



The West Column



Brethren,

I always feel that no time at all has passed between compiling the foreword for the last Column of the session and the foreword for the first Column of the new session but I hope that you all had a very happy and enjoyable break and that you are all fully restored and looking forward to the new session.

Of course, it's not as if nothing has been happening in the Province and since the last meeting in April, there have been a number of very successful special meetings along with the Drummond Ball, the cruise on the Waverley, a Provincial Grand Master's degree at Bannockburn to say nothing of plant sales, sportsman's dinners and many other activities which have taken place in individual Lodges

Short reports on many of these activities are contained later in this month's Column.

I would also imagine that most Lodges with their own premises will also have been very active during the summer months attending to the many repairs and upgrades which are constantly required to our old buildings. In particular, I'm sure that many of us are looking forward to seeing the results of the very ambitious work which was planned by Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 to create virtually a new Temple in a two-storey structure, which when completed, will greatly enhance the facilities for freemasonry in Kilmacolm.

Later in the year we will also celebrate the 225th anniversary of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 and I can confirm that this will take place on Saturday 14th February 2015 and I hope that you will all put that date in your diaries and support the Lodge in their celebrations.

What is evident from all of the above Brethren, is that being a freemason never stops. There is no recess when it comes to the high standard of morality which comes with being a freemason and those standards are required of us, irrespective of whether the Lodge is in recess, or whether we are on holiday, or on the bowling green or at a football match or at our place of employment and it is important to always bear that in mind. The last couple of years have been very busy years for the Province and I'm sure that with your help and support, we can build upon that foundation and take the Province and the Lodges on to higher things in the new session. Personally, I am looking forward very much to the start of the new session and to meeting up with many of you at the various meetings.

Regards,
Jim

Contributions to the West Column

I would thank those who have provided contributions to this month's edition and a reminder that photographs of events are also welcome but I have to reserve the right to limit their use as it can affect the email transmission speed. However, please continue to send photographs as I can always include them in later editions. Most importantly, it is assumed that any photographs sent to me have the permission of the subjects for publication. If sending articles with accompanying photographs, could I ask that these are not embedded into a word document but send separately as JPEG files. All contributions should be sent to Jim626Col@aol.com

I am aware that many Lodges have had new initiates or even existing members who may have email addresses but do not receive the West Column. I would be grateful if the Lodge Secretaries could mention the West Column in your respective Lodges and perhaps encourage those who do not yet receive it to drop me a note of their email address and I will add them to the distribution list. The Column goes all over the world but let's make sure that it reaches all possible addresses in the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area as well! My thanks go to those who have forwarded on new contact details within the last month.

Views expressed by individuals within the West Column do not necessarily represent the views of Provincial Grand Lodge.

**** - PROVINCIAL NEWS - ****

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to www.pglrw.org
Brethren, if you have anything that you wish added to the Provincial website, contact Brother Jim Donnelly at jimdonnelly@ntlworld.com

Meetings.

Lodge meetings in the Province of Renfrewshire West take place as follows;

Day	Day of month.				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday	Preceptory	989	Royal Arch		
Thursday	217	1425	217		
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

- The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 meets on the 1st Friday of the months of September, October, April and May.

Dates and duties for your diaries:

Annual Installations and Visitations:

Lodge	Inst. Date	Off/bear	Annual Visit	Commenting
12	18th November	George J Carson	3rd March	DPGM
68	12th December	Robert J Bain	16th February	SPGM
175	24th October	William A McLarty	9th January	SPGW
217	28th November	Alexander Johnstone	16th April	SPGW
626	18th October	Edward M Ross	9th March	JPGW
989	21st November	Richard M Harrison	8th April	SPGW
1121	7th November	James Donnelly	27th January	DPGM
1425	5th December	Gordon Price	12th February	SPGM
1814	1st May (2015)			

Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).

We have now had a total of 6 draws of the RW200Club with the prize-winners as listed below. The draws for July draw was made at a meeting of the Commissioned Office-bearers and the August draw at a meeting of Provincial Grand Committee. Draws during the session will be held at appropriate Lodge meetings.

March	William Lawson (68)
April	Ian Freer (1121)
May	Paul Stewart (1425)
June	Paul Stewart (1425)
July	Anthony Stewart (1425)
August	Robin McIntyre (626)

Application forms are also still available within each Lodge. If you have not already "signed up" I hope that you will give your earnest consideration to this excellent method of charity fund-raising which should at the same time, assist in boosting attendance figures throughout the Lodges. It has been decided to reduce the monthly "ticket" cost to £5.00 rather than £10. However, those wishing to participate are not limited to any number of "entries" and if anyone wishes to purchase two or more tickets they may do so. It is hoped that Lodges will also participate by purchasing tickets and perhaps this could be favourably considered by your General or Finance Committees. Members may either pay cash (cheques should be made out to the Provincial Grand Lodge) or may take out a standing order arrangement.

You can also take part on a monthly basis but to take part in the draw your contribution, whether by cash, cheque or standing order must be with the Provincial Grand Treasurer prior to the draw taking place.

Please remember that a minimum of 50% of the income will be going directly to charity. I have not as yet decided on a good cause for this project as I felt that we had to be assured that it would get "off the ground". It is probably that when the time comes to divide up the proceeds, it will be split between a national charity and a local charity or charities. I have a fairly open mind about a national charity and would welcome suggestions from Lodges or individuals. There are, of course, many worthy charities and many of them will resonate with many of you for personal reasons. Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland, Breast Cancer, Cancer Research, Childline, Help for Heroes, the list is endless. If you have a suggestion, please email me at Jim626Col@aol.com

Provincial Grand Master's Diary.

As usual it has been a busy month and my grateful thanks to those who have supported me on visits during the month and in particular to the Depute and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters. Meetings attended during the recess included;

April:

The Divine Service of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East (20th), the annual Homes Degree at Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 (23rd), the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire (25th), the bi-annual meeting of Provincial Grand Masters with the Most Worshipful Grand Master in Perth (26th), the Divine Service * of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire (27th).

* represented by the Depute Provincial Grand Master.

May:

A special meeting at Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 with the Gibson Lodge No. 87 (IC), (3rd), the Divine Service * of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dunbartonshire (18th), presented a cheque on behalf of the Province to the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Group (25th), attended the Drummond Ball (30th).

* represented by the Depute Provincial Grand Master.

June:

Attended a special meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII (5th), attended the annual BBQ at the Marcus Humphrey House (8th), the Education Dinner hosted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East (11th), the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge (12th), took part in the Provincial Grand Master's degree at Bannockburn (20th), attended the Masonic Cruise on the Waverley (21st), the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire (Tarbolton) (25th).

July:

Attended a special reception hosted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow to mark the start of the Commonwealth Games (22nd).

August:

Attended the Regular Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kilwinning (19th), chaired meeting of Provincial Grand Committee (20th), hosted the annual Master's Dinner (27th), attended a meeting of Lodge Barns o' Clyde (28th).

Homes Degree:

It was pleasing to note the excellent support from the Lodges in the Province for this year's Homes degree and it is confirmed that a cheque for £600 being the proceeds from the degree was presented to Brother James Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, Past Grand Master, by the Depute Provost Brother David Wilson at the Marcus Humphrey House BBQ in June.

A selection of photographs from these various events appear below.

Alexander Drummond 275th Anniversary.

The year has, of course been marked with a succession of events to mark the 275th anniversary of the appointment of Brother Alexander Drummond as the first Provincial Grand Master with the first being the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason to our Annual Meeting on Friday 7th February 2014.

Drummond Ball

On Friday 30th May, the Province organised a very successful Ball in Greenock Town Hall. On the evening, the Town Hall was filled to capacity to hear the sounds of the Capitol Big Band and from reports by those who were in attendance, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. While, it is unlikely that we would be able to organise such an event on an annual basis, we are going to make enquiries if we can repeat the event at the end of the 2014 - 2015 session so watch this space.

Prostate Cancer Scotland.

One of the benefits arising from the Drummond Ball, was that although we did not set out to make the event specifically a fund-raising event, the Ball realised a surplus of £1,550, which will be presented at a suitable time and place, to Prostate Cancer Scotland, being the chosen charity drive of Grand Lodge.

Waverley Cruise

A "Masonic Paddle Doon the Watter" on the PS Waverley was organised jointly by the Western County Provinces under the chairmanship of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The weather, on the day (midsummer's day), proved to be very kind and a wonderful time was had by all the 750 passengers, who contributed to a very successful event which raised around £5,000 for Prostate Cancer Scotland.

Divine Service

This Province will bring its celebrations of the Drummond Anniversary to a close by hosting a special Divine Service for all the Western Counties on Sunday 7th September. The Service, which will be conducted by Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother David Mitchell, will be held in the historic Old West Kirk at 3.00 pm and will be attended by representatives of Provinces across Scotland. Subject to the weather, there will be a short parade from Forsyth Street, to the Church and the Service will be followed by a small buffet reception. Invitations have been sent out to the Provost and members of Inverclyde Council, to the Lord Lieutenant of the County and to the Shaw-Stewart family to attend. Following a recent article in the Greenock Telegraph, there is also considerable interest from the public in this historic event.

Brethren, Lodges rarely get the opportunity to parade nowadays and this is our chance to show the people of Inverclyde that freemasonry is alive, well and flourishing in the Province. I make this appeal to each and every one of you to put this date in your diary and come along and support your Lodge and your Province on the day. Full regalia will be worn on what should be a very colourful occasion and I will be extremely disappointed if each Lodge is not well represented on the day.



Representatives from the 9 Provinces which attended the Annual divine Service of the Provincial Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East. Also in the photo is Brother Archie M McGown, representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Depute and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters exiting the Church in Paisley following the PGLRE Divine Service and no doubt heading for the cakes and sandwiches judging by the smiles on their faces.



Provincial Grand Masters from 19 different Provinces who took part in the Entered Apprentice degree conferred upon the son of the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Thistle and Bruce, Bannockburn on Friday 20th June 2014. The event took place in the Allen Church, Bannockburn.

Provincial Grand Masters from 12 visiting Provinces joined the PGM of Kilwinning at the Regular Communication of that Province on Tuesday 19th August.



On the eve of the Commonwealth Games (Tuesday 22nd July), the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow hosted a Games Reception in Garnethill Synagogue, which was attended by the Provincial Grand Masters of a number of neighbouring Provinces and their wives. Also in the picture is a special guest, a Brother from Guyana, who was part of that country's Games Team.



The Provincial Grand Masters from Glasgow and Renfrewshire West (and Archie Chalmers) join the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West at the special meeting held by the Lodge in June.

Brother Livingstone presenting a cheque for the sum of £500 to Brother David A Reid, on behalf of the Lodges in the Province at the start of the Widow's Sons sponsored motorcycle run around the Provinces on Sunday 25th May 2014.



The Widow's Sons at the start of their journey around the Provinces which was to take them 14 hours to complete. the event raised around £6,000 and the pennant which was passed to the PGM (in the photograph above) will be presented to Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 at a suitable date for their kindness in hosting the photo opportunity in the Lodge at a very early time on the Sunday morning.



The Most Worshipful Grand Master (in the striped jacket), flanked by the Provincial Grand Masters of Glasgow, Renfrewshire East, Lanarkshire Middle Ward, Renfrewshire West, Ayrshire, Kilwinning and Dunbartonshire at Rothesay.



The Provincial Grand Lodge Treasurer Brother Trotter and his wife Rhona on the Waverley or was it the "Love Boat"?

Pipers leading the parade of passengers from the Waverley to Lodge Rothesay St. John No. 292 on their arrival in the town.



The Town Hall looked splendid for the Drummond Ball as did the assembled company as demonstrated by Brother Willie Lawson and his table from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.



Brother David Wilson, Depute Provost of Invercand Treasurer of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 presents a cheque to Brother James Marcus Humphrey, Past Grand Master at the annual BBQ of the Marcus Humphrey House. The cheque represented the proceeds from the annual Homes Degree and was presented on behalf of all the Lodges in the Province.

LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING SEPTEMBER.

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 2nd - Passing

Tuesday 16th - Nom/elect of Office-bearers and Passing conferred by Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

Monday 1st - Monthly Business Meeting and Ballot

Monday 8th - Entering

Monday 15th - Raising

Monday 22nd - Passing

Monday 29th - Entering

On Friday 5th September, the Lodge will be travelling to Stornoway to visit Lodge Fortrose No. 108.

Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.

Friday 12th - Passing

Friday 26th - Raising

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217

Thursday 4th - Passing (Exemplification) and Ballot

Thursday 18th - Entering

Inverclyde "Doors Open" Day. The Lodge room will be open on Saturday 13th September as part of Inverclyde Doors Open Day and a warm welcome is extended to family and friends to visit the Lodge Rooms.

On Tuesday 16th September, the Lodge will be conferring a Fellowcraft Degree at Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and the Right Worshipful Master would appreciate the support of the Lodge brethren on that evening.

Social events.

The next Family Friendly Saturday will be on Saturday 6th September from 12 noon until 4.00 pm with food served until 2.00 pm - ALL WELCOME.

Comet Festival

On Saturday 16 August, 2014, members of the Lodge participated in the Port Glasgow Comet Festival Gala Day, held at the Coronation Park, Port Glasgow.

The Lodge organised the usual bottle stall, which was supported by donations from members.

The adverse weather did not dampen the spirits of the stall holders or the ever dedicated Port Glasgow public.

The Lodge was open on the day for light refreshments with Bro. George Hamilton PM in the bar and Bro. John Falconer IPM in the kitchen.

It was a good days work on the stall by Bro. Gerry Robertson RWM, Bro. Clive Taulbut WSW, Bro. Gordon Leitch WJW and Bro. Danny Blaney PM as a fundraiser and promoting the Lodge within the community.

The stall is always well received at the festival and some visitors old and new left happy with their prizes.

Bro. Gerry Robertson RWM would like to thank the brethren and friends for supporting the Lodge at this annual Port Glasgow community event.



Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 10th - Mark Degree

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 8th - Entering

Monday 22nd - Passing

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 10th - Fellowcraft Degree conferred by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

The Lodge will be holding a Special Meeting on Saturday 20th April when Lodge Arklow Regis 4481 (EC) are conferring exemplification of English Master Mason's degree. 2.30pm for a 3pm prompt start. Harmony afterwards as normal

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 9th - Entering (Exemplification)

Tuesday 23rd - Mark Degree

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Thursday 11th - Passing

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

A regular meeting of the Lodge will be held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock, on Friday 5th September 2014 at 7.30 pm. The speaker on that occasion will be Brother Charles Winston, who will be speaking about the Masonic Oral History Project.

Other Orders.

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourrock on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday at 7.30 pm to which all Companions are cordially invited. Most Excellent First Principal, Tommy Trotter and office-bearers of the Chapter extend a warm invitation to all, especially any Companions who may not have been to the Chapter for some time. Remember, the hardest thing can be walking through that door again. For anyone contemplating returning to the Chapter, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

Monday 8th September - AGM and Nomination and Election of Office-bearers.

Monday 13th October - Annual Installation

Preceptory of Ardgowan

The Preceptory of Ardgowan extends a warm welcome to any Frater who has been unable to attend over the past few years through other personal commitments and looks forward to seeing them at any of our Statutory Musters in the future.

A pocket sized Syllabus is currently being compiled to assist those not currently on e-mail and a general aide memoire for all. Current Statutory Musters and Executive Committees forecast for 2014 are as follows;

Tuesday 7th October - AGM, election of office-bearers and Malta Grade

Wednesday 5th November - Annual Installation.

Wednesday 3rd December - Muster

Please ensure that the Secretary has your current contact details including e-mail and mobile number. All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock.

St. George's Conclave No. 79 - 2013/14 Syllabus

Kt Grant Macleod would be delighted to see any member of the Conclave attend his installation on Tuesday 15th April in the premises of Lodge Doric Kil No.68 at 7.30pm. If you haven't been for a while come along and enjoy the company with no pressure.

Future dates:

Tuesday 16th September — RCC

Tuesday 21st October — KHS **(Visit by Grand Sovereign)**

Tuesday 18th November – RCC

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Tuesday 20th January – KHS

Tuesday 17th February - RCC

Tuesday 17th March – KHS

Tuesday 21st April - Installation

The Wee Corner

The spot for all the stories that don't fit anywhere else!

CHARITY NEWS

STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Brother Bill Crumlsh of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 is collecting used stamps in aid of Ardgowan Hospice so please don't throw them away. Put them in an envelope and hand them on to Bill or to any member of 626 who will be pleased to pass them on. This costs nothing, simply a moment of your time and can mean so much to a very worthwhile cause. I'm sure than we all know of someone who has benefited from the care received at Ardgowan Hospice over the years so please help!

Brother Crumlsh has asked me to advise that if donating stamps it is very helpful if approximately 0.25" border is left around the stamp.

ANNIVERSARY LAPEL BADGES.

Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special "gem" set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to "David Stevenson"



Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to treasurerno12@aol.com
Please make cheques payable to "David Stevenson".

Anniversary Badges.

Brethren, Brother David Stevenson, who kindly took on the task of co-ordinating the supply of anniversary badges from Brother Henry Tibbles has asked me to include a brief request to the effect that he would appreciate if Lodges could ascertain what the demand is likely to be for supplies of such badges during the coming year. It would be helpful if Lodge secretaries could co-ordinate any likely requests for such badges and advise Brother David of demand. His email address appears at the advert for the badges.

Masonic Education.

I am continuing to publish a list of suggested reading which many of you appear to have found useful. It would be my intention to continue to keep this list as a standard feature and if anyone finds a website or article which could supplement the list, please let me know and I will be more than happy to add the details.

Reading Material

- The Ashlar
- The Grand Lodge of Scotland Year Book (order through your Lodge Secretary).
- Robert Burns - The Freemason edited by John Weir from Grand Lodge of Scotland
- The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century, 1590-1710 by David Stevenson
- The First Freemasons by David Stevenson
- The Craft by John Hamill
- The Genesis of Freemasonry by Knoop and Jones
- The Scottish Mason and the Mason Word by Knoop and Jones
- The Temple and the Lodge by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh
- A Pilgrim's Path by John J. Robinson
- The History of Freemasonry by Robert Freke Gould
- The History of Freemasonry by Albert G. Mackey
- The Secrets of Freemasonry by Robert Lomas
- Workman Unashamed by Christopher Haffner
- Famous Scottish Freemasons published by Grand Lodge of Scotland
- The Freemason at Work by Harry Carr
- A Masonic Miscellany by George Power

New Material.

Right Worshipful Master Brother George Carson advises for those with a Kindle Fire HD you can download for free: The Symbolism of Freemasonry by Albert G MacKey in the 1800's. and comments that it is a very interesting insight into the use of symbols and allegories and how they may have developed from ancient cultures into what we have in "modern" Freemasonry. A little bit heavy in parts but as a free download for the information and ideas it is excellent.

Websites

- <http://www.hawthornefortitude200.com/twtmag.html>
- <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/>
- <http://freemason.pastperfect-online.com/37812cgi/mweb.exe?request=random>
- <http://www.americanmason.org/TheNorthernLight.aspx>
- <http://scottishrite.org/srjournal/>
- <http://www.esmason.com/news.html>
- <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/index.htm>
- <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/>
- "Pietre Stones".
- Cinosam
- www.rurallodge.com
- Sadly, the last site is now no longer updated but there are a few back copies still on the site which are worth reading and I think that the lectures and material available at <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/> are particularly good.

Lodge Websites.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland - <http://www.grandlodgeScotland.com/>

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West - <http://www.pglrw.org/>

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII – www.lgk12.com

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 - <http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 - <http://www.greenock-st-johns-175.masonic-lodge.org.uk/>

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 - <http://www.lck217.org.uk/links.html>

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626 - <http://www.firhofclyde.org>

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 – www.lodgesirmichael989.co.uk

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 – www.lodgecrawfurdsburn.org.uk

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 - <http://www.Lodge1425.org>

Grand Lodge Guidelines for the creation of Lodge Websites

if anyone is considering the development of a lodge website please bear in mind that the Grand Lodge of Scotland have issued guidelines for the creation of such sites and I would be happy to provide a copy.

The Ashlar:

Of particular interest to all freemasons in the Ashlar edited and produced locally, it is one of the most informative publications that you could read and is available either through your Lodge or through Brother Alex Galbraith, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, for the relatively modest sum of £4.00. Often with articles written by brethren known to us locally, it comes highly recommended.

DO YOU ORDER GOODS AND SERVICE THROUGH THE INTERNET – READ ON -----

GRAND LODGE – BENEVOLENT FUNDS - Easyfundraising

Brethren, I draw to your attention the attached fundraising scheme for the Benevolent funds of Grand Lodge and I commend it to you. It is the easiest, most painless way to raise money for the Benevolent funds.

I have used it on a number of occasions and it is incredible the amount that can be sourced by simply buying online at your usual supplier - all the big names are there. e.g. simply renew your car insurance with your Insurance Company and the normal fee sent by the Company to your nominated charity or good cause is £35 other suppliers send a percentage anything from 1.1/2 -2.3/4%. It is so simple it is brilliant. Please read the attached and consider using if you buy online.

Many thanks

Alex Galbraith

Extract from Grand Lodge of Scotland Yearbook 9th September 2010.

**The EASY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – AN EXCELLENT AND SIMPLE WAY OF
RAISING MONEY FOR THE BENEVOLENT FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.**

The chairman and members of the Benevolence and Care Committee invite you to join them in supporting the above initiative which enables much needed monies to be raised for the Benevolent Funds at **NO** cost either to you or to Grand Lodge.

Please take the time to visit the website to find out more at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

How it works:

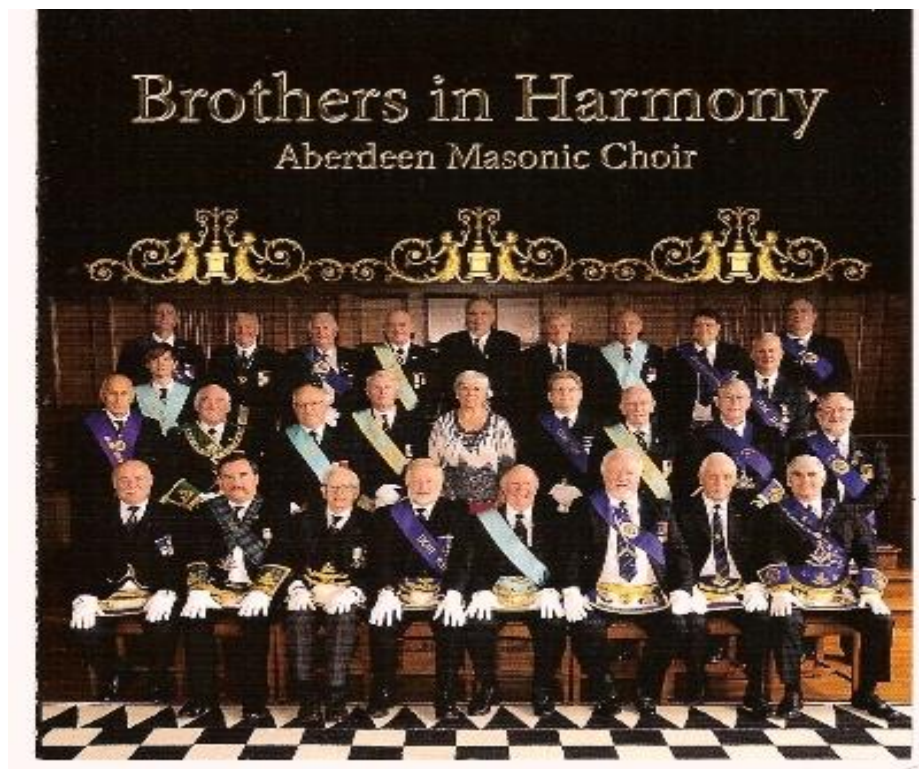
The scheme operates by the registration of organisations and individuals with the service and when they shop online with a participating retailer, a donation is made to their nominated recipient. So many of us now shop online that it is an excellent way of raising funds just by doing something which we would anyway. Since the committee first approved participation in this initiative, Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has been registered and now has a unique identification number which means that we can receive money from the scheme. Therefore, the more people who register and nominate Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund as their benefactor, the more funds we can raise simply by making online purchases in the normal way but using the links from the above site first.

To go directly to the unique web address for Grand Lodge type: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glsbf and follow the links to register. The website is easy to use and gives a step by step guide. Different retailers give different percentage donations – for example, Grand Lodge has already received the sum of £35.00 which was donated by Direct Line when a member of staff renewed their car insurance. It is very difficult to raise funds in these challenging economic times so this initiative is worthy of consideration. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

I am delighted to include the following advert on behalf of the Brother Ian Bain, Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire East (email address below).

Aberdeen Masonic Choir

Aberdeen Masonic Choir have completed recording a series of hymns, organ and pipe music for their CD "Brothers in Harmony" which is now on sale! All the hymns and tunes were recorded within Freemasons' Hall at 85 Crown Street, Aberdeen and proceeds from the sales of the CD which costs £10.00 per copy + P & P will go towards restoration projects etc. at Freemasons' Hall. For anyone interested in purchasing a CD they are on sale at Freemasons' Hall, Crown Street, Aberdeen and are obtainable there. The choir have a facebook page and for anyone interested in checking it out the address is www.facebook.com/AberdeenMasonicChoir



Aberdeen Masonic Choir very much enjoy singing and are open to invitations to attend Masonic Meetings to enhance the musical parts of the ceremonies and to perform at Carol Concerts, Services and community events (when possible) should there be any requests for them to do so. They are also keen for any Masonic Brethren who may have an interest in singing to get in touch with them and come along to a practice session on a Sunday afternoon and see what goes on. If you would like to purchase a copy of the CD "Brothers in Harmony", would like to invite the Aberdeen Masonic Choir to perform at a meeting or event, or are interested in becoming a member of the choir, please do get in touch via the Facebook page or contact the Masonic Messenger ianjamesbain@sky.com or Bryan at bneavepm1451@btinternet.com, David at david.armstrong25@gmail.com or Brian at Briandempster@talktalk.net

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| 1. The Flowers of the Forest | 10. Highland Cathedral |
| 2. Praise My Soul the King of Heaven | 11. By Cool Siloam's Shady Rill |
| 3. How Great Thou Art | 12. I to the Hills (Will Lift Mine Eyes) |
| 4. The Church's One Foundation | 13. Amazing Grace |

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| 5. Intermezzo | 14. All People That on Earth Do Dwell |
| 6. 23 rd Psalm | 15. Bells Across The Meadows |
| 7. Eternal Father (Strong to Save) | 16. The Day Thou Gavest (Lord Is Ended) |
| 8. O God of Bethel | 17. The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee |
| 9. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | |

The Brethren who have contributed to the singing on this CD are not professionals and have not had any formal training but everything they have sung has been from the heart for your enjoyment and for a most worthy cause.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West

Calendar of Events and Meetings – September 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 st 68 - Business Meeting and Ballot	2 nd XII - Passing	3 rd	4 th 217 - Passing (E) and Ballot	5 th 1814 - Lecture	6 th	7 th DIVINE SERVICE 3pm.
8 th 68 - Entering 626 - Entering RAC 289 - Nom/Elect of O/b.	9 th 1121 - Entering (E)	10 th 624 - Mark Degree 989 - Passing conferred by Lodge 68	11 th 1425 - Passing	12 th 175 - Passing	13 th	14 th
15 th 68 - Raising	16 th XII - Nom/Elect of O/b and Passing by Lodge 217 SGC No. 79 - RCC	17 th RAC XVII - Meeting	18 th 217 - Entering	19 th	20 th 989 - special Meeting - see above.	21 st
22 nd 68 - Passing 626 - AGM - Nom/Elect of O/b.	23 rd 1121 - Mark	24 th	25 th	26 th 175 - Raising	27 th	28 th
29 th 68 - Entering	30 th					

(E) denotes an Exemplification

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