



Busy September

Brethren,

September was an extremely busy month for the lodge and I would like to thank Every brother who supported me during the lodges endeavours. We started off the second half of the year on a high with our WSW Peter Walker conferring the FC degree. The lodge was very well attended on this occasion and this can be put down to the hard work and visitations by our WSW.

The following Thursday (8th) we attended Lodge St John Crofthead No374 to confer the EA degree. I was extremely proud to head a deputation of 19 of our own brethren into the lodge. A big thank you to all my office bearers who produced an excellent first degree. The following week we were visited by Lodge KirktonHall No1614. Unfortunately this meeting clashed with Provincial

Visitation and numbers were slightly down. The following Thursday (22nd) we made our annual trip to Lodge Salfire No1505 where we once again conferred the FC degree. On this occasion I was accompanied by 12 brethren. Another great night was had by both lodges. And finally we rounded off the month with the three way tie with Broxburn and Boness, down in the Douglas Lodge. Attendance on this occasion was extremely poor with only 6 brethren in attendance. This was due to several late call offs and probably due to the fact of the amount of meetings in September. Never the less, I would like to thank each and every brother who supported the lodge and ensured the Blue and Gold of Lodge St John Stoneyburn was ever present within and outwith the province.

October calms down a bit and we have the return of Lodge Salfire on the 22nd. This will be followed by a social evening within the lodge and your good ladies are cordially invited to attend. The ladies will be meeting in Lodge Lord Bruce about 4.30pm for a few drinks and a wee chat prior to coming to the lodge. I believe they will all be arriving at the lodge in style as the Bro Secretary will be shuttling them in his Party Bus.

Remember....if there is anything you would like to see included in this newsletter, please email the Bro Secretary direct. (bod101uk@yahoo.co.uk)

Fraternal Wishes

Scott

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Happy Birthday:

September saw the birthdays of

PM Bro Dick Ralston, Bro Derek Kirwin and PM Bro Iain Redpath

This month we share the birthday of...

Bro William Neil on the 12th October.

Happy Birthday to all of our brethren above

Congratulations:



To PM Bro John Murray and his wife Sue who recently celebrated 46 years of marriage

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Young Masons:

Following our trip last year to Whitby, Our RWM Bro Scott Robertson has nurtured an idea used by the Young Masons of Whitby and after many months of visitations and discussions with young masons within the province has formed a Young Masons forum. Masons under the age of 35 years are actively encouraged to join the forum which will see the team deliver a degree within one of the lodges on a yearly or twice annual basis. All the money raised will be donated to the Provincial Fundraiser at that time. The first degree to be worked by the Young Masons of the Province will be on the 5th Monday in January 2012 and will be held in Lodge Lord Bruce No1601.

As well as degree work, the Young masons will participate in other fund raising events and Personal Social events. Currently a 3-4 day trip to Majorca is on the cards. Also watch out for a Race night to be organised in May of Next Year. More on the Young Masons will feature in future newsletters.

New Licensing Laws:

New licensing laws came into force on the 1st October. Under the new legislation, the theme of **Challenge 25** comes into force. Bar staff will now challenge anyone at the bar who looks Under the age of 25. As long as the person in question can produce photographic ID showing they are over 18 then they will be sold Alcohol from our premises. Please note that for any functions , it is an offence to buy drink for minors. Should the lodge fail to adhere to this new legislation then we face losing our License. We would like to ask all members to adhere to this legislation should you wish to book a function within the lodge premises.



Test Fees:

Just as a wee reminder to the brethren of the Lodge.. Test Fees will be due as of 1st November 2011. Test Fees are still currently £30

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:

There are currently no petitions.

Please see the Bro Secretary for Application / Affiliation forms.

A Visit from the East:

The Robertson Clan were recently joined by one of their relatives. Bro. Robert Campbell Robertson PM Guadalajara #5 Mexico, who had made the

journey to Scotland to wish our RWM all the best for his forthcoming year.

Robert has stayed in Canada,

Mexico and is now currently residing in America.

Apart from the RWM , he is also the only one with hair!



Mark Your Diaries:

- 6th Oct Reg Meeting. EA Degree conferred by 374
- 10th Oct Visitation to Lodge St John, Forres No37 (Overnight stay)
- 20th Oct FC degree by 1186
- 22nd Oct Special Meeting Lodge Salfire conferring FC degree

Social evening to follow

- 3rd Nov MM degree by 1186
- 17th Nov MMM degree conferred by Lodge Oak No877