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No doubt we all like to drop in to the Social Club now and again, for a quiet drink in pleasant convivial surroundings. It is an excellent facility that we have within the Temple, and as an added bonus the excellent bar prices make it all the more worthwhile. How many of us actually stop and think just exactly what makes it all possible? Of course if it wasn't for our patronage, there simply would be a Social Club for the Brethren and their families and friends to enjoy. In addition, if it wasn't for the hard-working bar staff who freely give up their valuable time it wouldn't be a success either. But how many of us fully realise just exactly what is the cornerstone (to use an appropriate Masonic term!) upon which our entire social club is based. Without which it would not operate, regardless of the customers of bar staff – The Bar Convenor!

We in Lodge Union & Crown have been very lucky in the near 50 years in which we have had a licensed club, to have had a succession of hard-working and honest Brethren, willing and able to devote enough of their time and talents to a job that some would say is almost "Full-time". In most cases the Brethren entrusted with this crucial task have had to balance their duties with a another regular job.

The present incumbent is no exception. Bro Evans Reid PM carries out his important duties well, and can often be found working away in The Lodge, when many of us are enjoying a mare carefree time elsewhere.

His devotion to duty, his ethic of "get it right for 307" and his long hours, often at the expense of his own family and business make him a natural for the difficult tasks involved. His dedication and sheer hard work has ensured that we have achieved consistently high returns from the bars. We are indeed most thankful for the patience and understanding of his popular wife June, who is ever supportive of her husband in what must be difficult circumstances.

A thoughtful and organised individual, Bro Evans takes it all in his stride and is normally only found harassed, following a poor result for his football team !!

Bro Evans himself, will tell you that our continued success is the result of teamwork, with many different people contributing. What he says is not wrong, although perhaps it is a result of his modesty and natural tendency to avoid the limelight. There is no doubt that our "Team" is playing well, but there is even less doubt that this is a direct result of there being superbly led by a fine captain, who leads by example.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Master Mason Degree*

*Conferred by Lodge Instruction Class*

*Harmony*



*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Dramatised Degree*

*'Burns vs Kipling*

*Harmony*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*David McArthur P.M.*

*Lodge Secretary*

# Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East paid their customary annual visit to the Lodge. The deputation of 11 Brethren was headed by Bro Gavin Burt SPGM.

**Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 8.14 pm**

**Attendance : 47**



At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, an excellent Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on the following Candidate

## **CRAIG GRAHAM HAUGH**

by a deputation of 13 Brethren from our near neighbours and close friends from Lodge Thistle & Crown. No. 1167, headed by their Right Worshipful Master, Bro Fred Christie. The degree was appreciated by all in attendance, and following the meeting a harmony took place with the very strong bond between both lodges being further cemented.

**Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9.13 pm**

**Attendance : 62**



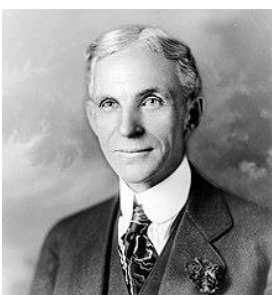
## **100 CLUB**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> March**      £20 : **Mrs Amanda McGrandles**      &      £10 : **Bro Gordon Neil**

**19<sup>th</sup> March**      £20 : **Bro Wilson Davidson PM**      &      £10 **Bro Alan Davidson**

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.



**Bro. Henry Ford** had a private office built adjacent to his lodge's premises in the Detroit Masonic Temple; which allowed him to conduct business while 'downtown' at his Lodge. (The Lodge and the office area is preserved and can be viewed when visiting the Detroit Temple)



# Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class are conferring a MM Degree.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** Regular Meeting of Lodge Randolph at 7.30pm.  
The Speaker is the Rev Bro Alec Shuttleworth
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** Regular Meeting of the Lodge where a 'Burns vs Kipling' Dramatised Degree will be conferred.

*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)*



## ***Secretary's Note***

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

# Precepts of Modern Masonry

**Be just** - because equity sustains the human race.

**Be good** - because goodness enchains all hearts.

**Be indulgent** - because, feeble thyself, thou shoulder bear with others feebleness

**Be kind** - because kindness secures affection.

**Be grateful** - because gratitude is the food that nourishes liberality.

**Be modest** -- because pride is offensive to thy fellow beings.

**Pardon injuries** - because vengeance perpetuates hate.

**Render good for evil** - because in this way you will rise superior to the evildoer, and make him your friend.

**Be forbearing, temperate, and chaste** - because voluptuousness, intemperance and sensuality are destructive of your existence; and they will render it miserable.

**Be a citizen** - because thy country is necessary for thy security, and the happiness, and well-being.

**Defend thy country with thy life** - because it is she who secures thee in thy property and in the possessions of all those things near to thy heart; but never forget that humanity has rights; if thy country wrong thee, if she refuse thee happiness and suffer thee to be oppressed, leave her in silence, but never trouble her. Support adversity with resignation.

*(RW Bro. Luther W. Osborn, Grand Orator Grand Lodge of Nebraska 1875)*

## Masonic Links

There is no doubt that early Speculative Freemasons' played a key role in the formation of many illustrious golf clubs. George Ramsay, 8th Earl of Dalhousie was Grand Master Mason of Scotland and captain of both the Leith golfers (Honourable Company) and St Andrews golfers (R&A) four times in the eighteenth century. He also laid the foundation stone for the clubhouse at Leith in 1768 in the presence of 'all Masons'. Alexander McDougall, elected secretary of Gentlemen Golfers at Leith in 1764, was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.



Royal Musselburgh is the only one of the oldest six clubs for which no particular Masonic link can be proved or inferred, although the oldest known Masonic lodge in the world, Acheson's or Aitchison's Haven, dating from 1599, was based only a Par-5 away from the Old Musselburgh Course and met at locations around Musselburgh

Until 1789, the Royal Blackheath Golf Club in London was originally open only to Freemasons and for many years Masonic members called the Knuckle Club played out-of-season on Blackheath to avoid the non-mason members. before disbanding in 1844. Their minutes and medals are still retained within Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

# BITS & PIECES

- Bro Ronnie Maclsaac tells us that there are no places left for the annual Lodge Golf Outing on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Muckhart. He is however, opened a waiting list just in case anything changes. (☎ 07718 828 061))
- Among the recent deputation from Lodge Thistle & Crown was their Substitute Master Bro. Archie Boyd who had just recently celebrated his 93rd birthday! Well done Archie and many happy returns!
- Tickets for the 'Recess Dance' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May are selling well with more than half of them already gone !! If you're interested, see Bro Lawrence Webb (☎ 07736 780 132)
- It was great to see Bro Jim Phillips making it along to a recent meeting.
- Tickets costing £25 will soon be available for the Lodge's 'Sportsman's Dinner' which has been moved until **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. The speakers on that evening are Derek Ferguson and Frank McAvennie. Anyone interested should contact Bro Lawrence Webb on ☎ 07736 780 132 as soon as possible.
- We hear that Bro Iain Nicol is selling his house in Stobs Drive, and moving to a smaller house up in the new development being built at Springhill.
- Bro Jim Renfrew PM bumped in to Bro Colin McLardy PM whilst over in Houston Texas last month. Bro Colin is currently working as an Engineering Manager with the First Bus Group in the Lone Star State.
- Arrangements for the forthcoming Birse Cairn Ceremony on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May are going well, with 27 members of Grand Lodge expected to visit on that day. If you haven't ordered your ticket for the Dinner afterwards, I'd see Bro Bud Gauld PM as soon as possible.
- On the subject of the Celebration Dinner in May, Bro Jim Renfrew PM is looking for donations of wine, to be used as complimentary hospitality on each table.
- Bro Robert Scott WJW is still looking for Brethren wishing to participate in the '200 for 200' scheme being offered by the Lodge's Bi-centenary Committee? A single payment of £200 (which can be paid up over the next 5 years if necessary) will secure a range of 200th Anniversary benefits including Tickets, Jewels, Books etc.
- It was good that both Bro Kenny Beatts and Bro Robert Paton took time out of their busy schedule to attend our last meeting
- Thanks to Bro Jim Bradshaw and Bro George Smith (153) for their donations of paper for The Mallet.

# The Pipe Organ

When Adolph Hitler came to power in Germany he was determined to squash any people or groups he perceived as a threat. Among those groups were the Freemasons, who were among the first to feel the impact of his ruthlessness. In 1935, there were 80,000 members of the Fraternity in Germany, with many majestic lodges throughout the country.

The temple in Frankfurt was one of the premiere Masonic halls there. The Lodge hall was on the top floor. It was beautifully decorated with the pride of the Lodge, an elaborate pipe organ standing in the southwest corner. The dazzling instrument supplied the music and added to the majesty of every Masonic occasion.

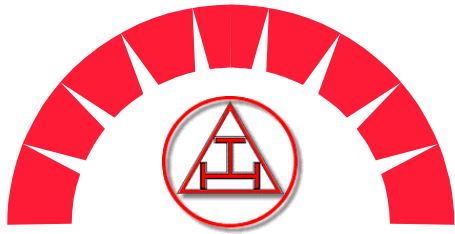
When Hitler dissolved the Masonic Lodges, his thugs moved in and gutted the buildings, taking records, books, furniture and paraphernalia, either destroying what they had taken or selling it. In the wake of this, the Brethren in Frankfurt learned their great pipe organ had been dismantled and taken away. The Brothers attempted to find what had happened to the instrument, but their requests were only met with scorn. The great organ was lost and its music, along with the Frankfurt Lodge itself, had been silenced.

A decade passed. Finally the war was over, Hitler defeated and Lodges in Germany and, for that matter, all over Europe were able to take up labors again. One of the first orders of business in Frankfurt was to attempt to locate and reclaim the magnificent pipe organ. Brother Karl Nuckell, organist and Grand Secretary led a group of Brothers in the search. They appealed to the company that built and maintained the organ, feeling it would have been employed to maintain the instrument wherever it had been taken. The company refused to cooperate until Brother Nuckell threatened to sue. With that, the company's management told him they had installed the organ in a small Catholic Church in Wiesbaden.

Nuckell and his Brothers travelled to Wiesbaden where they found their precious instrument. The head priest there refused even to discuss the possibility of returning it. The Brothers then filed a claim with the government which, conducted an inquiry.

The priest claimed he was the rightful owner of the pipe organ, having legally purchased it from the government in power at the time. It came out, however, that the Nazis had sold the organ to the church for a fraction of its value. With that, the inquiry ruled the instrument had been illegally seized and returned it to its rightful owners, the Lodge.

Once the organ was returned and installed, the Brothers gathered to hear its music fill the Lodge hall once again. Brother Nuckell selected a piece he thought appropriate for the occasion and which would emphasize the grandeur of the priceless instrument. As the Brothers waited with anticipation, Brother Nuckell sat down and struck up the booming notes of A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. The great pipe organ was back home.



**Rockmount R.A.C. No.367**

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Companions of Rockmount RAC held a short business meeting, before retiring downstairs for a spot of harmony.

MEZ David Allan extends a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend the next meeting of the Chapter, where a Mark affiliate and Excellent Master's Degree is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm**

## **Royal Arch & Cryptic Council Syllabus**

### **Royal Arch Meetings**

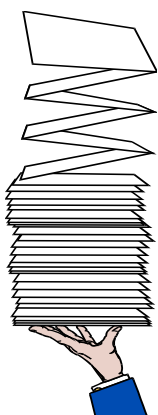
Tuesday 9th Oct	<b>Installation</b>
Tuesday 13th Nov	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 11th Dec	<b>Regular (RA)</b>
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Tuesday 8th Jan	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 12th Feb	<b>Prov. Visit</b>
Tuesday 12th Mar	<b>Regular (RA)</b>
Tuesday 9th Apr	<b>Regular (EM)</b>
Tuesday 14th May	<b>Regular (RA)</b>
Tuesday 10th Sept	<b>A.G.M.</b>
Tuesday 8th Oct	<b>Installation</b>

### **Cryptic Council Meetings**

Tuesday 24th Sept	<b>A.G.M. &amp; Installation</b>
Tuesday 26th Nov	<b>Regular</b>
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Tuesday 21st Jan	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 12th Feb	<b>Prov. Visit</b>
Tuesday 26th Mar	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 24th Apr	<b>Regular</b>
Tuesday 24th Sept	<b>A.G.M. &amp; Installation</b>



## **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/m<sup>2</sup> 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/m<sup>2</sup> card for various tasks within the Lodge. Any colour will do.

# What is the significance of the term BLUE LODGE ?

There are many schools of thought, each with a different theory. The two which find the most believers are that the colour was adopted by the early operative Freemasons because of an age-old association of blue with those virtues which are peculiarly Masonic. Secondly, that "Blue" was adopted by the Grand Lodge of England at an early date in imitation of the nobility and the fame of the colour in "The Order of the Garter", the most famous order of knighthood in the world.

Although used commonly and well-nigh universally, the term "Blue Lodge" is controversial because of certain unpleasant connotations, especially abroad in countries like the United States. All too frequently in America the term is used in a condescending manner, as if the "Blue Lodge" were something of an inferior grade. The simple term "Lodge" is adequate. Indeed, the word Lodge is as honourable and respectful a word as a Mason can use. But if the word must be qualified, let it be "Speculative" Lodge. In York Rite Masonry, the first banner's colour is Blue, which denotes Friendship, and is the peculiar characteristic of ancient craft Masonry.

## Did you know ???

- That there is an insurance company in Australia called "Union & Crown" and another in Gwynedd in Wales called "Union & Crown Fire & Life Assurance"
- Believe it or not, there is a "Mount Union & Crown" in Arizona
- That a cemetery called "East Union & Crown" exists in Hamilton County in Indiana
- In Saint John, New Brunswick in Canada there are two streets that meet at an intersection – one is called "Union" and the other "Crown"
- That in the United States in 1832, there was an "Anti-Masonic Candidate" who took part in the Presidential Elections and that he polled over 350,000 votes !
- That during the same period, Freemasons were ineligible to serve as jurors and were prevented from receiving Holy Communion.
- That, originally, the Candidate himself was required to give the appropriate knocks at the door of the Lodge room, in order to gain admission
- Bro Harry S. Truman. In addition to being an US Senator and President of the United States, he also was the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, and a Noble in the Imperial Shrine. He was a man who failed many times but instead of sitting down, licking his wounds, he would get right back up again.

# Famous Scottish Freemasons

*(Having covered all of the famous Brethren portrayed on our mural in the Lodge Function Suite, we have decided to branch out with an article about a Scot who was instrumental in making tea a worldwide drink of choice)*

## Brother Thomas Johnstone Lipton (1850-1931)

Thomas Johnstone Lipton was born on May 10th 1850, the youngest of five children. His parents, Thomas senior and Frances, had emigrated in the 1840s to Scotland from Northern Ireland to escape the Potato Famine. The family lived in a four room tenement at 10 Crown Street, Hutchesontown. It was a typical "respectable working class" home.



He attended St. Andrew's Parish School, where he and his friends formed a club which raced toy yachts on the pools near Crown Street and he carved and rigged Shamrock, his first model boat. He left school at the age of thirteen and took a number of different jobs to help make ends meet at home.

In 1864, Thomas signed up as a cabin boy on a steamer running between Glasgow and Belfast and seems to have been taken with crew-members' stories about the United States. In 1865, Thomas used his savings to pay for a passage to the US. He spent the five years there, travelling across the country. During this time he held many different jobs, including work at a tobacco plantation in Virginia; as an accountant at a rice plantation in South Carolina; as a door-to-door salesman in New Orleans; as a farmhand in New Jersey; and as a grocery assistant in New York.

Thomas returned to Glasgow in 1870. After spending some time helping his parents at their shop, he established one of his own, Lipton's Market, in the Anderston area of the city. This proved highly successful and Lipton went on to establish a chain of shops, first in Glasgow and then across Scotland, before expanding to cover the whole of the UK.

Thomas Lipton was initiated into Lodge Scotia, No.178 on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1870.

The demand for tea was increasing among the middle classes and in 1888, by which time Lipton had 300 stores, he set out to bypass the traditional lines of supply for tea by investing directly in tea plantations. The Lipton Tea brand he established offered good quality for low prices and proved hugely popular, expanding the market for tea to all parts of society and establishing it as Britain's national drink of choice.

Lipton developed a passion for yachting, which he shared with both King Edward VII and in March 1901 he was created a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, and the following year he was created a baronet of Osidge in the County of Middlesex. During WW1, Lipton made his yachts available to transport staff of the Red Cross and the Scottish Women's Hospitals Committee.

Between 1899 and 1930 Lipton competed in the America's Cup through the Royal Ulster Yacht Club five times with yachts all named Shamrock. He never won the cup, but he was awarded a special trophy as "the best of all losers". Although Lipton was a friend of royalty, as a self-made man he still had difficulty breaking into some corners of the highly stratified British society of the day. He was, for example, only accepted as a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron shortly before his death.

Lipton died at his home in north London in 1931. He left most of his wealth to his native city of Glasgow and his yachting trophies are now on display at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Sir Thomas Lipton was buried alongside his parents and siblings in Glasgow's Southern Necropolis.

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 22 Years Ago

No.202

March 1997

### Regular Meetings

On Tuesday 4th March, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East paid its statutory visit to Union & Crown. The Deputation was headed by Bro Duncan McGregor Tennant, Substitute Provincial Grand Master and was well supported by the Officebearers and Brethren of PGL.

Bro Duncan spoke at length on the workings of the Lodge during the preceding twelve months and spoke highly of the manner in which it had been governed by the executive Officebearers and he congratulated Bro Wilson Davidson IPM on a successful year in the chair of his Mother Lodge. Bro Wilson afterwards made suitable reply and thanked the Brethren of Union & Crown for their support throughout his year.

**Lodge Opened : 7-31pm**

**Lodge Closed : 8-43pm**

**Attendance : 81**

At the Regular meeting on Tuesday 18th March, the following Candidates :

**JAMES BOLTON**

**IAN MASSON**

**SAMUEL BERRY**

were raised to the high and sublime degree of Master Masons by a ceremonial team drawn from the members of the Instruction Class in what was a fine rendition of the Third Degree, greatly appreciated by both the Candidates and the Brethren in attendance.

**Lodge Opened : 7-30 pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-46 pm**

**Attendance : 111**

### 100 CLUB

The fortunate winners of our cash prizes for March were as follows :

**Tuesday 4th March** - £10 : **Bro Bro Donald Cook W.J.W.**

£5 : **Bro Bro Jim Ralston PM 1116**

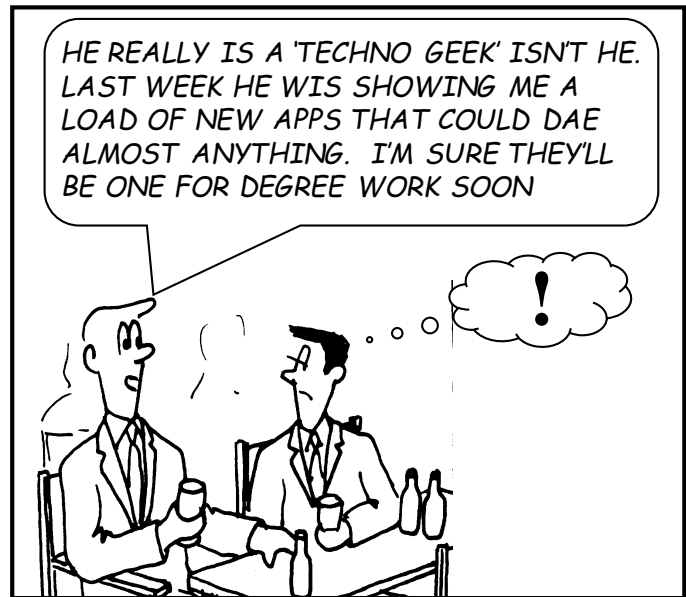
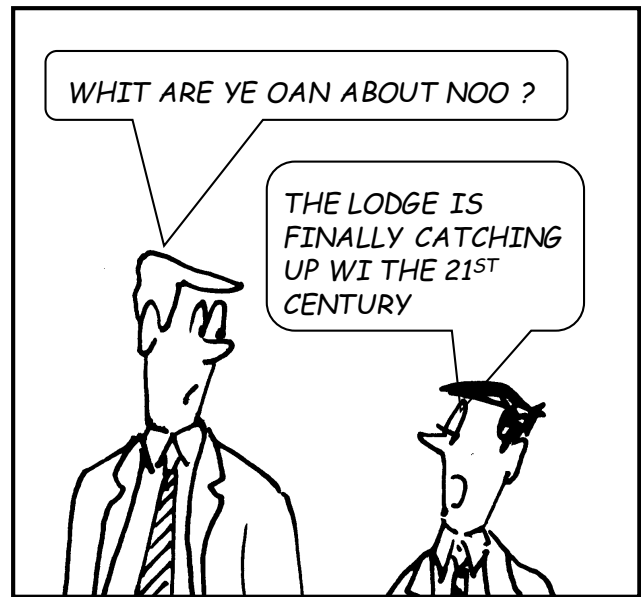
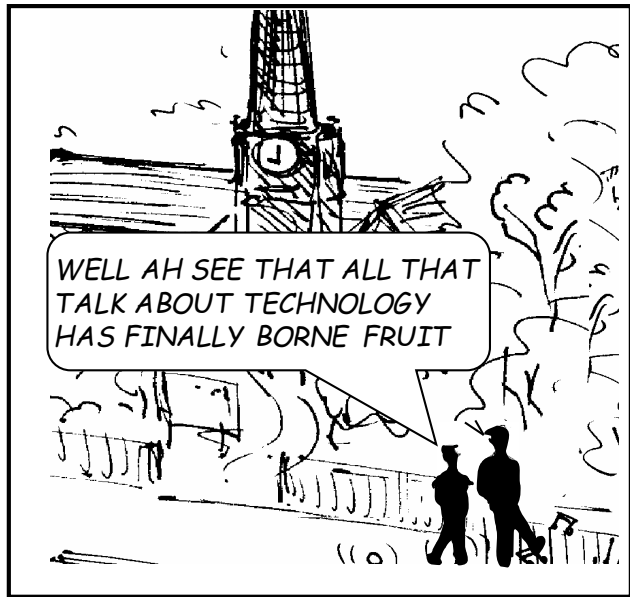
**Tuesday 18th March** -£10 : **Bro Bro Vic Chapman**

£5 : **Bro Bro Allan Davidson**

### BITS and PIECES

- We offer our congratulations to Bro Wilson Davidson's daughter, Evelyn, a holder of two university degrees, on her new job with Chivas Brothers in Paisley.
- Gary Jacobs, the former European & Commonwealth boxing champion has recently been initiated, passed & raised in Lodge Montefiore, No. 753.
- Congratulations to Bro Willie Wade's daughter, Heather, who recently passed her Driving Test whilst eight months pregnant.
- We hear that Bro Malcolm McPhail has moved down to the south coast of England to live in Hampshire and wish him well.

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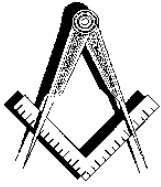
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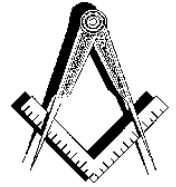
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# Syllabus 2019

(\* Denotes an Official Visitation)



## April 2019

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April                      MM              Lodge Instruction Class

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April                      Dramatised Degree - 'Burns vs Kipling'

## May 2019

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May                      EA              Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426

*\* Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May                      FC              At Lodge Prince of Wales, No.426*

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May                      Dramatised 'PoW Degree'

## September 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September              FC              Lodge Thistle & Rose, No.169

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September              MM              Lodge Instruction Class

## October 2019

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October                      DMM              Lodge Instruction Class

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October                      Lodge AGM

## November 2019

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November                      Table of Scottish Freemasonry

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November              MMM              Bro Nicol Hynd IPM

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November              Installation of Office-bearers