

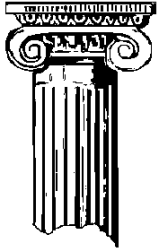
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The monthly journal of Lodge Union & Crown No.307



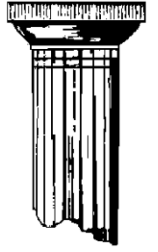
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The Temple doors are now closed, the sun is in the sky...(somewhere?) and the brethren of Lodge Union and Crown now turn their thoughts to the summer recess... Will it be spent in the garden, on the golf course, on the bowling green or just relaxing on holiday. With a bit of luck maybe a little bit of each.

Spare a thought then for those brethren who will maintain our premises at Cochrane Street and pay the bills, our Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Convenor and those loyal band of helpers who just always appear when needed.

Of course the big event of our Summer will be the Summer fayre, organised this year under the auspices of our WJW, Bro. Ian Blair and this will soon be upon us on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The importance of supporting this event cannot be stressed enough in that it provides the Lodge with important finance throughout the recess period.

You may also wish to spare a thought for... The RWM, he may start to think he's on the slippery slope and will soon be 'yesterday's man'. Sorry Bro. Paul, you still have lots to do.

Our Substitute Master, Bro. David McArthur will by now have a 2013-14 calendar/lap-top/notepad and 20+ bits of paper on his person whilst he tries to plan his syllabus as well as confirming his office bearers for next year.

Let's not forget our busy Almoner, Bro. Alex White, who, in his 70's puts many of us to shame with the amount of energy he displays on visiting the sick and elderly of the Lodge on our behalf.

Finally, as this will be the last Mallet for a few months, can I wish everyone an enjoyable and peaceful recess and that our RWM and his office bearers come back rested and refreshed to take us forward towards our 2013 Installation.

*Hugh Cattigan PM*

The RWM of the Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish... "OK," said the RWM, "I've always wanted to go to the USA, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive across the Atlantic."

"I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish."

"OK," said the RWM. "I wish that at our next meeting all the PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers... just sit quietly and behave!"

"Hmmmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4???"



Brethren,

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

Business meeting followed by an:

**EA Degree** conferred by:

**the Brethren of Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426**



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**7:30pm**

Business meeting

Business meeting followed by a:

**FC Degree** conferred by the brethren of:

**Lodge St John's Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320**



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**7:30pm**

Official visit to

**Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426**

17-19 Queen Street, Renfrew, PA4 8TR

When the *Guid Brethren o'the Ludge* will enact a:

**Dramatization of the FC Degree 'circa 1824'**



**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**7:30pm**

Official visit to

**Lodge Albert Edward No. 592**

Langside Halls, 5 Langside Avenue, Crossmyloof, Glasgow, G41 2QR

When the brethren of Lodge Union & Crown No. 307 will confer a:

**MM Degree**





## 100 CLUB

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

**Friday 10<sup>nd</sup> May**

£10: **Marion Osborne**

£5: **James Kerr PM**



### Meetings

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013 a regular meeting of the lodge took place and after a short business meeting the Lodge was closed...

On retiring from the Lodge the brethren then kept their regalia on before re-entering the Temple accompanied by gentlemen and friends from the outside world that had been waiting patiently in the downstairs lounge. They were all here to witness Lodge Union and Crown No. 307's dramatisation *The Table of Scottish Freemasons*.

Among all the usual players, Bro. Robert Burns, Bro. Sir Walter Scott, Bro. Sir Alexander Fleming as well as many other notaries.

After the dramatisation the majority of those attending retired downstairs for a fine harmony.

At time of going to press the Mallet believes that a couple of papers to join the Lodge and Freemasonry were issued.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 saw a deputation of Past Masters, Office Bearers and brethren of 307, led by RWM Bro. Paul Stewart travel north to Lodge Scoon and Perth No.3, for the specially requested performance of the dramatised FC degree.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, Bro. Ronald W. A. Forbes had witnessed the degree previously and was particularly keen to have the brethren of Perth enjoy it too.

Despite the rather inclement weather, the meeting was very well attended with over one hundred brethren in the temple to experience the degree. Most of the brethren present had not seen the performance before, and as such, were very entertained by the proceedings and indeed, very much appreciated the labours of the evening.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, all brethren went upstairs and enjoyed a fine harmony, with a meal, a few drinks and plenty of chatting together.

We would like to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire East for inviting 307 to carry out the degree, and also to thank Lodge Scoon and Perth No.3 for the use of their premises and their assistance in setting up.



# Rockmount R.A.C. No. 367

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013,

**Bro. Douglas W. Fulton**

(Lodge St Conval, Giffnock No.1359)

received a fine Royal Arch Degree from the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount RAC. No. 367.

All who participated are to be congratulated upon their performances.



The next Meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7-30pm** and this will be the Chapters Annual General Meeting.

MEC George Paul MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions to attend on that evening.

At the close of the meeting, the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter along with their visitors enjoyed a fine harmony.

## Rockmount Cryptic Council

The next Meeting of the Council is scheduled for **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013** at the slightly earlier time of **7:00pm** and this will be the Councils Annual General Meeting and Installation of Office Bearers.

## Strathearn Bowling Competition

The Strathearn bowling competition took place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 01:30pm in Johnstone bowling club. The Rockmount teams were drawn against:

Rockmount 'A'	versus	Paisley Abbey 'B'
Sir William Wallace 'A'	versus	Rockmount 'B'

Sadly neither of the Rockmount teams brought back the trophy but everyone involved enjoyed, not only the weather but the bowling and more especially, the company.

The Companions of Greenock RAC No.17 are to be congratulated on winning the event this year but are reminded that the trophy is coming home next year... Even if it is just because the 2014 event will be in Barrhead.



This poem was written in the late 1880's by Bro. Reverend Dr. Arthur Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Peru. It reportedly was written shortly after a lady asked him "Are You a Mason?"

## "Are You a Mason?"

*I am one of a band,  
Who will faithfully stand,  
In the bonds of affection and love;  
I have knocked at the door,  
once wretched and poor,  
And there for admission I stood.*

*Here my conscience was taught,  
With a moral quite fraught,  
With sentiments hold and true;  
The onward I travelled,  
To have it unravelled,  
What Hiram intended to do.*

*For the widow distressed,  
There's a cord in my breast,  
For the helpless and orphan I feel:  
And my sword I could draw,  
To maintain the pure law,  
Which the duties of a Mason reveal.*

*By the help of a friend,  
Who assistance did lend,  
I succeeded an entrance to gain;  
Was received in the West,  
By command from the East,  
But not without feeling some pain.*

*Very soon to the East,  
I made my request,  
And "light" by command did attend;  
When lo! I perceived,  
In due form revealed,  
A Master, and Brother, and Friend.*

*Thus have I revealed,  
(Yet wisely concealed),  
What the "free & accepted" will know.  
I am one of a band,  
Who will faithfully stand,  
As a Brother, wherever I go.*

### *Food for Thought*

“Perhaps instead of demanding that our new brothers fulfil our expectations we should strive to fulfil theirs.”...

# The Mark Wright Project



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013, A deputation from Lodge Union & Crown 307 , headed by their Right Worshipful Master Bro Paul Stewart, and accompanied by brethren from Lodge Georgetown 1170 and Lodge Thistle & Crown 1167, travelled to Dalkeith to present a cheque for £765 to The Mark Wright Project, a charity designed to help ex-servicemen back into civilian life.

The money was raised at a special function held last year, in Lodge

Union & Crown 307, where over 20 brethren from lodges from within the province of Renfrewshire East, took part in a Mark Master Masons Degree, being witnessed by over 80 brethren from within and out with the province, the degree was followed by a military style harmony

Former Scots Guard & Paratrooper Alex White, Lodge Almoner at Union & Crown 307, complete with his red beret, sporting the badge and colours of the 1<sup>st</sup> Guards Parachute Company, and wearing his Mark Wright Project tie, hands the cheque to Bob Wright, the father of Corporal Mark Wright who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2006 and in whose name the Edinburgh-based charity was started. Mark was posthumously awarded the George Cross for bravery.

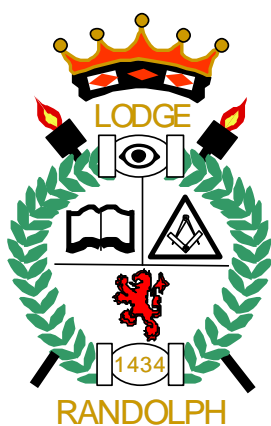


Brother John Watson, Past Master Secretary of Lodge Georgetown 1170, Past Provincial Senior Warden of Renfrewshire East, and Honorary Grand Lodge Architect, accompanied by Brother Alex Cook, of Lodge Ozzif 505 Toronto, Canada, and honorary member of Lodge Georgetown 1170, were thanked from members of The Mark Wright Project, for the donations from Lodge Georgetown 1170, of a pool table, a cheque for £225, and one hundred Canadian Poppies

In November 2012, Brother Alex was awarded one of Canada's highest awards for his meritorious service to the craft and the community. The William Mercer Wilson Medal, named after a Scot, who became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Brother John Watson travelled to Canada and was in attendance to witness such a great honour being bestowed on Brother Alex

This year's Mark Wright Degree will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013, at 3.00pm, in Lodge Royal Thistle, The Royal Scots 1338, in Edinburgh, where a deputation from Union & Crown 307, and brethren from the Province of Renfrewshire East, will return the Mark Wright Mallet

If you are interested in attending this degree, and being part of the deputation, or for further details please contact Stephen Allan PM of Lodge Union & Crown 307 on: 07900190794 or at [stephen\\_allan@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen_allan@btinternet.com)



## Lodge Randolph

The next regular meeting of Lodge Randolph, No.1434 will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7pm, when Bro Simon Smith, Master Elect, and Past Master of Lodge Glennifer No. 1219, will be installed into the chair of his adopted lodge.

A popular figure, there is no doubt that Bro Simon and his Office-bearers will enjoyed the full support of all. We wish them all well in the coming year.

## Did You Know ?

That 19<sup>th</sup> century playwright and writer Oscar Wilde, who was born in Dublin in 1854, was a member of our Fraternity ?

Educated at Trinity College, Dublin and Oxford University, he joined Apollo University Lodge No. 357 in Oxford in May 1875, whilst a student.

Well-known for his flamboyance and wit, his attributed last words, as he lay dying in a drab Paris bedroom were "*Either that wallpaper goes, or I do.*"

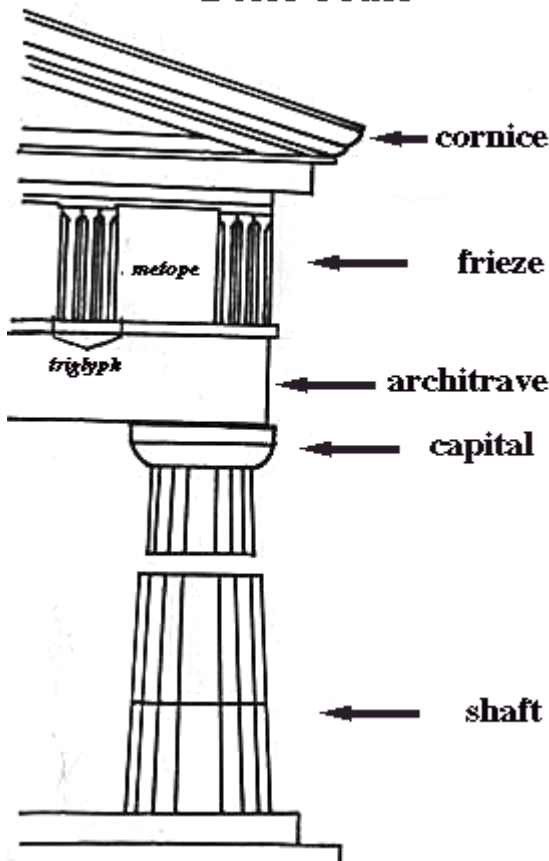
The inventor of the famous Sharps breech loading rifle, (known as the "Sharp-Shooter") used in the Civil War was Brother Christian Sharps. He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge # 158, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



*There comes a time in every man's life when he must stand up and tell his mother that he is an adult. This usually happens at forty-five.*

# Orders of Architecture

## Doric Order



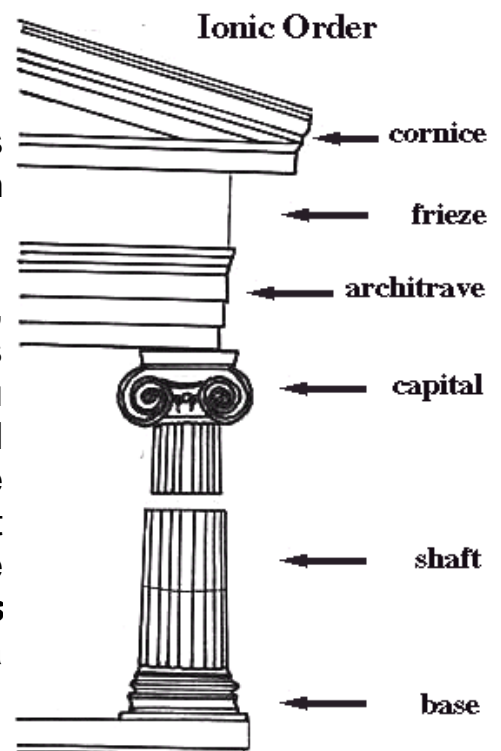
Of the three columns found in Greece, Doric columns are the simplest. They have a **capital** (the top, or crown) made of a circle topped by a square. The **shaft** (the tall part of the column) is plain and has 20 sides. There is no **base** in the Doric order. The Doric order is very plain, but powerful-looking in its design. Doric, like most Greek styles, works well horizontally on buildings, that's why it was so good with the long rectangular buildings made by the Greeks. The area above the column, called the **frieze**, had simple patterns. Above the columns are the metopes and triglyphs. The **metope** is a plain, smooth stone section between triglyphs. Sometimes the metopes had statues of heroes or gods on them. The **triglyphs** are a pattern of 3 vertical lines between the metopes.

There are many examples of ancient Doric buildings. Perhaps the most famous one is the **Parthenon** in Athens, which is probably one of the most famous and most studied building on Earth. Buildings built even now borrow some parts of the Doric order.

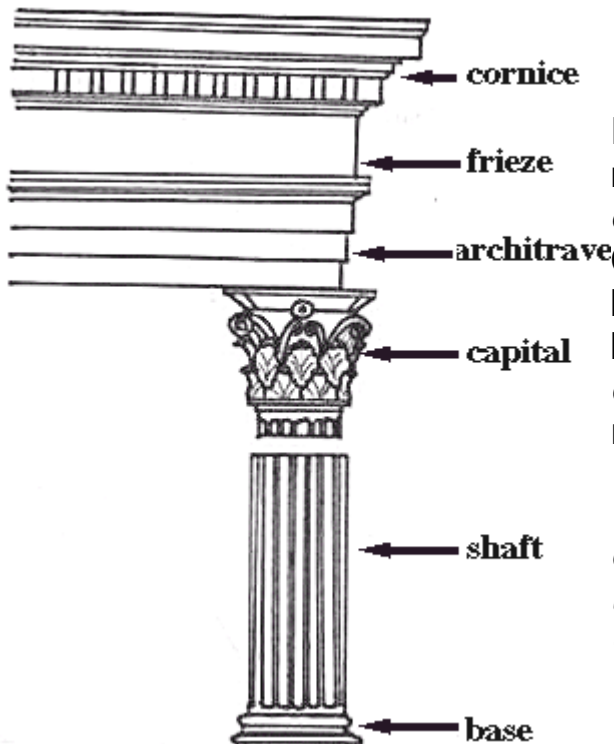
## The Ionic Order

Ionic **shafts** were taller than Doric ones. This makes the columns look slender. They also had **flutes**, which are lines carved into them from top to bottom.

The shafts also had a special characteristic: **entasis**, which is a little bulge in the columns make the columns look straight, even at a distance [because since you would see the building from eye level, the shafts would appear to get narrower as they rise, so this bulge makes up for that - so it looks straight to your eye but it really isn't !] . The **frieze** is plain. The **bases** were large and looked like a set of stacked rings. Ionic **capitals** consist of a scrolls above the shaft. The Ionic style is a little more decorative than the Doric.



## Corinthian Order



### *The Corinthian order*

Is the most decorative and is usually the one most modern people like best. Corinthian also uses **entasis** to make the shafts look straight. The Corinthian **capitals** have flowers and leaves below a small scroll. The **shaft** has flutes and the base is like the Ionian. Unlike the Doric and Ionian **cornices**, which are at a slant, the Corinthian roofs are flat.

*The Temple of the Sybil in Rome is a good example of the Corinthian order. The Romans used the Corinthian order much more than did the Greeks.*

# Summer Fayre



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Noon till 4:00pm**

(Or earlier, if everything sold)

As well as a fun day out, it is also a great social occasion with many wives, partners and friends joining the brethren in both the tearoom and bar as the afternoon comes to a conclusion. It is also important however to remember this afternoon is without doubt one of the most important fundraiser of the year because with the lodge in recess, income is severely limited.

It is vital therefore that the Summer Fayre is a success and that as many brethren as possible contribute in even the smallest way. Perhaps by handing in a prize, some old books, bric-a-brac (not old broken electrical equipment or VHS tapes!) and more importantly by turning up and participating on the day...

Of course we are only too aware of holidays, bowling, caravans and all the other distractions the summer brings but it cannot be emphasised strongly enough how important a good Summer Fayre can be to the Lodge.

**Bro. Ian Blair WJW** is in charge this year and is looking for help from the brethren and their partners. The usual stalls will be there and Bro. Ian hopes this will be a successful day and appeals for a good attendance.

Police Officer: ***"Have you seen the state of your rear lights"?***

Driver: ***"Never mind my rear lights... Where the hell's my caravan"!***



It is with profound sadness that I intimate, at the family home in Barrhead on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the very sudden passing of Aileen McPhie, aged 49, the most dear and beloved wife of Bro. Kenneth McPhie and mother, of son, Scott and daughter, Samantha. I was informed of this most tragic happening the following day by Bro. Iain McPhie, father of Bro. Kenneth and consequently, later that day, I visited Bro. Kenneth and family at their home. I hope and pray that I managed to give Bro. Kenneth, Scott and Samantha some comfort and the assurance of our support at this most difficult time. Condolences were expressed by me to Bro. Kenneth and family on behalf of the Lodge and I was most warmly and sincerely thanked.

Since my last report I have made the following home visits:-

Bro. Robert Nixon P.M.	Bro. Davie Provan (at Millview care home)
Bro. Jim Laird	Bro. Jim Liggat
Bro. Willie Pattison and Dora	Bro. John Osborne
Bro. Willie Dempsey	Bro. Eric Gray
Bro. Donald Ferguson and Mary	Bro. Ian Christie

In addition to these, I have also visited Mrs Isobel Paton with reference to Bro. Harry Paton's hospital visit and indeed visited Bro. Harry on his discharge from the Royal Alexandra Hospital (R.A.H.).

I also visited:

Mrs Margaret McLellan	Mrs Mary Gray	Mrs Marion Smith
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May all the Brethren and readers of our monthly journal find time for peace and joy, and a holiday, during the Lodge Summer Recess.

Brethren, please contact me if my services as your almoner is required.

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

## **The Dougie Campbell Memorial Trophy**

Will, as usual, take place at Arthurlie Bowling Club on Sunday 14th July 2013.

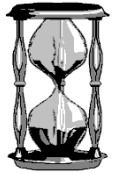
This popular event between the Lodge and Arthurlie Bowling Club is traditionally always one to look forward to and any member wishing to attend and take part, (bowling experience helpful but not essential) should add his name to the list in the downstairs bar. Partners are welcome.





# FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from the Mallet of 23 Years Ago



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May 2003

*RWM Johnny Gauld*

At the regular meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003 Bro. Thomas Shankland was passed to the Second, Square or Fellowcraft Degree, by the Office-bearers and Brethren of our near neighbours, Lodge Nitshill, No.1478, in what was a fine FC Degree ably conferred by Bro. Terry Robinson and his team.

Unfortunately, the other Candidate, Richard Little, was unavailable due to work commitments abroad and he will be passed after the Recess.

**Opened : 7:30pm      Lodge Closed : 9:33pm      Attendance : 89**

At the regular meeting of Rockmount Royal Arch Chapter held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the following Companions: David Caldwell, Frank Lynch and Alexander Morrison all received an excellent RA Degree from a deputation of Past Principals of the Chapter. Often a nervy evening, regardless of the years of experience, those taking part are to be congratulated for a fine performance which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Just as we went into Summer Recess, we managed to squeeze yet another official visitation in. Thankfully it wasn't too far, to Cathcart, where we had been invited to confer a Fellowcraft Degree within Lodge Sir George Cathcart, No.617 in what was a late addition to our syllabus. The degree within the Coupar Institute was in the capable hands of several members of the Lodge Instruction Class and was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. After the meeting the Brethren of both Lodges retired to enjoy a fine harmony, in what was our first official visit to Sir George Cathcart for many years.

Unfortunately, our planned visit to Lodge St Conval Giffnock, No.1359 had to be postponed, due to the absence of a Candidate. The rescheduled visit is likely to be during September and we will keep you informed.

Surely wee Tom Mulholland, our hard-working W.S.W., must be one of the best-known wardens in the Shire?

We are well used to all the titles of the former Grand Master Masons – ie Duke, Lord, Sir etc. but one name that always catches the eye is that of the GMM 1867-1870, it is Fox Maule (11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dalhousie) Was that his full name I wonder ?

I hear that the number of Candidates in Scotland have risen for the first time in years.

I attended a Lodge recently, which meets in the premises of a Sister Lodge. The hall rent was £95 per meeting, which illustrates the bargain that 307 offers to its tenants.

I hear that the R.W.M. and his entourage have clocked up over 100 visits to Sister Lodges since the installation.

It is pleasing to see how Bro Colin Hamilton has fitted into the Lodge since he joined last year.

Best year in 20 for the way the Barstaff have continually turned up for their duties.

# Humour?

Ever heard the story of the giant ship engine that failed? The ship's owners tried one expert after another, but none of them could figure out how to fix the engine.

Then they brought in an old man who had been fixing ships since he was a youngster. He carried a large bag of tools with him, and when he arrived, he immediately went to work. He inspected the engine very carefully, top to bottom.

Two of the ship's owners were there, watching this man, hoping he would know what to do. After looking things over, the old man reached into his bag and pulled out a small hammer. He gently tapped something. Instantly, the engine lurched into life.

He carefully put his hammer away. The engine was fixed! A week later, the owners received a bill from the old man for ten thousand pounds.

"What?!" the owners exclaimed. "He hardly did anything!"

So they wrote the old man a note saying, "Please send us an itemized bill."

The man sent a bill that read:

Tapping with a hammer	£2.00
Knowing where to:	£9998.00

*Moral: Effort is important, but knowing where to make an effort in your life makes all the difference.*

*And Finally...*

- Did you hear about the dyslexic guy who went to a toga party dressed as a goat?
- "Doctor, doctor... Those pills you gave me make me walk like a crab"? "Ah yes, that'll be the side effects".

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*"With grateful thanks to all those who have freely given their assistance"*



## Syllabus 2013

\* - Denotes an Official visit



### Summer recess

#### September 2013

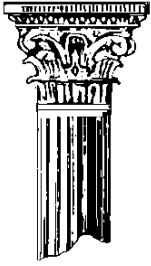
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm	EA Degree	By Lodge Prince of Wales No. 426
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	FC Degree	By Lodge St John RA No.320
*Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	<i>Dramatised FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Prince of Wales No.426</i>
*Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	MM Degree	<i>At Lodge Albert Edward No.592</i>

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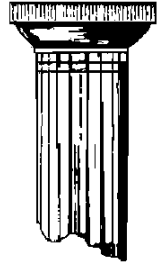
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	MM Degree	Lodge Instruction Class
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Annual General Meeting	
*Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	<i>Dramatised FC</i>	<i>At Lodge Kelvin Partick No.1207</i>

#### November 2013

*Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:45pm	<i>FC Degree</i>	<i>At Lodge St Conval No.1359</i>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Dramatised MM Degree	
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	MMM Degree	By Bro. Kenneth. Coleman IPM
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Annual Installation of Office Bearers	



## OFFICE BEARERS 2012 - 2013



RWM	Paul Stewart
WSW	Alan Bernard
WJW	Ian Blair
IPM	Kenneth Coleman
Depute Master	David Noble PM
Substitute Master	David McArthur
Secretary	Thomas Mulholland PM
Treasurer	James Kerr PM
Almoner	Alexander White
Senior Deacon	George McGrandles
Junior Deacon	Christopher Baillie
Inner Guard	Kenneth Beatts
Senior Chaplain	Adam Graham Watson
Junior Chaplain	Ronald McIsaac
Director of Ceremonies	Stephen Allan PM
Architect	Iain Nicol
Jeweler	James Laing
Bible bearer	Steven Ross
Director of Music	Lawrence Webb
Organist	Sam Wilson
Marshall	Adam Watson
Standard bearer	James Cherry
President of Stewards	Evans Reid PM
Steward	Kenneth Glasper
Tyler	Tom Wilson

