

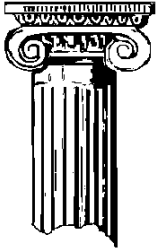
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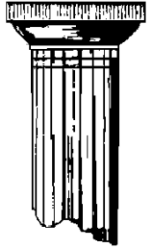
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Editorial 



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Office-bearer, The dictionary defines this as a *A person holding a position of authority in an organization.* Within a Lodge, the Right Worshipful Master is the most senior office bearer followed by his Senior and Junior Wardens. On the shoulders of these three rests all responsibility for the continued wellbeing of the Lodge.

To assist and offer guidance to the RWM and Wardens are the Secretary and Treasurer, usually Past Masters of the Lodge, who can deal with the correspondence, business and financial dealings of the Lodge.

To assist these three senior office bearers in the other workings within the Lodge, freemasonry has created a number of other offices and given each of the elected office bearers “authority” in that role. These are not position to be taken lightly or neglected as the brethren of the Lodge have at the AGM and Installation entrusted you with the authority, which you have accepted, to carry out a specific duty on their behalf for the period of time you hold that office.

Sadly, a brother who had not attended Lodge Union & Crown for some time approached me recently to say how surprised he was to have been served at harmony and had his table cleared by a past master of the Lodge. The PM himself did not feel this service beneath him and was glad to be of help but it has been noticed the dearth of office bearers at meetings and more particularly the harmony, is it too hard to let Bro. Secretary know you will be unavailable or to ask someone to cover your duties? *(You don't need a dinner suit to help out, sell a raffle, serve a guest or do dishes Ed.)*

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 the start of an incredibly busy period in the Masonic Calendar and within the Province of Renfrewshire East where a total of thirty-seven such functions need 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. We therefore appeal to the Office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge to come forward and offer assistance in covering as many of these installations as we can. A good attendance at Installations can repay itself, masonically speaking, many times over by encouraging newly installed Masters to respond with a visit to us here at Cochrane Street later in the year.

Hugh Cattigan P.M. Editor.



Brethren,

The Right Worshipful Master Bro. Alan Bernard cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming meetings and official visits of the Lodge: -

Saturday 3rd October 2015

Official visit to
THE LORETTO CENTENARY LODGE No. 1373
129 High Street, Dalkeith EH22 1BE

When the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 will confer a:
DRAMATISED FC DEGREE



Monday 5th October 2015

Official visit to
LODGE PAISLEY ST MIRRIN No. 129

When the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 will confer a:
FC DEGREE



Friday 9th October 2015

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. The bar area of the downstairs lounge will be available to them during the business part of the meeting).



Tuesday 20th October 2015

7:30pm

Regular business meeting
including

Annual General Meeting





100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 1st September £10: **Lynn Watson**
 £5: **Bro. Alex White**

Tuesday 15th September £10: **Josie Flockhart**
 £5: **Bro. Steven Amabile**



Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of 1st September 2015 The meeting commenced with the RWM welcoming the brethren back after the summer recess. Following the business a deputation from Lodge Prince Of Wales No. 426 was admitted and after a short recess our friends from Renfrew carried out an exemplification of a FC Degree.

Unfortunately our candidate, John Connor, was unavailable due to a late work committment but his proposer, Bro Kenneth Junner stood in for him to allow the brethren of 426 to carry out the labours of the evening.

Following the close of the meeting a harmony took place with many of the brethren catching up after the summer break.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed - 09:20 pm Attendance - 62

At the regular meeting of the 15th September 2014. A meeting of the lodge took place and following the business, in a change to our programme, a F.C. Degree was carried out on our candidate:

JOHN CONNOR

by members of the Lodge Instruction Class. This was appreciated by all in attendance and a harmony followed with the usual warm atmosphere being enjoyed by all in attendance.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:04pm Attendance – 46



Congratulations to Bro. Donald Ferguson and his lovely wife Mary on celebrating their Diamond (60th) Wedding anniversary on the 17th September.

Your friends at 307 are thinking of you at this happy time and wish you both happiness for the future.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



The M.E. First Principal, MEC Graham Manson 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 8th September 2015.

The Companions present were delighted to re-elect MEC Graham Manson for a second year.

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 13th October 2015 at 07:00pm

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

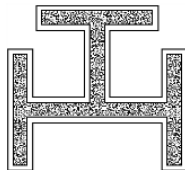
Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367

On Tuesday 22nd September 2015 Rockmount Cryptic Council held its combined Annual General Meeting and Installation.

Installing Principals, Provincial Grand Master Comp. John S. Miller PTIM and the Depute Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gordon McGregor Renfrew PTIM of Paisley Abbey CC No.76 installed the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Robert McCulloch PTIM back into the chair of the Council and his office bearers into their respective offices in what was a most dignified ceremony enjoyed by all in attendance.

After the ceremony the Companions enjoyed a superb buffet harmony.

the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 will be on **Tuesday 24th November 2015** at 07:30pm.



**Quick
Quote**

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment".

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Caldwell Church

Donated by a bro. of the Lodge this item contains extracts from an article 'Happenings' written by Barry Robertson about Caldwell Church, Uplawmoor.

Designed by architect William Ingram of Bath Street, Glasgow, tight specifications called for stone from Shillford and Neilston quarries 'free from blemish¹', steps of 'first class Arbroath stone' and mortar made up with best lime from Lugton with clear, sharp river sand and clear water.'

Bro. Alexander Gow, Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Union and Crown No. 307 whose members were accompanied by representatives of the Thornliebank Ancient Shepherds and Foresters, laid the foundation stone on the 28th July, 1888 with full Masonic Honours. Arriving at the station, the company, headed by a brass band, made their way up the hill to where a gathering of local people, farmers and estate workers, local gentry, wives and families awaited the start of the ceremony. It concluded with hymn-singing and the presentation of a valuable trowel, suitably engraved, to the RWM, Brother Gow.

The church and adjoining manse were completed by 20th January, 1889 at a cost of £1,800.

Electricity arrived in 1928, with a minute instructing that the oil lamps were to remain for a time. The managers were not taking any risks with this new-fangled electricity!

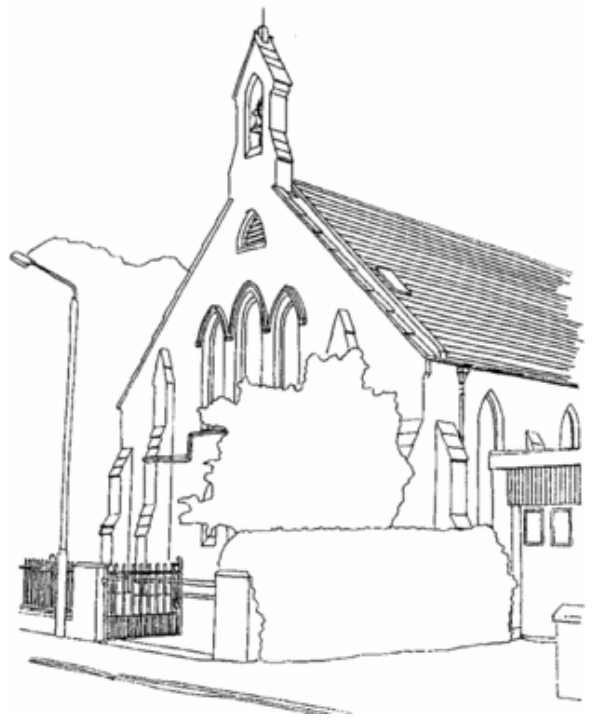
The Mission Hall was the first place of worship for workers from Caldwell Estate, Lugton and Uplawmoor. The corrugated iron building was erected around 1860 and stood opposite the present Caldwell Golf Club pavilion on the A736.

It was the result of an appeal to Lady Mure by Tom Logan, the village postmaster and in 1891, one of the first elders to be appointed at Caldwell. He asked her to speak to her husband about the provision of somewhere nearer than the several miles parishioners had to walk (and many did) to reach Neilston Parish Church. The 'Old Iron Church' was the result, the services conducted by two missionaries, Thomas Millar followed by David Stewart.

When Caldwell Kirk was built, the 'Iron Church' was dismantled and re-erected at Lugton where it was used for concerts (5/-), religious meetings, (2/-) and for abstinence speakers, 6d...

Many local people will remember functions there prior to its demolition in 1993.

The brass bell was salvaged from its belfry and now, restored, is displayed at the Centenary Corner in Caldwell Parish Church.



Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre raised the admirable sum of £400.00. Unfortunately we had a very disappointing turnout with lack of advertising being cited as the reason for lack of numbers.



The details of this important fund raiser were announced at a good number of lodge meetings leading up to the date itself and those who did attend enjoyed a fine afternoon with the efforts of the organiser, Substitute Master Bro Ian Blair, and those who did come to help being greatly appreciated.

The Summer Fayre always takes place at roughly the same weekend every year and will hopefully be more successful next year with a good effort being made to ensure everyone is aware of the date.

It cannot be stressed highly enough just how much of a difference this enjoyable day makes to the lodge funds over the summer recess when there are no meetings to maintain a cashflow.

(Bro Ian and his team are to be commended for the work and effort they put in to organizing this event and obtaining a fine sum of money for the Lodge. If anyone is pointing fingers regarding the turnout perhaps they should first start by standing at a mirror Ed.)



Bro. Lawrence Webb is to be congratulated on running a successful Recess Dance in May which raised £300.00 for Lodge funds.



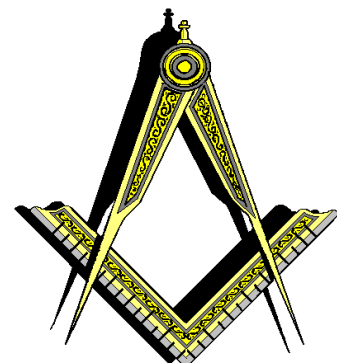
The Bricks project in the downstairs corridor has been and continues to be a phenomenal success and has so far raised in excess of £3,000.

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!

We hear the Lodge has received an invitation from our Brethren and Friends at Lodge Earl Haig no 1260 in Leven, Fife to return with a deputation and there carry out our new Prisoners Of War dramatised Degree.

We look forward to this visit very much indeed and are honoured that word of our efforts at providing something a little different is being heard far and wide!



Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2015

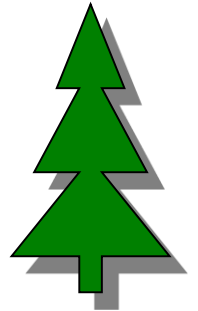
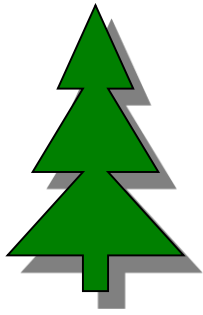
Saturday 5th December 2015

Keep the night free. Please come along and have a great night with your wives, partners and friends.

Ticket details etc. coming soon

To pre-book tickets and or further information contact

Bro Lawrence Webb



The annual lunch to raise funds for the PGL Benevolent Fund took place on Saturday, 26th September in the premises of Lodge Union and Crown No.307 in Barrhead.

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Bro Willie Gamble of Lodge St Barchan No.156 who was excellent.

PGM Bro. John S. Miller was delighted to announce that the afternoon had raised a magnificent £800 for the Provincial Benevolent Fund.



We received a good number of Thank You cards from the Ladies and Widows of the Lodge following the special lunch which was held for them during the recess.

The cards were much appreciated by the brethren of the Lodge but nothing compared to the pleasure gained on seeing the joy expressed by so many on the day.

Another feather in 307's cap and another example of the things freemasonry can achieve in the community.

An afternoon many will remember for a long time to come.



The Installation Season is almost upon us and the R.W.M., our Substitute Master and The Wardens will be out and about along with any brethren who wish to join them for many installations both within and outwith the province.

Please feel free to contact any of them if you wish to attend any of these events.

We are off on our travels to Penicuik to carry out our Dramatised F.C. Degree at Lodge Loretto Centenary 1373 on Saturday 3rd October. Another new venue for the brethren to strut their stuff and make new friends

On the 13th October 2015 Bro. Graham Manson PM is taking the chair in Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter No.367 for the second year.

In his role, Bro/ MEC Graham has been keen to see and encourage the Royal Arch Chapters to resume visiting each other a bit more after this practice has dropped off over the years.

This month already, he has been invited to give the toast to the chapter at Paisley Abbey R.A.C. no 76 which he will have done by the time this issue of The Mallet is available and he will have emphasised the importance of maintaining visits between chapters in exactly the same way as the lodges support each other and would hope that over the next few years attendances and active membership will increase and reverse the trend which has been experienced in The Royal Arch.

(As well as the blue Lodges... On behalf of the Mallet Readers I wish PM Graham all the best for his Installation and 2nd year as MEZ. Ed.)

The 2015/2016 Syllabus for both Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter and Rockmount Cryptic Council are provided below.

Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter				Rockmount Cryptic Council			
2015				2015			
Oct	13	Installation	7:00pm	Sept	22	Installation	7:00pm
Nov	10	Regular EM	7:30pm	Nov	24	Regular	7:30pm
Dec	8	Regular RA	7:30pm	2016			
2016				Jan	26	Regular	7:30pm
Jan	12	Regular EM	7:30pm	Feb	9	Stat Visit PGRAC	7:30pm
Feb	9	Stat visit PGRAC	8:15pm	Mar	22	Regular	7:30pm
Mar	8	Regular RA	7:30pm	Apr	26	Regular	7:30pm
Apr	12	Regular EM	7:30pm	Sept	27	AGM Installation	7:00pm
May	10	Regular RA	7:30pm				
Sept	13	AGM	7:30pm				
Oct	11	Installation	7:00pm				

Another 2 papers were read out at our 15th September meeting. Fantastic!



A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "What part is it?"

The boy says "I play the part of the Scottish husband!"

The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

ALMONER



Sadly brethren, our Worthy Almoner, Bro. Alex is still not well enough to fulfil the many duties and responsibilities which he has, over the years, taken upon himself.

Following the painful "double" break of his right arm during the summer recess and the subsequent removal of his cast Bro. Alex and his lovely wife Grace headed down south to spend some time and convalesce at his daughters home.

Sadly after a short time Alex felt unwell and had to spend some time in the local hospitals coronary care unit.

I am pleased to inform you that Bro. Alex was released after a few days and with the assistance of family has also since returned home to Neilston where he can continue his recovery and which we hope will not involve too long a period of time.

Stay strong Bro. Alex we look forward to seeing you back amongst us and fighting fit.

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



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

PGLRE OCTOBER 2015 INSTALLATIONS

Friday	2 nd October	7:00pm	Lodge Paisley St James No. 1116
Saturday	3 rd October	3:00pm	The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566
Saturday	3 rd October	4:00pm	Lodge Kil Bryd No. 1667
Friday	9 th October	6:45pm	Lodge Craigielea No. 1218
Saturday	10 th October	3:30pm	Lodge Douglas No. 1557
Friday	16 th October	7:00pm	Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219
Saturday	17 th October	3:00pm	Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167
Saturday	17 th October	3:00pm	Lodge Georgetown No. 1170
Saturday	24 th October	4:00pm	Lodge McLaren No. 1688
Wednesday	28 th October	7:15pm	Lodge The Kings Park No. 1386



WORLD AT WAR

1914 – 1918

(September 1915)



While many campaigns continued to take place, in particular those at Gallipoli I will confine this edition of the Mallet to another lesser known battle which affected the towns and villages of Scotland.

The Battle of Loos

The Loos battlefield lies immediately north of the mining town of Lens, in the heart of the industrial area of north-east France. The ground here is uniformly flat, dominated by slagheaps connected with the coalmining in the district. In 1915, the various mining villages, collieries and other industrial buildings presented a difficult challenge for any would-be attacker.

The Battle of Loos started in September 1915. It was the first time Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, used armies of volunteers in a major attack - around 30,000 Scots took part in the Battle. It was also the first time the British Army used poison gas as a weapon.

General Douglas Haig, in charge of the attack, had serious worries. He knew that the attacking soldiers had almost no cover and so would be in full view of the German machine gunners.

Haig planned to release chlorine gas from canisters but the success of the attack depended on a steady wind blowing the gas towards the Germans.

When the attack began some reports suggested that the wind had changed, blowing the gas back towards the attacking Scots. In many parts of the battlefield the Germans were pushed back, but casualties were very high. Reinforcements were needed but they were slow to arrive.



Loos Memorial

By the time the attack was resumed, the Germans had also been reinforced. The British attack had lost the element of surprise and had no gas cover, so the German machine guns cut down the men from Kitchener's army in their thousands.

Battalions from every Scottish regiment fought in the Battle of Loos and suffered huge numbers of casualties. Of the 21,000 killed, over 7,000 were Scottish soldiers. Almost every town and village in Scotland was affected by the losses at Loos.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 10 Years Ago



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RWM Bro. Graham Manson

We are delighted to report that the decision to take three degrees out of the recognised Lodge syllabus has finally been taken, in a clear effort to retain the full interest of our Brethren, and of course our visitors.

Our new proposals entail revamping and extending the current dramatised third degree, which has proved to be so popular, and reintroducing it to the Brethren. A completely new “Evening at the table of Scottish Freemasonry” is being prepared and will showcase the Craft in Scotland from its earliest days until the present, with many of its prominent members over the years being portrayed by our own Brethren. Lastly, on an annual basis, we are reintroducing the “Civic Dinner” as a regular feature of our syllabus

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 5th September, the following Candidates **Clark Renfrew** and **Scott O’Hara** were raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro Willie Love PM, aided by the members of the Lodge Instruction Class in what was a fine 3rd Degree, carried out in the usual “307” manner. The Lodge Opened at 7:30pm, closed at 9:44pm with 87 in attendance.

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 19th September, **Mr Lawrence Webb** was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by an experienced degree team from our good friends, and close neighbours, Lodge Saint Conval, Giffnock, No.1359.

Congratulations to Bro Walter Fleming and his wife Irene, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. Walter & Irene are now happily settled in the new Nether Kirkton development just as you enter the village of Neilston, nearby to their daughter.

A whole series of Fund-raising events are planned during the session. Racenights, Quizzes, Coffee Mornings etc. We will keep you advised of each event as arrangements are finalised, and we would ask all to support these endeavours as much as possible.

Congratulations to Bro Brian Wilkie, who recently married his long-term sweetheart, Linda, who happens to be Bro Jimmy Heron’s daughter.

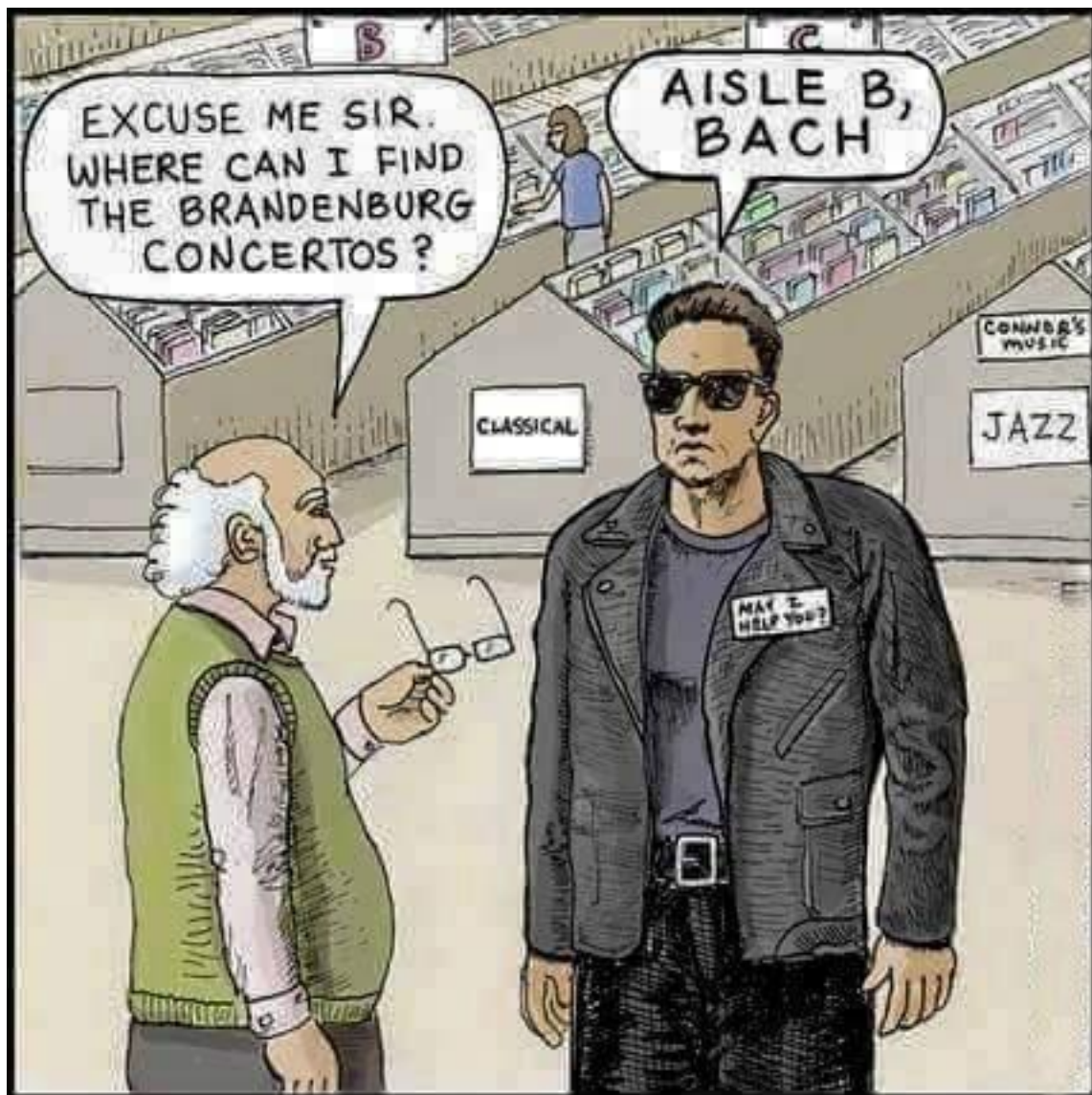
On a similar note, best wishes to Bro Jim Bradshaw’s son and his new wife Jackie on their recent betrothal.

We notice that Bro Eric Gray seems to have put on a bit of weight recently. It appears that he is making a serious attempt to give up smoking.

The gratitude of the entire Lodge goes to the Brother who made an anonymous donation of £200 towards our funds. Without doubt his gesture was made in the truest tenets of our order.

Well done to Bro Jimmy Laing’s elder daughter Heather who recently graduated with a 1st Class Degree from the University of Portsmouth and is now gainfully employed in the financial world, with one of the large banks.

Humour



The Terminator's day job

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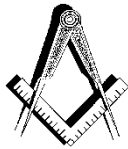
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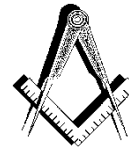
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Syllabus 2014-2015

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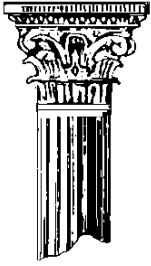


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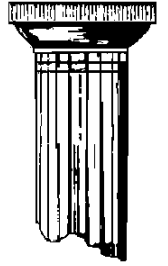
<i>*Saturday</i>	<i>3^d</i>		<i>Dramatisation (FC Degree)</i>	<i>At Lodge Loretto Centenary No. 1373</i>
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Paisley St Mirren No. 129</i>
Friday	9 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation,	The Table of Scottish Freemasons
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2015

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Friday	06 th	07:45pm	FC Degree	<i>At Lodge St Conval, Giffnock No. 1359</i>
Tuesday	17 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. David McArthur IPM
Saturday	28 th	04:00pm	Installation	2015-2016



OFFICE BEARERS 2014 - 2015



RWM	Alan Bernard
WSW	George McGrandles
WJW	Christopher Baillie
IPM / Secretary	David McArthur
Depute Master	Steven Allen PM
Substitute Master	Ian Blair
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	Kenneth Beatts
Junior Deacon	Nicol Hynd
Inner Guard	Robert Clark
Senior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Junior Chaplain	Alan Ross
Director of Ceremonies	Paul Stewart PM
Architect	David Graham
Jeweler	Tommy Wilson
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Iain Nicol
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	John Miller
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Gordon Neil
Tyler	Jimmy Laing

