

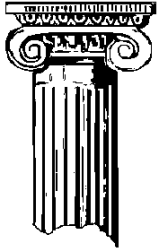
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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307



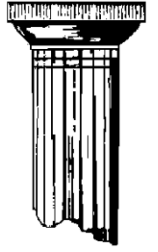
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Once again the Annual General Meeting has been held and the next RWM has been elected. It is of course true that we still have a number of meetings and visits still to go but many eyes will now be turning to November the 23rd and *the Day of the Doctor*, the 50th Anniversary of Doctor Who... Sorry, the Installation of Bro. David McArthur RWM Elect and, of course, his elected office bearers. Staying with the Doctor Who theme for a moment more, I wonder if the BBC got the idea of 'regenerating' or changing the doctor every few years from Lodge Installations?

Congratulations to Bro. David and all the elected office bearers I hope you have a great year ahead of you. While, like most Lodges, we here at Lodge Union & Crown don't have to hold back the flood-gates of brethren seeking office within the Lodge we have been fortunate in having a steady trickle of younger brethren taking up the challenge of going into office and progressing to the Chair, long may this continue.

Much will be made in the coming weeks, and rightly so, of the RWM, Wardens, Deacons and Inner Guard and their importance to the smooth operation of the Lodge but what of the other **NINETEEN** offices. Even taking the management duo of Secretary and Treasurer as well as that of the Almoner out of the equation that still leaves sixteen office bearers... What are their roles in the grand scheme of our, or indeed any, Lodge?

In a 'perfect' Lodge individuals would progress through each office, learn its disciplines and a year later move onto another office before then becoming Inner Guard then progressing through the senior offices before arriving at the Chair of the RWM. A perfect twenty year plan! The reality is quite different and many brethren remain in the same office content to serve the Lodge and support the RWM in whatever way they can.

It should be the role of the Wardens to mobilise these sixteen office bearers into a unit that will assist the RWM in the smooth running of his Lodge both within and without the Temple. It is always easy to say "no one told me" but a volunteer is worth ten conscripts. Allow me to add my tuppence worth here. To these 16 future office bearers, learn the opening ritual of the Inner Guard and the Junior Deacon. Don't find yourself sitting down before our visitors and/or the harmony supper has been distributed and cleared away and finally, don't find yourself heading home immediately after the meeting... If you have to leave early always factor in an additional half an hour (as if it was a long meeting) and help downstairs.

Returning to Doctor Who one last time... Can it be a co-incidence that his arch-enemy is a guy that wants to be in charge, rule everything in the Universe and everyone in it, invariably causes trouble and is known as "The Master"?

Hugh Cattigan PM

MASTER of LODGE

Well Brethren, my 'reign' in the chair of our Mother Lodge is coming to a close and by the time you read this it may indeed be over! May I say at the outset what a privilege, honour and humbling experience it was to have been nominated, elected and installed into the Chair of this fine Lodge at last year's installation. Can I also take another opportunity to thank my Installing Masters Bro's David Noble PM and Jim Renfrew PM not only for their work on the day, but their tremendous support provided throughout my tenure in office.

En-route to the Chair as an Office Bearer you often hear various bits of advice or observations provided by Past Masters, some of which I have to say I have not experienced and some, conversely, which I have experience to a high degree. One observation which is however consistent is that "your year in the Chair will be the quickest of your life". For those office bearers with aspirations to become the RWM of this Lodge, believe me, this observation is absolutely true.

Have I enjoyed 'my year'? Absolutely Brethren! My view is fairly simple; it is imperative that any RWM seeks to enjoy the year leading his Lodge. Whether it be facilitating your own Lodge meetings or official visitations, visiting other Lodges, attending special meetings, Chairing Management or General Committee meetings, supporting the PGLRE or attending social functions within or out with our own Lodge; you have to enjoy it Brethren!

This takes me nicely to some of the highlights of the year. Whilst I have many highlights on which to reflect I would point to the more significant events such as being asked to present a paper at the PGLRE Tri-annual meeting held within our own premises here at 307 or earlier in my tenure by leading a deputation from our Mother Lodge 'up the hill' to our close neighbours at Lodge Thistle and Crown 1167, the Mother Lodge of my father and brother. Another key highlight was the initiating, passing and raising of four work colleagues into our Lodge, what an honour it was for our SD Bro George McGrandles and I to bestow this on our friends of many years.

Lastly Brethren in terms of highlights I would point to an emotional night leading a joint [307 & 1167] deputation in visiting lodge Albert Edward when; almost 60 years to the day after my grandfather was raised to the high and sublime degree of a MM within this particular Lodge, and sadly with no candidate available, I had the pleasure of delivering the obligation to my brother who stood in for the exemplification. The fact this was witnessed by my father, who reliably informs me he was left with a 'tremendous memory', made the evening all the more poignant.

At this stage I would like to thank those Past Masters, Office Bearers and Brethren who have provided such sure support, advice and guidance during my year in office. In serving you as your RWM I only hope to have met your expectations and conducted my year in office in a way that satisfies the high standards set by those who have gone before me.

In signing off Brethren I would like to take this opportunity to wish our new RWM elect Bro David McArthur, and all his office bearers, all the very best for the coming year and my only piece of advice is simple...enjoy it!

Brethren,

Finally, I cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings of the Lodge, my last as RWM: -

Friday 1st November 2013

7:45pm

Official visit to Saint Conval No. 1359
Rhuallan House, 1 Montgomery Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6PY

Where the Lodge Instruction Class will confer a:
FC Degree



Tuesday 5th November 2013

7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

Dramatised MM Degree conferred by:
The Lodge Instruction Class



Tuesday 19th November 2013

7:30pm

Business meeting
followed by a:

MMM Degree conferred under the instruction of:
IPM Bro. Kenneth Coleman



Saturday 23rd November 2013

4:00pm

ANNUAL INSTALLATION

OF

OFFICE BEARERS

followed by:

Installation Dinner – Tickets £12.50 (£10.00 for Senior members)
Tickets available from the Wardens



Yours Fraternally

Paul Stewart

RWM



Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting held on Tuesday 10th October, MEC George Paul was installed as Most Excellent First Principle for a second year in what was a fine Installation ceremony, ably conducted by three Companions of Rockmount RAC – MEC's John Samuel Miller PZ, Robert McCulloch PZ and Livingstone Boyd MBE PZ.

The evening's ceremonial was conferred in a most dignified manner, by each of the Companions concerned and the reception from all in attendance was greatly appreciated with the installing team carrying out their duties with aplomb.

A fine harmony/buffet followed with brevity and humour being the order of the day for all the speakers and all the Companions being well looked after by the Companions of Paisley Abbey Royal Arch Chapter No.76.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for **Tuesday 12th November 2013** 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 Council of Royal & Select Masters No. 367

On Tuesday 24th September M.E.C. David Bannerman was installed as T.I.M. for the first time. The Installing Masters

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

2013/2014 SYLLABUS

Rockmount Royal Arch		Rockmount Cryptic Council	
	<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>
Tues 12 th Nov	Regular (EM)	Tues 26 th Nov	Regular
Tues 11 th Dec	Regular (RA)		
	<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>
Tues 14 th Jan	Regular (EM)	Tues 28 th Jan	Regular
Tues 11 th Feb	<i>Provincial visit (8:15)</i>	Tues 11 th Feb	<i>Provincial visit (7:30)</i>
Tues 11 th Mar	Regular (RA)	Tues 25 th Mar	Regular
Tues 8 th Apr	Regular (EM)	Tues 22 nd Apr	Regular
Tues 13 th May	Regular (RA)		
Mon 2 nd June	<i>General Committee</i>		
Tues 9 th Sept	Chapter A.G.M.	Tues 23 rd Sept	AGM & Installation
Tues 8 th Oct	Installation		



100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 1st October £10: **Bro. Jim Renfrew PM**
 £5: **Bro. Evans Reid PM**

Tuesday 15th October £10: **Bro. Jim Boulton**
 £5: **Bro. Donald Cook PM**



Meetings

A regular meeting of the Lodge was held and following the business the following four candidates:-

Robert Scott Robert Clark John Miller Paul Henery

were raised to the 'Third' or High and Sublime degree of a M.M. The degree was carried out by a team comprising mainly of Fire Service members who gave their colleagues a full and fine degree. R.W.M. Bro. Paul Stewart assumed the role of Conferring Master and made sure his fellow firefighters had a night they would never forget.

A harmony followed with the brethren and visitors enjoying a time of fellowship and a chance to congratulate our newly raised candidates.

Lodge opened: 7.30pm

Closed: 9.54pm

Attendance: 71.

On Tuesday 15th October. The Annual General Meeting of the Lodge took place with a reasonable number of brethren attending. Bro. Tom Mulholland P.M. Secretary gave a full report on the previous year and was able to give positive feedback on the various aspects of the events which took place.

Bro. Jim Kerr P.M. Treasurer presented a resume of The Lodge finances for the year and although we are financially stable, emphasised the importance of fundraising and maintaining a stable financial base especially with attendances being down on the year previous.

The Lodge was then raised to the 3rd degree and a full complement of office bearers was elected for the ensuing 12 months.

A ballot was held for recent applicants and this bodes well for the future with a good number of candidates being available to cover the next two years or so.

Lodge opened: 7.30pm

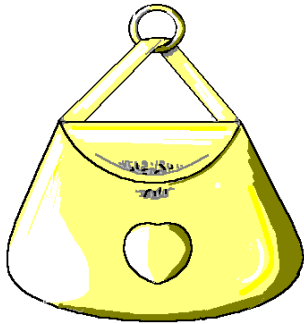
Closed 8.31pm

Attendance: 46

Bro. Jim Kerr PM Treasurer would like to remind the brethren Test Fees are now due.

Any brother wishing to donate to Capitation Fees may also do so.

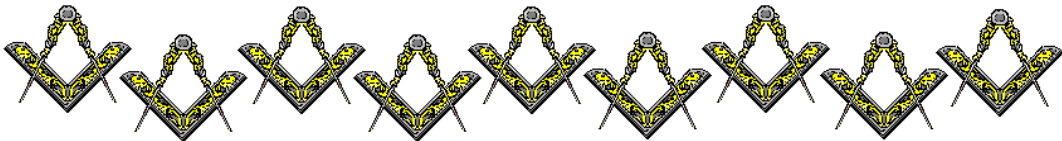
Our Worthy Almoner Bro. Alex White made an interesting point at the A.G.M. whilst giving his full and fine report.



Bro. Alex visits a great many brethren and widows of the lodge as we all know and emphasised some of them don't get a great many visitors on a week to week basis and asked if any of the attending brethren had a chance to drop in on one or two of them from time to time.

This does give food for thought as it would be reasonable to assume many of the brethren could carry out the odd visit and assist Br. Alex in his endeavours. This would also no doubt cheer up many of our housebound members and widows and give them a lift by seeing a different face.

If anyone is able to drop in on such a worthy person it goes without saying it would be greatly appreciated.



Good to see a full complement of office bearers being elected. Let's make sure we work together as a team and show a renewed commitment to The Lodge by assisting on meeting nights, attending the General Committee meetings and visitations and enjoying the friendship which goes with being involved. It is always good to see a team building as the various office bearers make their way forward with their friends around them to offer support. There is a certain satisfaction in working together in this way and it ensures the continued success of The Lodge on years to come. The coffee mornings, summer fayres and other fund raisers always run better when there are many hands there to make light work.

Isn't it great to see Bro Davie Wallace take the chair in Lodge Thistle And Crown 1167 this year. Bro. Davie has been a regular and popular visitor to ourselves for a good many years and we wish him all the very best for his year ahead as we do of course with all the incoming Masters of the Province and beyond.

My Girlfriend has got so fed up with me playing Poker on line that she issued me with an ultimatum. It's either Poker or her... I think she's bluffing.



Meet the Candidates

Our four newest brethren have served between twenty and twenty-five years within Strathclyde Fire & Rescue and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and to avoid litigation the following information was obtained from their friend and colleague, Bro. George McGrandles SD (his comments are in italics). The brethren are:

Robert Scott:

A Castlemilk lad Robert is married to Yvonne and until recently stayed in East Kilbride but for work purposes has had to move to Banchory in Aberdeenshire. He has three children, Craig, Heather and Megan.

Robert Scott and I went for interview on the same day, started on the 30th January 1989, travelled together, ended up in the same squad at Gullane together for 16 weeks and after conversation had also been in McConnells for a swift half before the interview unknown to each other. We have remained firm friends all of this time.

The RWM Brother Paul Stewart's and I's connection with Paul Henery, Robert Clark and John Miller was Blue watch at Govan Fire Station where we all worked in the early 1990's.

Robert Clark:

Is from Ardrossan, is married to Sharon and they have two sons Ryan and Dale. Robert is working at Kilwinning Community Fire Station at present, a keen golfer and an average footballer.

John Miller:

is married to Ann and they have a son Andrew, John is currently the Local Senior Officer for North Lanarkshire, working from Motherwell, which is close to his home in Holytown, John continues to play football and badminton.

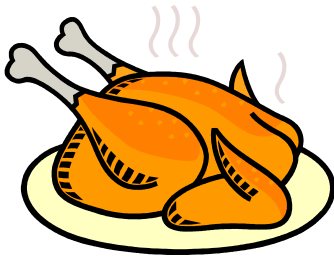
Paul Henery:

is married to Angela, they are both keen gardeners and have recently adopted some chickens at their home in Burnside. Paul is the talented one, he can sing, as witnessed at last year's installation, play the guitar and he also paints. Importantly though our favourite skill of his, is his cooking which is outstanding.

(But can he do pie and beans for 50 in half an hour?... Many thanks to Bro. George for that snapshot of our new brethren, hopefully many of us will get to know them, and their families, over the coming years but I suppose we should hope, not in a professional capacity. Ed.)



I joined a new website and needed a password with eight characters so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs...



Bro. Graham Manson P.M. is planning a fundraising evening with his band Turkey Greenhouse performing for the first time in a number of years.

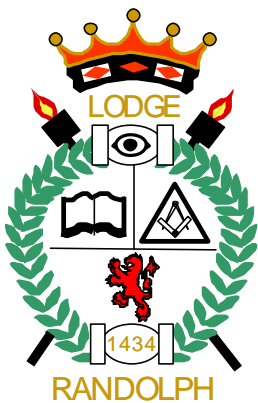
As soon as a date is set we will let you know.



NOVEMBER INSTALLATIONS

Friday	1 st November	6:30pm	Lodge St Christopher No. 1453
Saturday	2 nd November	3:00pm	Lodge The Royal Stuart No. 1414
Saturday	2 nd November	3:00pm	Lodge Sir George Cathcart No. 617
Saturday	9 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Craigends No. 1042
Saturday	9 th November	4:00pm	Lodge Nitshill No. 1478
Tuesday	12 th November	6:30pm	The Pollokshaws RA Lodge No. 153
Friday	15 th November	7:00pm	Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242
Saturday	16 th November	3:00pm	Lodge Captain Speirs No. 791
Saturday	16 th November	3:30pm	Lodge Albert Edward No. 592
Saturday	23rd November	4:00pm	Lodge Union & Crown No. 307
Saturday	23 rd November	4:00pm	Lodge Newton Mearns No. 1706
Friday	29 th November	6:45pm	Lodge Paisley St Mirrin's No. 129
Friday	29 th November	7:00pm	The St. John's Operative Lodge No. 1218

Lodge Randolph No. 1434



The next Regular Meeting of Lodge Randolph is scheduled to be held at the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on:

Friday 8th November at 07:30pm

The RWM of Lodge Randolph, Bro. Simon Smith invites you to attend Lodge meetings whenever possible but please note, prior notification **MUST** be given to the Lodge Secretary (Bro. Alistair MacDonald PM) if you intend to dine at the harmony.

Got something you want to say about your Lodge or Freemasonry in general
~ Why not submit an article to the Mallet and see it printed here?

(The Editor reserves the right to refuse to publish any article deemed by himself to be offensive)

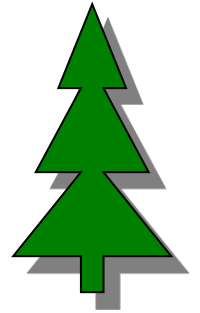
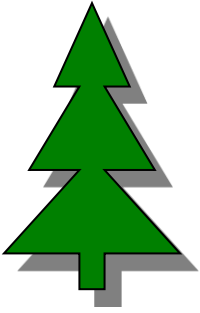
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CHRISTMAS DANCE 2013

Saturday 7th December 2013

Music by
BRONX

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



PGLRE TRI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Tri-Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East was held in Lodge Union & Crown No.307 on Friday, 25th October 2013.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Bowling and Golf trophies by Bro. John McCormack, RWPGM of Dunbartonshire. Sadly, we'll not be presenting any of these trophies at this year's Lodge Installation but nonetheless well done and hard luck to Past Master Bro. Willie Renfrew and Bro. Lawrence Webb D.O.M. on reaching the final of the McMenemy Golf Tournament.

During the evening the PGM, Bro. John S. Miller announced that fund raising for the Army Benevolent Fund had already exceeded the original £2000 target and that it was hoped that a cheque for at least £3000 could be handed over at the Annual Meeting in January.

The PGM told brethren that a Sportsman's Dinner would be held on Friday, 6th June 2014, at a venue still to be confirmed, to raise money for the Province's Benevolent Fund. Speakers would include former Celtic player and media pundit, Murdo McLeod, as well as Bobby Tait, the former grade 1 referee.

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307
MT Cochrane Street, Barrhead G78 1RF

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2013
04:00pm

INSTALLATION

of Master Elect

Bro. David McArthur

And his Office Bearers



Brethren, it is with regret that I intimate the passing of Bro. David Arthur, age 64, of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307 who passed away on Saturday the 12th October 2013 at the Victoria Hospital in Glasgow. I was first informed of Bro. David's serious health condition some weeks ago by his long-standing friend and former work colleague Past Master Bro. Wilson Davidson.

During these ensuing weeks I kept in contact with Bro. David's dear wife, Holly, who has kept me apprised of his on-going condition. On hearing of Bro. David's death I did take time to journey to the family home in Newton Mearns where I expressed deepest sympathy on behalf of the Lodge to Holly on her sad loss. She thanked the Lodge and myself for the sincere concern expressed.

At time of going to print, Bro. Alex was unable to provide confirmed details of the Funeral arrangements but stated he did intend to represent the Lodge on that day. Ed.

The following brethren of the Lodge have been visited by me at their respective homes:-

Bro. John Raeburn

Bro. Ian Wylie *on discharge from hospital*

Bro. Jim Liggat

Bro. David Goldie *on discharge from hospital*

Bro. Ian Staff

Bro. David Provan *at Millview Care Home*

Bro. Jim Boulton

Bro. Donald Ferguson *on discharge from hospital*

Bro. Jim Laird

Bro. Harry Paton

Bro. John Osborne

Bro. Stef Lawniczak *on discharge from hospital*

Bro. John Ross

Bro. Robert Speirs *at Norwood Care Home*

Bro. William Pattison

I also had the occasion to visit, at their homes, with:-

Mrs Mary Gray

Mrs Margaret McLellan

In all the aforementioned visits, carried out by me, your Almoner, on behalf of the Lodge, I still continue to be truly encouraged by the warm welcoming nature of reception I receive from ALL ~ Even after all these years whilst I have had the pleasure and honour of serving my dear Mother Lodge in the capacity of its Lodge Almoner.

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

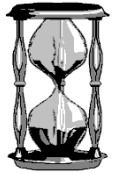
Bro. Alex White, Lodge Almoner, ☎ 0141-571 6411





FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 24 Years Ago



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RWM Raymond Smith

On Tuesday 3rd October, the following two Candidates :

David Reynolds and **Joseph Goudie**

were initiated into mysteries and privileges of the EA Degree by the Office-bearers and brethren of our near neighbours, Lodge Thistle and Crown No. 1167. All those present witnessed a fine degree.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm Lodge Closed : 9-45pm Attendance : 130

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October, the same two candidates were passed to the FC degree by the Senior members of the Lodge in what was an excellent rendering of the second degree. That evening also saw the A.G.M. of the Lodge and the executive office bearers are to be congratulated on their fine presentations and general handling of Lodge affairs.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm Lodge Closed : 9.43pm Attendance : 100

Bro. Jim Cherry, a resident and much respected businessman in Johnstone, and a fine attender of the local Lodge, Houston St Johnstone No. 242 recently took part in the Glasgow 25k 'Fun run' accompanied by Bros. Chick Lynsey and John Flanagan he managed to raise £170 through sponsorship. The money will be used to decorate 242's fine old Temple in Collier Street.

During the Summer Union and Crown had five pairs amongst the 44 original first round teams competing for the Robert McMenemy Trophy. It's great to report that two of our teams reached the final. In a keenly contested match, the eventual winners were Bros. John Livingstone and Ken Hill.

Yet another appeal brethren! This time we are asking for donations of prizes for our Installation raffle. All donations will be gratefully accepted by Bro. Jim Renfrew or Alex Mcleod, anytime between now and Installation day.

The Xmas Outing, open to members children who are of primary school age will be heading of to the Citizens theatre on Saturday the 6th December for *The Sorcerers Apprentice*. There are only a limited number of places available.

Tickets for the forthcoming Installation dinner are now available, priced £4.00 (£2.50 for senior members).

Our attendance at the recent visit to Lodge Houston St Johnstone No. 242 was, to say the least, disappointing. Twenty two may seem a reasonable number to many Lodges but for a Lodge of our reputation and size a great deal less than should be expected.

On Tuesday 10th October MEC Alexander Meldrum, a brother of Lodge Union and Crown was installed as ME first Principal of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No.367

Mark 'n' Archie



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



Syllabus 2013

* - Denotes an Official visit



November 2013

*Friday	1st	7:45pm	FC Degree	At Lodge St Conval No.1359
Tuesday	5 th	7:30pm	Dramatised MM Degree	
Tuesday	19 th	7:30pm	MMM Degree	Bro. Kenneth. Coleman IPM
Saturday	23 rd	04:00pm	Installation	

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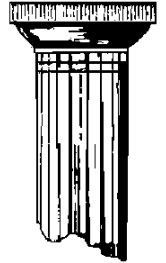
INSTALLATION
of
OFFICE BEARERS

December 2013

Tuesday	3 rd	7:30pm	EA Degree	by the Wardens
Tuesday	17 th	7:30pm	FC Degree	by the Deacons



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

