

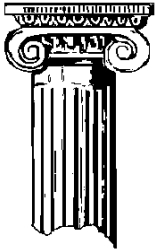
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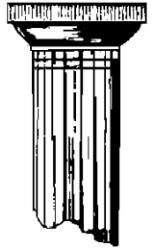


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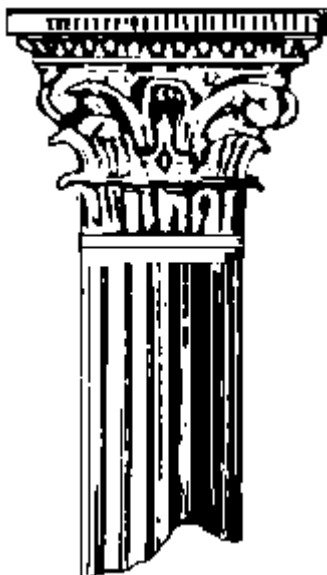
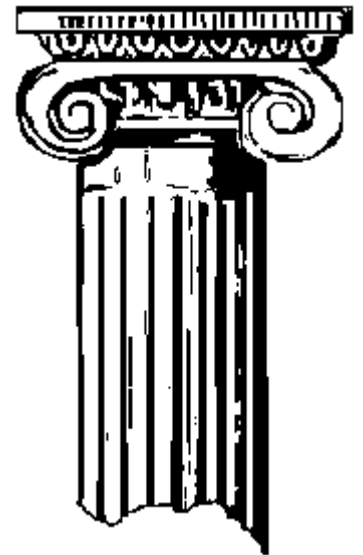
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By the time most of you will have read this the annual installation season within Renfrewshire East will be well underway. A busy time for ourselves and most Lodges in our province, it has over the years gained the fitting nickname “*The Steak Pie Season*” and can prove to be extremely hectic and time-consuming period for all involved, from the first weekend in October right through to the second week in January.

The RWM tries to ensure that we are represented at as many as possible, a daunting task when you consider that we have a total of 36 other Lodges to cover. They can be as far apart as East Kilbride in the East of the province and Lochwinnoch in the West.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that the scheduling of the meetings sometimes brings together four or five on the same day. A mammoth undertaking which can involve over a dozen of our Senior Office-bearers and Past Masters and calls for more intricate planning than that which brought the D-Day landings to a successful conclusion.

We therefore appeal to the junior office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge to assist in this sometimes onerous task. The Senior Brethren have a heavy schedule throughout the year and any assistance that they receive during this period is most welcome. Your attendance at a couple of meetings would go a long way to alleviate the situation and perhaps allow the R.W.M. and his Wardens to perhaps spend some time with their family between now and the end of the year.



Within Union & Crown, our Annual General Meeting, where we nominate and elect our Office-bearers and committees for the forthcoming session, is a brisk business-like affair, carried out with the minimum of fuss. This year was no different, and on behalf of the Mallet readers I offer our congratulation to our RWM Elect, Bro. Ian Blair and wish him and his office bearers all the best for the coming year.

Yet while Bro. Ian wanders around with a notebook constantly writing things down and repeating the master elect mantra “nobody told me that”! The business of the Lodge continues and our current RWM, Bro. Alan Bernard still has a busy last month ahead of him with one more dramatisation and his last ‘official visit’ to a sister Lodge amongst his busy calendar.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

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

Tuesday 3rd November 2015
7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

Dramatized MM Degree conferred by:
The Lodge Instruction Class



Friday 6th November 2015
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 17th November 2015
7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

MMM Degree conferred under the instruction of:
IPM Bro. David McArthur



Saturday 28nd November 2015
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 October were:

Tuesday 10th October	£10: <i>Somebody?</i>
	£5: <i>Somebody else?</i>
Tuesday 21st October	£10: Bro. Donald Cook P.M.
	£5: Bro. Alan Easdon



Regular Meetings

At the regular, rescheduled to Friday 9th October 2015 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 8:18pm Attendance was 48

On Tuesday 20th October. The Annual General Meeting of the Lodge took place with a reasonable number of brethren attending. Bro. David McArthur IPM, 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 5 candidates joining the Lodge. Sadly, this was tempered with the news that we also lost 8 brethren throughout the year.

It was disappointing to see, that our annual and average attendances were down, 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: 42

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the Installation Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October, MEC Graham Manson was installed for a second year 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.

The Installing Team of MEC's James Miller PZ, Robert McCulloch PZ and Jim Renfrew PZ 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.

An excellent 'Buffet style' harmony took place following the meeting which was enjoyed by all present. The speeches were kept short and to the point (almost Ed.) and special thanks were given to MEC David Houston PZ of Paisley Abbey RAC No. 76 for his reply on behalf of visiting Companions.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be on **Tuesday 10th 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.

Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

The next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 24th November 2015** at 07:30pm.



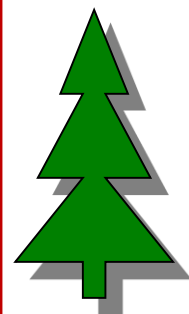
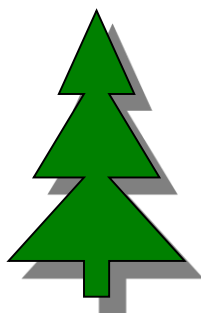
Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2015

Saturday 5th December 2015

Music by
'BRONX'

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



Visitations

On Saturday the 3rd October a deputation of 19 brethren, headed by the RWM, Bro. Alan Bernard, made their way from West to East or more precisely from Barrhead to Dalkeith, there to visit with the brethren of Lodge Loretto Centenary No. 1373 and their other guests.

Lodge Loretto Centenary No. 1373 is a Lodge of Research and we were there to give a demonstration of our dramatized FC Degree.



Lodge Loretto Centenary meet in the very fine premises of Lodge Dalkeith Kilwinning No. X. and after the business of the day was completed the brethren enjoyed a very fine and informal harmony with the brethren of the East.

Some weary travellers returned back on the mini-bus to Barrhead as the clock neared midnight but everyone was well pleased with a most enjoyable day.

On Monday the 5th October the RWM, Bro. Alan Bernard led a deputation of 18 brethren to our good friends at Lodge Paisley St. Mirren No. 129 and while there to confer a FC degree on a candidate.

In what was a fine rendition of the FC degree the RWM was rightly proud with the performance of his degree team.

Following the degree the brethren retired downstairs to renew some old friendships and enjoy the harmony which followed.



The new bench, donated in memory of Past Master Thomas MacKay Young, now in place on the Lodge patio for brethren and visitors to sit, reflect and enjoy over the coming years.



On Thursday 22nd October 2015, I attended the funeral service of Mrs Isabel Webb, the dear mother of Bro. Lawrence Webb, Lodge Union and Crown's Director of Music. The service took place at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley. I also attended the funeral tea at Fereneze Golf Club, Barrhead. A few days earlier, I took time to visit Bro. Lawrence and his dear wife Elaine at their home in Barrhead to convey condolences on behalf of the Lodge and offering the assistance of the Lodge at this most grieving of moments. Bro. Lawrence and Elaine thanked me for the compassion expressed. Mrs Isabel Webb, aged 83 years, did reside in the Paisley area and passed away at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) in Paisley after suffering a short illness. Isabel will be sadly missed by her loving family and all who knew her.

It is with much sadness I intimate the very sudden passing, at her home in Barrhead, on Sunday 18th October, of Mrs Moira Campbell's daughter, Elaine, the day before her 48th birthday. On hearing this sad news I called at the home of Mrs Campbell where I conveyed condolences to her and other members of the family on behalf of the Lodge. The appreciation of my visit was most clearly expressed. The funeral service will take place at the United Reform Church, Barrhead and at Neilston Cemetary. I do intend to support Moira and the family on that day by attending both services. This is indeed a most tragic loss for this most caring and loving family. Elaine will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

During the month, at the families request, I have also visited Mrs Isobel Heron several times while she is in the RAH (Ward 8).

I have also visited the following Brethren and Ladies of the Lodge at their respective homes:

Bro. Donald and Mary Ferguson	Bro. Robert Kennedy
Bro. Jim and Isobel Heron (prior to Isobel being admitted to the RAH)	
Mrs Isabel Paton	Mrs Jean Ryan
Mrs Helen Young	Mrs Dora Pattison

I then made the following telephone calls to keep in touch with the following Ladies of the Lodge:

Mrs Isa Leckie (Bournemouth)	Mrs Aileen Richardson (Perthshire)
Mrs Anna Roberts (Warwickshire)	

Can I just add that Mrs Isa Leckie is about to celebrate her 95th Birthday, "Congratulations and a happy birthday from all at '307'".

Mrs Joan Cherry, Dear wife of Bro. Jim Cherry recently had to experience a short spell in hospital. I am pleased to report that Joan is now back home in Girvan and recovering. Good news indeed.

Similarly, Mrs Elizabeth Phillips, much loved wife of Bro. Jim Phillips has had to endure a number of hospital visits in recent times due to the serious nature of her illness. "Liz", is a very near neighbour of mine here in Neilston and is a strong, resolute and determined individual and perhaps more importantly a very cheerful Lady. Bro. Jim and Liz, I'm glad to hear that you both enjoyed your recent holiday break in Crieff and Pitlochry.

On Friday 23rd October Mrs Anna Roberts and her daughter Anne, whilst on a short holiday in Scotland, took time to visit the Lodge in Cochrane Street Barrhead where I met both ladies and we experienced and enjoyed a time of joyful reflection.

Anna's late and dear husband was Bro. Joseph Bell Roberts, RWM of the Lodge in 1958/59. Her late father-in-law was Bro. Charles Thomas Roberts RWM of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307 from 1945 to 1947.

Both these outstanding members of the Lodge have their names exhibited on the "Brick Project" display and both Anna and Anne were delighted and much moved to see these. A time of fellowship and conversation ensued and it was for me, your almoner, a pleasure to be once again, in the company of these ladies along with our present RWM Bro. Alan Bernard who accompanied us throughout this visitation.

On Saturday 24th October a Commemorative Memorial Service took place in the grounds of our Masonic Temple in Barrhead for Past Master Bro. Thomas MacKay Young who passed away a few years ago. This service was organised within the body of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East (PGLRE) with Provincial Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. Robert Craig officiating.

We were delighted to welcome a good number of Bro. Tam Young PM's family and friends attended, including his widow Helen ("Nellie") and daughter Doris.

The PGLRE were well represented by many old friends of Bro. Tam with the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Samuel Miller also there and heading their deputation.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was represented in the presence of Bro. Archie McGowan.

Last but not least a goodly number of Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 were also in attendance, many knowing Past Master Tam personally and some younger brethren who have come to know him through the many anecdotal stories which surround Bro. Tam's time in the Lodge.

During the service, Bro James Laing, our Worthy Tyler, and long standing friend of Bro. Tam, Nellie and daughter Doris carried out a significant part of the service on behalf of the family, he did this with much dignity and profound feeling.

At the close of the service many adjourned into the Lodge where refreshments had been provided by the Lodge. Bro. Thomas MacKay Young PM, though departed will never be forgotten ~ A good man and Mason.

Prior to the memorial service I was delighted to meet Mrs Betty Mitchell widow of Bro. Andrew Mitchell of Lodge Union & Crown and sister of Helen (Nellie) Young.

I'd also like to add my personal thanks to Bro. Ronnie McIsaac, Senior Chaplain for his assistance in arranging and providing transport so that Bro. Tam's widow, Nellie, could attend.

It was with much personal regret that during my own recent spell of ill-health I was unable offer fully the services of almoner to Bro. Donald Cook PM, his dear wife Pauline and all their family I can only express my sadness and deep shock on hearing of the loss of your infant granddaughter. I do hope the card sent was of some small comfort, "May God bless you all" at this sad time.

In concluding this report may I express my gratitude to Bro. James Laing, our worthy Tyler for the sterling work carried out by him, not only on my behalf but yours during recent months. Bro Jim you are indeed held in the highest esteem and respected by all the brethren. A true stalwart of our beloved Lodge, Thank you.

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



It's installation season again so let's try and cover as many as possible both within and outwith the Province.

PGLRE NOVEMBER 2015 INSTALLATIONS

Friday	6 th November	6:30pm	Lodge St Christopher No. 1453
Saturday	7 th November	3:00pm	Lodge The Royal Stuart No. 1414
Saturday	7 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Sir George Cathcart No. 617
Saturday	7 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Craigends No. 1042
Tuesday	10 th November	6:30pm	The Pollokshaws RA Lodge No. 153
Friday	13 th November	7:00pm	Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242
Saturday	14 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Nitshill No. 1478
Saturday	21 st November	3:00pm	Lodge Captain Speirs No. 791
Saturday	21 st November	3:30pm	Lodge Albert Edward No. 592
Friday	27 th November	6:45pm	Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129
Friday	27 th November	7:00pm	The St. John's Operative Lodge No. 1218
Saturday	28th November	4:00pm	Lodge Union & Crown No. 307
Saturday	28 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Newton Mearns No. 1706



A man goes into a bookshop and asks the woman behind the desk "Do you keep stationery here?"

"No" she replied, "Sometimes I wriggle about a bit."

The Mayonnaise jar & Beer

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.'

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.'

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children and grandchildren. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner.

Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.'

The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.



WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(October 1915)



The Battle of Loos started in September 1915 (and detailed in the last edition of the Mallet), came to an end on the 8th October with an estimated 430,000 French, British and German soldiers dead.

The execution, after a trial, of Nurse Edith Cavell on the 12th October sparked both British and World outrage akin to that of the sinking of the Lusitania.

She is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides without discrimination and in helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the First World War, for which she was arrested. She was subsequently court-martialled, found guilty of treason and sentenced to death.

Despite international pressure for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. Her execution received worldwide condemnation and extensive press coverage.

In the months and years following Cavell's death, countless newspaper articles, pamphlets, images, and books publicised her story. She became an iconic propaganda figure for military recruitment in Britain, and to help increase favourable sentiment towards the Allies in the United States. She was a popular icon because of her sex, her nursing profession, and her apparently heroic approach to death. Her execution was represented as an act of German barbarism and moral depravity.

On the 6th October, the invasion of Serbia begins as Austro-German troops attack from the north. Five days later, the Bulgarians attack from the east. The outnumbered Serbs have their poorly supplied troops stretched too thinly to defend both fronts. Belgrade then falls to the Germans and the Bulgarians capture Kumanova, severing the country's north-south rail line. This leaves the overwhelmed Serbian troops no option other than to retreat westward through the mountains into Albania.

In the autumn of 1915 the French and British Armies carried out a second large-scale, two-pronged offensive against the German positions, which were by this time well-consolidated and proving increasingly more difficult to break into. The Second Champagne Offensive had the objective of forcing the German Third and Fifth Armies withdraw along the Meuse river towards Belgium. A simultaneous attack by French and British forces aimed to break through the German Front in Artois. This would compel the German Armies caught between the two attacks to pull back to the Belgian border in order to protect their road and rail routes.

The Champagne offensive gained a few miles of ground and captured some 25,000 German prisoners, but with German reinforcements brought into the sector from the Eastern Front, the French could not withstand repeated German counter-attacks. French losses were over 145,000 casualties by the time the offensive drew to a close.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 10 Years Ago



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October 2010

RWM Bro. Colin McLardy

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th October, the following Candidate, George McGrandles was raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown in what was a very good 3rd Degree. In 307 tradition the obligation was given by Substitute Master Bro. Stephen Allan which will help to prepare him for the coming year. The Lodge opened at 7:30pm and closed at 9:34pm with an attendance of 64

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 19th October, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting. Reports were received from Bro. Secretary and Bro. Treasurer. Both called for better attendances with the obvious financial rewards being stressed. The office bearers were then elected with a full compliment being achieved. Overall the lodge enjoyed a successful year with the RWM being thanked for his efforts. Lodge opened at 7:30pm, closed at 8:27pm with an attendance of 48

On Monday 4th October, 10 brethren travelled to Lodge Milncroft no 1515 in the East End of Glasgow. The brethren were welcomed into the lodge where they conferred the F.C. degree on a candidate. After the return of the mallet the brethren were thanked by the RWM of Lodge Milncroft for a very good degree. This was the first ever visit by Union And Crown to this particular lodge and formed the "return leg" following Lodge Milncroft's visit to us in March. The RWM works with some brethren from this particular lodge and this brought about the formation of what will hopefully be a long friendship between our lodges. Lodge Milncroft meet in the Masonic Temple in Tynecastle St. in Glasgow and this used to be the home of Lodge Union And Crown no 103 who now meet in Stepps. It is also home to Lodge Broomhill no 1595 which was the mother lodge of our late Bro. Jack Gauld.

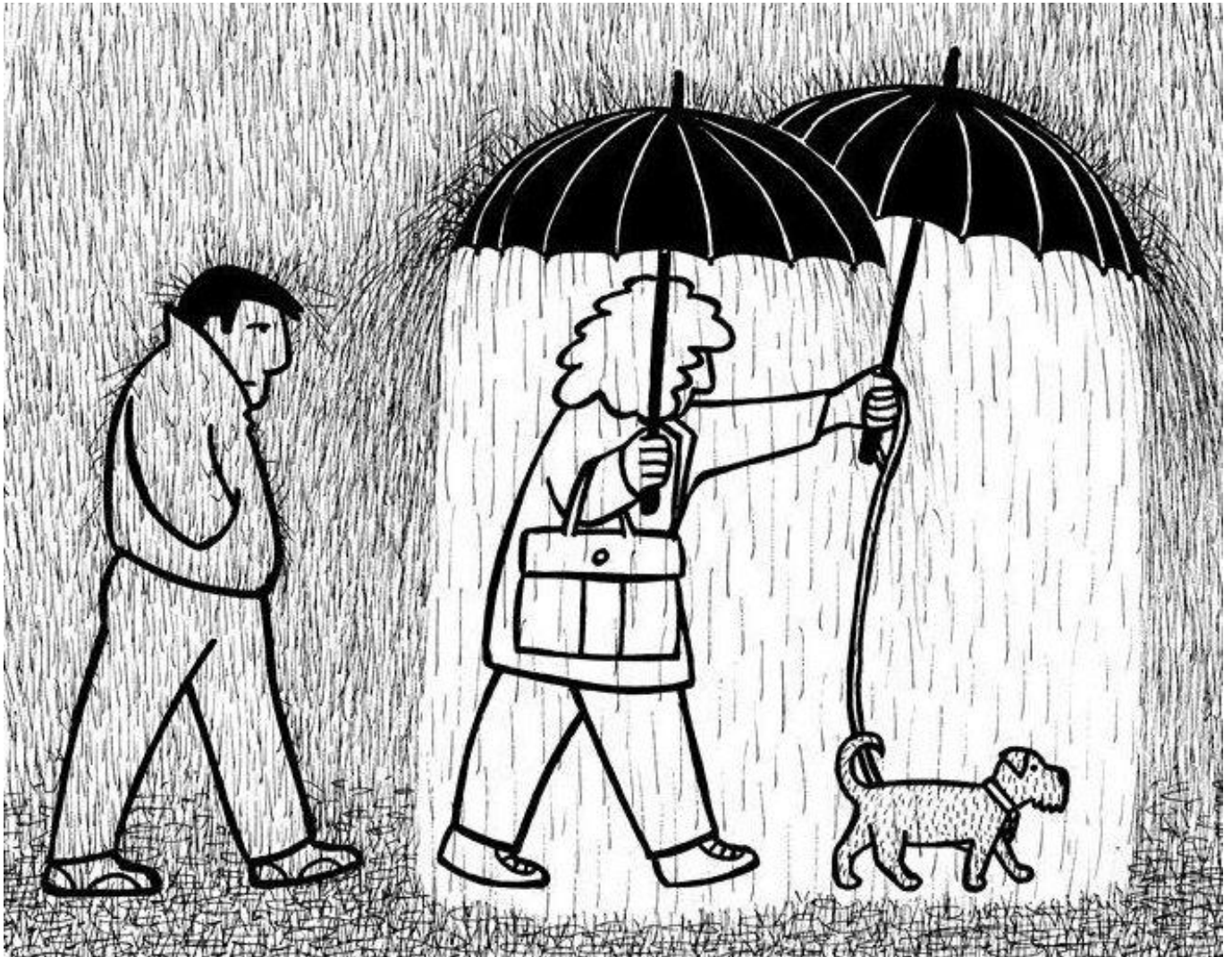
The first Lodge Annual Lunch took place on Saturday 23rd October. Sixty brethren, wives and girlfriends attended and were treated to an excellent three course meal in the function suite. Following the meal the company was entertained by Mr. Sandy Strang whose hilarious routine had everyone in stitches of laughter. A superb atmosphere, convivial company and superb food along with a fine raffle added up to a fantastic afternoon.

This event replaced the annual dinner dance which appears to have run its course and the lunch, ably organised by Bro. Johnnie Gauld PM. was a worthy replacement.

Two more papers were read out at the last two meetings and this gives the lodge a great boost knowing we have candidates for the coming year.

RWM Elect Bro. Stephen Allan is organising some work parties to help spruce up the Lodge prior to our 100th anniversary celebrations next month. Any brethren who can lend their skills will be made most welcome over the next few weekends.

Humour



Jim, always knew his place in the family pecking order!

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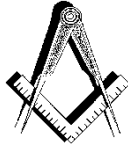
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“With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance”



Syllabus 2014-2015

* - Denotes an Official visit



November 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Friday	06 th	07:45pm	FC Degree	<i>At Lodge St Conval, Giffnock No. 1359</i>
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. David McArthur IPM

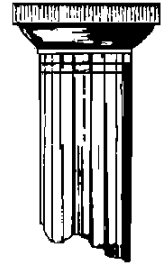
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SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2015
04:00pm

ANNUAL INSTALLATION
of
RWM 'Elect' Bro. Ian Blair
And his
OFFICE BEARERS



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 Mclsaac
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

