

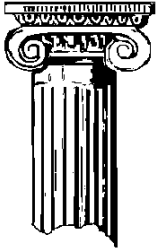
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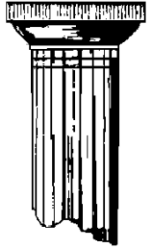
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*Editorial* 



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As the month of October dawns we find that the annual Installation season is almost upon us. Can it be that time of year already? It only seems like yesterday, when the last round of Installation meetings was upon us.

This is an incredibly busy period in the Masonic Calendar and within the Province of Renfrewshire East with a total of thirty-seven such functions to be covered from the first week in October right through to January.

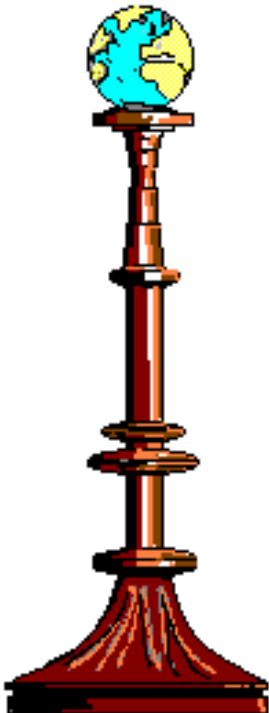
We in lodge Union & Crown once prided ourselves in the fact that we try to ensure that we have Brethren in attendance at each and every one. A tradition which 307 had worked hard at over the years and, when you consider that some Saturdays can mean 2, 3 or even occasionally 4 Installations to be attended on the same day... A logistical nightmare, I'm sure you'll agree, especially when you find that they are at opposite ends of the Province, with one in Lochwinnoch and another in East Kilbride!

Unfortunately, as in most other Lodges, this burden falls mainly on the shoulders of the senior Office-bearers. When you consider that the RWM, Substitute Master & the Worshipful Wardens are kept fully occupied throughout the Masonic year, you realise that some assistance is absolutely necessary if they are to maintain their sanity, not to mention some sort of marital stability.

We therefore appeal to the remaining Office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge to come forward and offer what little assistance they can especially during the busy period in early December.

Each and every Installation within the Province of Renfrewshire East will be listed on a notice in the Downstairs Lounge, and even if some of us could append our names against even one meeting, this would help alleviate the problems that the RWM Bro David McArthur and his senior Brethren encounter at this time of year, and possibly even give them the occasional Saturday at home.

*Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.*





Brethren,

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

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

followed by the dramatization

**“The Table of Scottish Freemasons”**

*(This section of the meeting is open to gentlemen from the outside world, with an interest in freemasonry, and who are vouched for by a member of the Craft).*



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

including

**Annual General Meeting**



**100 CLUB**

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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**    £10: **Bro. David Noble PM**  
   £5: **Bro. Brian Morton PM**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**    £10: **Bro. Tom Wilson**  
   £5: **Bro. Jim Bradshaw**



There is no conclusive evidence of life after death. But there is no evidence against it either. Soon enough you will know, so don't fret about it.

## Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of 2nd September 2014 and following the business, in a change to our previously published programme, a deputation from Lodge St. John Royal Arch no. 320 from Ardrossan was admitted in order to carry out the FC Degree on:-

### **ROBERT McGREGOR SMYLIE**

Following the degree a harmony took place with the brethren enjoying being back together following the summer recess and getting the chance to catch up with our visitors with whom we now have a strong bond.

**Lodge Opened - 07:30pm    Lodge Closed - 09:25 pm    Attendance - 82**

At the regular meeting of the 16th September 2014. A meeting of the lodge took place and following the business a MM Degree was conferred, by the Lodge Instruction Class, on two candidates:-

### **WILLIAM BEATTIE and ROBERT McGREGOR SMYLIE**

A harmony followed where the candidates were warmly congratulated by all in attendance for attaining the MM degree.

**Lodge Opened - 07:30pm    Lodge Closed – 09:39pm    Attendance – 68**

### **Lodge Earl Haig no. 1260**

On Saturday September 20th, 16 brethren travelled into The Kingdom Of Fife to carry out the Dramatised FC Degree at Lodge Earl Haig no. 1260 in Leven.

Having arrived we were made most welcome by all the brethren as well as The PGM of Fife And Kinross Bro. The Reverend Andrew J Paterson.

A very good attendance then witnessed the Dramatisation with a lot of laughter from the body of the hall encouraging the brethren who were performing.

Our efforts were greatly appreciated by all in attendance and each member of our deputation were presented with a Lodge penny from the brethren of Lodge Earl Haig.

A harmony followed with some of the 307 Brethren being "volunteered" into performing a song or two for our hosts. In true Masonic tradition we were commended on our efforts and enjoyed a good evening in the company of our Fife and Kinross Brethren. Another worthwhile visit and another new set of friends made. Fantastic!



Congratulations to Bro. Robert Miller P.M. and his lovely wife Christine who celebrated their "Pearl" wedding anniversary during September.

*This month Bro. Robert also collected his bus pass which he assures me will be put to good use.*

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

The Companions present were delighted to elect MEC Graham Manson their next First Principal.

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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 07:00pm**

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

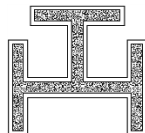
## Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

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

Installing Principals, Grand Superintendent Robert McCulloch PTIM and Provincial Grand Master, John S. Miller PTIM installed the 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 fine harmony.

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014** at 07:30pm.



Our Lodge Treasurer would like to remind brethren that Lodge Test Fees are now due at £30.00 per member.

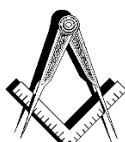
Also, any contributions towards Capitation Fees would also be most welcome.

Whilst out and about at work Bro Graham Manson PM met Bro David Donaldson PM of Lodge St. Margaret's Hope no. 1184 in Rosyth.

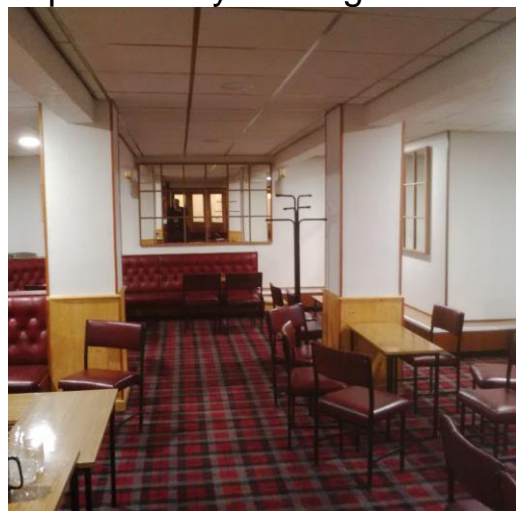
Whilst working in his house. The usual cup of coffee was enjoyed and Bro Graham mentioned the visit to Lodge Earl Haig which was coming up. Bro David already knew about this visit as it was well publicised in the area and he was hoping to get along to this.

He then showed Bro Graham a selection of photos of his lodge premises and some photos taken on some of his many visits to Glasgow and lo and behold, one photo featured our very own Bro. Kenny Coleman IPM.

A very warm and friendly afternoon was enjoyed by both brethren with both agreeing to catch up again at some point. Bro Graham felt it was only right to repair Bro. David's boiler after receiving such hospitality!



Over the summer recess a good number of our brethren have worked extremely hard in the decorating and upgrading of our downstairs lounge. One cannot help but be impressed by the brightness and sense of space the new decor and lighting has given



the lounge. A combination of vision and planning by our management committee has brought about this welcome change but the work of all those who laboured tirelessly for the lodge must be commended most highly. An upgrade to the heating system in the function suite has been carried out and this will solve the problem of controlling the temperature in this area on an individual basis thereby saving on fuel bills for the lodge. The beautiful new doors which separate the lounge from the function suite are a welcome addition and the mirrored "windows" on the lounge walls contribute to the overall sense of space. The

removal of the pool table has also made a huge difference and shows off the new carpet to its full advantage.

The outside garden area behind the lodge has also undergone an amazing transformation with a good number of brethren being involved in this particular project as well. We, as a lodge are extremely fortunate to have so many skilled members who are more than willing to give of their time and expertise in order to bring about these welcome changes to our premises. There are too many brethren to mention by name but needless to say we know who has contributed to the upgrading of our building and are very, very grateful to each and every one of them who have assisted with this fantastic project.



With the lounge area looking so good it is now hoped a good number of brethren will make full use of the premises for both functions and getting together on a Friday evening to socialise and enjoy the surroundings and company the lodge has to offer.

A very warm thanks to Bro Adam Watson (Wee Adam) on his retiral from the lodge kitchen. Bro Adam has worked hard for a good number of years and along with his helpers has made sure our visitors and Brethren are well fed at the lodge harmonies.

The utensils have now been passed to Bro. Paul Stewart PM and Bro. Graham Manson PM who will try to ensure the standards are maintained.

Any brother wishing to lend their assistance in the kitchen would be most welcome as both our new chefs, we use this term loosely, have busy jobs and may not always both be at all the meetings together.



The Bricks project in the downstairs corridor has been a phenomenal success and has so far raised in excess of £3,000.

Well done to those involved and of course to all those who have purchased bricks.

Like most good ideas, the simplest ones are usually the best!

It has been encouraging to see such good attendances at the meetings following the recess with a good number of our own brethren as well as a host of regular visitors in attendance.

We hear Bro. Steven Amabile and his partner Debbie have taken on The Balnagowan pub in Paisley. We wish them both well in this venture.



Our Lodge Almoner Bro Alex White informed us in his recent report Bro. Tommy Pattison recently celebrated his 91st birthday. A resident of Neilston Bro. Tommy will be well known to and Boys' Brigade members as he was involved with the organisation for many, many years.. Well done Bro. Tommy!

Congratulations to Bro. Jim Heron's Grandson, Jamie, who has been promoted to Chief Engineer within his job with the Merchant Navy.



We recently heard that Bro. Bobby Easdon was going to be a grandfather for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time as his son Alan was going to be a dad for the 1<sup>st</sup> time...

We can now tell you he will be a grandpa for the fourth time as his stepson Wolff is also to become a father for the first time.

Both Alan and Wolff are members of 307 and we offer congratulations to the whole family.

The annual lunch to raise funds for the PGL Benevolent Fund took place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September in the premises of Lodge Union and Crown No.307 in Barrhead.

Around sixty Brethren along with family and invited guests gathered for the lunch – the third such to be held since the late SPGM Bro. Andrew Hosie first came up with the idea of such an event that would raise funds while providing an enjoyable social event.

The RWPGM Br. John S. Miller welcomed guests including the RWPGM of Stirlingshire, Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon and his wife to the lunch – a delicious three course meal followed by tea and coffee.



Piggery Brae get the feet tapping

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by “Piggery Brae” – a traditional folk group made up of Will and Alastair both from Lodge Burnside No.1361 and Jim from Lodge Kirkhill No.1230.

Foot-tapping, sing-along numbers along with a hearty mix of jokes brought applause and laughter from around the room.

The afternoon concluded with an auction of donated items and a raffle and there were opportunities during the day to purchase some of the excellent hand craft work by Bro. Alistair McTaggart PM Lodge Sir George Cathcart No.617.

In his vote of thanks, SPGM Bro. William Fleming, thanked Lodge Union and Crown for the use of the premises and paid particular tribute to the late Bro. Andrew Hosie for the part he had played in getting these lunches started.

PGM Bro. John S. Miller said later: “We raised a magnificent £650 for our Benevolent Fund at today’s event. This is the third annual lunch we have organised and it is great to see it going from strength to strength.”

Bro. Ken Stein PG Steward



Remember, as a Mason there are two words that will open a lot of doors for you... Push and Pull.



It's installation season again so let's try and cover as many as possible both within and outwith the Province.

### PGLRE OCTOBER 2014 INSTALLATIONS

Friday	3 <sup>th</sup> October	7:00pm	Lodge Paisley St James No. 1116
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00pm	The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	4:00pm	Lodge Kil Bryd No. 1667
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	6:45pm	Lodge Craigielea No. 1218
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30pm	Lodge Douglas No. 1557
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	7:00pm	Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00pm	Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00pm	Lodge Georgetown No. 1170
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> October	4:00pm	Lodge McLaren No. 1688
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> October	7:15pm	Lodge The Kings Park No. 1386



Another Happy couple... Congratulations to Bro. Jim Philips and his wife Liz who have celebrated their "Coral" wedding anniversary this month.

### **The Big Breakfast**

A very big thanks to Bro's Paul Stewart PM and Bro George McGrandles WJW who ran The Big Breakfast on Saturday 27th September for Lodge funds.

A good number of brethren and their families attended and were well fed and watered by our two skilled firemen. Also, a big thanks to Bro Paul's lovely wife Yvonne who assisted on the day. A very enjoyable day and a worthwhile venture.



The Wednesday Sausage Club is going very well with many of our more mature brethren dropping in for a roll, a cuppa and a blether! Well done to you all for supporting yet another worthwhile lodge activity.

### ***Xmas Dance***

This Year's Christmas Dance will take place on:

**Saturday 6th December 2014**

Tickets are £6.00 each and anyone interested should contact our social convenor:

Bro Lawrence Webb on 571 4330.



With reference to the summer edition of our Lodge magazine and the inclusion, sadly, intimating the passing of Bro. George Jack. I did indeed attend the funeral service of thanksgiving at the United Reform Church, Barrhead and the service of committal at Neilston cemetery. The family members honoured me, your Almoner, and through me, the Lodge by inviting me to take cord No. 6 at the graveside. I emotionally accepted with heartfelt gratitude. I then attended the funeral tea and circulated amongst friends and family of dear Bro. George. Condolences were expressed to all whom I spoke with.

I sadly intimate the sudden passing away of Bro. Gordon McMillan, aged 65, who collapsed whilst out and about walking in Barrhead. On being informed of this most tragic happening I visited Bro. Gordon's partner, "Betty", at home and conveyed sincere condolences on behalf of the Lodge. I attended the funeral service at the Bourock Church, Barrhead on Tuesday the twenty-third of September but due to a medical appointment was unable to attend the committal service at Neilston cemetery.

My 'home' visits have included:-

Bro. Willie Pattison	Bro. Jim Liggat
Bro. John W. Smith	Bro. Jim Easdon ( <i>on discharge from hospital</i> )
Bro. Robert Kennedy	Bro. Robert Spiers ( <i>Norwood Care Home</i> )
Bro. William Reid	Bro. Davie Provan ( <i>Millview Care Home</i> )
Mrs. Mary Martin	Mrs. Grace Smith
Mrs. Betty McCartney	Mrs Margaret McLean ( <i>Norwood Care Home</i> )
Mrs. Moira Campbell ( <i>Bereavement</i> )	Mrs Betty Gray ( <i>Bereavement</i> )

[Mrs. Irene McNight](#) (*on discharge from hospital*)

I have also kept in contact by telephone with Mrs Angela Henery with regard to her dear husband, Bro. Paul, on his return home from hospice.

Bro. Jim K. Phillips and dear wife Liz have just celebrated 35 years of marriage. I, as Almoner, took time to congratulate this lovely couple, wishing them all the best for now and the future. A celebration was held at Crieff Hydro, I'm certain Jim and Liz enjoyed the experience.

May I bring this September Almoner's report to a conclusion by expressing my heartfelt thanks to all I have visited, Brethren and Ladies alike. The warmth and cordiality I receive from these kindly folk does continue to encourage and inspire me in my daily journey as Lodge Almoner. I know I have previously commented on this, I do assure you it is still true in every respect. May my journey continue.

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





**WORLD AT WAR**  
**1914 – 1918**  
**(September 1914)**



- 1<sup>st</sup>** Lord Kitchener arrives in Paris. St Petersburg, Russia changes name to Petrograd.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** British expeditionary army, General Lanrezac's army attacks the Marne. French troops vacate Rheims. Prince Wilhelm von Wied leaves Albania. Lemberg capital of Galicia, is taken after a three-day battle in which the Russians rout the Austrians.
- 4<sup>th</sup>** General von Moltke ceases German advance in France. France, Russia, and Britain agree in a Pact of London that none will make a separate peace.
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Battle of Marne begins French and British forces prevent German forces advancing on Paris. French headquarters move to Chatillon-sur-Seine. Britain, France, Belgium, Russia sign pact of London.
- US President Wilson orders the US Navy to make its wireless stations accessible for any transatlantic communications - even to German diplomats sending coded messages; this will lead to the interception of the Zimmermann telegram, helping to bring the US into the war.
- 8<sup>th</sup>** HMS (formerly RMS) Oceanic, sister ship of RMS Titanic, sinks off Scotland.  
Private Thomas Highgate becomes the first British soldier to be executed for desertion during WW1.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** Belgian offensive from Antwerp. The creation of the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade, the first fully mechanized unit in the British Army.
- 11<sup>th</sup>** Australia invades New Britain, defeating a German contingent there.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** German staff-of-chief Helmut von Moltke replaced by Erich von Falkenhayn  
German troops withdraw from Aisne and invent trenches.
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Battle of Aisne begins between Germans & French.
- 18<sup>th</sup>** Battle of Aisne ends with Germans beating French. Gen Paul von Hindenburg named commander of German armies on Eastern Front. South African troops land in German South West Africa.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** One German submarine sinks three British ironclads, 1,459 die. Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, assumes command of the armed forces after having dismissed General Beyers because of his resistance to aiding Britain in the war against Germany.
- 28<sup>th</sup>** German forces move into Antwerp Belgium.



# FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 10 Years Ago



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*RWM Bro. Gordon Miller*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September saw us off to Giffnock, where we had been invited to confer a Mark Ceremonial by Lodge Saint Conval, No.1359. Although there were a few late personnel changes, Bro Wilson Davidson PM and his team are to be congratulated for their efforts, in what was an excellent Mark Degree.

Our Worshipful Junior Warden, Bro Alan Lane, is planning to stage a fund-raising raffle with some superb prizes in aid of Lodge Funds. Thus far, he has confirmed that the top prizes will be a meal for two at the Dalmeny Park Hotel or two tickets for the next Old Firm match at Ibrox, with many more. Tickets costing £1 are now available. It has been extremely heartening to see so many donations coming into the Lodge, many of which are anonymous. True to the tenets of our order !

Our Worthy Treasurer, Bro Jim Kerr PM, has asked us to point out that Lodge Test Fees are now OVERDUE !

On a similar note, Bro Jim would also be more than willing to accept any donations towards the annual Capitation Fee that the Lodge pays to Grand Lodge. This is based upon the number of active Brethren in the Lodge and comes to a bill well in excess of £1300.

Christmas isn't too far away, and we will soon be distributing a whole host of Benevolent Parcels to the Widows of the Lodge. This is quite a considerable expense for the Lodge, and donations towards this very worthy cause would be much appreciated. Why not "Sponsor a Parcel" for less than you think ?

We see that the recent bad weather has caused a large part of the roughcasting on the open side of the Temple has fallen off. We gather that a tender from a local building firm has been accepted, and the work should be completed soon.

The Lodge is celebrating 10 years since the new Function Suite was opened in October 1994, with an Anniversary Dinner & Ball on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Tickets costing £25 per couple are available from Bro Donald Cook PM

Following the undoubted success of last year, it has been decided yet again, to stage not one, but TWO ! Christmas Ladies Nights this year to satisfy the demand for tickets. They are to be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, with the 307 Concert Party providing the entertainment. Tickets, costing £7 are strictly limited and are available from Bro Jim Miller PM.

Well done to Bro Brian Morton's daughter Lynne, not content with a honours degree in Astro Physics from St Andrews University, she has now obtained her MSc and is currently studying for her PhD ! (She must get it from Penny !)

Our Tenants – Lodge Randolph have a brand new masonic newsletter out. It's entitled "A Different Level" and is a very good read. Many for the 50 or so Brethren of 1434, a limited number of copies will be available for sale to visitors. Well done to its editor, our own Bro Robert Miller.

Congratulations to Bro Ian Matthew IPPGM of Aberdeenshire West and a very frequent visitor to 307 on his installation as RWM in Lodge Felix, No.355 in Aboyne.

# Humour



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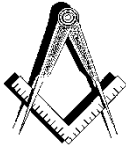
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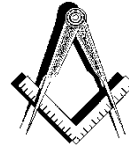
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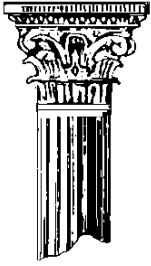


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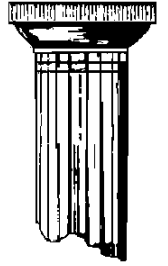
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Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

## November 2014

Tuesday	04 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MMDegree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Paul Stewart IPM
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	04:00pm	Installation	2014-2015



## OFFICE BEARERS 2013 - 2014



RWM	David McArthur
WSW	Ian Blair
WJW	George McGrandles
IPM	Paul Stewart IPM
Depute Master	William H. Gauld PM
Substitute Master	Alan Bernard
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Junior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Inner Guard	Nicol Hynd
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Kenneth Coleman PM
Architect	John Robertson
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Davie Barr
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

