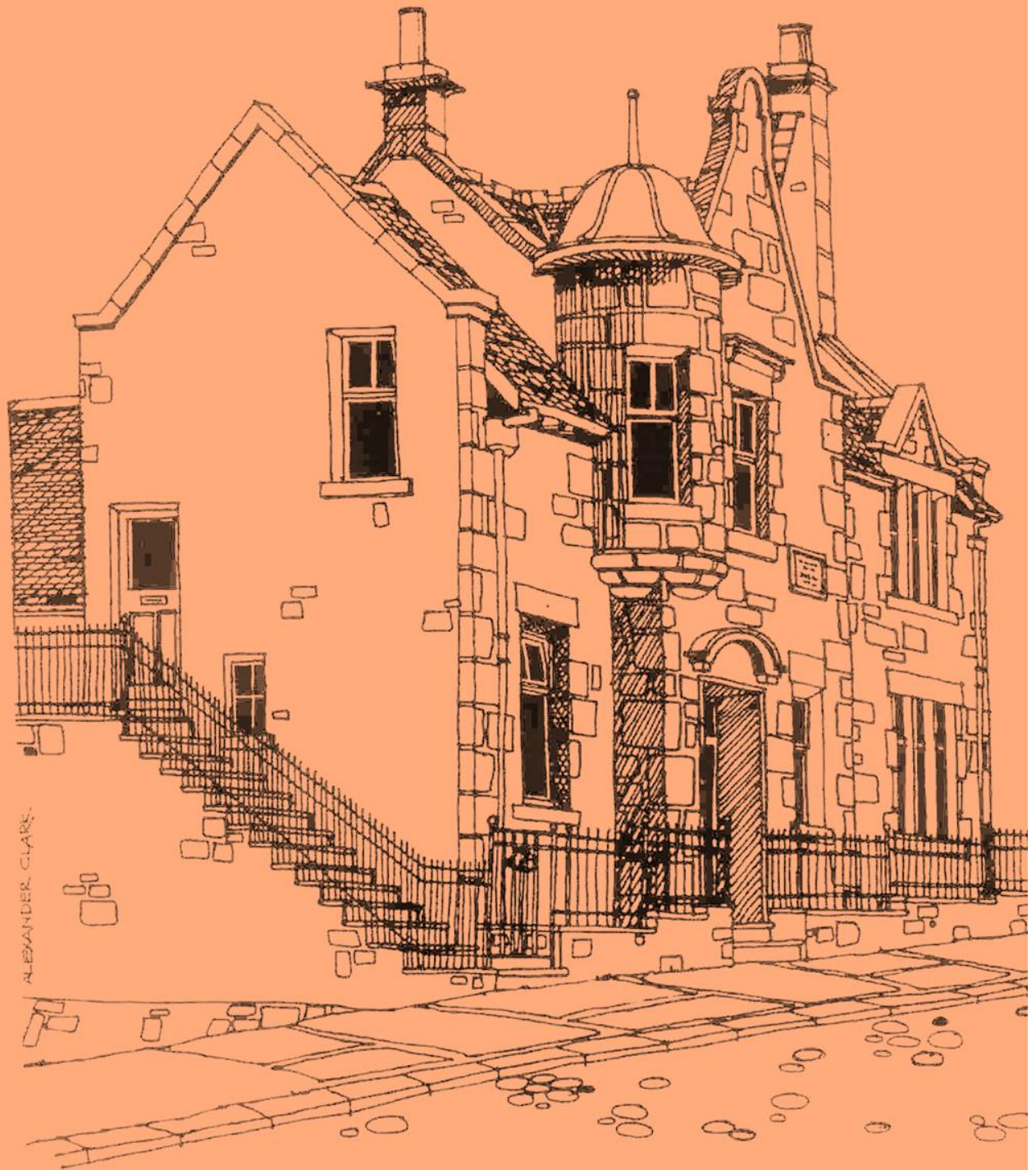


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One of the most enduring and enjoyable things about Freemasonry in Scotland, has long been the custom that Brethren inter-visit between Sister Lodges freely, without the formality that exists in other countries, especially England. There is nothing nicer than to see a line of visiting Brethren enter a Lodgeroom in a small, unofficial deputation, paying, what is almost a social visit.

We in Union & Crown for many years prided ourselves that the hard work and efforts of a long succession of R.W.M.'s and their Brethren over a long number of years has often bore fruit with the many visits from grateful Brethren returning the compliment and adding an extra dimension to our regular meetings. Things may have altered slightly, as the pressures of modern life affect us all, but our senior office-bearers do work hard to maintain the tradition. Where would each and every one of the Lodges the length and breadth of the country be without the large number of visitors? Not only do they add colour and presence to the formal part of the meetings, but assist immeasurably in bringing atmosphere to the harmonies.

How many times have we witnessed a whole series of small groups of Brethren dotted about at harmonies; each made up of Brethren from differing Lodges engrossed in conversation, reminiscing about times passed and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Sadly a cocktail of hard times and other commitments has meant that the number of visitors is decreasing at an alarming rate in many Lodges, especially in the inner city areas. It is not uncommon now for some Lodges to have no visitors at all, an embarrassing situation for the R.W.M. who, apart from anything else, is deprived from extending an invitation to someone to reply on behalf of the visitors at the close of the meeting, a tradition of long standing in all Lodges.

We in 307 are no different. Typically, as I was in the midst of finalising this edition, we experienced a mere handful of visitors at one of our meetings

Much discussion on the perplexing subject has been held, with an opinion forming that some Lodges are definitely being more selective in their visits, perhaps somewhat cynically choosing to visit those Lodges which provide the best return - who knows? We would sincerely hope that the delights of visiting are exposed to the future generations of Brethren, before it is too late.



Lodge Union & Crown
No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

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

Friday 3rd February 2023

Short Business Meeting at 7.30pm

followed by

199th Anniversary Dinner



Friday 24th February 2023

Short Business Meeting at 7pm (Note Time !!)

followed by

The Annual Lodge Burns Supper
Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

R Evans Reid P.M.,
Lodge Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 17th January, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out the Dramatised 'Prisoner of War' Degree. Unfortunately, due to exceptionally cold freezing weather, the attendance was lower than expected. However, a fine rendition of our popular PoW degree was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Thereafter the Brethren retired to the Function Suite, where they enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere at the Lodge Harmony.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.06pm

Attendance : 30



100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes this month were :

17th January £20 : Bro Robert Scott SM £10 : Bro Jim Phillips

Bro George McGrandles P.M., our Treasurer, is taking names for this year, which commenced immediately after our Annual Installation.

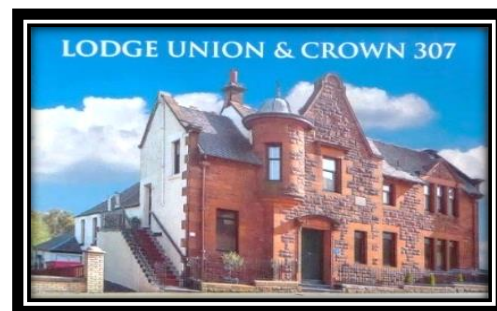
The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro George as soon as possible.



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

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.



Lodge Union & Crown

BURNS SUPPER



Friday 24th February at 7pm

(Following a short Business Meeting)

Tickets costing £15-00 are now available from
Bro Robert Scott SM, or any Senior Office-bearer

Dates for your Diary



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| Friday 3rd February | Following a short Business Meeting, the Lodge is holding its 199 th Anniversary Dinner |
| Friday 24th February | Following a short Business Meeting at 7pm (Please note the earlier start) , the Lodge is holding its Annual Burns Supper |
| Monday 13th February | Visitation to Lodge Nitshill, No.1478 where we have been invited to confer the MM Degree |
| Monday 19th February | Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 7th March | Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East is paying its annual visitation. |

(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)

BITS & PIECES

- Bro Robert Scott WSW tells us that it is still not too late to take part in the '£200 for 200' ahead of our Bi-centenary in February 2024.
- It is good to see that a fine attendance of over 100 came along to the Annual Installation of PGLRE, which took place within Union & Crown on Saturday 28th January. Brother Chris Kerr, Depute PGM and Brother Gavin Burt, Substitute PGM carried out the ceremonial work of the afternoon to a high standard.
- We gather that there is a move afoot in Grand Lodge to reduce the Initiation Fee for new Candidates under the age of 23 to make it more affordable for the younger and probably less well-paid initiates.
- The plans for our forthcoming 'Year of Celebration' in 2024 are gathering pace, with dates and arrangements being fixed for our Bi-Centenary. We gather that the Civic Dinner to which every organization in the town will be invited to send a representative to, is being held on the afternoon of Friday 8th March. (Watch this Space !!)
- Further hearty congratulations to Bro Craig Allison, who only a few short weeks ago was installed as RWM in his adopted Lodge in Aberdeen. This time he has been installed as a Provincial Grand Steward.
- We hear that a spanking brand new PZ's Board is being unveiled in Rockmount RAC, No.367 and will be placed in the traditional position just before you enter the Lodgeroom.
- We gather that Bro Paul Stewart PM has made a fine start to his year as Captain of Fereneze Golf Club, and we wish him well for the remainder of his term.
- Many thanks to Bro Brian Morton PM, and Bro Jim Phillips for their generous donations to Lodge funds.

Almoner's Report

With our worthy Almoner – Bro Jim Miller PM sunning himself in Portugal on his extended winter break, the onus fell on his dutiful assistant – Bro Lawrence Webb to get out and about, and make sure that everyone in 307 was well looked after.

Bro Jim Boulton is now in a Nursing Home, and his daughter tells us he is settling in well. Our best wishes go to Bro Bobby Easdon's wife Ann who hasn't been too well of late after a spell in hospital. Bro Brian Morton PM recently had a fall, but is on the mend.

Another who had a spell in the RAH was Bro Eddie Mullin, getting his Diabetes stabilised, but he's now home and close to match fitness.

I phoned Bro Jimmy Laing and he tells me he's been under the weather, but hopes to be back at the Lodge very soon. Bro Ian Blair PM is holding up well as he goes through some treatment, and we wish him well.

If anyone knows of anyone who would appreciate a call, or even a visit, please let me know as soon as possible.

Bro Lawrence Webb, Acting Assistant Almoner

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Famous Freemasons

(This month we tell of a freemason who was one of Hollywood's most enduring and popular stars)

Bro Marion Robert Morrison (1907 – 1979)

Born Marion Robert Morrison; on the 26th of May 1907 he was better known professionally as John Wayne and nicknamed Duke. Possibly the world's most popular American actor, he was also a filmmaker, and proud recipient of the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom, and was among the top box office draws for three decades.

Wayne was born in Winterset, Iowa to Clyde Leonard Morrison, a pharmacist, and Mary "Molly" Alberta Brown. His parents moved Marion and his younger brother Robert Emmet Morrison to Glendale, California in 1914. Young Marion was hardworking from a young age, helping in his father's drugstore starting at age 12. He soon took on other odd jobs, including as a delivery boy, and working in a local ice-cream shop while attending Wilson Middle School.

In Glendale, Marion received the nickname "Duke," given to him by a local firefighter. The men often saw young Marion walking Duke, his Airedale Terrier, and the name stuck. He quickly preferred the moniker to his given name, and the title followed him throughout his life. During this period, Duke entered



his first fraternal society, becoming an active member of the Order of DeMolay. This experience proved formative for Duke, as he would soon enter Freemasonry during adulthood. He was president of Glendale High School class of 1925 and managed to find work at local film studios in his spare time.

Duke knew he wanted to apply to the U.S. Naval Academy and worked hard to make the most of his time at Glendale High School. He excelled athletically, playing for the 1924 football league champions Glendale High School team and serving as President of the Latin Society. Although rejected from the Naval Academy, Duke's football achievements earned him a scholarship to the University of Southern California (USC).

While at USC, he majored in pre-law and joined the Trojan Knights and Sigma Chi fraternities. Unfortunately, he sustained a bodysurfing injury that broke his collarbone, making it impossible for him to continue playing football. As a result, he lost his scholarship and could no longer afford to attend college.

While Duke was at USC, he played football under Coach Howard Jones. After leaving school, Duke Morrison set out to find work, his journey bringing him to Hollywood, where he secured a job with the Fox Film Corporation, thanks mainly to Coach Jones. Jones who knew the film star Tom Mix and had given him complimentary tickets to USC football games. To return the favour, Mix and director John Ford hired Duke to work as a prop boy and extra on the set of their western films.

One can't help but be inspired by the notion that such an influential and monumental career blossomed out of these humble beginnings. Now on set, Duke worked moving props, furniture, lighting and sound equipment, and movie sets around the stage. Standing over six feet tall and with the stature of a football player, Morrison was hard to miss. Soon, filmmakers began asking him to step in front of the camera as an extra, and his first few roles were, fittingly, as a football player in the 1926 film *Brown of Harvard* and *Drop Kick*, which came out the following year.

Before long, Duke struck up a friendship with the director who first cast him, John Ford, and the two remained close for years to come. This relationship was a pivotal moment for Duke, plugging him firmly into the Hollywood scene. Ford introduced him to director Raoul Walsh, who cast Morrison in his first starring role. Now cast as the lead in *The Big Trail* (1930), executives at the film studio urged Duke to pick a new, catchy name for himself. He chose "John Wayne," and the rest is history.

After nine years grinding away on low-budget films and minor roles, everything changed in 1939 when John Ford cast Wayne as the Ringo Kidd in *Stagecoach*, an instant classic. Thanks to the success of *Stagecoach*, John Wayne became a household name, ultimately becoming the biggest star in Hollywood thanks to his broad appeal as an "everyman." Even after nearly a decade of working to earn his place on the screen, this breakout moment was only the beginning of what was to become an unmatched career.

Duke was unflagging in the decades to come – both on the screen and off. He became such a celebrated actor that his western and war movies, usually on the fringe of pop culture, became mainstream hits. Before long, John Wayne became synonymous with the ruggedness and independence of American culture. He supported the United States Armed forces with regular tours through the USO and travelled the world, making one classic film after the other. All this and more while building a family and raising four children, Michael, Toni, Patrick, and Melinda.

He is also remembered for his roles in *The Quiet Man* (1952), *Rio Bravo* (1959) with Dean Martin, and *The Longest Day* (1962). In his final screen performance, he starred as an aging gunfighter battling cancer in *The Shootist* (1976).

After 30 years as an A-list actor, Wayne craved camaraderie away from the limelight and found it in Freemasonry in 1970. He knew of the craft from his father, who was a Mason before him, and likely from his time in DeMolay.

Duke's time in lodge with his brethren became a sort of sanctuary, recalling that he felt his fame melted away. His Masonic lodge was Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, Arizona. After being raised a Master Mason, he soon completed the degrees of the York Rite, became a member of the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles, and joined the 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Freemasonry.



Over the years, John Wayne's roles began to reflect his age and maturity, expanding into romantic comedies and historical films during the 1960s. Perhaps his most famous performance came in 1969 when he starred as Rooster Cogburn in the classic movie, *True Grit*. The film earned Wayne several Academy Award nominations, including for best actor, which he won, his only Oscar.

He appeared with many important Hollywood stars of his era, and made his last public appearance at the Academy Awards ceremony in April 1979..

(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we visit a Lodge who were spectacularly resuscitated in 2002, and have now gone on to be a tremendous success)

Lodge Randolph, No.1434

The Origin

Lodge Randolph was first conceived by a few men who had a dream, on which they quietly and assiduously worked to make a reality. Owing to the lack of suitable hall accommodation, they were faced with almost insurmountable difficulties, but the spirit which drove them refused to give up.

A petition for a Charter was finally prepared and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, and the highest praise must be recorded to Bros Woodward, Tainsh and Petrie, the originators of the dream. Their keen enthusiasm and hard work set us on the road to achieving what today has materialised as Lodge Randolph.

Unfortunately Bro Woodward, R.W.M. Elect and Bro Tanish, Depute Master Elect passed away prior to the granting of our Charter, but the high ideals with which they imbued will inspire us to lay a foundation and build from a humble beginning the Lodge of which they so often dreamed of.

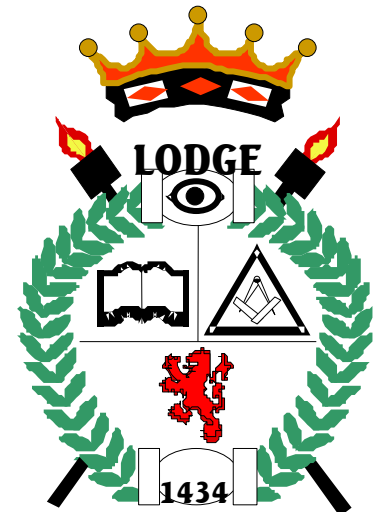
The name Randolph was chosen as it perpetuates the memory of the aforementioned Brethren who all resided in Randolph Drive in Clarkston, and from a historical aspect, reminds us of Randolph, Earl of Moray, a Knight of Robert the Bruce, noted for his zeal and integrity, and shall be our aim to emulate his high example.

Reaching forth unto those things which are before **Phil 3. 13**

Lodge Randolph's charter was granted on the 3rd February 1949 and the Lodge was consecrated on the 7th May 1949 in the Institute, Stamperland. The first R.W.M Bro David A. Taylor was installed into office by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro Samuel W. Love.

The Lodge remained at the Institute, Stamperland until the middle of the 1980`s it then moved to the Mickel Hall in Rowallan Lane, Clarkston, and on Wednesday 5th May 1999 celebrated it's 50th Anniversary within the Masonic Temple and function suite of Lodge Eaglesham No 1265 which was attended by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro Frank Johnstone, and a large Provincial Deputation.

The Lodge then had to find a new home because of building and renovation work to the buildings. It then moved to the Couper Institute and the Lodge had its Annual Installation on the 12th December 2001 attended by the P.G.M Bro Frank Johnstone, Depute PGM Bro Dixon Drye and the Office-bearers of PGL. Through falling attendances the Lodge was having difficulties in filling offices and was not financially sound, the Lodge struggled for the next year.



RANDOLPH

The newly installed PGM, Bro Dixon Drye, and the Provincial Secretary Bro Andrew Hosie visited the Lodge along with several other Provincial Office-bearers to try and help to solve the Lodge problems. It was suggested that the Lodge should set up a working group which would be chaired by the Substitute PGM, Bro John Miller who was also appointed the acting R.W.M. The working group consisted of the Provincial Secretary, Bro Andrew Hosie and the Office-bearers of Lodge Randolph, several alternatives were looked at with amalgamation and a union with an other Lodge under consideration.



The Management Committee of Lodge Union & Crown arranged an informal meeting to discuss the possible relocation of Lodge Randolph to Barrhead as a "Lodge of Enlightenment" - a dining Lodge with a speaker to be arranged for each meeting. After many meetings between the two Lodges the relocation took place on the 30th October 2003 where the Lodge held its Annual Installation and Bro John Miller was formally installed as the 42nd R.W.M. of 1434

The Lodge has now over 70 members and is looking forward to a bright future, in its new guise as a "Lodge of Enlightenment" The lodge will no longer perform degrees and will meet only five time a year. it will hold a short business meeting, where an Affiliate will be obligated, before retiring to the Harmony Board, where a three-course meal and a guest speaker will be the norm.

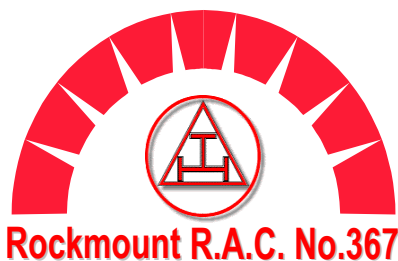
Thus far the format is proving extremely popular, with consistently high attendances, and a goodly number of visitors. The format of the Lodge is sound, and who knows could well be replicated elsewhere. It has certainly proved to be the saviour of Lodge Randolph who are looking forward to celebrating their 75th Anniversary in May 2024.

Meetings are held in the Masonic Temple, 30 Cochrane Street, Barrhead, Glasgow G78 1RF, at 7.30pm on the 2nd Friday of September, November, February, April and July.



Did you know ?

- Did you know that the oldest known Masonic writing, the Regius Manuscript or "*Poem of Moral Duties*," was discovered to be a Masonic document by a non-Mason, J. O. Halliwell-Phillips, in 1839. It was written about 1390 and was given the name "Regius" because it was found in the Royal Library of England.
- Did you know that the statute of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, which stands on Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square was designed and created by Bro Edward Hodges Baily, a member of Jerusalem Lodge No 233 in London.
- Did you know that the first Freemason to orbit the earth was Bro John Glenn (of Concord Lodge No 688, Ohio) on 20th February 1962 aboard the spacecraft Friendship 7
- Did you know that Samuel Colt, who invented the Revolver, and Richard Gatling who invented the Gatling Gun, were both active Freemasons.
- Did you know that there have been at least 11 recipients of Nobel Prizes who were Freemasons, amongst them Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Alexander Fleming, Rudyard Kipling and Theodore Roosevelt.



At the Regular Meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 10th January, in the absence of a Candidate, the Companions of Rockmount RAC conferred a fine Royal Arch Degree.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, is scheduled for **Tuesday 14th February** at 8-30pm (Please Note the change of Time), where the Provincial Grand Chapter of Renfrewshire will be making its annual visitation to

Rockmount RAC, No.367. MEC Graham Manson MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions, especially any visitors, to attend on that evening. All Companions are invited to support the Chapter, by coming along on that evening.



Visitation

We had a busy beginning to the New Year, with a visit to a Sister Lodge, the first in almost 3 years !. Thursday 19th January, saw us on our first official travels of the when we "first-footed" our near neighbours and good friends in Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167.

An excellent EA degree was conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class, and a fine deputation of 20 Brethren braved freezing cold weather to support Bro Bobby Clark RWM on his first official visitation. After the degree the Brethren of both Lodges concerned, retired to enjoy the harmony and cement old friendships.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 25 Years Ago

No. 210

January 1998

On Tuesday 6th January, the following three Candidates :

JIM McKINNON LAURIE DUNSEATH DEREK RICHARDSON

were raised to the high & sublime degree of a M.M. by the Installing Masters, ably assisted by a large deputation of Past Masters of the Lodge in what is always an eagerly anticipated occasion by the Brethren. All who took part are to be congratulated on their performance in what was an excellent rendition of the 3rd degree, greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm Lodge Closed : 9-52 pm Attendance : 91

At our Regular Meeting on Tuesday 20th January, the following Candidates :

MARK McSKEANE ANDREW MEIKLE

were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by a large deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren from our near neighbours, Lodge Nitshell, No.1478. Our good friends from the far side of The Hurler carried out their duties well and Bro Alex Farquharson R.W.M. of 1478 is to be congratulated for a fine E.A. Degree.

Lodge Opened : 7-30 pm Lodge Closed : 9-50 pm Attendance : 116

100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for January were as follows :

Tuesday 6th January

£10 : *Bro Roy Dinning PM*

£5 : *Bro Wilson Davidson PM*

Tuesday 20th January

£10 : *Bro Elias Sudding PM*

£5 : *Bro Steff Lawniczak*

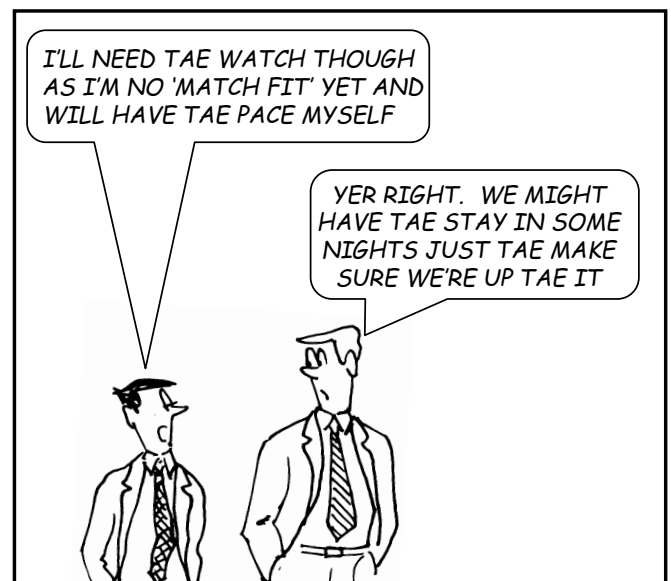
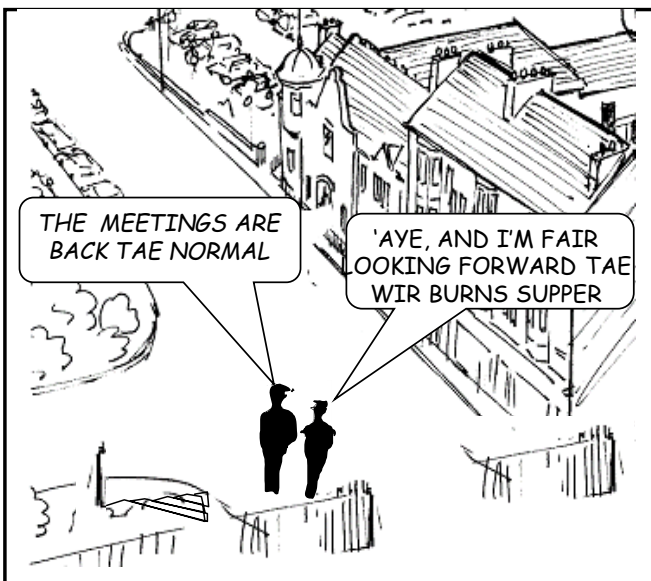
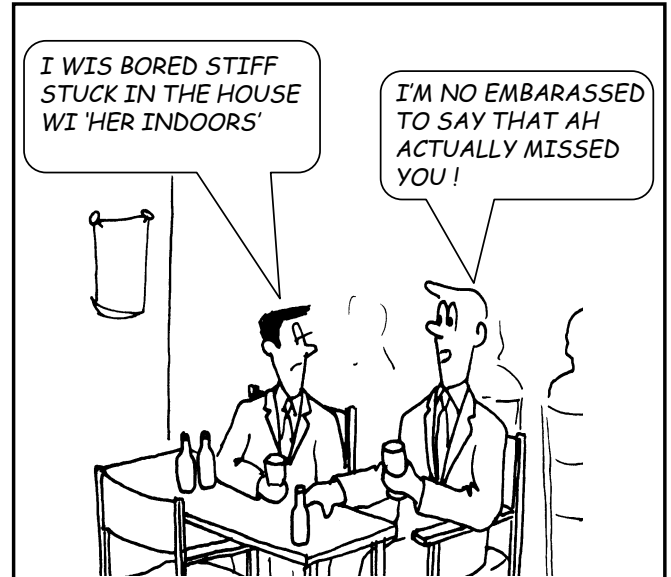
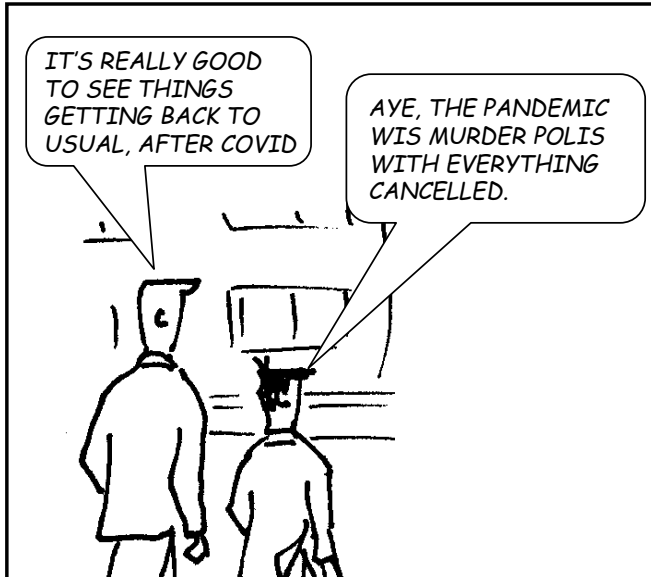
Visitation

Thursday 15th January we set off on our travels the short distance up the Kirk Hill to the village of Neilston, where we had been invited to confer the M.M. Degree within our good friends, Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167.

We were warmly greeted by Bro John Miller R.W.M. and his Brethren and after the formalities of the welcome and official handover we proceeded to confer a spirited 3rd degree on their Candidate, Bro David Moore, who is better known at large on alternate Saturdays when he dresses as "Broxy Bear", the official Rangers Matchday Mascot !

All who took part in the ceremonial are to be congratulated for their efforts. Our own R.W.M., Bro Jim Miller, who like us to publicly thank each and every one of the Brethren who supported him in what was a magnificent deputation of **47** !

MARK N' ARCHIE



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