
What's on – Summer 2019



The West Column

While the West Column takes a wee rest during the summer recess, there are so many events taking place particularly over the next few weeks that I thought it might be helpful to publish a “what’s on” guide and hopefully it might keep these events in your mind when planning your leisure activities.

April:

Tuesday 30th: Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII are heading to Dundonald in Ayrshire to confer a Mark degree at Lodge Burns Dundonald No. 1759 and the Master Brother Bob Crossan would be delighted for any qualified Brother to accompany the deputation.

May:

Wednesday 1st: The Regular Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West takes place within the Temple of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, Brown Street, Port Glasgow at 7.30 pm and the PGM, Brother Robin McIntyre extends a welcome to all qualified Master Masons to attend. In addition to the normal business, Brother Paul Mark Docherty, will be installed as Substitute Provincial Grand Master on the evening by Brother Alexander Galbraith, PPGM and Past Substitute Grand Master.



The Province will be honoured by a small deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the evening and following the meeting, there will be a finger buffet provided with the compliments of Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be great to see all Lodges well represented on the evening.

Friday 3rd: The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 will welcome as its guest speaker, Brother George R Kelly, Past Master of Lodge Major Ness No. 948, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward and Past Substitute Grand Master Mason. Brother Kelly’s talk for the evening entitled, “A Masonic Journey”.

Saturday 11th: The Province will be holding a “New Member’s Seminar” at the premises of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989. The meeting starts at 1.00 pm and a warm welcome is extended to all members who have joined the Craft in the last couple of years to meet in an informal setting. This is an opportunity to meet and network with other new members and also to discuss what becoming a member has meant to you and also to express your thoughts on how the experience can be improved.

Tuesday 14th: Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 will be conferring a Mark degree at Lodge Gleniffer No. 1219 at 7.30 pm. The meeting takes place at the Masonic Centre, Maxwellton Road, Paisley and the Master extends a warm welcome to all qualified brethren to join the deputation on the evening.

Wednesday 15th: Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII will be conferring a Royal Arch degree at 7.30 pm within the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourrock.

Saturday 18th: The social highlight of the year sees the Province’s Summer Ball take place at Greenock Town Hall, at 6.30 for 7.00 pm.



A few tickets are still available at a cost of £25 each which includes a superb 3 course meal and dancing until midnight to the fabulous Capitol Big Band. Anyone still requiring a ticket should contact IPPGM, Brother Jim Livingstone at 07800 629999 or email Jimliv626@gmail.com

Plant Sale – Lodge Sir Michael No. 989.



Lodge Sir Michael’s famous Plant Sale will take place over two weekends:

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May and Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.

Don’t miss this opportunity to grab yourselves a bargain, pots and containers filled with great value plants.

Thursday 23rd: Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900 will be conferring a Royal Arch degree.

June:

Thursday 6th: Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII will be holding their special Summer Meeting in the Saloon of Greenock Town Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be an Entered Apprentice degree and will be in the very capable hands of Past Master Brother Ken Macdougall. **(Note – this meeting is on the Thursday and not the usual meeting night for Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII).**

Saturday 8th

Marcus Humphrey House – Annual Fete.

The increasingly popular Annual Fete will take place this year on Saturday 8th June date from 1pm to 4pm with admission by programme, costing £1.00 or donation at entrance. The fete will be opened by Brother James Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, Past Grand Master Mason and is open to brethren, family and friends and it is sincerely hoped that you will be able to support this worthwhile cause with all monies raised being used for the comfort of the residents. It is hoped that a cheque for the proceeds of the Annual homes Degree will also be presented on the day. The programmes are individually numbered and will be entered into a programme raffle, prize £100.



Stalls will include; Plant stall, Wine stall, Soft drink stall, Mini golf, Baked potatoes, Hamburgers / hotdogs, Scones, tea and coffee will be available in main building, along with toilet facilities and Parking is free.

Entertainment includes; The Nicola Boyle highland dancers, Accordion player, Piper, Riverside youth band from Greenock / Gourock, Magician and Star Wars entertainers.

There is also £1 raffle for 3 stain glass windows approx 18" high namely, "Faith, Hope and Charity" which would make an excellent addition to any Masonic Lodge display cabinet and any brethren or lodge interested in purchasing a raffle number, see myself (Brother Malcolm Sinclair).

Following the very successful Homes Degree, it would be intended to present a cheque for the proceeds of the evening, a magnificent total of £1,000 to the home.



Charity Golf Texas Scramble

In aid of The Marcus Humphrey House on Sunday 30th June 2019 at Kilbirnie Golf Club Ayrshire Team of 4 £160, which includes a breakfast roll and cup of Tea/Coffee & A buffet meal when you finish the golf.

Bowling:



Saturday 4th May: Annual Challenge Match between Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121 and Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII takes place at the Ardgowan Bowling Club at 10.00 am.

Saturday 15th June: Province Orr Masonic Bowling Competition:

The competition takes place on Saturday 15th June at the Grosvenor Bowling Club at 10.00 and a gentle reminder that the wearing of shorts is not permitted.

Grand Lodge Communication:

The next Regular Communication of Grand Lodge will be on **Thursday 13th June at 2.00 pm prompt.**

And a wee report just to finish the Column.....

1121 go mad in Cumbria.

An intrepid band of 11 brethren from Crawfurdsburn 1121 made their annual trip to the wilds of Cumbria. The usual pit stop to sample the haute cuisine at Eddie Stobbart's fine motel café in Carlisle was required to sustain these hungry Scotsmen on journey.



Having arrived at Cleater Moor a nail biting series of games of pool was carried out culminating in those two pool sharks, Adam McKenzie and Hughie Docherty playing one another for glory. I won't say who was the final victor.



We then assembled at the beautiful Wath Brow Masonic Hall. This is not the usual venue as Lodge Stirling's usual lodge building is being renovated. Bro James Cannon then joined us. He was staying in

his caravan and made his own way there. We witnessed the installation of Bro Peter Riley and his office bearers in fine style.

After the installation we retired to enjoy a three course meal followed by an excellent cheeseboard. Appropriate toasts were given and the brethren presented the Master, Bro Riley with a fine single malt and a donation towards their building fund.



A novel use of a gauntlet to keep your snack warm!

The trip home was kept lively with Bro Docherty keeping us all awake with his chatter and his 1am snack. See the photograph that shows how a gauntlet can double as a sandwich container.

As always a long but excellent day which marked the 30th Anniversary of the brethren of Lodge Crawfordsburn travelling to the installation of Stirling Lodge 1989.

Report by Brother George J Carson PM, PGC.