



The West Column



My apologies for a somewhat rushed West Column this month. I'm not sure whoever suggested that retirement means that you can take things easy but let me assure you that it's just not true! I think I was more organised when I was working and it now just seems that there is not enough minutes in the day. Excuses over – among my various chores now that I am a man of leisure is to occasionally look after the next generation of the family including my grandson Callum (sometimes affectionately otherwise known as Calamity)! There never seems to be a dull (or a quiet) moment when he is about.

A few years ago, his Gran and I got him a balance bike for his Christmas which he has got terrific use and fun out of but, at the age a four and a half (the half is important at that age) he has now outgrown it, so this year, for his Christmas, we got him a proper bike with pedals etc and no stabilisers.

Now he was already able to go such a bike but this one is a bit bigger and heavier and takes a bit more puff so he sometimes needs a wee bit of a push to get him started.

The other day I said that I had to pick up a package at the shop on the main road in Bishopton which is a fair way from my house but he wanted to take his bike which was fine and he managed to get to the shop without mishap. We then started on the road back coming along the main road in Bishopton which is quite an incline back up to the traffic lights and he started to struggle.

The upshot was that I started jogging alongside him with my hand on his back giving him a gentle push. At this point in the story I trust that you are impressed with the fact that, at nearer 70 than 60 and therefore not in the first flush of youth, I was jogging uphill!

All very well, until after about 200 yards of jogging and pushing a sturdy boy and an even sturdier bike, I happened to glance down and realised that the wee blighter had stopped pedalling and was quite happy freewheeling up the hill with his daft Grandpa taking the strain!

After I got home and had my lie down and my “Grandpa nap” as it is called in the house, I was telling my wife and we both had a wee chuckle at the cheek of him.

Made me think though how many “freewheelers” we meet in our life and I’m sure we can all think of some who fit the description. Content to do nothing but happy to take the plaudits if any are going.

The Craft is no different, every Lodge has its share of brethren, content to sit back and do nothing but criticise the efforts of other – to be supported, pushed along and enjoy the fruits of the labour and effort of others.

But you know if everyone was to be a “freewheeler”, we wouldn’t go anywhere. Sometimes, it’s necessary to do a little bit of pushing and make an effort.

At this time in the Craft’s history, we need “pushers” not “freewheelers”, so I urge you all, remove the stabilisers, get on your bike and pedal hard.

Kind regards,

Jim

Prostate Scotland – Cancer Charity.

As you are aware, Prostate Scotland, has been the beneficiary of the superb efforts of the Craft in Scotland over the past few years to the tune of around £550,000 and there have been many events taking place to support the charity. Maybe some will recall the Zip Line Challenge across the Clyde, three years ago, when your intrepid, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, along with 8 other brethren, hurtled across the Clyde with the Province sponsoring the event to the tune of around £5,000.

I am able to advise that a further event is being organised with one place being allocated to each Province. Once again, as the fittest and most agile member of the Commission, your Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master has been volunteered (think they’re trying to get rid of me)!

This time, it is an abseil off the Forth Rail Bridge on Sunday 10th May and shortly, sponsor forms along with details of a justgiving page will be announced. Once again, I am hoping that the brethren and Lodges, will be able to support this event in a big way.



I.M.Geordie: Thoughts for the month of February.

So here we are rushing through another year. February comes upon us and it seems no time since Christmas and the New Year celebrations. So I was thinking, where does the name of the month come from? Well for those of you who don't know February comes from an ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa. Februa came at the end of winter and was a purification feast, with people being ritually washed to prepare for the coming of spring.

I'm not suggesting we all become pagans and hold a festival of purification but it is a nice thought that we will see the flowers such as snowdrops and croci start to shoot up through the ground. The days are getting longer. So let's think about what we can do to purify ourselves as we move out of the dark winter days towards the months of spring. February; a time for purification and renewal.

Of course we also have Valentine's Day in February. So a Christian saint makes it a time to think of those we love and what we can do for them.

So there you go. I've given you two excuses for a bit of a feast in February. Purification and love. Whatever you do, enjoy the transition from winter to spring.

Note from Ed. Just to emphasise Geordie's point. I took these two photographs just a few weeks apart in the same spot. After every winter comes the Spring!



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.

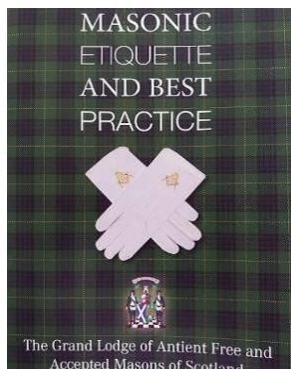
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Photographs:

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.

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.

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 and update

On Tuesday 7 January I attended Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12, where Bro Alan D Beck PM and PG Secretary presented a very enjoyable Lecture entitled, "Mozart, Freemasonry and the Magic Flute"

On Wednesday 8 January, I attended Lodge Sir Michael No 989 for an EA Degree, with the new EA being the RWM Bro Watson's son. My thanks to the Brethren from PG Lodge who accompanied on this occasion.

On Saturday 11 January along with my wife Hessie, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Lodge Crawfordsburn Seniors Lunch.

On Monday 13 January I attended a FC Degree at Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626.

On Tuesday 14, I headed a Deputation to the first Annual Visitation by PG Lodge of 2020 which took place at Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121, where we witnessed an excellent MM Degree.

On Thursday 16 January, I headed a Deputation from PG Lodge to Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 for their Annual Visitation, where we witnessed a very enjoyable EA Degree.

On Saturday 25 January in the company of PG Treasurer Bro Thomas Trotter I attended the Annual Communication and Installation of Elective Office-bearers of the PG Lodge of Dunbartonshire, where I had the privilege of heading the deputation of Brethren from the Sister PG Lodges and also proposing the Toast to the PG Lodge of Dunbartonshire at the Dinner. On the same day IPPGM Bro James Livingstone and Sen PGW Bro Richard Harrison represented the Province at a similar event at the PGL of Renfrewshire East.



On Sunday 26 January I attended the Annual Divine Service of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425, held within Lodge Firth of Clyde. The excellent service was conducted by the Lodge Chaplain of Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 Bro James Livingstone PM, IPPGM. My thanks to the Brethren of PG Lodge who attended the service.

On Monday 27 January, I headed a Deputation from PG Lodge to the Annual Visitation of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, where we witnessed an excellent EA Degree carried out on 2 candidates.

My grateful thanks to the Commissioned Office-bearers, the Elected Office-bearers and the Past Sen PG Wardens of PG Lodge for all their support.

A reminder that the Grand Lodge Communication will be held on Thursday 6 February in Edinburgh.

The Annual Communication and Installation of Elective Office-bearers will be held on Friday 7 February within Lodge Greenock St John's No 175.

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

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 4th – Ballot and Fellowcraft degree conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.

Tuesday 18th – Entering and Annual Visit by Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (Please note this meeting starts at 7.15 pm).

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 3rd Business Meeting - 7.30pm

Monday 10th – Raising – 7.15pm

Sunday 16th – Divine Service - 6.30pm

Monday 17th – Passing conferred by Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge No 18 7.30pm – 7.30pm

Monday 24th – Entering – 7.30pm

Joint Divine Service Arrangements.

The joint Divine Service (with 217) will be held in St Mary's Church, Bardrainney Avenue, Port Glasgow on Sunday 16th February. Brethren to assemble at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Congratulations – Jubilee Certificate Presentation – Brother Iain MacLeod.

On 13th January our R.W.M. had the pleasure of presenting a 50 year diploma and medal to Wee Brother Iain MacLeod. Hailing from the Isle of Lewis Wee Iain joined the Lodge in December 1969 when he was young policeman serving in Port Glasgow. For a number of years he was the Lodge Secretary, and more recently the Bard. Being a natural organiser Iain has for many years been organising the annual Senior Brethren's Outing.

The outing is always very popular and takes the brethren to top secret destination every year. From time to time he also organises a trip for the Lodge to attend Lodge Fortrose in his home town of Stornoway. The Lodge are delighted to see Iain receive this award and we look forward to his next 50 years.



Anniversary Meeting and Burns Supper.

The 263rd Anniversary Meeting was held on Friday 24th January followed by our celebratory Burns Supper. The brethren and their guests were thoroughly entertained at the Burns Supper with the toast to the Immortal Memory of Bro. Burns being proposed by P.M. Bobby Shaw of Lodge Bridgeton Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle No 275, the toast to the Lodge by R.W.M. Eric Sweeney, the toast to the Ladies by P.M. Jim Donnelly, the toast to the Visitors by W.S.W. Billy Mooney, the toast to Absent Brethren by P.M. George Freeburn and the Toast to the Artistes and Stewards by W.J.W. Bert Hill.

P.M. William Lawson gave the Address to the Haggis, Bro. Jamie Donnelly performed Tam o Shanter and A Man's a Man for a' That with what could only be described as "some style", and music was provided by Bro. Billy Mooney and P.M. George Freeburn.

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

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.lodedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.

Friday 14th – Passing

Friday 28th – Raising

Please note the above are changes to the previously intimated schedule.

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."

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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 6th – Business Meeting (Members only).

Thursday 20th – Passing and Installation of remaining office-bearers.

Sunday 26th – Joint Divine Service (See announcements for Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 above).

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 12th - Entering

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 10th - Passing

Monday 24th – Raising

Burns Supper.



Heartiest **congratulations** to all involved in putting on a fantastic evening at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gorock No.626 Burns Supper on Saturday 18th January. Performing to a packed sell-out audience, the Immortal Memory was provided in fine style by Brother David Stevenson and he was supported by speakers, Iain McPhail (Toast to the Lasses), David Docherty (Reply) readings by the hugely entertaining and inimitable Jimmy Law and not forgetting our piper Donald Mccrae and keyboard player, Bailey Thompson.

For his first such event Brother Iain Wallace must be complimented on his organisational skills and of course he was well supported by Chef, Brother Alex Black, along with the bar staff and stewards.

This was a Lodge event at its very best..... Well done all.



The top table guests were all very well behaved as you can see from the photograph – OK so this was fairly early on in the evening and they were still getting fed

Jimmy Law got the evening off to a great start as he addressed the Haggis.

It was just a pity that we forgot to provide a knife – luckily, Jimmy happened to have one in his pocket!



Joint Divine Service and Beatson Cancer Charity.

The Joint Divine Service between Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 was held on Sunday 26th January with around 70 brethren along with their friends and family joining oin the Service which was conducted by the Chaplain of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626, Brother Jim Livingstone PM626, PM1425, IPPGM.

It had been agreed that the collection uplifted at the Service would be donated to a Charity of Brother Livingstone's choice and he nominated the Beatson Cancer Charity which has treated so many brethren and their families over the years.

The collection was supplemented by the Lodges with the result that a donation of £370 will be forwarded to the Centre at the first opportunity and grateful thanks go to all who contributed.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 12th – Passing

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 11th – Entered Apprentice degree (Exemplification).

Tuesday 25th – Ballot and Fellowcraft Degree.

A "Secure" visit with a Personal Interest

On Wednesday 15th January, Bro Iain Freer, accompanied by Bro Hugh Docherty PM and Bro Neil Long made the journey through to Cupar, for a meeting of Lodge Coupar o' Fife No. 19.

The form of the meeting was a lecture on Security, which covered not only locks, but security screens for banks and financial institution and other such areas as Kelvar bulletproof vest, armour for vehicles and all the latest electronic gadgets and updates. With such a lecture I'm sure the brethren were in a well tyled Lodge.



Left to right: Brother Neil Long, Brother David Martin, Brother Iain Freer and someone else – Brother Hugh Docherty of course!

The three brethren were warmly welcomed by the RWM Bro Graeme Bain and the Lodge's secretary Bro Peter Spiers PM, but the visit was that bit more special as Bro Iain Freer caught up with his cousin

WSW Bro David Martin, who he had not met for some 40 year and, more surprisingly, didn't know was in the craft.

Informal Burns Supper

After a short regular meeting on 28th January, the brethren of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No. 1121 together with visitors held an informal Burns Supper. This practice has been a feature of the Lodge over the years.

The Selkirk Grace was delivered by Chaplain Bro George J Carson PM, the haggis, which was piped and carried in by Bro Donald J McRae and Bro John Paton PM respectively was addressed with great gusto by SM Bro Samuel L Hunter PM.

After the traditional Burns Supper fare, PG Secretary Bro Alan D Beck, who is presently the President of the Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club), paid an appropriate tribute to Scotland's National Bard. Bro Beck's speech covered various characteristics of the Bard using each letter in Rabbie's surname. Following the appreciation Bro Beck led the company in the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

The supper included the singing by the brethren of a few Burns' songs, including Scots Wha Hae and A Mans a Man for A' That. The singing was led on the organ by Bro R Fraser Gray, Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 and Bro Donald J McRae played a selection on the pipes.

An enjoyable supper was concluded with WSW Bro Iain D Hair proposing a Vote of Thanks to everybody who had made the evening a success.

The evening concluded with a rousing rendition of The Star of Rabbie Burns, followed by Auld Lang Syne.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Thursday 13th – Passing and Annual visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (Please note this meeting has a 7.15 pm start).

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

Wednesday 19th – Greenock RAC XVII will confer an Excellent Master's degree.

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.

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

Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

Thursday 7th February at 7.30 pm and will be the annual Provincial visit.

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th February 2020. The Chapter meets on the 4th Thursday of the month within the premises of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

Preceptory of Ardgowan

The next meeting is on 5th February which will be a Knight Grade and a Jubilee Presentation for which the Grand Master and District Grand Prior will be in attendance for. It would therefore be helpful for those wishing to attend to advise so for catering purposes especially as there will be an excellent steak pie supper on offer.

Venerable Preceptor Nicholas R R Stetz 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.

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –



The next meeting of the Conclave is on Tuesday 17th February – RCC. 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.



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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.

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Advert.

D & D All Trades (Brother Graeme Dunn of Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121).



The advertisement features a dark background with a subtle grid pattern. At the top, the letters 'D & D' are displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Roughcast Brickwork Rendering' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Further down, the words 'All Trades' are centered in a white, sans-serif font. Below 'All Trades' is a graphic of a brick wall with a trowel resting against it. At the bottom, the phone number '07492160416' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font.

D & D

Roughcast Brickwork Rendering

All Trades

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Advert: (Brother Russell Johnston, Lodge Sir Michael No. 989).



The advertisement is split into two main sections. The left section features a close-up image of several ripe, red strawberries with green leaves. The right section has a green background with white text. At the top, the text 'Garden Centre', 'Plant Nursery', 'Garden Sheds', 'Summer Houses', and 'Seasonal Goods & Gifts' is listed. Below this is the logo for 'GOWANLEA NURSERIES & GARDEN CENTRE', which includes a small pink flower icon. At the bottom, the phone number '01505 328921' is displayed, followed by the website 'www.gowanleanurseries.co.uk', the email 'E. gowanlea-nurseries@hotmail.co.uk', and the address 'Barochan Road, Johnstone PA5 8YS'.

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Cleaning and Maintenance

Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West

Calendar of Events and Meetings – February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 st	2 nd
3 rd 68 – Business Meeting	4 th XII – Ballot and Passing conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.	5 th Preceptory of Ardgowan – Malta Degree	6 th 217 – Business Meeting (Members only) RAC289 – AVPGRAC	7 th Provincial Grand Lodge – Annual Meeting (6.45 pm).	8 th	9 th
10 th 68 – Raising (7.15) 626 - Passing	11 th 1121 – Entering (E)	12 th 624 – Entering. 989 – Passing.	13 th 1425 – Passing and AVPGL (7.15).	14 th 175 - Passing	15 th	16 th 68/217 – Joint Divine Service
17 th 68 – Passing by Lodge DK18	18 th XII – Entering and AV by Provincial Grand Lodge (7.15). SGC 79 - RCC	19 th RAC XVII – EM degree	20 th 217 - Passing	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
24 th 68 – Entering 626 - Raising	25 th 1121 – Ballot and Passing	26 th	27 th PGRAC900 – Meeting.	28 th 175 - Raising	29 th	

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