



The West Column



No leader column this month Brethren – just a simple message!

Lest we Forget.

For gold the merchant ploughs the main.
The farmer ploughs the manor;
But glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is honour.

The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger;
Remember he's his country's stay
In day and hour of danger.

"The Poor and Honest Soldier" by Robert Burns



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 (Note change of email address).

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

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.

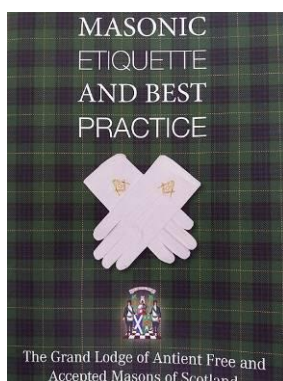
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Acknowledgement:

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.

New Publication from Grand Lodge:



Can I commend to all but especially to those making their way up through the offices, hopefully perhaps towards the chair of their Lodge, the new publication available from Grand Lodge and priced at a very reasonable £3.00 per copy, £1.00 of which is going to Masonic Charities.

The booklet is the work of the Information and Communications Committee and is a very easy guide to Masonic Etiquette and Best Practice.

It covers the A to Z of decorum within the Lodges from the correct positioning of the Altar to correct forms of Address, to Visiting. The booklet also contains guidelines for the use of Masonic Websites, Email and Social Media. One copy is currently being sent to each Master, free of charge and thereafter, the booklet will be available to all to purchase.

Obituary: Worshipful Brother Evan Corbett.

Usually, any obituary posted in the West Column will refer to a Brother who has been a member of one of the Lodges in the Province. However, I would like to make mention of the passing of a great friend of many in the Province and to those in Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 in particular.

Brother Evan Corbett was a regular visitor to the Province and to the Installations and inter-Lodge visits between Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 and Gibson Lodge (Irish Constitution). Brother Evan could accurately be described as a larger than life character whose sense of fun affected all with whom he came in contact.

Sadly, Evan suffered much from ill-health in recent times and probably spent more time in hospital than he did at home. However, not to be deterred, Evan set up his own facebook page, called *I'm H.A.P.P.Y.*

In it he regularly chronicled his adventures with the nursing staff in hospital in Belfast and in describing his procedures, in his usual humorous way, often left me laughing out loud. In spite of his illness, he never seemed down and was wonderful example to all of good spirits.

Following his passing, I noted that the mother of a young schoolboy had posted in his facebook page, how much Evan's friendship had meant to her son. A lovely way to be remembered. (Incidentally, Brother Ian Gregory is keeping the facebook page alive and you could worse than reading through it for some inspiration about how to meet with adversity)!

Evan's passing will be mourned by many and I'm sure that many in the Province would join me in extending our sincerest condolences to his family and to his Lodge.

One of my favourite quotes is by a Greek philosopher called Pericles and I think it sums up Brother Evan Corbett perfectly.



"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others"

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

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to www.pgllrw.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 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	RAC XVII		
Thursday	217	1425	217	PGRAC 900	
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:

Provincial Grand Lodge

Annual Installations and Visitations:

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

September Draw (drawn by Brother Paul Docherty PM989) – Brother Archibald Wright PM68 (again)!
October Draw (drawn by Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George Carson) – Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre.

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.

On Wednesday 3 October, the Regular Communication of PGL was held within the premises of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, when we had the honour and pleasure of welcoming a deputation from Grand Lodge head by the Grand Master Mason Bro Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont. The recipient of this year's Citizenship Award was also decided during the evening with the winner announced as Children in Poverty Inverclyde. At the close of the Communication the Brethren enjoyed a question and answer session with Grand Secretary Bro J Euan Edment hosted by SPGM Bro Stuart Wilson following by a light supper. A wonderful evening greatly enjoyed by all those present.

On Friday 4 October I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to the Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 for their Annual Visitation following by the Annual Installation of Office-bearers with Bro Thomas FM Trotter being Installed as RWM for a second year, and I wish the newly installed RWM and Office-bearers a very enjoyable and successful 12 months. After the ceremony Bro Trotter delivered the annual William M McKillop on the subject of Freemasonry and the Great War.

On Saturday 6 October together with my wife HESSIE, we were guests at the Annual Ball of the PGL of Glasgow, and spent a very enjoyable evening in the company of the Brethren of the PGL of Glasgow, with the event being hosted by the PGM of Glasgow Bro James Peddie.

On Monday 8 October I attended Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 and witnessed an excellent FC Degree.

On Saturday 13 October I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to the Annual Installation of Office-bearers of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, where we witnessed Bro David Stevenson being installed as RWM for a second term. An excellent and dignified Installation Ceremony was carried out by the Installing Masters; Bro Brain Hopkins PM, Bro Kenneth McCrae PM and Bro Robert Wilson, and I wish the newly installed RWM and Office-bearers a very enjoyable and successful 12 months.

On Monday 15 October I attended Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 as part of a Deputation from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, where we witnessed an excellent exemplification of the FC Degree.

On Thursday 18 October, I was delighted to head a small deputation from PGL to welcome Bro Colin McKenzie into the Province of Renfrewshire as the newest EA of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and also to congratulate Bro Roy Steel who was presented with his Jubilee Certificate by RWM Bro Gerard Robertson. It was good to see so many Brethren in attendance to enjoy an excellent EA Degree.

On Saturday 20 October, I attended the meeting of PGMs in Perth chaired by the Grand Master Mason. Another enjoyable and interesting meeting the PG Masters.

On Monday 22 October I was delighted to welcome Bro Gordon Devlin the newest EA of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, into the Province. Great to see the Lodge so well filled and an excellent Degree carried out by RWM Bro David Stevenson and his Brethren.

On Thursday 25 October I attended Grand Committee and the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge in Edinburgh.

Provincial Ball.

Date for the diary. The provisional date for the 2019 Provincial Summer Ball had been set for Saturday 19th May and will be confirmed at the Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday 3rd October.

Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge – Wednesday 3rd October.

Normally, the regular meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge are fairly quiet affairs without visitors and consist of the regular business of the Province. However, on this occasion, the Province was graced with a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by the Grand Master Mason, Brother Charles Iain Robert Gordon of Esslemont and including the Depute Grand Master, Brother Ewan Rutherford, Grand Secretary, Brother Euan J Edment, both Grand Wardens, Grand Director of Ceremonies and other high ranking brethren. Also present was the Provincial Grand Master of Dunbartonshire, Brother James Forrest.



Following the meeting, the brethren enjoyed an excellent buffet supper and a very interesting question and answer session between Grand Secretary and Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Brother Stuart Wilson.



Grand Lodge.

Future Meetings:

Thursday 29th November – Festival of St. Andrew.

Sunday 4th November – Commemoration of the Fallen.

Soldier's Dream.

I dreamed kind Jesus fouled the big-gun gears;
And caused a permanent stoppage in all bolts;
And buckled with a smile Mausers and Colts;
And rusted every bayonet with his tears.

And there were no more bombs, of ours or theirs,
Not even an old flint-lock, nor even a pickle.
But god was vexed, and gave power to Michael;
And when I woke he'd seen to our repairs.

Wilfred Owen (1893 – 1918).

PoppyScotland:

Following the visit by the Widows' Sons at the end of September, it was noted that at its Regular Meeting on 20th October, Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 agreed a donation of £626 to the above organisation which to the best of my knowledge, now brings the total donated by the Province, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 to £4,544. If any of the other Lodges in the Province has made a separate donation, please let me know as this is a tremendous sum already from a small Province.

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

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 6th – The Annual Meeting will take place at 7.00 pm (for members only) thereafter visitors will be admitted at approximately 7.30 pm for an evening of remembrance and commemoration looking at the history of the Lodge and its contribution to the country's efforts in the Great War. This is part of the Lodge's year of commemoration of the centenary of the end that most awful of conflicts. The evening sits alongside the donation of £1,918 to the PoppyScotland Appeal, the wreaths laid in Port Glasgow during the visit of the Widow's Sons and the sister Lodges in the Province and also at the various cenotaphs in the Province.

The evening itself will begin with an act of remembrance through a religious observance conducted by Brother Jack Glen PM. The Master, Brother Allan T Glen will read the Roll of Honour. Thereafter there will be bagpipe music from the Great War played by Brother Keith Bowes PM609, HM12. The contribution of the brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII will be traced by Brother Iain White PM and the evening will include songs and poems of the Great War from Brother Alan D Beck with the Master acting as compere.

Those attending are asked to wear regalia and encouraged to wear something red, white and blue.

Tuesday 20th – The Annual Installation meeting will take place at 6.15 pm. The Master-elect, Brother James Robert Crossan will be installed into the chair of his Mother Lodge by Installing Masters, Brother Iain White assisted by Brother Kenneth Macdougall and Brother Alan D Beck, all Past Masters of the Lodge. Following the ceremony, there will be a complimentary dinner with entertainment provided by Miss Joanna Crossan, Mr Reuben Beck and Mrs Polly Beck.

A very warm welcome is extended to all qualified brethren.

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.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

No information provided.

Monday 5th – Business Meeting

Monday 12th - Meeting

Monday 19th - Meeting

Monday 26th - Meeting

Social Scene

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.

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/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.

No information provided.

Friday 9th - Meeting

Friday 23rd - Meeting

Please note that meetings of the Lodge will continue to be advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and online edition on the first Friday of each month.

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217

Thursday 1st – AGM and election of office-bearers (Members only).

Thursday 15th – Fellowcraft degree.

Sunday 11th – Armistice Parade to Port Glasgow Cenotaph 12.30pm.

On Wednesday 14th the Lodge will be visiting Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 to confer a Master Mason's degree.

Friday 30th – The Annual Installation meeting and Festival of St. Andrew will take place at 6.45 pm prompt. The Master-elect extends a very warm welcome to the ceremony and to the festival which will follow.

At the regular meeting on Thursday 18th October, the Lodge celebrated the initiation of Mr Colin McKenzie and at the other end of the spectrum all presented Brother Roy Steel with his Jubilee Certificate to mark his 50 years as a member of the Craft. The meeting was attended by Provincial Grand Master Brother Robin McIntyre who assisted with the presentation and also took the opportunity to welcome the new initiate into the Craft.

Sadly, the Lodge also suitably noted the passing of Brother Peter Penny, a local fisherman, who had the slightly unique experience of being initiated by Brother Dan Blaney, then Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, passed by Brother George Freeburn, then Master of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 and raised by Brother William Brown, who was then Master of Lodge Bonhill and Alexandria Bo. 321.

It was a pleasure to see the meeting so well attended.



The newest initiate of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, Brother Colin McKenzie with Brother Roy Steel having been presented with his jubilee certificate along with Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre and Master, Brother Gerard C Robertson.

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 14th – Election of office-bearers (Members only).

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 5th – General Committee Meeting

Monday 12th – Passing and Installation of remaining office-bearers.

Monday 26th – Entering

PoppyScotland donation:

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Monday 22nd October, the Lodge approved a donation to PoppyScotland of £626.



The newly installed Master of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 along with his line-up of Past Masters at the annual installation on Saturday 13th October 2018.

Armistice Parade

Please note that the Lodge will be represented at the Gourrock Cenotaph on Sunday 11th November at approximately 12.15pm. Brethren wishing to attend should assemble at 12.00 noon at the Cenotaph. Regalia should not be worn.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 14th – Raising conferred by Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

Friday 16th – The annual Installation meeting will take place at 7.00 pm when Brother Scott McLaughlin will be installed into the chair of his Mother Lodge to serve a second term as Master. The Installation ceremony will be carried out by Brother Paul M Docherty, PM989, assisted by Brother Iain Brown PM989 and Brother Andrew G Pigott, PM626. A warm welcome is extended to all qualified brethren to attend both the ceremony and the dinner which will follow.



What a fantastic job the brethren of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 have carried out to transform the attic of their hall into what must be one of the most impressive Lodges created in recent times. I will publish more photographs in future editions but meantime, the photo above is just a "taster" and I'm sure that we are all looking forward to the dedication of the new Lodge and to the many meetings which will take place therein. Details of the rededication meeting will be advised as soon as possible.

Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121

Friday 2nd – The annual Installation meeting takes place at 6.15 for 6.30 pm. Brother John Laird, Master-elect extends a very warm welcome to all qualified brethren to attend the Installation. The ceremony will be carried out by Installing Masters, Brother Adam McKenzie, Brother Thomas More and Brother Samuel L Hunter, all Past Masters of the Lodge. Following the ceremony there will be a 3 course celebration meal costing £8 which will include a raffle ticket.

Tuesday 13th – Raising and Ballot

Tuesday 27th – Entering (subject to result of ballot).

Update on Callum McMichael (Bro James McCorkell's grandson)

You may recall that last year, Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 and other Lodges within the Province donated funds towards Callum McMichael's treatment of his degenerative muscle disease at Craighalbert Centre, Cumbernauld.

Callum's mother, Kerry, has provided us with the following update.

"We have just finished the assessment week which they do once a year. Some of Callum's results are AMAZING in his upper body, where some of them had 'aged' between 23 and 30 months, which is phenomenal. He still has a bit to go but we are heading in the right direction.

He is still a very happy and loving wee boy but is now able to do more than what I expected by this stage.

I am still overwhelmed at the lodges' donations."

Festive Support for the Inverclyde Foodbank

Following last year's successful support of the Inverclyde Foodbank over the festive period, the Lodge has decided to continue this effort in 2018.

Lodge members are being encouraged to donate non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries starting at our meeting on 13th November. Monetary donations are also welcomed and Bro George G Nixon PM, who is co-coordinating the effort, will convert them into appropriate items.

Last year some 20 large carrier bags of food were donated and it is hoped that this year's effort will at least equal that contribution to a worthy cause.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

No information provided.

Thursday 8th – Raising.

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

No information provided.

The Lodge is in recess until April.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3rd 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.

Future meetings.

Wednesday 21st November – Mark Affiliation and Excellent Master's Degree

Wednesday 19th December – Royal Arch Degree

The annual Installation of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII took place on Wednesday 17th October when MEZ Nicholas RR Stetz was installed into the chair.



Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

No information provided.

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

No information provided. The Chapter meets on the 4th 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 7th November – Installation

Wednesday 5th December – KG

2019

Wednesday 6th February – KG

Wednesday 6th March – KG

Wednesday 3rd April - KG

Greenock CC & RAM 17 - Meets 4th Wednesday at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.

Wednesday 28th November – Meeting.

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –

Tuesday 20th - Meeting

For those Conclave Masons, please be advised that the Conclave Newsletter "Augustus" is available from conclave79@yahoo.co.uk

The Wee Corner

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

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
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

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- [1 Day EFAW](#)
- AED (Defibrillator)
- [Basic Life Support](#)
- [Appointed Persons](#)
- [Paediatric First Aid Training 6 Hour](#) and [12 Hour](#)

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

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A LITTLE BIT OF OUR HISTORY

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Calendar of Events and Meetings – November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 st 217 – AGM and Election of office-bearers (members only).	2 nd 1121 – Annual Installation (6.30).	3 rd	4 th
5 th 68 – Business Meeting	6 th XII – Commemoration of the Fallen Meeting.	7 th Preceptory of Ardgowan - Installation.	8 th 1425 - Raising	9 th 175 - Meeting	10 th	11 th
12 th 68 – Meeting 626 – Passing	13 th 1121 – Raising and Ballot	14 th 624 – Election of Office-bearers (Members only). 989 – Raising (conferred by Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217).	15 th 217 – Passing.	16 th 989 – Annual Installation (7.00).	17 th	18 th
19 th 68 - Meeting	20 th XII – Annual Installation SGC 79 - Meeting	21 st RAC XVII – MA and EM.	22 nd	23 rd 175 - Meeting	24 th	25 th
26 th 68 – Meeting 626 - Entering	27 th 1121 - Entering	28 th	29 th Grand Lodge – Festival of St. Andrew	30 th 217 – Annual Installation (6.45).		

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