



The West Column



Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



The photograph on the right was taken in the town square in the Spanish town of Castellon and what struck was the contrast between the message and some of the comments now appearing on social media.

One of the recent comments (sadly from a member of the Craft who shall remain nameless) had the simple inflammatory message “I’d send them all back to where they came from”! The sad thing is that I am perfectly well aware that such sentiments are shared by many and the current political situation doesn’t help with opinions becoming entrenched on both sides of the argument but I wonder what kind of message this says about our Craft and the ideals which we hold so dear of Charity and Benevolence. Are those ideals restricted to those of a certain colour or race, or political or religious persuasion?

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”.

Sir Nicholas George Winton MBE, (born Wertheim; 19 May 1909 – 1 July 2015) was a British humanitarian who established an organization to rescue children at risk from Nazi Germany. Born to German-Jewish parents who had emigrated to Britain, Winton supervised the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War 2. Winton found homes for the children and arranged for their safe passage to Britain. This operation was later known as the Czech Kindertransport (German for "children's transport").

His work went unnoticed by the world for over 50 years, until 1988 when he was invited to the BBC television programme *That's Life!*, where he was reunited with several of the children that he had saved. The British press celebrated him and dubbed him the "British Schindler." In 2003, Winton was Knighted by the Queen for "services to humanity, in saving Jewish children from Nazi Germany occupied Czechoslovakia". On 28 October 2014, he was awarded the highest honour of the Czech Republic, the Order of the White Lion (1st class), by the Czech President. He died in 2015 at the age of 106.

I am sure that we will all agree that his actions were worthy of a place in heaven but here is my question for you. In today's climate, would we see messages on facebook and other social media saying "I'd send them all back"?

At some point in time, we have all been immigrants and if you doubt that then invest in a simple DNA test kit and you may be surprised just where your ancestors came from!

Throughout the history of mankind, people have migrated and sadly because of wars, it has not always been through choice. From the children of Israel fleeing bondage in Egypt and migrating towards the Promised Land, to the Jewish nation fleeing persecution from Nazi tyranny, to more recent examples in Rwanda where human beings were forced to flee their homes from the racial genocide.

At this time of the year, we think especially of a baby born to bring peace to the World. The parents of that baby were first denied refuge as there was no room at the inn so please as Christmas time approaches, give some thought to the message of Christ to look after and love one another and to embrace the spirit of charity and benevolence to ALL as we teach in that north-east corner.

What would I like for Christmas – a little more compassion, courtesy and kindness in the world would be very welcome!

May I take this early opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.

Kind regards,

Jim

Fro our Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George J Carson:

A thought for the Season from the Rev. I.M. Geordie.

It is hard to believe that we are into the December edition of The West Column and it is nearly Christmas again. So, thinking of Christmas, I'd like you to take a look at St Matthew, Chapter 2, verse 11:

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.

So on the first Christmas gifts were given. I don't know if that was the start of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas but it has certainly become a big factor in the commercialism of the Christmas we celebrate in modern times.

"You give me a book, I give you a tie. Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer and Uncle Henry could do with a new pipe. We forget nobody, adult or child. All the stockings are filled. All that is, except one".

There is more to Christmas than just giving material gifts. Think about what you can give to the baby born in a manger all these years ago.

And now a shameless plug: If you can manage along to Lodge Crawfurdsburn 1121's Divine Service on Tuesday the 17th December you will hear more on this theme.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Rev I.M.Geordie

Advert:

Hogmanay Concert

with Alan and Polly Beck



Join Alan and Polly Beck from 7pm until 9pm on December 31st in Greenock Town Hall for a concert of Traditional Scottish Music. Accompanied by well-known pianist Hugh Reid, the couple will perform classic Scottish songs such as Dark Island, Highland Cathedral, My Ain Folk and many, many more. Tickets priced at £20 for adults and £12 for children can be obtained from the box office of The Waterfront swimming baths or by contacting Alan directly on 07739 514242.

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.

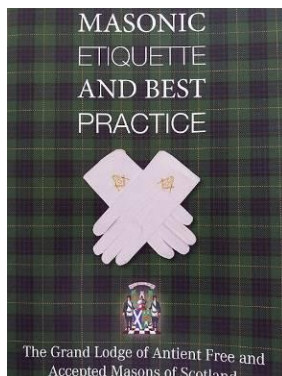
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Please note that the email address list held for the purposes of distribution of the West Column, are held for that purpose only and are not made available to any third party without consent. The West Column is distributed using "blind copies" to maintain the privacy of the recipients.

Photographs:

Please note that if you are having your photograph taken at an event either as an individual or as a group, it will be assumed, unless clearly expressed otherwise, that you are content to allow the photograph to be published in the West Column and on the Province's facebook page. The West Column is distributed directly to a closed email mailing list of approximately 500 names, all of whom are members of the Craft. The Province's facebook page is a closed group made up of around 350 members.

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.

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

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to 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 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.

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:

The winner in September was Brother Tony Stewart of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 while October's winner was Brother Ian Freer of Lodge Crawfurdsgowan 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.**

Annual Installations:

December.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 – Friday 6th December.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 – Friday 13th December.

Provincial Meetings.

Provincial Grand Committee – Wednesday 4th December.

Annual Meeting – Friday 7th February 2020.

Remembrance Day.



As is customary, the nation stopped for a few moments on Sunday 10th November to recognise and honour those who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and in keeping with recent years, the Lodges in the Province paid their own respects by attending the Services at the cenotaphs in every town and village in the Province from Inverkip to Kilmacolm. Wreaths were laid on behalf of all the Lodges.

Below are some of the photographs taken.



Master of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 Brother Scottl McLaughlan accompanied by MEZ James Watson of Ranfurley RAC 289 and members paying their respects at the war memorial at Kilmacolm.



Brother Graeme Wallace, Master of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 following the attendance by the Lodge at the Church Service at St. John's Church in Gourrock.



Members of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 join the parade from the Church to the cenotaph at Gourrock.

The Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, Brother Eric Sweeney and the Master of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 Brother James Hamilton on their way to the Service at the cenotaph at Port Glasgow.



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

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 3rd – Annual Divine Service conducted by Brother Alistair Glenny.

Tuesday 17th – Meeting cancelled.

Annual Installation:



The Annual Installation meeting took place on Tuesday 19th November when a large number of brethren took their places in the Saloon of Greenock Town Hall to witness the Installation of Brother James Robert Crossan into the chair of his mother Lodge for a second successive year. The Installation was carried out in the expected exemplary manner by Past Masters, Brother Iain White, Brother Alan Beck and Brother Kenneth K Morrison. Following the ceremony, the brethren retired to the Town Hall to enjoy a supper with the usual speeches and entertainment which included the presentation of the Orr Masonic Bowling Trophy which, this year, had been captured by a team from No. XII.





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 – The prizes are £25 per month and payment by cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable. Please support the Lodge with this draw.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

Monday 2nd – Entering

Monday 9th – No meeting

Monday 16th – Raising (7.15 pm)

Monday 23rd – No meeting.

Monday 30th – No meeting.

Friday 13th – The Annual Installation Meeting will take place on Friday 13th December at 6.45 pm with Brother James Hamilton being elected to serve a second term as Master. The ceremony will be carried out by Past Masters Brother Ian McPherson, Brother William Lawson and Brother George Freeburn and a warm welcome is extended to all qualified brethren by the Master-elect.



Presentation:

Heartiest congratulations to Brother William 'Sugar' Osborne, of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 on being presented with his 50 year Jubilee Certificate at the Regular Meeting on Monday 18th December. The presentation was made by the Master, Brother James Hamilton assisted by the IPPGM, Brother Jim Livingstone, in front of a very large number of assembled brethren who were present to witness an excellent Fellowcraft degree carried out by the visiting Lodge on the evening, Lodge St. George's (Helensburgh) No. 503.

The Joker Prize tickets are on sale and the usual Saturday night social nights take place from 8.30 until midnight.

Tickets are now on sale for the Hogmanay Dance from Past Master Brother Archie Wright.

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.

Friday 13th – Raising
Friday 20th – Informal Social Night and Spirit Draw
Friday 27th – No meeting

Tickets for this year's Hogmanay Dance are on sale now for Members Only (maximum of 4 per member) until 1st November. After this date any remaining tickets will be available to Brethren and Visitors. Tickets are priced at £10 each and available by contacting Brother Thomas Porteous RWM.

The Lodge Annual Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 11th January 2020 with the usual highly regarded Speakers and Musicians from the Burns Fraternity along with the excellent Catering from Brother Jim Williams. Tickets priced at £12.50 each are available from Brother Alex Johnstone PM.

Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 meetings will continue to be advertised in the Greenock Telegraph, and Online Edition, on the first Friday of each Month."

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

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.

Thursday 5th – Raising (Exemplification) conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge.
Thursday 19th – Christmas Carol Service.

The Regular Meeting for the 2nd January has been cancelled and the next meeting thereafter will be on Thursday 17th January 2020 and will be an Entered Apprentice Degree. The meeting will commence at 7.15 pm and will include the annual visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.

Social:

The Lodge's Festive Dance will be held on Friday 20th December with entertainment being provided by the band "No Contract". A hot buffet will be served and tickets are now available.

Saturday 7th December. The Children's Christmas treat will be to the Pantomime at the Beacon Theatre (5 pm).

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 11th – Mark Degree conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626. The AGM will follow the degree.

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 9th - Entering (2 candidates).
Monday 23rd – Meeting Cancelled.

Saturday 14th – Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner
Sunday 15th – Children's Christmas Party.

Saturday 21st is the Christmas Dance with DJ Allan Bell and catering by the President of Stewards, Brother Alex Black. Tickets are now on sale priced at £6 and as this is a very popular evening, please book your tickets as soon as possible. Donations of Raffle prizes would be very welcome.

Tickets will also shortly be on sale for the annual Burns Supper on Saturday 18th January priced at £12.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 11th – Entering



Annual Installation:

On Friday 15th November around 125 brethren packed in to the beautiful Temple in Kilmacolm, to witness the installation of Brother James Watson into the chair of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 by a very experienced team led by Brother Paul M Docherty, PM989 assisted by Brother Kenneth M McCrae, PM626 and Brother Alistair J Keith, PM217, MM989. Following an excellent ceremonial which was the first held in the new Lodge room, the brethren retired to enjoy the usual excellent hospitality provided by Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 during which the usual toasts were offered.

If you haven't yet been able to visit Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 in their new Temple, it is well worth a visit and the next opportunity will be an entered Apprentice Degree which will be carried out by the Lodge on Wednesday 11th December.



With a bit of practice, it might just be possible to take a photograph of the office-bearers of the Lodge in the future, where all are looking in the same direction. However as you will note Brother David Wilson is not one to pass up a good photo opportunity!



Installing Masters, (left to right), Brother Alistair J Keith PM217,
Paul M Docherty PM989, Brother Kenneth M McCrae PM626



Amongst the many visitors at the Installation of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 were Brother Thomas Ballingham of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 who was accompanied by brethren from France and from Boston Mass.

The new Master, Brother James Watson did not get much of a chance to settle into his new office before being called upon to make the following presentation:

Presentation of Platinum Diploma:

(Report by brother James Watson, Master of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989).

On Wednesday 20th November I had the pleasure and delight to present a Platinum Diploma to Bro. James (Jimmy) Crawford Ross at Marchmont Care Home, Port Glasgow, accompanied by RWPGM Bro. Robin McIntyre and Bro. Jim Madden DM 989

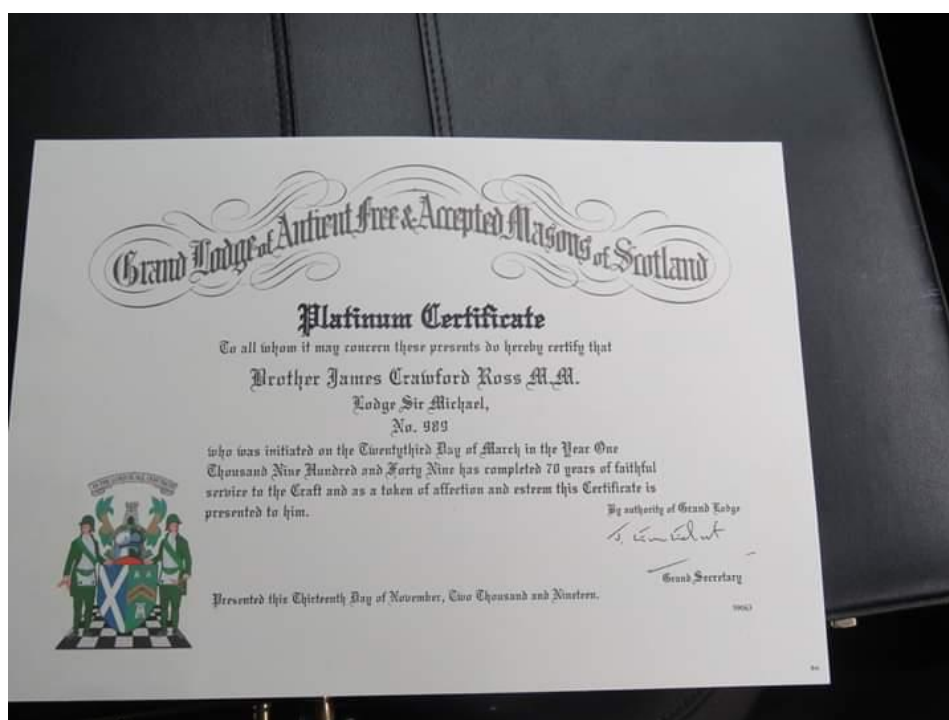
Jimmy was initiated on 23rd March 1949, passed on 28th September 1949, raised on 28th December 1949, received his Mark on 26th April 1950, his role number was 537, he was 21 years old when he joined and listed as being a Farmer/Butcher. Grand Lodge Registration 12-04-1949, Diploma 19-01-1950, Mark Diploma 08-05-1950, Life membership taken out in 1970. All of this information regarding Jimmy has been taken from the LSM 989 Roll Book.

Jimmy was born and raised on Margaret's Mill Farm, Kilmacolm, he joined the Lodge shortly after serving with Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders during and after WW2 mainly based on The Clyde on Sea Planes due to his reserved occupation, He later opened a Butchers shop in Kilmacolm where he also served on Community Council and as an Elder in Old Kirk, Kilmacolm.

The Management and staff laid on tea and sandwiches to make further fuss of Jimmy who was joined by his wife Elspeth who is also a resident in the same care home.



Brother Jimmy Ross being presented with his Platinum Diploma by the Master, Brother James Watson, assisted by the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, Brother Robin McIntyre and Deputy Master, Brother James Madden.



Take a good look brethren as you will not see many Platinum Certificates being presented.

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 10th – Raising

Tuesday 17th – Annual Divine Service conducted by Past Master Brother George J Carson, Provincial Grand Chaplain and Senior Chaplain of the Lodge.

Inverclyde Foodbank

In line with the past few years, Lodge Crawfordsburn will again be supporting the Inverclyde Foodbank in the run up to the Festive period, when the demands on the foodbank increase. Donations of non-perishable items or monetary gift, which will be turned into appropriate items, will start at the Lodge's regular meeting on 12th November and continue up to the regular meeting on 17th December.

Master's Charity

RWM Bro Adam McKenzie PM announced at the regular meeting on 12th November, that he had chosen Inverclyde Women's Aid as the Master's charity for his year in office.

Inverclyde Women's Aid is a voluntary organisation, established in 1985, whose aim is to provide support to women, children and young people who are or have experienced domestic abuse.

Further updates on our donation will be provided in due course.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Friday 6th – Annual Installation (6.30 pm). The Master-elect Brother Sidney Alexander extends a warm welcome to all qualified brethren to join the Lodge at the Installation Ceremony and the celebration supper which will follow. The ceremony itself is in the capable hands of Brother Kenneth M McCrae, PM626, HM1425, Brother Kyle K Wilson IPM1425 and Brother Robert J Rice, RWM1425.

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 is now in recess until April 2020.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

December

Wednesday 18th – Royal Arch Degree.

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, Nicholas R R Stetz 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

Thursday 5th – The Royal Arch degree will be carried out by Rockmount RAC.

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th January 2020 and will be the Provincial Royal Arch Chapter visit.

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.

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

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –

The next meeting of the Conclave is on Tuesday 17th January 2020 (RHS) and in the meantime MPS Grant McLeod would like to extend the very best wishes for the festive period to all.

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 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.



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, 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

Registration is a very simple process and open to brethren within the Province of Renfrewshire West.

ADVERTISING:

I am always delighted to include any adverts for companies and services operated by our members and there are some additional new adverts included in this month's Column.



Platinum Paving. Brother William Peacock (Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425).

For all your garden, driveway and landscaping needs please call Bro William Peacock on 07588678211.

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Just recent opened, we wish them every success.



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First ABC Training provide first aid training courses to groups and individuals throughout the UK.

We regularly work with local authorities, members of the public and companies in industries including education, catering, construction, and more.

Our courses are a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical sessions. They are designed to give you the ability and practical confidence to protect your family, friends, colleagues, and members of the community.

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Below are some of our most popular courses:

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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.

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Calendar of Events and Meetings – December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 nd 68 – Entering	3 rd XII – Annual Divine Service	4 th	5 th 217 – Raising – (E) (PM's degree). RAC289 – RA degree conferred by Rockmount RAC.	6 th 1425 – Annual Installation (6.30).	7 th	8 th
9 th 68 – No meeting. 626 – Entering.	10 th 1121 - Raising	11 th 624 – AGM and Mark Degree conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626. 989 – Entering.	12 th	13 th 68 – Annual Installation (6.45). 175 - Raising	14 th	15 th
16 th 68 – Raising (7.15).	17 th XII – No meeting 1121 – Annual Divine Service. SGC 79 – No meeting.	18 th RAC XVII – RA Degree.	19 th 217 – Christmas Carol Service.	20 th 175 – Informal Social Night and Spirit Draw	21 st	22 nd
23 rd 68 – No meeting. 626 – No meeting.	24 th 1121 – No meeting.	25 th	26 th	27 th 175 – No meeting	28 th	29 th
30 th 68 – No meeting.	31 st 175 – Hogmanay Party					

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