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As we pass the first anniversary of the original national lockdown, and realise that it is now some 55 weeks since our last Lodge meeting, you start to wonder just how much will have changed for all of us by the time that we'll hopefully will be back in harness around September. Recent government announcements concerning our '*Roadmap out of Lockdown*' have shown us that there is perhaps some light at the end of the tunnel with various stages of recovery publicised, albeit these are based upon a continued improvement in the infection statistics. However, is there a another dark cloud on the horizon, with the spikes in infections in some of our European neighbours ?

Will our planned return be in a strictly limited capacity ? Will we be observing 'social distancing' at meetings ? Will we even be allowed to confer degrees at all ? These are only a small number of the unanswered questions as we move forward. No doubt we are all eager to get back to something approaching 'normal' and within the Lodge that is no different. We have missed the company of our fellow Brethren, and the enjoyment it brings to each and every one of us. The camaraderie experienced by all is a large part of the lives of many, especially those who's social outlook is limited, and we must do all we can to maintain as much of this as we can in the coming months.

Some social commentators are predicting that face masks will have to be worn in public for months, if not years to come, and that social distancing will continue for the foreseeable future. Thankfully mankind is both extremely adaptable and optimistic, and as such will soon learn to live with whatever inconveniences we are likely to experience, as long as we accept the reasoning behind it, and know that it is for the betterment and safety of all.

It is right that we look to the future and plan exactly how we can return, and the changes that will have to be put in place to allow us to do so. Getting a feasible syllabus prepared and doing all we can to help it come to reality. We may have to adjust it to suit an ever-changing landscape, but so be it. If we are not optimistic, and fail to plan ahead we will undoubtedly remain in the rut we currently find ourselves in.

Hopefully we won't lose too many Brethren who have simply grown out of the habit of attending their Lodge meetings, and the onus falls on all of us to try and ensure that doesn't happen, by encouraging all to look forward to a safe and enjoyable return.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Ronald Angus MacIsaac intimates that, until further notice, there will be no Regular Meetings held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead.

When formal clearance is received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is hoped there will be a resumption of meetings.

Yours faithfully & fraternally

Brother David McArthur P.M. Lodge Secretary



100 Club

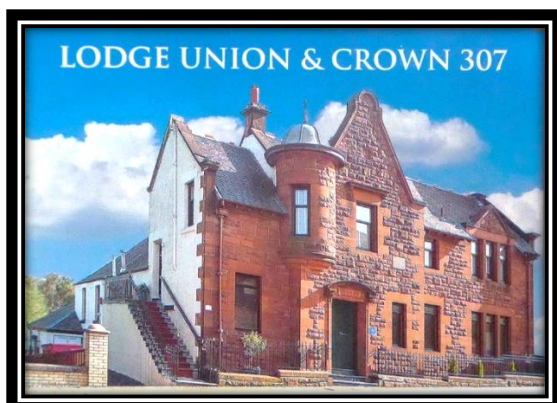
As promised during Lockdown, Bro George McGrandles, our worthy Treasurer, has continued to make the 100 Club draw, even though there are no Regular Meetings being held. Below is a list of the winners for December & January.

Meeting Date	£20.00 Winner	£10.00 Winner
March 2 nd 2021	Bro David McNaughton	Bro David Noble PM
March 16 th 2021	Bro Johnny Gauld PM	Bro Adam Watson

Lodge Postcards

The Lodge has produced some colour postcards of the Temple which are now for sale at £1-00 each. Bro Jim Miller PM is handling the sale (☎ 0141 881 4006) jimmiller307@hotmail.co.uk

All proceeds will go to The Lodge Charity Fund, with an annual donation being made to a local charity each year at our Anniversary Dinner in February.



Famous Freemasons

(This month we look at an Academy Award-winning actor, who normally played more sinister roles over a long illustrious 60 year career)

Bro Ernest Borgnine (1917 - 2012)

Ernest Borgnine was born Ermes Efron Borgnino on January 24, 1917 in Hamden, Connecticut. His parents were Anna (Boselli) and Camillo Borgnino, who had emigrated from Italy. As an only child, Ernest enjoyed most sports, especially boxing. At age 18, after graduating from high school in New Haven, and undecided about his future career, he joined the US Navy, where he stayed for ten years until leaving in 1945. After a few factory jobs, his mother suggested that his forceful personality could make him suitable for a career in acting, and Borgnine promptly enrolled at the Randall School of Drama in Hartford. After completing the course, he joined Robert Porterfield's famous Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia, staying there for four years, undertaking odd jobs and playing every type of role imaginable. His big break came in 1949, when he made his acting debut on Broadway playing a male nurse in "Harvey".



During his years in Virginia, Ernest Borgnine became a Mason. Initial interest came from his father who had been a Scottish Rite member. One day he went to the print shop to pick up some show posters where the owner, Elmo Vaughn, was a Mason. Ernest told him that his father was a Mason and asked him about joining. Vaughn smiled but said nothing. Later, after asking a third time he received a petition. and took his Entered Apprentice degree on July 7, 1948. In April 1949, he received his Fellowcraft and a week later was raised a Master Mason in May 1949. Even after moving on to Broadway and Hollywood, Brother Borgnine kept his membership in Abingdon Lodge No. 48. In 2000, he received his 50-year pin as a Freemason in his Mother Lodge. He was also a member of Hollywood Lodge No. 355.

In 1951, Borgnine moved to Los Angeles to pursue a movie career, and his career took off in 1953 when he was cast in the role of Sergeant "Fatso" Judson in *From Here to Eternity* (1953). This memorable performance led to numerous supporting roles as "heavies" in a steady string of dramas and westerns. He played against type in 1955 by securing the lead role of Marty Piletti, a shy and sensitive butcher, in *Marty* (1955). He won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance, despite strong competition from Spencer Tracy, Frank Sinatra, James Dean and James Cagney. Throughout the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, Borgnine performed memorably in a series of memorable roles on screen. Between 1962 and 1966, he played Lt. Commander Quinton McHale in the popular television series *McHale's Navy*. In early 1984, he returned to television as Dominic Santini in the action series *Airwolf* (1984) co-starring Jan-Michael Vincent, and in 1995, he was cast in the comedy series *The Single Guy* (1995) as doorman Manny Cordoba. He also appeared in several made-for-TV movies.

Ernest Borgnine has often stated that acting was his greatest passion. His amazing 61-year career (1951 - 2012) included appearances in well over 100 feature films and as a regular in three television series, as well as voice-overs in many animated films, and a continued role in the series *SpongeBob SquarePants* (1999). Between 1973 until his death, Ernest was married to Tova Traesnaes, who heads her own cosmetics company. They lived in Beverly Hills, California, where Ernest assisted his wife between film projects. When not acting, Ernest actively supported numerous charities and spoke tirelessly at benefits throughout the country. He has been awarded several honorary doctorates from colleges across the United States as well as numerous Lifetime Achievement Awards. In 1996, Ernest purchased a bus and travelled across the United States to see the country and meet his many fans. On December 17, 1999, he presented the University of North Alabama with a collection of scripts from his film and television career, due to his long friendship with North Alabama alumnus and actor George Lindsey, who was an artist in residence at North Alabama.

Ernest Borgnine passed away aged 95 on July 8, 2012

(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we look at a Lodge who have been through difficult times in recent years)

Lodge Albert Edward, No.592

The Lodge. was constituted and chartered on the 6th. of November 1876, and was so named after HRH, the future King Edward VII. His portrait hangs on one of the walls In the Museum of The Grand Lodge of Scotland, clothed in his regalia.

Before ascending the throne the Prince of Wales had as his coat of arms “The Prince Of Wales Feathers” of which adorn the masters’ chain of office and all correspondence conveyed from the lodge. The consecration took place on the 25th. of January 1877 and the first meetings of the lodge took place in an unpretentious hall in Polmadie, Glasgow, on the upper floor of a two storey wooden building which was reached by means of an outside wooden stair, the lower part of which was occupied by a coal merchant and partly by a stable.



February 21st 1877. a receipt was passed for the payment of six pairs of slippers at a cost of 7/6d.(1/1d each – 6p today).

March 7th 1877. A grand draw was to take place instead of a series of concerts which had been unsuccessful, with the tickets on sale at 1/- each (5 pence). The first prize was a milk cow valued at £15-00, followed by a gents gold watch £10-10d, a Parisian bedstead, small barrel of beer and approximately sixty other prizes.

April 3rd 1878. It was agreed to issue 60 shares of £1-00 each for the purpose of taking up the existing liabilities of the lodge and to pay 5%. per annum on each share, these shares were eventually taken up by the brethren, but as it turned out, at a later date, the issue of shares in a lodge were illegal. However,

on the motion of Bro. Nisbet PM. it was agreed to confer life-membership on all the brethren who “freely” returned their shares without asking for payment.

May 1st 1878. Twenty brethren made formal application for affiliation to the lodge, no objections being made, it was agreed to affiliate them on payment of 5/- (25p) ten brethren were then affiliated.

March 19th 1879. A Mr. Humphrey Robertson (brickbuilder) received all three degrees this evening as he was leaving the country.

October 29th 1879. Ten brethren received the first mark degree on the strict understanding that it was not a separate degree but part of the second degree.

June 15th 1882. Our very first candidate Bro. John Murphy received his second and third degrees this evening (six years later), as he was leaving for South Africa.

November 6th 1895. The Grand Lodge of Scotland points out that as from today, fourteen days must elapse between the giving of each degree and that no extenuating circumstances can be entertained as had been the case in the past.

December 8th 1904. Total assets of the lodge now exceed £200-00. No pun is intended but “one minute” later we are informed that £125-00 is missing, our treasurer of that time has absconded with that amount, and through the good office of Bro. McGuire of Lodge Sir George Cathcart 617 we recovered £60-00.

May 10th 1910. All lodges were ordered into mourning for six months due to the death of his majesty King Edward VII.

May 25th 1922. a gold and silver chain to be worn by the RWM was presented to the lodge by the PMs. of the lodge and it is interesting to note that if you look behind the plate bearing the “Prince of Wales feathers” you will find all the names of the PMs involved.

May 26th 1932. On proceeding to open the lodge it was discovered that the charter was missing from its case, a very careful search of all the boxes etc. was made but no trace of the charter was

found and nothing has been seen of it since. the meeting of course, under the circumstances had to be abandoned.

February 2nd 1933. Grand Lodge proceedings intimate that a severe reprimand had been given to our RWM for his failure to protect the charter from theft. However, thanks to the efforts of Bro. Alex Walker of Lodge Progress No.87, during negotiations with the PGLRE and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was finally agreed to withdraw all the minutes, reports, etc. which had been lodged against the RWM of 592.

September 29th 1939. Britain is once again at war therefore meetings have been restricted to the second Thursday in the month.

June 19th 1947. 76 brethren were advanced to the rank of MMM by Bro. William Jardine PM.

May 8th 1952. Bro Thomas Kerr, a member of this lodge was elected Lord Provost of Glasgow.

September 14th 1961. Bro. George Foster RWM presented three tables for the use of the master and wardens. They are still in use.

1974. The Lodge moved from Langside Halls, Glasgow, to the home of Lodge St. Christopher No.1453 and spent many happy years in the 'farm'. We then returned to the Langside Halls in 1985 and at that time changed our meeting night from Thursday to Tuesday.



1985. The lodge visited Lodge Kelburne No.459 on Millport to confer the FC. Degree. This was made possible by one of our past masters, Bro. William Sommers moving to Millport and affiliating to 459.

1988. A Fellowcraft Tracing Board was presented to the lodge by Lodge Milncroft No.1515.

1990. Bro. Andrew G G McFadden occupied the chair for the second time and to mark the occasion he presented a sash to be worn as part of the master's regalia.

1994. We formed a friendship with Lodge The Bruce No.593 in the Province of Forfarshire who had the same day of constitution in November 1876. The association between the two lodges has grown stronger over the years, and four of our brethren have received honorary membership.

1997. The lodge was honoured by the RWPGM of RE, Bro. Frank Johnstone, who commissioned Bro. Andrew Mc.Fadden PM as Substitute Provincial Grand Master.

2001. The lodge celebrated its 125th. anniversary and to mark this milestone a rededication service, conferred by the RWPGM of RE Bro. Frank Johnstone - assisted by bro. Andrew McFadden PPGSM, was held on Tuesday 6th November 2001, exactly 125 years to the day.

Bro. George Henry Foster PM, who was initiated into the lodge on Christmas Day 1947 and took office in 1948, has served the lodge as an office bearer for 55 consecutive years, occupying the chair in 1960 and 1988. A remarkable achievement of dedication to freemasonry in general, and to his Mother Lodge in particular.

Bro William Milne PM passed to the grand lodge above in 2001. He had served the lodge as almoner for over forty years. Bro Milne also received honorary grand rank from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro George Porter PM, another stalwart of the lodge, served as treasurer since 1970, a total of 33 years consecutive service.

On Tuesday, 14th April 2015, RWPGM Bro John S. Miller, presented a Jubilee Certificate to Bro. John Munro PM who was initiated into the lodge 66 years before. He also presented a special jewel to Bro. George Porter PM to mark his recent elevation to the post of Honorary Provincial Grand Assistant Treasurer.

After almost 30 years in The Langside Halls, the Lodge is now resident in the Masonic Temple in Busby, tenants of Lodge St John, Busby, No.458.

307 Concert Party 2002

For the benefit of the Brethren that may have joined the Lodge in comparatively recent years, and may be curious just exactly why 307 had a Concert Party. It is really quite simple.

The Lodge liked to provide good entertainment for the various functions in the Lodge and the escalating cost of bringing in outside 'professional' acts was becoming prohibitive. It was suggested at a Management meeting that we try and form a Concert Party to provide the Entertainment. It was realised that the same Brethren singing the same songs at every Function would not work. But if we 'Mimed' to the Stars of Entertainment we could provide a wide range of acts. I was fortunately working in the bar at a private Function a few months earlier and witnessed Bro Johnny Gauld PM and a non-masonic friend of his performing the Blues Brothers. It was in my opinion incredible. Bro. Johnny was approached to perform this, but he needed a new partner. Bro. Donald Cook PM immediately volunteered and we had 'Lift Off' I recall that Monday night in the Social Club the enthusiasm was tremendous. Brethren were coming up with various Acts and were willing to participate.

The opening act was 'It Aint Half Hot Mum' with almost the full Concert Party involved singing the opening theme 'Meet the Gang'. Then we had Bro. Jim Renfrew PM (Windsor Davies in the TV Show) playing the part of the Sergeant Major. And the late Bro. Eric Gray (as Don Estelle) miming to their song 'Whispering Grass', it was hilarious. Type casting at it's very best. Bro. Robin Murray PM took over the roll of the Sergeant Major. when we performed at a later Function.



Although I was heavily involved being D.O.C. I was totally amazed at the quality of the costumes, I don't know who made them but obviously somebody's Mother, Wife or Partner was involved , so a belated thanks. Some of the sets were terrific, the late Bro Gordon Miller PM was a genius when it came to making props. Although we had rehearsals the work done at home was mind boggling, and a few of our acts were of an exceptionally high standard and you could see a lot of hours had gone into rehearsal.

The costume for Elvis Presley act was absolutely fabulous, and Bro. Hugh Cattigan PM was indeed Mario Lanza as he mimed the song 'Drink, Drink, Drink' and his act went down a treat. The Concert Party was invited to perform for Bro. Jim Cherry and his wife's at their Silver Wedding in the Ogilvie Club, Paisley. After my introduction of Mario Lanza I went to the Bar and the young Barman said to me ' That guy is a terrific singer he could be singing professionally' That was how good Bro. Hugh's miming was.

As a young man I believe I have seen the film The Jolson Story in excess of ten times. We had a class act playing the part, with Bro. Donald Cook PM as Al Jolson and he did a melody of Jolson songs his stage make up was terrific and again miming of the highest order. Bro Graham Manson PM did Elvis Presley and Billy Connolly and was involved in numerous other acts.

The first time I can remember Bro. David Watson PM acting as Tina Turner was at a Ladies Night . to set the scene the Ladies Night was held in the Function Suite. It was a Friday evening the Social Club was open. To keep the two areas separate we had a framework made that we assembled at the full opening of the Folding Doors and Bro Jim Kerr PM supplied us with heavy curtain material as it was a private Function as a backdrop for our stage. There was a group of Senior members that met every Friday in the Social Club known as 'The Last of the Summer Wine' (with PM's Bud Gauld and Jim Kerr as associate members). Some of them wanted to see the show but they were barred as it was a private Function. They would stand under the stairs until the acts went on then would go to glass doors and watch the act. bros Ewan Martin and Jim Kerr were the main culprits. Tina Turner (alias David Watson) dressed in fish net tights high heels, mini skirt, wig and wearing false boobs, was coming down the stairs when Bro. Kerr whispered did you see the legs on that female, she is a Cracker.

There was a lot of acts that I loved, Hugh Cattigan and Gordon Miller as Laurel and Hardy miming to 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'. The Andrew Sisters David Watson, Johnny Gauld and Donald Cook miming to 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy'.

The Spice Girls from memory were Bros Johnny, Donald, David. Graham and Gordon the costumes were fabulous. At the end of the act Ginger Spice (Johnny) did a solo spot miming to It's raining Men' the four other members now out of character returned as male dancers with colourful umbrellas twirling them as they did a dance routine behind Ginger Spice.

Bro. Wolf Easdon as Buddy Holly was fantastic. I remember his Mother Ann saying to me Jimmy the show was great but my boy was the best. Village People with Bro Sam Berry as the policeman and others miming to YMCA, and 'In the Navy' the boys really camped it up, the act was well liked by the ladies

Bro Sam Berry as Shirley Temple miming to 'On The Good Ship Lollipop' Sam with a dress and tap shoes and with his beard and tattoos was hilarious. When he finished his act he fell asleep and I lifted him up and carried him off stage. Bro. Gordon Miller PM as Rod Stewart miming to Do You Think I'm Sexy with very tight trousers.

The Concert Party was so good that at one of the Ladies Night's I was approached by a young lady asking if she could join the Concert Party. We also did Barry White, Madness, The Beatles and many many others.

Bro. Tom Mulholland PM was the sound & lighting engineer, and a very important member of the Concert Party Team

I have thoroughly enjoyed going down memory lane with this article, the rehearsals were sometimes funnier than the actual performance. Why did it stop, I sincerely believe we were too successful.

Apologies to any Brethren that made a contribution to the Concert that I have omitted, but at my age the memory is not as sharp.



Bro Jim Miller PM

TALES OF A TREASURER

RWM, Office Bearers & Brethren, I hope this finds you well and keeping safe.

It was just after our PGLRE visit on the 3rd March 2020 that our lives changed and who would have predicted that at the 21st March 2021 we hadn't come together again.

There is a small light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel as I draft this short report. Spring is in the air and lockdown is slowly easing. If we are all careful and stringently comply with the Covid guidance, I sense we may have a chance of meeting again in September this year.

I have to thank you all very much for your efforts for ensuring your test fees were paid. More Brethren have taken this opportunity to switch to direct debits whilst others have made great efforts to send me cheques. No trips to the bank though as modern technology permits me to deposit cheques via a photograph, absolutely amazing.

I would also like to acknowledge that I have not only received the normal test fees but significant amounts above and beyond what is required. Your continued support has been outstanding.

Brother David McArthur PM our secretary, has been working full time throughout this lockdown, remotely lecturing students from home. In addition, his efforts for our Lodge have been immense. David has been protecting you and our Lodge by providing regular updates on the Covid guidance and insisting we comply with it. David has been a

constant source of assistance to me, we have been collaborating frequently to ensure we have the latest grant funding opportunities. I would like to personally thank David for his efforts, humour and

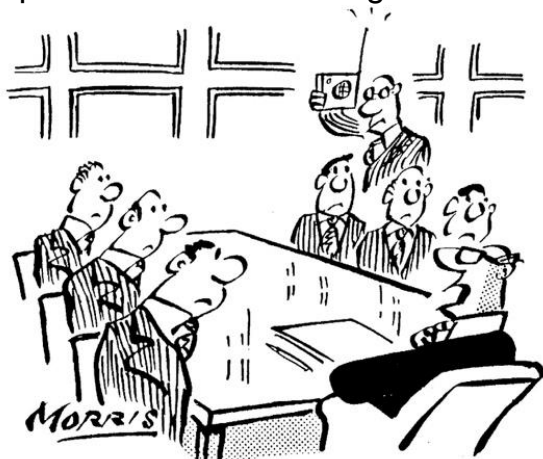
positivity over the past year which I think has helped us all.

On that note Brethren. Combining the extraordinary efforts of our Brethren with the Scottish Governments Strategic Business Fund grants has placed the Lodge in a very healthy financial position and for that I am truly grateful. The 2019-20 accounts were signed by our

accountant, Brother Tom McGuire in August 2020. At some time in the future those accounts will be presented to you, most probably with the 2020-21 accounts.

A Treasurer's Challenge

As your treasurer, it is my duty to identify the best deals for our utilities such as gas, electricity, water and telephone. In February 2020, we received a monthly gas bill which made my eyes water. It was the winter bill of course but the configuration of our heating system did not assist with our costs. I therefore set a challenge to our management



committee. This challenge was accepted. I would like to pay tribute to the working parties that have worked tirelessly throughout this dreadful period. Amongst many, many other significant projects, our heating system has been reconfigured. The year-on-year comparison table displays a significant reduction in our usage. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all those brethren who have given their time, for our lodge this past year.

I think we all owe Brother Jim Renfrew a huge thank you for his efforts with our Monthly publication of The Mallet. It has been a great read every month, hugely educational with regards to famous freemasons across the world and thoroughly enjoyable. Well done Jim.

Lastly and with great sadness I acknowledge those Brethren that have passed away during the past 12 months. My sincere condolences are with their families and friends. It has been an extremely tragic year combined with the unimaginable difficulties of funerals and still complying with Covid guidance. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

All the very best Brethren, I am honoured and proud to serve as your treasurer and to be completely honest you make my job very easy indeed.



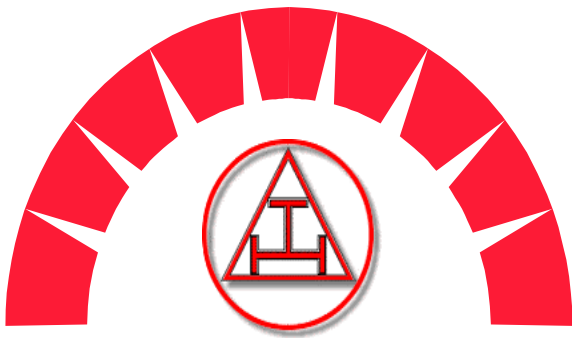
Sincerely and Fraternaly, Keep Safe

**Brother George McGrandles PM,
Lodge Treasurer**



BITS & PIECES

- Congratulations to Bro David Watson PM's daughter Emma, and Bro Alan Barnard PM's daughter Jessica who both celebrated their 21st Birthdays. Best Wishes to both.
- On a similar note, best wishes to Bro Jimmy Laing who has just celebrated his 82nd birthday. Bro Jimmy, the reigning RWM of Lodge Dunlop Caledonia, has recovered well from his recent surgery, and can be seen whizzing about the town in a brand new electric buggy.
- Brethren can still tune in to the 'Virtual Instruction Class' being held on alternate Mondays at 7.30pm. If you want to participate, contact Bro Graham Manson PM.
- Congratulations to Bro Archie Boyd of Lodge Thistle & Crown, a well-known figure in the town, who recently was presented with a 'Distinguished Service Certificate' by his Lodge on the occasion of his 95th Birthday.
- You can still participate in the '200 for 200' scheme being offered by the Lodge's Bi-centenary Committee? A single payment of £200 (which can be paid up over the next 3 years if necessary) will secure a range of 200th Anniversary benefits including Tickets, Jewels, Books etc. Almost 40 Brethren have already enrolled, and anyone interested should be Bro Robert Scott WJW as soon as possible.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

Lodge and their attempt to hold a Zoom meeting for members under 40. If you are eligible and interested, I recommend that you contact your Lodge Secretary for further advice.

Hugh Cattigan PZ, Scribe E

Our Most Excellent First Principal

Hi Companions,

I hope this bulletin finds you and your families well and in good spirits as we continue life through lockdown, but maybe; just maybe; there could be a move from darkness into light for all of us,

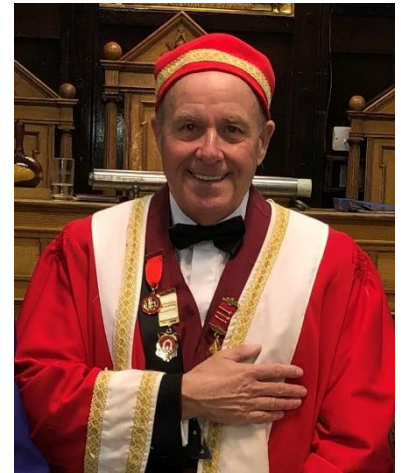
Cautious optimism is probably the best way to sum up the tone of the First Minister's update last Tuesday, and while it's not yet time to be unpacking Masonic regalia, there were hints that our lives may begin to creep towards something nearer normality as we enter the Spring and Summer months.

However, let's not forget we are still in the middle of the pandemic, while this is great news, we cannot afford to be complacent, and so it is important that we all continue to follow the government guidance.

A friend of mine a Past Master from 103 suffering from Covid appeared on television from his hospital bed, outside looking through the window was his wife, daughter and grandkid as part of his interview, he said "never thought a window would be so important in my life" so when the time is right let us all take the window of opportunity to renew friendships, I thank you all for your continued support, especially our admin Hugh and Jim for the hard work they are doing for the chapter,

Companions, please keep safe Yours Faithfully and Fraternally

Harry Lloyd MEZ



Did you Know ?

- ❖ That the third degree did not exist at the beginning of speculative Freemasonry. In fact, it only started in the 1720s, and it took quite some time to spread through Masonic lodges.
- ❖ That Pope Leo XIII called Freemasonry "the kingdom of Satan"
- ❖ That Bro Cécile Révauger, historian of Freemasonry and a professor at the University of Bordeaux, talks about how the society retains its Enlightenment-era vigour and the society "still conveys core values, religious tolerance, thirst for knowledge and sociability." It is only fitting that a society that originated in the middle ages would have passwords and secret rituals

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 15 Years Ago

No. 292

March 2006

After a short business meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 7th March, the Lodge welcomed a large and distinguished deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, in what was their annual statutory visitation to Union & Crown. The Brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge were headed on this occasion by the Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Bro John Miller. It was most pleasing to note that he was well supported by a total of 12 members of PGL.

The year under examination was 2004-2005, when Bro Tom Mulholland IPM had been Right Worshipful Master, and it was pleasing to note that in a full and frank report, the Lodge was congratulated for all it had achieved under Bro Tom's, quiet, but effective leadership. When given the opportunity to reply, our I.P.M. thanked all who had assisted him throughout his term as RWM. Bro John, a very well-known face in 307, conducted the business of the visitation well and is to be congratulated on his efforts.

Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 8.29pm

Attendance : 62

On Tuesday 21st March, the following two Candidates :

THOMAS BELL

SHANE ERASMUS

were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree, by a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Craigielea, No.1218. The Brethren from Paisley conferred a fine EA degree, and we were not disappointed with their efforts.

During the meeting, a deputation of Companions from Rockmount RAC, No.367, headed by MEC Gordon Wade MEZ entered and presented a cheque for £500 to the Lodge. A magnificent gesture, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-53pm

Attendance : 94

100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 7th March

£10 : **Bro Donald Cook PM**

£5 : **Bro Sam Berry**

Tuesday 21st March

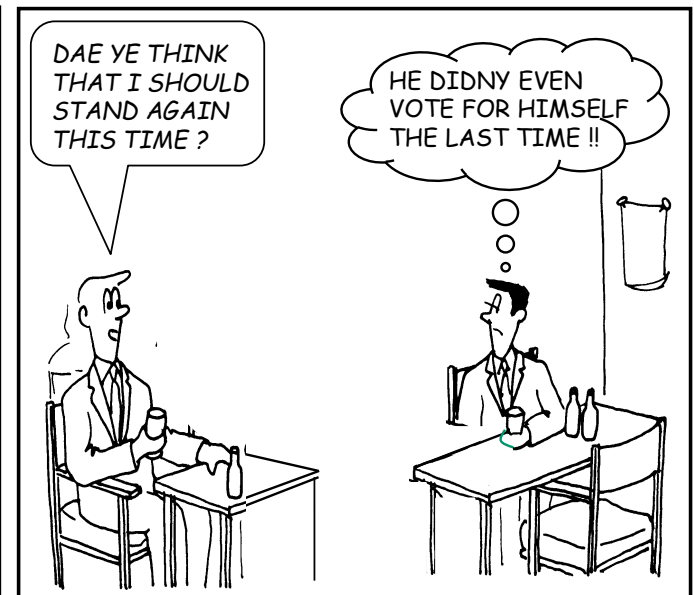
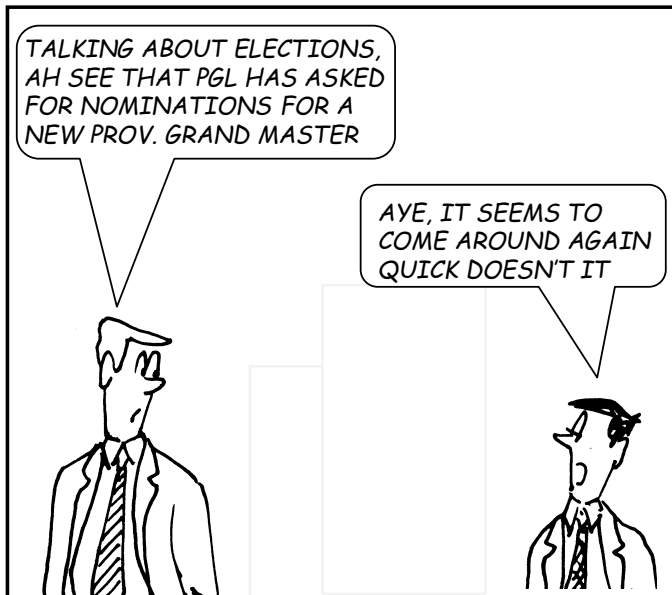
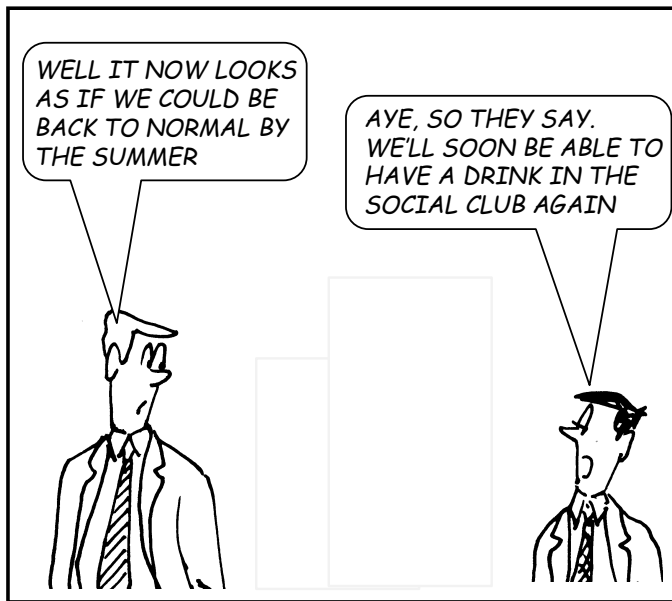
£10 : **Bro Stephen McGill**

£5 : **Bro David Watson WJW**



- Bro Graham Manson RWM is organising an "**All Day Breakfast**" in the Lodge on Saturday 6th May between 9am and 4pm. Tickets costing £3 are now available
- We gather that a Ladies Night is being planned for late April with the 307 Concert Party possibly making a comeback. Watch this space for details.
- Congratulations to Bro Willie Renfrew following his recent election as Captain of Fereneze Golf Club, the latest in a long line from 307 to achieve this.
- On a similar note Bro Colin Maclean has been elected as Vice-President of Crofthead Bowling Club in Neilston. We wish him well during his year in office.

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