

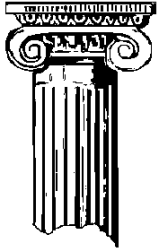
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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307

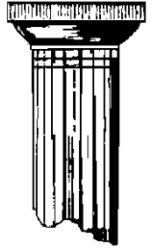


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The festive season is well and truly upon us and with it comes the end of another calendar year, next month we will mark thirty seven eventful years in print and whilst the mood of celebration has not yet taken over the press office we may just pause and raise a glass to all those, some no longer with us, who have contributed to **The Mallet** over the years.

The various editors of **The Mallet** have enjoyed tremendous support from a whole host of differing quarters over the years, far too many to mention, and we are sure that each and every one of those who have contributed greatly have done so because they ~~were~~ gladly wanted to participate in the ongoing success of our journal. They undoubtedly felt that **The Mallet** was, in some way, part and parcel of the fabric of Lodge Union & Crown, No. 307 and as it was their Lodge they strove to be associated with it in many ways.

In addition to those who are directly involved with the supply of information or consumables or even their time to collate and staple, there are many who contribute without even realising it! It may only have been the chance remark innocently overheard during conversation but it can often blossom into an article which is appreciated by hundreds and there have been many instances of this even in my time.

For sure, the means of personal communication now and when **The Mallet** was first introduced as a simple newsheet could not be more different and we have in some way tried to keep abreast of this by having a Lodge website which includes the latest editions and many back issues. I would imagine that if **The Mallet** was proposed to Lodge management today then no paper copies would be discussed.

For now it's back to the monthly grind of a publishing deadline, it can leave a real sense of achievement, a few gray hairs, and a few sleepless hours of cajoling a printer which will be very difficult to reproduce.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all our Readers

Hugh Cattigan PM Ed.

Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013. A meeting of the lodge took place. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. David McArthur called for a minutes silence to remember the families and victims of the Clutha Vaults helicopter disaster.

Following the remaining Lodge business the following candidates:-

GORDON NEIL and ALAN MAUDSLEY

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by an experienced degree team drawn from the ranks of the Lodge's Instruction Class, and led by the Worshipful Wardens. Although it was a first time with everyone in their new offices it was nevertheless a very good EA Degree with any nerves well hidden, ably conferred in the manner we have come to expect from the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown.

A harmony followed with the majority of the brethren and visitors remaining to enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:25pm Attendance – 57

On Tuesday 17th December 2013 a regular meeting of the lodge took place with our PGM, Bro John Miller in attendance. Bro. John accepted the surrender of the mallet and wished RWM Bro David McArthur, the office bearers and Brethren of the lodge all the best for the coming year before returning the mallet to the RWM.

Bro Alex White, Almoner gave a report on the uplift and distribution of Xmas parcels and thanked all those who assisted.

Bro. Jim Laing, Tyler was presented with a replacement 'honorary' Provincial Grand Jewel following the theft of the original. With a touch of humour, PGM Bro John Miller took great pleasure in presenting Bro Jim and this was appreciated by all in attendance.

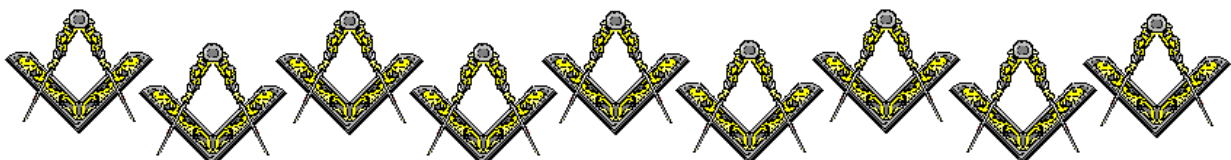
Following the remaining business a FC degree was conferred on the above candidates by the lodge Deacons who carried out their duties with attention to detail in a very well received ceremonial.

A harmony followed with everyone looking forward to the festive season and the year to follow.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:13pm Attendance – 67



So it's perfectly acceptable for me to come home and find my wife wandering around the house in a pair of my shorts and a T-shirt, but as soon as it's the other way around, suddenly "We need to talk".





Master of The Lodge 2



The 'ever in search of a story' editor of The Mallet contacted me recently, asking if I could share my reflections on my first month as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Union and Crown No.307. Without a second thought .. Of course was my reply.

The Installation Ceremony on November 26th was an amazing day. Not one for getting nervous at anything, it was a pleasure to relax and take in all that was happening around me. My Installing Masters were incredible, kept me right, and really made the whole day and night very special and memorable indeed.

Once installed into the Chair of King Solomon, to stand up as Right Worshipful Master for the first time, look over the lodge room and address the brethren, really highlighted what a privilege it is to be given the honour of that position by such a respected and fantastic old lodge.

My first regular meeting as Right Worshipful Master and in charge of the proceedings was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, capped with what I would have to say was a brilliant degree led by our Worshipful Wardens. Everyone on the floor carried out his part exceptionally, much to the enjoyment of everyone in the temple. Having new faces carrying out degree work is definitely the way to go.

One cannot be anything but impressed by the way Bro. Alex White our Almoner goes about his business and I was delighted to go down to Lodge Inchinnan and see first hand how Bro. Alex Alex and his band of helpers so expertly deal with the pick-up and delivery of our Christmas parcels.

So, on reflection, my first month as 'Maister' of 307 has been a very pleasurable one indeed, particularly having attended the Lodge Christmas Dance with my good lady. Thanks to Bro. Lawrence Webb for his work as Social Convener, and for putting together a great night.

It was also my pleasure to lead a deputation of fourteen brethren from Union and Crown No307 down to Lodge Dunlop Caledonia No.1408 on Friday 13th December to witness their Installation Ceremony, and to see Bro. Mathew Brown installed as Right Worshipful Master, and our very own Bro. Johnny Gauld PM installed as Worshipful Junior Warden.

Thank you to all the Brethren who joined me at the Installation. The number of brethren in our deputation was certainly appreciated by myself as well as all in Lodge Dunlop Caledonia No.1408 and noted by all other brethren in attendance.

In closing brethren, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous 2014.

RWM Bro. David McArthur



Husband: What do you mean, you need a new dress? What's wrong with the one you've got?

Wife: It's too long and the veil keeps getting in my eyes!

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 10th December 2013, the following Brother:

Scott Ballantyne

a MM of Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626 and a MMM of Lodge Ardgowan No. 1425 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 work well done.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 14th January at 7:30pm

When a Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred by the Office Bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC.

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

Rockmount Cryptic Council

A similar invitation is also extended by the T.I.M. David Bannerman and his Office Bearers to attend the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 on.

Tuesday 28th January at 7:30pm



Congratulations to Bro Johnny Gauld PM who was recently installed as WJW in Lodge Dunlop Caledonia No. 1408 to which he recently affiliated.

Bro Johnny was supported by some fifteen brethren from his mother lodge on this occasion and was delighted to see a "sea of blue" occupying a good part of the lodgeroom.

A slightly quieter lodge than our own Lodge Dunlop will surely benefit from Bro. Johnny's experience and enthusiasm.

PGLRE JANUARY 2014 INSTALLATION

Saturday 11th January 4:00pm Lodge St Conval Giffnock No. 1359



On Thursday the 12th December 2013, I attended the funeral service of Mr. Colin Gibson, age 33, who tragically lost his life when a helicopter crashed into the 'Clutha Vaults' public house in Glasgow where he and friends were celebrating a workmates birthday. Colin Gibson was the stepson of Bro. Eddie Glasper of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307.

The service of thanksgiving was held at Neilston Parish Church and the service of committal at Paisley's Woodside Crematorium. Earlier, I took time to visit the family home in Neilston where, on behalf of the Lodge, I tendered sincere condolences to Colin's grieving mother, Anne, as well as to Bro. Eddie and other family members present, they thanked myself and the Lodge, for expressing our concern.

On Tuesday 10th December 2013 I journeyed from Barrhead to the Scottish Masonic Home situated near Bridge of Weir, Marcus Humphrey House. I was accompanied on this visit by our Worthy Jeweller Bro. Tom Wilson and on our arrival we were greeted and welcomed by the home's Manageress, Mrs Wilma McDonald, and Mr Jim Melville the Deputy Manager.

The purpose of this most worthwhile visit was to bring some Christmas cheer, in the form of a hamper containing items of festive spirit, to the residents, staff and indeed the management of Marcus Humphrey House from the brethren of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307. In true masonic spirit, purpose and intent prevailed and on this joyfull occasion and after tea and biscuits and a good chat with many we bade our farewells only to be encouraged to return. I look forward to future visits on behalf of our Lodge as does Bro. Tom.

On Sunday 15th December, uplift and delivery of of Lodge Christmas parcels took place. All parcels were uplifted and delivered in record time to the widows and widowers of our Lodge. I intimate a most hearty thanks to the following brethren:-

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| Bro. Wilson Davidson PM | Bro. Robin Murray PM |
| Bro. David Watson PM | Bro. Alan Barnard Sub.M |
| Bro. Ronnie McIsaac SC | Bro. Martin Muir |
| Bro. Alan McIntyre | |

All of whom accomplished all that was asked of them... To our RWM, Bro. David McArthur I also convey my gratitude and thanks for taking time to journey to Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405 on the Sunday to ably assist, if required to do so, with the uplift of the parcels.

The following brethren and ladies were visited by me, at their places of residence, since my November report.

Bro. Harry Paton, also at the R.A.H. as well as at Accord Hospice, Paisley

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| Bro. Robert Nixon PM | Bro. Eric Gray |
| Bro. Jim Waterson | Bro. Jim Boulton |
| Bro. Jim Laird | Bro, Robert Spiers ~ Norwood Care Home |

Bro. John Osborne

Bro. George Jack

Bro. John W. Smith

Mrs Margaret McLellan

Mrs Brenda Shields

Bro. Davie Provan ~ Millview Care Home

Bro. Jim Liggat

Mrs Jean Ryan

Mrs Isa Leckie

Mrs Helen Young

In conclusion, I continue to be greatly impressed by the work fulfilled by many senior members of our lodge, pensioners, with regard to the general maintenance and work of a decorative nature throughout our premises ~ Well done to you all.

At time of writing this report the Christmas mood has now taken hold and accordingly I wish all to experience an event of Joy, peace and thanksgiving with family and friends over the coming days and weeks.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After submitting his report for publication, Bro. Alex received the sad news that Bro. Harry Paton, a brother whom Alex had visited regularly, had passed away at home on Monday 23rd December. At the time of going to print the funeral will be taking place on Saturday 28th December. Bro. Alex has stated his intention to be there representing the Lodge.

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

Lodge Web-Site



The Lodge Web-site got its new look earlier this year but we hear a lot of brethren may have lost their 'link' to it on their PC's, laptops etc... the NEW URL is:-

www.unionandcrown307.com

Links are now working again from the Grand Lodge of Scotland web-site and I am confident that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East web-site link will soon be too.

Buy a Brick

Commerative bricks which will adorn the wall in the downstairs hallway are now available at £20.00 each. Interested brethren should see Bro. Adam G Watson (Big Adam) to secure their personalised brick.

Bro. Jim Kerr, PM treasurer would like to remind the brethren there are still some test fees outstanding and also 100 Club money is due as well.



Meet the candidates

Bro. Alan Maudsley is originally from Mt. Vernon in Glasgow but now resides in Giffnock with his wife Karen and daughter Lara.

Bro Alan works as a banker and in his spare time enjoys playing football and roadbiking.

Bro. Gordon Neil is a Neilston boy who now lives in Barrhead and is married to Lynn. Bro Gordon works as a Drayman which involves delivering beer all over the country.

Those of us who attended the Dougie Campbell Memorial Trophy bowls matches will know Bro. Gordon well as he is a keen member of Arthurlie Bowling Club.

We warmly welcome both brethren aboard and wish them all the best for the road ahead.

In Bro Alex White's, Almoner's report on the Xmas food parcels he mentioned the high level of organisation PGLRE had achieved and the smooth running of the whole operation.

He also went out his way to thank all those who assisted on the day.

It is heartening to hear good organisation is to the fore in the Province of Renfrewshire East and we are blessed with a strong team of helpers who volunteer readily and make the distribution of the parcels an easy task. Well done to all involved.



A cabaret will take place on 24th May 2014 with a Rod Stewart tribute being the featured act.

Bro Lawrence Webb our social convenor is hoping for good support for this forthcoming event and has tickets available now.



LODGE GOLF OUTING
2014
MOFFAT GOLF CLUB



Bro Lawrence Webb, Golf Convenor would like to remind the brethren this year's annual golf outing will take place in Moffat on Saturday 14th June 2014. Anyone interested should contact Bro Lawrence 0141-571 4330.

LODGE INSTRUCTION CLASS

The Lodge Deacons did very well with their recent degree as did the Wardens at the previous meeting.

It is always a nervy couple of meeting for all the office bearers but those brethren in particular.

Very well done indeed and we look forward to seeing more of their work throughout the year.

Bro. Jim Renfrew PM our Instruction Master would like to remind any brother wishing to have a go at some degree work should contact him or come along to the instruction class on a Monday evening from 7.30pm onwards.

Our RWM Bro David McArthur has settled into his role well bringing his own personality to the job.

We will enjoy the forthcoming year under his stewardship.



Did you hear about the woman who got so fed-up putting name tags on her son's clothes that she changed his name by deed poll to *Machine Washable*.

At our meeting on Tuesday 3rd December our Worshipful Senior Warden, Bro. Ian Blair reported on visiting the Grand Lodge of Scotland on Thursday 28th November to attend the Annual Installation and Festival of St Andrew in the company of the RWM, Bro. David McArthur, Bro. James Kerr PM treasurer and Bro. Alan Bernard, Substitute Master.

Brother Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont was again installed as Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland but with apologies to him, of interest to the Brethren of Union and Crown was the Installation of Past Master 'Bud' Gauld into the office of Director of Music of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The GMM also gave a resume of Grand Lodge's year highlighting over three quarters of a million pounds given to charity, including twenty thousand going to *Poppy Scotland*.

On three occasions, and by different speakers, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East's Education Programme was mentioned favourably including the announcement by the Grand Master Mason that PGLRE will be asked to hold a seminar at Grand Lodge, possibly in March 2014, with a view to rolling out this programme Nationally. This is a real compliment to our PGM, Bro. John S. Miller and his team.

Brother Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont also spoke at length about the Public Disclosure Bill rearing its head once again and the Grand Master Mason seems most passionate on this subject and sees it as an attack on our order.

It was evident from Bro. Ian's report that he got a lot out of his day at Grand Lodge and I would recommend any brother, given the opportunity to attend Grand Lodge on this day to make the effort and go. You may have to plan ahead and save a bit of extra cash but it is worth the effort.

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

BURNS SUPPER

FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2014

6:30 for 7:00pm

Ticket £12.50

Tickets are available from:
W.S.W. Bro. Ian Blair



P.G.L.R.E.

Tri-Annual Communication,
Annual Meeting

and

Installation of Office Bearers

on

Saturday 25th January, 2014

2.30pm

M.T. Cochrane Street, Barrhead.

Presentation of cheque to the Army
Benevolent Fund will also take place

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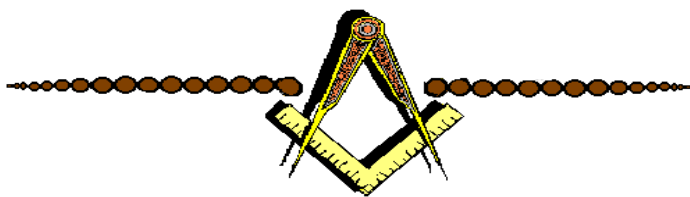
Anniversary Dinner

Tickets are still available for
The 190th Anniversary Dinner
on Tuesday 4th February
priced £12.50 with
concessions for senior
members at £10.00.

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



See the Worshipful Wardens



The social convener of Lodge Union and Crown No.307, Bro Lawrence Webb, has decided that it is about time the brethren of the lodge .. and friends both from within and outwith the craft should get together more often for social evenings, games of pool, darts, dominos, a drink and a chat .. whatever floats your boat. There is threat of Graham Manson bringing his guitar too if you have a singing inclination !

Lawrence has therefore arranged the first gathering for **Friday 3rd January 2014 from 7:30pm**, in the lodge bar, downstairs at Cochrane St.

Come on down and start your New Year celebrations all over again!!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

David McArthur RWM



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 12 Years Ago



Issue No. 249

December 2001

RWM Robert Miller

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2001, Bro. Colin Hamilton PM was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order in what was a fine EA Degree carried out by the Worshipful Wardens, assisted by the members of the Lodge Instruction Class. Traditionally a rather nervy evening, with all the newly-installed Office-bearers in their new offices for the first time, the Brethren involved handled the pressure well.

Lodge Opened – 7:31pm

Lodge Closed – 10:21pm

Attendance – 71

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 18th December, the same Candidate was passed to the Second, Square or Fellowcraft Degree. The worthy deacons and their team are to be congratulated of an excellent 2nd Degree, which was greatly appreciated by all the Brethren in attendance.

Lodge Opened – 7:30pm

Lodge Closed – 9:18pm

Attendance – 97

Thursday 6th December saw us off on our official travels, when we were invited by Bro Jim Miller R.W.M. to confer the Mark Ceremonial within our near neighbours, Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167. Despite the counter attractions of live football on both the TV and Radio, and the atrocious weather, over 30 Brethren accompanied Bro Robert Miller R.W.M. (far too many Millers about!). Bro Donald Cook, the recently deposed IPM and current Mark Master, took receipt of the Mallet and conferred an excellent Mark Ceremonial upon a single Candidate. All in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the standard of the degree from the members of the Instruction class, a goodly number of who hailed from the village of Neilston.

Congratulations to Bro Tom Young PM, who was recently granted Honorary Membership of Lodge St Convals (Giffnock) No.1359 in an emotional ceremony within Rhuallan House. Bro Tom went along on Friday 7th December simply to support his RWM in yet another unofficial visit, only to discover that he was the only person in the hall unaware of the honour about to be bestowed upon him. Bro David Park RWM 1359, carried out a short but dignified ceremony and all in attendance congratulated Bro Tom on the accolade.

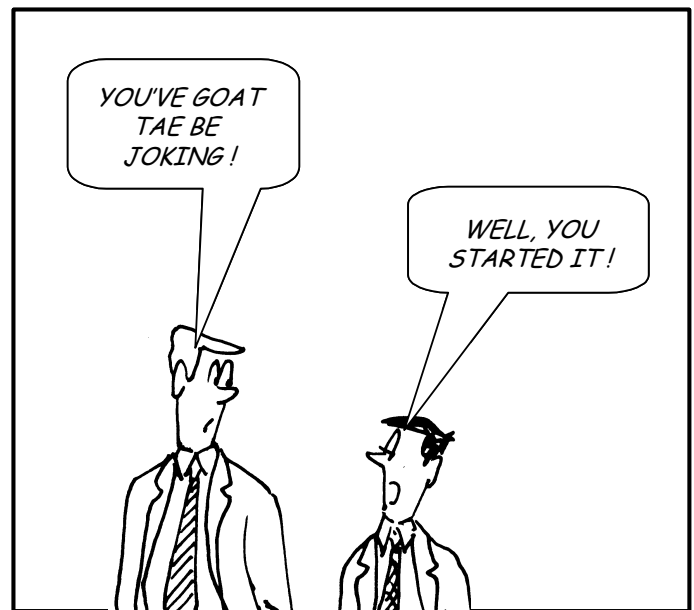
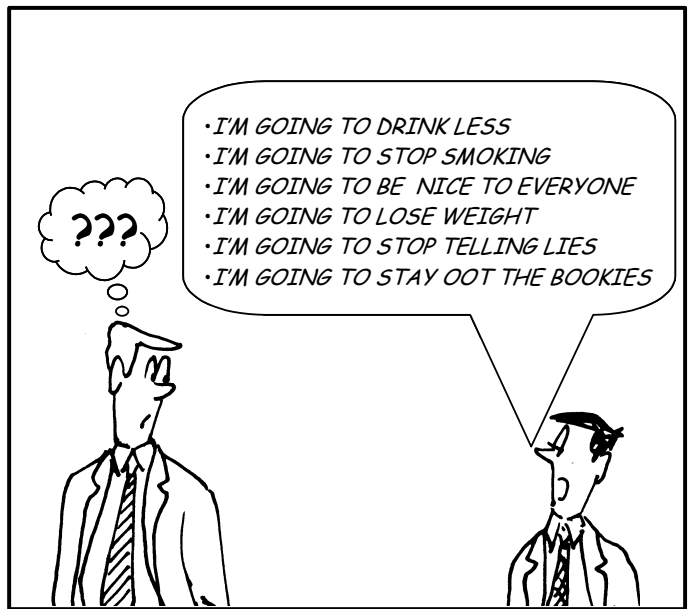
Bro Willie Renfrew PM, our Golf Convenor, informs us that there are only a handful of places left on the annual Golf Outing to Haddington on the 26th Math 2002.

It is good to see that Bro David Watson, our Steward, has joined the long line of Brethren who have taken out Life Membership.

It was good to see that almost every one of the newly-installed Office-bearers were in attendance at the first meeting after the Installation. It as pity that more of the Brethren didn't follow suit !

Many thanks to Bros Jim Bradshaw, Willie Renfrew PM and Donald Montgomery for their donations of much-needed paper for our journal. A special thanks to Bro Jim Kerr PM's daughter Nicola who went out of her way to donate a whole box.

MARK 'N' ARCHIE



On a crazy impulse I decided to throw out all my socks but at the last minute I got cold feet.

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Syllabus 2013-2014

* - Denotes an Official visit



January 2014

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| Tuesday | 07 th | 07:30pm | MM Degree | Installing Masters |
| <i>*Thursday</i> | <i>16th</i> | <i>07:30pm</i> | <i>EA Degree</i> | <i>At Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167</i> |
| Tuesday | 21 st | 07:30pm | EA Degree | By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478 |

February 2014

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|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| Tuesday | 04 th | 07:30pm | Business Meeting | Followed by 190 th Anniversary Dinner |
| <i>*Monday</i> | <i>10th</i> | <i>07:30pm</i> | <i>FC Degree</i> | <i>At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478</i> |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 07:30pm | Dramatisation | 'Kipling' By the Brethren |

March 2014

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| Tuesday | 04 th | 07:30pm | Business Meeting | P.G.L.R.E. Visitation |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 07:30pm | FC Degree | By Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167 |
| <i>*Tuesday</i> | <i>25th</i> | <i>07:30pm</i> | <i>MM Degree</i> | <i>At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153</i> |

April 2014

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|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 01 st | 07:30pm | MM Degree | By the Lodge Instruction Class |
| Tuesday | 15 th | 07:30pm | EA Degree | By Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242 |

May 2014

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Tuesday | 06 th | 07:30pm | Dramatisation | New |
| <i>*Thursday</i> | <i>08th</i> | <i>07:30pm</i> | <i>t.b.c.</i> | <i>At Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242</i> |

September 2014

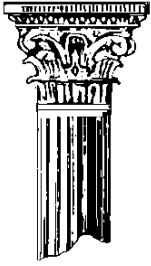
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| Tuesday | 02 nd | 07:30pm | FC Degree | By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426 |
| Tuesday | 16 th | 07:30pm | MM Degree | By the Lodge Instruction Class |

October 2014

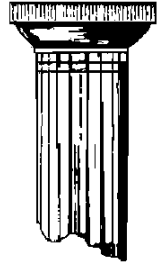
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| Friday | 10 th | 07:30pm | Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons | |
| Tuesday | 21 st | 07:30pm | Annual General Meeting | |

November 2014

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|----------|------------------|---------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday | 04 th | 07:30pm | MM Degree | Dramatisation |
| Tuesday | 18 th | 07:30pm | MMM Degree | By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM |
| Saturday | 22 nd | 04:00pm | Installation | 2014-2015 |



OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



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|------------------------|----------------------|
| RWM | David McArthur |
| WSW | Ian Blair |
| WJW | George McGrandles |
| IPM | Paul Stewart IPM |
| Depute Master | William H. Gauld PM |
| Substitute Master | Alan Bernard |
| Secretary | Thomas Mulholland PM |
| Treasurer | James Kerr PM |
| Almoner | Alexander White |
| Senior Deacon | Christopher Baillie |
| Junior Deacon | Kenneth Beatts |
| Inner Guard | Nicol Hynd |
| Senior Chaplain | Ronald McIsaac |
| Junior Chaplain | Alan Ross |
| Director of Ceremonies | Kenneth Coleman PM |
| Architect | John Robertson |
| Jeweler | Tommy Wilson |
| 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 | Davie Barr |
| Tyler | Jimmy Laing |

