



Installation Time

Brethren,

My first term as RWM of this fine lodge is almost at an end and I would like to thank all of my PM's , Office Bearers and Brethren for the support I have received during this tenure. Our visitations have been outstanding with almost the full lodge in attendance at most visitations. Our administration team have done a fantastic job and I would like to personally thank our Bro's Treasurer and Secretary for their commitment and dedication to the Lodge.

To my office bearers, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and dedication because without it we would not be the Lodge we are today. To my Past Masters for all the assistance and guidance you have shown me over the last 12 months and finally to the brethren within the columns, for your support to our "wee" lodge, I humbly thank you.

The New term brings with it some new challenges and I look forward to steering the lodge closer to our 100th anniversary in 2019.

This year is also a big year for Provincial Fundraising and it saddens me a little in that we are not be able to carry out our "Dress Down" degree. However we will be holding a "Dramatic" Third degree in its place, with full period costume and it is hoped we can raise a lot of money for this fundraising effort.

On other fundraising activities Bro Ray Lithgow is raising money for our centenary and with this in mind there will be a National Lottery Bonus ball draw once a month and a Lodge Carpet sheet, hopefully at every meeting. I would ask you all to please support our efforts for our centenary.

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

Onward and Upwards

Fraternal Wishes

Peter

2013/14 Office Bearers:

RWM: Peter Walker
WSW: Tam Steel
WJW: George Murray PM
SD: Murray Robertson PM
JD: Raymond Lithgow
IG: Robert Stewart PM

Secretary: Alan Borsbey PM
Treasurer: Vacant
DOC: Ronald Gemmill
Almoner: Jim Robertson PM
Chaplain: John Mushet PM
BB: Andrew Hamilton
Jeweller: Ian Redpath PM
Sword Bearer: Tom Purdie
Tyler: Andy McLachlan PM

Lodge Facts



Did you Know?... This month in 1980

A notice of motion was raised to increase the test fees from £1.50 to £2.50.

Average General funds were taking in £10.50.

10 brethren were advanced to the Mark Degree

This month in 1960

This was the start of PM Bro Dick Ralston's second year. Lodge St Patrick, Old Kirkpatrick No1309 had been invited to confer the MM degree.

The collection on that evening raised the princely sum of £3 "2" 4

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January Meetings:

The New Year got off to a blistering start with our first Meeting on the 3rd January. Questions were asked as to why we didnt cancel this degree so close to the New Year but these questions were answered in the attendance and multitude of Lodges that attended on this occasion. 7 Masters, 4 IPMs, 12 PM's, 3DMs and 2SMs. Lodges represented within the province...13, 85, 272, 374, 927, 1601, 1614, 1658 and those further afield...9, 125 1461 and 8791 from the English Constitution all witnessed Lodge Almondale confer the EA degree in a very capable manner. RWM Bro Allan Irvine took the chair on this occasion.

Our second Meeting of the month saw Lodge St John Midcalder No272 confer the FC degree. RWM Bro Tam Smith and his office bearers took the helm in what was an excellent degree. Candidate on this occasion was Bro John Baird. A few hours of Harmony followed.

Finally the lodge visited The Douglas Lodge on the 31st, this being our 3 way tie. The degree on this occasion was a Fellow Craft degree and conferred by Lodge Buchan St John RWM Bro Kirk Rogers and his degree team in a very capable and excellent manner.

Don't Forget:

The Lodge premises are available for all types of functions. Comfortably seating 80-100 people. Please contact either Margaret Reid (Bar Steward) or Alan Borsbey (Lodge Secretary)

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.

Dramatic Third:

The Lodge has finally agreed to hold a Dramatic MM degree in aid of Provincial Grand Lodge Fundraising.

The last time this was carried out in the lodge was over 35 years ago. The degree will have office bearers in full period dress re-enacting the MM degree. The script of which, is currently in production. A date will be forwarded in due course , however , it is looking to be executed at the meeting of 17th October 2013. A nominal fee will be requested from the brethren. All monies raised on the evening will be donated to the Fundraising activities

Weather Watch:

Brethren as is customary in the month of February, the weather starts to dip. I would urge you all to stay safe during these inclement conditions. Please do not attempt to travel if the weather is hazardous.

If you do decide to travel, please give yourself plenty of time and take some warm clothing, chocolate and a charged mobile phone in the event you are stranded.

Hopefully the weather will ease by the time the installation comes around but most importantly....**STAY SAFE**

Petitions:

There are currently no petitions Pending. If you would like to Propose any gentlemen into the lodge , please see the Bro Secretary

Around the Province:

Following the announcement by Provincial Grand Lodge for Lodges to fundraise, the following Lodges will be holding the following events. Please give them your support.

30th March Quiz night in Ancient Brazen 17

6th April Race Night in Lodge Kirknewton & Ratho 85

3rd May Prov Office Bearers Degree in Lodge St John Midcalder 272

24th May Prov Social Evening in Lodge St Andrew 1587

Check <http://www.pglinlithgowshire.co.uk/charityevents.html> for more information

Mark Your Diaries:

7th Feb – MMM Degree by 1186

15th Feb – Visit to 1614 to confer FC degree

21st Feb – FC Degree by 1186

23rd Feb – Annual Installation

7th Mar – EA Degree by 1186

21st Mar – FC Degree (Prov Visit)
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4th April – EA Degree by 1186

18th April – EA Degree by 1601

25th April – Visit to 374 to confer EA degree

Recess