

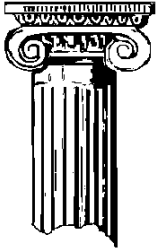
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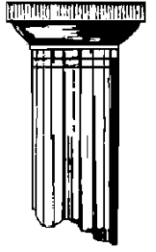


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Editorial



November 2015

Can I firstly, on behalf of Mallet readers everywhere, offer congratulations to our new RWM Bro. Ian Blair and, indeed, all his office bearers and wish them well for the coming twelve months. For the new RWM in particular, I can only give this well worn piece of advice, “don’t blink”.

Secondly, I’d also like to thank our IPM, Bro. Alan Bernard and his team for their labours over the preceding twelve months.

I hope that at this, the time of Installation, not only the Office Bearers of the Lodge, but also the ordinary brethren of the Lodge can treat this moment as a time of renewal. The obligations that we all took do not diminish with time. If you’ve found yourself drifting away from the Lodge why not take this opportunity to dust of the old apron and come amongst us once again.

Similarly, if you see someone coming into the Lodge be it a visitor or someone who you just haven’t seen for a few, or possibly more, meetings, get on over to them and offer them a hand of friendship.

I think I can speak for everyone who braved the horrendous weather and who attended our Installation on Saturday the 28th of November in saying what a great day it turned out to be. The installing Masters, Bro. Donald Cook PM and Bro. Graham Manson PM are all to be congratulated for navigating us through the ceremony of installation.

Downstairs, again all the ‘toast’ speakers should be thanked for the brevity of their speech’s before our ‘keynote’ speaker, Mr Bill Copeland, had the entire audience in stitches, Bill is a former lawyer who practised in Scotland. He originally specialised in criminal defence work, but, following the swingeing cuts in Legal Aid, he then become a conveyancer - there was more money in acting for those buying houses than those breaking into them!



The close of the ‘official’ part of the day saw Lodge Union and Crown maintain its usual low standard of singers, led off as tradition dictates, by our brand spanking new RWM Bro. Ian.



Merry Christmas to all our readers



Hugh Cattigan PM Ed.



Brethren,

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

Tuesday 1st December 2015

7:30pm

Business meeting

&

EA DEGREE

(By the Lodge Wardens)



Tuesday 15th December 2015

7:30pm

Business meeting

&

FC DEGREE

(By the Lodge Deacons)



100 CLUB

The lucky winners of our 'Installation' cash prizes for the month of November were:

Tuesday 3rd November	£10	Bro. Ian Blair
	£5	Bro. Jim Heron
Tuesday 17th November	£10	Bro. Ian Blair <i>(again!!)</i>
	£5	Bro. Lawrence Webb
Saturday 28th November	£100	Bro. Les Reilly
	£50	Bro. Graham Manson PM



Regular Meetings

At the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015. A meeting of the lodge took place and following the business The Lodge Instruction Class carried out the *Dramatised* M.M. Degree.

A harmony followed with a very good number of brethren and visitors getting together to enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 08:59pm Attendance – 91

At the regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 17th November and following the business the RWM, Bro Alan Bernard presented the Mallet to IPM Bro. David McArthur for him to assume the role of RWMM, form a Mark Lodge and confer the M.M.M. ceremonial.

Bro. David with his degree team, a mix of youth and experience took two candidates through their Mark degree and their work was appreciated by all in attendance.

A harmony took place after the close of the meeting with brethren taking the opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

Lodge Opened - 07:30pm Lodge Closed – 09:23pm Attendance – 55

At the Installation Meeting held on Saturday 28th November 2015. The annual Installation of Office Bearers took place with a good attendance enjoying a very good ceremonial from Installing Masters Bro. Donald Cook PM and Bro Graham Manson PM.

RWM Bro Ian Blair, looking the calmest man in the Temple, was delighted to take the 'Chair' for the forthcoming year and wished all the newly installed office bearers all the very best for the forthcoming year. After being invested with his jewel of office as IPM our outgoing RWM, Bro. Alan Bernard thanked all the brethren present for their support over the previous year.

The annual Grand Lodge Offering was uplifted and the Mallet was presented to Substitute PGM Bro. Robert McPhie who thanked the RWM for the presentation and went on to congratulate the new RWM and indeed all the new office bearers on their appointments.

After the ceremony a fine installation dinner and harmony followed with all present being well entertained by Mr Bill Copeland and the various "*Singers*"!

Lodge Opened - 04:00pm Lodge Closed – 06:28pm Attendance – 93



New regulations say Santa's helpers must wear a seatbelt at all times when they're on the sleigh.

Its Elfin safety gone mad.

Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367



At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 10th November 2015 the Companions witnessed a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree conferred by the Companions of Rockmount RAC on:-

Bro. Ian Blair

The Companions taking part in the degree are to be congratulated on the work done on this the first meeting since the Installation.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for:

Tuesday 8th December at 7:30pm

When a Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. MEC Graham Manson, MEZ, extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend.

Rockmount Cryptic Council

At the Regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 **C. William Renfrew** stepped up to act as our candidate for this evenings exemplification.

C. Willie was accepted as a candidate and went through the full initiation rite of Rockmount Cryptic Council in what was a fine display of the Cryptic rite.

T.I.M Robert McCulloch wished all the Companions a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as this is the last meeting before the holiday period. C. Eric Tannahill responded on behalf of the assembled companions

An invitation is extended by the T.I.M. Robert McCulloch and his Office Bearers to attend the next regular meeting of Rockmount Cryptic Council No. 367 on.

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Buy a Brick

Commerative bricks which adorn the wall in the downstairs hallway are still available at £20.00 each.

Anyone interested should see Bro. Adam G Watson (Big Adam) to secure their personalised brick either for themselves or a loved one.

(Makes an ideal Xmas present. Ed)

INSTALLATION 2015



Installing Master Donald Cook PM greets the new RWM Bro. Ian Blair.



Installing Master Graham Manson PM greets the new RWM Bro. Ian Blair.



RWM Bro. Ian Blair greets his Depute, Bro. William H Gauld.



RWM Bro. Ian Blair greets PGLRE representative Sub. PGM Bro. Robert McPhie.



Only installed for five minutes and the RWM Bro. Ian Blair has to appear before the PGLRE...



RWM Bro. Ian Blair, his Installing Masters and Office Bearers for 2015/2016

Christmas Parcels

Some of you may have noticed, but, Christmas isn't too far away and we will soon be distributing parcels on behalf of the Lodge. This can be quite a considerable task both to coordinate and fund and any donations towards this very worthwhile cause would be much appreciated.

Manpower is always a major factor and the more brethren the better for our Worthy Almoner (Bro Alex White) who can always find work for any brother either willing to pick up or deliver these parcels. If you can help, please contact Bro. Alex.



The parcels are to be picked up at the premises of Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405 on **Sunday the 13th December** 2015 between **11:00am** and **12:00 noon** and thereafter brought to the Lodge in Barrhead for distribution.

Bud Gauld Plate

At the Installation harmony on Saturday 28th November, as the various toasts and replies drew to a close, the Brethren held their breath as Bro Bud Gauld stood up to announce who would be the latest winner of the award, named in his honour.

Bro Bud gave a short background as to the history of this award and explained that there are many things which benefit us all within the Lodge but that are often happening and being done behind the scenes. The Lodge members were delighted to hear that **Tom McGuire** our Lodge accountant was to be the latest recipient of the Bud Gauld Plate for outstanding service to Lodge Union & Crown.

An unsung but very worthy winner, nobody should doubt this deserved recognition as winner of this unique award. A stunned looking Tom thanked the Lodge for the award as he accepted the 'Plate' from Bro. Bud. An acceptance that was warmly received by all those in attendance.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST



CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 20th December at
Stowe Brae Kirk, Paisley**

6:30pm for 7pm

No regalia, Family service, wives/partners and family invited.

Lodge Union & Crown No. 307

CHRISTMAS DANCE 2015

Saturday 5th December 2015

Music by
'BRONX'

*For Tickets and or further information contact
Bro Lawrence Webb on 0141-571 4330*





Brethren, this is my almoners report for November 2015.

It is with much regret and sadness that I intimate, on Monday the 16th November 2015, the sudden passing of Bro. William John Hearn at the family home in Neilston. Sincere condolences on behalf of the Lodge were conveyed by me to Bro. William's dear wife, Margaret and other members of the family when I visited them at their home the following day to offer any assistance or support which I could offer in this hour of grief, I was truly thanked. The funeral service will take place at St. Thomas's RC church, Neilston and thereafter at Neilston Cemetery. I attended both services and was accompanied by Bro. James Laing our worthy Tyler. I also expressed sympathy to Bro. James Kerr PM, brother of Margaret Hearn, who gave me an appreciative response. Although I did not know Bro. William John Hearn personally I have been informed that he was a most agreeable man, well liked and who will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

On Tuesday 3rd November I journeyed to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow on an arranged visit to meet Bro. Jim Scott whose seventeen year old son, Adam, was and still remains critically ill. Adam sustained very serious injury as a result of a road traffic accident. The time I spent with Bro. Jim at the hospital was of a compassionate nature offering assurance and the support of myself to him and his family at this most concerning of times.

I also visited Mrs Isobel Heron at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley and later, after her discharge, at her home.

My 'Home' visits took me to see:

Bro. Robert Nixon PM	Bro. Jim Laird
Bro. Eric Gray	Bro. Donald and Mary Ferguson
Bro. John W Smith	Bro. Bert Smith
Bro. Ewan Martin	Mrs Dora Pattison
Mrs Marion Osborne	Mrs Ellen Dempsey
Mrs Margaret McLellan	Mrs Anne Houston

I also visited Mrs Helen Young and this visit was a most pleasant occasion with myself being able to present to Helen a superbly framed and beautiful photograph taken on the day of our Late Bro. Thomas McKay Young PM's commemorative service which took place in grounds of the Lodge last month. Helen was very much moved and clearly expressed her appreciation and gratitude to have received this most professionally taken and prepared gift. I was asked by Helen to convey her thanks to Mrs Nancy Laurie (The photographer) and dear friend of Bro. Jim Miller PM. "Dear Nancy, you are a gem"!

I was most pleased when Bro. Alan Heard took time and travelled from his present home in the North of Glasgow to my home in Neilston to uplift an item of much

importance given to me by his dear aunt, Mrs Helen Young, and to be passed onto him. Bro. Alan's action saved me a great deal of time and to him I say "Thank you".

With the Christmas and New Year "Rest Period" fast approaching may I wish all of you a joyful time with family and friends. Ever remembering why we celebrate as each year comes to an end and always looking forward with hope as we journey into another year

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

The Province of Renfrewshire East is now two-thirds of the way through its Installation Period and it would be good to see as many brethren and new office bearers supporting the new RWM Bro. Ian Blair by attending as many of those remaining Installations as possible and supporting our sister Lodges as well as our own.

RENFREWSHIRE EAST - DECEMBER INSTALLATIONS

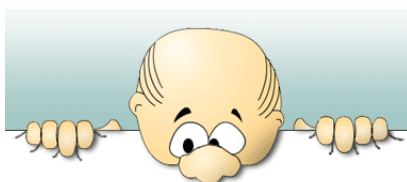
Tuesday	1 st December	7:00pm	Lodge Burnside No. 1361
Wednesday	2 nd December	7:00pm	Lodge Moorpark No. 1263
Thursday	3 rd December	7:00pm	Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370
Friday	4 th December	6:00pm	Lodge Thorntree No. 512
Saturday	5 th December	3:00pm	Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405
Saturday	5 th December	3:30pm	Lodge St. John, Busby No. 458
Saturday	5 th December	4:00pm	Lodge Garthland St. Winnoch No. 205
Tuesday	8 th December	7:15pm	Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426
Saturday	12 th December	3:00pm	Lodge St. Barchan No. 156
Saturday	12 th December	4:00pm	Lodge Eaglesham No. 1265
Saturday	12 th December	3:55pm	Lodge St. Andrew No. 524
Monday	28 th December	4:00pm	Lodge Rutherglen Royal Arch No. 116

RENFREWSHIRE EAST - JANUARY 2016 INSTALLATION

Saturday 9th January 2:00pm Lodge St Conval Giffnock No. 1359



I like to decorate the tree with the kids but now that they are getting older it's harder to find branches that will support their weight.





WORLD AT WAR 1914 – 1918

(November 1915)



In November 1915 *U-38*, while sailing under the Austrian flag caused a diplomatic incident when she sank the Italian passenger liner *Ancona* off the coast of Tunisia. The *Ancona* (built in 1908 by Workman, Clark & Co., Ltd., Belfast), bound from Messina to New York, was fully booked and over 200 lives were lost, including nine Americans.

Coming as it did six months after the sinking of the RMS *Lusitania* off Ireland, the *Ancona* sinking added to a growing outrage in the US over unrestricted submarine warfare, and US Secretary of State Robert Lansing despatched a sternly-worded protest to Vienna.

After receiving no satisfactory response from Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Baron István Burián von Rajecz, in December 1915 the US demanded that the Habsburg government denounce the sinking and punish the U-boat commander responsible. Germany, then concerned to maintain American neutrality, advised Burián to accede to the US demands, and Vienna eventually agreed to pay an indemnity and assured Washington that the U-boat commander would be punished, although this was a meaningless promise since he was a German officer. Following the settlement of the affair, the Austro-Hungarian government requested that German submarines refrain from attacking passenger vessels while flying the Austrian flag.

Burián's diplomatic accession to US demands angered Grand Admiral Anton Haus, commander of the Austro-Hungarian Navy, who had advocated taking a hard line following the sinking. Haus justified the sinking on the grounds that the *Ancona* could have been used on its return voyage from the US to transport armaments or Italian emigrants returning home to enlist in the Italian Army. Germany's decision in April 1916 to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare terminated the debate.

Domestically, at the turn of the 20th Century the Clydeside region in Glasgow experienced rapid industrial and population growth. 11 percent of Glasgow's housing stock was vacant due to speculation and few new houses were built as landlords benefited from renting out overcrowded and increasingly dilapidated flats.

Rent strikes spread from heavily industrial areas of the city to artisanal areas and slum areas. Strikes ignited in Patrick, Parkhead, Pollokshaws, Pollok, Cowcaddens, Kelvingrove, Ibrox, Govanhill, St Rollox, Townhead, Springburn, Maryhill, Fairfield, Blackfriars, and Woodside. In October 1915 15,000 tenants were on rent strike and a demonstration led by women converged on St Enoch's Square. By November 20,000 tenants were on rent strike as violent resistance against evictions continued. Trade unions threatened factory strikes if evictions supported by the police continued and following demonstrations on 17 November legal action against rent strikers were halted. State Secretary of Scotland McKinnon Wood asked the cabinet to freeze all rents at pre-war levels and in December the Rents and Mortgage Interest Restriction Act 1915 received royal assent.



FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 33 Years Ago



Issue No. 59

November 1982

RWM's Brian Morton & Robert Easdon

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November, the following five Candidates:

**Robert McCulloch, Donald Cook, James Easdon,
James Kerr and Gordon McDonald**

were raised to the Master Mason degree by a team from the Lodge Instruction Class. Once again the degree work was of a high standard and all credit must be given to the sterling work of Bro Tom Young who, through his efforts, has brought the class to the peak of efficiency. Bro Campbell Thomson, a regular visitor to the Lodge, was affiliated into the Lodge.

Lodge opened 7.30pm

Lodge closed 10.20pm

Attendance 168

A fortnight later on 16th November a total of twenty-five candidates received the rank of Mark Master Mason. One hesitates to labour the point, but yet another flawless performance was enacted by the younger members of the Instruction Class. All the more credit to them because this, far from easy, degree is only performed once a year.

Lodge opened 7.30pm

Lodge closed 10.05pm

Attendance 145

On Saturday 27th November a large deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge, headed by Bro Alexander G Murray SPGM attended the Installation Meeting in the Temple. An exceptionally large audience of visitors and Brethren of the Lodge saw Bro Robert Easdon installed as Right Worshipful Master and all his Office-bearers into their respective offices by Installing Masters Bro William Gauld and David Noble.

The solemn and serious ritual was occasionally enlivened by a few flashes of humour which did not detract from, but rather enhanced, the dignified ceremony. Altogether, a most praiseworthy and satisfying performance.

Lodge opened 4.00pm

Lodge closed 6.25pm

Attendance 225

We decided to take a wee look at the occupations of our Office-bearers for the next session and we consider that we have a truly excellent mixture.

Their ages range from 22 years to 73 years and there is at least one of the following: Blacksmith, Storeman, Manager, Airport Personnel, Accountant, Buyer, Electrical Contractor, Engineer, Welder, Plater, Draughtsman, Retired Senior Citizen, Security Officer and a Teacher. A good cross-section of representatives of the general public.

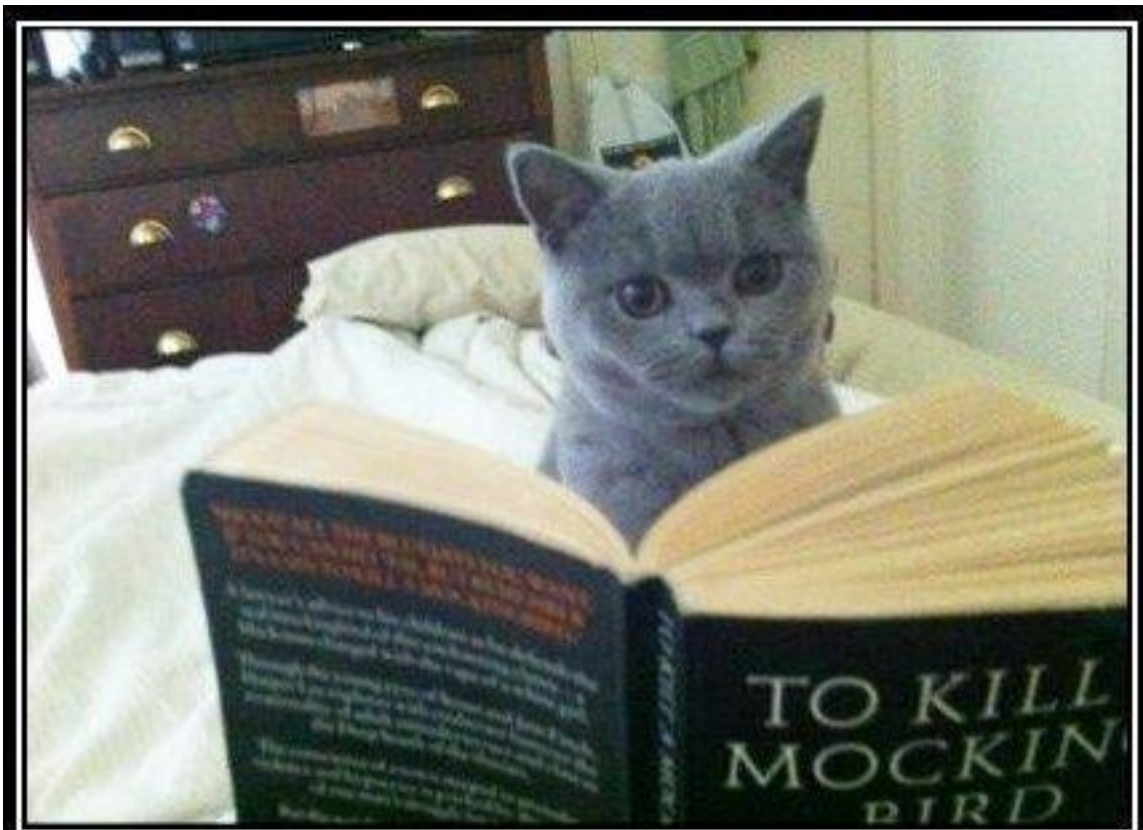
Congratulations to Bro Douglas Campbell on his recent retirement and to Bro Robert Young who recently became the father of a baby girl.

It was pleasant to see Willie Shaw handing over 10 dollars from Bro David Blair who emigrated to America many years ago, but still retains an interest in his Mother Lodge.

We hear that Bro Andy Fleming, ex-commissionaire Shanks, has got a house in Barnes St.

We are pleased that Bro Bobby Shaw's son Ian has found a job at long last.

Humour



**There is nothing in here on
how to kill a mocking bird.**



I've finally found the true meaning of Xmas.

It's for people who can't spell Christmas.

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Syllabus 2015-2016

* - Denotes an Official visit



December 2015

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	EA Degree	By the Lodge Wardens
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By the Lodge Deacons

January 2016

Tuesday	05 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	Installing Masters
Tuesday	19 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Nitshill, No.1478
<i>*Thursday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>EA Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167</i>

February 2016

Friday	05 th	07:30pm	Business meeting followed by 192nd Anniversary Dinner	
<i>*Monday</i>	<i>08th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478</i>
Tuesday	16 th	07:30pm	Dramatisation	Burns v Kipling

March 2016

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	Business meeting including P.G.L.R.E. Visitation	
<i>*Thursday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Dunlop Caledonia, No.1408</i>
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Ardrossan St John, No. 320
<i>*Tuesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153</i>

April 2016

Tuesday	05 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday	19 th	07:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Thistle & Crown No. 1167
<i>*Tuesday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>07:30pm</i>	<i>EA</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426</i>

May 2016

Tuesday	03 rd	07:30pm	Dramatisation	Prisoners of War
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September 2016

Tuesday	06 th	07:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426
Tuesday	20 th	07:30pm	MM Degree	By the Lodge Instruction Class

October 2016

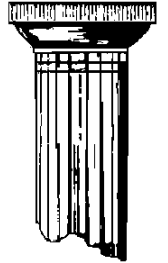
Friday	07 th	07:30pm	Open night dramatisation, The Table of Scottish Freemasons	
Tuesday	18 th	07:30pm	Annual General Meeting	

November 2016

Tuesday	01 st	07:30pm	MM Degree	Dramatisation
Tuesday	15 th	07:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Alan Bernard IPM
Saturday	26 th	04:00pm	Installation	2016-2017



OFFICE BEARERS 2015 - 2016



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

