an enjoyable afternoon in the lodge where there will be plenty see, eat and drink.

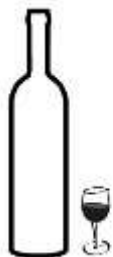
The tea room and the bar as well as the usual attractions will be there. Any brother willing to help can contact Bro Ian.

As well as a fun day out, it is also a great opportunity for a social occasion with many wives, partners, families and friends joining the brethren in both the tearoom and bar as the day progresses.

It is also important however to remember this afternoon is without doubt one of the most important fundraisers of the year because with the lodge in recess, income is severely limited and bills still need to be paid.



It is vital therefore that the Summer Fayre is a success and that as many brethren as possible contribute in even the smallest way. Perhaps by handing in a prize, some old books, bric-a-brac (**NOT** old broken electrical equipment or VHS tapes!) and more importantly by turning up and participating on the day...



Of course we are only too aware of holidays, bowling, caravans and all the other distractions the summer brings but it cannot be emphasised strongly enough how important a good Summer Fayre can be to the Lodge.

The usual stalls will be there and the Right Worshipful Master Bro. Ian Blair hopes this will be a successful day and appeals for a good attendance.

## ***But still can't get into the Wednesday sausage club***

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May Past Master Bro. Donald Cook celebrated a birthday, reports put him at being only...



Birthday wishes to Past Master Hugh Cattigan on celebrating a milestone birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> May



Coming up fast, Bro. Robin Murray PM also hits the bus-pass age on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016. Have a good one Robo when it comes.





It is with much sadness that I intimate the peaceful passing away, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016, of Mrs Elizabeth Alexander Mitchell (Betty), aged 92 years. Widow of Bro. Andrew Mitchell of 307 and dear mother of Bro. Alan Heard, also of Lodge Union & Crown. Betty was in hospital in Islay and I was informed by phone of this sad happening by Bro. Alan. I immediately expressed condolences to him and the family on behalf of the Lodge. Mrs Betty Mitchell formerly resided, for many years, in Neilston before moving to stay with family in the Stobhill area of Glasgow and thereafter to the family home in Islay. Whilst Betty lived in Neilston I had the opportunity to make occasional visits to her as Lodge Almoner and I was always most pleasantly welcomed by her, thereafter I kept in touch by telephone. Many will also know Betty as a sister of Mrs Helen Young, widow of Bro. Thomas Young PM and she will be profoundly missed and most affectionately remembered by a loving family and friends. The Funeral service took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley. I attended the service and also the after gathering of family and friends which took place at our Masonic premises in Cochrane Street, Barrhead. Bro. Alan Heard conveyed to me his heartfelt thanks to the Lodge and myself for the assistance tendered over this sorrowful time.

During the past month the accustomed calls were undertaken by myself with home visits made to the following brethren and ladies of the Lodge:-

Bro. Davie Provan (at Millview Care Home)    Bro. Jim Laird & Florence  
Bro. Philip T Reilly & Margaret                      Bro. Jim Heron & Isobel

With regard to hospital visits I would like to thank Bro. Philip T Reilly for accompanying me to visit Bro. William Laird who is at present in hospital.

Bro. Malcolm Turner is also currently in hospital at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Sadly Bro. Malcolm has now been in hospital for some ten weeks now and we can only continue to wish him well in his recovery.

At time of writing Bro. Michael McBride of 307 is about to be admitted to the Royal Infirmary Glasgow for a surgical procedure.

I wish both of the above brethren a speedy recovery.

I personally would like to thank the following brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307:-

1. Bro. Johnny Gauld for his piping excellence at Woodside Crematorium.
2. Bro's Jim Miller PM and Evan Reid PM for their preparation of the Lodge for Tea reception.
3. Bro. Jim Laing, our worth Tyler, for his accompanying me throughout the year.

May I wish the editor of our monthly journal, The Mallet, Bro. Hugh M Cattigan PM best wishes on having celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. *(Many thanks Alex Ed.)*

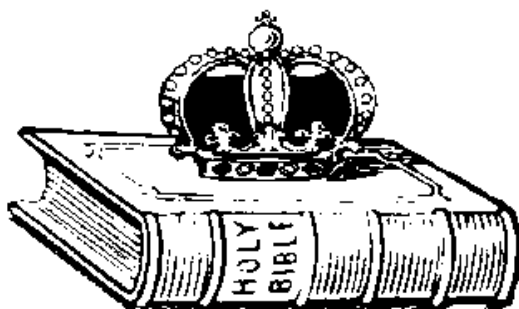
On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May I attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East's Divine Service at Stowe Brae Kirk, Paisley. This was indeed a spiritually uplifting

experience with Bro. Rev. Robert Craig and Bro. Rev. Iain Robert Ramsdon officiating. I also enjoyed the time of fellowship, with a number of brethren, over a cup of tea and sandwich.

As the Summer Lodge Recess is now here, I wish all the Brethren, Ladies and regular readers of our magazine the very best and hopefully that you all find time for a holiday and some rest.

I, as Lodge Almoner, may be called upon at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time during this summer period if you find your circumstances requires my help. I am only a phone call away.

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



## Thoughts for the Summer

"The world is a looking glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion." *Thackeray, 'Vanity Fair'*

You are led through your lifetime by the inner learning creature, the playful spiritual being that is your real self. Don't turn away from possible futures before you're certain you don't have anything to learn from them. *Richard Bach*

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished! *Unknown*

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret. *Ambrose Bierce*

People are illogical, inconsiderate and self-centred. Love them anyway. *Unknown*

Education is what you get from reading the small print; experience is what you get from not reading it. *Unknown*

We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time. *T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets*

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." *The Serenity Prayer*

"Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing." *Oscar Wilde*

"You can't fool your mother on the foolingest day of your life even if you had an electrified fooling machine." *Homer J Simpson*



# FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 25 Years Ago



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*RWM Roy Dinning*

At the regular meeting held on Tuesday 7th May the following three candidates:

**DAVID LOGAN    GEORGE ARMSTRONG    STEFAN LAWNICZAK**

were raised to the high and sublime degree of a M.M. by the Office-bearers & Brethren of Lodge Kilbryd No.1667 in what was a fine degree.

Lodge Opened 7:30pm    Lodge Closed 9:46pm    Attendance: 125

On Tuesday 21st May, the following three candidates:

**STEVEN ALLAN    ANDREW CLANNACHAN    ALAN CLUCKIE**

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by the Lodge Instruction Class. The degree team on that evening consisted of several members of that happy band of scoundrels lovingly referred to as "The Berrs" and they are to be congratulated for what was an enjoyable degree.

We gather that Bro. Bob McCulloch is moving to a new house in Hawkhead Road in Paisley.

Did anyone notice Bro Davie Provan's daughter Yvonne's picture in the Glasgow Herald recently? It appears that she was attending a seminar at the prestigious Burrell Gallery.

Good to see Bro Johnny McFarlane home safely after his period of service with the Royal Navy in the Gulf.

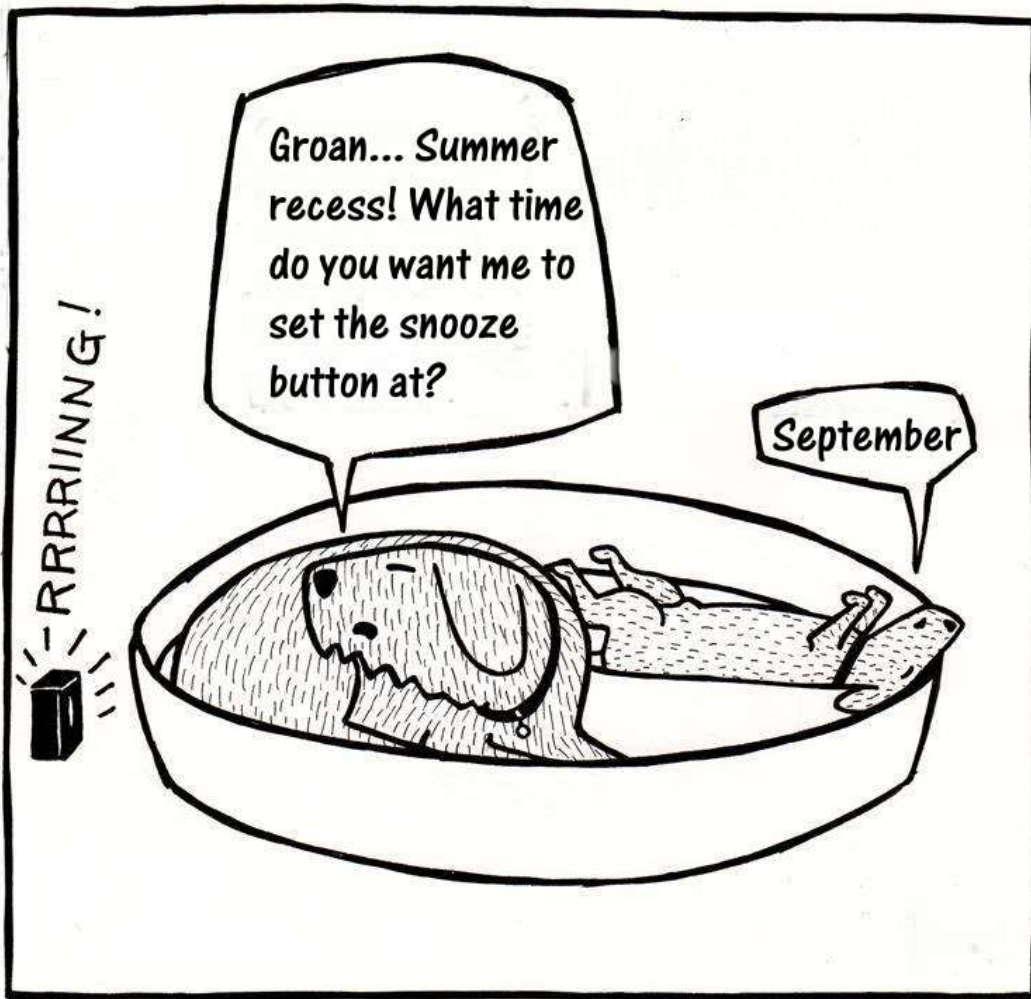
Well done to Bro Iain Nicol and his younger son Richard following their success in the recent car rally organised by the Social Club.

Bro. Raymond Smith PM commented "Since joining the N.E.C. Charities Committee I have been made more closely aware of the hard work which goes in to the provision of funds to many deserving causes. Although many sources of income have diminished in recent years, it is encouraging to see that when the 6 Lodges are themselves feeling the pinch, they continue to give support. The N.E.C. has always resisted asking for straightforward donations, preferring to organise events which generate the necessary funds

Recent Donations include - £100 to "The Friends of Marcus Humphrey House", £100 to Mitre House Rest Centre in Pollok and £100 to the Adult Training Centre for the Handicapped in Barrhead.

Future events include the Annual 5-a-Side Football in the Barrhead Sports Centre on June 5<sup>th</sup> and a Sponsored Run in September. We hope that the Brethren and their families will continue to support this most worthy cause and assist the committee to help those who most need it".

# Humour



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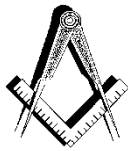
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*"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"*



# *Syllabus 2015-2016*

\* - Denotes an Official visit



## ***Lodge currently in recess for the Summer***

### **September 2016**

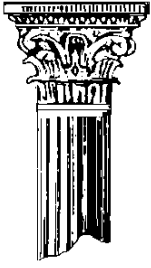
Tuesday	06 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

### **October 2016**

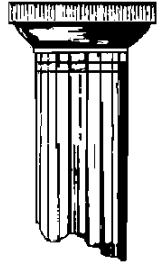
Friday	07 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

### **November 2016**

Tuesday	01 <sup>st</sup>	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Alan Bernard IPM
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	04:00pm	Installation	2016-2017



## OFFICE BEARERS 2015 - 2016



RWM	Ian Blair
WSW	Christopher Baillie
WJW	Kenneth Beatts
IPM	Alan Bernard IPM
Depute Master	William H Gault PM
Substitute Master	George McGrandles
Secretary	James Miller PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
Inner Guard	Robert Clark
Senior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Junior Chaplain	Steven Ross
Director of Ceremonies	David McArthur PM
Architect	Roy Farquhar
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Lee Renfrew
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Billy Petrie
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	John Miller
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Gordon Neil
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

