



## *The West Column*

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Hello Brethren,

It seems that no sooner than we break up for the recess during the summer months than we are dusting off the cases and getting ready for the new session ahead and I believe it is one that we can look forward to on a very positive note in this Province. The annual visits carried out during the latter half of last session all recorded very encouraging reports on the Daughter Lodges but with many advising of an increase in the number of initiates, there is a very sound basis for the new Provincial team to take forward into the future. I'm sure that we can look forward to a raft of new ideas coming from the new Commission.

*That little bit extra.* I'm sure we are all familiar with the famous Tesco slogan, "every little helps"! It came into my mind recently during a visit to Lodge Campbeltown St. John to support the lovely Brother Don Thomson when he received his Jubilee Certificate from his Mother Lodge. The welcome we received on that day was extra special – a little bit extra – and helped to make us all feel very much at home.

It brought to mind a sermon preached nearly 60 years ago by the Reverend W E Caskie and which has stuck in my mind all these years and it was about doing that little bit extra. The story he told concerned a stranger entering a Church one Sunday morning. Nobody knew who he was and he was fairly shabbily dressed. He shuffled into a side pew and looked very awkward as he sat among the regular worshipers.

After a few minutes an elderly lady stood up from where she was sitting behind him and made her way over to him. She had noted that he did not have a hymn book so she offered to lend him her own hymn book for the Service. She then sat back down but after a few moments, she returned to him and said that she did not wish to offend but as he looked a bit down on his luck she slipped him some coins for the collection. He thanked her very much for her kindness and she once again took her seat.

However, after a few minutes, she again rose and sat beside him and put her hand in her pocket.

The man, somewhat embarrassed by this time, said to her that she had already lent him her hymn book and collection so what could she want now? She simply took her hand from her pocket holding a bag and asked him if he would like a sweet.

That little bit extra that makes us feel welcome and not a stranger. Later in this month's Column, there is a piece on "Masonic Do's and Do not's" which encourages us to make sure that new candidates in particular are made to feel welcome as they first come into the Lodge.

We often discuss what measures we can take to improve retention of candidates and statistics now in our possession prove that a high proportion of new candidates are lost to the Craft within the first two or three years of their joining.

I'm not sure that there is any great secret to retaining new candidates. We just need to make sure that they feel welcome and a part of our Lodge.

So if you have a new candidate or a first time visitor to your Lodge, don't ignore him. Extend to him the hand of friendship, a kindly word, don't let them sit on their own.

Give him some of your time – who knows you might just be meeting your new best friend.

So don't just do the minimum – try doing that little bit extra and make the masonic journey of the new candidate or visitor (or perhaps even you) that much more fulfilling and worthwhile.

Hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer recess and are now looking forward to the new session refreshed and ready to go.

Regards,

Jim

## **Contributions to the West Column**

I would as always 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 [Jimliv626@gmail.com](mailto:Jimliv626@gmail.com) (Note change of email address).

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

### **Reminder - Advertising of meetings:**

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland provide for three ways in which to advertise Lodge meetings.

1. By intimation at the previous Regular Meeting.
2. By advertisement in the local newspaper published at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
3. By circular delivered or posted to every qualified member at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

The above are the three permissible methods of convening meetings. It is not necessary to use all three; in fact, one method may be used for all meetings. The Lodge bye-laws must make clear which method will be used for any particular meeting.

The practice of advertising using a composite advert in the Greenock Telegraph has now been discontinued and any Lodge which wishes to continue to use the services of the Greenock Telegraph must now make their own arrangements.

**Advertising:** I would appeal to Lodge secretaries to let me know the details of meetings taking place. I am very conscious of the fact that without the medium of advertising in the local newspaper, there is a void of information which requires to be filled. By letting me know of meetings taking place, I can issue the details in the West Column which is sent out to nearly 500 email addresses as well as adding a weekly update to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West's facebook page which now has around 300 members. PLEASE take advantage of this medium. The schedule of meetings for the week ahead (where such information has been provided, is published in the Province's facebook page each weekend.

### **Acknowledgement:**

As always we are very grateful to Brother J Stewart Cruikshank, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire for kindly allowing us to use many of the photographs which appear in the West Column.

*Obituary:*

**Brother GORDON PORTER PM, PSPGW, 1954 to 2018**

It was with intense sadness that the Province recorded the loss of Brother Gordon Porter PM on Monday 28 May 2018 at the tender age of just 63.

Gordon was a well-known and well-loved brother inside and outside the Province and was very active in the Craft and other orders. He joined Lodge Sir Michael No 989 in Kilmacolm on 27 February 1985 aged 30 becoming Right Worshipful Master from 1992 to 1994. He was also a member of Provincial Grand Lodge where he rose through the ranks and just last year became a Past Senior Provincial Grand Warden.

Gordon bore his illness with dignity and even in his latter stages he was more concerned about how other people were keeping than his own situation. His widow Joan would like to pass many thanks to all those brethren who took time to visit Gordon at both Inverclyde Royal Hospital and latterly The Beatson in Glasgow. Gordon valued these visits.

There was an incredible turnout for Gordon's funeral at Greenock Crematorium and Service of Remembrance at Kilmacolm Old Kirk on Tuesday 5 June with many brethren in attendance. Lodge Sir Michael plans to honour Brother Porter with a display of regalia at an appropriate future time.



It would have been easy to have included a photo of Gordon in Masonic regalia but somehow, I think that the photograph used, is much more appropriate and shows off that typical wee grin of his.

## \*\*\*\* - PROVINCIAL NEWS - \*\*\*\*

**Provincial Website.** For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to [www.pglrw.org](http://www.pglrw.org) - 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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday	Preceptory	989	RAC XVII		
Thursday	217	1425	217	PGRAC 900	
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

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

### Dates and duties for your diaries:

### Provincial Grand Lodge

### Annual Installations and Visitations:

Lodge	Inst. Date	Off/bear	Annual Visit 2018	Commenting
12	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	TBA		
68	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TBA		
175	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	TBA		
217	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	TBA		
626	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	TBA		
989	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	TBA		
1121	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	TBA		
1425	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	TBA		
1814	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	TBA	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	

In the event that any Provincial Office-bearer is unable to make any of the above dates, it would be appreciated if an apology could be registered with Provincial Grand Secretary in advance of the meeting.

### Byelaws and Notices of Motion:

Brethren, could I please urge you to ensure that any proposed changes to bye-laws be discussed with the Provincial Grand Secretary BEFORE compiling a Notice of Motion for submission to the Lodge. This will ensure that the Motion is in an acceptable format and avoid any delays caused by having to have the proposal reworded and resubmitted.

### Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).

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. The monthly entry fee is £5.00. 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.

Winners over the summer months are as follows:

April – Brother Robert S Stone, Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

May – Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

June – Brother Archibald (again!) Wright, Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

July – Brother Murdo Munro, Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.

August – Brother George J Carson, Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121.

### **Test Fees:**

Please be reminded that it is important that Test Fees are kept up to date. Most Lodges now offer the facility of paying by direct debit which is an excellent way of ensuring that you are always clear in your Lodge.

In particular, it is also important to make sure that if you are an affiliate member of another Lodge, you must be clear in ALL Lodges in which you are a member to ensure that you may continue to visit other Lodges. Brethren who are not up to date in all Lodges of which they are a member, have visiting rights withdrawn as well as the privileges which would normally be afforded to them in their Mother Lodges.

### **Provincial Grand Master's Diary.**

Provincial Grand Master's report:

As we approach the beginning of another session I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer recess especially during the better weather that we enjoyed in June and July.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. I attended the Divine Service of the PGL of Dunbartonshire along with PG Sec. Bro Alan Beck and PG Almoner Bro Alistair Glenny.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May I attended another extremely successful PGL Summer Ball in Greenock Town Hall.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May I attended Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 for the Bi-Annual visit of Lodge Gibson No 87 I.C. and witnessed an excellent demonstration of the FC Degree, I was accompanied by Dep PGM Bro John Black, PG Sec Bro Alan Beck, PG Marshal Bro Hector Macphail and PG Tyler Bro James McCorkell.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June I attended the meeting of PG Masters hosted by the Grand Master Mason in Perth.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June I attended the funeral of PPSGW Bro Gordon Porter, an excellent and fitting turnout of brethren at Greenock Crematorium and also at the Thanksgiving Service at Kilmacolm Old Kirk where Sub PGM Bro Stuart Wilson delivered an excellent and moving eulogy.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June I attended the Special Meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12 and witnessed an excellent EA Degree conducted by the Past Masters of the Lodge. On that occasion I was accompanied by PPGM Bro Alexander Galbraith, DPGM Bro John Black, PG



Chaplain Bro George Carson, PG Treasurer Bro Thomas Trotter, PPSGW Bro Ross Nugent, PGL DOC Bro James Porter, PG SD Bro Billy McLarty and PG Tyler Bro James McCorkell.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June I attended the Orr Masonic Bowling Competition and also the Summer Fete at Marcus Humphrey House. Many thanks to Bro John Freeburn for all his hard work organising the bowling and to Bro Malcolm Sinclair for his hard work in organising the plant stall at the Fete.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June I attended the Installation of the new PG Master and Commissioned Office-bearers of the PGL of Kilwinning, on that occasion I was joined by DPGM Bro John Black and Past Sub GM Bro Alexander Galbraith who was part of the GL Deputation. (see photo below).

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August I attended a meeting of the Commissioned Office-bearers of the Province.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August I attended a dinner to mark the Commission of Bro Robert Little, the Immediate PPGM of Ayrshire which was held in Kilmarnock.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August I chaired the PGL Committee meeting.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August I attended a very enjoyable Masters Dinner.

### **Forthcoming events**

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September the Widows Sons Motor Cycle Group in conjunction with Poppy Scotland will be coming to the Province for a wreath laying ceremony. This will be hosted by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 with further details being provided by PG Sec Bro Alan Beck in due course.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held within Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and on the occasion the Province will be delighted to welcome the GM Master Mason and a deputation from Grand Lodge into the Province again further details will be provided by PG Sec Bro Alan Beck in due course.



## Provincial Ball.

For a fifth year in a row, the Annual Provincial Summer Ball proved to be a great success, with around 220 brethren and their wives and partners enjoying the event on a very warm evening in May. Guests from the Provinces of Ayrshire, Argyll and the Isles, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Linlithgowshire, Stirling and Dunbartonshire joined together to enjoy an evening of fine dining and dancing with the Capitol Big Band, living up to their name as usual. Catering was again provided by Brother Tony Buckley and our compliments to him for the excellent menu.

The object of the evening since it was first held in 2014, has always been to bring the Province together and to celebrate the end of the session. However, being a Masonic event, we always make sure there is a raffle of some sort going on and over the years, both Lodges and individuals have given generously at this Ball.

This year was no different and indeed, everyone excelled with their generosity with a clear profit from the event totalling an amazing £4,500!

Grateful thanks go to all for their help and assistance on the evening.



By the time this Column has been issued, I would anticipate that agreement has been made to organise a similar event in 2019 and although the Ball has always been well supported, it would be nice to see EVERY Lodge taking at least a table.

The photograph above is of the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre, with wife HESSIE and guests from the Provinces at the beginning of the evening.





Depute Provincial Grand Master Brother John W Black, leads the guests to the top table.



Brother Robin McIntyre, Provincial Grand Master and Mrs Hessie McIntyre, looking relaxed at the start of the evening.



Meal over and the guests taking advantage of the great sounds of the Capitol Big Band.

### **Grand Lodge.**

#### **Future Meetings:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Regular Communication

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Festival of St. Andrew.

#### **New Grand Secretary.**

As most will know, Brother David M Begg, Grand Secretary, after many years of faithful service to Grand Lodge and the Craft, decided to “hang up his pen” and take well-earned retirement and we wish him a long and happy retirement. In his place at the June Communication was his replacement and we extend a welcome to Brother J Euan Edment and congratulations on his appointment as Grand Secretary. I'm sure that all in the Province will wish him a very happy and fulfilling tenure as our new Grand Secretary. Brother Edment was a guest at the Province's Ball in May and is seen below with the Grand Master Mason at the recent Installation of Brother Thomas Wood as the new Provincial Grand Master of Kilwinning.



## **Commemoration of the Fallen 2018.**



### **Wreath Laying at Port Glasgow Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 12 noon.**

As part of events to mark the ending of the First World War, the Masonic Homes Group in conjunction with the **Widows Sons Masonic Motor Cycle Group**, are currently doing a fundraising tour of the 32 Provinces and are schedule to visit this Province on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September at approximately 12 noon, meeting at the Masonic Temple, Brown Street, Port Glasgow (Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68).

It will be a very short stop but it is intended that the Group will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Port Glasgow before heading off to their next stop in Dunbartonshire. Wreaths will also be laid by representatives of the Lodges in the Province and brethren are encouraged to come along and support the event.

### **Grand Lodge Event – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be marking the end of the First World War, with a Commemoration of the Fallen which will take place in Edinburgh Further details will be announced over the coming weeks.

### **Masonic Etiquette and Good Practice.**

It is understood that Grand Lodge will shortly make available to purchase at a very reasonable price, a handbook on the above subject. Having seen a draft copy of the handbook I would strongly recommend it as a very useful guide for any Brother and particularly those ascribing to higher office in the Craft. The Guide is a product of the Information and Communication Committee with input from the Education Working Group which provided thoughts on Masonic Best Practice.

The Best Practice “do’s and don’ts” have been incorporated into the finalised booklet but I thought that they are well worthy of reproducing in this month’s West Column so that they might reach a wider audience.

I would hasten to add that the following aspects of good practice are in no way meant to be mandatory, simply suggestions that might assist with retaining new members,

I suspect that many might immediately dismiss them as simply being “just common sense”

However, I would simply ask if indeed you, as individuals, or if your Lodge actually observe these practices!



## **Best Practice Guide:**

### **1. Recruitment:**

- Be comfortable in approaching gentlemen who are relations, friends, neighbours, work colleagues who you believe might be suitable for consideration as members of the Craft.
- Be prepared to answer any questions they may have about the Craft – give as much information as possible.

### **2. Enquiry:**

- Do meet with the candidate beforehand and advise him of what to expect, the dress code for the meeting etc. This will help to put him at his ease.
- Do prepare your questions in advance and share them out amongst the members of the committee rather than one member asking all the questions.
- Do welcome the candidate, explain the structure of the committee, its purpose and introduce each of the members present.
- Position the candidate so that he feels included in the group and is able to feel that it is a discussion rather than an interrogation. Interviews are two-way processes.
- Question the proposer and seconder thoroughly and if possible, ask them for their plans on supporting and encouraging their candidate.
- Do ask the proposer and seconder to consider in advance of the meeting how they will support and encourage their candidate.
- Do be prepared to reject a candidate if not considered suitable or to continue the meeting to another date, if not completely satisfied with the responses.
- Do explain the process, following the meeting, to the candidate.

### **3. The First Meeting (Initiation).**

- Do try and arrange for the candidate to be met and accompanied to the meeting. He will be nervous and no doubt will have questions.
- Do make sure that senior members welcome him to the meeting.
- Do arrange for someone to sit with him in the adjacent/preparation room while the Lodge is being opened.
- Do ensure that he is physically comfortable as he takes his obligation. A candidate who is in discomfort (perhaps suffering cramp) is unlikely to absorb much information.
- Do address the candidate in a friendly manner while maintaining the dignity and decorum of the degree. A friendly smile works wonders in putting the candidate at ease.
- At the close of the meeting, it is recommended that the Master accompanies the candidate to the door of the Lodge so that each member exiting the Lodge room, is able to meet, greet and congratulate the candidate.
- Do not leave the candidate on his own after the close of the meeting and encourage him to stay and enjoy the fellowship of the brethren.
- Do appraise him of his duties and abilities to attend meetings.

### **4. Preparing for the next degree.**

- If there is a gap between a candidate's degrees, encourage him to attend all meetings. If it is a higher degree taking place, he can retire after the opening and return for the closing. This encourages his regular attendance and his feeling of inclusion from the outset.

- If a candidate is attending a meeting in his own Lodge and retires after the opening of the Lodge, make use of the time by having an appropriately qualified brother explain the history of the Lodge, the various offices within the Lodge and the relevant duties, the structure of the Craft in Scotland (Provincial and Grand Lodge) and answer any questions he may have regarding his most recent degree. This mentoring duty can be carried out by the candidate's proposer and/or seconder if suitable or by another suitably qualified member of the Lodge.

#### 5. On becoming a full member:

- Ignoring a new member will be the quickest way to lose him;
- Encourage him to visit other Lodges;
- Encourage him to attend practice sessions;
- Encourage his interest in learning ritual (get him first, to read a portion of ritual at a practice session, before delivering it from memory);
- Make him feel included by getting him involved in helping with refreshments, selling raffle tickets, putting away Lodge furnishings etc at the close of a meeting. This will help him to get to know the other members of the Lodge.

#### 6. Visiting:

- Ensure that a new member is aware of what he can do in terms of visiting other Lodges.
- If his proposer and/or seconder is unable to fulfil their obligations towards their candidate, make sure someone else is able to act as mentor.
- Very few new members will feel comfortable visiting a strange Lodge for the first time on their own. **DO NOT LEAVE THEM ON THEIR OWN!**
- Ensure that a new member is aware of other meetings taking place, their location and if possible make sure they are introduced as a first time visitor to their host Lodge.
- As Master of a Lodge, do try and welcome any visiting Brother who has recently been initiated, passed or raised – make them feel special.

#### 7. Taking Office:

- Do not be too quick in encouraging a new member to take office. Applying too much early pressure to take office may discourage attendance and the Lodge will simply be left with an empty office.
- Do not apply too much pressure to take part in ritual work. Many brethren will happily serve their Lodge for many years undertaking essential background duties in a non-progressive office and without taking part in ritual work.
- While it is pleasing to see all offices filled at an Installation, be careful not to place brethren in office for the sake of appearances. Brethren should be fully committed to forwarding the interests of the Lodge and supporting their Master – an obligation is taken to that effect.



**8. Moving into Senior Office:**

- Brethren should not be encouraged to seek senior office i.e. Deacon or Warden unless they have carefully considered the undertaking and are fully committed to succeeding to the role of Master.
- Brethren attaining senior office with a view to becoming Master, should familiarise themselves with the duties of the administrative aspects of the Lodge e.g. Secretary, Treasurer and Almoner and of any Committees e.g. Hall/Works, Social, Finance, Benevolence, Enquiry etc.

## **Bowling Report:**

Submitted by Brother John Freeburn.

The Orr Trophy was donated to the Province by Brother Daniel Orr in 1900 and is played for annually between the Lodges at the beginning of June.

Brother Orr was the President of the Grosvenor Bowling Club (probably why it is still played there to this day) although Brother Orr, a member of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII had to wait a couple of years before he himself won the trophy.

This year's contest was blessed with excellent weather and it showed with a fine entry of 12 teams competing for the trophy. Two teams from Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, two teams from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, two teams from Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175, one team from Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, four teams from Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 and one team from Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 while the holders, a team from Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 were unfortunately otherwise committed on the day.

The competition is played over two ends of nine games by triples teams and is drawn to ensure that nobody plays against their own Lodge or on the same rink twice.

During the course of the morning, the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre, made an appearance on his way up to the Marcus Humphrey House Open Day. It was extremely good of him to visit and the brethren appreciated the gesture.

After the first game, we stopped for a filled roll, cooked by the Grosvenor Ladies and took the opportunity to sell some raffle tickets and have a chat.

After the second game was completed and the scores checked, the cup was won by a team from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 who had amassed a total of 4 points and plus 24 shots. Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 had 4 points and plus 22 points and the teams from Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 brought up the rear.

The team from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 was skipped by Brother Dunky Thomson followed by Brother David McLellan and Brother Jim Edmonson (all members of Port Glasgow Bowling Club).

After the presentation of crystal had been dispensed with by Brother Raymond Bruce, the raffle was drawn and "auctioned off" any refreshments that were left. The total made on the day for the Provincial Grand Master's chosen charity was £290.

Obviously the weather played a huge part in the success of this year's event but it augers well for the future that we seem to heading in the right direction. Well done to all who took part!

Note: Unfortunately, the annual match between the Provinces of Renfrewshire West and Ayrshire which should have taken place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August had to be postponed due to monsoon like conditions on the day!

## **LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING the MONTH AHEAD.**

### **Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Ballot and Raising

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Nomination and election of Office-bearers for session 2018 – 2019 and Passing. The degree will be conferred by former pupils of Greenock High School.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the Lodge will be visiting Lodge Renfrew county Kilwinning No. 370, to confer an Entered Apprentice Degree.

**Monthly Draw** (from Brother David Stevenson, Treasurer).

As we enter another year the monthly draw is available again to all of you - and family.

£1 per number per month with no limits !!

All participants will be entered into the draw and it is my intention to draw the winning number on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

PRIZES - I am hoping for £25 per month with the exception of June and December when the prize will be £50 each month. Please support the Lodge with this draw. Cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable.



### **No XII's 1918 Poppy Pledge**

As freemasons, the brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII have the concept of helping those in need at the heart of all that they do. This is reflected in the importance placed on the annual charity drives. At a recent Lodge meeting, Immediate Past Master Bro Capt. Allan I. MacFeate presented a cheque for £1918 to Gordon Michie of PoppyScotland. RWM Bro MacFeate said, "The forces' charities are very close to the hearts of all freemasons because of the great respect that we have for the service and sacrifices of British servicemen and women on behalf of us all. Each year, No XII includes a services' charity amongst the beneficiaries from the Charity Drive. This year, we are proud to support the 1918 Poppy Pledge in memory of the 10 members of No XII who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War and to make the donation also in the names of the Earl and Countess of Dumbarton who asked that people make charitable donations rather than give presents on the occasion of their recent wedding. Given Prince Harry's distinguished and active service with the Blues and Royals and the Army Air Corps we feel that this is peculiarly appropriate."

No XII's Great War fallen - Bros Archibald L Barr, George W Campbell, James Hannah, Henry Hay, Arthur Johnston, Duncan Macfarlane, David RF Mackail, Alexander N Russell, Joseph H Sanders and James R Smith - are commemorated on the Lodge Memorial Altar which was paid for by subscription from the members and dedicated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922.

In receiving the cheque, Gordon Michie of PoppyScotland spoke of the wonderful support coming from across the country and that, already, over 50% of the target sum had been realised. He gave examples of how the funds are, and will be, put to good use in supporting ex-service personnel.

Also, at the meeting, new Lodge Hymn Books were dedicated to the memory of Past Master Bro Wilson J McCulloch a former Lodge and Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro McCulloch was an ex-serviceman and was proud of his time in the Royal Artillery. The ceremony of dedication was conducted by Bro Jack Glenney, a Past Master of No XII. A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by RWPGM Bro Robin McIntyre was in attendance to mark the occasion.



### **No XII Charity Burns Supper 2018 Over 110 in attendance and estimated more than £4,500 Raised for Charity!**

(Apologies – the above report kindly submitted by Brother bob Crossan should have appeared in the April edition but due to the pressure of copy following the Installation of the Provincial Grand Master, this was held over until now).

The 8<sup>th</sup> No XII Burns Supper was another success! Just over 110 sat down in the Greenock Town Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February to a sumptuous meal prepared and served by our President of Stewards, Tony Buckley's staff from ICE Catering.



Having demanded admission, the Haggis was then piped in by our good friend from Lodge The Gael No 609 Bro Donnie Finlayson and addressed in lusty fashion by Bro David Docherty. Rev Owen Derrick sought Grace on our behalf and the meal got underway.

The menu for the evening was Cock-a-Leekie Soup followed by Haggis, Neeps and Tatties then Sirloin Steak with Dauphinoise Potatoes, Veg and creamy peppercorn sauce, followed by Cheese and Biscuits, Coffee or Tea and Mints. After Dinner RWM Bro Allan T Glen gave the Loyal Toast before a short interval.



Our main speaker for the evening Bro David Vennard PM of Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 was suitably introduced by the RWM. We have heard him before at the No XII Burns supper when he delivered Tam o' Shanter in 2015. Bro David's Immortal Memory was very interesting and thought provoking and the material was well received, thanks to the wide appeal of the Bard.

HM Bro Sandy Reddy, PM Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 and Honorary Member of No XII, gave an address of a piece entitled 'Who Biled the Bell' allowing us to remember David Bowie, the Gourrock Bard.





Bro David Docherty then entertained us with his unique and incomparable Tam o' Shanter, a treat for everyone, with perhaps the 'volunteers' not feeling it was such a 'treat'!!

The Lassies were toasted by Bro Kenny Wilson of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, in his usual amusing fashion.

Bro Ken MacDougall PM gave a hearty Vote of Thanks and this was followed by everyone joining enthusiastically in *The Star o' Robbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne*. IPM Bro Alan D Beck's singing was of the highest quality as were his accompanists, Jamie Stables on trumpet, Andy McAlees on drums and Craig Dunsmore on keyboards.

In between times, Bro Alan D Beck PM conducted our charity auction event. This and the raffles brought an estimated profit from the evening of around £4,500 to go to our charities Poppy Scotland, Children in Poverty Inverclyde, Jayden's Rainbow (*Nominated by Provost Martin Brennan*), Greenock Wanderers RFC, Greenock Cricket Club.





**Top Table 2018**

**Back Row: Iain White, Alan D Beck, James P Livingstone, Ken MacDougall, Donald Finlayson**  
**Front Row: Rev Owen Derrick, Sandy Reddy, Allan T Glen, David Vennard, Kenny Wilson, David Docherty**

### **Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Business Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Fellowcraft degree conferred by Lodge Largs St. John's No. 173

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – TBA

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Raising (7.15pm).

For up to date information on events and meetings taking place at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 go to the Lodge website at:

<http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

### **Social Scene**

**The Old Boys' Annual Outing will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Brethren to assemble at 10.00 at the Lodge for a trip to a *top secret destination*!**

Our regular Saturday dances continue every week from 8.30 until midnight

Also available is our Joker Prize. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased on a Monday night from Bro. George Taft or on a Saturday night at the dance.

### **Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.**

No information provided. Please refer to Lodge website for further information.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting

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### **Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Fellowcraft Degree and presentation of Jubilee Certificate to Past Master Brother Robert Smith Stone.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Raising, conferred by Lodge Barns O' Clyde No. 1018. )Subject to approval by Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West).

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018, a large deputation from Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, accompanied by brethren from sister Lodges, travelled to Lodge St. John's Cambeltown No. 141 for the purpose of witnessing the presentation of a Jubilee Certificate to Brother Don Thomson, Depute Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217. Lodge St. John's Cambeltown No. 141 is Brother Thomson's Mother Lodge.

The deputation was warmly welcomed into the Lodge by Brother Hugh H Wilson, Master and prior to the presentation, the gavel was presented to Brother Gerard C Robertson, Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 for the Lodge to confer an excellent Fellowcraft degree. Following the degree, Brother Thomson was presented with his diploma after which the brethren retired to harmony kindly provided by the host Lodge.

A very pleasant day was spent and only a few days later, Brother Thomson was again honoured for his service at a meeting in his adopted Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.



Brother Thomson with the visiting deputation and Brother Hugh H Wilson in the beautiful Temple of Lodge St. John's Cambeltown No. 141.





Brother Thomson with the Master of Lodge St. John's Cambeltown no. 141, Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, Brother Gerard C Robertson (son-in-law) and his son, Brother Kenny Thomson) and the organist for the day!



Members of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 with the customary Bottle Stall organised by the Lodge at Port Glasgow's *Comet Festival*.

Important Notice - Due to urgent building repairs required to the Lodge's premises at King Street, Port Glasgow, meetings, with immediate effect, will take place at the Masonic Temple of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

#### **Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Raising (E)

#### **Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Committee Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Entering

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – AGM

#### **Lodge Sir Michael No. 989**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Mark Degree

The Lodge is also carrying out a Mark degree at Lodge Captain Spiers No. 791 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and a Fellowcraft degree at Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Homes Degree.**

(Report by Past Master Brother Paul Docherty).

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June saw the annual Marcus Humphrey Homes Fete. As a slight and welcome departure from the usual format, this year it was decided that all family friends and relatives were welcome to come along and enjoy some tea, coffee, home baking, plant stall a raffle including a special raffle for a gallon bottle. There were also, I am assured, delicious hotdogs and hamburgers!

This year was deemed a success and I'm sure in no small part to all the organising committee and brethren who made it all happen. Our thanks and congratulations to all. A HUGE well done. I have attached a picture of the RWM of Lodge Sir Michael Bro Scott McLaughlin presenting the cheque for £850 from the Lodge Sir Michael annual Homes Degree to MWPGMM Bro Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet with all monies raised of course, for the comfort of the residents.





The "Homes" degree team of Masters led by the Master of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 Brother Alexander Bloomfield Wilson along with the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre, Depute Provincial Grand Master, Brother John W Black and Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother Alan D Beck.

## Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Entering

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Passing conferred by Lodge Sir Michael No. 989.

### Sponsored Walk.

Well done to the participants in this year's Charity Walk consisting of Master, Brother Malcolm Sinclair, Worshipful Senior Warden Brother John Laird, Worshipful Junior Warden, Brother Iain Hair, Secretary Brother Donald McCrae and Past Master Brother Samuel Hunter. The route followed the old road to Largs and in the process raised around £1,000 to assist with the treatment of young Callum McMichael.



The walkers (minus the Master, Brother Malky Sinclair, who was on the other end of the camera, finally make it to Largs.

Brothers Iain Hair, John Laird, Sammy hunter and Donald McCrae.

Well done to all!

I'm not sure if I have posted the photograph (shown below) in a previous edition of the West Column but I'm sure that the image will bring back many happy memories of the premises of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121.



### Digitisation of Records.

Following comments made by IPPGM Bro James P Livingstone at our Annual Visitation we thought it might be of interest to other Lodges if we shared how we are going about the digitisation of our records.

With the Lodge's approval, we have embarked on digitising our minute books. We got in touch with Andy Mushat at William Anderson & Sons Limited (Printers) and supplied him with our first two minute books. Each book contained some 300 pages and the two books covered the period 7<sup>th</sup> February 1913 to 6<sup>th</sup> December 1918 in total.

The cost of digitising each book was £125, for which we received the following:

- 2 CD copies of each book
- Storage of the master digitised record on William Anderson & Sons secure server.
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In addition, Andy indicated that he could make an additional copy of the CD that could be passed to The Grand Lodge of Scotland for their safekeeping. This additional service would incur an incremental fee.

The CDs have the minute books recorded in PDF format. The digitisation is done using the Photoshop application and consequently it does not pixelate, resulting in the ability to enlarge any page, without loss of clarity.

Obviously, we still have the original minute books, but we have enough copies to ensure that those records digitised will not be lost forever in the event of a fire etc.

If any Lodge would like to discuss the matter further or wish to receive an example page please contact either

Donald J McRae [djmcr@aol.com](mailto:djmcr@aol.com) or Douglas C Warnock [dcwathome@aol.com](mailto:dcwathome@aol.com)

## **Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Entering

## **The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Lecture by Brother David Black, Past Master of Lodge Houston St. Johnstone No. 242 entitled “SSAFA, the Armed forces Charity and Lodge Houston St. Johnstone No. 242 during the Great War 1914 – 1918”.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Annual Meeting, Installation and Annual Visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.

## **Other Orders**

### **Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII**

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Most Excellent First Principal, William A McLarty 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.

Meetings for the session ahead.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – AGM

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Installation

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Mark Affiliation and Excellent Master's Degree

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Royal Arch Degree

### **Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289**

Thursday

### **Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900**

No information provided. The Chapter meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month within the premises of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

### **Preceptory of Ardgowan**

Venerable Preceptor Andrew G Pigott and Office Bearers extend a warm to all Fraters to attend the Annual Installation as well as our Musters during 2018/2019 session especially those who have been unable to attend recently through other commitments.

- A pocket sized syllabus is also available where required
- Executive Committee dates and times will be advised separately
- All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock at 7.30 pm unless otherwise advised.

Please ensure the Secretary has your current contact details.

2018

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Malta Degree and AGM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Installation

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – KG

2019

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – KG

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – KG

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - KG

**Greenock CC & RAM 17** - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – AGM

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Installation

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Meeting.

**St. George's Conclave No. 79 –**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – RCC (two candidates).

For those Conclave Masons, please be advised that the Conclave Newsletter “Augustus” is available from [conclave79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:conclave79@yahoo.co.uk)



## *The Wee Corner*

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### CHARITY NEWS

#### STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Past Master Brother Kenny McCrae 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 Kenny 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 McCrae 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 [treasurno12@aol.com](mailto:treasurno12@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.



In the October 2014 edition of the West Column, I published a 'Grumpy Old Masters' Badge, provided by Brother Brian Hopkins PM626. Brother David Stevenson, has advised me that following enquiries from a number of brethren, he has been able to source these at a cost of £5.50 each excluding postage. Brother David's details are provided above.

## **Masonic Education.**

### **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.

### **Provincial Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East.**

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East operates a digital and lending library with over 5,000 books on a very wide range of Masonic topics and is free to access through their website at [www.pglre.org](http://www.pglre.org)

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Bryn Hopper Training Manager. (Brother Bryn Hopper is a member of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626).

**Defibrillation Equipment.** It is understood that many Lodges are currently considering the installation of defibrillation equipment on their premises and it is again confirmed that such equipment may be purchased using funds from a Lodge's Benevolent Account, if that is convenient.

Many firms will offer to sell such equipment but of course there is an element of training which is also required and which can also be costly. To this effect I am happy to draw to your attention an offer made by Brother Hopper to the Lodges in the Province who is willing to sell such equipment for the special price of £699.00 plus VAT and provide training necessary, free of charge.

Brother Hopper can be contacted at [brynrfc@sky.com](mailto:brynrfc@sky.com)



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**Calendar of Events and Meetings – September 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> 68 – Business Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> XII – Ballot and Raising	5 <sup>th</sup> Preceptory of Ardgowan – Malta degree and AGM	6 <sup>th</sup> 217 – Passing and Presentation of Jubilee Certificate.	7 <sup>th</sup> 1814 - Lecture	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Passing conferred by Lodge Largs St. John's No. 173  626 - Entering	11 <sup>th</sup> 1121 – Entering	12 <sup>th</sup> 624 – Raising (E)  989 – Mark Degree	13 <sup>th</sup> 1425 - Entering	14 <sup>th</sup> 175 - Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup> 68 - TBA	18 <sup>th</sup> XII – Passing and Nom/elect of office-bearers  SGC No. 79 - RCC	19 <sup>th</sup> RAC XVII - AGM	20 <sup>th</sup> 217 – Raising conferred by Lodge Barns O' Clyde No. 1018.	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Raising (7.15pm)  626 - AGM	25 <sup>th</sup> 1121 – Passing conferred by Lodge Sir Michael No. 989.	26 <sup>th</sup> CC and RAM - AGM	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> 175 - Meeting	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>

**(E) denotes an Exemplification**

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