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It is truly amazing just how fast time can pass when you are engaged in the more leisurely activities one is expected to pursue during the long, hot Summer days (honest, some of them were !)

It seems only a couple of short weeks ago that we were putting the finishing touches to the May Edition of our journal, having survive another long hard session and wistfully dreaming of a long and relaxing break, our Summer edition only a distant troublesome speck on the horizon.

Well here we are sitting in front of the keyboard, forlornly trying to put together that distant dream in the last few days of a another Summer which seems to have evaporated all too quickly.

Short thought it may have been, the break was most enjoyable and hopefully we will have fully recharged the batteries in readiness for another hectic session in an increasingly busy schedule for all in Lodge Union & Crown. From some of the stories that have filtered back to the editorial office, we gather that a good time was had by all.

Whilst most of you were sunning yourselves on beaches on distant shores, the business of the Lodge trundled on regardless and the grateful thanks of the entire Lodge must go to the long list of Brethren who gave much of their valuable time to ensure the Lodge continued to function properly. Our Executive Office-bearers, PM's David McArthur, Alan Bernard and George McGrandles, aided and abetted by Bro Evans Reid PM, our long-suffering Bar Convener and his bar teams are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Whilst we are moving into another year statistically, there is still much to be achieved during the remainder of this session and we are sure that all of the Brethren of the Lodge will continue to provide the support and enthusiasm necessary to ensure that Union & Crown continue to prosper. We have a big year ahead of us, with our Bi-centenary just 17 months away.

There is still much to be done and we have little time left to achieve it, but feel sure that all will rally round to support the cause in the months ahead.



# Lodge Union & Crown

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*Dear Sir & Brother,*

*The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Ronald Angus MacIsaac cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meeting of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :*

***Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Entered Apprentice Degree*

*By the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class*

*Harmony*



***Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022***

*Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Fellowcraft Degree*

*By the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class*

*Harmony*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*David McArthur P.M. , Lodge Secretary*

# Lodge Union & Crown 307 Golf Outing

(by Bro Ronnie MacIsaac, Golf Convener)

The outing has been postponed for the last 2 years due to covid and it was with great delight that we finally got to travel to Muchart golf club on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

There were 24 participants of which the oldest was PM Bro David Noble at 81 years old I believe, who play all 36 holes and drunk all my beer as I had the pleasure to play both rounds with him. The weather was not the best with rain and high wind during most of the day.

Muchart golf club were the perfect hosts and supplied a great package of breakfast, lunch and dinner the course was in great condition and all the staff were absolutely fantastic as nothing was too much bother for them.

The winners on the day were:

- Scratch Competition was Bro Tommy Kelly
- Visitors' Competition was Bro Jim Christie
- Robert Little trophy was Ronald Angus MacIsaac RWM

I would like to thank Brother Lawrence Webb for his assistance in organizing the outing this year and of course the members and visitors for their participation and support.

Now some great news for the lodge it is with great pleasure to let you know that Bro Bobby Clark (Substitute Master) and Bro Eddie Mullin (Senior Chaplain) have made it to the final of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East golf tournament – The McMenemy Trophy, which will be played on the 15th September at a venue still to be decided and I'm sure you will agree it's great to see the lodge competing at the highest level of sport in the province.

Good luck to Bobby and Eddie.



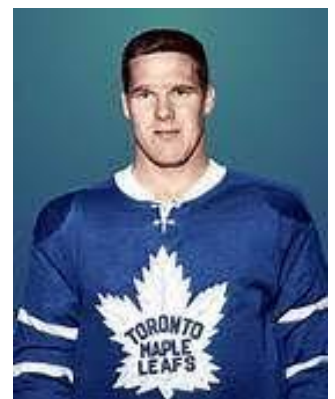
## Bro Tim Horton

If a Canadian Brother ever takes you out for a cup of coffee and a doughnut, odds are he won't take you to a Starbucks, a Dunkin', a Krispy Kreme, or anywhere other than a Tim Hortons. There's even a branch in nearby Paisley.

Founded in 1964, the Tim Hortons chain, has become a popular and iconic Canadian establishment which has expanded worldwide with nearly 5,000 restaurants in Canada, the US, the UK,

Mexico, and other countries. It even has over 20 restaurants in Communist China.

Its founder was Miles Gilbert "Tim" Horton, who was born in Cochrane, Ontario on January 12, 1930, and was one of Canada's top Ice Hockey players following a 22 year career with the iconic Toronto Maple Leafs, where he won 4 Stanley Cups. He was also an active Freemason, being initiated passed and raised in Kroy Lodge 676 in Toronto.



# BITS & PIECES

- Best wishes to Bro Tom McGuire CA, our Lodge auditor for many years following his recent retiral from his Chartered Accountant's practice in Glasgow. We wish him good health.
- The Widows' Lunch is on the 9th June, was a tremendous success with a large turnout of the 'Ladies of the Lodge' and their friends.
- Congratulations to Bro Tom Mulholland PM who enjoyed a most successful season on Shanks Bowling Club, where he won the Club Championship, and the Men's Pairs. He almost made it a clean sweep but lost in the final of the President's Trophy. (coincidentally to Bro Steven McGill).
- Congratulations to Mrs Sadie Maclsaac, the lovely wife of our RWM, who incredibly recently celebrated her 60th birthday !!
- Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convenor, has intimated that the Christmas Dance will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, and tickets will shortly be available.
- On the subject of the Social Club, we gather that a monthly 'Darts & Doms Night' will be held monthly on a Friday night. Keep your eye on the Noticeboard for details.
- Congratulations to Bro Jim Renfrew PM and Bro Johnny Gauld PM who were excellent as the Installing Masters in Lodge Randolph at the beginning of July.
- We hear that Bro Wolf Easdon is moving to London to set-up a business there.
- Congratulations to our RWM Bro Ronnie Maclsaac on being installed as Depute Master in Lodge Randolph. No.1434.
- Best wishes to Bro Robin Murray PM on his retiral from Barrhead Health Centre.
- Congratulations to Bro Bob Miller on turning 65.
- Nice to see Bro Alan Easdon (a former Office-bearer in 307) back in Scotland for a holiday recently. He's been resident in Austria for several years now.
- Bro Alan Gebbie is now well ensconced in his flat in Aberdeen.
- We gather that Bro Roy Farquar is moving to Paisley to live.
- Congratulations to Bro Paul Stewart PM following his retiral from a senior position in the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- Well done to Bro Evans Reid PM who painted the Lounge during the recess.
- Spotted Bro Vic Chapman's grandson – Scott, carrying out his duties on BBC Scotland's 'The Mart' recently.
- How many of you know that our Standard-bearer plays the Accordion ?
- We hear that Bro Robert Scott WSW has accumulated more names for his '£200 for 200' ahead of our Bi-centenary in 2024. Things are looking good.
- We can tell you that both Bro Davie Noble PM and Bro Bud Gauld PM had stays in hospital during the recess.

# Dates for your Diary



- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** Visitation to Lodge Paisley St Mirrins', No.129 where we have been invited confer a Dramatised FC Degree.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where an Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class

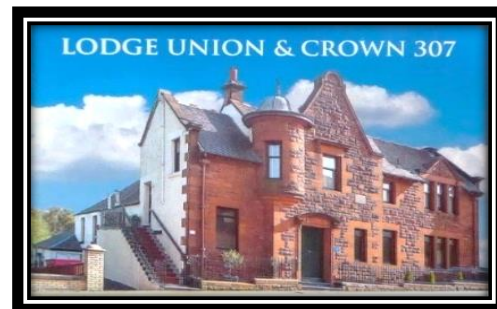
(In addition to the above, the R.W.M. and his Wardens are constantly involved in unofficial visits to sister Lodges. Details of which can be easily obtained by contacting Ronnie Maclsaac RWM or via the Lodge Website at <http://unionandcrown307.com>) or any senior Office-bearer, who will be only too pleased to take you along with them as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province)



## Lodge Postcards

Unique colour postcards of our Temple are still available for sale at the bargain price of £1-00 each from Bro Jim Miller PM (☎ 0141 881 4006) [jimmiller307@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimmiller307@hotmail.co.uk)

All proceeds will go to The Lodge Charity Fund, with an annual donation being made to a local charity each year at our Anniversary Dinner in February. As it stand, a magnificent total of over £800 has been raised so far.



On March 20th 1998, Senate Resolution 155 was passed unanimously. Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6th 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modelled on that inspirational document. Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day". The Grand Lodge of Scotland has a small web site dedicated to Freemasonry and Tartan Day

# The Unfortunate William Dodd

Born in Lincolnshire in 1729, William Dodd was a vicar's son who became an honour student at the University of Cambridge. He was a man of letters, authoring over 50 books and pamphlets. He subsequently became a doctor of divinity and served as chaplain to King George II as well as a Minister to Magdalene Hospital. Dodd was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry April 3, 1775 and a month later he became England's first Grand Chaplain.

As an accomplished author and eloquent orator, Brother Dodd became very popular with the people of England and was well connected with the most important people of his time. He enjoyed moving in the circles of the rich and famous and began to favor the trappings of wealth and society.

Piling on the excesses and luxuries of the life of a member of the British nobility finally became too much for his finances. Dodd incurred heavy debt and exacerbated the situation by trying to gamble his way out of it. His gambling losses simply made things worse.

In 1774, he attempted to bribe his way into a high-paying position, but his scheme was discovered and he was fired from all of his existing positions. A few months later when he joined the Masons, it may just have been an attempt to once again become well connected and begin his journey back up the social ladder.

In need of funds, Dodd forged a bond from the Earl of Chesterfield, then borrowed against it to settle his finances. The plan might have worked, but the banker involved saw a blot on the bond document which obscured some of the text. He rewrote the document and when he took it to the Earl for signature, Dodd's plot was discovered.

Dodd confessed to the crime. Since the banker had acted so quickly, Dodd had spent very little of the money, which enabled him to make full restitution.

Brother Dodd went to trial and based his defense on the fact that this had been an act of indiscretion and that the crime was mitigated by the fact he returned all the money. The jury did not see it that way. Its members convicted him of forgery, which at the time was punishable by death. Even so, the jurors recommended clemency for the popular preacher. Notwithstanding, the judge sentenced Dodd to be hanged. Dodd was so popular, 23,000 people petitioned the King for a pardon, but to no avail.

On June 27, 1777, the day of his execution, the 48 year old Dodd rode in a black mourning coach with his father. On the way to the gallows the coach stopped, as dictated by tradition, at a pub, where Dodd was given a beer.



This practice is said by some to be the origin of the term, "one for the road." The guards along with him also received a beer, but the driver of the coach could not partake because he was said to be, "on the wagon."

Another tradition of the time was that stewards at the gallows would take up a collection from the bloodthirsty crowd in attendance. If they collected enough money, the condemned man would be given a short drop in order that he would succumb more slowly and give the spectators a longer, more graphic performance. In spite of his popularity, the crowd anted up enough for the gruesome show.

As Dodd dropped from the scaffold, however, the Lord High Executioner ran down the steps, grabbed Dodd by the legs and pulled him downward to prevent flailing and to "speed things along."

In a bit of irony, Dodd had always been a death penalty opponent. Just earlier that year, he had given an inspiring sermon against it. In addition, he was a big supporter of the Humane Society which at the time was advocating the possibility of reviving those who had been hung, drowned or died under similar circumstances, speculating that even though appearing deceased, a bit of life might remain. Even today the Society's motto is *lateat scintillula forsan*, meaning "a small spark may perhaps lie hid."

The fact is, some executions were sloppy enough at the time that this is known to have worked on rare occasions. So as soon as Dodd was cut down his friends rushed to claim his body knowing his neck had not been broken by the short drop. They carried him into the mourning coach and tried to go to the home of Dr. John Hunter to attempt a revival. The crowd reportedly rushed the coach and prevented its exit either to view the body or prevent its transfer, and it is unlikely any attempt at revival occurred. However for years rumours persisted that Dodd was revived and went off to live in France.

Dodd's Brother Richard was Rector of Cowley, which is where reports say Dodd's burial took place. Today, no marker exists for his grave, but a wall plaque says he rests within the cemetery. There is no record of his burial there, which has fueled speculation that he may have survived.

Shortly after his hanging, England changed its penalty for forgery and Dodd remains the last person executed for that crime; and while a minute measure of doubt may remain about him surviving the execution, one thing is for certain: upon hearing of his conviction, the Freemasons immediately expelled the unfortunate William Dodd

## Angling Section



Good to see that Bro Alan Izatt WSD and a few other Brethren are working very hard to resurrect the Lodge Angling Section which had previously been a very successful part of Lodge life in the 1990s and beyond.

An outing is being planned during October at Harelaw Fishery, just beyond Neilston, and thus far the response from our Angling fraternity has been good.

If you are interested, speak with Bro Alan as soon as possible.

# King Solomon

King Solomon was known for his wisdom, he became ruler in approximately 967BC and his kingdom extended from the Euphrates River in the north down to Egypt in the south. His crowning achievement was, of course, the building of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba. Although Solomon was young when he came to power, he soon became known for his wisdom. The first and most famous incident of his cleverness as a judge was when two women came to his court with a baby whom both women claimed as their own. Solomon threatened to split the baby in half. One woman was prepared to accept the decision, but the other begged the King to give the live baby to the other woman. Solomon then knew the second woman was the mother.



People from surrounding nations also came to hear Solomon's wisdom and perhaps the most celebrated visit to Solomon was that of the Queen of Sheba, who came from southern Arabia. Historically, Arabia was a country rich in gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Queen came to Solomon with camels carrying spices, gold and precious stones. She asked him questions and riddles and was amazed at his wisdom. Solomon needed Sheba's products and trade routes while the Queen of Sheba needed Solomon's cooperation in marketing her country's goods.

Once Solomon's empire was tranquil, he began to build the Holy Temple. He received wood from King Hiram of Tyre and imposed a compulsory labour service on both the Israelites and the foreign nations that were under his control. His workers built the structure of the Temple, its decorations and its vessels. The Temple took seven years to complete. It was built of stone and cedar, carved within and overlaid with pure gold. When it was done, Solomon dedicated the Temple in a public ceremony of prayers and sacrifices.

Solomon died in Jerusalem after 40 years as ruler of Israel. He was buried in the City of David. His son, Rehoboam succeeded him as king. Under Rehoboam's rule, Solomon's empire was lost and his kingdom divided.

*The above photograph is the Statue of King Solomon on Paisley High Street. It is situated above the shops on what is now an unoccupied building (opposite the entrance to the Paisley Centre).*

## Visitation



Just a few days before the Lodge held its first Regular Meeting as the Summer Recess came to a close, we travelled the short journey to Paisley on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, where we had been invited to confer a Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree, as part of Lodge Paisley St Mirrins' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

A decent deputation of 19 Brethren support our RWM, and the 'Guid Brethren o' the Ludge' carried out a fine Degree in the usual 307 manner. Our efforts were greatly appreciated by a sizeable number of Brethren in attendance.

## 'Clasped Hands'



Francis Rawdon Hastings, the 2nd Earl of Moira (1754-1826) was a British soldier and colonial administrator. From 1790 until 1813, he was Acting Grand Master to H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, who later became King George IV and, in 1806-1807, he served as Grand Master of Scotland. At the end of the eighteenth century, he tirelessly and nearly single-handedly worked to defeat the Unlawful Societies act of 1799, which would have effectively outlawed Freemasonry. Aside from a few provisions which had little effect on the craft, he was successful in his efforts, and in a very real sense, saved Freemasonry in Great Britain.

On July 12, 1804, He married Flora Mure-Campbell, the 6th Countess of Loudoun. Together, from 1806-1812, they had no less than six children, one of whom died in infancy.

In 1813, George III appointed him Governor-General of India. His country calling, he accepted the position, but it was deemed inadvisable for his wife to accompany him with five children ranging in age from one to seven. He made the trip to India alone and served for nearly a decade. He resigned in 1823, and returned home to his family. Then, in 1824 George IV appointed him Governor of Malta, separating him from his family once again.

It is not known how often Hastings and his wife were able to be together after the appointments that took him far from home. However, an unusual request in his will indicates his dedication to her. On a sea voyage in 1826, perhaps returning for a visit home, he fell ill and died. His body was returned to Malta where his grave is located today. The unusual provision in his will, however, was that his right hand be cut from his body and buried with his wife at her death. His wish was granted. Lady Flora died in 1840 and eternally his hand rests clasped in hers, buried in the family vault in the Old Kirk Church of Loudoun.



## Wise Sayings by Bro Winston S Churchill

- An appeaser, feeds the crocodile in the hope that it will eat him last. But sometimes the croc eats him first anyway
- A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

# Famous Freemasons

*(This month - a Brother who did much to advance the cause of military aviation)*

## Bro James Harold Doolittle (1896-1993)



An aviation pioneer, a brilliant MIT graduate who became an expert in the development of more efficient aviation fuel, an air racing champion, an engineer who helped develop instrument flying, a war hero and much more. The name James H. "Jimmy Doolittle" is synonymous with the brand of American hero who has it all – guts, brains and, above all, character.

Born in 1896 in Alameda California, Jimmy Doolittle was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason who was raised in Hollenbeck Lodge 319 in Los Angeles on August 16, 1918. When his high school class attended an air show on a field trip in 1910, Doolittle saw his first airplane and developed a lifetime interest in flying. At the age of 21, he took a leave of absence from his studies at the University of California in Berkley and enlisted in the Signal Corps Reserve as a

Flying Cadet, being commissioned as a second lieutenant the following year. He served as a flight instructor during World War I, where his performance led to a commission as a first lieutenant in the Air Service. In 1922, he made one of the first cross-country flights, for which he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, a ticket to the Air Service Engineering School and eventually a scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the 1930s, Doolittle was Aviation Manager for Shell Oil company where he was instrumental in developing a 100 Octane fuel that, at the time, no aircraft needed. The fuel was expensive and some of the Shell employees called the project "Doolittle's million-dollar blunder."

He returned to active military service in 1940 and, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, was chosen to plan a retaliatory attack. Subsequently he personally volunteered to lead that attack, taking off from the USS Hornet with several targets in Japan. The Japanese learned of the Hornet's position, forcing the Americans to initiate the attack from a location farther from Japan and jeopardizing the plane's capabilities to travel that far. On April 18, 1942, Doolittle led sixteen B-25s to Tokyo and other Japanese cities in what is now known as the Doolittle Raid. The raid accomplished its purpose in destroying targets without doing much harm to the Japanese civilian population, but more than that, it put the Japanese on notice that the US was capable of such long-range raids and it greatly boosted US morale.

Critically low on fuel, the B-25s limped onto the Chinese mainland where most landed safely behind friendly lines. Doolittle's heroic action in leading the raid earned him a promotion to General, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and later, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The added distance the planes had to fly in the successful Doolittle Raid put many lives in jeopardy, and it became clear the raid would never have been successful except for the fact they carried that 100 Octane fuel Brother Doolittle had himself developed a decade earlier, before any aircraft required it, and without knowing what a significant effect it would have on his and his crews lives many years later. In the end, it seems "Doolittle's million-dollar blunder" paid off after all.

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 25 Years Ago

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### BITS and PIECES

- ◆ We offer our heartiest congratulations to Bro Hugh Fraser PM on becoming a grandfather for the first time. His daughter Shona, who now resides on Orkney, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy to be called David.
- ◆ Congratulations to Bro Brian Ward and his lovely wife Karen following their recent betrothal whilst on holiday in sunny Florida.
- ◆ We offer our congratulations to Bro Graham Manson's lovely wife Loraine, who recently celebrated her 40th Birthday. (*It was Graham who shopped you !*)
- ◆ We see that Bro Bud Gauld PM is now the Proxy Master of Lodge Southern Cross, No.398, the oldest Scottish Lodge in South Africa.
- ◆ On a similar note, Bro Jim Renfrew PM has now been "*promoted*" to Proxy Senior Warden of Lodge Elmina, No.1534 in Ghana. He'd previously been PJW of a Lodge in South Africa.
- ◆ We see that Bri Ian McFarlane PM has now sold his house in Arthurlie Avenue and is retiring to his holiday home in Port Bannatyne. We wish both Bro Ian and his popular wife Betty health and happiness.

### Social Club News

After a series of successful Saturday evenings in social club throughout the summer months, Bro Adam Watson, our worthy Social Convener, is keeping up the good work and has a varied programme arranged for the forthcoming month of September. If you should fancy an enjoyable evening's entertainment in excellent surroundings and good company, come along any Saturday night when you will be made most welcome.

### Notes from the Secretary's Desk

- ✍ Rumour has it Asda are trying to buy the Fairweather Hall in Newton Mearns which, if true, would certainly affect the Lodges who meet there.
- ✍ Still in that vicinity, East Renfrewshire Council are converting some of the rooms of Rhuallan House and turning those used by Lodge St Conval into a **Ladies Toilet !**
- ✍ Sorry to see that Lodge Pollokshaws R.A., No.153 are affected by the closure of Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, a building donated by Bro John Maxwell a past PGM and decorated with many Masonic emblems. I'm told that Langside Halls could be their new home.
- ✍ Pleasing to note that one or two of our Life Members, who no longer need to pay annual fees, have noticed that the Lodge is paying over £5 per head, per year to Grand Lodge and have started handing in a donation to cover it - the question is, will it catch on ?
- ✍ We see that his Grace, the Duke of Argyll, Junior Grand Warden, has recently sold the Great Inn in Inverary - built in 1750 for the 3rd Duke, it was designed by Robert Adam.

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