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Well here we are again. No sooner have we tentatively embarked on a new Masonic year, hopefully fully recovered from the self-inflicted exertions of the Installation, when we found ourselves falling headfirst into the carefully laid trap of the festive season and another painful round of hangovers and before we can gather our breath back again, the 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and annual Burns Supper loom on the horizon. It's enough to make you reach gingerly for the aspirins !

Bro Bobby Clark has now had the heavy responsibility of being our Right Worshipful Master for some weeks now, and thus far have acquitted himself admirably and, apart from a couple of slightly nervous moments early on has been a credit to the Lodge, getting himself about and flying the flag for Union & Crown throughout the Province and beyond.

A gregarious and out-going person by nature, Bro Bobby is acutely aware of what is expected of him during what will be a busy and eventful year in office and we hold no fears for him. He has always over the years exhibited an unfailing tendency to do what is right for the Lodge and the effect of a lighter, yet firmer touch on the tiller during 2006 will have a calming effect on all of us during these somewhat turbulent times for the Craft, especially with our Bi-centenary just a year away. We wish him every success during what will be undoubtedly the quickest twelve months of his entire life and feel sure that he will receive the utmost respect and support of his Office-bearers and Brethren throughout.

**A Happy New Year to all our readers**



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*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 :*

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023*

**NO MEETING**



*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Dramatised*

*Prisoner of War Degree*

*by the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class*

*Harmony*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*R Evans Reid P.M.,*

*Lodge Secretary*

# Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the following Brother :

**Ross Donald McLardy**

received a fine Entered Apprentice Degree from the Brethren of the Instruction Class.

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

**Opened : 7.30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.20pm**

**Attendance : 55**



## 100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes this month were :

**6<sup>th</sup> December**    £20 : **Mrs Christine Miller**

£10 : **Bro Craig Haigh**

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

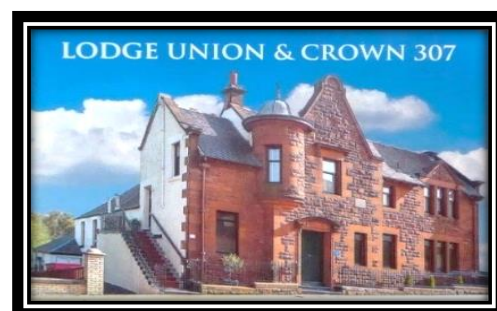
The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see Bro George as soon as possible.



## 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](mailto: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.



# *Ten Ways to Kill Your Lodge*

1. Don` t go to meetings.
2. If you do go, arrive late.
3. If the weather doesn` t suit you, don` t think of going.
4. If you do attend, find fault with everything.
5. Never accept Office, it` s much easier to criticise than to get involved yourself.
6. Be furious if you aren` t elected to the committee, but if you are simply don` t attend its meetings.
7. If the R.W.M. asks your opinion on something tell him you` ve nothing to say.
8. After the close of the meeting tell everyone how it really should have been done.
9. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when others decide to get things done, accuse them of being part of a clique.
10. Delay in paying your Test Fees, or better still don` t pay at all.

## **Did you know ?**

That current England Football Manager Gareth Southgate started his junior playing days at Selsdon Junior FC, based in Croydon, they are one of the most successful junior football teams in the county of Surrey.

Their shirts are sponsored by local lodge - Old Palace Lodge No.7173

# BITS & PIECES

- We wish Bro Craig Allison best wishes when he is installed as Right Worshipful Master in his adopted Lodge – The Lodge of Old Aberdeen, No.164 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We gather that 14 Brethren of 307 are attending on the day
- Tickets for our 199th Anniversary Dinner on Friday 3rd February are now available priced £15. If you wish one, see our WJW Bro Alan Izatt.
- Well done to Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convener, for an excellent Christmas Dance held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Almost 60 Brethren and their wives and friends attended and made it a great night out.
- 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.
- The next 'Games Night' being organised by Bro Lawrence Webb is to be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. We hope that a good number of Brethren and their friends and family will support this fun night in our Social Club.
- We gather that Bro Billy Petrie's son, who recently retired from the Royal Air Force after many years distinguished service is to have an RAF Aircraft named after him.
- Great to see Bro Donald Murdoch at a recent meeting, the first for a wee while.
- We apologise for stating in last month's Mallet that Bro Brian Nicol and his fiancée Joanne are to be married in March. The wedding is actually taking place in MAY. The mistake was down to his father Bro Iain Nicol who told us March – TWICE !!!
- The date for our annual Lodge Burns Supper has now been agreed. It will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Bro Robert Scott SM is taking names for tickets.
- It is good to see that the Annual Installation of PGLRE will take place within Union & Crown on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January and as many 307 Brethren as possible are invited to attend.
- Congratulations to Bro Ken Coleman PM, now resident in Bristol where he has a flourishing and successful architectural practice, who has just celebrated the milestone birthday of 60.
- Bumped into Bro Kenny Glasper and his lovely wife Kirstie and he told me that he has now set up his own company
- Fantastic to see Bro David Noble, our most senior Past Master, at a recent meeting. He's had a difficult year, spending a good bit of it in hospital.
- Our Treasurer, Bro George McGrandles PM, tells us that quite a few of our younger test fee-paying Brethren are now setting up a monthly standing order to pay their annual fees. £5 per month covers the recently increased Annual Test Fee, and leaves over enough to pay your entry in the Lodge's 100 Club. That way you'll never forget to pay your annual dues. So much more convenient.
- The plans for our forthcoming 'Year of Celebration' in 2024 are gathering pace, with dates and arrangements being fixed for our Bi-Centenary.

# Famous Freemasons

*(This month we tell of a freemason who was a politician and military leader, who established equal civil and voting rights for men and women in Turkey)*

## Bro Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881 – 1938)

Born Mustafa Kemal on the 19th May, 1881 at the tail end of the Ottoman Empire's reign in Islahhane Street (now Apostolou Pavlou Street) in the Koca Kasım Pasha neighbourhood in Salonika. His parents were Ali Rıza Efendi, a former military officer, deed clerk and lumber trader, and Zübeyde Hanım. Only one of Mustafa's siblings, a sister named Makbule survived childhood she died in 1956.



In his early years, his mother encouraged Mustafa to attend a religious school, something he did reluctantly and only briefly. Later, he attended a private school with a more secular curriculum, at the direction of his father. When he was seven years old, his father died. His mother wanted him to learn a trade, but without consulting them, he took the entrance exam for the Salonika Military School in 1893.

In March 1899, he enrolled at the Ottoman Military Academy in the Ottoman capital city Constantinople (modern Istanbul) and graduated in 1902.

In July 1908, he played a role in the Young Turk Revolution which seized power from Sultan Abdülhamid II and restored the constitutional monarchy. In April 1909 in Constantinople, a group of soldiers began a counter-revolution and Atatürk was instrumental in suppressing the revolt.

He fought in the Italo-Turkish War (1911–12) and the Balkan Wars (1912–13) and in 1913, he was appointed the Ottoman military attaché to all Balkan states, based in Sofia, Bulgaria) and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In March 1914, while in Bulgaria, he met with Dimitrina Kovacheva, the daughter of Bulgarian general Stiliyan Kovachev, who had recently completed her education in Switzerland, during a New Year's Eve ball in Sofia and fell in love with her. The two danced at the ball and started a secret relationship. Atatürk twice asked Dimitrina's parents for their permission to marry her (the second time was in 1915, during World War I) and was twice refused,

A soldier in the Ottoman Army during World War One he successfully defended Gallipoli against the invading forces of the British Empire and was catapulted to leadership of the military as the Ottoman government collapsed.

The reformer and founder of the Republic of Turkey, Atatürk fought for independence alongside seven high-ranking military staff officers - of whom six were known to be Freemasons.

He rose up and seized the reins of power in time to throw back the British and French forces seeking to occupy his homeland. Not content with merely establishing himself as just a military dictator, like so many in similar positions have done throughout history, Atatürk set out to reform his beloved Turkey into the equal of the greatest powers of the day.

Although he never married, during his lifetime, Atatürk adopted thirteen children: a boy and twelve girls. Of these, the most famous is Sabiha Gökçen, Turkey's first female pilot and the world's first female fighter pilot.

Ataturk was first and foremost a man of duty. Always an opponent of hereditary monarchies and complex bureaucracies, he was disciplined many times as a young man for sticking up for his convictions despite the consequences. An opponent of fanaticism, ignorance, and tyranny, Ataturk was a dictator in an age of dictators, but unlike a Mussolini or a Hitler or Stalin, who led their countries to ruin, Ataturk wisely and judiciously used the force at his command to forge a better country for all of its citizens.

Ataturk had a profound passion for science and believed his nation's future depends on whether it would abandon all the dogmatic ideologies and embrace science. In order to achieve this and to leave Arabic culture and traditions that stood in the way of progress, he created a new alphabet, (adjusted version of Latin) which is much less complicated than the Arabic one used by the Ottomans. He unveiled this plan to a group of linguists and professors in 1928 in Ankara and asked them how long it would take to completely adapt the new alphabet to the Turkish language. They said "3-5 years". Ataturk replied "We shall do it in 3-5 months."

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was initiated into Freemasonry in 1907 in Macedonia Risorta Lodge No.80 under the charter and constitution of the Grand Orient De France. It was likely his involvement at a young age in Freemasonry that inspired his idealistic tendencies in life and gave him the inspiration necessary to achieve victory in the great work he would undertake later in life. He established equal civil rights for men and women, reformed the complex Ottoman alphabet to boost literacy, and established universal suffrage ahead of many Western governments.

He reformed the government from an old bureaucratic system to a representative republic, and established free primary education for all citizens. He was given the name "Ataturk" by the Turkish parliament, which means "Father of the Turks" Though he died young in his 50's, his legacy of reform and secularization lasts to this day and serves as an inspiration to Freemasons around the world in the cause of civic duty.

By 1924, Ataturk had transformed an Islamic Caliphate into an almost completely secular nation-state. He forced Turkey into the Age of Enlightenment. He ended the Islamic monarchy and later gave women suffrage and every other right that men had. In 1935, when surnames were introduced in Turkey, he was given the name Atatürk, meaning 'Father of the Turks'.

Ataturk's contribution to the development of science and education in Turkey is of immense significance. There is no wonder that Professor Aziz Sancar, the 2015 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, and the first Turk to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Sciences has said: *"The real owner of this prize is Ataturk and the Republic of Turkey. Therefore, I am donating this medal to Ataturk's Mausoleum so that it be displayed there."*



A moderate-to-heavy drinker throughout most of his life and a heavy smoker, in 1937 indications that Atatürk's health was worsening started to appear. In early 1938, while on a trip to Yalova, his health collapsed and he returned to Istanbul for treatment, where he was diagnosed with cirrhosis. Unfortunately, he made no effort to improve his lifestyle, and died on 10 November 1938, at the age of 57.

*(We continue our series of articles which trace the history of local Lodges. This month we visit a Lodge on the South West tip of Glasgow which suffered utter devastation in 2003)*

## Lodge The Royal Stuart, No.1414



Following exploratory meetings, 84 founder members led by Bro John Maitland Watson (PM 242) made application for a Charter, sponsored by Lodge Georgetown No. 1170 and Lodge Moorpark No. 1263.

It was granted on the 7th of November 1946 under the name Lodge The Royal Stuart. No. 1414, colours are The Royal Stuart Tartan and Purple. Delayed due to the death of the P.G.M, the Lodges consecration took place on the 18th of January 1947 in the Shieldhall and Drumoyne U.F. Church.

The first candidate of Lodge "The Royal Stuart" was Bro. James Tweedie Johnston, who with Bro. Campbell K.S. McLachlan and Bro. Alex E. Allan became the Triumvirate that guided the lodge well past it's coming of age. Tweedie became the first initiate to be installed into 1414's chair.

The first master compiled the lodge ritual; whilst the first initiate undertook the production of that ritual.

The Church was the home of 1414 until October 1953. In the summer of 1952 it became known that St. Kenneth's Church Institute Hall (St. Aiden's Church) was available for 1414 to purchase, which they did, and met there from the 5th October 1953, till the disastrous fire on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2003.

The Lodge celebrated its coming of age on the 6th November 1967, issuing its first anniversary jewel, and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was marked when Grand Chaplain re-dedicated the Lodge. Both dinners being held in Pollokshields Burgh Hall. The start of the next 25 years was a difficult time for 1414, a debt of gratitude is owed to those Masters who set the lodge on the path that led to its Golden Jubilee. Extensive work was undertaken to bring the premises to the standards required by a modern Lodge. Facility that became the basis on which future economic planning could be based. Two special meetings were held outwith our temple, one at Paisley Town Hall where Bro. Gavin Tran chaired the largest attended meeting in the Lodge's history, the other in the Masonic Temple of Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426, where once again our German friends, exemplified Schroeder Ritual, the lodge being under Bro. Edward T. Chamberlain's leadership. The Lodge also celebrated its Ruby Anniversary to honour its surviving founder Members

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1997, with Bro. Samuel C. Baillie in the Chair, we celebrated our Golden Jubilee. The Provincial Grand Master Alexander G. Murray re-dedicated and Consecrated the Lodge, thereafter the Lodge linked with British Columbia, the PGM presented a 50 year diploma to our only surviving founder Member Bro Charles Hutchinson PM. In its anniversary year, Bro Frank Johnstone PM of 1414 became Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East.

Lodge The Royal Stuart has played its part and contributed to the Province since its inception.

In 1949 our first master became Provincial Grand Almoner. In 1953 the first elected office bearer of 1414 was Campbell McLachlan serving from Vice President of Stewards, to Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The late Andrew Stewart Moore being Senior Warden Elect when he passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro Edward T Chamberlain PM rose to Provincial Grand Senior Warden, the late Bro. Edgar Wright served as Inner Guard, while Bros. Robert Thomson, Michael Austin Steel and Gavin Tran are past Provincial Grand Stewards, with many Brethren of 1414 serving on Provincial Grand Committee.

There have been many gifts given to the lodge over the years that were lost in the Fire, some example:-

The **Hunly Plaque**: marks the occasion when the USS Hunly, the original base ship of the American Polaris fleet arrived on the Holy Loch. With the purser we were able to organize their first Scottish visit; it was to 1414, where the right hand of fellowship was extended. The plaque expresses their appreciation.

The **Neidersachsen Plaque**: presented by Bro. Hubert Kopp, District Grand Master, is the membership plaque of a lodge belonging to the District of Neidersachsen.

The **Tadorne Plaque**: Marks the relationship between Lodge Tadorne and The Royal Stuart, with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.

A very special plaque in the form of a jewel that commemorates the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1414 was hosts to the overseas guests who attended the Burrell Collection. The Grand Master of Holland presented a replica of that special jewel to our Lodge.

This Lodge has been host to many guests including Grand Masters of Ireland, Holland and South Australia



Thankfully, our new premises are ideal for our continuation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The new facilities will be the basis of 1414's future economic planning, and it is with resolve and anticipation the Lodge faces the challenge of the future, now meeting on the second Monday of each month from September till July.

# Dates for your Diary



<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where the Dramatised PoW Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of the Lodge instruction Class.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Visitation to Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 where we have been invited to confer the EA Degree
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	199 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

(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 MacIsaac 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)

## Meet the Candidate

Our latest Candidate is Ross Donald McLardy, who is the elder son of Bro Colin McLardy PM. A native of the town, he currently resides in Cumbernauld with his Fiancée Sophia.

He is an engineer with a company called Ovec Systems in Coatbridge who are the leading Manufacturer of automatic End testing equipment, and Ross travels around the world servicing and repairing micro leak detecting equipment. A big fan of a team down Govan way, he is also a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.



## Masonic Big Business

**Apple Computers** : Co-founded by Steve Wozniak. Initiated in 1979 at Charity Lodge No. 362 in Campbell, California, now part of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 292 in Los Gatos, California

**Colt's Manufacturing Company** : Founded by Brother Samuel Colt. Member of St. John's Lodge No. 4, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Washington Commandery No. 1, all of Hartford, CN

**Gillette** : Founded by Brother King Camp Gillette. Adelpi Lodge, Quincy, Massachusetts. Affiliated with Columbian Lodge, Boston on April, 1909.

**The Hoover Company** : Founded by Brother Frank G. Hoover, William McKinley Lodge No. 431, Ohio.

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 17 Years Ago

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December 2005

### Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the following Candidates :

**ALAN BARNARD      JAMES URIE**

were initiated in to the mysteries and privileges of our order by an experienced degree team drawn from the ranks of the Lodge's Instruction Class, and led by the Worshipful Wardens.

Whilst traditionally this can often be a nervy evening, with everyone in their new offices for the first time, all performed well in what was a good EA Degree, ably conferred in the manner we have come to expect from the Brethren of Union & Crown. Unfortunately, the low attendance was a direct result of a clash with the televised Rangers Vs Inter Milan Champions League match.

**Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-25pm**

**Attendance : 62**

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the same two Candidates were passed to the second, square or F.C. Degree by the Worthy Deacons, assisted by the Brethren of the Lodge in what was a fine F.C. degree, with those participating, acquitting themselves particularly well.

**Opened : 7-30pm**

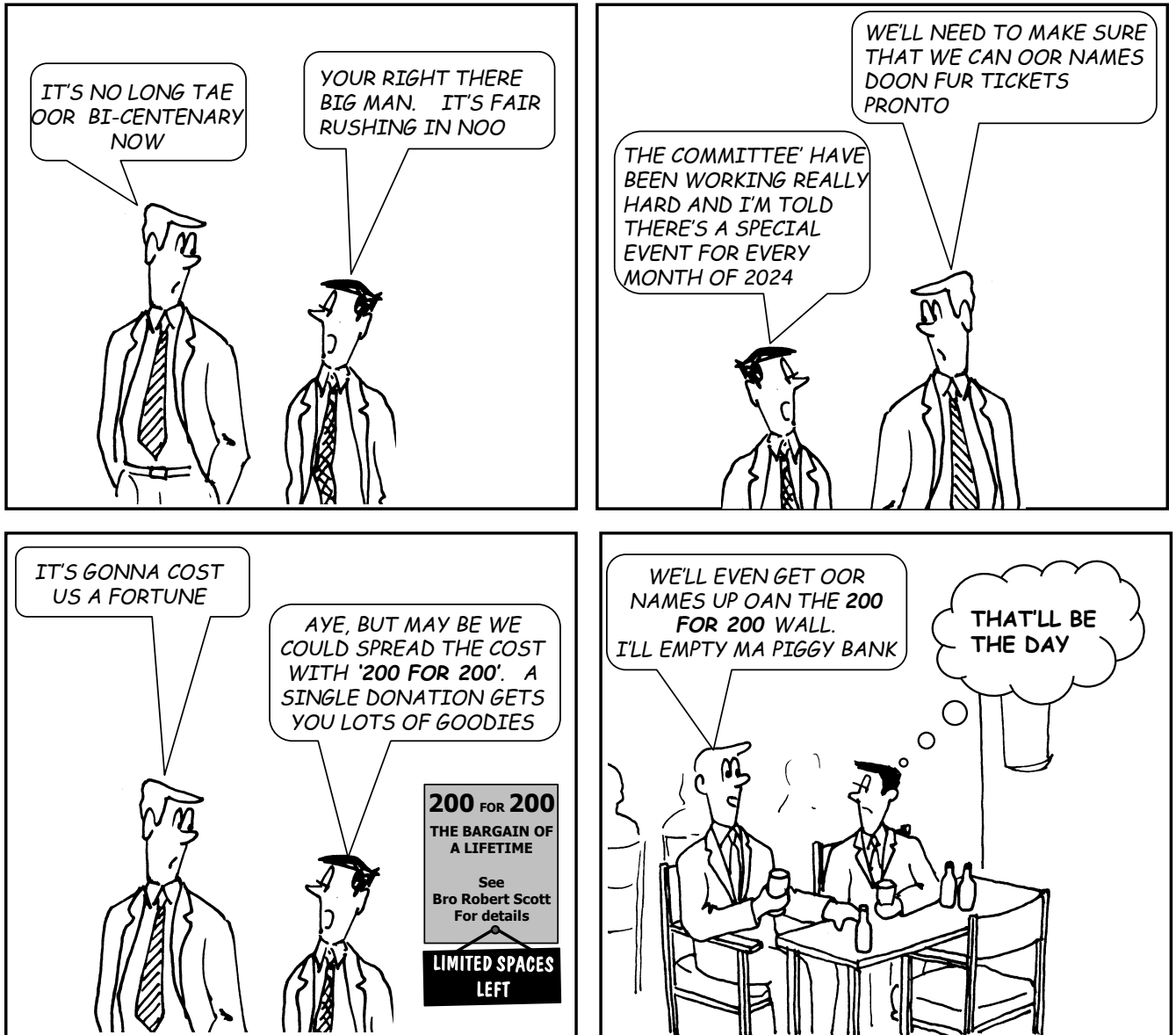
**Lodge Closed : 9-32pm**

**Attendance : 95**

### Bits & Pieces

- Congratulations to Bro Jim Kerr PM who recently celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a "Rock & Roll" party for all his family and friends in the Function Suite. Instead of gifts, Bro Jim asked that donations be made to the Accord Hospice, with a sizeable sum handed over.
- The Lodge is still seeking Pledges from Brethren of anything up to £500 to assist it to clear the remaining loans for the building of the Functions Suite. All interested should see either our Worthy Secretary or Treasurer. The quicker we reach our target, the quicker the pledges will be repaid.
- On a similar note, Lodge St Conval, No.1359 are again holding their annual Installation in 307. It's on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January & it would be good to see a large turnout from 307.
- Great to see Bro Andy Meikle at a recent meeting. The demands of running the family "Tree Surgeons" business have kept him away of late. It was also a pleasure to see Bro Kenny Hill at a meeting before Christmas. We gather that Bro Kenny has now taken early retirement from his senior position within North Lanarkshire Council and hopefully this will make it a bit easier for him.
- Were delighted that Bro Len Appleby, who is almost 85, have rejoined the production team of The Mallet who collate and staple our Journal each month. Bro Len was one of the original team who did this job all those years ago with his late friend Bro Willie Mulholland.
- The Lodge will soon be celebrating the Centenary of the Temple in 2010, and a whole series of events are planned for the anniversary. Already a special fund has been set up to finance what will undoubtedly be memorable occasion.

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