



## *The West Column*

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Those who were present at the annual Divine Service of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, would have heard a lovely sermon (as usual) by Brother Reverend David Mitchell (and those of you were not present – well you missed a lovely Service).

Great hymns, great singing, a superb sermon and an excellent attendance all contributed to a terrific evening in the old Lodge.

Amongst David's thoughts on the evening was the need to listen and pay heed to that still small voice which guides us. In David's case, he talked about his call to the Ministry and about how sometimes we answer a call without really knowing why but yet, the purpose becomes clear to us later.

I had a chuckle to myself as I listened to David as I had a similar experience a few years ago but unfortunately with a slightly more unfortunate ending. It happened one Sunday evening at the very start of my Commission as Provincial Grand Master and I had a Divine Service to attend in Kilmarnock. I left my house in plenty of time to travel but as I was slightly unsure of exactly where I was going, I set my satnav with the address of the Church although it was only the last few miles where I required assistance as I was a fairly regular traveller down to Kilmarnock on business. I intended leaving Bishopton and travelling via the M8 to Tradeston, where I would take the M77 down to Kilmarnock. As I travelled along the M8 past Paisley, my satnav started to instruct me to leave the motorway at St. James and travel to Kilmarnock via Johnstone. Nonsense, at 6.00 pm on a Sunday evening, the motorway will be the quickest route I confidently told myself.

At the next two junctions, I was again advised me to leave the motorway and travel through Paisley and then through Hillington and again I ignored the advice. So I travelled onwards making my way down the M77 until I came to the cut-off for Kilmarnock, where I joined the dual carriageway through Kilmarnock only to be stopped by a unit of Traffic Police for exceeding the speed limit and although I remonstrated with them that I had not been doing more than 40 mph, they gleefully pointed out that the speed limit had recently been lowered on that stretch of road and was now 30 mph!

Not even pleading with them that I was on my way to a Church Service had any effect and I was duly booked (I'm sure if it had been the nice Adam McKenzie, I would have been let off with a warning)!

After giving my details, I made my way on to the Church and was just in time to join the deputation from the sister Provinces as they made their way into the Church.

As I sat there and composed my very flustered self, I remember looking up and saying a silent word to my Creator, that he might have been a wee bit easier on me considering that I was coming to visit Him, when all of a sudden that still small voice came into my head as if by way of a reply, "Well, I told you not once but three times to exit the motorway and you just ignored me!"

Yes, it certainly pays to listen to that still small voice of calm that guides us through life. When I was a wee laddie, my mother used to say to me if you ever have any doubts that what you are doing is right or wrong, simply pause and ask yourself if you would speak or act in such a way if your mother was standing beside you. Would she be proud of you and your actions?

For many of us, of course, our mothers are sadly no longer around to guide us but our Mother Lodge is, and its teachings provide guidance for our path in life if only we listen, open our minds and attempt to understand.

I understand that it takes fewer muscles to smile than it does to frown and in the same way, it takes less effort to be kind, tolerant and caring.

We are now heading into the lighter nights, warmer (hopefully) weather with Spring well on its way and just as we all want to let a little sunshine into our lives, let us also make a wee bit of effort to let that still small voice into our heads to guide us in our daily lives.

As an aside, the annual joint Divine Service of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 and Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and it would be nice to see ALL the Lodges represented at what is a very important date in a Lodge's calendar.

Kind regards,  
Jim

### **Contributions to the West Column**

I would as always thank those who have provided contributions to this month's edition and a reminder that photographs of events are also welcome but I have to reserve the right to limit their use as it can affect the email transmission speed. However, please continue to send photographs as I can always include them in later editions. Most importantly, it is assumed that any photographs sent to me have the permission of the subjects for publication. If sending articles with accompanying photographs, could I ask that these are not embedded into a word document but send separately as JPEG files. All contributions should be sent to [Jimliv626@gmail.com](mailto:Jimliv626@gmail.com) ([Note change of email address](#)).

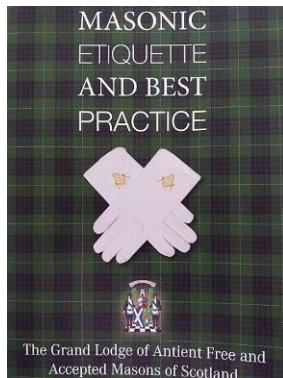
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Advertising: I would appeal to Lodge secretaries to let me know the details of meetings taking place. I am very conscious of the fact that without the medium of advertising in the local newspaper, there is a void of information which requires to be filled. By letting me know of meetings taking place, I can issue the details in the West Column which is sent out to nearly 500 email addresses as well as adding a weekly update to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West's facebook page which now has around 300 members. PLEASE take advantage of this medium. The schedule of meetings for the week ahead (where such information has been provided, is published in the Province's facebook page each weekend.

### **Personal Information and E-Mail Addresses.**

Please note that the email address list held for the purposes of distribution of the West Column, are held for that purpose only and are not made available to any third party without consent. The West Column is distributed using "blind copies" to maintain the privacy of the recipients.

## **New Publication from Grand Lodge:**



Can I commend to all but especially to those making their way up through the offices, hopefully perhaps towards the chair of their Lodge, the new publication available from Grand Lodge and priced at a very reasonable £3.00 per copy, £1.00 of which is going to Masonic Charities.

The booklet is the work of the Information and Communications Committee and is a very easy guide to Masonic Etiquette and Best Practice.

It covers the A to Z of decorum within the Lodges from the correct positioning of the Altar to correct forms of Address, to Visiting. The booklet also contains guidelines for the use of Masonic Websites, Email and Social Media. One copy is currently being sent to each Master, free of charge and thereafter, the booklet will be available to all to purchase.

## \*\*\*\* - PROVINCIAL NEWS - \*\*\*\*

**Provincial Website.** For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to [www.pglrw.org](http://www.pglrw.org) - if you have anything that you wish added to the Provincial website, contact Brother Jim Donnelly at jimdonnelly@ntlworld.com

### Meetings.

Lodge meetings in the Province of Renfrewshire West take place as follows;

Day	Day of month.				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday	Preceptory	989	RAC XVII		
Thursday	217	1425	217	PGRAC 900	
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

- The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the months of September, October, April and May.

### Dates and duties for your diaries:

### Provincial Grand Lodge

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West was held within the Masonic Temple of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February and it was very pleasing to have the initial problem of a short delay while extra seats were set up for the many brethren who crowded into the Lodge. On the evening, the brethren witnessed an excellent installation ceremony carried out in a friendly and dignified manner by Depute Provincial Grand Master, Brother John Williamson Black. For once all the elective office-bearers managed to make the meeting which allowed the opportunity to have a photograph taken with all the brethren present. We would welcome into the ranks of Provincial Grand Lodge our newest office-bearers, Brother Dr. Fraser Gray, who has taken on the role of Organist, Brother Alexander B Wilson, the office of Inner Guard and Brother John Tanner, the office of President of Stewards.







It was a delight to welcome into the Lodge many friends and visitors from sister Provinces including Argyll and the Isles, Ayrshire, Glasgow, Stirlingshire, Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire East, Lanarkshire Middle Ward and Stirlingshire. On the evening, the deputation was headed by the Provincial Grand Master of Dunbartonshire, Brother James Forrest.



Answers on a postcard – what is the collective term for a group of Provincial Grand Masters? In this case, we had four Provincial Grand Masters present, from left to right – Brother William Steele, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, Brother James Forrest, Provincial Grand Master of Dunbartonshire, our own Provincial Grand Master of course, Brother William A Perry, Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward and Brother James C Peddie, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow.



Following the ceremonial part of the evening, most of the brethren retired to the upper hall for a light supper and although we make a point of not having any formal speeches, there was one presentation which was the award of the Citizen of the Year for 2018, which this year was presented to Children in Poverty Inverclyde along with a cheque for £1,000. Mr Pat Burke received the trophy, from Brother Robin McIntyre, Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of his charity and spoke well of the aims of the Group. Brother Forrest kindly gave a short vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors.

#### **Provincial Grand Lodge of Kilwinning – Annual Meeting and Installation of elective office-bearers.**



As the Provincial Grand Master and members of Provincial Grand Lodge were engaged on the annual visit to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, it was a privilege to represent the Province at the Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kilwinning. The Provincial Grand Master Brother Tom Wood welcomed a distinguished deputation from the sister Provinces headed by the Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, Brother Robert Hughes. We witnessed a very fine installation ceremony and as always many of the neighbouring Provinces were present including, Glasgow, Renfrewshire West, Ayrshire, Lanarkshire Middle Ward, Argyll and the Isles, Dunbartonshire, Dumfriesshire, Stirlingshire and Lanarkshire Upper Ward.

(Report by IPPGM).

**Byelaws and Notices of Motion:**

Brethren, could I please urge you to ensure that any proposed changes to bye-laws be discussed with the Provincial Grand Secretary BEFORE compiling a Notice of Motion for submission to the Lodge. This will ensure that the Motion is in an acceptable format and avoid any delays caused by having to have the proposal reworded and resubmitted.

**Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).**

Application forms are also still available within each Lodge. If you have not already "signed up" I hope that you will give your earnest consideration to this excellent method of charity fund-raising which should at the same time, assist in boosting attendance figures throughout the Lodges. The monthly entry fee is £5.00. However, those wishing to participate are not limited to any number of "entries" and if anyone wishes to purchase two or more tickets they may do so. It is hoped that Lodges will also participate by purchasing tickets and perhaps this could be favourably considered by your General or Finance Committees.

Members may either pay cash (cheques should be made out to the Provincial Grand Lodge) or may take out a standing order arrangement. You can also take part on a monthly basis but to take part in the draw your contribution, whether by cash, cheque or standing order must be with the Provincial Grand Treasurer prior to the draw taking place. Please remember that a minimum of 50% of the income will be going directly to charity.

**Winners:**

The winners of the January and February draws were (January) Brother Iain Freer (Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121) and (February), The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814.

**Test Fees:**

Please be reminded that it is important that Test Fees are kept up to date. Most Lodges now offer the facility of paying by direct debit which is an excellent way of ensuring that you are always clear in your Lodge.

In particular, it is also important to make sure that if you are an affiliate member of another Lodge, you must be clear in ALL Lodges in which you are a member to ensure that you may continue to visit other Lodges. Brethren who are not up to date in all Lodges of which they are a member, have visiting rights withdrawn as well as the privileges which would normally be afforded to them in their Mother Lodges.

Date for Provincial Visits to Daughter Lodges in 2019.

**March**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

**April**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

**October**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 (Annual Installation).

## **Provincial Grand Master's Diary.**

On Friday 1 February the Annual Communication of PG Lodge took place in the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock, where we enjoyed an excellent Installation of the Elective Office-bearers by the Dep. PGM Bro John Black. A very well attended meeting with the Citizenship Award being presented to Children in Poverty Inverclyde at the supper following the meeting.

On Thursday 7 February I attended Grand Committee and the February Communication of Grand Lodge in Edinburgh, which was the new MWGMM Bro W. Ramsay McGhee's first meeting.

On Monday 11 February I attended a MM Degree at Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626.

On Thursday 14 February I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 for their Annual Visitation of the year where we enjoyed an excellent FC Degree and following the reports from PG Secretary and PG Treasurer, I was pleased to award the Lodge a Clear Minute for the session 2017-18.

On Friday 15 February I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 for their Annual Divine Service conducted by Rev Bro David Mitchell.

On Tuesday 19 February I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12 for their Annual Visitation where we enjoyed an excellent FC Degree and following the reports from PG Secretary and PG Treasurer, I was pleased to award the Lodge a Clear Minute for the session 2017-18. Bro Alistair Glenny PM was also presented with a Jewel and Certificate to mark his Honorary Grand Rank of Almoner. My thanks to IPPGM Bro James Livingstone who attended the Communication of the PGL of Kilwinning on the same evening.

On Thursday 21 February I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, where we witnessed an excellent FC Degree, following the Degree Bro Archie Hoey PM was presented with a Certificate and Jewel to mark his 60 years as member of the Lodge.

On Friday 22 February I attended Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, where Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 were conferring a MM Degree.

On Saturday 23 February, in the company of IPPGM Bro James Livingstone and PG Sec. Bro Alan Beck we attended the Annual Communication of the PGL of Stirlingshire in Falkirk.

On the same evening I attended a very enjoyable Annual Burns Supper of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12 within Greenock Town Hall.

On Monday 25 February I attended a MM Degree at Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626.

Along with the Team of Commissioned Office-bearers I am looking forward to the meeting of Masters and Wardens on Saturday 2 March.





The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire took place at Falkirk on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and was attended by our Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, Brother Jim Livingstone and Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother Alan D Beck. A warm welcome was extended to all visitors by the Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, Brother Alistair T Marshall.

### **Provincial Ball.**

Date for the diary. The date for the 2019 Provincial Summer Ball had been set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and tickets priced, once again at £25 each, are now on sale. There has been considerable early demand for tickets so please book yours through your Lodge representative as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## **LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING the MONTH AHEAD.**

### **Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Passing

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Raising

**Monthly Draw** (from Brother David Stevenson, Treasurer).

As we enter another year the monthly draw is available again to all of you - and family.

£1 per number per month with no limits !!

All participants will be entered into the draw and it is my intention to draw the winning number on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

**PRIZES** – The prizes are £25 per month with the exception of June and December when there is no uplift. Please support the Lodge with this draw. Cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable.

### **Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Entering (Exemplification) carried out by Lodge St. John Shettleston No. 128.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Passing (Exemplification) and Annual Visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. (This meeting commences at 7.15 pm).

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Mark Degree (7.15 pm).

#### **Social Scene**

Our regular Saturday dances continue every week from 8.30 until midnight

Also available is our Joker Prize. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased on a Monday night from Bro. George Taft or on a Saturday night at the dance.

**Spring Draw** – tickets are now on sale from Junior Warden, Brother Bert Hill for the Spring Draw at a price of £ per ticket. The draw will take place immediately after the meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April and I am reliably informed from an insider that “there are pure hunners of brilliant prizes”!

**Golf Day** – It is also hoped to organise a Golf Day during the summer months – details to be confirmed.

For up to date information on events and meetings taking place at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 go to the Lodge website at:

<http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

### **Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Passing and Annual Visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (7.15 pm).

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Entering.

Please note that meetings of the Lodge will continue to be advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and online edition on the first Friday of each month.

### **Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217**

**Important Notice** - Due to urgent building repairs required to the Lodge's premises at King Street, Port Glasgow, meetings, with immediate effect, will take place at the Masonic Temple of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Lodge will hold its 19<sup>th</sup> joint annual Divine Service with Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68. The Service will take place in the Temple and will be conducted by the Reverend Mrs Ann Knox. Regalia to be worn and all qualified brethren are most warmly welcomed to join with the Lodge in worship.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Entering.

### **Brother Archie Hoey.**

Brother Archie Hoey is a well-kent and well-respected freemason throughout Scottish Freemasonry and if this was in any doubt, as to this, when a note was posted on both the Provincial Grand Lodge facebook page and also the Scottish Freemasons facebook page, the post received more hits expressing congratulations than any other previous post!



Brother Hoey is congratulated by the Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 Brother Eric Sweeney.



Brother Archie Hoey was presented with his certificate and jewel marking his 60 years of service to the Craft by the Master, Brother Eric Sweeney assisted by the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre.

Wee bit of news from Brother Eric Sweeney, Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

“At the last Provincial communication night. My Master’s jewel became detached. I tried to fix it myself and it became even worse. Step in Martins the jewellers in Maryhill. The not only fixed it but re-gilt it all for £45. They asked when my next meeting was and rushed the repair for me. Just wanted to spread the news among the province such that others may benefit from reasonably priced repairs”.



### **Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Passing (Exemplification) and installation of remaining office-bearers.

### **Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Entering

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Passing

### **Charitable donations.**

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Lodge continued with its good works by approving donations of £200 each to Ardgowan Hospice and to McMillan Nurses as well as a donation to the local Scout Group who had recently had their minibus vandalised. To assist with the cost of repairs, the Lodge have kindly presented the Group with a cheque for £400. Hopefully we'll manage to get a full report and perhaps a photo or two regarding these donations in a future edition.

### **Lodge Sir Michael No. 989**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Raising conferred by Past Masters of both the Lodge and Honorary Members who are Past Masters of their respective Lodges.

The annual “Homes” degree will be “chaired” by 217 and it will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Most Lodges should now have quantity of 10 tickets if you haven't, please contact Paul Docherty PM, Lodge Secretary on 07905677750.

Finally, some Masonic "heavyweights" attending the presentation of Bro Archie Hoey 60 years of service to the craft. Including of course, 989 Treasurer Bro Alastair Keith. Bro Hoey is of course a long time HM of 989. I received a lovely email from Past Master of 989 Bro Jim Paton regarding the presentation

"Paul I wish I had known about this. Unfortunately I cannot attend. Would you please congratulate Archie on my behalf. Archie was and is a big supporter of 989, many years ago he was always helping the Lodge, also a very keen gardener.

He has been a mentor in all things Masonry, a very intelligent and knowledge Freemason, wonderful person and Brother"

Couldn't have put it better.





Robert Shields, Alastair Keith, Jim Cowan, Archie Hoey, Colin McCartney, Marshall North, Alex Johnstone

### **Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Entering (subject to ballot).

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Passing (To be confirmed).

#### **Master's Charity.**

RWM Bro John Laird named the Master's Charity of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 for session 2018/19 as "The Willow Ward, Orchard View Larkfield".

The Willow Ward is one of two wards located in the £7.3 million contemporary healthcare facility of Orchard View, which is situated in a prominent location on the Inverclyde Royal Hospital grounds. The facility provides adult and older peoples' continuing care mental health accommodation, with a particular focus on delivering a dementia friendly environment.

Within the complex there are 42 beds in total, with 30 of these dedicated to continuing care for older people.

The facilities include:

- 24 continuing care beds for patients with dementia
- 6 continuing care beds for patients with dementia and co-morbidity conditions
- 12 adult continuing care beds
- Social enterprise space including a cafe and hair-dressers
- Treatment rooms
- Multi-purpose social spaces for male and female patients

A cheque for £235 was donated recently and was well received as shown by the attached photo. It is envisaged that further donations will be made during the Lodge's session.



### **Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Passing

### **The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – The first meeting of the 2019 session of The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 will get underway when the Lodge welcomes as its first guest speaker, Brother Robert Shaw, Past Master of Lodge Bridgeton and Glasgow, Shamrock and Thistle No. 275 and Past Master of The Princes Lodge No. 607. Brother Shaw, a former senior police officer will give a talk entitled, “The Role of the Senior Investigating Office”.

The Lodge is in recess until April.

## **Other Orders**

### **Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Royal Arch Degree.

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Most Excellent First Principal, Nicholas R R Stetz and office-bearers of the Chapter extend a warm invitation to all, especially any Companions who may not have been to the Chapter for some time. Remember, the hardest thing can be walking through that door again. For anyone contemplating returning to the Chapter, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Meetings for the session ahead.

### **Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – The chapter will welcome a visit by Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII who will confer the Excellent Master's degree.

### **Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900**

No information provided. The Chapter meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month within the premises of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

### **Preceptory of Ardgowan**

Venerable Preceptor Andrew G Pigott and Office Bearers extend a warm to all Fraters to attend the Annual Installation as well as our Musters during 2018/2019 session especially those who have been unable to attend recently through other commitments.

- A pocket sized syllabus is also available where required
- Executive Committee dates and times will be advised separately
- All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock at 7.30 pm unless otherwise advised.

Please ensure the Secretary has your current contact details.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – KG

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - KG

**Greenock CC & RAM 17** - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.

### **St. George's Conclave No. 79 –**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – The Conclave will welcome the annual joint Assembly with visitations from Paisley and Glasgow Conclaves to confer the KHS.

For those Conclave Masons, please be advised that the Conclave Newsletter "Augustus" is available from [conclave79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:conclave79@yahoo.co.uk)

## *The Wee Corner*

*The spot for all the stories that don't fit anywhere else!*

### CHARITY NEWS

#### STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Past Master Brother Kenny McCrae of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 is collecting used stamps in aid of Ardgowan Hospice so please don't throw them away. Put them in an envelope and hand them on to Kenny or to any member of 626 who will be pleased to pass them on. This costs nothing, simply a moment of your time and can mean so much to a very worthwhile cause. I'm sure than we all know of someone who has benefited from the care received at Ardgowan Hospice over the years so please help!

**Brother McCrae has asked me to advise that if donating stamps it is very helpful if approximately 0.25" border is left around the stamp.**

#### **ANNIVERSARY LAPEL BADGES.**

Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special "gem" set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to "David Stevenson"



Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to [treasurno12@aol.com](mailto:treasurno12@aol.com)  
Please make cheques payable to "David Stevenson".

#### **Anniversary Badges.**

Brethren, Brother David Stevenson, who kindly took on the task of co-ordinating the supply of anniversary badges from Brother Henry Tibbles has asked me to include a brief request to the effect that he would appreciate if Lodges could ascertain what the demand is likely to be for supplies of such badges during the coming year. It would be helpful if Lodge secretaries could co-ordinate any likely requests for such badges and advise Brother David of demand. His email address appears at the advert for the badges.



In the October 2014 edition of the West Column, I published a 'Grumpy Old Masters' Badge, provided by Brother Brian Hopkins PM626. Brother David Stevenson, has advised me that following enquiries from a number of brethren, he has been able to source these at a cost of £5.50 each excluding postage. Brother David's details are provided above.



## **Masonic Education.**

### **The Ashlar:**

Of particular interest to all freemasons in the Ashlar edited and produced locally, it is one of the most informative publications that you could read and is available either through your Lodge or through Brother Alex Galbraith, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, for the relatively modest sum of £4.00. Often with articles written by brethren known to us locally, it comes highly recommended.

### **Provincial Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East.**

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East operates a digital and lending library with over 5,000 books on a very wide range of Masonic topics and is free to access through their website at [www.pglre.org](http://www.pglre.org)

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### **All staff vetted**

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**Emmanuel Oroh**

(Manager)

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**Defibrillation Equipment.** It is understood that many Lodges are currently considering the installation of defibrillation equipment on their premises and it is again confirmed that such equipment may be purchased using funds from a Lodge's Benevolent Account, if that is convenient.

Many firms will offer to sell such equipment but of course there is an element of training which is also required and which can also be costly. To this effect I am happy to draw to your attention an offer made by Brother Hopper to the Lodges in the Province who is willing to sell such equipment for the special price of £699.00 plus VAT and provide training necessary, free of charge.

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*Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West*  
**Calendar of Events and Meetings – March 2019**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Business Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> XII - Passing	6 <sup>th</sup> Preceptory of Ardgowan – KG	7 <sup>th</sup> 217 – Annual Divine Service 7.30 pm RAC 289 – EM degree by RAC XVII	8 <sup>th</sup> 175 – Passing and AV of Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (7.15).	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Entering (E) by Lodge St. John Shettleston No. 128 626 - Entering	12 <sup>th</sup> 1121 – Entering (TBC).	13 <sup>th</sup> 624 – Passing (E) 989 - Raising	14 <sup>th</sup> 1425 - Passing	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Passing (E) and AV by Provincial Grand Lodge (7.15pm).	19 <sup>th</sup> XII - Raising SGC79 – RHS	20 <sup>th</sup> RAC XVII – RA degree.	21 <sup>st</sup> 217 – Entering.	22 <sup>nd</sup> 175 – Entering.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Mark Degree 7.15pm 626 - Passing	26 <sup>th</sup> 1121 – Passing (TBC).	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>

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