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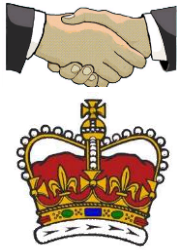


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With this edition of our monthly journal, we thankfully take, what we hope will be a well-earned rest after our endeavours of the last ten months and join the remainder of our Masonic colleagues who have already been enjoying the restful delights of the Summer recess for a few weeks.

The peaceful attractions of the beach, the bowling green, the golf course or even the armchair ! beckon for many of us. Over the frustratingly short period of the next few months, the world becomes a somewhat less frantic and more tranquil place, without the seemingly endless distractions of Meetings, Visitations, Committees and even more Meetings to interfere with the peaceful and hopefully sunny idyll, far removed from all things Masonic. Already though we are planning far in advance (admittedly half-heartedly !) to a renewed campaign in the Autumn, when we will again boot up the trusty word processor from its summer slumber and sit endlessly gazing at a blank screen in a concerted effort to recall just where we left off ! But remember, that we have a small army of highly-trained informants spread throughout the town and beyond. Our trusty newshounds are lying in wait for someone to slip up in a moment of weakness during the balmy summer months, and present us with a really good story to recount to our faithful readership in the Summer edition, due out at the end of August.

So in closing our message is simple. Like us try to enjoy yourselves and make the best of the extended break so that when you all return in September the batteries will be fully charged. And don't forget that, whilst the Lodge marches on regardless, we still require the support of as many of you as possible, especially in the Social Club.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

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

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Entered Apprentice Degree

By the Brethren of Lodge Nitsbill, No.1478

Harmony

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Business : Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Fellowcraft Degree

By the Brethren of Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167

Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

R Evans Reid P.M., Lodge Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 6th May, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class conferred a fine Dramatised Master Mason Degree, before an excellent attendance of Brethren and visitors.

All of those taking part rose to the occasion, and gave a good performance for all in attendance

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.01pm

Attendance : 65

100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes this month were :

6th May £20 : **Bro Tom Mulholland PM**
 £10 : **Bro Gregor Mullin**

Bro George McGrandles PM, our worthy Treasurer, is still taking names for this year, with the annual fee is still excellent value at £10.

Dates for your Diary

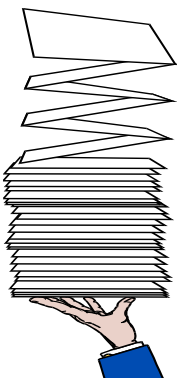


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| Monday 25th August | Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 2nd September | Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a EA Degree will be conferred by Lodge Nitshill, No.1478. |
| Monday 15th September | Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 2nd September | Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a FC Degree will be conferred by Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 |

(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 Robert Scott RWM or any senior Office-bearer,

They will be only too pleased to take you along with them as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province)

Paper Appeal



As ever, we are always on the lookout for that most essential of commodities – PAPER, for our journal. As many of our readers will know we make regular appeals for A4 size, 80g/m² paper, preferably white but any colour will do.

Without sufficient stocks, we simply cannot print enough copies of our journal to satisfy our wide-ranging readership. So if you have the odd ream lying about just let us know and we'll even arrange to have it picked-up if necessary. In addition, we also need 160g/m² card

Did You Know ?

- That Field Marshal, Earl Douglas Haig, was a Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- That King George VI was not only the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, but also of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- That when receiving our Master Mason's degree in some Lodges, part of the penalty given included the phrase 'where the tide ebbs and flows twice in every twenty-four hours.' However, did you know that in part of the Gulf of Mexico; St-Michael, Alaska; Do-Son, Indochina; Batavia, Java and Manila in the Philippines the tide ebbs and flows only once in twenty-four hours.
- That Benjamin Franklin was 'Raised' in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia on 24th June 1731; became Master in 1732; Grand Master in 1734 and Provincial Grand Master of the Moderns in 1749. His printing press on which he printed and published in 1734 the first Masonic books in American is now in the Smithsonian Institute.
- That in 1777, when visiting in Paris, Benjamin Franklin was made a member of Loge des Neuf Sovers (Lodge of the Nine Sisters). He died April 17th, 1790 at the age of 85 years and had lived as a Freemason for sixty years.
- That Rev. Josiah Henson, the hero of Stowes 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No.4, Dresden, Ontario, and a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge.
- That Joseph François Perrault Born 1753, is considered to be the father of education in Quebec, was at one time Deputy Grand Master of Lower Canada Grand Lodge.
- That Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was raised to the sublime degree in the Lodge 'Zur Gekronten Hoffnung' [Crowned Hope] in 1785
- That during the US Civil War, the Charter of Hatfield Lodge No.218 in Arkansas was hidden under a fence post in the local graveyard. Its location was forgotten until 1947 when the rotting fence posts were being replaced.
- That a short note in the Masonic Light, published in Quebec in May, 1948 tell us the application of Adolph Hitler for membership in a Masonic Lodge in Austria was rejected.
- That Jacques de Molay [1244-1314] was Grand Master of the Knights Templar and martyred during the evening of the 18th of March 1314.
- That the first American Masonic ritual, "Freemason's Monitor", was published in Albany, NY in 1797 by Brother Thomas Smith Webb. It was largely based on Bro William Preston's writings in England.
- That there is only one city in the world known to be purposely laid out on a Masonic theme? In 1816, Bro Hector Kilbourne, a surveyor and member of the first Master of Science Lodge #50, laid out the original plan of Sandusky Ohio. He designed the city on a grid of equal-sized squares and rectangles representing an open Bible, with a square and compasses located in the centre. He named many of the streets after famous Masons.

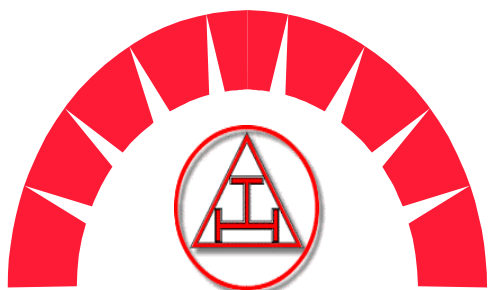
Famous Freemasons

(In another departure from our customary more detailed format, we publish a long list of 'Writers, Journalists and Publishers' who were members of The Craft)

- **Andrew Bell**, Lodge St. David No. 36, Edinburgh
- **James Boswell**, Master of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge for two terms
- **Robert Burns**, Saint David's Lodge No. 174, Tarbolton
- **Lord William Byron**, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns)
- **Samuel Clemens** (Mark Twain), Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, MO
- **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**, Phoenix Lodge No. 257, Southsea, Hampshire
- **Edward Gibbon**, Lodge of Friendship No. 3, London
- **Rudyard Kipling**, Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782. E.C., Lahore, India
- **Mark Lemon**, Globe Lodge No. 23, London
- **Norman Vincent Peale**, Midwood Lodge No. 1062, Brooklyn, NY
- **Alexander Pope**, Lodge Goat-at-the-Foot-of-the-Haymarket No. 16, London
- **Aleksandr Pushkin**, Lodge Ovid, Kischinev
- **Theodor Reuss**, occultist and head of O.T.O., Pilger Loge #238 (UGLE)
- **Rafael Sabatini**, Jerusalem Lodge No. 197, London
- **Sir Walter Scott**, Saint David Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh
- **Gordon Sinclair**, John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 545, Toronto, ON
- **Jonathan Swift**, Lodge Goat-at-the-Foot-of-the-Haymarket No. 16, London,
- **Anthony Trollope**, Banagher Lodge No. 306, Ireland
- **Oscar Wilde**, Apollo University Lodge No. 357, Oxford
- **Sir P.G. Wodehouse**, Jerusalem Lodge No. 197, London

BITS & PIECES

- Well done to Bro Bryce McCaig and his happy band of helpers who raised over £600 at the Lodge Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May.
- The Latest instalment of the Lodge's history 'The Last Twenty-Five Years' has now been published to coincide with the Lodge's Bicentenary and copies are available from its author – Bro Bud Gauld PM.
- We would like to remind our readers that our Sister Lodge – Lodge Randolph, No.1434 is holding its Annual Lunch, here in 307 on Saturday 21st June at 1.30 for 2.00pm. Tickets are available for any 1434 Office-bearer (of which there are many within Union & Crown).
- The annual Fishing Outing was held on Saturday 24th May at Harelaw Fishery in Neilston and was enjoyed by all who participated. We will publish a list of prize-winners in our Summer edition at the end of August.
- It is good to see that Bro Jim Renfrew PM is home and recovering after a short stay in hospital recently. We wish him well.
- Over 30 of our Brethren are travelling up to the Black Isle at the beginning of November to confer a Dramatised Prisoner of War Degree within Bro Ramsay McGhee's adopted Lodge – Seaforth No.854 in Fortrose.
- Whilst we are now officially in Recess, our weekly Instruction Classes will be continuing on a Monday evening for all who wish to get some much-needed practice in ahead of the new session. Bro Graham Mansom PM, our Instruction master, would be happy to assist anyone who needs some rehearsal.
- Bro Robert Scott IPM is running a 'Bank' for all those travelling to Fortrose in November. This will allow you to build up the necessary cash to pay for your hotel bill, and perhaps enough for the odd refreshment or two.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

At the Regular Meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday, 13th May, the Companions of Rockmount RAC conferred a fine Royal Arch Degree upon the following Candidate

Bro Craig Park

All who participated are to be congratulated for their efforts, in what was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. It was good to see a number of

Visitors at the meeting, which swelled the attendance to almost 50 Companions. At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch along with their guests, retired downstairs where they enjoyed a pleasant conclusion to the evening.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 7 Years Ago

No. 414

May 2018

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 1st May the following Candidate

Jamie Shorthouse

received a fine EA Degree from a deputation of 9 reigning masters from both within and out with the province. A seamless degree which, considering the variations in the way lodges work their ritual, it was testimony to all who took part.

Perhaps the start of a regular feature which could be carried out in a different lodge each time! Well done to everyone involved. Thereafter the Brethren retired to the Function Suite and enjoyed a spot of harmony.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.31pm

Attendance : 97



At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 15th May, the members of the Lodge Instruction Class carried out another of our popular dramatized degrees. On this occasion, it was the 'Prisoner of War' degree and all the Brethren present thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment from the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class.

Due to the absence on holiday of our RWM, Bro George McGrandles IPM took the chair and anchored a fine meeting. At the close of the meeting, Bro John Thorburn RWM, St John Fisherrow, No. 112, spoke well of the entire evening, and said his Brethren were looking forward to the forthcoming visit of 307 to Musselburgh on 2nd June.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.05pm

Attendance : 84

BITS & PIECES

- Best wishes to Bro Gordon Wright who recently celebrated his 75th Birthday.
- Any brother wishing to get involved in degree work is warmly invited to attend Lodge Instruction Class on a Monday evening from 7.30pm, or speak to Bro. Tom Mulholland PM our Instruction Master.
- Congratulations to Bro Hugh Cattigan PM, the ME First Principle of Rockmount RAC, No.367. On a recent visit to Port Glasgow RAC, No.900 he was made an honorary member for all his efforts in supporting Port Glasgow during recent troubled times.
- Great to hear that the a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Lodge on Saturday 12th May raised £398 for Lodge Funds. Well done to Bro Ronnie MacIsaac WSW, Bro George McGrandles PM and all their helpers.
- Congratulations to Bro Stephen Allan and his lovely wife Lindsay, who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

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