

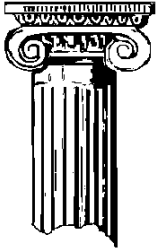
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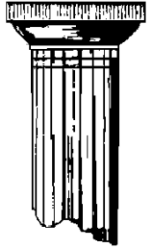
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Editorial 



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Well here we are again, back in harness again and ready to do battle against the odds for yet another busy session. Of course our monthly journal, The Mallet, now in its thirty-ninth year, will be there to record events as they unfold.

Who would have thought that the modest one page effort (*at that time still unnamed!*) so painstakingly prepared and issued by our then Worthy Senior Deacon, Bro Bud Gauld, would have survived so long. So many others locally prepared publications have come into being as a direct result of the same vision and enthusiasm which prompted Bro Bud all those years ago, only to flicker brightly before fading away.

It is only then, when the full realisation dawned upon them, that whilst it was simple to set out and produce the first couple of editions it was something altogether different when edition after edition has to be ground out month after month, through thick and thin that spirits wain.

The original concept of the newsletter was to ensure that those members of Union & Crown and their families who, for whatever reason, were unable to attend, would be kept fully informed of the workings of the Lodge and to this day this is still uppermost in our minds but we must also be aware that times change and communications between members, their families and others can be almost instantaneous by means of mobile phones, pads and social media are we nearing the time the Mallet itself will only be accessible on-line.

Anyway, short thought it may have been, the break was most enjoyable and hopefully we will all have fully recharged the batteries in readiness for another hectic session in an increasingly busy schedule for all in Lodge Union & Crown.

Whilst most of you were sunning yourselves on beaches on distant shores, the business of the Lodge trundled on regardless and the grateful thanks of the entire Lodge must go to the long list of Brethren who gave much of their valuable time to ensure the Lodge continued to function properly. Primarily amongst those to be thanked are our Executive Office-bearers as well as our Bar Convener and his enthusiastic bar teams who are to be congratulated for their fine efforts.

Whilst we are moving into another year statistically, there is still much to be achieved during the remainder of this session and we are sure that all of the Brethren of the Lodge will continue to provide the support and enthusiasm necessary to ensure that Union & Crown remain in the successful position we now occupy.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.

MASTER of LODGE

Brethren,

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

Tuesday 1st September 2015

7:30pm

Business meeting
and

FC DEGREE

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of

LODGE PRINCE of WALES No. 426



Tuesday 15th September 2015

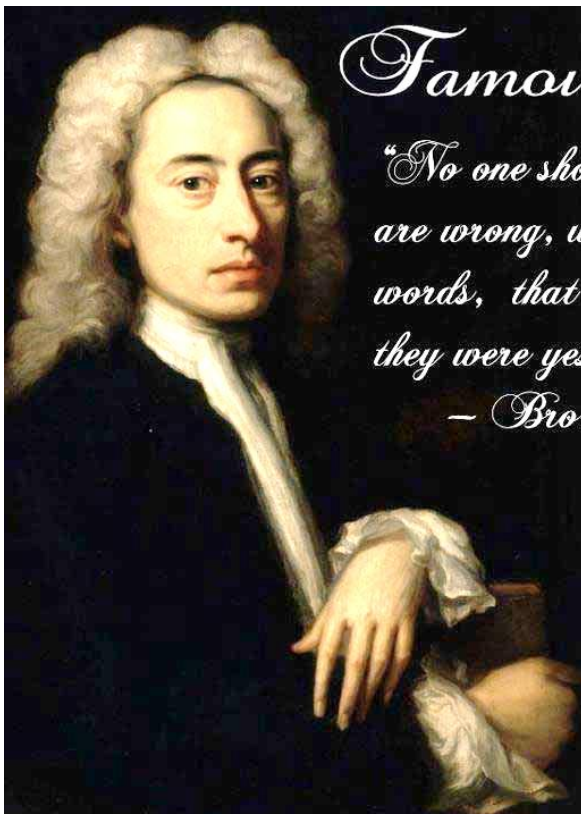
7:30pm

Business meeting
and

MM DEGREE

Conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of


Lodge Union & Crown No. 307



Famous Freemasons

"No one should be ashamed to admit they are wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that they are wiser today than they were yesterday."

- Bro. Alexander Pope



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



The Summer Recess having passed far too quickly, the Chapter finds itself back on the march again and fully refreshed for another busy year.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on:-

Tuesday 8th September at 07:30pm

when the Chapter will hold its *Annual general Meeting and election of Office-bearers* for the forthcoming session 2015-16.

Whilst some Companions often manage to avoid attending the AGM, MEC Graham Manson and the Office-bearers of the Chapter would be only too pleased to welcome as many of the Companions as possible along on that evening to what in actual fact will be a shorter than normal evening with the resultant early start to the enjoyable after-meeting harmony, greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Rockmount C.C. No. 367

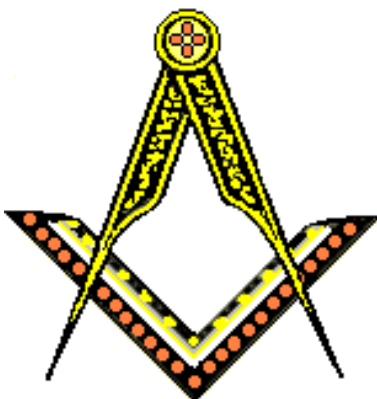
In addition, the Annual Installation of Rockmount Cryptic Council, No.367 will be held on

Tuesday 22nd September at 7:30pm

When the Council will be holding its combined:-

Annual General Meeting & Installation

TIM David Bannerman and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Council members to attend on that evening.



MASONIC LABOUR IS PURELY A LABOUR OF LOVE.
HE WHO SEEKS TO DRAW WAGES IN GOLD OR
SILVER WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

THE WAGES OF A MASON ARE PAID IN THEIR
DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- SYMPATHY THAT BEGETS SYMPATHY
 - KINDNESS BEGETS KINDNESS
 - HELPFULNESS BEGETS HELPFULNESS

AND THESE ARE THE WAGES OF A MASON.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790

Grand Lodge of Scotland
Leading us to the 21st Century



Find us on
Facebook

The launch of a Facebook page is a new departure for the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Initially it was intended as 'toe in the water' - an experiment. Initial reaction has been extremely positive with a large number of 'likes', comments and 'shares'.

The main purpose of the page is to explain Scottish Freemasonry through its history, regalia, symbolism and to a limited extent the ritual.

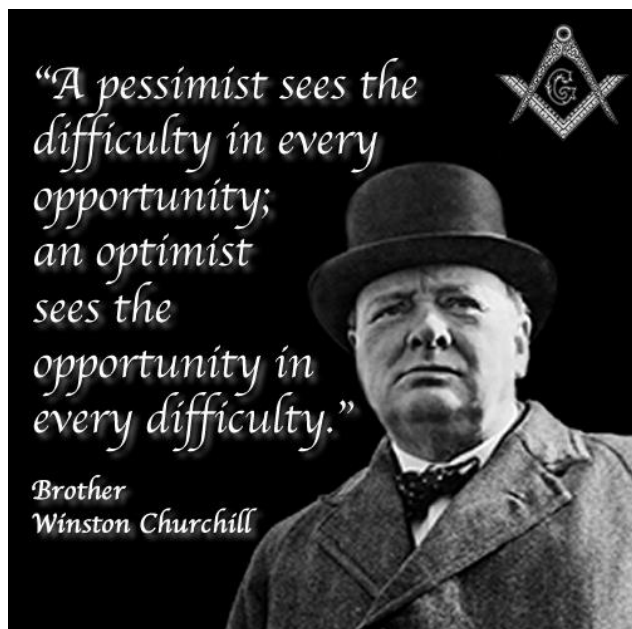
The interest in the page will be the determining factor in deciding whether or not to continue with the experiment. For the moment the feedback suggests that it ought to become a regular means of communication with Freemasons in general but Scottish Freemasons in particular.



Why not visit the Facebook page and see what you think.

"The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland"

PS. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has also launched a Twitter account with the Twitter handle of **@ScotsMasons** . However, please be aware that this too is also experimental at this time



Sean Connery has found his niche...
Apparently she was in his back garden talking to his nephew.

Bro. Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton

Definition: Hero - A person who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

I started looking at the life of Bro. Ernest Shackleton with the little knowledge I thought I knew about him and on discovering him to be in the craft a hope that I could get a page for the Mallet which might be of interest to you the reader. It was only when I had completed my third page and had not even reached what I personally would have regarded as his greatest achievement that I then realised the first three pages have to go or at least be massively cut (you would have really liked the original).

Born of English/Irish stock in Ireland and later raised, from the age of ten, in London the young Ernest Shackleton, while a great reader, was not the most academically gifted student though a hard worker.

At the age of 16 he joined the merchant navy as an apprentice eventually becoming a Master Mariner. Hearing of Robert Falcon Scott's 'Discovery' expedition to Antarctica the young Ernest set about becoming part of it.



Led by Robert Falcon Scott the *Discovery* departed London on 31 July 1901, Shackleton's particular duties were listed as: "In charge of seawater analysis. Ward-room caterer. In charge of holds, stores and provisions. He also arranges the entertainments. The expedition would last three years.

Between the *Discovery* and *Nimrod* expeditions (1903–07) there was an uneasy relationship between Scott and Shackleton perhaps this, in reality, spurring both on to greater efforts, achievements and eventual disasters.

After his *Nimrod* Expedition (1907–09) Shackleton returned to the United Kingdom as a hero, and soon afterwards published his expedition account, *Heart of the Antarctic*. Public honours were quickly forthcoming. King Edward VII received him on 10 July and invested him as Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, in the king's Birthday Honours list in November he was made a knight and thus became Sir Ernest Shackleton. He was honoured by the Royal Geographical Society, who awarded him a Gold Medal.

Shackleton then published details of a new expedition, grandly titled the "Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition", early in 1914. Two ships would be employed; *Endurance* and a second ship, the *Aurora*. Despite the outbreak of the First World War on 3 August 1914, *Endurance* was directed by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, to "proceed".

As *Endurance* moved southward, early ice was encountered, which slowed progress. Deep in the Weddell Sea, conditions gradually grew worse until, on 19 January 1915, *Endurance* became frozen fast, realising that she would be trapped until the following spring, Shackleton ordered the abandonment of ship's routine and her conversion to a winter station.

Until this point, Shackleton had hoped that the ship, when released from the ice, would be seaworthy however, water began pouring in. After a few days Shackleton gave the order to abandon ship, saying, "She's going down"! and men, provisions and equipment were transferred to camps on the ice. On 21 November 1915, the wreck finally slipped beneath the surface.

For almost two months, Shackleton and his party camped on a large, flat floe, hoping that it would drift towards Paulet Island, where it was known that stores were cached. After failed attempts to march across the ice to this island, Shackleton decided to set up another more permanent camp on another floe, and trust to the drift of the ice to take them towards a safe landing. By 17 March, their ice camp was within 60 miles of Paulet Island but, separated by impassable ice, they were unable to reach it. Shackleton ordered the crew into the lifeboats, to head for the nearest land. After five harrowing days at sea, the exhausted men landed their three lifeboats at Elephant Island, 346 miles (557 km) from where the *Endurance* sank. This was the first time they had stood on solid ground for 497 days.

Elephant Island was an inhospitable place, far from any shipping routes. Consequently, Shackleton decided to risk an open-boat journey to the 720-nautical-mile-distant South Georgia whaling stations, where he knew help was available. The strongest of the tiny 20-foot (6.1 m) lifeboats was chosen for the trip. Ship's carpenter Harry McNish made various improvements, including raising the sides, strengthening the keel, building a makeshift deck of wood and canvas, and sealing the work with oil paint and seal blood. Shackleton chose five companions for the journey and also refused to pack supplies for more than four weeks, knowing that if they did not reach South Georgia within that time, the boat and its crew would be lost.



Sailing through the waters of the southern ocean, at the mercy of the stormy seas, in constant peril of capsizing. On 8 May, thanks to Worsley's navigational skills, the cliffs of South Georgia came into sight, but hurricane-force winds prevented the possibility of landing. The party was forced to ride out the storm offshore, in constant danger of being dashed against the rocks. They would later learn that the same hurricane had sunk a 500-ton steamer bound for South Georgia from Buenos Aires. On the following day, they were able, finally, to land on the unoccupied southern shore. After a period of rest and recuperation, rather than risk putting to sea again to reach the whaling stations on the northern coast, Shackleton decided to attempt a land crossing of the island. Leaving three at the landing point on South Georgia, Shackleton travelled 32 miles with Worsley and Crean over mountainous terrain for 36 hours to reach the whaling station at Stromness.

Shackleton immediately sent a boat to pick up the three men from the other side of South Georgia while he set to work to organise the rescue of the Elephant Island men. His first three attempts were foiled by sea ice, which blocked the approaches to the island. He appealed to the Chilean government, which offered the use of *Yelcho*, a small seagoing tug from its navy. *Yelcho* and the British whaler *SS Southern Sky* reached Elephant Island on 30 August 1916, at which point the men had been isolated

there for four and a half months, and Shackleton quickly evacuated all 22 men. The *Yelcho* took the crew to Valparaiso in Chile where crowds warmly welcomed them back to civilisation.

Explorers are often a breed apart, facing danger as a way of life, and overcoming insuperable odds - or dying heroically in the attempt. Indeed two of the great names,



mentioned above, Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton and Captain Robert Falcon Scott, were both in the same Lodge Navy No. 2612 in the English Constitution. From a Masonic viewpoint, Shackleton is unique in a couple of other aspects. He must hold the record (or must be close to it) for the gap between taking his first and second degrees. Because of his polar explorations, after being initiated in Navy Lodge on 9 July 1901, it was well over ten years before he took his second step in Freemasonry, at an emergency meeting on 2 November

1911, in the Guild of Freemen Lodge No. 3525. This Lodge, restricted to Freemen of the City of London, also conducted his third degree ceremony, again in an emergency meeting, on 30 May 1913. He became an honorary member of that Lodge on 28 April 1914.

His second notable act was to announce his last expedition publicly at a Ladies Festival of the Guild of Freemen Lodge, surely something no other explorer has ever done before or since.

In the modern world where you are deemed brave if you cry on the x-factor perhaps we have lost the true meaning of being a hero. Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton forced himself and his men to endure the extremes of nature so that the majority of them survived.

Piers Morgan boasts that he and Manchester United star Wayne Rooney have a combined Twitter following of 3,000,000.

That's amazing! Who would have thought Wayne Rooney would have 2,999,999 Twitter followers?



ALMONER

It is with profound sadness that I must intimate the passing of the following two Brothers of the Lodge.

Bro. John Osborne of 307 passed away at home after a long illness, with members of his family being close by.

Condolences on behalf of the Lodge were expressed to Bro. John's Beloved Wife Marion and the grieving family.

The funeral service took place at Paisley's Woodside Crematorium on Tuesday, 14th July.

Bro. Ian Horn of 307 passed away at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, after a long illness.

Condolences on behalf of Lodge were expressed to Bro. Ian's Beloved Wife Anne and family.

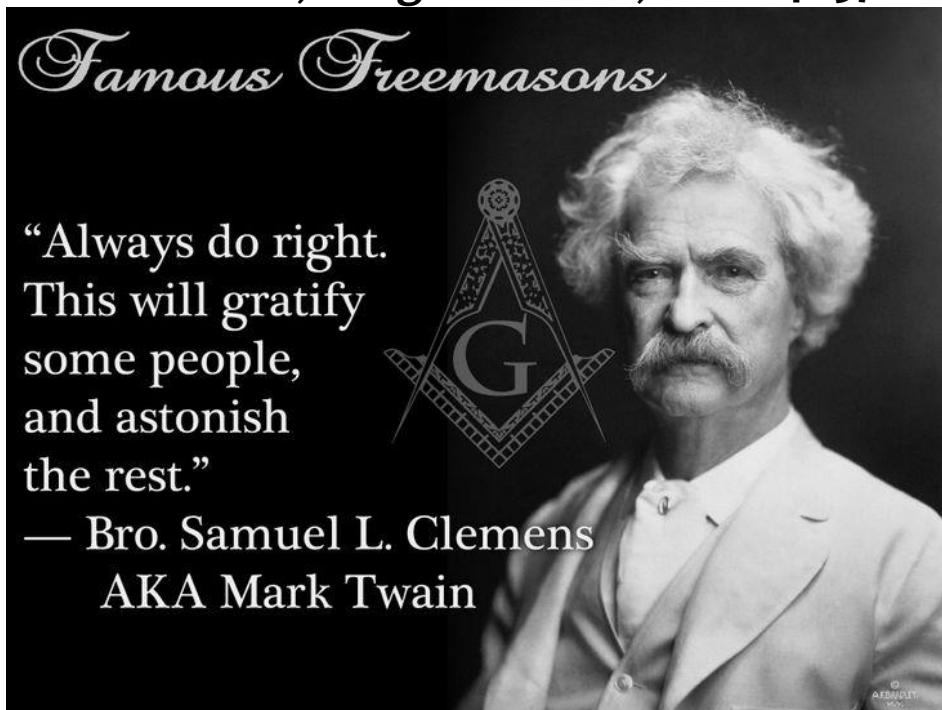
The funeral Service also took place at Paisley, Woodside Crematorium on Tuesday, 14th July.

These Departed Brethren will be dearly missed by All who knew and Loved them.

Brethren, Bro. Alex White was unable to give his usual, full and comprehensive report on his duties as Lodge Almoner over the summer. This was due to a fall he had which resulted in multiple breaks to his right arm.

The good news is that Bro. Alex has now had his plaster removed but is still a bit away from a full recovery. I am sure that when he has completed some physiotherapy he will be back to making his usual full reports to the Mallet as well as in open Lodge... let's just work together, support one another and Make Alex's job that bit easier (Ed.)

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





WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(June to August 1915)



JUNE

- 2 British government announces a blockade of the coast of Asia Minor
- 3 First Allied conference on economic war meets in Paris
- 3 San Marino declares war on Austria-Hungary
- 4 British forces makes third attempt to capture Krithia at Gallipoli
- 5 First Franco-British ministerial conference on co-ordination of Allied strategy
- German airship LZ37 is destroyed in the air near Ghent in Belgium by Lt
- 7 Warneford of the Royal Naval Air Service: the first shooting down of an airship by an aeroplane
- 7 First meeting of the British Dardanelles Committee
- 7 The attempted Allied advance on Yaunde in the Cameroons is abandoned
- 9 Italian forces capture Monfalcone in the Isonzo area
- 10 Allied force captures Garua in the Cameroons
- 19 South African forces begin advance on Otavifontein (in German South West Africa)
- 27 British and Indian force begins to advance upriver on the Euphrates in Mesopotamia
- 28 Allied force captures Naugundere in the Cameroons
- 28 British force begins attack in Gully Ravine area at Gallipoli
- 29 Italian forces launch offensive in River Isonzo area

JULY

- 2 Erich Muentner, an instructor in German at Cornell University, explodes a bomb in the US Senate reception room
- After exploding a bomb in the US Senate reception room the previous day, Erich Muentner, an instructor in German at Cornell University, shoots JP Morgan for representing the British government in war contract negotiations
- 3
- 9 German South West Africa capitulates to General Botha's South African forces
- 11 German cruiser SMS "Konigsberg" destroyed by British monitors in Rufiji Delta
- 13 German-Austrian offsenive begins on Eastern Front
- 14 First meeting of a British Cabinet in which a premier of a Dominion is in attendance: Canadian PM Sir Robert Borden
- 14 Sherif of Mecca begins negotiations with British concerning co-operation against the Turks
- 15 National Registration Act becomes law in Britain



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 31 Years Ago



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Summer 1984

RWM Bro. Douglas Junner

As always we produce a summer edition of The Mallet, to keep our Brethren informed of what has happened in the Lodge during the Recess. We hope our readers have enjoyed their break and are looking forward to being "*back in harness*" at the Lodge Meetings. During the summer, the business of the Lodge was ably attended to, by Bros Bud Gauld PM, Secretary, and Brian Morton PM, Treasurer and George Hannah PM Acting Almoner, not forgetting of course, our Bar Conveners PM's John Gray and Robert Easdon and all the Bar Staff.

It is hard not to be impressed by the quiet generosity of Bro Ken Tweedie and the staunch dedication to 307 of Bro Tom Young PM.

We would like to thank all who helped Bro Bud Gauld run the very successful "Party Night" in aid of the Siobhan Craig Wheelchair Fund. Special thanks must go to Bros John Smith & Hugh Graham who donated the raffle prizes, Bro Norman Murray for the Disco Unit and Bro Bobby Easdon and George Earley for general help and services. As a result of the effort, £203 was raised.

We offer the following three couples our sincere good wishes that they may enjoy still more years of happiness together:-

Bro **Donald Kennovin** and his wife who celebrate 55 years of marriage. Bro **David Noble Snr** and his wife who celebrate their Golden Wedding and Bro **Tom Rankin Snr** and his wife who also celebrate their Golden Wedding.

We further wish Bro **Ian MaMahon** the best of luck as he takes over the "Buddies Bar" in Faisley. Bro **George Paterson** has taken over a pub in Kilmarnock called "The Fifty Waiscoats" We are pleased to hear that Bro **Brian Henry** is making good progress with his pub and restaurant in Dumfries.

Saturday 16th June saw the annual children's trip travelling to Butlins Holiday Camp at Ayr, where 40 Kids thoroughly enjoyed a tremendous days fun in excellent weather. As usual many people are to be thanked for their efforts in making the trip so successful, but a special word of gratitude must go to Bro Ken Tweedie for his kindness.

When one of the camp workers asked a group of our children why they were all wearing British Airways badges (our means of identifying them) back came the reply -

"That means we're all Masons, mister"

Surely this must go down as THE quote of the month !

Humour



“Faither, ahm only gauny stand in as yer candidate again if ye buy me a Playstation 4 for Christmas”.

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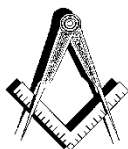
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“With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance”



Syllabus 2014-2015

* - Denotes an Official visit



September 2015

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	15th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
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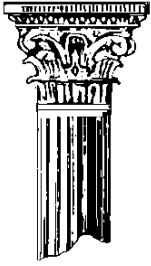
NB. Due to the unavailability of our candidate on the 1st September it has been decided that the meeting scheduled for the 15th September will now be changed to that of a FC Degree. (This information does not appear on printed editions of the Mallet so please inform any brethren you feel may be affected).

October 2015

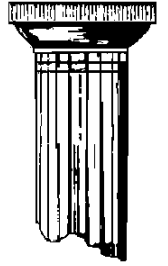
<i>*Saturday</i>	<i>3rd</i>		<i>Dramatisation (FC Degree)</i>	<i>At Lodge Loretto Centenary No. 1373</i>
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Paisley St Mirren No. 129</i>
Friday	9 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. David McArthur IPM
Saturday	28 th	04:00pm	Installation	2015-2016



OFFICE BEARERS 2014 - 2015



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

