

The Mallet

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September 2007

If you attended a recent Regular Meeting of the Lodge, you would have heard our worthy Secretary, Bro Jim Miller PM, make an appeal for as many members of the Lodge, to attend a "Special Meeting" he was hoping to arrange shortly to consider the future of the Lodge, and how things can be improved. He, like many of us, is concerned at falling attendances, and a possible shortage of Candidates which are now beginning to have an effect upon us. This is a problem which many Sister Lodges have suffered over many years, and something that we ourselves thought we were possibly immune from.

It is a fact that modern life, and the undoubted pressures it brings, are unhelpful to Freemasonry in general and the Daughter Lodges in particular. Whilst in the past, Brethren as they advanced through the offices, probably had more time to devote to their duties, and perhaps a greater opportunity to progress and develop, it is now much more difficult to be a senior office-bearer in any Lodge. Nowadays, many have the obvious distractions of mortgages, young children, more-demanding wives or girlfriends, and this makes it harder each year to devote the time and effort necessary to keep the Lodge on an even keel, much less take it forward.

We can see where our hard-working Secretary is coming from, and many of us can echo his doubts and concerns, but are we actually willing to do anything about it? Are we in a position where we can devote more time, and effort to the Lodge in an already cluttered and demanding lifestyle? Only the Brethren themselves can answer these fraught and difficult questions. The special meeting, which is being held in the Temple on Thursday 25th October at 7.30pm, will certainly give everyone the opportunity to voice their opinions, and hopefully take the first important step in the recovery of the Lodge. We sincerely appeal to all of our Brethren to take the trouble to attend this crucial and important meeting.

One thing is certain, if we do nothing about it now, the decline in the fabric of this Lodge, and the many in a similar position, will only deteriorate to such an extent, that there may be no way back. Brethren it's your decision (and of course it's your Lodge !)



Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

Dear Sir & Brother,

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Hugh Cattigan cordially requests your attendance at the forthcoming Meetings of the Lodge to be held within the Masonic Temple, Cochrane Street, Barrhead on :

Tuesday 2nd October 2007

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

Master Mason Degree

conferred by the Lodge Instruction Class

Harmony



Tuesday 16th October 2007

Business :

Minutes & Correspondence etc.

- *Annual General Meeting of the Lodge*
- *Nomination & Election of Office-bearers and Committees*
 - *Harmony*

Yours faithfully & fraternally

James Miller P.M., Secretary

Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 4th September, the following Candidate :

DAVID GRAHAM

was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our order by an experienced degree team from our good friends, , Lodge Craigielea, No.1218.

It was a good, though lengthy EA Degree, ably conferred in the manner we have come to expect from the Brethren from Paisley, and Bro Jim McCormack RWM must have been delighted in the efforts of his degree team.

Opened : 7.30pm

Lodge Closed : 9.53pm

Attendance : 79



At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday 18th September, the same Candidate, was passed in to the second, square or FC degree by an experienced degree team from our close neighbours, Lodge Thistle & Crown, Giffnock, No.1167. Bro Jim Lawn, RWM was especially please with the performance of all who participated.

Opened : 7.31pm

Lodge Closed : 9.22pm

Attendance : 68



100 CLUB

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

Tuesday 4th September £10 : **Bro Johnny Gauld PM**

£5 : **Bro Duncan Birse**

Tuesday 18th September £10 : **Bro Graham Allan**

£5 : **Bro Graham Manson IPM**



Bro Jim Kerr PM, our worthy Treasurer, is currently taking names for the 2007/2008 100 Club. The annual fee is still £10, and anyone interested should append their name to the notice which has been posted in the Downstairs Lounge.

All monies should be paid by the Installation in November.



Dates for you Diary

Tuesday 2nd October

A Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a Master Mason Degree will be conferred by the Lodge Instruction Class.

Wednesday 10th October

General Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.

Thursday 11th October

Visitation to Lodge Woodhall St John, No.305 to confer a MM Degree.

(The bus will leave the Temple at 6.45pm)

Monday 15th October

Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.

Tuesday 16th October

Annual General Meeting of the Lodge, where all Office-bearers and Committees will be nominated and elected for the forthcoming session 2007/2008.

Thursday 25th October

A Special Meeting of the Lodge, to discuss the "Future of the Lodge"

(In addition to the above, the R.W.M. and Wardens are 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 as they represent the Lodge throughout the Province. Full details of all visitations, be they official or otherwise, are available on the Lodge Website, which is updated constantly - <http://unionandcrown.org>)



Meet the Candidate

David Graham :

A local boy who has just moved out of his parent's home to live in Lyoncross Avenue, David is employed with Greater Glasgow & Clyde Heath Board in Glasgow. He's 25 years old and is often found socialising in the company of his good friends (and proposers) Ross Connolly and Dougie Rankin. As yet unattached, he likes to play 5-a-Side football in his spare time, and whenever possible, follow the fortunes of The Rangers.

BITS & PIECES

- Our PGM, Bro David Reid, attended a Lodge in the Province of Glasgow recently and overheard the Master give a report on a visit to Lodge Ellangowan, where we had recently conferred our Dramatised FC degree. The quote was *"Excellent night, great degree! if you get the chance, go and see 307 do a dramatised degree"*.
- Our Worthy Treasurer has informed us that Lodge Test Fees are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.
- With the Installation Season almost upon us, a list of all Installations in the Province of Renfrewshire East has been posted in the Downstairs Lounge. If you can assist our Senior Office-bearers by attending the odd Installation, it would be greatly appreciated.
- It was good to see two local Lodges – Lodge Houstoun St Johnstone, No.242 and Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning, No.370 honoured at a recent Civic Reception for their support of The Boys' Brigade. It is extremely pleasing to see that we lodges are being recognised in a positive light within their local community.
- Continuing on a BB theme, it was Good to see Bro Gordon Lawson organise a bowling competition recently for the "Stedfast Trophy" The event, which many of our own Brethren attended, raised the magnificent total of £300 which has been donated to the 3 local BB Companies. Bro Gordon tells us he hopes to make it an annual event.
- It was good to see Bro Jim Bradshaw at a recent meeting, after a serious illness. We wish him well.
- A recent visitor to 307 was Bro David Mitchell PM of Lodge St Christopher, No.1453. A local Farmer, Bro David came along to personally thank 307 for the kindness and hospitality shown towards his sister from Melbourne, and her fellow Soroptimists, who held a reception in the Function Suite at the end of July.
- The gratitude of the Lodge must go to Brothers Graham Manson, Graham Allan and Willie McGinlay whose combined efforts in replacing the old central heating boiler with two smaller, and much more economical, replacements. If nothing else, it should bring a smile to the Treasurer !
- Whilst on the subject of the boiler room. Please ensure that you don't store anything in there, as it is a fire hazard, and will be cleared out and disposed of. You have been warned.
- It was extremely pleasing to hear of the £200 anonymous donation handed in at a recent Lodge Meeting. On the subject of Donations, the annual Capitation Fees are due to Grand Lodge, and any donations towards this will be gratefully received by the Treasurer.
- Congratulations to Bro Tom McGuffie who this month celebrates 60 years a member of the Craft. An agricultural worker, Bro Tom moved to Ayrshire many years ago and affiliated to Lodge Burns Dundonald, No.1759 where he has been a stalwart for many years. We wish him well.

FUND-RAISING

As you'll appreciate, we are constantly involved in raising funds for the Lodge, by whatever means necessary. With this in mind we publish below a list of what is planned over the coming months within the Lodge.

In addition, if you feel that you could perhaps organise an event or function to raise funds, don't hesitate to come forward.

Friday 30 th November	St Andrew's Night
Saturday 22 nd December	Christmas Dance
Friday 11 th January	Quiz Night
Friday 18 th January	Ladies Night
Friday 15 th February	St Valentine's Dance
Friday 22 nd February	Burns Supper
Saturday 8 th March	Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th March	Race Night
Friday 28 th March	Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday 19 th April	"The Big Breakfast"
Saturday 31 st May	Summer Fayre

If you require tickets, or further details, please contact the Worthy Secretary, or any Senior Office-bearer.

The Builder

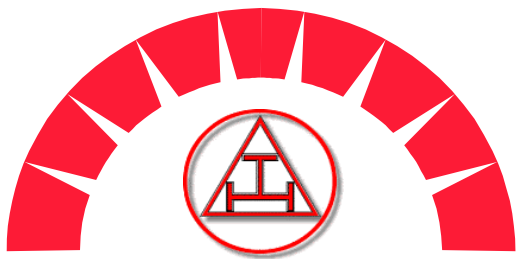
Out of all I hear and see,
day by day I'm building me;
I alone have the right to choose
what to reject and what to use;

Nobody's workmanship but mine
Can keep the structure true and fine:
Strong or feeble, false or true.
I build myself by how I think and what I do.

(Author unknown)

"Food For Thought"

Masonic learning usually passes through three stages. In the beginning you learn the right answers. In the second stage you learn the right questions. In the third and final stage you learn which questions are worth asking.



Rockmount R.A.C. No.367

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 11th September, the Chapter held its Annual Business Meeting, during which the nomination and election of Office-bearers and committees for the forthcoming session was carried out.

It is good to note that each and every office within the Chapter was filled and that we can look forward to what we are sure will be a successful year in the capable hands of MEC Livingston Boyd MBE, and his team of office-bearers

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be the annual Installation on : **Tuesday 9th October at 7pm** and the Companions of Rockmount, extend a warm invitation to all to attend on that evening, where MECs John Miller PZ, Robert McCulloch PZ and Alexander White PZ will be performing the installation duties, in what should be a good evening's work.

On Tuesday 25th September, Rockmount Cryptic Council, No. 367 held their AGM and Installation of Office-bearers. MEC Wilson Davidson was re-installed as Thrice Illustrious Master, with MECs Alex White and Drew Corrigan PTIM again doing a fine job with the installing roles. We are sure that MEC Wilson and his team of Office-bearers will do well in the year ahead.

In an effort to keep all the Companions informed, we enclosed a copy of the Chapter & Council's Syllabus for the forthcoming 2003-2004 session :

Royal Arch

2006

Tues 9 Oct Installation (7pm)
Tues 13 Nov Regular (EM)
Tues 11 Dec Regular (RA)

2007

Tues 8 Jan Regular (EM)
Tues 12 Feb Prov. Visit @ 8-30pm
Tues 11 Mar Regular (RA)
Tues 8 Apr Regular (EM)
Tues 13 May Regular (RA)
Mon 2 June General Committee
Tues 9 Sep AGM

Cryptic Council

2006

Tues 25 Sept AGM & Installation
Tues 27 Nov Regular

2007

Tues 22 Jan Regular
Tues 12 Feb Prov. Visit @ 7-30pm
Tues 25 Mar Regular
Tues 22 April Regular (Rescheduled)
Tues 23 Sept AGM & Installation

The Penalty of Leadership

In every field of endeavour, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. Whether the leadership be vested in a man or a manufactured product, emulation and envy are ever at work. In art, in literature, in music, in industry, the reward and the punishment are always the same. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone - if he achieved a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging. Jealousy does not protrude its forked tongue at the artist who produces a common-place painting.

Whatsoever you write, paint, play, sing or build, no one will strive to surpass or to slander you, unless your work be stamped with the seal of genius. Long, long after a great work or a good work has been done, those who are disappointed or envious continue to cry out that it cannot be done. Spiteful little voices in the domain of art were raised against our own Whistler as a mountebank, long after the big world had acclaimed him its greatest artistic genius. Multitudes flocked to Bayreuth to worship at the musical shrine of Wagner, while a little group of those whom he had dethroned and displaced, argued angrily that he was no musician at all.

The little world continued to protest that Fulton could never build a steamboat, while the big world flocked to the river banks to see his boat steam by. The leader is assailed because he is a leader, and the effort to equal him is merely added proof of that leadership. Failing to equal or to excel, the follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy - but only confirms once more the superiority of that which he strives to supplant. There is nothing new in this. It is as old as the world and as old as the human passions - envy, fear, greed, ambition and the desire to surpass. And it all avails nothing.

If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader. Master-poet, master-painter, master-workman, each in his turn is assailed and each holds his laurels through the ages. That which is good or great makes itself known, no matter how loud the clamour of denial. That which deserves to live - lives.

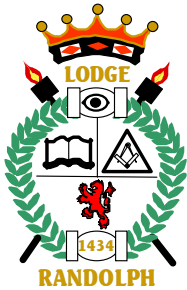
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Early Chinese Philosophy

In China the implements of architecture were used in a system of moral philosophy at a very early date. Mencius, who wrote about 300 B.C., said: *"A Master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square."*

In a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that *"A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."*



Lodge Randolph

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Friday 14th September, Bro Robert Paton, of Lodge Union & Crown, No.307, was affiliated into membership of Lodge Randolph, with the obligation being given by Bro George Munn SM.

Bro Robert, a well-kent face in these parts, is the local Funeral Director and we are sure that he will be a valuable addition to 1434.

At the after-meeting harmony, the guest speaker on that evening was Brian Searl, a former RN senior rating onboard HMS Britannia, the former Royal Yacht, who entertained the assembled Brethren with a most enjoyable talk on his career in the "Senior Service". Thereafter, followed by a lively question and answer session with many of the Brethren participating.

Did you know

- The Magic Flute was first performed 1791, just two months before Mozart died. Mozart was aided in composing the work by three other Masons. Among them was Emanuel Schickeneder, the owner of a theatre, who persuaded Mozart to write an opera with distinctly Masonic undertones. At the time Freemasonry was under great threat in Austria, and the opera was to show the Craft at its best, and morality and virtue abounded in it.
- On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Charles Lindbergh wore the Square & Compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a member of Keystone Lodge No. 243 in St. Louis.
- The Rev. Canon William Henry Cooper, an Irish Clergyman who founded St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy in London, was a member of a total seventeen lodges. He was the founder and first master of three of them. His lodges were in Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, British Columbia, and Ontario.
- Australia's oldest man until his death in 2002 was Bro Jack Lockett who was 111 when he died. Jack served in the Great War and was still spry enough to carry the Olympic Torch in his home town of Bendigo in 2000. A few months before he passed away, he was presented with his 80 year Masonic medal by Ouyen Lodge, No. 249 in Victoria.
- The earliest Masonic Lodge in the American Colonies was Tun Tavern Lodge in Philadelphia, founded in 1730. Coincidentally, Tun Tavern was also the birthplace of the US Marine Corps in 1775. The building no longer exists, and its original location is now covered by Interstate 95. The Marine [Corps](#) Museum in Virginia. contains a replica of the tavern complete with a lunch menu and alcoholic beverages.
- On January 30, 1933, the first radio broadcast of the "Lone Ranger" was broadcast from radio studios on the 6th floor of the Detroit Masonic Temple.

Almoner's Report

I visited **Bro Duncan Birse** on several occasions in recent weeks, due to his wife Vera's serious illness. I'm glad to report that **Bro Harry Grier** is well after a short spell in hospital, and he was in good spirits when I called on him at home. He thanked me for calling, and sent his regards to the Lodge.

I called on **Bro Harry Paton** at home to discover he'd also been in hospital for a few days, and I was encouraged by his determination. I also travelled to Erskine Hospital to visit **Bro James Smith**, formerly of Lochlibo, who is settling in well, and hopes to be able to remain there, following his wife's recent passing. I was most impressed with what I saw at the home.

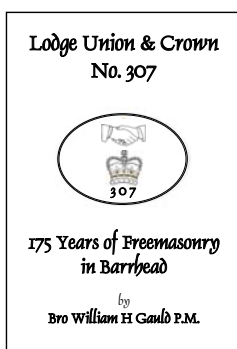
Bro Arthur Renfrew and his wife Pat were delighted with a visit to their Neilston home. Whilst both have health difficulties, they always make my visit cordial and homely. I always enjoy listening to their vast travel experience around the world, and my recent visit to New Zealand pales by comparison.

Visiting **Bro James Laird** in his Langton Crescent home for the first time, I received a most friendly welcome from Bro Jim and his wife Flo. He tells me he is expecting to go into hospital soon. **Bro Jim Miller** of Campbell Drive was another first-timer for me. Bro Jim and his wife Jessie thanked me for visiting, and I promised to call back again in the future. I managed to call on Mrs Joan Oliver, widow of the late Bro Bill Oliver, recently she was most grateful for a visit, and expressed her thanks to the Lodge for their continuing concern.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our own Right Worshipful Master, **Bro Hugh Cattigan**, for taking the time to accompany me on some of my recent visits. Over a six hour period, we managed to call on 10 Brethren. And I am convinced that they were all delighted that the Master had taken the time to call on them.

I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness and hospitality shown to me in my recent travels, it was greatly appreciated.

Bro Alex White Lodge Almoner 0141-571 6411



History of the Lodge

We would remind all our readers that there are still copies available of Bro Bud Gauld P.M.'s excellent History of Lodge Union & Crown, No.307 available - priced £10.

Anyone interested should contact Bro Bud (☎ 881-9552) who will be only too glad to sell you a copy.

FLASHBACK

Some Snippets from The Mallet of 10 Years Ago

No. 206

September 1997

On Tuesday 2nd September, the following Candidates :

ALAN EASDON GRAHAM MANSON
GORDON MILLER DONALD MURDOCH

were raised to the high & sublime degree of a M.M. by degree team drawn from the ranks of the Lodge Instruction Class in what was spirited rendition of the 3rd degree, appreciated by all in attendance.

Lodge Opened : 7-31pm Lodge Closed : 10-11pm Attendance : 86

At the Regular meeting on Tuesday 16th September, the following Candidates :

GRAEME LECKIE IAIN ADAM ROBERT BARBOUR

received a fine Entered Apprentice Degree from a deputation of Office-bearers and Brethren of our good friends from Lodge St Conval, Giffnock, No.1359. Their R.W.M., Bro Fulton Lamont, can be rightly proud of the ceremonial work of his degree team who set a high standard.

Lodge Opened : 7-30 pm Lodge Closed : 9-48 pm Attendance : 84

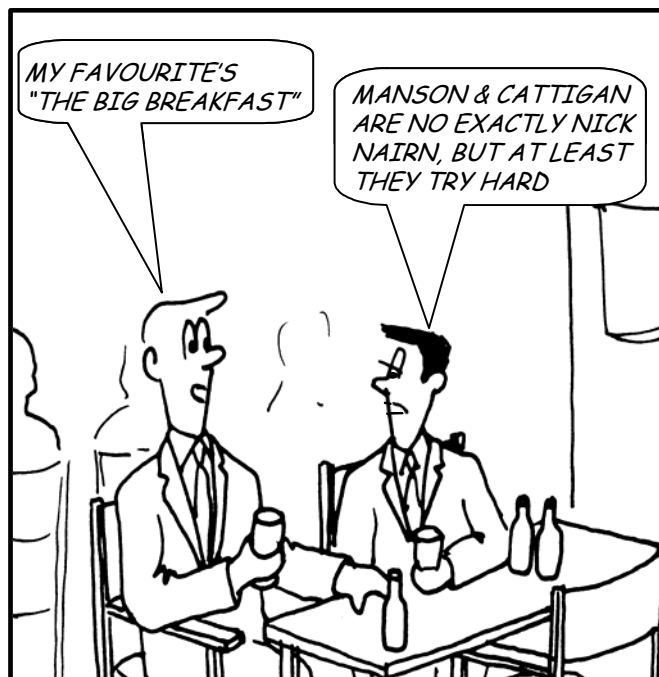
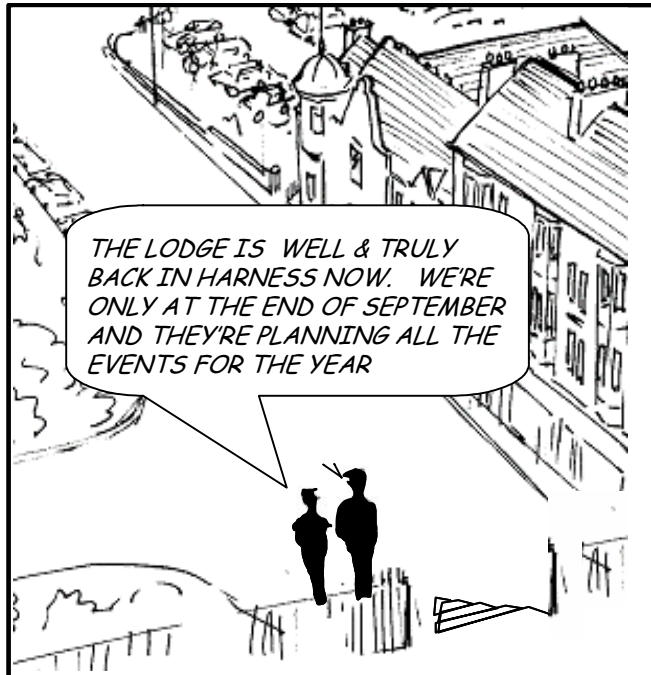
BITS and PIECES

- We offer our heartiest congratulations to Bro Douglas Junner Jnr, who after much study as a mature student, has graduated with a degree in electronics. We also gather that he and his fiancée are planning to marry next Summer.
- Best wishes to Bro Ian Shaw and his wife Gail, now resident in Paignton, on the birth of a daughter, who has been called Hayley. His mum Jeanette is absolutely delighted.
- Congratulations to Bro Brian Morton PM on gaining his NVQ in Computing recently, it shows that there's life in the old dog yet !
- The grateful thanks of the entire Lodge must go to our own R.W.M. Bro Michael Hughes who gave almost an entire week out of his already busy schedule to strip and polish the Lodgeroom floor during the recess. (and not for the first time !)
- Congratulations to two of our Sister Lodges in East Kilbride who recently celebrated anniversaries - Lodge St Andrew, No.524 (125) & Lodge Kil Bryd, No.1667 (25).

Some Notes from the Secretary's Desk

- Rumour has it that the new Tanning Studio in Cross Arthurlie Street is owned by Kai Johannsen, Ex Rangers footballer and member of a Glasgow Lodge.
- Bro Graeme Wright is to be congratulated on his efforts in losing five stones in weight, we hear he wants to join the Police Force.
- Met Big Jim Smith (Gulliver) in Sweden recently. Our former Inner Guard tell me that although he is still living in Canada, he's working in Germany for a few months.
- For those who remember Bro Ninian Jamieson, who lived in Sidney Cottage in Henry Street and is now resident in Dallas Texas, I am reliably informed that he is waiting to go into hospital for open heart surgery.

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