



Baptism of Fire:

Brethren,

What a roller-coaster of a first month it has been. Our first meeting was attended by our own RWPGM, who sadly could not make the installation. Bob was supposed to come in, in his own regalia, but unfortunately forgot it and came into the lodge in his official capacity as RWPGM. Now that was *Pressure*.

Our next meeting was the Official Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Communication. I honestly

cant recall any master having the RWPGM attend his first two meetings in Official Capacity. The remainder of my meetings should now be a breeze you would think.

Our third meeting of the month was a special meeting and saw the 3 way tie with Broxburn and Boness.

The following evening we also conferred a special meeting, this being the Welsh visitation. All was going well, all be it a bit warm, when suddenly one of the Welsh Brethren collapsed and fainted in the heat.

Brethren I honestly thought he was gone!

Thankfully after retiring for some fresh air, the brother in question returned to the lodge and enjoyed the harmony that followed.

All in all..4 meetings, 2 visits from the RWPGM and a brother collapsing has proved to be a very eventful month and has aged me quite considerably.

On a lighter note, you will notice the progress of the Centenary wall. I would like to thank all brethren who have made this venture a huge success so far.

We are almost half way to completing the main wall. If demand continues we will extend this opportunity onto the other wall within the East.

Don't forget, bricks cost £25. I would personally like to thank our WJW Bro Tom Steel for his labours in producing the bricks for the lodge.

A true craftsman at work.

Have a great Recess and I hope to see you all back in September.

Remember...if there is anything you would like to see included in this newsletter, please email the Bro Secretary direct.

Fraternal Wishes

Peter

Happy Birthday:

- Andy McLachlan PM 11th April
- Thomas Doherty PM 18th April
- George Neil PM 21st April
- Scott Robertson IPM 22nd April

Lodge Facts



Did you Know?...

The lodge has currently sold approx 40 bricks for the centenary wall. Our wall can hold appx 80 bricks and we are halfway to completing this within 5 weeks of the Launch.

Remember if you want a brick, please see Bro Jim Robertson PM

Did you Know?...

Bro Dick Ralston PM is the longest serving Office bearer , Still in office, having taken his first Office as RWM in 1958. Now thats commitment!

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First meeting:

The New RWM Bro Peter Walker took to the helm of the lodge for his first meeting on the 1st March.

A good attendance within the lodge witnessed the RWM and his team of Office Bearers confer the EA degree on Bro Allan Rennie (WSW of Lodge Lord Bruce No1601).

Also, on this occasion, the lodge was visited by The RWPGM.

Provincial Visitation:

The second meeting of the month saw the official visitation of Provincial Grand Lodge who had attended to deliver their annual report to the lodge. Once again headed by the RWPGM. The RWM and his team of office bearers proceeded to instruct Bro Nigel Crighton (SD of 272) into the second square or fellow craft degree.

Following the conclusion of the meeting The RWPGM then delivered his very favourable annual report to the lodge pointing out the work of the administration team and the work of the members of 1186 within Provincial.

Special mention was also directed to Bro Raymond Lithgow following his affiliation to the lodge and his subsequent installation into office as Bible Bearer.

Following the meeting, a few hours of harmony followed.

Special Meeting:

March saw the first 5 week month and with it the first 3 way tie between 1186, The Douglas Lodge No409 and Lodge Buchan St John No636...

....The Douglas Lodge had been invited to confer the FC degree. PM Bro Kenny Sneddon then proceeded to pass Bro Ray Lithgow into the second square or fellow craft degree. Unfortunetly both Masters from the visiting lodges were not in attendance due to other commitments, however a gid wee night was had by all.

Welsh Visitation

Our 2nd special meeting of the month fell right at the end. On the 30th March, 18 brethren from various Lodges from North Wales visited the lodge along with a large deputation from Lodge St John Crofthead No374. The Lodge was extremely warm on this occasion and unfortunately one of the Welsh brethren fainted in the heat. After a short recess to ensure he was okay, the RWM and his team of office bearers continued to deliver the Fellow Craft degree in an excellent manner.

Following the degree, the brethren were entertained with several hours of harmony. It is hoped that the lodge can reciprocate the visit down to Wales next year.

Are you up for it?

Absent Brethren

In an effort to encourage brethren back to the Lodge, IPM Bro Scott Robertson will be writing to brethren with known addresses to try and encourage them to attend. We realise that it is hard to attend once you have not been at the lodge for a long time, however, the same warm hand of friendship awaits those brethren who may not have been able to attend through work / family commitments.

Sickness:

The lodge would like to pass on its best wishes to the RWPGM Bro Bob Scott, who was recently residing within the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh. Thankfully Bob is now home

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. If you would like to Propose any gentlemen into the lodge, please see the Bro Secretary

Mark Your Diaries:

2nd Apr – Committee Meeting
5th April – EA Degree by 1601
12th Apr – Visitation to 374. EA Degree being worked by 1186
19th April – MM Degree by 1186

Recess

3rd Sept – Committee Meeting
6th Sept – EA degree by 1186
20th Sept – FC degree by 1614
22nd Sept – EA Degree by 1505 (Special Saturday night 5pm tyle)

1st Oct – Committee Meeting
4th Oct – EA Degree by 374
18th Oct – FC Degree by 1186
22nd Oct – Visit to 1601. EA deg.