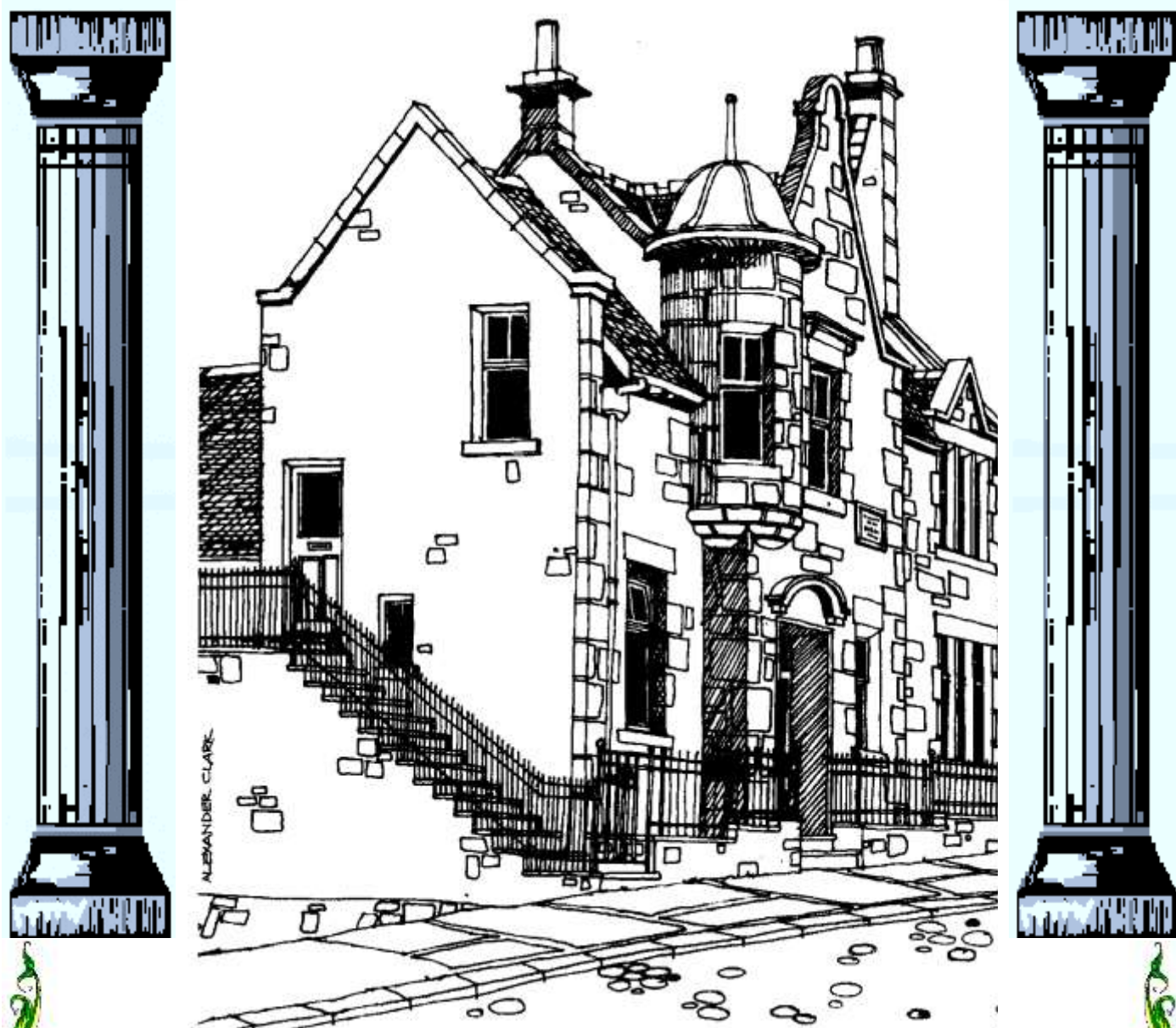


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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307

400th Edition

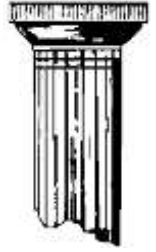


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Well, it all started on October 1976 with the opening line "Newsletter for October 1976 No.1" a new, and as yet unnamed, publication began. Now, here we are at the beginning of 2017, some 40 years and three months later, producing the 400<sup>th</sup> edition of Lodge Union & Crown's "Journal", The *Mallet*.

While we dip into memory lane I must apologise for not mentioning by name the countless individuals without whom the *Mallet* would/could not exist, the financial contributors, the paper providers, gestetner and photocopy operators, the sorters and staplers and of course those whose stories and contributions have made the journal what it is. The newsletter was the brainchild of Bro. William "Bud" Gauld PM (some 3 years before he became RWM) and for 12 years the *Mallet*, as it soon became known, was edited by Bro. William "Bud" Gauld PM assisted by the late Bro. Len Matthews.

After Bro. Gauld and notwithstanding the editorial contribution of Bro. William Renfrew PM, the primary Editor became Bro. James Renfrew PM who carried on in this role for some 20 years and probably more than anyone else opened up the journal to a global audience of freemasons from the USA and Canada in the West to Africa in the South and Australia in the East, almost anywhere a Lodge could be found, Bro Jim may have had a request for a copy of the *Mallet*.

My own involvement came via the side entrance being involved with the Lodge web-site since its inception in the early "naughties" and seeing new technologies as the best way to communicate Lodge information. In a twist of fate and rather than replacing the *Mallet*, by about 2007, I was combining the two technologies and inputting the *Mallet* onto the web-site and when Bro. Jim wanted to step down as Editor in 2009 I took on that role with Bro. Graham Manson PM assisting as sub-editor.

So that's where we are today and it is on this, the 400<sup>th</sup> edition that I will be standing down as Editor of the *Mallet*. It has been a honour to be a link in the chain and hope that my work has been to your entire satisfaction. My personal thanks go to Bro. Graham for his help and also to our Almoner Bro. Alex White for his unflinching support as well as for his monthly contribution which has kept at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers those brethren, partners and widows of the Lodge suffering the effects of ill health or bereavement.

Finally, I go knowing the *Mallet* is in the safest pair of hands it could be... With his batteries recharged and his quills sharpened, the longest serving editor of the *Mallet*, Past Master Bro. Jim Renfrew is once again taking up the position of Editor. I wish him, the *Mallet* and you all, best wishes for the future.

*Bro. Hugh Cattigan PM Ed.*



## Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, our first of 2017, held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. A meeting of the lodge took place with the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. George McGrandles wishing the assembled brethren belated best wishes for the forthcoming year.

A deputation from Lodge Corsham No. 6616 in the English Constitution was admitted led by their RWM Bryan Elliot also in the deputation was Past Assistant Grand DOC Bro. Clive Smith.

The Lodge was then raised to the High and Sublime degree of MM. Thereafter a Deputation of Lodge Union & Crown Past Masters was admitted headed by PM Bro David Noble and introduced by acting DOC Bro. James Cherry.

The Mallet was presented to Bro Noble who in turn presented to the Installing Master Paul Stewart PM

The Brethren of this deputation then raised the following candidate to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason:

### **GREGOR McPHERSON**

with the brethren assembled affording the degree workers the best of attention.

Following the meeting a harmony took place with the brethren and visitors having a chance to catch up after the festive break.

**Lodge Opened - 07:30pm    Lodge Closed – 09:35pm    Attendance – 77**

## Visitations



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 we travelled "Up the hill" to visit our near neighbours and good friends at Lodge Thistle and Crown 1167, Neilston.

The RWM Bro. George McGrandles was supported by a deputation of 26 Brethren and on entering the Temple he presented the RWM of 1167, Bro. Robert McCulloch, with the gift of a bottle as we were their *first foot*.

The brethren of Union and Crown could be rightly proud with the entire performance of the EA degree with every brother involved playing his part to the letter. Our efforts were greatly appreciated by all in attendance and it was nice to relax afterwards at the harmony.

Just as we were going to press with this edition, the Lodge was also travelling along to Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242 to confer a FC Degree. We will fill you in on the details in the February Edition of The Mallet.



How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the F-Word?  
Get another sweet little old lady to yell the word "Bingo".



*A Retrospective look back  
by former, and future, editor:-*

## **Bro James Renfrew PM**

It is remarkable that 'The Mallet' has reached the incredible milestone of its 400<sup>th</sup> Edition. Who would have thought that the single page newsletter created and published by Bro Bud Gauld PM back in October 1976 would have gone on to grow and prosper beyond all expectations?

If you had told me back in September 1988 that I would survive over 21 years as Editor of our monthly journal, I would probably still be running off even now, as the very thought paralysed me with fear and trepidation. For many years I had thoroughly enjoyed the efforts of both Bro Bud Gauld PM and the late Brother Len Matthews, as they took a simple, but good idea and turned it into an institution known in every corner of the Masonic World, and even beyond, with almost as many non-masons reading The Mallet as our own Brethren.

Thrust into the void, much against my own better judgement, when Bro Willie Renfrew PM and I were lamenting the possible demise of our popular newsletter, and Willie, with that understated and casual manner he has made his own over the years enquired, "*do you think we could possibly do it ourselves?*" That sparked off what can only be described as an adventure, a roller-coaster ride to insanity which turned my hair white, and gave me more than my fair share of headaches and worries. It must also be stated that my term as Editor, did without doubt, also given me more than a few satisfying moments and absolute highs. The very earlier days were difficult, as we kicked-off from a standing start, and without the help, advice and support of the late Mrs Bessie Matthews, who wet nursed us through some dark and difficult days, we would have certainly stumbled and collapsed under the strain of editing and publishing each month.

I'm glad to say that we survived and hopefully went on to add just a touch of lustre to the outstanding reputation of The Mallet over the years.

Through every obstacle known to Man - mechanical breakdown, lack of materials or even simply blank minds, I managed to turn out our journal each and every month, never once missing a deadline, even though I sailed close to the wind on numerous occasions. It was the fear of failure, the fear that I would be breaking a tradition and letting so many people down was often the spur that kept me going, although even now, all these years later I must be honest that I never felt totally in control, as there's always some new trial or tribulation waiting to try and trip me up.

From the early days of scraps of paper and snopake, with an old army typewriter to state of the art computers and hi-tech laser printers, it was been a bumpy ride, but one I would not have changed for the world, and it was with much regret that I handed the reins over to Bro Hugh Cattigan in 2009.

However, it now looks as if I'll be returning to the 'Mad House' for further punishment in the not too distant future, so I congratulate Bro Hugh, aided and assisted by his cub reporter Bro Graham Manson PM, on reaching this fine milestone, and for everything they have done over the past 7 years.

# Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the following Brother:

**Bro. Allan Ramsay MacGregor**

A MM of Lodge Eaglesham No. 1265 received a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree from the Companions of Rockmount RAC. The Companions taking part in the degree are to be congratulated on their work. There then followed a harmony downstairs in the function suite.

The next Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 8:15pm**

(Please Note the change of Time) when the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire will be making its annual visitation to Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No. 367. MEZ Hugh Cattigan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend.

It was further agreed that on:

**Thursday 23rd February 2017**

Rockmount RAC would visit **Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900**, 7 Brown Street, Port Glasgow, there to confer a MMM affiliation and EM degree.

MEC Hugh Cattigan MEZ hopes that Companions will support him and the Chapter on this 'official' visit and looks forward to a good attendance.

## Rockmount Cryptic Council

At the regular meeting of the Council held on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Council held a business meeting only. In the absence of TIM Robert McCulloch the Council was headed by the David Bannerman IPTIM.

The next Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7:30pm**

This will be our Provincial visitation and the TIM Robert McCulloch looks forward to a good attendance and a shared harmony with the Companions of Rockmount RAC and visitors.

## Did you know ?

That there is a Lodge called "Lux in Tenebris", No. 3856 in London, which is for Blind Freemasons. The Lodge name means "Light In Darkness".

# Prince Hall Masonry

On March 6 1775, fifteen men of colour, who were “freeborn” (one of the basic requirements of Freemasonry) were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston, Massachusetts. The ceremony was conducted by Sergeant John Batt of the Irish Military Lodge No. 441, attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot, and the Initiates are reported to have paid fifteen guineas to receive the three degrees. Among them was a man who has become immortal among Black Freemasons, Prince Hall.

The other candidates were Cyrus Johnson, Bueston Slinger, Prince Rees, John Canton, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tiler, Duff Ruform, Thomas Santerson, Prince Rayden, Cato Speain, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Forten Howard and Richard Titley. For nine years these brethren, with other free black men who had received their degrees in Europe, assembled together and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons

On 29 September 1784 a warrant was granted by the premier Grand Lodge of England to 15 men in Boston, Massachusetts (including Bro Prince Hall, who became its first Worshipful Master) forming them into African Lodge, No. 459. At the Union of the two Grand Lodges in England in 1813, African Lodge (and many others at home and abroad) was omitted from the register, there having been no contact for many years.

The African Lodge of Boston then began to establish other lodges, making itself a Mother Lodge, its Master Prince Hall having the authority to issue warrants on the same basis as Masters of Lodges in Europe. Prince Hall died December 4, 1807. And possibly as a mark of respect, the descendent Grand Lodges of African Grand Lodge changed their names to "Prince Hall Grand Lodge" All Prince Hall Grand Lodges being descended from what is now the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

The “Prince Hall Lodges” in America were expanding rapidly and eventually, Prince Hall Masons grew to the point that in 1848 they made history. They voted to develop a national Grand Lodge - a great event for American Masonry, and something that the "White" Grand Lodges have been unable to do.

Prince Hall Masonry is now recognised by 26 American Grand Lodges, eight Canadian Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodge of England. 36 (out of a total of 51) U.S. Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions that say Prince Hall Masonry is "regular." The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognises the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Connecticut

The original charter of African Lodge of Boston is in the possession of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and is the only know original 18<sup>th</sup> Century Charter in existence issued to any American Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England.

## Famous Prince Hall Masons

<b>Bro Louis Armstrong</b> .....	Jazz trumpeter / Singer
<b>Bro Count Basie</b> .....	Orchestra Leader / Composer
<b>Bro Nat King Cole</b> .....	Pianist / Singer
<b>Bro Duke Ellington</b> .....	Orchestra Leader / Composer
<b>Bro Alex Haley</b> .....	Author

*The next few pages (8-19) will be an extended and yet abridged 'Flashback' looking at the last 40 years of the Lodge as seen through the stories of the Mallet... also included, in the centre pages, is a reprint of Newsletter No.1, in its entirety, which kicked it all off.*



## FLASHBACK

Some Highlights from 40 years of the Mallet



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October 1976 - December 2016

### 1976

In a further effort to raise funds to provide new seating accommodation for the Lounge, Bros W Gauld S.D. and Bro D Noble PM have formed a "100 Club". Brethren seeking more information are requested to contact these two Brothers who will gladly explain how it operates.

### 1977

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this worthy fund has been started by Lodges 153, 307, 1167, 1453 and 1478 with the intention of raising a sum of money for donation to Kidney Research. To this end a dance was held recently in Lodge Nitshill with the full support of the above Lodges and raised almost £200. The artistes who willingly gave their services were ; Andy Cameron, Babs Curran, and Jimmy Murphy, supported by Jim Brown`s band.

A somewhat hilarious football match between the the over 30`s of Nitshill and Barrhead played at Dunterlie Park also helped the fund on its way, the score 3-3. This is just a start. A full scheme of fund-raising activities is now ready to go into operation.

### 1978

In 1933, the Rev Robert Barr TOMA, JP of Neilston Parish was elected VW Senior Grand Chaplain and in the same year the Rev Duncan Cameron DD was chosen as VW Junior Grand Chaplain. Both were illustrious members of 307.

In March the Lodge visited Lodge St Convals 1359 and conferred the FC Degree. Lodge Glasgow 441 was also March where we conferred a MM Degree and a FC Degree was conferred on apprentices of Lodge Nitshill on the 14th March. Each of the visitations was well attended and Bro Jim Law RWM. is very grateful for the loyal support so freely given.

### 1979

Over the years we have welcomed visitors of all nationalities to our Lodge, but cannot recollect having had a visitor from Taiwan. However, recently we were happy to welcome Mr Chenning Lin from that part of the world who was once assistant to Bro Gilbert Irvine and is now the President of Dynamic Castings of Taiwan. Bro Gibby signed his visitor into the Temple in Chinese; an unusual and friendly touch.

I told my dentist that £90 was a lot of money for pulling a tooth, just 5 seconds work... So he pulled it slowly.



## **1980**

Friday 12th Sept saw the culmination of 8 months of tireless effort by a total of 79 Brethren of the Lodge, when the new Downstairs Lounge was officially opened. The ceremony was performed by Bro James Gilchrist., our oldest member at 95, and in a short speech he recalled being at the laying of the cornerstone of the present building in 1910. The company of 95 then adjourned to the Main Hall for a sumptuous dinner provided by the member`s wives,

Among the many who helped to make the evening a success, we would pick out for special mention, Mrs Bessie Matthews who provided the exquisite floral arrangements & the members of the Neilston Lodge who ungrudgingly gave of their services as Bar Stewards. It is difficult to find words to describe such a splendid addition to our premises which, have been filled to overflowing each night it has been open. We think we can sum it up in one word MAGIC !

## **1981**

We are delighted to inform you that, not only did we Union & Crown win the McMenemy Golf Trophy, but both sets of finalists were members of 307, with congratulations to the winners Bros George Buist and Willie Love and also to runners-up Bros Gordon Percy and Colin Maclean. Incidentally, this is the first time that our name has ever been inscribed on this coveted trophy.

## **1982**

We decided to take a wee look at the occupations of our Office-bearers for the next session and we consider that we have a truly excellent mixture. Their ages range from 22 to 73 and there is at least one of the following : Blacksmith, Storeman, Manager, Airport Personnel, Accountant, Buyer, Electrical Contractor, Engineer, Welder, Plater, Draughtsman, retired Senior Citizen, Security Officer and a Teacher. A good cross-section of representatives of the general public.

## **1983**

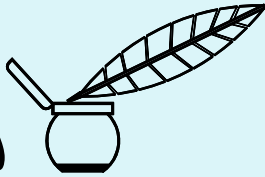
Heard in the hall: Big Hughie Blair, reading the paper, looked up and said "*This Jeopardy must be some place, it has says here that there are 2000 jobs in Jeopardy*"

We would like to thank Bro Albert Gray, our Social Convenor, on the way in which he has transformed the entertainment side of the Social Club. In a very short space of time, by dint of much hard work and his cheery unflappable personality, he has manage to encourage our members to come back to the Saturday Social Evenings, where members can relax & enjoy a pleasant evening with their friends.

## **1984**

Last month we suggested that, as so many Brethren of other Lodges wished to be put on our mailing list, 307 members might consider "adopting" one and undertaking the responsibility of posting a copy each month. The first to answer the call was Bro Jim Renfrew, who has adopted Bro Lanie Van Der Walt of South Africa, whose letter in last month`s Mallet created so much interest. next to take up the call was Bro Mac Smith who will also correspond with a Brother in Southern Africa. Bros Jim & Mac have set the ball rolling. Who will be next to join them in a very worthwhile act of friendship?

Historia



*A Retrospective look back*

*by former editor:-*

## **Bro William H Gauld PM**

400 issues – who would believe it! When I came up with the idea of a newsletter for the Lodge all those years ago, who would have imagined it would still be getting published today? This is, of course, due simply to the dedication of all the editorial staff, past, present and to come.

When I think how the late Bro Len Matthews and I printed a one page sheet to begin with (it would rise to 30 pages on occasion) with Mrs Jean Sudding doing the typing and Mrs Bessie Matthews checking the grammar and spelling. I can count upon at least 20 Lodges who have started a news sheet (PGL included!) only to see it falter for some reason or other. For 12 years I edited the journal, with my late friend Alistair Clark designing and supplying embossed covers, and what fun Len and I had.

Always controversial, we aired topics that others would only talk about in corners and this was not to everyone's liking, and we caused great debate. It is not easy printing a journal.

So much has changed in Masonry over the past 40 years and likewise in 307 itself. In 1976 in the Social Club a pint of light was 16p, now what was the most popular beer is not even sold in the club. 40 years ago we put 5 candidates through at every meeting, and even had 3 special meetings to clear the backlog. Today we have 1 or 2 going through at a time.

The nice thing is that 400 issues and some 40+ years on, the journal has survived and is still here. Let's hope The Mallet has a lot of life left in it for years to come.

**Happy anniversary – Bro Bud Gauld PM**

### **1985**

We had several entries from member's children for the competition, in which a Vulcan matchbox had to be filled with as many different items as possible. The joint winners were the Brothers Dickie (Billy's sons) who had amassed no fewer than 79 items in their box. For originality, however, young Kenny Glasper proved to us that, when writing something down, we must be absolutely clear about what we require. We asked for a "Vulcan Matchbox" - meaning a normal sized one, but young Kenny came up with a jumbo sized box, loaded to the gunnels and knocked us for six. All 3 will receive a booty bag!

### **1986**

Watching the young Candidates of modern days go through their degrees, it struck us how fashions change. Ten years ago when divesting a Candidate of metallic substances, the Deacon could expect money and perhaps a watch. Nowadays it's different, the deacon can expect earlings, bangles, necklaces and goodness knows what else. Ah! to be young.



Why did the Buddhist refuse novocaine when having root canal surgery?  
**He wanted to transcend dental medication**

## 1987

Sitting in the Lounge with "Dad`s Army" on a Saturday morning is a treat ! There`s Albert Crossan with the "sair legs", big Tam Rankin (he canna see sae guid now), Donald Kennovin - a wee bit hard of hearing, John "Smudger" Smith, Wee Willie Shaw and all the rest. The one thing that never changes is the patter. It`s great !

## 1988

ALL WASHED UP : At the end of a recent meeting, one of our Deacons encountered Bro Willie Love RWM and enquired if he`d enjoyed his year in the Chair. Bro Willie`s face lit up and with genuine pride in his voice he replied "*Thoroughly*". To which the deacon replied "*great, but I`m delighted that you`ve only got 3 meetings to go !*". The crestfallen Master hesitantly asked "*Why, what have I done wrong ?*"

"*Nothing*" came the reply "*I think you`ve been great, but this means I`ve only got 3 meetings left in the kitchen !*"

## 1989

ALARMING NEWS : During our most recent regular meeting, there was an incident which injected a bit of humour into the proceedings. Bro Bob Ferguson, our Tyler, in carrying out his duties, announced ther was "*An Alarm*". Before the RWM could act, Bro Bob qualified his previous statement by saying that it wasn`t a Brother seeking admission or anything like that. The alarm in question was a car alarm which was blaring away in the street outside of the Lodge !

## 1990

Members living in Neilston have claimed that they saw young school children giving the F.C. working sign recently and asked if we could shed any light on it. Investigations revealed that the source of the "*Masonic Leak*" was none other than our own Instruction Master, Bro Tom Young PM.

For those of you who don`t know, Bro Tom is a Lollipop Man in the village and could it be that he is confusing his Monday night instruction classes with the instructions he gives the kids that use his crossing ?

If you use your imagination, we`re sure you`ll be able to picture the scene !

## 1991

The annual Summer Fayre will be held this year on Sat. 22nd June and following the success of last year`s venue, will again be held on the Lodge`s land at the rear of the Temple. The continued success of what has become a major contributor to Lodge Funds is wholly dependent on the organisational skills and sheer hard word of those taking part and the unselfish support of the Brethren and their families and friends. We are sure that everybody will get behind Bro Roy Dinning and his team.

## 1992

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS : As the Brethren, in full regalia, entered the Bourock Church for our annual Joint Divine Service with Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 at the end of last month, Bro Willie Renfrew`s younger son, Mark who is only three years old, asked his mother in a loud and quizzical voice "**Mum, are all those men dressed up for Halloween ?**"

## 1993

Monday 1st February saw the return of one of the most popular events in the calendar of the Lodge, The Senior Members` & Past Masters` Dinner. Almost 100 Brethren were treated to an excellent meal, lovingly cooked by Mrs Muriel Fraser and served by the ladies of the Lodge, placed all in a good frame of mind and large quantities of the amber nectar helped to give them a rosy glow. The entertainment was left in the capable hands of Bro Tom Nixon PM of Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning, No.370 whose "Toast to the Lodge" received an excellent reception. The harmony that followed was provided by our own Bro Bert Turner, who stepped in at the last moment, to provide his usual professional blend of music and song.

## 1994

Having recently viewed and thoroughly enjoyed Bro Steff Lawniczak`s video film of the building of the new Function Suite, we can fully recommend it to absolutely everyone in the Lodge. Painstakingly filmed over quite a considerable period, in places travelling to the far North of Scotland in pursuit of live action, it captures all the various stages in the construction from the breaking of the first sod right through to the opening night function. Bro Steff is to be thoroughly congratulated for his fine efforts and it is hoped that further copies will be available for hire or sale shortly. With all proceeds going, of course, to the Building Fund.

## 1995

It is intended that we will be starting a FLY-TYING CLUB in the Lodge during the Winter months, beginning on Monday 30th October at 7-30pm in the Function Suite. Please note that whilst this is not officially a "Teaching" class, beginners who require instruction will find members only too willing to pass on tips etc. It is hoped that we will be able to bulk-buy materials at advantageous prices to the benefit of the membership.

## 1996

At a time when polling fever is gripping the United States of America, and momentum gathers towards November and the election of a President. It is most pleasing to note that elections somewhat nearer to hand have produced an almost clean sweep for Lodge Union & Crown. Three of the four bowling clubs in the town now have one of our members installed as President for the forthcoming season & we wish them well. The Brethren are : Bro Robert McArthur (Barrhead), Bro Callum McKinnon (Arthurlie) & Bro Alexander Irvine (Shanks)

## 1997

In our continuing efforts to enhance the lodgeroom as the 175th anniversary of Lodge Union & Crown approaches several initiatives are planned. One such effort is currently being undertaken by our W.J.W. Bro Donald Cook and entails the restoration of the carved wood balustrade which used to stand at the front edge of the platform in the East, traces of which are still evident on close inspection after all these years.



What did Tarzan say when he saw 500 Elephants coming over the hill?

**"Look, there's 500 Elephants coming over the hill".**

## Lodge Union and Crown, No.307

### Newsletter for October 1976

No.1

For the benefit of members who for various reasons have been unable to attend the Lodge regularly it has been decided to publish a Monthly Newsletter to enable them to keep up to date with current events in the Lodge.

At the regular Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October the following candidates, Hugh Blair, William Montgomery, Brian Reid, Charles Rodgers and Robert Dinning had the E.A. Degree conferred by a deputation from St Andrews No.524 East Kilbride. Attendance members and visitors 153.

#### JUMBLE SALE

With the object of raising funds to enable the stonework on the outside of the Temple to be cleaned a Jumble Sale was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This proved to be highly Successful for at the end of the day and after a lot of hard work, the magnificent total of £307 was realised.

The order to proceed with the cleaning has now been placed with J Mackay, Stone Cleaners Ltd whose estimate of £276 was the best received. The surplus of £31 will go toward the cost of having the stonework pointed.

On the third Tuesday of the month the previously mentioned Entered Apprentices received the Fellowcraft Degree at the hands of the members of the Instruction Class. Bro W McCartney and Bro T Smith taking the leading parts with distinction.

#### VISITATIONS

Three visitations to sister Lodges were made during the month.

The Lodge conferred the E.A. Degree at Lodge Thistle and Crown No.1167, Neilston on 21<sup>st</sup> October and again at Lodge Ibrox No.1272 Glasgow on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October we were very pleased to visit our old friends of Lodge Darvel No.971 to confer the M.M. Degree.

All these visitations were extremely well attended.

#### 100 CLUB

In a further effort to raise funds to provide new seating accommodation for the Lodge Bro W Gauld, S.D. and Bro. D. Noble, P.M. have formed a "100 Club". Brethren seeking more information are requested to contact these two brothers who will gladly explain how it operates.

#### ALMONER

The Almoner Bro Len Matthews continued to visit the sick, the aged and the infirm at home and in hospital. For obvious reasons details of these visits cannot be broadcast but up to 24 brethren or widows of brethren were visited during the month, Bro Len would like to thank all the members of the Lodge and especially Bro John Smith for their unfailing help and effort.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Bro Hugh Turnbull. While not a regular attender of the Lodge in recent years he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The world will be a poorer place without him.

#### COMING EVENTS

Regular Meetings

Installation Meeting

Dinner provided by members wives and sweethearts

Harmony ticket £1.25p

Limited amount available. If demand too great tickets will be balloted.

## 1998

Just in case you haven't noticed recently, the small piece of spare ground at the rear of the Function Suite has been transformed into a delightful patio, complete with a Wishing Well ! This apparent labour of love has been carried out single-handedly by Bro John Gibson and the Lodge is deeply indebted to Bro John for all the time and effort he has expended on behalf of the Lodge. What was previously becoming a bit of an eyesore is now a lovely tranquil spot, just in time for the fine Summer weather we are all expecting this year !

## 1999

The details of our planned visit to The Lodge of Charity, No. 9091 in Brightlingsea in Essex is now finally fixed We are scheduled to travel to London Stansted on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September where we will be conferring an exemplification of our popular dramatised Master Mason Degree. The accommodation and flight restrictions may reduce the number of places available and all interested should contact Bro Jim Miller IPM as soon as possible. This will be an adventure for the Brethren of Union & Crown, and we are sure that that it will be an enjoyable weekend for all.

## 2000

As many of our Brethren, and their families no doubt, will already know, the long-awaited history of Lodge Union & Crown has now been finally published. A beautifully bound and illustrated publication, it charts the history of 307 through the 175 years from its humble beginnings in the group of small hamlets which had become Barrhead, in the earlier part of the nineteenth century to the well-known Lodge of today.

A great deal of research by its author, Bro Bud Gauld P.M. is clearly evident in this enjoyable read which tells the "warts and all" story of Union & Crown and its Brethren over the years. A lot of sheer hard work went into its production, with something like 26 different drafts before we were completely satisfied that this was a publication that we could all be proud of. Initial reactions from those who have purchased their copies are excellent, and it is certain to become a "Best-seller" in and around Barrhead. Indeed, as we write copies of the book have been obtained by some of the Brethren who intend to post them to the far flung corners of the empire to ex-pats who will appreciate a right good read.

## 2001

**BARRHEAD GOES TO TEXAS:** A party of 29 sleepy, but excited Brethren set off at the crack of dawn for our long-awaited sojourn to the Lone Star State of Texas. Some 16 hours later we were greeted by a large party of our Texan Brethren and their families in 82 degree heat!

Over the next 7 days we proceeded to have the time of our lives with visits to Huntsville, Houston Rodeo at the Astrodome, The Alamo in San Antonio, Johnston Space Center etc., and still had the time to confer 2 degrees within Spring Lodge No.1174, the second of which before an audience approaching 800 !

A fantastic experience for all, and a trip of a lifetime for those who travelled some 4000 miles to confer the degrees. We have much that we should be thankful to the Brethren of Spring Lodge for, and hopefully we will be given ample opportunity if our invitation to them is accepted sometime during 2002.

## 2002

**THE LONE STAR STATE COMES TO BARRHEAD:** Unfortunately, it was a bleak and wet Friday Morning as a group of the Brethren from Union & Crown gathered at dawn at Glasgow Airport to greet the party from Spring Lodge, No.1174 as their flight from Houston arrived. Although a low-key social evening was all that we had purposely planned for their first night in Scotland it became a hectic evening with many old friendships being renewed before some of the stalwarts of 1174 finally retired to their beds in the “wee sma’ hours”.

A series of events were then laid on for our visitors, showcasing all that Scotland and Scottish Freemasonry has to offer.

At a specially convened meeting of the Lodge, we welcomed our visitors and good friends from Spring Lodge # 1174 from Houston, Texas who carried out an emulation of an E.A. Degree Led by Bro Shawn Edwards IPM, the degree team are to be congratulated on their efforts which were greatly appreciated by the 186 in attendance.

## 2003

**IT AIN’T HALF HOT:** The “307 Concert Party” probably peaked in December of 2003 and the gratitude of the entire Lodge must go to Bro Jim Miller PM and his band of brothers for all their hard work at the successful Ladies Nights on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. These two evenings were organised to accommodate the large numbers interested, and to ensure that there wasn’t any overcrowding. Almost 140 ladies attend over the two evenings and were well entertained by the enthusiastic performances of the various members of the now established 307 Concert Party. Especial praise must go to “Mario Lanza”, “The Blues Brothers” and to the ‘Lurve’ God himself - “Barry White”.

## 2004

It was good to see the annual sojourn “*doon the watter*” to Ayr resurrected this year, and whilst it was one of the few weekends of the Summer which enjoyed poor weather, a good time was had by all.

The late Bro. Gordon Miller PM, perhaps one of the most naturally shy RWM’s Lodge Union & Crown has had also became one of the proudest when he became the very first Right Worshipful Master in the long history of Lodge Union & Crown to play host to The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro Sir Archibald Orr Ewing, when he came along to our Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree in April.

## 2005

The annual Summer Fayre continues to be an invaluable boost to Lodge Funds during the summer recess and whilst the weather, again, wasn’t very good, the usual stalls and attractions kept everyone occupied, and a good laugh was had by all.

An even bigger laugh was enjoyed by all Bro Adam Watson’s expense during the Recess. He was over in New York for a week with Bro Bud Gauld and Bro Jim Kerr and bought some expensive-looking cigars for Bro Jimmy Laing, who enjoys a puff now and again. Unfortunately, only when he handed the four boxes over on his return, did it transpire that he’d actually bought “Chocolate Cigars” by mistake...



*A Retrospective look back*

*by assistant editor:-*

## **Bro William Renfrew PM**

I was delighted when Past Master Hugh asked me to pen a few words on my time helping to produce the Mallet. I am sorry he is hanging up his reporters notebook but I'm only to aware of how time consuming the task is, time consuming – yes, but also enjoyable.

For me there were two aspect to the job that both fitted my personality. Firstly, research, I loved reading Masonic literature (still do) so it was always a pleasure to trawl through material looking for interesting snippets. Secondly, I loved spending time in the Social Club – The source of many a witty comment or faux-pas that helped put a light touch to our material. Times of course are different now and this source has, sadly, all but dried up.

Going on-line has certainly allowed the Mallet to be available at the click of a switch but I miss the connections made by members sending the Mallet all over the world and the friendly, generous responses that we received. Yearning for times gone is pointless I know, but still I think there is something missing.

I hope that my time spent helping to produce our magazine brought some enjoyment, laughter or knowledge to our readers and I wish the Mallet every success for the future.

### **2006**

We are often saddened on hearing of a Brother being summoned to the Grand Lodge above but perhaps one of the saddest of all occurred this year with the death of the popular, Substitute Master, Bro. Alan Lane, only months before he was due to be installed as the RWM of Lodge Union & Crown.

The Mallet has changed to a new A5 booklet format which has gone down well with our readers, although one or two find the print a little small.

### **2007**

A knock on effect of the New year holidays saw us having two 'away' meetings in May. Firstly, we travelled down to the Ayrshire Coast, to Stevenston, where we gave a very good rendition of our popular Dramatised FC degree set in 1824. We have had a bond with Lodge Thistle & Rose, No.169 ever since four of their Brethren accompanied us to Texas in 2001.

The following week, saw us set off in the opposite direction, to Milngavie, where we had also been asked if we would confer this degree. Despite the fact that we performed in what can only be described as the day of Scotland's Summer or "sauna" it went very well and the evening was enjoyed by all but especially those taking part who could have a wee drink.

## **2008**

The Lodge web-site has had a revamp, it's first since being created in 2001 and while still retaining its autonomy it now has links with the PGLRE web-site as well as that of the Grand Lodge. We thank Bro. Gordon Wade of Lodge Thistle & Crown for his technical assistance in the new design.

" I've been to an insulation!" was the excuse used following Bro. Graham Manson PM's call for a working party to assist in laying the insulation in the loft part of the Temple. Bro Graham has collected a sizeable amount of money from kind donations from brethren along with some 10 large rolls of insulation which are to be used.

## **2009**

After 21 years, Past Master Jim Renfrew PM has retired as editor of the Mallet which now has a new editor in the person of Bro. Hugh Cattigan PM.

Well done to all the brethren who have assisted in doing up the flat above the Lodge. This has been a long and difficult project but will be well worth it when complete.

Bro. Jim Miller P.M. Secretary, Bro. Wilson Davidson P.M., Bro. Jim Liggat and Bro. Ewan Martin have been travelling around the countryside once a week enjoying a meal at different locations. On returning from The Wildings Restaurant in The Maidens in Ayrshire they all commented on the quality they had encountered. What a pity they hadn't went the previous week when none other than Tom Watson the American golf legend dined there three times during the Open

## **2010**

Well, the summer certainly started with a bang what with the Icelandic volcano, Eyjafjoell, going off and disrupting lots of travel plans, particularly by air.

Here in Barrhead we were celebrating the centenary of the laying of our foundation stone and just as they did 100 years ago, members of the Pipe band filled Cochrane Street and beyond with their music and Masons from Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Union and Crown as well as many sister Lodges marched through the streets in full Regalia to the Bourock Church.

A major refurbishment of Cross Arthurlie Street lasted most of the summer and while it had been a nuisance to nearly everyone at the time, it looks good and was a big improvement.

## **2011**

It's a pity the Dougie Campbell Memorial bowling match has once again had to be cancelled at the last minute. Has this event seen its last match? Time will tell.

On a similar theme, Lodge Union & Crown were 'challenged' by Lodge St Barchan 156 to take part in a ten-pin bowling competition, along with our friends from Lodge Prince of Wales 426. It was held in X-scape at Braehead so weather was never an issue.

Some 40 Brethren left the premises of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307 heading towards Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584. We were going there on the Invitation of the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow the RWM Bro Alistair Henderson BA. On our arrival it was evident that this was going to be a special night Sadly there was no way the Dramatised Degree could take place in the actual Temple but instead the large function room was made up accordingly with seating for 300+.

## 2012

the Royal Arch Chapter which holds its regular meetings at the M.T. in Cochrane Street, Barrhead, Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No. 367, celebrates its own centenary as well as one hundred years of Royal Arch Masonry here in Barrhead.

It was great to be at the P.G.L.R.E. Office Bearers Installation and seeing our own Bro. Jimmy Laing being called to the West and being rewarded with the rank of Honorary Provincial Grand Tyler by the PGM Bro. David Reid. Bro. Jimmy was suitably gobsmacked by this richly deserved honour.

Lodge Union and Crown travelled through to Grand Lodge in Edinburgh there to demonstrate our Dramatised F.C. Degree to an invited audience of forty plus 'Grand' Secretaries. In what was a special day for the Lodge and the RWM Bro. Kenneth Coleman in particular the degree was well received by those in attendance although there were some bemused looks from the audience during parts of the dialogue... spitting, burping and other bodily noises seem to afford a 'universal' source of humour. This evening proved to be a great success for the Lodge.

## 2013

A deputation of Past Masters, Office Bearers and brethren of 307, led by RWM Bro. Paul Stewart travel north to Lodge Scoon and Perth No.3, for the specially requested performance of the dramatised FC degree. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, Bro. Ronald W. A. Forbes had witnessed the degree previously and was particularly keen to have the brethren of Perth enjoy it too. Despite the rather inclement weather, the meeting was very well attended with over one hundred brethren in the temple to experience the degree. Most of the brethren present had not seen the performance before, and as such, were very entertained by the proceedings and indeed, very much appreciated the labours of the evening.

## 2014

A well filled Temple, including many visitors witnessed Lodge Union and Crown's latest dramatisation. This was a dramatised degree set in a Prisoner of War camp during WWII and depicting the activities of a group of Freemasons during wartime captivity trying to confer a degree.

In what is undoubtedly the Lodge's most humorous dramatisation to date, the audience will long remember Bro 'Sgt.' Alex White and the 'Candidate' Bro. 'Private' Chris Baillie with a fine ensemble cast supporting.

50 Year Award's, the following three Brethren were presented with certificates commemorating their 50 years of service to the craft of Freemasonry. Bro. Davie Noble P.M. Bro. Jim Bradshaw and Bro. Jim Cherry The certificate were presented to each of the recipients by the P.G.M. Bro. John S Miller

When I was a child I asked God for a bike, but then I realized God, in his wisdom, doesn't work that way... So I stole a bike and asked him for forgiveness.



## 2015

The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland joined the Social network opening its on page on Facebook.

Our RWM led a deputation of some 27 brethren from Lodge Union & Crown down to Lodge St Johns Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320 there to confer a third degree and also enjoy the company provided.

Then, as if to prove what goes around, comes around we in turn were rewarded by a most welcome and long overdue return to Lodge Union and Crown, when their own RWM, Bro John Syme, brought a large deputation of brethren from our old friends at Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129 who in turn were accompanied by brethren of other Lodges. Anyone who was at either night would certainly feel that 'visiting is indeed the lifeblood of Freemasonry.

## 2016

The Masonic Temple of Lodge Union & Crown has had some of its biggest cosmetic changes made this year. Firstly, at the beginning of the year, with the creation of a mural on the West wall. The picture, based on, and copied from the original painting "The Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning 1st March 1787" by William Stewart Watson looks as if it could have been there since the Temple was constructed.

Secondly and towards the end of the year saw a new tiered and fixed seating installed and this will be enjoyed by the brethren for many years to come.



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*by assistant editor:-*

### **Bro Graham Manson PM**

I have been asked to contribute an article for this edition of our journal with a view to presenting a personal highlight from my time as a member of Union and Crown 307.

As I looked back over the twenty plus years I have been a member a good number of occasions and thoughts sprung to mind, all of them good in their own way but the one which stood out took place over the week or so after I was Installed as RWM of the lodge in 2005. I was congratulated on the day by all in attendance on reaching this honourable position in the lodge but the thing which really took me aback was the very kind wishes and comments from a good many people I know who are not in the craft. This was somewhat surprising but I learned a great many of these ladies and gentlemen had fathers, grandfathers, bothers, cousins etc who were members of one lodge or another. The respect they afforded our order was something I will never forget and it made me really think about my joining of the Lodge and the good opinion of it held by so many who were not members of the Craft. This spurred me on to do my best for the lodge during my year in the chair and beyond. Quite simply, reaching the post of RWM is something all brethren respect but for those outside the craft with not much idea of what goes on to be enthused about someone's appointment to this position was so encouraging and humbling at the same time. I will never forget the feeling I had over that week and it convinced me, beyond any doubt I may have had, that representing my mother lodge at the highest level was something I would never regret.



Brethren, it is my solemn duty to inform you of the passing Bro. Robert Spiers on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Norwood Care Home, Barrhead. Bro. Robert had been a resident at 'Norwood' for a goodly number of years. Prior to this he resided with his late wife, May, in Commercial Road, Barrhead. Over many years as your Almoner I visited with Bro. Robert on many occasions and always I was met with a welcoming smile and an appropriate conversation ensued with the occasional prompt from myself. Robert's dear wife, May, passed away some four years ago and prior to this most sad happening she would be present at the care home most times I visited. Robert clearly enjoyed listening to all the discussions on what May and I had to say and he would add his comment. He spoke to me with warm sincerity of his very dear friend, Mr Jim Coleman, the late father of Bro. Kenneth Coleman PM, with whom he had been a close friend from their boyhood year. When Bro. Kenneth accompanied me on a visit to Bro. Robert it was a most heart-warming moment for Bro. Robert. My final contact with Bro. Robert was a few weeks ago, prior to Christmas, with a card and a small gift from the Lodge. The funeral service took place at the United Reform Church, Barrhead and Neilston Cemetary. I attended both services and expressed condolences, on behalf of the Lodge, to family members present. A gratifying thankyou was returned.

It is with further sorrow that I intimate the very sudden passing, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 of Bro. Robert Dunlop at, or close to his home in Barrhead. Bro. Robert was a member of Lodge Union & Crown for over 40 years and in his early masonic career, served for a time as Lodge Treasurer. During my time as Lodge Almoner I have never had any occasion to visit Bro. Robert and in consequence, I never got to know the man well on a personal level. However, I did find Bro, Robert to be unassuming and sincere whenever the occasional opportunity occurred between us to have a short conversation, more often, when out and about shopping in Barrhead. With the assistance of Bro. Donald Fergusson, I have made contact with a family member and expressed the condolences of the Lodge. At time of writing this report details of the funeral arrangements are not yet known to me.

Bro. Jim Heron experienced a three day stay in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. He was discharged on Christmas Eve and returned home, I have kept in touch with Bro. Jim, at his request, by telephone.

Bro. Jim Flockhart is still a patient at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. I am in contact with Bro. Jim's dear wife, Josie with regards to his current condition.

During the past month and due to the wintry conditions and dark nights, I have also been keeping in contact, by telephone, with the following Brethren and Ladies of the Lodge:-

Bro. Robert Kennedy	Bro. Donald Ferguson
Bro. John W Smith	Bro. Jim Heron
Mrs Josie Flockhart	Mrs Isabel Paton
Mrs Margaret McLellan	

Footnote: Bro Hugh Cattigan PM ~ As you are about to retire from the office of 'Editor' of this, our much requested, Lodge magazine "The ~~Journal~~ *Alaric*" I wish to personally comment that it has been a joy and a much rewarding period for me to have worked with you over the past 7 years whilst you researched, edited and printed our magazine. Bro. Hugh, your industry and skill compiling our monthly Lodge Journal was superb, well done dear Brother, may I wish you continued success.

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

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

## BURNS SUPPER

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**6:30 for 7:00pm**

**Ticket £15.00**

Tickets are available from:  
**Bro. Nicol Hynd WSW**



Brethren are reminded that our first regular meeting of February 2017 will be on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 07:30pm. This will be a short business meeting followed by a 'dinner' downstairs to commemorate our:

### **193<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Tickets for the dinner are £12.50 and are available from the Worshipful Junior Warden Bro. Ronnie McIsaac

At our January meeting the RWM. Bro George McGrandles announced that Bro. Ian Bell, a member of the Fire and Rescue Service had recently been awarded The *Fire Service Medal* in recognition of Bro Ian's tireless and low-key charity work which he has carried out for some 25 years. Bro Ian stood and was greeted with very warm applause from his brethren.

### **MEET THE CANDIDATE**

Bro Gregor McPherson resides in Ballieston and works in the Fire and Rescue Service. He is married to Joanne and they have 3 sons of 23, 21 and 18.

Gregor is a dedicated family man with his wife and sons taking up most of his spare time. Welcome aboard, Bro Gregor

# **Presidential Inauguration**

It is fitting, in what is Presidential Inauguration year in the US, that we look at the history of the Bible used in the very first Presidential Inauguration Ceremony in April 1789.

George Washington's inauguration ceremony was painstakingly planned down to the tiniest detail - with just one exception. As the first president of the United States arrived at New York's City Hall by horse-drawn carriage and prepared to step onto the open balcony, it belatedly occurred to organisers that there ought to be a Bible on which Washington could take the oath of office.

One of the men at hand, parade marshal Jacob Morton, (who happened to be Master of St. John's Lodge No. 1) offered to provide one from his lodge, which was located nearby. The 1767 King James Version was rushed to the hall and Washington placed his hand upon it for the ceremony. As he completed the oath, specially written for the occasion, Washington (a member of Alexandria Lodge, No.22) added the completely unscripted words, "I swear, so help me God," and bowed to kiss the Bible. Thus was born a tradition followed by almost every one of the 42 presidents inaugurated since then, including some who have used the very same Bible.

It is widely thought that the use of the Masonic Bible for Washington's ceremony also may have dodged an ecumenical problem, as no church's bible would have been acceptable to people of the various denominations. By using one owned by a fraternal organisation instead of a Bible from one of New York's then 22 different churches, a potential disagreement over the president favouring one denomination over another was avoided.

In the two centuries since then, the Washington Bible has been used at a variety of national events, including other inaugurations, the dedication of the Washington Monument and the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building. Lodge rules also allow it to be used for various Masonic ceremonies and the inaugurations of New York governors.

This precious VSL is still owned by the St. John's Lodge, and was escorted to Washington last month for it to be displayed as part of an inauguration exhibit at the National Archives.

President George W. Bush had hoped to use it for his first inauguration in 2001, but the damp weather that day prevented this. The Bible was brought to Washington for the ceremony, but the Secret Service wanted it in place on the podium an hour before the ceremony started. Given the Bible's age and historic value, St John's Lodge weren't willing to let it be exposed to the cold drizzle that long, so Bush used a family Bible.

There are some firm rules about the use and handling of the George Washington Bible. Only a president being sworn in is allowed to touch the pages of the Bible without gloves. The Lodge has to obtain special permission for the Bible not to be X-rayed for airport security, however. Instead, when it must be transported by air, arrangements are made for it to be inspected by hand, including being screened for explosives residue.



**WORLD AT WAR**  
**1914 – 1918**  
**(January 1917)**



Taking another step back from the fighting we can still see the effects of the war on ordinary people and families caused not only by politicians and their laws but by the press and the propaganda of fear.

From the declaration of war, the authorities realised that they had to act decisively. They passed the Defence of the Realm Act (Dora), which, after many amendments, gave the government unprecedented powers to intervene in people's lives. Discussing military matters in public became a serious offence. Almost anyone could be arrested for "causing alarm".

In the interests of the work ethic, British summer time commenced, opening hours for pubs were cut, and beer was watered down. Suspicion of outsiders was high. Dora and the Aliens Restriction Act severely curtailed the civil liberties of non-British-born subjects (even naturalised citizens who had resided in the UK for decades). They were required to register, obtain permits if they intended to travel more than five miles, and were prohibited from entering certain areas.

More than 32,000 were held in internment camps or repatriated. It was, as the Daily Record observed, "not an uplifting spectacle to see this country descending to trivial and hysterical methods of vengeance".

The war can also be credited with giving a major boost to the Women's Suffragette movement. Jobs in the civil service, factories, docklands and arsenals, tramways, Post Office and farms were feminised. An increase of some 1.6 million jobs for women were employed in industry. Some 40% of these women were married. Feminist lobbying for equal wages never succeeded: women were paid about half of what men earned. They were expected to return to traditional roles after the war.

What we don't often consider is how things are for the families on the other side of the dispute. In Germany conditions deteriorated rapidly on the home front, with severe food shortages reported in all urban areas. The causes involved the transfer of so many farmers and food workers into the military, combined with the overburdened railroad system, shortages of coal, and the British blockade that cut off imports from abroad.

The winter of 1916-1917 was known as the "turnip winter," because that hardly-edible vegetable, usually fed to livestock, was used by people as a substitute for potatoes and meat, which were increasingly scarce. Thousands of soup kitchens were opened to feed the hungry people, who grumbled that the farmers were keeping the food for themselves. Even the army had to cut the rations for soldiers. Morale of both civilians and soldiers continued to sink.

I do not mean to detract from the suffering of families throughout the World and in different countries who suffered as much and often more than the UK or Germany but I use these two major-powers to reflect the home front picture as it was 100 years ago.

# Humour



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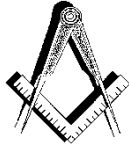
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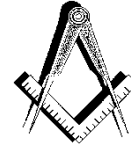
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# Syllabus 2016-2017

\* - Denotes an Official visit



## February 2017

Friday	03 <sup>rd</sup>	07:30pm	<b>Business meeting followed by 193<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dinner</b>	
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>MM Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Nitshill, No. 1478</i>
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478

## March 2017

Tuesday	07 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Business meeting and PGLRE Visitation	
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	07:30pm	FC Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Saltcoats Ardrossan St John 320</i>

## April 2017

Tuesday	04 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Grand Lodge of Scotland
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Dramatisation	'Burns v Kipling'

## May 2017

Tuesday	02 <sup>nd</sup>	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167
<i>*Saturday</i>	<i>06<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>t.b.c.</i>	<i>Dramatisation</i>	<i>In Aberdeen</i>
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Dramatisation	Prisoners of War

## September 2017

Tuesday	05 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

## October 2017

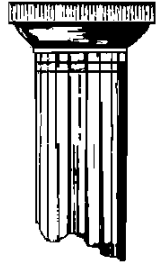
Friday	07 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	Open night /Dramatisation "The Table of Scottish Freemasons"	
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	-----	Annual General Meeting
<i>*Friday</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge St Conval 1359</i>
<i>*Tuesday</i>	<i>31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>EA Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Pollokshaws RA 153</i>

## November 2017

Tuesday	07 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Ian Blair IPM
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	04:00pm	Installation	2017-2018



## OFFICE BEARERS 2016 - 2017



RWM	George McGrandles
WSW	Nicol Hynd
WJW	Ronald McIsaac
IPM	Ian Blair IPM
Substitute Master	Christopher Baillie
Secretary	James Miller PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Robert Clark
Junior Deacon	Grant Mayberry
Inner Guard	Robert Scott
Senior Chaplain	Lawrence Webb
Junior Chaplain	Thomas Mulholland PM
Director of Ceremonies	Alan Bernard PM
Architect	Roy Farquhar
Jeweler	Thomas Wilson
Bible bearer	James Cherry
Director of Music	Ian Nicol
Organist	John Miller
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	William Petrie
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Wilson Davis
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

