



October Madness:

Brethren,

October is a very busy month for the Lodge with many highlights. Our first meeting sees the return of the 7 lodge degree. For those not familiar with this degree, It will be worked by the 7 lodges who attended the first ever meeting at Lodge St John Stoneyburn. Unfortunately, this year, only 6 will be represented. Never the less I am sure you will all enjoy a great evening of harmonious friendship.

Saturday the 9th of October sees our 50th anniversary ball with Lodge Salfire within the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow.

We then kick off our second week with 2 visitations. Wednesday 13th we will travel to Lodge Hopebridge Castle No827 to confer the EA degree and the following evening , the 14th, we will be visiting Lodge St John Crofthead No374 to confer the FC degree.

On the 21st of the month we have Lodge Blackridge visiting, to confer the Master Mason Degree on Bro David Sutherland. Then to round off the month, about 14 brethren will be travelling down to Whitby on the 24th October to witness Bro Joe Wells being installed into his affiliated lodge (Caedmon No6965 EC) on the Monday 25th October.

I would like to thank each and every one of you in advance for your support on any or all of these occasions. The lodge accounts close at the end of this month (31st) for auditing purposes. I would ask that you all ensure that any monies owed to the Secretary or Treasurer are paid prior to this close off date.

Don't forget , if you have any articles or anything of interest for future newsletters , please contact the Bro Secretary.

Fraternal Wishes

Ronnie

"..thank each and every one of you"

Website Updates:

The Bro Secretary has been working very hard over the last few weeks to ensure the website is kept up to date and informative to visiting brethren.

Did you know another 40+ Masonic websites have been added to the Links page! Plus a few dead links have been removed. This has to be one of the most concise collections of Scottish Masonic sites on the web.

Check it out here www.1186net.co.uk/ab.html

Also added from the old site is the Thomas Barr story.

Check out the story and some of the pictures here

www.1186net.co.uk/barr.html

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WSW Degree:

The WSW took the helm of the lodge in the first of his three degrees prior to the Installation in February. Bro Tom Pollock and his team of office bearers delivered a text book Fellow Craft degree in front of a very large gathering of Brethren

Tom's next degree will take place on the 16th December and will be the EA Degree, followed by his final degree (MM degree) on the 3rd February 2011.

If the FC degree is anything to go by, then Bro Tom Pollock has nothing to worry about and he has a very good team of dedicated office bearers.

Well done Tom

1614 Visitation:

Lodge KirktonHall No1614 were due to confer the FC degree on the 16th September, however, following the tragic passing of PM Bro David Andrews, the lodge was unable to attend.

The RWM and his team of office bearers therefore passed Bro Andrew Hamilton to the second Square or fellowcraft degree

1505 Visitation:

On the 23rd September the lodge took 18 brethren to Lodge Salfire No1505 to confer the Fellow craft degree.

Special mention must go to Bro David Sutherland (FC) who delivered the lecture at the entrance of the candidate in an extremely capable manner.

Well done Davie.

At the conclusion of the degree a harmony board was formed and, as usual, Lodge St John Stoneyburn were last to leave

Special Meeting:

September saw the 5 week month and it was Lodge St John Stoneyburn's turn to host the 3 lodge tie with Lodge Buchan St John No636 and The Douglas Lodge No409.

An excellent turnout saw The Douglas Lodge confer the EA degree on PM Bro Robert Stewart who had graciously offered up his services as candidate for this evening ceremony.

RWM Bro Billy Gibson and his team of office bearers conducted the ceremony in a very dignified manner.

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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 made some more donations recently. £250 towards Provincial Grand Lodge Fundraising efforts and also £50 towards Rachel Mushet (daughter of PM Bro John Mushet) towards her 6th year endeavour to help homeless boys in Peru. The lodge wishes Rachel a very prosperous and rewarding time during her stay in Peru

Reminder:

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

Mark Your Diaries:

4th Oct – Committee meeting
7th Oct – 7 lodge EA deg
9th Oct – 50th Ann Dance with 1505
13th Oct – Visit to 827 EA degree
14th Oct – Visit to 374 FC degree
21st Oct – MM Degree by 1145
24th Oct – Visitation to Whitby
4th Nov – MM Degree by 374
10th Nov – Visit to 877 FC Degree
18th Nov – EA degree by 1505
23rd Nov – Visit to 178 MMM Deg
2nd Dec – AGM
16th Dec – WSW EA Degree
30th Dec - **Cancelled**