



Recess Recuperation:

Brethren,

April brings a very busy month to the lodge, with not only our regular meetings, but also a few "Away" degrees.

Having said that, we can all look forward to the Recess. A period where we can spend some quality time with our families and re-charge our batteries.

Our management team will, as usual, still be very active during the recess, ensuring the continued smooth running of the lodge and social side. Also in the background, we will be looking to replace some of the Office Bearer regalia along with the striking of our Salfire Anniversary Jewels.

With the first month under our belt, I'd like to thank all of my Past Masters, office bearers and brethren of the lodge for your unequivocal support. To our visitors, an extremely heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Lets stay focussed in April as we have two MMM degrees to execute along with a FC degree at Blackridge. Our final meeting before the recess sees us enjoying another night in the company of our sister lodges who meet on the same night (The Douglas Lodge No409 and Lodge Buchan St John No636). This will take place on Thursday 29th April in the premises of the Douglas Lodge Bo'ness. Buchan St John will be conferring the degree, so we can relax on this occasion.

At this time, I would like to thank you all for your commitment to the lodge and wish you a very quiet and relaxing recess.

Please watch out for any email notices from the Bro Secretary during the recess.

Fraternal Wishes

Ronnie

"..we can all look forward to the Recess"

Master Mason:

The lodge was extremely pleased to raise Bro George McRae to the High and Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Thursday 4th March.

Bro McRae is the first of three new candidates entering the lodge this year. His decorum has been exemplary since joining the lodge and it gives us a lot of pleasure in congratulating George on his achievements to date.

George's next step to be advanced to a Mark Master Mason will take place on Thursday 15th April. It is hoped for a good attendance on this occasion to support Bro McRae, Bro Derek Kirwin and Bro Tom Speirs.

Want to advertise your business on the newsletter for **a small donation?** Please see the Bro Secretary.

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Fellowcraft Degree:

The Lodge visited Lodge Lord Bruce No1601 on Monday 8th March to confer the FC degree. RWM Bro Ronnie Gemmill and 12 brethren from the lodge spent another harmonious evening in the company of the brethren from Blackburn. Another great night was had by all. Blackburn will repay the visit on Thursday 1st April to confer the EA degree.



Provincial Visitation:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire visited the lodge on Thursday 18th March where they witnessed an EA degree by the brethren of the Lodge. The Candidate on this occasion was Mr David Sutherland.

Following the degree, the RWPGM then delivered a very favourable annual report to the lodge.

The RWPGM was ably assisted by two PPGM's in the persons of Bro Gavin McDonald and Bro Jim Thomson. Three honorary Past Grand Senior Wardens and Two honorary Past Grand Junior Wardens. Also in the deputation were the RWM's of the following..



Salfire 50th Anniversary:

Proceedings are now well under way for the 50th anniversary with Lodge Salfire No1505. Names are still being taken for anniversary Jewels, however £20 is required to secure the jewel. Only jewels that are paid for will be struck. Anyone wishing a jewel should see the Brother Secretary. The book for jewels will **Close** at the end of the Month (April).

Lodge Salfire are still sourcing a venue for the anniversary dance. The Brother Secretary will send out any further information during the recess.

..lodges, Kirknewton and Ratho No85, Polkemmet No927, Lodge Pioneer No1305 and Lodge Lord Bruce No1601. A short harmony and buffet followed the degree.

As usual only the hardcore remained at the end of the evening with the Bro Treasurer eventually locking up at 12.45am.

Future Articles:

Should any brother have any articles of interest, photographs etc, trips down memory lane, then please submit them to the Bro Secretary, PM Bro Alan Borsbey at the following email address...
bod101uk@yahoo.co.uk

Please note:

Only photographs sanctioned by the owner will be used.

Petitions:

Should you wish to propose or second any gentleman into freemasonry, please see the Brother Secretary for the relevant application Form.

Currently we have no outstanding petitions.

Donations for 2010:

The lodge has already made many donations so far this year..

£300 to Grand Lodge Benevolence
£100 to Masonic Homes
£100 to St Columbas hospice
£50 to Grand Lodge Haiti Appeal
£120 to Stoneyburn Gala
£100 to Lunch Club
£50 to Old Folks Treat

Reminder:

Money is still being collected towards the Bochum and Salfire funds. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Mark Your Diaries:

1st April – EA degree by 1601
13th April – Visit to 1145 to confer FC Degree
15th April – MMM Degree by 1186
16th April – Visit to 1614 to confer MMM degree
29th April – 3 Lodge tie with 409 and 636 at the Douglas Lodge
23rd Aug – Committee Meeting
26th Aug – Business Meeting (1186 Members Only)
2nd Sept – FC Degree by WSW