



# The West Column

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Brethren,

I'm not sure if it is just a case of the January blues but I received very little material for the West Column for inclusion in this edition (see Contributions to the West Column below).

I am sure there was a lot more happening in the Province than was evident from the response (or lack of it) that I received to my usual request for information!

I have though to confess that the month of January was a little bit quieter for me as PGM but given the weeks and months which lie ahead, it was probably good to be able to have some respite to recharge the batteries a little.

However, next month is certainly going to start with a bang! Over the course of the first weekend, there is a meeting of Grand Lodge on Thursday 6th February, followed on Friday 7th, by our own Annual Meeting, on which there is more later in the Column. On Saturday 8th February, I will be attending celebrations at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dunbartonshire and the weekend will be rounded off by the joint Annual Divine Service of Lodges 68 and 217 on the Sunday evening.

On the 7th February, it will be the 275th anniversary of the appointment of Brother Alexander Drummond as the first Provincial Grand Master by Grand Lodge. Brother Drummond was then Mater of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII and we can therefore claim that this Province is the birthplace of the system of governance of Lodges in Scotland through the Provincial Grand Lodge structure.

We therefore intend to make the Annual Meeting a little bit special this year and I am indebted to Past PGM Brother Alexander Galbraith for putting together an agenda for the meeting which I am sure that everyone who attends, will enjoy immensely.

More particularly, we will be honoured by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Brother Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon and I sincerely hope that the brethren of the Province respond with their support on the day.

I have provided some detail of the meeting later in the Column and in the meantime, as always, I look forward to seeing you at the various Lodge meetings over the next month.

Regards,  
Jim

## **Contributions to the West Column**

I would have to confess I am a little disappointed by the fact that a number of the Lodges failed to respond to my request for information for this month's West Column hence I am afraid that you will find it a rather slim edition. This in a month where there are so many Burns Suppers and social events being held along with Regular Meetings. I simply do not understand why Lodges fail to take advantage of a free opportunity to advertise their meetings. The direct mailing list for the West Column is now well in excess of 350 members. That is probably better publicity than we are able to achieve through the local press.

I have in most cases attempted to provide additional information either from Lodge websites or from my own knowledge through personal attendance at meetings but brethren, I do make a plea for information for next month's Column. If I do not receive information, there is no point in continuing with the publication. I simply do not have the time to search for information which could easily be provided by the simple courtesy of a response to my email request to Lodge secretaries for material. Perhaps, if you find the Column to be of value to you, it might be an idea to raise the matter at your Lodge committee meetings and enquire if your Lodge is supporting the West Column.

I would 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 [Jim626Col@aol.com](mailto:Jim626Col@aol.com)

I am aware that many Lodges have had new initiates or even existing members who may have email addresses but do not receive the West Column. I would be grateful if the Lodge Secretaries could mention the West Column in your respective Lodges and perhaps encourage those who do not yet receive it to drop me a note of their email address and I will add them to the distribution list. The Column goes all over the world but let's make sure that it reaches all possible addresses in the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area as well! My thanks go to those who have forwarded on new contact details within the last month.

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

### **Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).**

Application forms are now available within each Lodge. 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. It has been decided to reduce the monthly "ticket" cost to £5.00 rather than £10. 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.

Please remember that a minimum of 50% of the income will be going directly to charity. I have not as yet decided on a good cause for this project as I felt that we had to be assured that it would get "off the ground". It is probably that when the time comes to divide up the proceeds, it will be split between a national charity and a local charity or charities. I have a fairly open mind about a national charity and would welcome suggestions from Lodges or individuals. There are, of course, many worthy charities and many of them will resonate with many of you for personal reasons. Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland, Breast Cancer, Cancer Research, Childline, Help for Heroes, the list is endless. If you have a suggestion, please email me at [Jim626Col@aol.com](mailto:Jim626Col@aol.com)

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

### **Provincial Visits:**

As always brethren, I am indebted to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who have accompanied me on the various visits which have taken place since the last publication of the West Column.

Although it was a little quieter than previous months, I attended the annual visit to Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 on Friday 10th January. On Saturday 11th January, I was privileged and delighted to be the guest of Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 at their annual Senior Citizen's dinner. It was a most enjoyable day, appreciated by everyone who attended and my congratulations go to the organisers of the event and to the Right Worshipful Master Brother Hugh Docherty for making myself and my better half, Elspeth, feel so welcome.

On Saturday 18th January, I was the guest of Brother Alistair Henderson, PGM of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow at their annual Master's dinner, when the speaker was Brother Robert Cooper, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who provided the assembled company with a very interesting short lecture on Provincial Grand Masters!

I attended the Annual Burns supper of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 on Monday 10th and on Friday 24th was present at the 257th Anniversary Meeting and Burns Supper of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, where I was privileged to deliver the Immortal Memory, which was a great honour. Again, I have to express my sincere thanks to the Right Worshipful Master Brother William Lawson and the Lodge for their welcome and kind hospitality on the evening.

On Saturday 25th January, along with the Depute and Substitute PGMs and Provincial Grand Secretary, I attended the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, when again we were made most welcome on a very enjoyable occasion.

Finally, on the 28th January, I officiated at the annual visit to Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 where following the meeting, we all enjoyed the hospitality of the Lodge at a short Burns Supper which followed the formal part of the evening.

Brethren, the annual meeting on the 7th February will not only mark the 275th anniversary of the appointment of the first PGM but will also mark the 1st anniversary of my own appointment. Okay, I have a little bit to go to catch up with Alexander Drummond but I did just want to mention that while the time has simply flown in, I have enjoyed every single minute of my commission so far. It has been a pleasure to work with my commissioned team and the office-bearers within Provincial Grand Lodge not to mention the immense support and enthusiasm from the Masters and brethren of the Lodges.

As always, you tend to review the past year and while there have been things that could have been done better and areas where you wished that progress would have been quicker, I do believe that, together, we have achieved much and I believe that we will become even stronger as a Province in the future. My sincere thanks to all for your support.

### **Provincial Website.**

For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to [www.pglrw.org](http://www.pglrw.org) Brethren, if you have anything that you wish added to the Provincial website, contact Brother Jim Donnelly at [jimdonnelly@ntlworld.com](mailto:jimdonnelly@ntlworld.com)

## Meetings.

Lodge meetings in the Province of Renfrewshire West take place as follows;

Day	Day of month.				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday		989			
Thursday	217	1425	217		
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

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

## Dates and duties for your diaries:

Annual Installations and Visitations:

Lodge	Inst. Date	Dep Head	Off/bear	Annual Visit	Commenting
12	19 Nov.	DPGM	G Carson	4 March	JPGW
68	13 Dec	PGM	Robert Bain	17 February	DPGM
175	25 Oct	PGM	John McAlister	10 January	JPGW
217	29 Nov	PGM	Gordon Porter	17 April	SPGM
626	19 Oct	PGM	Gordon Price	10 March	SPGW
989	15 Nov	SPGM	Jim Donnelly	9 April	DPGM
1121	1 Nov	PGM	John Black	28 January	SPGW
1425	6 Dec	PGM	Alex Johnstone	13 February	SPGM
1814	3 May (14)	PGM			

## 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Provincial Grand Lodge.

As previously mentioned, we will be honoured by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master at our annual meeting. It is our intention to start the meeting at 6.00 pm and to dispense with the routine business of the meeting such as the annual reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, Almoner etc as quickly as is reasonably possible. While, it would be appreciated if every attempt could be made to be present for the start of the meeting, there will be an opportunity to admit brethren around 6.35/6.40 as it is appreciated that those with work commitments might find the early starting time inconvenient.

However, it should be noted that after the admission of the sister Provincial Grand Lodges, at 6.45 pm and then the Grand Master immediately thereafter, no further alarms will be taken.

After welcoming our guests for the evening, the installation of elective office-bearers will be completed and it would be hoped that the formal part of the evening will be concluded by around 7.30. An excellent meal has then been arranged with formal speeches kept to a minimum to try to maintain the informal atmosphere for which this meeting is known.

Following a toast to the Grand Master/Grand Lodge, we will be entertained by Brother Robert Cooper, the Curator at Grand Lodge, who is a renowned speaker and authority on the subject of Freemasonry. Brother John R McCormack, the PGM of Dunbartonshire, will provide a vote of thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren and we would hope to conclude the meeting by around 10.30 pm.

The Depute Provincial Grand Master has asked me to advise that he will be in attendance from around 5.00 pm for anyone who wishes to collect (and pay for) the special commemorative jewels which have been struck to mark the occasion.

Tickets, priced £15, for the dinner are already on sale within the Lodges and it is sincerely hoped that each Lodge takes up its full allocation so as we can make this a night to remember. While tickets are not required for the actual meeting (only the dinner), we are providing what I'm sure will be a quality meal, which I am confident, everyone will enjoy.

In view of the anticipated numbers, the meeting will take place in the upper hall.

I would also advise that the first draw in the RW200Club will be made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the dinner and also that the presentation of the Annual Citizen of the Year Award will be made to the 2013 recipients, Football First Trust.

I also hope to be able to provide you with a very exciting update on the donation which was made last year to the Nepal Schools Trust.

A great evening is assured - please give your support.

## **LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING SEPTEMBER.**

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

Tuesday 4th - Raising and Ballot  
Tuesday 18th February - Passing

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

Monday 3rd - Business Meeting  
Monday 10th - Raising (E)  
Monday 17th - Passing (E) (Annual Visit of Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West)  
Monday 24th - TBA

Sunday 9th - Joint Annual Divine Service with Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

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

Friday 14th - Entering  
Friday 28th - Passing conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.

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

Thursday 6th - Entering (Exemplification)  
Thursday 20th - Passing (Exemplification)  
Thursday 27th - General Committee Meeting

Sunday 9th - the joint Annual Divine Service with Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 will be held in St Andrew's Parish Church, Church Street, Port Glasgow at 6.45 for 7.00 pm. Lodge regalia to be worn (family and friends most welcome).

### **Social events.**

The next Family Friendly Saturday will be on Saturday 1st February from 12 noon until 4.00 pm with food served until 2.00 pm - ALL WELCOME.

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

Wednesday 12th - Entering and Install of office-bearers.

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

Monday 10th - Passing conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales, Renfrew No. 426  
Monday 24th - Raising

On Wednesday 12th, the Lodge will be travelling to Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584 in Bishopbriggs, to confer a Fellowcraft Degree (please contact the Worshipful Junior Warden, Brother David Stevenson for travel arrangements).

### **Burns Supper.**

There was a capacity attendance in the hall on Monday 20th January for the Lodge's annual Burns Supper.

Those present were treated to a wonderful Immortal Memory by Brother Iain MacLeod of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 who is, of course, a renowned "Burns" speaker. This was followed by a Toast to the Lasses by Brother Ross Nugent and a suitable response on behalf of the lasses by Brother David Docherty of Lodge Rothesay St John No. 292. Both speakers

providing a very lively, interesting and entertaining offering. Brother David also provided the assembled company with a number of songs, some Burns and others of a more comic variety and the readings were provided by Brother Adam Pigott. Our good friend Brother John Black PM68 had earlier piped in the haggis.

Everyone agreed that it was one of the most successful Burns Suppers in recent years. The photograph below shows the top table.



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

Wednesday 12th - Passing

### **Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121**

Tuesday 11th - Entering

Tuesday 25th - Passing

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

Thursday 13th - Passing and Annual Visit by Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.

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

In recess.

## **Other Orders.**

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

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30 pm to which all Companions are cordially invited. Most Excellent First Principal, Tommy Trotter 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**

Monday 10th - Provincial Visit

### **Greenock Royal Ark Mariners Lodge and Council No. 17**

### **Greenock Cryptic Council No. 17.**

### **Preceptory of Ardgowan**

The Preceptory of Ardgowan extends a warm welcome to any Frater who has been unable to attend over the past few years through other personal commitments and looks forward to seeing them at any of our Statutory Musters in the future.

A pocket sized Syllabus is currently being compiled to assist those not currently on e-mail and a general aide memoire for all. Current Statutory Musters and Executive Committees forecast for 2014 are as follows;

Wednesday 05 February 2014 - Muster

Wednesday 05 March 2014 - Muster (District Visit)

Wednesday 02 April 2014 - Muster

Tuesday 7th October - AGM, election of office-bearers and Malta Grade

Wednesday 5th November - Annual Installation.

Wednesday 3rd December - Muster

Please ensure that the Secretary has your current contact details including e-mail and mobile number. All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock.

### **St. George's Conclave No. 79 - 2013/14 Syllabus**

The next meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple, 7, Brown Street, Port Glasgow on Tuesday 18th February at 7.30 pm.

2014:

18th Feb (RCC),

18th March (KHS),

15th April – Installation of Grant McLeod.



## *The Wee Corner*

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

### CHARITY NEWS

#### STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Brother Bill Crumlish 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 Bill 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 Crumlish 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 [davidstevenson50@aol.com](mailto:davidstevenson50@aol.com)  
Please make cheques payable to "David Stevenson".

A little story from Brother George Nixon PM1121

The bagpiper.

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again.

Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say,

"I never seen nothing like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

### **Masonic Education.**

I am continuing to publish a list of suggested reading which many of you appear to have found useful. It would be my intention to continue to keep this list as a standard feature and if anyone finds a website or article which could supplement the list, please let me know and I will be more than happy to add the details.

#### Reading Material

- The Ashlar
- The Grand Lodge of Scotland Year Book (order through your Lodge Secretary).
- Robert Burns - The Freemason edited by John Weir from Grand Lodge of Scotland
- [The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century, 1590-1710 by David Stevenson](#)
- The First Freemasons by David Stevenson
- The Craft by John Hamill
- The Genesis of Freemasonry by Knoop and Jones
- The Scottish Mason and the Mason Word by Knoop and Jones
- The Temple and the Lodge by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh
- A Pilgrim's Path by John J. Robinson
- The History of Freemasonry by Robert Freke Gould
- The History of Freemasonry by Albert G. Mackey
- The Secrets of Freemasonry by Robert Lomas
- Workman Unashamed by Christopher Haffner
- Famous Scottish Freemasons published by Grand Lodge of Scotland
- The Freemason at Work by Harry Carr
- A Masonic Miscellany by George Power

#### New Material.

Right Worshipful Master Brother George Carson advises for those with a Kindle Fire HD you can download for free: The Symbolism of Freemasonry by Albert G MacKey in the 1800's. and comments that it is a very interesting insight into the use of symbols and allegories and how they may have developed from ancient cultures into what we have in "modern" Freemasonry. A little bit heavy in parts but as a free download for the information and ideas it is excellent.

## Websites

- <http://www.hawthornefortitude200.com/twtmag.html>
  - <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/>
  - <http://freemason.pastperfect-online.com/37812cgi/mweb.exe?request=random>
  - <http://www.americanmason.org/TheNorthernLight.aspx>
  - <http://scottishrite.org/srjournal/>
  - <http://www.esmason.com/news.html>
  - <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/index.htm>
  - <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/>
  - "Pietre Stones".
  - Cinosam
  - [www.rurallodge.com](http://www.rurallodge.com)
- Sadly, the last site is now no longer updated but there are a few back copies still on the site which are worth reading and I think that the lectures and material available at <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/> are particularly good.

## Lodge Websites.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland - <http://www.grandlodgescotland.com/>

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West - <http://www.pglrw.org/>

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII – [www.lgk12.com](http://www.lgk12.com)

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 - <http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 - <http://www.greenock-st-johns-175.masonic-lodge.org.uk/>

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 - <http://www.lck217.org.uk/links.html>

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626 - <http://www.firthofclyde.org>

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 – [www.lodgesirmichael989.co.uk](http://www.lodgesirmichael989.co.uk)

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 – [www.lodgecrawfurdsburn.org.uk](http://www.lodgecrawfurdsburn.org.uk)

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 - <http://www.Lodge1425.org>

## Grand Lodge Guidelines for the creation of Lodge Websites

if anyone is considering the development of a lodge website please bear in mind that the Grand Lodge of Scotland have issued guidelines for the creation of such sites and I would be happy to provide a copy.

## 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.

## **DO YOU ORDER GOODS AND SERVICE THROUGH THE INTERNET – READ ON -----**

### **GRAND LODGE – BENEVOLENT FUNDS - Easyfundraising**

Brethren, I draw to your attention the attached fundraising scheme for the Benevolent funds of Grand Lodge and I commend it to you. It is the easiest, most painless way to raise money for the Benevolent funds.

I have used it on a number of occasions and it is incredible the amount that can be sourced by simply buying online at your usual supplier - all the big names are there. e.g. simply renew your car insurance with your Insurance Company and the normal fee sent by the Company to your nominated charity or good cause is £35 other suppliers send a percentage anything from 1.1/2 -2.3/4%.

It is so simple it is brilliant. Please read the attached and consider using if you buy online.

Many thanks

Alex Galbraith

Extract from Grand Lodge of Scotland Yearbook 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### **The EASY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – AN EXCELLENT AND SIMPLE WAY OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE BENEVOLENT FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.**

The chairman and members of the Benevolence and Care Committee invite you to join them in supporting the above initiative which enables much needed monies to be raised for the Benevolent Funds at **NO** cost either to you or to Grand Lodge.

Please take the time to visit the website to find out more at: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

How it works:

The scheme operates by the registration of organisations and individuals with the service and when they shop online with a participating retailer, a donation is made to their nominated recipient. So many of us now shop online that it is an excellent way of raising funds just by doing something which we would anyway. Since the committee first approved participation in this initiative, Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has been registered and now has a unique identification number which means that we can receive money from the scheme. Therefore, the more people who register and nominate Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund as their benefactor, the more funds we can raise simply by making online purchases in the normal way but using the links from the above site first.

To go directly to the unique web address for Grand Lodge type: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glsbf](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glsbf) and follow the links to register. The website is easy to use and gives a step by step guide. Different retailers give different percentage donations – for example, Grand Lodge has already received the sum of £35.00 which was donated by Direct Line when a member of staff renewed their car insurance. It is very difficult to raise funds in these challenging economic times so this initiative is worthy of consideration. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

I'm happy to include the advert below for a charity Night being held in "68" on Friday 28th February. Tickets are available from Eddie Lapsley at [edward.lapsley@ntlworld.com](mailto:edward.lapsley@ntlworld.com)

# CHARITY NIGHT FOR ERSKINE HOSPITAL



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

8pm till late

68 Club, Brown St, Port Glasgow

Dancing to 'No Contract'

**FUN! GAMES!**



**Fancy dress optional but prize for the Best!**

**£5 per ticket**

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West**  
**Calendar of Events and Meetings – February 2014**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1st 217 - FFS	2nd
3rd 68 - Business Meeting	4th XII - Raising and Ballot	5th Preceptory - Muster - Knight Grade	6th 217 - Entering (E)	7th Provincial Grand Lodge annual meeting 6.00 pm	8th	9th 68/217 - Joint Divine Service
10th 68 - Raising (E) 626 - Passing (conferred by Lodge 426). RAC289 - Provincial Visit	11th 1121 - Entering	12th 989 - Passing 624 - Meeting	13th 1425 - Passing (AV Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West - 7.15).	14th 175 - Entering	15th	16th
17th 68 - Passing (E) (AV Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West).	18th XII - Passing	19th RAC XVII - Meeting	20th 217 - Passing (E)	21st	22nd	23rd
24th 68 - Meeting 626 - Raising	25th 1121 - Passing SGC No. 41 - RCC	25th	26th	27th 175 - Passing (conferred by Lodge 626).	28th	

**(E) denotes an Exemplification**

***For up to date details of meetings and news and information please log on to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West website at [www.pglrw.org](http://www.pglrw.org)***