



The West Column



R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

There were a lot of changes to BBC Radio after the new year with lots of old presenters moving to pastures new with new presenters taking their place. For those of you who are up early in the morning to hear Zoe Ball on the Breakfast Show, you may remember that the first record she played on her new show was R.E.S.P.E.C.T., the hit by Aretha Franklin.

What struck me was that I had heard part of the Queen's Christmas Broadcast in which she referred to the subject of *respect* and I remember thinking "well done Ma'am, for there seems to be a lack of it about nowadays.

Her actual words were;

"Even with the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect and as a fellow human being is always a good first step towards greater understanding".

With all the turmoil going on in Parliament at the moment, there seems to be little or no respect for each other as human beings or for the opinions they hold. Now I like and enjoy a good debate and one of my favourite programmes is "Question Time" on a Thursday evening. The point is that I rarely start with fixed ideas about a subject and gradually will make up my mind as I listen to reasoned arguments from all sides.

Sadly, I find that on social media, there is little reasoned debate to be found and it saddens me when I see posts denigrating those in authority, making fun of their physical appearance or other attributes which they may or may not have. Some of the comments made are juvenile in the extreme, whether they are about our Prime Minister's dancing skills (or lack of) or our First Minister's height (or lack of) frankly all I care about is their abilities in leading the respective countries. Insulting public figures is not exactly reasoned debate and is simply evidence of a closed mind.

In my professional life, I was required to negotiate with suppliers over a period of many years and the ability to discuss in a friendly manner, was always more likely to result in a satisfactory outcome than a show of intransigence. Respect for others!

One of the most sincerest forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. Have a little tolerance – Tolerance only for those who agree with you is no tolerance at all.

So by all means, if you wish to publicise your stance on a particular subject or express an opinion on a certain subject, do so with reasoned argument and not by simply hurling insults. Such behaviour is unlikely to convince anyone to alter their minds.

I suppose the same could be said sometimes in our Lodges where individuals adopt a position on a certain subject and simply refuse to consider any alternative.

One of the saddest things in freemasonry and unfortunately all too common, is when brethren find that the current Master is not to their personal taste and decide that they will stop going to the Lodge during his tenure.

Firstly, it is always important to remember that the brethren of the Lodge have allowed the Master to rise up through the ranks and that being the case should support him during his time in office. It is a transitory position and he will only be in place for one or two years depending on the Lodge. Secondly, if you fail to support the Master, you are failing to support your Lodge! Finally, attendance of a Lodge is an habitual thing, if you stop attending your fortnightly or monthly meeting, the chances are that you will find something else to do and may be unlikely to return.

Respect and a little tolerance is essential in every walk of life – the Lodge is no exception.

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 (Note change of email address).

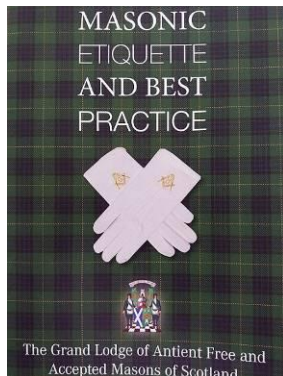
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Advertising: I would appeal to Lodge secretaries to let me know the details of meetings taking place. I am very conscious of the fact that without the medium of advertising in the local newspaper, there is a void of information which requires to be 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.

Obituary:

Brother George J Carson, Past Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121 and Honorary Provincial Grand Chaplain was called to higher service on Sunday 27th January 2019 at the age of 92. In addition to his life in Freemasonry, George was a well-loved member of the Royal West of Scotland Boat Club and was still enthusiastically rowing in recent years. However, Brother George's love for freemasonry was legendary and he was a regular visitor at all the Lodges in the Province until very recently, enjoying not only the meetings themselves but the fellowship which followed. As a mark of respect, the boat Club will lower its colours to half-mast as his funeral procession passes by on the way to his committal at Greenock Crematorium on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 2.00 pm. George had been a member of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121 for over 66 years having been initiated on the 9th January 1953, Passed on 10th June 1953 and Raised on the 17th November 1953. He served as a very popular Master of the Lodge and had the honour of installing his son George into the chair of their mother Lodge. In 2017, in his 90th year, he was presented with his jewel as Honorary Provincial Grand Chaplain, which he proudly wore at every meeting until his passing. The phrase is that we can hope for no more than to live respected and die regretted and this was never more true than when applied to Brother George Johnstone Carson PM.



Brother George being presented with his jewel and certificate as honorary Provincial Grand Chaplain at his Mother Lodge in January 2017.

**** - PROVINCIAL NEWS - ****

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to 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 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
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 1st Friday of the months of September, October, April and May.

Dates and duties for your diaries:

Provincial Grand Lodge

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:

November Draw – Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.

December Draw – Brother George J Carson, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

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.

February

Thursday 7th – Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Tuesday 18th – Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII.

March

Friday 8th – Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175.

Monday 18th – Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

April

Wednesday 10th – Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

October

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

Provincial Grand Master's Diary.

On Saturday 5 January I attended a very enjoyable Senior's lunch at Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121.

On Tuesday 7 January I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 for the first 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 11 January accompanied by PG Sec Bro Alan Beck, I attended Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 where we welcomed 3 new Initiates into the Province.

On Monday 14 January I attended Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and had the pleasure of welcoming 2 new Initiates into the Province.

On Tuesday 15 January I attended Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12 and enjoyed an excellent paper delivered by Bro John S Miller Immediate Past PGM of Renfrewshire East entitled "The Mission of Freemasonry".

On Thursday 17 January I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 for their Annual Visitation where we enjoyed an excellent EA 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. It was also good to note that 4 of the new Initiates into the Craft were present on that occasion.

On Saturday 19 January I attended Lodge Firth Clyde Gourock No 626 Annual Burn's Supper.

On Saturday 27 January together with Dep PGM Bro John Black I attended the Annual Communication and Installation of Elective Office-bearers of the PG Lodge of Dunbartonshire and after the Installation we enjoyed an excellent dinner and hospitality. My thanks to IPPGM Bro James Livingstone and PG Sec Bro Alan Beck who attended a similar event on behalf of the Province at the PG Lodge of Renfrewshire East.

On Monday 28 January I had the pleasure of heading a Deputation from PGL to Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 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.

Provincial Ball.

Date for the diary. The date for the 2019 Provincial Summer Ball had been set for Saturday 18th May and tickets will be on sale from 1st February 2019.

Grand Lodge.

The next Regular communication of Grand Lodge will take place on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 2.00 pm (brethren to be seated by 1.50pm).

A few selected photographs from the recent Festival of St. Andrew on Thursday 30th November 2018.



Brother William Ramsay McGhee, newly installed Grand Master Mason of Scotland

Provincial Grand Master Brother Robin McNyre with fellow reigning Provincial Grand Masters at the dinner following the Installation.



Brother John W Black, Depute Provincial Grand Master, Brother Richard M Harrison, Junior Provincial Grand Warden and Brother Malcolm Sinclair, in his capacity as Grand Steward.

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

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 5th – Raising

Tuesday 19th – Passing, Ballot and Annual Visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.
Note that this meeting commences at 7.15pm.

Saturday 23rd February 2019 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm in the Town Hall - Charity Burns Supper -

Speakers are: Immortal Memory - Bro. Angus Middleton PM Lodge Royal No.314 in West Kilbride and Past President of the Robert Burns World Federation; The Lassies - Bro. Paul Docherty PM Lodge Sir Michael No 989. The evening will be chaired by RWM Bro. Bob Crossan.

Tickets are available from Bro Alan D. Beck PM (07739514242) or Bro. Iain White PM (07533112242) priced £20 and table reservations are welcome. There will be the usual charity raffles and auctions.

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 - I am hoping for £25 per month with the exception of June and December when the prize will be £50 each month. Please support the Lodge with this draw. Cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

4th – Business Meeting

11th – To be confirmed

18th – To be confirmed

25th – To be confirmed

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.

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 8th – Entering

Friday 22nd – Raising conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626.

The annual Divine Service will take place on Friday 15th within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock at 7.30 pm.

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 7th – Raising

Thursday 21st – Passing and presentation of Diamond Jubilee certificate to Brother Archibald Hoey PM.

VISIT - On Thursday 14th February, the Lodge will be conferring a Fellowcraft degree at Lodge Barns O' Clyde No. 1018.

Thursday 28th – Committee Meeting.

On Thursday 7th March, the Lodge will hold its 19th 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.

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 13th – Entering (exemplification).

The Annual Installation of Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No. 624 took place on Friday 11th January when Brother Tommy McDougall, a Master Mason of Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 was installed into the chair of his adopted Lodge by Brother William Duncan PM assisted by Brother Tommy More PM1121, HM624 and Brother John Paton PM1121, HM624.



It was a very enjoyable ceremony, well supported by many friends from the Province of Renfrewshire West and following the ceremony, the brethren retired to an excellent supper at which the usual Masonic toasts were offered.

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 4th – General Committee Meeting

Monday 11th – Raising

Monday 24th - Raising

Burns Supper. –Report.

The annual Burns Supper at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 was held on Saturday 19th January in a hall filled to capacity and serving up its usual fine offering of excellent food, company, songs, readings and speeches.



The line-up of artistes and stewards before the evening got fully underway

Hosted in splendid fashion by the Master, Brother David Stevenson, immaculate in his Burns Tartan outfit, the company were entertained with a superb Immortal Memory from the transatlantic, Brother Russell Manson, a superb Toast to the Lasses by Brother Bert Thomson, ably responded to by Brother Jim Porter and throw in readings and songs from Brother David Docherty and Brother Sandy Reddy, What could be better?



The Master of the Lodge, Brother David Stevenson in commanding form keeping a tight control on proceedings!

The company also enjoyed toasts from the Brother Graham Wallace and Brother Brian McLure, piping by Brother Tommy Trotter and not forgetting Brother Charlie Jamieson keeping up family tradition by leading the company in a spirited rendition of the "Star of Rabbie Burns". A wonderful evening's entertainment rounded off by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" – a great way to start the new year.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 13th – Fellowcraft degree conferred by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.

The next meeting at Lodge Sir Michael will be a Fellow Craft on Wednesday 13th January on Brother Calum Robertson by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. The usual warm Sir Michael welcome will be extended to all. Lodge Tyles at 730pm

Friday 16th November was the annual Installation Ceremony at Lodge Sir Michael where Bro Scott McLaughlin was Installed into the chair of King Solomon for the second time in his Mother Lodge. A large number of visitors from within and outwith the Province were in attendance, as were a number from the English Constitution. The RWM was delighted at the numbers in attendance and the large deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by PGM Bro Robin McIntyre. The Installing team for the evening were Bro Ian Brown PM 989, Bro Andrew Piggot PM Lodge Firth of Clyde 626 and Principle Installing Master Bro Paul Docherty PM 989. Special thanks and mention must go to Bro Andrew Piggot PM on being part of his first Installing team. A fine evening was had by all.





As reported via XII talk, our own, WSW Bro James Watson made a visit to the battlefields and graveyards of the Western Front. He took a note of the details of the No XII brethren who made the supreme sacrifice, and made a visit to their graves and memorials. Bro Watson visited to the graves of Bro John Duncan McFarlane in Forest Communal Cemetery, Le Cateau, France and Bro Joseph Henry Sanders in Brandhoek Cemetery, Belgium; Bro Archibald Lindsay Barr on the Loos Memorial and Bro Archibald Lindsay Barr on the Arras Memorial in France. On each occasion, leaving a Poppyscotland cross and put a suitable message in the visitors' book. At the Divine Service held at Lodge XII on December 4th Bro Watson presented the RWM and Brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No.XII with a commemorative book with pictures and details of the XII Brethren who fell during two wars, and are remembered in France, that he managed to visit on his sojourn in mid November.

Homes degree will be "chaired" by 217 and that it will be held on Thursday 25th April. Tickets and further details will be sent to Lodge Secretaries in due course.

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 12th – Passing E) conferred by Lodge Past Masters

Tuesday 26th – Informal Burns Supper (Provisional).

Senior Citizens' dinner

In line with past years, Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock held its annual Senior Citizens' dinner on the first Saturday of January. Some 60 people, consisting of brethren and, where appropriate, their spouses, were in attendance.

The dinner followed the normal format with RWM Bro John Laird welcoming everybody to the dinner, which was prepared in the main by Bro John Paton PM, together with the assistance of wives and friends of other brethren. As is the norm, office bearers of the Lodge served the meal.

Provincial Grand Master, Bro Robert McIntyre had accepted the Lodge invitation's to attend and, at an apt juncture in proceedings, he delivered a speech fitting for the occasion.

After the meal was finished, the guests were entertained in karaoke style, which proved to be a very popular form of entertainment. At the end of the event, everybody left having enjoyed a most enjoyable few hours among friends.

Organ

Lodge Crawfordsburn is now in possession of its own organ, after the generous gesture by Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626 to donate the one that they had replaced with a new one.

The organ was first used at the Lodge's meeting on 22nd January and it was fitting, that on this occasion, a Past Master of Lodge Firth of Clyde and an honorary member of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock, namely Bro James P Livingstone, played it in its new home.

The challenge the Lodge now has is to get a volunteer to play the organ, which will enhance our regular meetings, or to identify a brother within the Lodge, who is willing to learn to play the organ and provide this service.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Thursday 14th – Entering and Annual visit by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. (Please note this meeting starts at 7.15pm).

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

No information provided.

The Lodge is in recess until April.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

Wednesday 20th – Excellent Master's degree.

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3rd 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

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

No information provided. The Chapter meets on the 4th 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 6th February – KG

Wednesday 6th March – KG

Wednesday 3rd April - KG

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

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –

Tuesday 19th - KHS - St George will host the Joint Assembly of the four conclaves in Strathclyde - delighted to see any visiting knights in this special occasion.

For those Conclave Masons, please be advised that the Conclave Newsletter "Augustus" is available from 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 treasurerno12@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.

Donation to PoppyScotland.

The Lapsley family and friends have been raising money for charities for a few years now, and this year and following our night in the 68 in Port Glasgow and other events we are happy to announce we have handed over a cheque for £1,500 Poppy Scotland.

We would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and came to our charity night, and in particular Pat Doolan and Carrie Fay who donated their time provided us with an excellent night's entertainment again for the second year running.

We would also like to thank Joan Mills for gathering a large number of raffle prizes, Bro Jim Ellis for selling so many tickets, Angela Crichton for donating the money she raised from knitted poppies, Andy McGuckian for a cash donation and Gourock, Greenock, Cochrane Castle, Ralston and Vale of Leven Golf clubs for their continued support in providing us with 4 balls to auction off.

It was especially poignant to our family as my Grand Uncle Private Edward Hepburn of the Leinster regiment was killed at the battle of Hill 60 in Belgium on 30th March 1915

Report by Brother Eddie Lapsley (Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68).



Photo Left to right, Bro Eddie Lapsley, Michelle Lapsley, Sister Tracy Lapsley Fay



Private Edward Hepburn of the Leinster regiment was killed at the battle of Hill 60 in Belgium on 30th March 1915

Donation to Erskine Hospital:



Some time ago, I advised that through Brother Jim Gardiner, PM1018 and Provincial Grand Chaplain of Dunbartonshire, I had come into possession of a number of hand-carved Crests of the former burghs of Gourrock, Greenock and Port Glasgow as well as one of Inverclyde Council and a clock depicting all four crests. These had been created by the father of Mrs Heather Clissett who is well known in the area for her fundraising activities on behalf of Erskine Hospital.

I offered these to the Lodges in the area through the medium of the Provincial Grand Lodge facebook page and I'm delighted to say that these crests are now the property of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 (Gourrock), Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, (Greenock Crest) and Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 who took the Port Glasgow and Inverclyde Crests as well as the clock.



The Lodges were very generous with their donations and as a result a total of £150 was raised and as Mrs Clissett has such connections with Erskine Hospital, it seemed appropriate that the sum was donated to that most worthy of causes.

It was a privilege to visit the hospital on Tuesday 22nd January and hand over the cheque with the generosity of the Lodges being acknowledged on the organisation's own website.

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

Registration is a very simple process and open to brethren within the Province of Renfrewshire West.

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Our cleaning services range from daily office cleaning to carpet cleaning, decoration, initial deep cleaning and janitorial service/supplies.

All staff vetted

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As an additional service, we also offer vast range of janitorial supplies to our clients, making the procurement and supply of cleaning duties a one stop operation.

Our Control Centre operates 24 hours each day, every day of the year, contact us using the details.

Emmanuel Oroh

(Manager)

Anchor Security & Cleaning Services Ltd

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First ABC Training provide first aid training courses to groups and individuals throughout the UK.

We regularly work with local authorities, members of the public and companies in industries including education, catering, construction, and more.

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What courses are available?

We provide flexible training and curriculums that vary in length to suit your requirements; including 1 and 3 day first aid courses, as well as programmes up to 12 hours and 6 hours or under.

This makes it easier for HR, Health and Safety, Training and Compliance Managers to arrange sessions around their different needs and availability.

Below are some of our most popular courses:

- [3 Day First Aid at Work](#)
- [1 Day EFAW](#)
- AED (Defibrillator)
- [Basic Life Support](#)
- [Appointed Persons](#)
- [Paediatric First Aid Training 6 Hour](#) and [12 Hour](#)

Bryn Hopper Training Manager. (Brother Bryn Hopper is a member of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626).

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.

Brother Hopper can be contacted at brynrfc@sky.com

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Brother Scott Dunlop.

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Contact: Scott Dunlop.

Mobile: 07549 230766

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The advertisement is a rectangular graphic with a yellow top half and a blue bottom half. In the top left of the yellow section, it says 'sales@etprint.com'. In the top right, it says 'www.etprint.com' and '01475 650706'. In the center of the yellow section is a logo for 'it computer products' with 'it' in a blue circle. Below the logo, the text reads 'IT COMPUTER PRODUCTS', '61 Shore Street: Gourock: PA19 1RF', and 'PC & LAPTOP SALES AND REPAIR CENTRE'. Further down, it lists services: 'Custom built PCs for business and home - Laptop sales & service', 'No Fix No Fee - Guaranteed Work - Fully Insured.', and 'Wide range of compatible Inkjet & laser toner cartridges for printers, copiers and faxes'. The blue bottom section features a logo for 'itech' with 'Sales & Repair' and 'PHONE - TABLET & GADGET SALES & REPAIR CENTRE' in large pink letters. Below this, it says 'You break it! We repair it...' and 'Tel: 01475 650706'. At the bottom left of the blue section is the website 'www.itechinverclyde.co.uk'.

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Painting and Decorating.

For all your painting and decorating needs, contact Brother Lindsay Mungin (MM1425) on 01475 728073 or 07715 214 763



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4 th 68 – Business Meeting	5 th XII - Raising	6 th Preceptory of Ardgowan - KG	7 th 217 - Raising	8 th 175 - Entering	9 th	10 th
11 th 68 – TBC 626 - Raising	12 th 1121 – Passing (E) conferred by Lodge Past Masters	13 th 624 – Entering (TBC). 989 – Passing conferred by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68.	14 th 1425 – Entering and AV Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (7.15).	15 th 175 – Annual Divine Service	16 th	17 th
18 th 68 - TBC	19 th XII – Passing, Ballot and AV Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (7.15). SGC79 - RHS	20 th RAC XVII – EM degree.	21 st 217 – Passing and Presentation	22 nd 175 – Raising conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.	23 rd	24 th
25 th 68 – TBC 626 - Raising	26 th 1121 – Informal Burns Supper	27 th	28 th			

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