



Honors well Deserved

Brethren,

March was a very good month for the Lodge and in particular two well and worthy brethren. Bro Dick Ralston was given Honorary membership at Lodge Torphichen Kilwinning No13 on Tuesday 5th March for his untiring support and dedication to the lodge. Bro Paul Heron of Lodge Lord Bruce was also honoured on this occasion.

Then on Thursday 21st March, at our Provincial Visitation, our RWPGM Bro Bob Scott presented PM Bro Jim Robertson with his Honorary Grand

Almoners diploma. This was a very poignant time for Jim as our RWPGM gave a very detailed and funny masonic history with special references to the Robertson family.

At this time I would like to congratulate both brethren on honours well deserved. As we approach our recess we still have a few degrees to do and our first meeting in April (4th) will be on a live candidate. We then welcome Lodge Lord Bruce on the 18th to confer an EA degree and we will be finishing up the month on the 25th with a degree at Lodge St John Crofthead No374.

During the recess we will also be working in the background for our dramatic degree on October 12th.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful recess, but to also remind the brethren to constantly check your emails for any notifications which the Bro Secretary may send.

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

Fire update:

Following on from the recent fire, the insurance company has now agreed to settle the insurance claim for the front door and surrounding areas. The new front door has been measured and will take a few weeks to produce. The door will be reinforced with mild steel and powder coated.

Lodge Facts



Did you Know?...

Since affiliating to the lodge some 55 years ago, Bro Dick Ralston PM has attended appx 1050 regular meetings of the lodge and 55 installations give or take a few meetings whilst he has been on holiday

Did you Know? ...

Bro Dick Ralston PM will be presented with his Diamond Jubilee Diploma on Thursday 7th November. Bro's Ian Redpath PM and Joe Wells will be presented with their Golden Jubilee Diplomas on Thursday 21st November. It is hoped a good turnout will be present to witness such great occasions.

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Congratulations:

Bro Dick Ralston PM was honoured with Honorary Membership at Lodge Torphichen Kilwinning No13 on the 5th March.

PM Bro Jim Robertson was also presented with his Honorary GrandAlmoner diploma by our very own RWPGM Bro Bob Scott, at the Provincial grand Lodges annual visitation to our Lodge, thereafter he was also presented with his Grand Lodge regalia by the Robertson Family.

The Lodge would like to congratulate both brethren on their honours



New Pillars:

At the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge visitation, our New pillars were unveiled. These were presented to the Lodge by the Bro Secretary, PM Bro Alan Borsbey.



The Pillars are just over 3ft in height and have their own transporting box which doubles as a pedestal. Thus making the pillars just over 6ft when on the floor. It is hoped that these pillars withstand the travelling and use which they will be put to.

The Lodge would like to thank the Bro Secretary for producing these magnificent pillars and look forward to their use on the floor not only within our own province but also outwith.

Acacia: Did you know?

The Acacia tree is found in the area known as Palestine during ancient times, today it is found all over Africa. Acacia can grow to well over one hundred feet high and is a hard wood.

Acacia is a sacred Hebrew wood known in the scripture as "Shittah." The ark of the covenant was made from it.

Acacia is part of our initiation as Master Masons and represents the immortality of the soul, as the soul lives on after our bodies have been put to rest.

Acacia can be a bush, tree, or a grove of trees. If you cut it down it grows back, if you burn it, it grows back. If you try to dig it up and leave one root it will grow back. Acacia can live through floods, droughts, and bad soil conditions. There is little doubt to the reason Acacia is our symbol of immortality.

Advertising:

If you would like to advertise your business within our newsletter, we would take a nominal fee which would be put towards our Centenary fund. Please see the Bro Secretary for more details.

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. Should you wish to propose a gentleman into the lodge, please see the Bro Secretary for an application form

Mark Your Diaries:

4th April – EA Degree by 1186
18th April – EA Degree by 1601
25th April – Visit to 374 to confer EA degree

Recess

Sept 5th – FC Degree by 1186 WSW
Sept 19th – EA Degree by 1614
Oct 3rd – FC degree by 374
Oct 12th – Dramatic MM degree (Provincial Fundraiser) 5pm tyle
Oct 17th – MM Degree by 1186
Oct 31st – 3 way tie visit to 409
Nov 7th – FC Degree by 1505
Nov 21st – EA Degree by 1186 WSW