

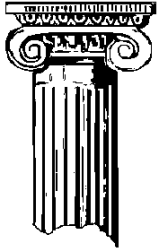
# The Mallet

The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307



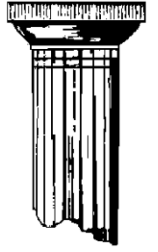
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Having had our fill of all the festive delights on offer, we can now look ahead to perhaps see what 2013 has in store for Lodge Union & Crown over the next twelve months.

This is of course our one hundred and eighty ninth year, having been chartered in 1824, and next month we will celebrate this event with our Anniversary dinner? Whilst the events planned for this year may be somewhat modest in comparison to say a 175<sup>th</sup> (or 200<sup>th</sup>!) anniversary, they are sure to be both enjoyable and well-attended, hopefully with tickets at a premium. A series of Dinners, Burns Suppers, functions and Dances etc. will take place over the next year and have been included to ensure as wide a spectrum of the Brethren and their families are well catered for.

Another gaze into our Crystal Ball clearly shows a healthy and prosperous year for 307, in what again are dark and difficult economic times for people in general and Freemasonry in particular. This is a direct result of the prudent and careful management of the Lodge in recent times. Our finances appear stable, and there is light at the end of the tunnel. Our attendances, are steady and many a Lodge would give much for the numbers we enjoy.

Our 'Official' visits are well attended but I wonder how many of our brethren, particularly the younger or new members just pop-in to one of our sister Lodges within the Province on one of their meeting nights.

Our ceremonial work is of a consistently high standard, due to the past efforts of Bro Tom Mulholland P.M. Sec. and the hard work of our new Instruction Master Bro. Jim Renfrew P.M. and the members of the Lodge Instruction Class.

The R.W.M. and his management team carefully plan our annual syllabus to ensure there is sufficient variety and interest for our members, as this has proved to be one of the keys to growth over the years. We will continue to do everything possible to ensure that our meetings are as short as possible thus allowing those in attendance to have ample time for harmony at the close of the meeting.

Yes, we can see a good year ahead for Union & Crown, but only if we continue to work long and hard for our Mother Lodge. Prosperity doesn't come cheap, but we can all benefit from its rewards. We have set high standards in the past, let's ensure that we can maintain them in 2013

*Hugh Cattigan PM*



## Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the Lodge was held on 15 January 2013 and following the business and recess, a deputation made up of The Installing Masters and Past Masters of the Lodge was admitted and introduced by Bro. David McArthur, Substitute Master. In what was a spirited performance, with some of the PMs occupying offices for the first time in a number of years:

### **Bro. John Muir**

Was then raised to the High and Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The labours of the evening were appreciated by all in attendance as well as the candidate himself. A harmony followed with the brethren and visitors enjoying each other's company following the Christmas and New Year period.

**Lodge opened 7:30pm; Lodge closed: 9.37pm; Attendance: 74.**

# Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013, the following Brother:

### **Harry Lloyd**

A MM of Lodge Nitshill No. 1478 received a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree from the Companions of Rockmount RAC. The Companions taking part in the degree are to be

congratulated on the work done.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 8:15pm**

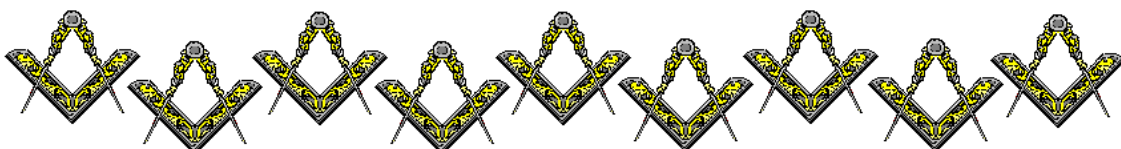
(Please Note the change of Time) when the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Renfrewshire will be making its annual visitation to Rockmount RAC, No.367.

MEZ George Paul extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend.

## Rockmount Cryptic Council

A similar invitation is also extended to members of the Cryptic Council by the T.I.M. Sam Wilson and his Office Bearers to attend the next meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367, also the Provincial visit on.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 07:30pm**



## Visitation to Lodge Thistle & Crown 1167.



On Thursday 17th January we were off on the first of 2013's travels, this time, just 'up the hill' to our good friends at Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167.

The evening had an early scare when a mix-up with our own Lodge's keys meant many brethren couldn't retrieve their regalia and mobile phones were red-hot. Fortunately all of the 26 man deputation made it and with the customary bottle being handed over to the R.W.M of Lodge Thistle & Crown, Bro. Bob McCulloch by our own R.W.M. Bro. Paul Stewart a fine evening followed.

The brethren carried out an exemplification of the E.A. Degree on Bro. Fred Christie who ably stood in as the candidate.

The assembled brethren witnessed a good degree with all brethren involved settling into their offices well. It was good to see some new faces on the floor with the usual suspects getting a deserved rest.

A fine harmony followed and the strong bond which already exists between both lodges was further strengthened. The RWM. Bro Paul Stewart was delighted with the turnout at what is his father's mother lodge and Bro. Billy Stewart was delighted and proud to see his son arrive with such a strong deputation.

*(N.B. Best Pies of the Masonic Year so far. Ed,)*

As usual several of the brethren of the lodge are currently involved in Burns Suppers around the area and beyond. A good number of these brethren started off their own performing of The Bard's work by getting involved in our own annual supper.

Good luck and aw ra best to those brethren.

Our recent meeting saw 4 reigning masters attending.

As well as this it was nice to welcome two brethren from Lodge Rectitude No. 502 from the English Constitution who thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

## 189<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary Dinner

Tickets are still available for The 189th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday 5th February priced £12.50 with concessions for senior members at £10.00.

Always a good night on the Lodge calendar the RWM Bro Paul Stewart looks forward to welcoming you along.



Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

# BURNS SUPPER

FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

7 for 7:30pm

Ticket £12.50

Tickets being available from:  
**W.S.W. Bro. Alan Bernard**



*This year's line up of performers are all homegrown 307 members who are looking forward to a successful and entertaining evening.*

## Meet the Candidate

Our most recent initiate is Bro. John Muir. John hails from Barrhead originally and now resides in Newton Mearns with his wife Corinne and their four children. John works as a bus driver and in his spare time he enjoys golf, snooker and hillwalking.

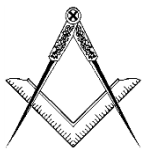
Welcome aboard Bro. John.



We hear Bro. Graham Manson, Past Master is starting a new job in February with *Viessmann Boilers*.

Although still working as a service engineer Graham is looking forward to a new set of challenges.

All the best from everyone at Union & Crown, Graham.



Wasn't it was nice to see Bro. Andy Thomson P.M. of Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370 back at the lodge at our recent meeting.

Bro. Alex White our Worthy Almoner has entered a busy period with a good number of Burns Suppers taking up his evenings as well as the duties he faithfully carries out from day to day.



I call my Grandad "*Spiderman*", he doesn't have any special powers... he just has trouble getting out of the bath!



Our I.P.M. Bro Kenny Coleman would like to pass on his thanks to all who attended his 50th Birthday party in the lounge on Friday 4th January.

This was an informal gathering but a fantastic turnout ensured the evening was a success with the bar doing very well indeed.

A few more informal get-togethers are planned for no better reason than for brethren and their partners to have a pleasant social evening in the lodge premises.

### *More Burns*

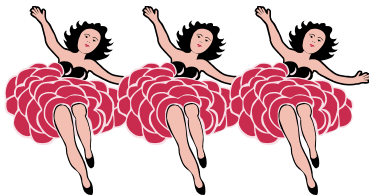
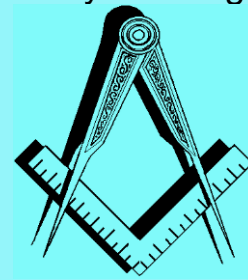


Past Masters Bro's. Johnny Gauld, Graham Manson and Kenny Coleman took part in Lodge Nitshill No. 1478's Annual Burns Supper on Saturday 19th January.

These brethren enjoyed themselves very much and felt very much at home with their good friends just down the road!

### *RITUAL WORKERS WANTED*

Bro. Jim Renfrew P.M. would like to appeal to any brother interested in taking part in degree work to come along to lodge instruction class at 7:30pm on a Monday evening or to see him after any meeting.



Bro. Lawrence Webb is wearing his social convener's hat to remind brethren the next lodge cabaret featuring tributes to Kenny Rogers and Neil Diamond and will take place in May. Details soon...

### **HONORARY GRAND RANK AWARDS**

Two well-known Freemasons from the Province of Renfrewshire East have been awarded Honorary Grand Rank in recognition of their services to their Lodges and the Craft in general.

Bro. Willie Wotherspoon PM of Lodge St Christopher No.1453. On the 7<sup>th</sup> December he was awarded the rank of Honorary Assistant Grand Secretary.

The other Honorary Grand Rank presented the same evening was that of Honorary Grand Architect to Bro. James Ross PM of Lodge Kil Bryd No.1667.

Lodge Union and Crown offers our belated congratulations to these deserving Brethren.

## P.G.L.R.E. INSTALLATION



At the Annual Meeting and Installation of Office-Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East on Saturday, 26 January 2013 and within the premises of Lodge Craigends No.1042, Linwood. Past Master's Bro's. Hugh Cattigan and Steven Allan were installed into the Offices of Provincial Grand Bible Bearer and Provincial Grand Steward respectively.

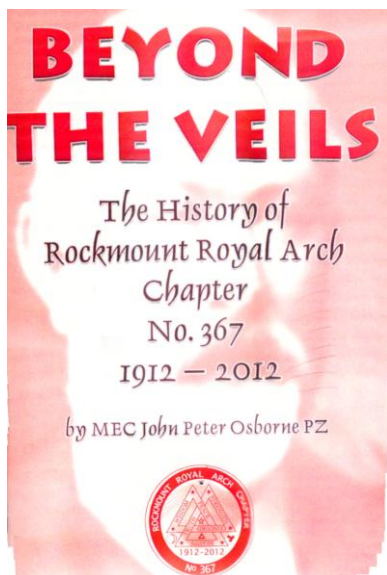
Eulogies were given in respect of Bro. Robert Dickson PM of Lodge Douglas No.1557 and Bro. Norman Robb PM of Lodge St. Andrew No.524

Bro. John McNeill PM, Secretary of Lodge Thorntree No.512 was given the honorary position of Provincial Grand Secretary in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Craft.

Before the meeting ended the Brethren were reminded of forthcoming events including the Seminar for Masters, Secretaries, Treasurers, Almoners along with all Progressive Office Bearers on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Lodge Nitshill No.1478 at 10am and the PGL Fund Raiser "Scottish Night" in Lodge Union & Crown on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, and that tickets at £15 were still available.

A fine Harmony followed that was 'Burns' themed with a haggis piped in by Provincial Grand Piper Bro. George Paul, ably addressed by SPGM Bro. Willie Fleming who later recited some Burn's poems. He was followed by our own Bro. Alex White, with a repertoire of some of the Bard's lesser known works.

A Full report by Bro. Ken Stein can also be found on the 'News' section of the PGLRE website <http://www.pglre.org/home>



## Beyond The Veils

by

MEC John Peter Osborne PZ

Published to commemorate the Centenary of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter this fine read has been constructed by MEC John Osborne from the minute books of the Chapter.

A limited number were published and some pre-ordered at £5 each. If you were one of these please contact MEC James Renfrew PZ as soon as possible.

Some extra may still be available...? Contact Scribe E, Hugh Cattigan (see contact details on the humour page).

Nearing the end of an operation the patient suddenly wakes up and demands the right to close his incision. Reluctantly the surgeon hands him the needle and says "suture self".



We hear that Lodge Georgetown No. 1170 have presented *The Mark Wright Project\** with a pool-table and £225. Well done to all concerned.

***\*THE MARK WRIGHT PROJECT ACTIVELY SUPPORTS OUR EX-SERVICE MEN, WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES IN ADDRESSING THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF WAR, EASING EX-SERVICE MEN & WOMEN'S TRANSITION INTO CIVILIAN LIFE.***



**Faith:** When we believe in something bigger than ourselves, something greater than we can aspire to becoming, we are humbled. Humility inspires us to do our best. Not because we can equal the Creator, but to imitate Him and make something of Beauty ourselves. Beauty gives both pleasure and brings the following Virtue.

**Hope:** A better world awaits us. Even in this life, we may look forward to an improved existence. Educating our Children will insure that they will be able to make good decisions when it is their time to do so. Here we speak not of empty Hope, but a Hope based on the secure knowledge that we have all done our best to make the world of tomorrow better than it is today.

**Charity:** Beyond Relief, we should always work hard to improve the condition of those around us. Where Relief leaves off, Charity begins. Going beyond soothing an affliction or satisfying a need, Charity is the act or acts designed to prevent those needs from ever existing again. Preventing distress, not for the recognition, thanks or acclaim, but because it improves some part of the world, is the highest form of Charity.



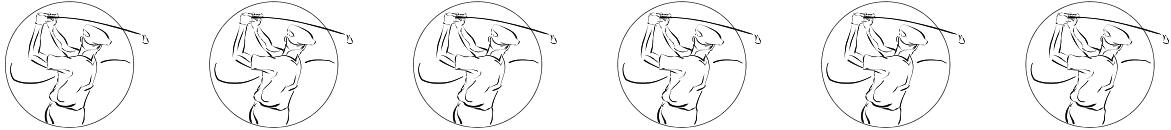
Doctor, Doctor... I was attacked last night by a giant beetle with an axe!  
"Yes, there's a nasty bug going around".

# Lodge Golf Outing

Summer is just around the corner!!! So time to dig out the Golf clubs, waterproofs and umbrella's then let's hope we are blessed with good weather for this year's annual Lodge Golf Outing which will take place on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

If anyone is interested and for further details get in touch with the Lodge golf convenor, Bro. Lawrence Webb as soon as possible.

**Lawrence Webb, Golf Convener (☎0141 571 4330)**



## IN PERFECT HARMONY.

Two of the last meetings of 2012 saw a welcome return of traditional harmony following the business of the evening. The first of those was at our dramatised M.M. Degree where the Grand Master Mason and Grand Secretary were in attendance. A good number of brethren "sang for their supper" to the amusement of the company assembled. This lifted the already positive atmosphere and it was nice to see everyone leave with a smile on their face.

A couple of weeks later saw our Annual Installation where our WJW Bro. Ian Blair cajolled, persuaded and press-ganged a fine array of brethren and guests who gave their all to anyone who would listen. With Bro. Graham Manson P.M. backing them on guitar, the busy attendance was treated to a fantastic series of performances. Our New R.W.M. had prepared a poem which mentioned his brethren and guests alike. Our I.P.M. penned a new version of The Wild Rover which had everyone joining in to help lament the end of his year in the chair. We enjoyed songs by Roy Orbison, Frank Sinatra, Rod Stewart and John Denver as well as Bob Dylan and The Corries.

There were stories and jokes as well as the songs and this ensured the evening was a great success and the importance of everyone's participation cannot be over-emphasised. To see so many brethren and gentlemen get up and take their turn was tremendous and some of the singers could have given television talent show contestants a run for their money. Some of the younger brethren embraced modern technology and used their I Phones to keep them right with the words to their songs. Very impressive!

Then Bro. David Noble P.M. got up and gave us Old Shep and that was the end of that! Bro. Lawrence Webb and his pal Bro. Robert Rankin 1167 looked as if they were going to require hospital treatment as the celebrated past master produced noises which would suggest a serious sound system malfunction!

The smiles and laughter from everyone present throughout the entire evening said it all and weeks later both events were still being talked about. Let's hope the coming year will bring more of the same with even more brethren showing us what they can do. Freemasonry's Got Talent!



I have just been informed and it is with much sadness that I report the sudden passing, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, at her home in Barrhead of Mrs Catherine Munley widow of the late Bro. Tom Munley of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307. At time of writing this I have no information regarding the funeral arrangements but will make every effort to attend and thus represent the Lodge at the service.

In recent weeks I have taken time to visit two members of the Lodge who are at present in The Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley. Namely Bro. Jim Miller M.M. and Bro. Jim Easdon and again at time of writing, both brethren remain in the hospital.

Sadly, Bro. John Raeburn has also been re-admitted to the R.A.H. only weeks after having been discharged and I do intend to visit Bro. John this week.

With the *Festive Season* having passed by, as quickly as ever, I did manage to pay visits, at their homes, to a number of brethren and indeed widowed ladies of the Lodge. Namely to:-

Bro. Harry Paton (Home)

Bro. John Osborne (Home)

Bro. Jim Laird (Home)

Bro. Dunci McLellan (Home)

Mrs Catherine Murray (*at Home after discharge from hospital*)

Bro. Jim Liggat (Home)

Bro. Hugh Munro (*at "FIRS" Nursing home*)

Bro. Willie Dempsey

Mrs Netta Miller (*West Lea Care Home*)

I must also advise that the following three ladies, Mrs Margaret McLellan, Mrs Mary Ferguson and Mrs Isobel Heron have suffered a health upset over the past month. I say to all three ladies "Get well soon" and return to full activity.

We are now into a New Year and my resolve to continue as your Lodge Almoner remains as steadfast as ever. May I take this opportunity to remind all that should the service of your Lodge Almoner be required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

**P.S.**

It is somewhat typical of our Almoner, Bro. Alex, that he forgets to mention himself and his own family but we hear that his own good lady, Grace, had not been feeling too well recently and was in need of Bro. Alex special brand of t.l.c. The Good news is that Grace is now well on the road to recovery and we wish her, and Alex, all the best. *Ed.*

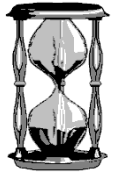
**P.P.S.**

We also hear that Bro. Alex has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and is now a "*Silver Surfer*" with his own computer and a world wide web to explore. Fortunately Bro. Alex Grandson is at hand to guide him through the early pit-falls. Enjoy yourself Alex!



# FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 12 Years Ago



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*RWM Evans Reid*

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Bro. Iain Reynolds was raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Installing Masters, ably assisted by a degree team drawn from the Past Masters of the Lodge.

During the business part of the meeting, Bro Frank Johnston PGMRE entered the Lodge and took the opportunity of officially presenting Bro Bud Gauld PM, Secretary with confirmation of his Honorary Grand Rank.

The Lodge Opened at 7-30pm and closed at 10:03pm with an attendance of 103

The fortunate winners of the 100 club cash prizes for the month of January, were Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Bro. Eric Gray (£10) and Bro. Jim Boulton (£5).

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January saw us "first-footing" our good friends and good neighbours from Lodge Nitshill, No.1478, where we had been invited to confer a M.M. degree upon one of their Candidates. A total of 24 Brethren (including 11 Past Masters), a tremendous achievement, considering the time of year, travelled over the boundary into Glasgow. To be honest, the degree fell a little short of the high standards we have set ourselves over the years, and the '307' Brethren who sat down at the Harmony were slightly disappointed with the result.

This was soon rectified the following week, when almost the same degree team were asked to confer another MM Degree within Lodge Clydebank, No.1234. By all accounts a fine 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree was carried out and the Brethren of both Lodges were delighted with the performance.

The Annual Dinner Dance format has been revamped for 2001 with the meal being served upstairs. Those attending will then retire downstairs to the Function Suite where, in addition to the normal dancing, a cabaret has been arranged to provide additional entertainment.

Full details of our impending visit to Spring Lodge, No.1174 in Houston, Texas is now to hand and the full itinerary has now been agreed with our hosts.

It is good to see that sales of our Lodge History are selling well with over 100 copies sold in the last couple of months. A copy has now been donated by the Lodge to the GL of Scotland, and is now included within the GL Museum and is, we believe, to be the subject of a review on the GLS Website.

It is our intention to organise another Grand National Sweepstake over the next couple of months to subsidise the annual Senior Members' Dinner. Tickets will shortly be available and we would encourage our readers to support this worthwhile venture.

Our grateful thanks go to several Brethren, who kindly donated paper recently.

The Treasurer has asked us to remind the Brethren that the annual Social Club Fees are now due.

# Humour?



In the Beginning...

- Q. What is the fear of meeting a fat man, wearing a red suit in a confined space called?  
A. ***Santaclaustrophobia!***

Dean Martin was singing to a group of deep-sea divers... *“When an eel bites your boot and draws blood from your foot, that’s a moray”...*

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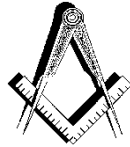
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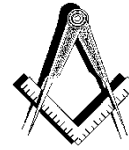
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*“With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance”*



## Syllabus 2012-2013

\* - Denotes an Official visit



### February 2013

Tuesday 5th	07:30pm	Business meeting and 189 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	
<i>Monday 11th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478</i>
Monday 19th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167

### March 2013

Tuesday 5th	07:30pm	Business meeting and Visitation by the P.G.L.R.E.	
Tuesday 19th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478
<i>Tuesday 26th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>MM Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153</i>

### April 2013

Tuesday 2nd	07:30pm	Dramatisation	
Tuesday 16th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

### May 2013

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Dramatisation	"The Table of Scottish Freemasonry"
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### September 2013

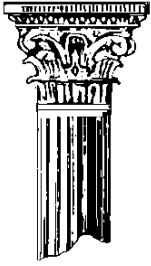
Tuesday 3rd	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday 17th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge St John RA, No.320
<i>Friday 20th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>Dramatised FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426</i>

### October 2013

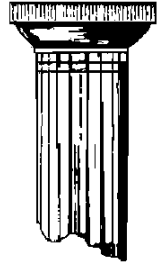
Tuesday 1st	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday 18th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

### November 2013

Tuesday 5th	07:30pm	"Dramatised MM Degree"	
Tuesday 19th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Kenneth Coleman IPM
Saturday 23rd	t.b.c.	Installation of Office Bearers 2013 - 2014	



## OFFICE BEARERS 2012 - 2013



RWM	Paul Stewart
WSW	Alan Bernard
WJW	Ian Blair
IPM	Kenneth Coleman
Depute Master	David Noble PM
Substitute Master	David McArthur
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	George McGrandles
Junior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Inner Guard	Kenneth Beatts
Senior Chaplain	Adam Graham Watson
Junior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Director of Ceremonies	Stephen Allan PM
Architect	Iain Nicol
Jeweler	James Laing
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Kenneth Glasper
Tyler	Tom Wilson

