

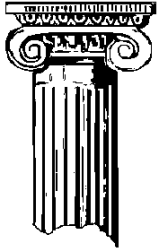
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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307

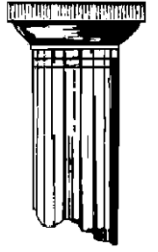


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During my years in Freemasonry, I have, hopefully, been regular in my attendance, and as much as humanly possible, attentive to my duties.

I have also, hopefully, managed to remain in office, in one masonic order or another, and have contributed to each of the various collections and fund-raising ventures.

I truly believed that my involvement was wholehearted and committed.

I have only recently come to fully realise the true cost of Masonry and would on this occasion like to ask Brethren, of all Lodges, to give some serious thought to this most important subject... Consider the upkeep of your Lodge, the building, the repairs, the, rates, the electricity, and the gas, insurance, telephone etc.

If you read the *Mallet* and don't have your own premises the ever-increasing hall rent is also important.

But there is one cost which must be met by all Lodges, regardless of their circumstances and status and that is the Capitation Fee which is payable to Grand Lodge.

How many Brethren, do you have in your Lodge? Regardless of your attendance and financial situation, brethren you do not have to be an accountant to realise that this charge, although just and understandable, is a tremendous drain on the finances of your Lodge.

What's the answer to the predicament which many Lodges find themselves in?

I thought after all, If I attend my meetings regularly and I'm a Life Member (or Test Fee Paying Member) I believe it is the responsibility of the Lodge to pay this bill. But surely the members are the Lodge? You must remember that whether you attend or not, your still recognised as a full member of the Lodge and the Capitation Fee must be paid in full.

My thought on this one is this – each one of us must begin to consider just exactly what is expected of us and must impose upon ourselves the responsibility of paying what is 'due' and on an annual basis.

You may call this a "Fee of Honour", but personally I believe you should call it a "Fee of Reality" as the reality is that Freemasonry will not survive in any form, if we don't start paying our way. So Brethren, ensure that you at least contribute something towards the high cost of being a Mason, or better still attend your Lodge meeting and hand your Treasurer the Capitation / Honour / Reality / Other Fee call it anything you wish, but please ensure that your Lodge isn't left to pay on your behalf. Two pound a month is the quick way to an empty and derelict building

Hugh Cattigan PM

MASTER of LODGE

Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. Paul Stewart cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge: -

Tuesday 1st October 2013

7:30pm

Business meeting

Business meeting followed by a:

MM Degree conferred by:
The Lodge Instruction Class



Tuesday 15th October 2013

7:30pm

Annual General Meeting



Tuesday 29th October 2013

7:30pm

Official visit to Lodge Kelvin Partick No. 1207
Masonic Hall, 92 Dumbarton Road, Partick, Glasgow G11 6NX

When the *Guid Brethren o'the Ludge* will enact a:
Dramatization of the FC Degree 'circa 1824'



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our cash prizes for the month of September were:

Tuesday 3rd September £10: **Mrs I. Lawson**
 £5: **Bro. Duncan Birse**

Tuesday 17th September £10: **Bro. Kenny Coleman PM**
 £5: **Bro. Colin Hamilton PM**



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



The M.E. First Principal, MEC George Paul and his Office Bearers would like to thank all the Companions who took the trouble to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter on Tuesday 10th September 2013.

The Companions present were delighted to re-elect MEC George as their First Principal Elect for a second year.

Following the nomination and election of Companions into the remaining offices and subsequent completion of the business at hand all the Companions retired to the downstairs lounge which had been set out for the Chapter's harmony supper and a good night was had by all.

The next Meeting of the Chapter will be our Annual Installation and this will take place on **Tuesday 8th October** at the slightly earlier start time of **07:00pm** when the Chapter will Install the First Principal and his Office-bearers.

MEC George Paul MEZ extends a cordial invitation to all Companions from within and without the Province to attend.

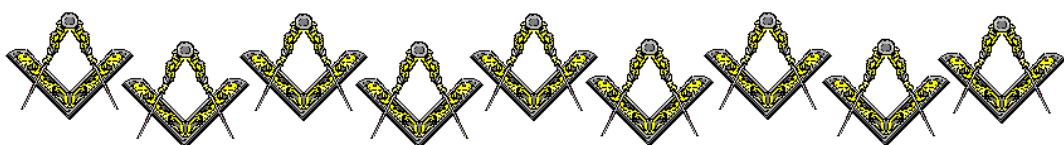
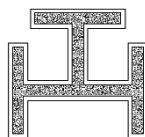
Rockmount Cryptic Council

On Tuesday 24th September the Council held its combined Annual General Meeting and Installation.

Installing Principals, Grand Superintendant Robert McCulloch PTIM and Provincial Grand Master, John S. Miller PTIM installed the new T.I.M., David Bannerman and his office bearers in what was a most dignified and enjoyable ceremony enjoyed by all in attendance.

After the ceremony the Companions enjoyed a sumptuous and calorie filled harmony prepared by the Ladies of the Chapter.

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 26th November 2013** at 07:30pm.





Meetings

A regular meeting of the lodge took place on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 and following the business a deputation of 20 brethren from Lodge Prince Of Wales no 426 was admitted in order to carry out the E.A. Degree on four candidates. A very good degree followed the recess and was enjoyed by all in what was an excellent attendance.

A harmony followed and a very good evening was enjoyed by all with our good friendship with 426 being firmly cemented once again.

Lodge opened: 7.30pm

Closed: 9.28pm

Attendance: 89.

On Tuesday 17th September, a regular meeting of the lodge took place and following the business a deputation of 17 brethren from Lodge St. Johns Royal Arch no 320 from Ardrossan was admitted.

Following the recess the office bearers and brethren of Lodge St. Johns Royal Arch carried out a very entertaining F.C. Degree on our 4 candidates who thoroughly enjoyed the ceremonial as did all the brethren in attendance.

Following the meeting a harmony took place and this was an opportunity for us to strengthen this relatively new friendship with our Ayrshire brethren.

Lodge opened: 7.30pm

Closed 9.34pm

Attendance: 91



Open Doors Day

Saturday 7th September 2013

Today saw us opening our doors to the public for the second time in this event run by East Renfrewshire Council.

Bros Tom Mulholland PM Secretary and Graham Manson PM were in attendance and although we only had 12 visitors, what we lacked in number was more than made up for by the enthusiasm of those who did come and see us. One gentleman from Bishopton came to see if he could trace a great uncle who was RWM of 307 in 1926.

We were not only able to show him his name on the roll of Past Masters but he was in the photograph of the office bearers from our 100th anniversary. The ladies and gentlemen who appeared throughout the day were very impressed with the building and our fine collection of memorabilia with a good number of questions being asked over a cup of tea laid on by ourselves. It was amazing to discover the connections these people had with our lodge and it would be fair to say both PMs took as much from the day as those who came in out of curiosity. A very worthwhile exercise indeed and one to look forward to next year.

In the Beginning??

We have encountered diversity of interpretation of the word 'freemason' in England. In Scotland it first appears in its modern significance in 1725 when the Lodge of Edinburgh is described as 'the Society of Free Masons'. The words 'frie mesones' used in the same lodge a century earlier clearly relate to the Freedom of a Burgh - the right to practise the Craft. In 1483 we have in Aberdeen 'Masonreys of the leige', here meaning the body of workmen who used the room or lodge.

Much has been claimed on behalf of the Gild organization in England, but we have shown how tenuous was the thread of continuity. North of the Border, the disruption of war meant poverty and the Mason Gilds were forced to amalgamate with the organizations of other Crafts.

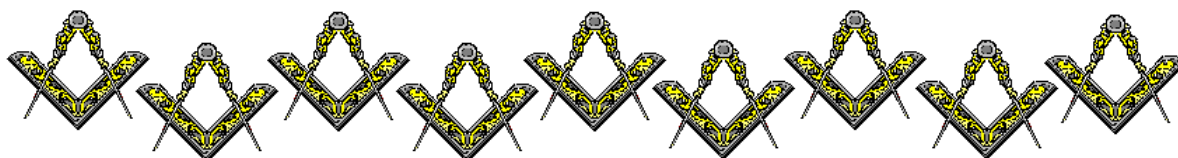
The general medieval organization ran on similar lines to the English, though direct labour tended to give place to the contract system. The term ⁴*Master Mason* is constantly met with., sometimes describing the chief technical official, sometimes a grade of employee - a master tradesman working on a job with his own servants.

The duties are nowhere clearly defined and examples of the second form are found at Holyrood House in 1735-36 where two master masons are engaged on the same job, one at 18 schillings a week and one at 16 schillings (Scots). Then, it is not easy to sub-divide the Scottish building craft; indeed no less an authority than Douglas Knoop divides them into three groups and admits some overlapping. These were *quarriers* who hewed and roughly prepared the stone, *cowans*, or builders of drystone walls, a craft not yet extinct in the north of England (or, alternatively and more commonly, masons without the Word) and *masons*, there being no distinction in Scotland between hewers and layers.

We have seen that in England there was little or no sign of organization among the masons before the latter part of the fourteenth century, also that the Gilds tended to develop on oligarchic lines. In Scotland the excluded humbler brethren did not supinely accept their lost status but built up their own organization which grew in power as the Merchant Gilds declined, despite attempts to 'supress' leagues and bands of craftsmen. A statute of 1424 placed each craft under a Deacon (for the sake of simplicity we are omitting many delightfully medieval Scots ways of spelling and expression). Two years later the Deacon's powers were restricted to a testing of the craftsman's proficiency while the fixing of wages was vested in the council of the local burgh.

Within half a century the Masons and Wrights of Edinburgh were strong enough to obtain from the Burgh a *Charter of Incorporation of the Freemen-Masons and Wrights of Edinburgh*, the 'Seal of Cause' of 1475. Trade Regulations were drawn up.

To be continued...



The Great Library of Alexandria

A few weeks ago I heard a Bro. querying how we could have sphere's atop the Pillars at the entrance to King Solomon's temple since everyone knew then that the world was flat? We often speak of the construction, beauty and wonder of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem but I would like to suggest that once you've built your *Tardis* another place you may consider visiting would be Alexandria and its Great Library.

Only once before in history was there the promise of a brilliant scientific civilization. Beneficiary of the Ionian Awakening, it had its citadel at the Library of Alexandria, where 2,000 years ago the best minds of antiquity established the foundations for the systematic study of mathematics, physics, biology, astronomy, literature, geography and medicine. We build on those foundations still.

The Library was constructed and supported by the Ptolemys, the Greek kings who inherited the Egyptian portion of the empire of Alexander the Great. From the time of its creation in the third century B.C. until its destruction seven centuries later, it was the brain and heart of the ancient world.

Alexandria was the publishing capital of the planet. Of course, there were no printing presses then. Books were expensive; every one of them was copied by hand. The Library was the repository of the most accurate copies in the world. The art of critical editing was invented there. The Old Testament comes down to us mainly from the Greek translations made in the Alexandrian Library. The Ptolemys devoted much of their enormous wealth to the



acquisition of every Greek book, as well as works from Africa, Persia, India, Israel and other parts of the world. Ptolemy III Euergetes wished to borrow from Athens the original manuscripts or official state copies of the great ancient tragedies of Sophocles, Aeschylus and Euripides. To the Athenians, these were a kind of cultural patrimony—something like the original handwritten copies and first folios of Shakespeare might be today. They were reluctant to let the manuscripts out of their hands even for a moment. Only after Ptolemy guaranteed their return with an enormous cash deposit did they agree to lend the plays. But Ptolemy valued those scrolls more than gold or silver. He forfeited the deposit gladly and enshrined, as well he might, the originals in the Library. The outraged Athenians had to content themselves with the copies that Ptolemy, only a little shamefacedly, presented to them. Rarely has a state so avidly supported the pursuit of knowledge.

The Ptolemys did not merely collect established knowledge; they encouraged and financed scientific research and so generated new knowledge. The results were amazing: Eratosthenes accurately calculated the size of the Earth, mapped it, and

argued that India could be reached by sailing westward from Spain. Hipparchus anticipated that stars come into being, slowly move during the course of centuries, and eventually perish; it was he who first catalogued the positions and magnitudes of the stars to detect such changes. Euclid produced a textbook on geometry from which humans learned for twenty-three centuries, a work that was to help awaken the scientific interest of Kepler, Newton and Einstein. Galen wrote basic works on healing and anatomy which dominated medicine until the Renaissance. There were, as we have noted, many others.

Alexandria was the greatest city the Western world had ever seen. People of all nations came there to live, to trade, to learn. On any given day, its harbours were thronged with merchants, scholars and tourists. This was a city where Greeks, Egyptian Arabs, Syrians, Hebrews, Persians, Nubians, Phoenicians, Italians, Gauls and Iberians exchanged merchandise and ideas. It is probably here that the word *cosmopolitan* realized its true meaning

Here clearly were the seeds of a modern world. What prevented them from taking root and flourishing? Why instead did the West slumber through a thousand years of darkness until Columbus and Copernicus and their contemporaries rediscovered the work done in Alexandria. I cannot give you a simple answer. But I do know this, there is no record, in the entire history of the Library, that any of its illustrious scientists and scholars ever seriously challenged the political, economic and religious assumptions of their society.

The permanence of the stars was questioned; the justice of slavery was not. Science and learning in general were the preserve of a privileged few. The vast population of the city had not the vaguest notion of the great discoveries taking place within the Library. New findings were not explained or popularized. The research benefited them little. Discoveries in mechanics and steam technology were applied mainly to the perfection of weapons, the encouragement of superstition, the amusement of kings. The scientists never grasped the potential of machines to free people. The great intellectual achievements of antiquity had few immediate, practical applications. Science never captured the imagination of the masses.

The last scientist who worked in the Library was a mathematician, astronomer, physicist and the head of the Neoplatonic school of philosophy—an extraordinary range of accomplishments for any individual in any age. Her name was Hypatia. She was born in Alexandria in 370. At a time when women had few options and were treated as property, Hypatia moved freely and unselfconsciously through traditional male domains. By all accounts she was a great beauty. She had many suitors but rejected all offers of marriage. The Alexandria of Hypatia's time—by then long under Roman rule—was a city under grave strain. Slavery had sapped classical civilization of its vitality. The growing Christian Church was consolidating its power and attempting to eradicate pagan influence and culture. Hypatia stood at the epicenter of these mighty social forces. Cyril, the Archbishop of Alexandria, despised her because of her close friendship with the

Roman governor, and because she was a symbol of learning and science, which were largely identified by the early Church with paganism. In great personal danger, she continued to teach and publish, until, in the year 415, on her way to work she was set upon by a fanatical mob of Cyril's parishioners. They dragged her from her

chariot, tore off her clothes, and, armed with abalone shells, flayed her flesh from her bones. Her remains were burned, her works obliterated, her name forgotten. Cyril was made a saint.

The glory of the Alexandrian Library is a dim memory. Its last remnants were destroyed soon after Hypatia's death. It was as if the entire civilization had undergone some self-inflicted brain surgery, and most of its memories, discoveries, ideas and passions were extinguished irrevocably. The loss was incalculable. In some cases, we know only the tantalizing titles of the works that were destroyed. In most cases, we know neither the titles nor the authors.

We do know that of the 123 plays of Sophocles in the Library, only seven survived. One of those seven is *Oedipus Rex*. Similar numbers apply to the works of Aeschylus and Euripides. It is a little as if the only surviving works of a man named William Shakespeare were *Coriolanus* and *A Winter's Tale*, but we had heard that he had written certain other plays, unknown to us but apparently prized in his time, works entitled *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *King Lear*, *Romeo and Juliet*.

Of the physical contents of that glorious Library not a single scroll remains.



We hear that, fresh from his appearance at Grand Lodge, Bro. Kenneth Coleman PM will be proposing the toast at Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426 150th Anniversary celebration in November



We hear the Lodge has 9 candidates waiting to join.

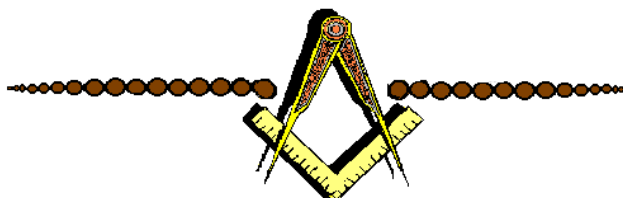


Lodge Union and Crown No.307 have started a "sausage club". It meets in the Temple at 10.00am each Wednesday and if you are retired, and a mason, you can get rolls and sausage at 60p each with as much tea or coffee as you can drink - free of charge.

I was visiting the Masonic Temple in Maxwellton Road for the installation of Paisley Abbey Royal Arch Chapter No 76 Office Bearers.

While a little work is still to be done, what a difference the new seating has made to the Temple. It looks bigger and brighter than ever and more especially sitting is no longer a chore... especially for those brethren whose rear, perhaps, resembles an HGV as opposed to a mini.

I hope all the Lodges and orders who meet in these premises enjoy their new surroundings.



Bro. Jim Kerr PM Treasurer would like to remind the brethren Test Fees are now due at a cost of £30.00.
Any brother wishing to donate to Capitation Fees may also do so with the rate being £25.00 per member.

Bro. Ian Blair WJW was pleased to announce the Summer Fayre held in June raised the fine sum of £340.00

Well done to the Lodge Deacons who ran a coffee morning during the recess and managed to raise £280.00 Many thanks to all who supported both these events which help greatly to maintain our finances during the summer months.

Our friends at Lodge Prince Of Wales no426 will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Saturday 2nd November in a ceremony to be held in Renfrew Town Hall.

When was the last time we, or any other lodge in the area had 4 candidates going through their degrees together?

Well done to Bros. Willie Renfrew PM and Bro. Lawrence Webb, Dir. of Music on reaching the final of The McMenemy Golf Competition. All the best to you both.

Our first two meetings saw brilliant attendances from our own brethren along with a good many visitors. Long may it continue!

Our last two meetings saw excellent degree work from both Lodge Prince Of Wales no426 and Lodge St. Johns Royal Arch no 320 whose work was quite different from our own and therefore interesting as well as very entertaining.

This is one factor which makes visiting Lodges so welcome.

In a recent radio interview newly appointed Labour peer and Glasgow businessman Lord Willie Haughy spoke of his upbringing in The Gorbals and cited Bro. Sir Thomas Lipton as his hero and the example he has tried to emulate in life.

Bro. Lipton also grew up in the same area and gave so much to the ordinary classes as well as gifting his extensive memoirs to The City Of Glasgow.

Sir Thomas was a member of Lodge Scotia no 178 and is of course portrayed in our Table Of Scottish Freemasons. This was a fascinating insight into a very successful man's background and his attitude towards providing employment for some 12,000 people and trying to make sure young people in the city have opportunities in the future.

With himself and Bro. Lipton being the only two Knights Of The Realm to grow up in The Gorbals it was good to hear Lord Haughy talk about this fine example to us all and of course a member of our great fraternity. It was most gratifying to listen to.



Brethren, My report this month is somewhat shorter than usual, this is due to a two week holiday I had in Lanzarote with my dear wife, Grace.

Brethren, I attended the funeral service of Bro. Alex Smith Kerr who passed away in the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.), Paisley on August 21st 2013 (*as intimated in my previous report*). I was accompanied at the service by Bro. Graham Manson P.M. and Lodge condolences were tendered by me to all the family members who were present at the service including daughter Sandra and in particular Bro. Alex's sisters, Ruby and Margaret who earnestly thanked me for the compassion expressed.

Prior to going on holiday I did carry out a number of visits to brethren and ladies of the Lodge on behalf of yourselves, namely to:-

Bro. John Raeburn	Bro. Ian Wylie
Bro. Kenneth Hill	Bro. Jim Liggat
Bro. Donald Ferguson	Bro. Harry Paton
Bro. James McKenzie Allan	Bro. Robert Speirs (at Norwood Care Home)
Bro. John Hay (at Mansion house unit,	Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow)
Mrs Jean Sudding	Mrs Marion Smith
Mrs Margaret McLellan	Mrs Jean Ryan

Bro. Jim Cherry phoned to inform me of a road accident he had experienced involving his car overturning, Bro. Jim assured me that he is recovering well from some minor aches and pains and will be back among us soon.

On returning from my holiday today, Tuesday 24th September I was much saddened to hear of the passing of Bro. John Hay (aged 92) at the Mansion House Unit in Glasgow's Victoria Infirmary. Bro. John passed away on Monday 16th September 2013. In the coming week I will make every endeavour to visit Bro. John's daughter, Alison, at her home in Barrhead to express our sadness and sympathy on the loss of her dear father.

Bro. Stef Lawniczak is about to undergo knee surgery at the R.A.H. Paisley, on your behalf brethren I wish Bro. Stef well and our hopes for a safe and speedy recovery.

Brethren, please contact me if my services as your almoner is required.

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

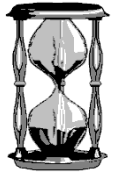


Bro. Alex, on behalf of the RWM Bro. Paul Stewart and the Brethren of the Lodge We hope Grace and yourself had a great holiday and your batteries are suitably recharged. Ed.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 18 Years Ago



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RWM James Kerr

On Tuesday 5th September, the following three Candidates :

Colin Mclardy

Gordon Durie

Scott McKinnon

were raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by the members of the Instruction Class in what was a fine degree, considering it was our first meeting after the Summer Recess.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-46pm

Attendance : 166

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September, the following four Candidates :

Paul Elcock

James Hughes

Ian Milliken

David Watson

were initiated into our fraternity by the Officebearers and Brethren of our good friends from Lodge Nitshill, No.1478. All in attendance will undoubtedly have been impressed by the standard of the degree from Bro Robert Kyle R.W.M. and his team.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.43pm

Attendance : 86

The fortunate winners for the month of September were as follows :

Tuesday 5th September :

£10 : Bro Peter McManus, No. 1453

£5 : Bro Willie Love PM

Tuesday 19th September :

£10 : Bro Elias Sudding PM

£5 : Bro Lex McKenzie PM No.1167

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from Bro Alan Bruce recently, out of the blue he telephoned from the Gas Rig he is currently working on, somewhere in the English Channel, and had a chat about the Lodge. He even inquired about what Lodge Fees he was outstanding and made arrangements to pay them the next time he was onshore.

As we announced in our last edition, Lodge St Conval, No. 1359 have moved from Capelrig House in Newton Mearns and are now holding their Regular Meetings in Rowallan House in Montgomery Drive in Giffnock.

It is good to see that the Provincial Five-a-Side Football tournament is being held this year on Saturday 15th October in the Cowan Park, Barrhead & it is hoped that a large number of the Lodges in Renfrewshire East will take part.

We gather that Bro Jack Richardson PM is looking for further volunteers to assist him in manning the door of the Function Suite on a Saturday evening. The duties are fairly light and simply entail you, on a rota, making sure that all visitors are properly signed in. All interested should contact him direct.

Humour?



“I don’t care if it does celebrate the new Initiates... I’m not entering the Lodge room through the new door”.

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Syllabus 2013

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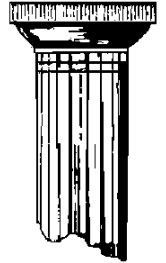
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Tuesday	15 th	7:30pm	Annual General Meeting	
<i>*Tuesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>Dramatised FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Kelvin Partick No.1207</i>

November 2013

<i>*Friday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>7:45pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge St Conval No.1359</i>
Tuesday	5 th	7:30pm	Dramatised MM Degree	
Tuesday	19 th	7:30pm	MMM Degree	Bro. Kenneth. Coleman IPM
Saturday	23 rd		Annual Installation of Office Bearers	



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

