

# The Mallet

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As we enter another Masonic year, with a brand new Master, and a happy and enthusiastic band of Office-bearers, this undoubtedly heralds a new dawn for Lodge Union & Crown. At this time it is perhaps fitting that we announce the forthcoming changes within our own editorial team.

About a year ago I announced my intention to stand down at some time in the future, and appealed for anyone who wanted to become involved to come forward. At that time Bro Graham Manson PM intimated that he would like to help out in the background, and he became our “Roving Cub Reporter” gathering information and assisting wherever possible. Much later I managed to enlist the additional services of Bro Hugh Cattigan PM who also joined in an unofficial capacity, and my succession planning started to take shape.

September past marked twenty years for me as editor, and at that point I thought it fitting to attempt to formalise the future arrangements that I’m sure will ensure that our monthly journal continues to keep the Brethren of Union & Crown, and their families informed for many years to come.

I am delighted to announce that these two Brethren have decided to formally step-up and become Assistant Editors and hopefully take a more involved role in the next few months as I step back, probably in the summer of 2009. I would appeal to all who have supported me so well over many many years to do the same for these two hard-working and energetic Brethren, who will I’m sure take **The Mallet** to bigger and better things in the future.

I won’t be disappearing completely, as it is my intention to continue for as long as possible in at least an advisory capacity, perhaps even as “Editor Emeritus”. I will continue to contribute to what I believe after 32 years has become an institution, not only within Union & Crown, but throughout the Masonic world.



# Lodge Union & Crown

No. 307

*Dear Sir & Brother,*

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

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*Entered Apprentice Degree*

*conferred by the Worshipful Wardens*

*Harmony*



*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008*

*Business :*

*Minutes & Correspondence etc.*

*• Fellowcraft Degree*

*conferred by the Worthy Deacons*

*• Harmony*

*Yours faithfully & fraternally*

*James Miller P.M., Secretary*

# Regular Meetings

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Brethren of the Lodge Instruction Class, presented a fine rendering of our popular Dramatised MM Degree. Especially extended to incorporate new features and a spectacular setting, it involved greater numbers of the Brethren of the Lodge. Bro Sam Wilson provided an excellent musical accompaniment and the entire production was well received by all in attendance.

**Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-12pm**

**Attendance : 98**

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the following four Brethren :

**ALEXANDER BOYD   KENNETH CRILLEY  
PAUL STEWART   KENNETH BEATTS**

received a fine Mark Ceremonial, conferred by Bro Hugh Cattigan IPM, and his carefully-picked team of degree workers, in what is always a good mix of the serious and the light-hearted. Even though the degree team was disrupted by several late call-offs, Bro Hugh can be rightly proud of the degree under his control, where all involved are to be congratulated.

**Opened : 7-30pm**

**Lodge Closed : 9-36pm**

**Attendance : 57**

At the Installation Meeting held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Bro Colin Hamilton was installed into the chair of King Solomon, in what was an impressive ceremony conducted by the Installing Masters for the occasion - Bro Jim Miller PM, Bro Evans Reid PM and Bro Graham Manson PM.

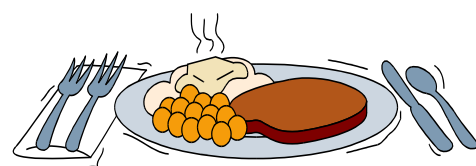
All in attendance cannot fail to have been impressed by the very high standard of work presented by these three Brethren, with especial mention to both Bro Evans and Bro Graham, who was making their debuts.

**Opened : 3-00pm**

**Lodge Closed : 5-39pm   Attendance : 112**

## *Senior Member's Dinner*

We are still attempting to update our list of Senior Members to ensure that all those who are eligible, are invited to attend the Senior Member's Dinner in April.



The invitations will be issued early in the New Year, and if you wish to attend, please ensure that you notify either Bro Jim Miller PM (☎ 881 4006) or our worthy Almoner Bro Alex White (☎ 571-6411) as soon as possible.

# 100 CLUB

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

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**    £10 : **Bro Jim Bradshaw**  
  £5 : **Bro Douglas Junner PM**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**    £10 : **Bro Michael Hughes PM**  
  £5 : **Bro Martin Muir**
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**    £100 : **Mrs Elaine Webb**  
  £50 : **Bro Ricky Little**



Names are still being taken for 2008/2009. The annual fee is still very good value at £10, and anyone interested should append their name to the notice which has been posted in the Downstairs Lounge.



## *Dates for you Diary*

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**    A Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where an EA Degree will be conferred by the Worshipful Wardens
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**    General Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**    Management Committee Meeting at 7-30pm.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**    A Regular Meeting of the Lodge, where a FC Degree will be conferred by the Worthy Deacons.

*(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 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>)*



# BITS & PIECES

- A whole series of Fund-raising events are planned during the session. Racenights, Quizzes, Coffee Mornings etc. We will keep you advised of each event as arrangements are finalised, and we would ask all to support these endeavours as much as possible.
- Would any of the Brethren who have reached 65 should let the Lodge know as soon as possible and arrangements will be made to make sure that you receive an invitation to the Senior Members' Dinner in February
- Our Treasurer would be more than willing to accept donations towards the annual Capitation Fee that the Lodge pays to Grand Lodge. Based upon the number of active Brethren in the Lodge, it comes to a bill in excess of £1500.
- Christmas isn't too far away, and we will soon be distributing a whole host of Benevolent Parcels to the Widows of the Lodge. This is quite a considerable expense for the Lodge, and donations towards this very worthy cause would be much appreciated. Why not "Sponsor a Parcel" for less than you think ? The date to uplift the parcels is Sunday 14th December and Bro Alex White, Lodge Almoner, would appreciate some assistance.
- It was great to see a total of 9 Reigning Masters at our recent dramatised degree. Also in attendance was Bro David Reid PGM, who had brought along some of the recent initiates who had attended the Provincial Seminar.
- Congratulations to Bro Bud Gauld PM on his election as 'Grand Inner Guard' – a great honour not only for Bro Bud, but also for Union & Crown.
- Heartiest congratulations to Bro John Hughes, an avid reader of our journal for many years, following his installation as Worshipful Master of Chartered Architects' and Malleus Lodge, No.3244 in London. Bro Jim Renfrew PM managed to make it down to London for Bro John's installation and told us it was a tremendous occasion.
- We notice that there is an age gap of almost 50 years between the youngest and oldest RWMs in our province this year. Is that a record ?
- It's great to see Bro Alick Aitken back attending his Lodge meetings again after a number of years away. Now retired from his job as a Senior Electrical Engineer with Scottish Power, he finds that he now has the time on his hands to come along to 307. Bro Alick and his late father, used to be great supporters of the Lodge.
- It's very heartening indeed to see that Bro Tom Mulholland PM and Bro Hugh Cattigan PM are settling well in there new positions within PGLRE.
- It was pleasing to see that Bro David Reid PGM, brought 12 new Initiates along to witness our Dramatised MM Degree, all of which had attended the PGL Seminar in October.
- Good to see Bro Robert White PM & Bro Bill Kerr of Lodge St.John's Operative No.347 back at 307. Bro Robert is a cousin of Bro Alex White.
- It's remarkable that a total of 10 (40%) of our Office-bearers live outside the town. Is this a record for 307 ?

# Syllabus 2008 - 2009

Just in case some of our readers have been unable to obtain a copy of the new Lodge Syllabus, just issued for the current session, as ever, we publish a full copy for your perusal. If there are any updates or changes, we will ensure to publish details to keep you up to date.

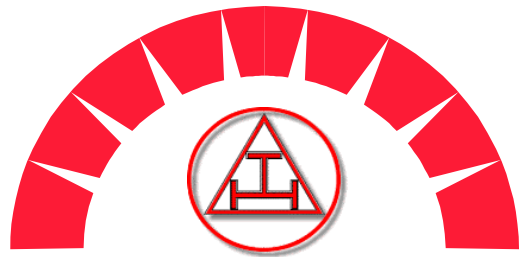
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| <b>Nov 22</b> |            | Installation of Office-Bearers       |
| <b>Dec 2</b>  | <b>EA</b>  | Worshipful Wardens                   |
| <b>Dec 16</b> | <b>FC</b>  | Worthy Deacons                       |
| <b>Jan 6</b>  | <b>MM</b>  | Installing Masters                   |
| <b>Jan 20</b> |            | "The Table of Scottish Freemasonry"  |
| <b>Feb 3</b>  |            | 185 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner |
| <b>Feb 17</b> | <b>EA</b>  | Lodge Saint Conval, No.1359          |
| <b>Mar 3</b>  |            | Visitation by PGL of R.E.            |
| <b>Mar 17</b> | <b>FC</b>  | Lodge St John's Operative, No.347    |
| <b>Apr 7</b>  |            | "Dramatised Fellowcraft Degree"      |
| <b>Apr 21</b> | <b>MM</b>  | Lodge Instruction Class              |
| <b>May 8</b>  |            | "Open Night"                         |
| <b>Sep 1</b>  | <b>EA</b>  | Lodge Nitshill, No.1478              |
| <b>Sep 15</b> | <b>FC</b>  | Lodge Thistle & Crown, No.1167       |
| <b>Oct 6</b>  | <b>MM</b>  | Lodge Instruction Class              |
| <b>Oct 20</b> |            | Annual General Meeting               |
| <b>Nov 3</b>  |            | "Dramatised MM Degree"               |
| <b>Nov 17</b> | <b>MMM</b> | Bro David Watson IPM                 |
| <b>Nov 28</b> |            | Installation of Office-Bearers       |

## Lodge Visitations

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|---------------|------------|---|
| <b>Jan 15</b> | <b>MMM</b> | At Lodge Thistle & Crown, 1167 (Bro Hugh Cattigan PM) |
| <b>Jan 26</b> | <b>MM</b>  | At Lodge Nitshill, No.1478 (Bro Jim Renfrew PM)       |
| <b>Feb 6</b>  | <b>DFC</b> | At Lodge Thistle, No.270                              |
| <b>Apr 14</b> | <b>FC</b>  | At Lodge Pollokshaws RA, No.153 (Bro David Watson PM) |
| <b>Sep 4</b>  | <b>EA</b>  | At Lodge St Conval, No.1359 (Bro Graham               |

## Management Committee Meetings

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7-30pm



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

At the regular meeting of the Chapter held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the following Brother :

### **Douglas Rankin**

received a fine Mark Affiliate and Excellent Masters Degree from the Companions of Rockmount RAC, in a degree well marshalled by our Instructing Principal,

MEC Bob McCulloch. All must have been content that the Office-bearers had settled well into their new offices, in what can often be a nervy evening for all involved, making the simple logistics of the degree difficult, when involved in a particular office for the very first time.

The next Regular Meeting of the Chapter, is scheduled for :

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

at 7-30pm, where a Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the Office-bearers and Companions of Rockmount. MEC Livingston Boyd MEZ and his Office-bearers extend a cordial invitation to all Companions, especially any visitors, to attend on that evening.

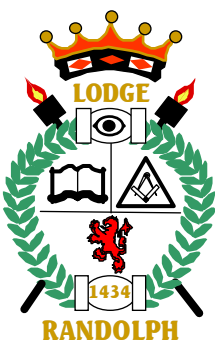
### **Cryptic Council**

As we were going to press, Rockmount Cryptic Council held its regular meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, when we are sure that the Office-bearers and companions, ably led by T.I.M. Wilson Davidson, performed well in what was hoped would be their first Cryptic Degree of the session.

The next Regular meeting of Rockmount CC is on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007** at 7.30pm, where it is expected that a Cryptic Degree will be conferred.



## **Lodge Randolph**



At the last Regular Meeting of the Lodge, held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, the guest speaker was Bro Tom Smith PM, Grand Almoner. Tom spoke well and long on many subjects connected with the Craft in general, and provoked a lively debate amongst those in attendance.

The next Regular Meeting of the Lodge is on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007**, when the Lodge will hold its AGM.

All Brethren planning to attending are most welcome, but they should inform our worthy Secretary, Bro Alistair MacDonald (☎01355 522731) beforehand.

# *A Past Master's Thoughts*

We Past Masters are a jealous lot ! But our jealousy is not of the Master but for the Lodge we have loved and served. We want to see her succeed, go forward, grow bigger, better, finer, more useful to our brethren. Most of us count no personal sacrifice comparable to the good of the Lodge; most of us will go to great lengths to serve again in any capacity, if by so doing we can help the old lodge another mile forward on what we hope will be always an honourable path to glory.

Therefore, Right Worshipful Master, use us, we who have had our own hour in the East. We have experience – make it count for you. We have learned to work – make us work for you.

We have understanding of Lodge and membership problems – make it yours. Give us a job to do, a committee membership, a minor appointment; aye, give us the hard and unwanted jobs, and most of us will jump at the chance. And if you are reasonably gentle about it, and treat us with even a modicum of fraternal courtesy – such as the young should always offer the old ! – some day we will welcome you as Immediate Past Master and make you one of the charmed circle without which no lodge can function at its best.



## **Did you Know ????**

- At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 in Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodgeroom, which sat directly over the border between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from both the Vermont and the Quebec sides and membership of the lodge consisted of men from both countries.
- In all Israeli Lodges, three Volumes of the Sacred Law are opened side by side upon the altar: The Hebrew Bible (Tanach), the Christian Bible, and the Moslem Koran. All Israeli Lodges comply with this tradition, even though it may be that in a certain Lodge all Brethren belong to the same religion. This way all Brethren will find that they're fully welcome to come and visit any Lodge they desire, and furthermore, they're fully equal as a full Brother.
- A century ago there were more than 3,000 Masonic lodges, which can be described as "Moon Lodges". Fifty years ago there were fewer than 500. These lodges meet on the day of the full moon for practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel home after dark. The advent of electricity, modern street lighting, and cars made the reason for meeting on such nights rather antiquated. In the United States, there are still a handful such as Acacia Lodge, No.51 in Minnesota, which still meets on the Wednesday of any week that has a full moon in it.

# Bud Gauld Plate

At the Installation harmony on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, as the various toasts and replies drew to a close, Bro Bud Gauld stood up to announce the latest winner of the award, named in his honour.

Bro Bud stated that now it is 16<sup>th</sup> year, the award had been instigated to encourage Brethren to work hard for the Lodge, and this year's winner was no exception, and after a short but impressive introduction, the Lodge was delighted to hear that **Bro Stephen Allan**, our WSW, was to be the recipient of the Bud Gauld Plate for outstanding service to Lodge Union & Crown. The latest Brother in a distinguished line to receive the handsome silver salver, it brought a packed Function Suite to its feet in recognition of Bro Stephen's efforts, not only over the preceding twelve months, but his hard work behind the scenes over the years.

A very worthy winner of this unique and prestigious award, for once Bro Stephen was momentarily speechless, as the emotions of the moment obviously took their toll upon him, before responding well and accepting the Plate with great humility.

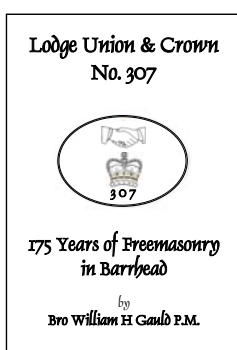
## Masonic Home at Bridge of Weir



We know that there is still a few weeks to go, but we would appeal to all our Brethren to remember the Brethren who are in the Marcus Humphrey House in Bridge of Weir.

It would be a nice touch if as many as possible could send a Christmas Card again this year, simply to remind the residents that they are still very much in our thoughts during the Festive Season. The address is :

**Marcus Humphrey House,  
Quarriers Village Bridge of Weir PA11 3SX**



## 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.

# Almoner's Report

It is with deep regret that I report the death of **Bro Tom Forde**, who passed away on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the RAH in Paisley. I attended the funeral service at Woodside Crematorium, where there was a large turnout of 307 Brethren and their wives, and many other friends from various quarters. The family must have gained some comfort from the large turnout. I visited Bro Tom's wife Ann at the family home and expressed our sympathy at her sad loss, for which I was thanked. Bro Tom will be missed by all who knew him.

Bro John Brooks is still a patient in the RAH, where I have visited him several times of late. He always responds well to the conversations we have, and he always asks me how the Lodge is doing. I'll continue to keep in touch. I've visited Mrs Chrissie Walls (the widow of Bro John Wells) in the RAH and she was very pleased to see me, and thanked me for taking the time to drop in.

On visiting Norwood care Home in Barrhead, I called on **Bro Arthur Renfrew**, **Bro Robert Spiers**, Mrs Betty Smith and Mrs Helen Bayne. All of whom expressed their thanks to me for taking the time to visit them. Since my last report, I have visited and had a pleasant chat in their homes with – **Bro Ian McFarlane PM**, **Bro Robert Nixon PM**, **Bro Tom Young PM**, **Bro Jack Ryan**, **Bro Harry Paton**, **Bro Arthur Scott** and **Bro Willie Pattison**.

On hearing of the death of Bro Archie Douglas's wife Margaret, I took the opportunity of calling on Bro Archie at home to express our condolences to him. Unfortunately, the funeral service had passed before I learnt of Margaret's passing. Bro Archie, although originally a member of Lodge St Thomas, Larkhall, No.306, was a great supporter of our social club, and is a close friend of Bro Duncan McLellen. Bro Archie said that he greatly appreciated my visit, and I will call on him from time to time at his home.

With the Festive Season only a few weeks away, and another delivery of Benevolent Parcels approaching, I called upon many of the "Ladies of the Lodge" including – Mrs Mari Anderson, Mrs Marion Smith, Mrs Betty Mitchell, Mrs Moira Campbell, Mrs Annie Cook, Mrs Margaret Richardson, Mrs Betty Carrey, Mrs Maisie Crockett, Mrs Mary Martin, Mrs Margaret Miller, Mrs Netta Miller, Mrs May Marklow, Mrs Catherine Fennell, Mrs Janette Shaw and Mrs Joan Oliver. All visits were cheerful and welcoming.

Whilst journeying around Barrhead recently, I had the occasion to meet and have a chat with Mrs Sheila Anderson who is the daughter of Bro Len Matthews of 307. One of the original editors of our journal, and indeed long-serving Almoner of the Lodge, Bro Lenny was a most distinguished and respected Brother and gentlemen. Sheila and I enjoyed a great chat.

To all the Brethren of Lodge Union & Crown, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for the most rewarding experience you have given me by allowing me to serve my Mother Lodge as Almoner over the last twelve months.

**Bro Alex White**

**Lodge Almoner 0141-571 6411**

# FLASHBACK

## Some Snippets from "The Mallet" of 26 Years Ago

No. 59

November 1982

**REGULAR MEETINGS** : At the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November, the following five Candidates : **Robert McCulloch, Donald Cook, James Easdon, James Kerr** and **Gordon McDonald** were raised to the Master Mason degree by a team from the Lodge Instruction Class. Once again the degree work was of a high standard and all credit must be given to the sterling work of Bro Tom Young who, through his efforts, has brought the class to the peak of efficiency. Bro Campbell Thomson, a regular visitor to the Lodge, was affiliated into the Lodge.

**Lodge opened 7.30pm      Lodge closed 10.20pm      Attendance 168**

A fortnight later on 16th November a total of twenty-five candidates received the rank of Mark Master Mason. One hesitates to labour the point, but yet another flawless performance was enacted by the younger members of the Instruction Class. All the more credit to them because this, far from easy, degree is only performed once a year.

**Lodge opened 7.30pm      Lodge closed 10.05pm      Attendance 145**

On Saturday 27th November a large deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge, headed by Bro Alexander G Murray SPGM attended the Installation Meeting in the Temple. An exceptionally large audience of visitors and Brethren of the Lodge saw Bro Robert Easdon installed as Right Worshipful Master and all his Office-bearers into their respective offices by Installing Masters Bro William Gauld and David Noble.

The solemn and serious ritual was occasionally enlivened by a few flashes of humour which did not detract from, but rather enhanced, the dignified ceremony. Altogether, a most praiseworthy and satisfying performance.

**Lodge opened 4.00pm      Lodge closed 6.25pm      Attendance 225**

**OUR OFFICE-BEARERS** : We decided to take a wee look at the occupations of our Office-bearers for the next session and we consider that we have a truly excellent mixture. Their ages range from 22 years to 73 years and there is at least one of the following : Blacksmith, Storeman, Manager, Airport Personnel, Accountant, Buyer, Electrical Contractor, Engineer, Welder, Plater, Draughtsman, Retired Senior Citizen, Security Officer and a Teacher. A good cross-section of representatives of the general public.

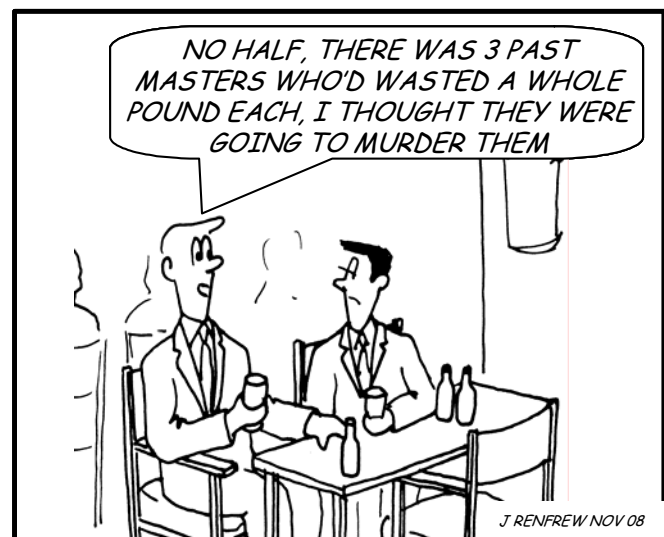
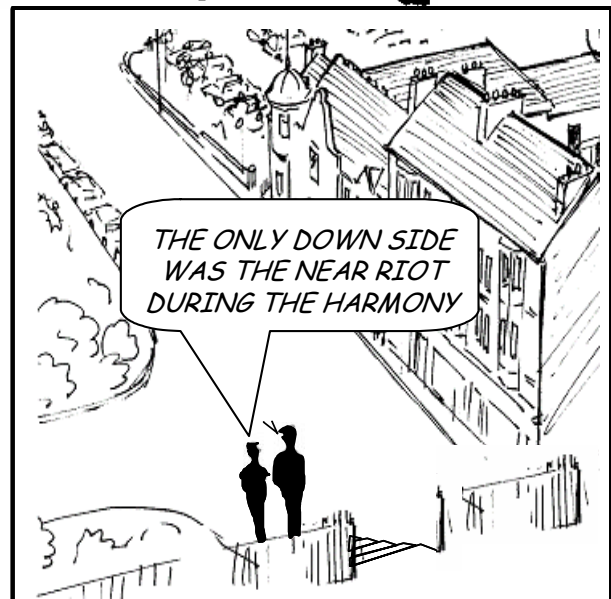
**LODGE GOSSIP** : Congratulations to Bro Douglas Campbell on his recent retirement and to Bro Robert Young who recently became the father of a baby girl.

It was pleasant to see Willie Shaw handing over 10 dollars from Bro David Blair who emigrated to America many years ago, but still retains an interest in his Mother Lodge.

We hear that Bro Andy Fleming, ex-commissionaire Shanks, has got a house in Barnes St.

We are pleased that Bro Bobby Shaw`s son Ian has found a job at long last.

# MARK 'N' ARCHIE



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