

The Mallet

The monthly journal of Lodge Union and Crown No.307



December 2018

The Mallet

The Monthly Journal of Lodge Union & Crown, No.307

No. 419



December 2018

Although not totally unexpected, it still came as a massive shock to many just before Christmas, when the news filtered through of the passing after a brave fight of Brother James Clews Kerr Past Master. Bro Jimmy was such a feature within Lodge Union & Crown, No.307 for over 30 years, that for many people it will be extremely difficult to imagine the Lodge without him. The Lodge will of course survive and go on to better things, because that's what Bro Jimmy Kerr PM would have demanded !

Initiated in October 1982, it was indeed the very last time when the Lodge initiated five Candidates together. By coincidence, another initiate on that very same evening, was Bro Robert McCulloch who himself only passed away a few short weeks earlier. Initially, his working life made it difficult for Jimmy to become fully involved in the Lodge, although he loved the many great social evenings in the Lodge with his late wife Lorna, and their close band of friends. However, within a couple of years, he changed jobs and the necessity to travel was over. This allowed Jimmy to further commit himself to the ceremonial, and over the years he became an excellent degree worker admired by many.

He was soon heavily involved in the social side of the Lodge, and became for a number of years our Social Convener, a role he thoroughly enjoyed. By now a Lodge Office-bearer, he was heading for the Chair of his Mother Lodge, the only hiccup being a bad car crash on the Dams Road in November 1992 just a couple of days before he was due to be installed as WSW. Lucky to survive, he worked hard with the physiotherapists to get back to fitness over the following months, and before the Summer Recess he was in his rightful place in the West of the Lodge, closely involved in the ritual.

On Saturday 26th November 1994 he was installed as Right Worshipful Master, and there was no prouder man than Bro Jimmy on that day.

He also reached the chair in Rockmount RAC and Lodge Randolph in the years that followed, but at all times he first thought was always with Union & Crown. He became Lodge Treasurer in 2001, the same year that he was awarded the prestigious 'Bud Gauld Plate' for 'Outstanding Service to the Lodge', and he performed the role admirably for the next 3 years. A change of horses saw him become Lodge Secretary for a couple of years, before he reverted back in 2007 and for the last 11 years he has carefully and prudently overseen the financial side of the Lodge. Not frightened to voice his opinion, he continued to worked extremely hard for his Lodge right to the very end.

There is no doubt that Brother James Clews Kerr PM cast a long shadow in 307.



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Stewart Gray cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the

Tuesday 1st January 2019

Meeting Postponed due to New Year Holidays



Tuesday 15th January 2019

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Master Mason Degree

Conferred by

The Installing Masters

(Ablly Assisted by the

Past Masters of the Lodge)

Harmony

Yours faithfully & fraternally

David McArthur P.M.

Lodge Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 4th December an Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on the following Candidate :

IAN RUSSELL

by a team led by the Worshipful Wardens. Following the meeting a harmony took place with the RWM and office bearers being able to relax having got the first, nervy meeting under their belts.

Opened : 7-30 pm

Lodge Closed : 9.23 pm

Attendance : 57

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 18th December, the Worthy Deacons conferred a very fine Fellowcraft Degree on the following Candidates :

IAN RUSSELL

JAMIE SHORTHOUSE

It's good to see our other candidate, Jamie Shorthouse being able to complete his degrees now he is back on dry land! Jamie is a marine engineer and one of a small handful who are qualified to work on the PS Waverley. As a result of this Jamie had to miss his 2nd and 3rd degrees at his time of joining because he was required on board the Waverley for its annual season at sea.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.14pm

Attendance :69



100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for the month of November were :

4th Dec £20 : **Mrs Elaine Webb** & £10 : **Bro Douglas Junner PM**

18th Dec £20 : **Bro Robert Scott** & £10 : **Bro David Noble PM**

Names are still being taken for this year. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, & anyone interested should see George McGrandles PM, our Acting Treasurer

Social Club News

Bro Lawrence Webb I.G. would like to let everyone know that the following Social events are now booked, and that tickets will soon be available for sale :

- **Recess Dance on Saturday 11th May.**
- **Sportsmans' Dinner on Friday 17th May**

Keep your eye on the Noticeboard for further details in the coming weeks.

BITS & PIECES

- Our Instruction Master, Bro. Tom Mulholland P.M. would like to remind any brother wishing to try their hand at degree work is more than welcome to come along to the lodge instruction class on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm.
- Thanks to Bro George Smith of 153 for his donation of paper for The Mallet.
- Bro Lawrence Webb, our Social Convener handed in a magnificent sum of £688 following a very successful Christmas Dance on Saturday 15th December.
- It was pleasing to see a couple of well-kent faces at our recent Regular Meeting. Bro Drew Calderwood the newly-installed RWM of Pollokshaws RA, No.153, and Bro Archie Chalmers PPGM of Ayrshire who was there as simply a brother to witness our degree.
- Our Bro Treasurer asks us to remind the brethren that Test Fees are now overdue at £40 per head & any brother wishing to pay the capitation fee, or contribute towards it should see him as soon as possible.
- Isn't great that Bro Jimmy Laing, at the age of 79 has stepped up as Worshipful Senior Warden in his adopted Lodge – Dunlop Caledonia, No.1408. A tremendous supporter of his mother Lodge over many years, he stepped in to a gap in 1408 a couple of years ago to help them out, and now looks to be heading towards the chair.
- 12 of our brethren attended the Annual Installation of Office Bearers at Grand Lodge in Edinburgh at the end of November. They were delighted to see Bro. William Ramsay McGhee (an Honorary Member of this Lodge) being installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, as well as our very own Bro. Bud Gauld PM being installed once again as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- It's good to see our IPM Bro Nicky Hynd isn't getting the chance to rest on his laurels. No sooner was he "Off the chair" when he was back on the floor in the EA degree which took place straight after our Annual Installation. Well done Bro. Nicky, 307 through and through!
- The newly installed office bearers have settled into their new offices already which bodes well for the future. The first meeting after the installation went very well and the E.A. Degree by the Wardens was of a very high standard for such an early stage in the year. There is a good atmosphere at lodge instruction classes with many of the office bearers putting in the practice in order to get it right on the night.
- Bro Jim Renfrew PM is heading out to Spring Lodge in Texas for a visit in March
- Our RWM Bro. Stewart Gray is already out and about visiting various lodges and any brother wishing to join him on a visit or two is more than welcome.
- Did you know that Bro George McGrandles PM was a fine Hockey player in his youth, turning out for Multiple Scottish Champions Kelburne.
- Another two candidates were balloted at a recent meeting. This is very encouraging for the lodge and we are hopeful this trend will continue.



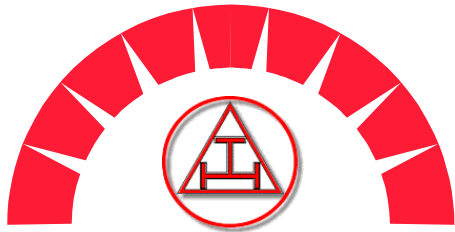
Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 1st Jan** Regular Meeting Postponed.
- Thursday 10th Jan** Visitation to Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 where we have been invited to confer the MM Degree
- Monday 14th Jan** General Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 15th Jan** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where a MM Degree will be conferred by the Installing Masters
- Monday 21st Jan** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Monday 28th Jan** Visitation to Lodge Nitshill, No.1478 where we have been invited to confer the EA Degree
- Friday 1st Feb** 195th Anniversary Dinner at the close of a short Business Meeting. Tickets costing £12.50 (£10 for Senior Members) are available from both Wardens.
(Please note that Brethren are encouraged to bring along friends who are not members of the Craft)
- Friday 15th Feb** Annual Burns Supper (6.30 for 7pm) Tickets costing £15.00 are available from Bro Robert Scott WJW

In addition to the above, the R.W.M. is constantly involved in unofficial visits to Sister Lodges, details of which can be obtained by contacting any senior Office-bearer who will be only too pleased to take you along with them)

Don't Forget !

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Forget the hasty, unkind word; | Forget the knocker, and the squeak; |
| Forget the slander you have heard; | Forget the bad day of the week; |
| Forget the quarrel and the cause; | Forget you're not a millionaire; |
| Forget the whole affair, because, | Forget the grey streaks in your hair; |
| Forgetting is the only way. | Forget to even get the blues, |
| Forget the storm of yesterday. | But don't forget to Pay Your Dues! |



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 13th November 2018, **Bro. Stephen Hardy** received a fine Royal Arch Degree from the Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter. The Companions taking part in the degree, many for the first time or in new roles are to be congratulated on work well done.

MEZ David Allan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, where a Mark Affiliate, and Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred on **Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7:30pm**

Royal Arch & Cryptic Council Syllabus

Royal Arch Meetings

Tuesday 9th Oct	Installation
Tuesday 13th Nov	Regular (EM)
Tuesday 11th Dec	Regular (RA)

2 0 1 9

Tuesday 8th Jan	Regular (EM)
Tuesday 12th Feb	Regular (RA)
Tuesday 12th Mar	Prov. Visit
Tuesday 9th Apr	Regular (EM)
Tuesday 14th May	Regular (RA)
Tuesday 10th Sept	A.G.M.
Tuesday 8th Oct	Installation

Cryptic Council Meetings

Tuesday 24th Sept	A.G.M. & Installation
Tuesday 26th Nov	Regular

2 0 1 9

Tuesday 21st Jan	Regular
Tuesday 12th Mar	Prov. Visit
Tuesday 26th Mar	Regular
Tuesday 24th Apr	Regular
Tuesday 24th Sept	A.G.M. & Installation



The Third Degree

The third degree did not exist (as we know it today) at the beginning of Freemasonry. In fact, it only started in the 1720s, and it took quite some time to spread through Masonic lodges.

The conferment of a separate Third Degree is recorded in London, Edinburgh and Dublin from 1725 onwards. There were only two degrees when the first Grand Lodge was founded in 1717 and Reg. 13 in the first Book of Constitutions, 1723, confirms that the second or senior degree was entitled "Master and Fellow-Craft." It is therefore speculated that the Third Degree was not a new invention.

The original First Degree was split into two, the modern E.A. and F.C. Degrees, and thus the original Second Degree then became the Third Degree in the new Three Degree system. The one Degree instituted in the Middle Ages was an indication of qualification for the mason to become a Master Mason. The expansion of the Ritual over the centuries brought into existence a Third Degree for the Master Mason.

Masonic Presidents

Many know that 14 US Presidents were known to have been Freemasons. However, below we give some additional information about many of them which is perhaps less well known.

- Bro. Washington, like many Masonic Presidents, served as WM of his Lodge but is the only one to do so while actually President. (*Kind of kills the excuse that one is too busy to serve his Lodge!*)
- Bro. James Polk survived gall bladder surgery at age 17 with some brandy as the only sedative! He assisted, as President, in the Masonic laying of the cornerstone of the Smithsonian in Washington.
- Bro. James Buchanan was the only bachelor to be elected president (his fiancée' broke off the engagement & then suddenly died). Although not a Grand Master, as were Washington & Jackson, he did serve as a Deputy Grand Master for 3 Pennsylvania counties.
- Bro. Andrew Johnson, 17th President, never attended school. His future wife, Eliza McCardle, taught him to write at the age of 17. He was such a good tailor that he only wore suits that he custom-tailored himself.
- Bro. James Garfield took 3 years and a day between his EA & FC (a good excuse however, he was serving in the Union Army during the Civil War). He later was a charter member of a Lodge in Washington DC.
- Bro. William McKinley was a member of Eagle Lodge No.431 in Canton, Ohio; it was renamed Wm. McKinley Lodge after his assassination.
- Bro. Teddy Roosevelt, a long time New York State Mason, took time during his presidency to visit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the 150th Anniversary of Bro George Washington becoming a Mason. It was Bro. Roosevelt, who by executive order renamed the "Executive Mansion" as The White House.
- Bro. William Taft, whose father and two brothers were also Masons, made this statement when he became a Mason: "I am glad to be here, and to be a Mason. It does me good to feel the thrill that comes from recognizing on all hands the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." He later became a Supreme Court Chief Justice.
- Bro. Warren G. Harding had a gap of 19 years between his Initiation and Raising due to the objection of a Lodge member, who only relented after Harding was nominated for the Presidency.
- Bro. Franklin Roosevelt was present when each of his three sons became Masons during his Presidency (in 1933 & 1935).
- Bro. Harry S. Truman, his middle initial "S" was just that, a plain letter "S". It stood for nothing, but Truman thought it looked better !
- Bro Gerald Ford and Bro Truman were the only Masonic presidents to reach the 50 year milestone.
- President Ford's three half-brothers and stepfather were Masons as well.

Famous Scottish Freemasons

(Continuing our series of the Brethren portrayed in the Mural in our Function Suite, we turn this month to the Scot who managed Celtic to many honours)

John "Jock" Stein CBE (1922-1985)

"Jock" Stein was born on 5 October 1922 in Burnbank, near Hamilton, and early in his life, saw football as his escape from the Lanarkshire coal mines. In 1937 he left Greenfield school in Hamilton and after a short time working in a carpet factory went down the pits to become a miner. In 1940 he joined Blantyre Victoria, a local junior club.



Stein first played for senior club Albion Rovers as a trialist in a 4–4 draw against Celtic on 14 November 1942, and was soon signed by the Coatbridge club, although he continued to work as a miner, which was a reserved occupation during the Second World War. This allowed Stein to play regularly, as many of their other players were serving in the Armed Forces.

He was initiated into Lodge Blantyre Kilwinning, No.557 in 1945, shortly before he was married to local girl Jean McAuley.

Rovers won promotion to the First Division in 1948, for only the fourth time in the club's history, and during the 1948-49 season, Rovers won only three league games out of 30 and were relegated back to the Second Division. In 1950, Stein signed for non-league Welsh club Llanelli, and for the first time he became a full-time professional footballer, earning £12 per week. Llanelli had gained promotion to the Southern League in 1950 and signed several Scottish professionals.

Stein initially left his wife Jean and young daughter in Scotland when he moved to Llanelli, but his family moved down soon joined him. However, Jock & Jean were extremely homesick in Wales, and he said he would probably quit football and become a miner again. However, in December 1951, Celtic bought him for £1,200. He enjoyed some success with Celtic, winning the Coronation Cup in 1953 and a Scottish league and Scottish Cup double in 1954, before persistent ankle injuries forced him to retire from playing football in 1957, and he became reserve team coach.

Stein started his managerial career in 1960 with Dunfermline, where he won the Scottish Cup in 1961 and achieved some notable results in European football. After a brief but successful spell at Hibernian, Stein returned to Celtic as manager in March 1965. In thirteen years at Celtic, Stein won the European Cup, ten Scottish league championships, eight Scottish Cups and six Scottish League Cups. After a brief stint with Leeds United, Stein managed the Scottish national side from 1978 until his death.

On 10 September 1985, Scotland played Wales at Ninian Park, Cardiff, in a World Cup qualification match. Wales had been leading 1–0, before Scotland were awarded a penalty kick with 9 minutes left. Davie Cooper scored to make the score 1–1; the resulting draw secured a qualification play-off against Australia. Stein, who had been in poor health and under intense pressure, suffered a heart attack at the end of the game and died shortly afterwards. He was 62 years old.

Since his death, Stein has been inducted into the Scottish Sports Hall of Fame and the Scottish Football Hall of Fame. When Celtic Park was rebuilt in the 1990s, the traditional Celtic end of the stadium was named the Jock Stein Stand.

Did you Know ?

The light comic operas and music of “Gilbert & Sullivan” (Gilbert wrote the words, and Sullivan the music) were extremely popular in the late Victorian period, and for much of the early 20th century. But did you know that both these Knights of the Realm were Freemasons ?

Sir William S. Gilbert, who died in 1911 at the age of 75, was initiated in St. Machar Lodge No. 54 in Aberdeen in 1871, whilst his musical partner Sir Arthur Sullivan, who became “Master of the Queen’s Music” was an extremely active Freemason in London, and rose to become Grand Organist of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1887



CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Christmas Dance took place on Saturday 15th December in the lodge function suite with a very good number of brethren, wives, partners and friends in attendance.

The music was provided by the band, Bronx and the usual appeal to brethren for raffle prizes drew a tremendous response. Everyone present enjoyed a fine evening of dancing and socialising with a good many winning at least one raffle prize.

It was good to see a large number of friends from Arthurlie Bowling Club in attendance. Hopefully construction of their new clubhouse will take place in the new year allowing them to run their own functions as well as returning to their normal day to day running of the club itself.

Bro. Lawrence Webb is to be congratulated on running this very successful event which raised quite a sizeable sum for lodge funds. A big thanks must also go to the bar staff and all who assisted on the evening of this popular event.

Meet the Candidate

Our latest candidate is Ian Russell who hails from the village of Gatehouse just outside Kilmarnock. Ian is single and works as a Hydraulic Engineer. He enjoys hillwalking and mountaineering and is enjoying his Masonic experience very much so far.

Welcome aboard, Ian.

Bro Alexander White

It is with great sadness that we discovered, just before Christmas, that Bro Alex White, after much soul searching and deliberation, had regretfully decided to retire as Lodge Almoner due to his continuing poor health. He felt that this was undoubtedly having an impact upon his ability to carry out his extensive duties, and that the time had finally come, for him to call it a day.



A great servant to his mother Lodge for many years, he served as our Almoner for 13 years and we can say without any fear of contradiction, that he reached such a high standard during his term as Lodge Almoner, that has seldom been seen before in Union & Crown.

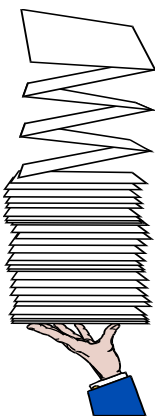
His visitations to the sick, housebound, and widows of 307 was legendary, with many coming to regard Alex as a true friend. Indeed, on several occasions in the past, the families of a dearly departed Brother would ask Alex to take part in the funeral service, and in fact on a couple of occasions he was actually requested to take the funeral service. Truly a tremendous accolade, and a true measure of the respect in which Alex was held in by many within the Lodge.

Such was his attention to details, that he kept a 'little black book' which held important details such as birthdays, anniversaries etc. and as a result he often sent cards to Brethren and their families. A personal touch which endeared him to many.

His will be a terrifically difficult shoes to fill, but we don't doubt for a moment, that Alex himself will be the very first person on the phone to his successor with help and advice.



Paper Appeal



As ever, we are still looking for that essential commodity – PAPER.

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 for various tasks within the Lodge. Any colour will do.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 23 Years Ago

No. 188

November 1995

At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November the following 2 Candidates

Ian Milliken Paul Elcock

were passed to the high & sublime degree of a M.M. by the members of the Lodge Instruction Class in what is now our customary dramatised degree. All who took part played their parts to the full and all in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the high standard of work.

Lodge Opened : 7-30pm

Lodge Closed : 9-56pm

Attendance : 116

On Tuesday 21st November the following 10 Brethren :

**John Young, Stephen Blair, Phillip Stein, William Laird, Brian Cannon,
Ian Milliken, Colin McLardy, Kenneth Bates, Alex Carlton & Paul Elcock**

received a fine Mark Ceremonial from the degree team formed at great expense by our own I.P.M. Bro John Livingstone and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. It should be noted that Bro Brian Cannon is a member of Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167 and having missed his MMM at Neilston during September was permitted to join in with our participants.

Lodge Opened : 7-31pm

Lodge Closed : 9-33pm

Attendance : 104

Bits & Pieces

- We're told Bro Bob McCulloch and his popular wife Sheila, although not members of our Rambling Club, are both very keen hill-walkers. Between them they have "Bagged" almost 180 Munros, with Sheila a couple in front of her husband.
- We gather that Bro Alex White's youngest daughter Irene is now studying to be a Teacher at college in Dundee. We wish her every success.
- We are led to believe, from a very reliable source, that Bro David Cameron has given up his position as a surveyor and is currently studying to be a Minister.
- It has been most heartening to see the large sums of money that have been donated to Lodge Funds recently. At the last meeting, over £1000, the combined proceeds of a Race Night, Jumble Sale and a Ladies Night, were handed in and all who either organised or participated are to be most gratefully thanked for all their fine efforts on behalf of the Lodge.
- Best wishes to Bro Alistair Carse and his wife on becoming parents with the recent birth of a lovely daughter Gemma.
- We notice that Bro Bert Smith's wife Margaret has become a bit of a Jet-setter recently. Within a couple of days of returning from an eventful holiday in Turkey with her cronies, the Dickies, Frasers and the Fordes and she was jetting off to Sunny Australia for a family wedding. It's a great life !

MARK N' ARCHIE



The Mallet is researched, edited & printed by :

Brother Jim Renfrew P.M.

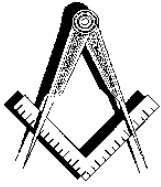
'Rapallo' 5 Stobs Drive, Barrhead, G78 1NY

☎ 0141-571-5979 e-mail : jim.renfrew@ntlworld.com

Assistant Editor : Bro Graham Manson PM

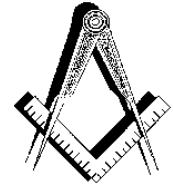
" With grateful thanks to all those who gladly gave their assistance "

Lodge Website address : <http://unionandcrown.org>



Syllabus 2019

(* Denotes an Official Visitation)



January 2019

Tuesday 1st January

Meeting Postponed

* Thursday 10th January

MM At Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167

Tuesday 15th January

MM Installing Masters

* Monday 28th January

EA At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478

February 2019

Friday 1st February

195th Anniversary Dinner

Tuesday 19th February

EA Lodge Nitshill, No.1478

March 2019

Tuesday 5th March

Visitation by PGLRE

Tuesday 19th March

FC Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167

April 2019

Tuesday 2nd April

MM Lodge Instruction Class

Tuesday 16th April

Dramatised Degree - 'Burns vs Kipling'

May 2019

Tuesday 7th May

EA Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

* Tuesday 14th May

FC At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

Tuesday 21st May

Dramatised 'PoW Degree'