



A Massive Thank You

Brethren,

It is with a hint of sadness but pride as I enter my final weeks as RWM of this fine lodge.

I would like to first say a Massive Thank You to my Installing Masters, Past Masters, Office Bearers, Brethren of the lodge and more especially the visitors for all your support over the last year. It has been tremendous.

I have had many highlights this year, the biggest being instrumental in setting up the Young Mason of the Province Forum and this accumulated in the first Young Masons of the Province degree on Monday (30th January), held within the premises of Lodge Lord Bruce.

As with all degrees you do have late call offs and this degree has certainly been challenging. No more than 28 call offs on the Monday. Still, we took 23 brethren into Lodge Lord Bruce and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in what was a fantastic second degree. With appx 140 brethren signing the book, we raised in excess of £500 towards Provincial Grand Lodge charities.

Last month we also had an excellent contingent of Brethren visit us from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Im sure their memories of Lodge St John Stoneyburn will be remembered.

The first meeting of the month sees our WSW wrap up his degrees by conferring the Master Mason degree and once again I wish Peter and his office bearers all the very best.

I hope that my time at the helm has been to your satisfaction and marks another year in our lodges memorable history. My last meeting will be on the 16th February and I cordially invite all brethren to help me celebrate an end to my tenure as the lodges 68th master.

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

“...We raised in Excess of £500 ...”

Almondale Visitation:

The first meeting of the New Year saw Lodge Almondale No1658, headed by their own RWM Bro Kevin Bartleman confer the EA degree on Mr Christopher Hamilton. Assisted by some of the Office Beares from 1186, the degree was conducted in an excellent manner.

Happy Birthday:

Several Brethren celebrate their Birthdays in February.

Bro Tam Pollocks (4th)
Bro John Murray PM (9th)
Bro David Sutherland (24th)

Wishing you all a very happy Birthday from all of the brethren of the lodge

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Mid Calder Visitation:

Lodge St John Midcalder headed a deputation into the lodge on Thursday 19th January to confer the FC degree. Numbers within the Columns had considerably swelled following 2 large deputations. One from Lodge Scotia accompanied by 7 brethren from the Grand lodge of Ohio and another from Lodges within and outwith the province. Bro John Storrer RWM of Lodge St John Mid Calder No272 then proceeded to Pass Bro Christopher Hamilton into the Second Square or Fellow Craft degree. The degree was conducted in an excellent manner and the American brethren commented on some of the similarities. A few hours of Lodge hospitality followed and some lodge history was explained to the visiting brethren. Fraternal friendship and gifts were exchanged on a very successful evening.

RWM Bro Scott Robertson and the Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, including Most Worshipful Brother Ronald L Winnet Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Past Grand Master of West Virginia and Junior Warden of Lodge Steubenville Lodge No45 of the Grand Lodge of Ohio Bro Frank Haas



Young Masons Degree:

After almost 15 months in the planning, the first Young Masons Degree of the Province took place on Monday 30th January in the Premises of Lodge Lord Bruce. RWM Bro Scott Robertson took the chair to deliver an exceptional FC degree on one candidate. Appx 140 brethren attended on this occasion to show their support. The collection raised in excess of £500 towards Provincial Charities. Over the forthcoming months many activities are being planned to bring the Young Masons of the Province together. Watch this space for more details.

Condolances:

The Province lost a very good friend this past week in the persons of PM Bro Andrew Fullerton (Lodge Polkemmet No927). Sadly Missed

Test Fees:

Test fee are now due.

Test Fees are still currently £30

Donations are always welcome from Life members

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 pending.

Please see the Bro Secretary for Application / Affiliation forms.

Mark Your Diaries:

- 2nd Feb Reg Meeting. MM Degree conferred by WSW ME
- 16th Feb Reg Meeting. FC Degree conferred by 1186 (Greetin Meetin)
- 25th Feb Annual Installation and Festival of St John 4.30pm tyle
- 1st Mar Reg Meeting. EA Degree by 1186
- 15th Mar Reg Meeting. FC Degree by 1186 (Prov Visit) 7pm tyle
- 29th Mar Special Meeting. FC degree by 409