

The West Column



Do you need a Pilot?

Now there's a question for you – do you need a pilot? My better half and I were taking advantage of the fact that we had no childminding duties for a couple of weeks and so booked ourselves a nice cruise for two weeks and a wonderfully relaxing time we had.

In fact, one of the nice things about a cruise is the absence of worrying about time and just letting the world go by. Often these cruises give you a day in a port and generally set sail for the next port of call around early evening and a favourite part of my day was having a small refreshment and watching the preparations for departure. Of particular fascination for me was watching the small pilot boats as they would bounce over the waves then scuttle in close to the side of the ship to catch the pilot as he would jump nimbly from the ship back on to his own pilot boat.

Every time I watched, I could hear the old seaside mission hymn in my head;

Do you need a pilot, signal then to Jesus;
Do you need a pilot, bid Him come on board.
For He will safely guide, across the ocean wide,
Until at last, you reach the heavenly harbour.

The Captain of our own ship, all 55,000 tonnes, regularly made the announcement that we would depart as soon as the pilot came on board and it struck me that in spite of our size, we still had to depend on the skill and ability of the pilot on board a little pilot cutter probably weighing no more than 200 tonnes.

I couldn't help but reflect that there was one of life's great lessons for us in the act carried out by the pilot that no matter how big and how important we become, there are still times when we require a little experience to guide us through the difficulties we encounter in life and indeed sometimes that guidance can come from the most unexpected of sources.

We should always be willing to listen and to open our hearts and our minds to kindly words of guidance whatever the source. This is true in our Craft whether the advice is provided from the “grumbling old Past Master” or that older Brother who, although never taking office, has sat in the columns for the last forty years,

Of course, it isn't just upon the ocean, or indeed within the Lodge, that we can benefit from a pilot in our lives. From childhood to manhood, we learn from the experience of others. The concept of God and Jesus acting as our pilot has been recognised for centuries. As far back as the 17th Century, the Puritan writer Thomas Watson wrote that “the ship without a pilot rather floats than sails. O what mercy is it to have God as a pilot”.

Over the following years, many hymns have been written in the same vein, perhaps the most well-known being “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us, O'er the world's tempestuous seas”.

The World's tempestuous seas can be a metaphor for life's journey and we all need a pilot.

“Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel and afterwards you will take me into glory”.

The simple seaside mission hymn and the verse above from Psalm 73 are a good reminder that when we find ourselves going through the storms of life, that there is one who will lead us through them. He is one who sails with us through all the buffeting and dangers of life. He does not guarantee us calm but He does guarantee that we will reach our heavenly harbour at last.

And of course, the moral lessons provided by our Craft also give us that guidance.

Do you need a pilot? Signal then to Jesus and bid Him come on board!

Kind regards,

Jim

After much encouragement, I have persuaded our lovely Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George J Carson to contribute an article for the Column (maybe others might like to take up the challenge and follow his example – hint, hint).

Anyway, George has decide to write under the pseudonym of Rev. I.M.Geordie but he's fooling nobody!!

Ruth 2:20

“And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen”.

Naomi is of course talking about Boaz. A role model for us as a Freemasons? I believe he should be. It is no accident that he has been used in our Masonic ritual.

How many of us actually read the full story though? Have a look at the Book of Ruth. It's nice and short and won't take much of your time. It is also interesting to Google Boaz too and get a bit more information on him. Here's an example: *“ In the early years of Jewish settlement, the term "a boaz" (plural "boazim"), derived from the Biblical character, was used to refer to a rich private farmer or landowner.”*

So we should build on Boaz's kindness. He was a man of wealth and power but looked after those who needed his kindness. He looked after Ruth, a foreigner in his country. So let's remember to show kindness to everyone, but maybe especially to those that need it.

Rev. I.M. George (otherwise known as Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother George C Carson).

Past Master, Brother James Hart, Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121.

George was also kind enough to forward to me photographs of the bench placed at the Kelly Cut in memory of the later Brother James Hart, Past Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121 and George's seconder. Jim Hart was one of the nicest people you could ever come across in your life (and an excellent “pilot” to all who knew him (see lead article).





In Memory of
JIMMY HART
Died 18th January 2002
Aged 71
This Is A Place Like
Heaven On Earth

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).

Views expressed by individuals within the West Column do not necessarily represent the views of Provincial Grand Lodge.

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.

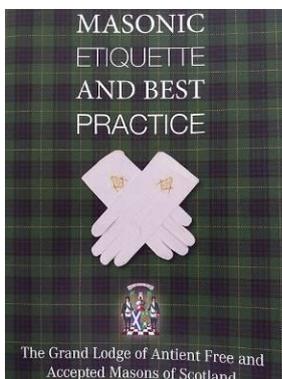
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Photographs:

Please note that if you are having your photograph taken at an event either as an individual or as a group, it will be assumed, unless clearly expressed otherwise, that you are content to allow the photograph to be published in the West Column and on the Province's facebook page. The West Column is distributed directly to a closed email mailing list of approximately 500 names, all of whom are members of the Craft. The Province's facebook page is a closed group made up of around 350 members.

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 - 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.

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 winner of the draws for May and June were Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 respectively. The July draw was won by Brother Ross Nugent (217) and the latest draw in August was won by Brother Archie Wright (68) or to give him his full name Archie Wright Again!

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.

Annual Installations:

November.

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 – Friday 1st November.
Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 - Friday 15th November.
Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII - Tuesday 19th November.
Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 - Friday 29th November.

December.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 – Friday 6th December.
Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 – Friday 13th December.

Provincial Meetings.

Annual Meeting – Friday 7th February 2020.

Commended to you.



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free
and Accepted Masons of Scotland



in Association with

prostate scotland

Remembrance, my 9/11 Experience

Moises I. Gomez

Monday 25th November 2019
6:15pm for 7:00pm

Glasgow City Chambers
George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU

£10.00 per ticket, all proceeds to Prostate Scotland

Provincial Grand Master's Diary.

Unfortunately, the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre has been "out of action" over the past few weeks following an operation which has somewhat curtailed his activities and I'm sure everyone will join in expressing best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 5th – AGM, election of Office-bearers and notice of motion (Members only)
Tuesday 19th – Annual Installation (6.15 pm).

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 and payment by cash, cheques or through internet banking are all acceptable. Please support the Lodge with this draw.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

Monday 4th – Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 11th – Raising (7.15 pm)

Monday 18th - Fellowcraft degree conferred by Lodge St. George No. 503 (Helensburgh) – to be confirmed.

Monday 25th - AGM and Election of office-bearers (Members only).

The Joker Prize tickets are on sale and the usual Saturday night social nights take place from 8.30 until midnight.

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 – Passing

LODGE GREENOCK ST. JOHN'S NO. 175 ANNUAL INSTALLATION.

At the Annual Installation of Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175 held on Friday 25th October 2019 in the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, the Brethren of the Lodge were joined by Brethren from Masonic Lodges from within and outwith the Province of Renfrewshire West to celebrate the Installation of Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell as Right Worshipful Master.

Brother Thomas Porteous, after opening the Lodge, welcomed a Deputation of Brethren from visiting Lodges, headed on this occasion by Brother James Hamilton, Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217.

They were followed by a deputation of Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West headed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Depute Brother John Black. Thereafter the Installing Masters, Brother Alex Johnstone, Brother Robert P. Shields and Brother Matthew B. Henderson were received and warmly welcomed by Brother Thomas Porteous RWM.

During the Ceremonial which followed Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell was installed into the Chair of his Mother Lodge for the first time by Installing Master Brother Alex Johnstone PM.

The Office-Bearers for the ensuing year were also installed into their respective offices by Installing Master Brother Robert P. Shields PM.

Office-Bearers for 2019-2020 are:

RWM Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell; IPM Brother Thomas A. Porteous; DM Brother David McShane snr; SM Brother J. Callum Wohlgemuth; WSW Brother G. Grant Armstrong; WJW Brother James S. Clark; Secretary Brother John W. McKenzie; Treasurer Brother Charon Singh; Almoner Brother Douglas Salmon; Senior Chaplain Brother Reverend David Mitchell B.D., Dip. P. Theo; Junior Chaplain Brother John L. Howe PM; SD Brother Alistair Lindsay; JD Brother Jack Nolan; DofC Brother Matthew B. Henderson PM; Architect Brother J. Campbell Pickett; Jeweller Brother James Bowman; Assistant Secretary Brother Graham Potter; IG Brother James Campbell; President of Stewards Brother Robert Ewing; Vice-President of Stewards Brother David McLaren; 1st Assistant Steward Brother Andrew Young and 2nd Assistant Steward Brother Craig Hamilton. The Office of Tyler is vacant at this time.



Later at the Installation Dinner the usual Loyal Toasts were given as follows:

"The Queen" followed by "The Grand Lodge of Scotland" and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West" proposed by Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell RWM, reply by Brother John Black Depute PGM; "The Installing Masters" proposed by Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell RWM, reply by Brother Alex Johnstone PM, Brother Robert P. Shields PM and Brother Matthew B. Henderson PM; "The Right Worshipful Master" proposed by Brother Thomas A. Porteous IPM, reply by Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell RWM; "Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175" proposed by Brother James Hamilton RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, reply by Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell RWM; "Visiting Brethren" proposed by Brother G. Grant Armstrong WSW, reply by Brother Nicholas R. R. Stetz PM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No. 626 and finally "The Artists and Stewards" proposed by Brother James S. Clark WJW reply by Brother Robert Ewing President of Stewards.

LODGE GREENOCK ST. JOHN'S NO. 175 ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE.

On Sunday 27th October 2019, the Right Worshipful Master Brother Greig Jeffrey Mitchell accompanied by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Depute Brother John Black and the Lodge Chaplain Brother Reverend David Mitchell gathered at the Temple with Brethren and visiting Brethren for the Annual Divine Service of the Lodge. The Service was conducted by the Lodge Senior Chaplain, Brother Reverend David Mitchell, who provided the Brethren present with his usual inspiring and entertaining address. The Junior Chaplain, Brother John L. Howe PM, read the Bible Readings while Brother Dr. Fraser Gray provided the musical accompaniment for the Hymns.

Tickets for this year's Hogmanay Dance are on sale now for Members Only (maximum of 4 per member) until 1st November. After this date any remaining tickets will be available to Brethren and Visitors. Tickets are priced at £10 each and available by contacting Brother Thomas Porteous RWM.

The Lodge Annual Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 11th January 2020 with the usual highly regarded Speakers and Musicians from the Burns Fraternity along with the excellent Catering from Brother Jim Williams. Tickets priced at £12.50 each are available from Brother Alex Johnstone PM.

Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 meetings will continue to be advertised in the Greenock Telegraph, and Online Edition, on the first Friday of each Month."

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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 – AGM and election of office-bearers (Members only).

Thursday 21st – Fellowcraft degree (Exemplification).

Friday 29th – Annual Installation and Festival of St. Andrew (6.45 prompt).

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 13th – Raising and Nomination and election of office-bearers.

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 11th – Entering
Monday 25th – Raising

Annual Installation, Saturday 19th October 2019.



The annual Installation of the Master and office-bearers of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 took place on Saturday 19th October 2019 when Brother Graeme Wallace was installed as Master of the Lodge by Past Masters, Brother Nicholas R R Stetz, Brother Kenneth M McCrae and Brother Andrew G Pigott. An excellent ceremony was followed by an equally excellent meal and harmony at which the usual Masonic toasts were proffered. The photograph above shows Brother Wallace supported by the Past Masters of the Lodge and it is obvious that there is plenty of advice on tap!

The photo below shows the line-up of office-bearers for the session 2019/2020.



Ignoring the old fellow on the extreme right, the above photo is of the “new” team of Installing Masters, Brother Andrew G Pigott, Brother Nicholas R R Stetz and the evergreen, Brother Kenneth M McCrae, all Past Masters of the Lodge.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Regular Meeting 13th November Business will be a talk delivered by Past Substitute Grand Master, Brother Thomas F Jessop on the subject of the restoration of the Organ at Grand Lodge.

Annual Installation 15th November Lodge Tyles 1915.

All 989 Brethren are asked to come along at 1815 for 1830 in full regalia for Lodge photographs etc to minimise any delays at close of Installation Ceremony.

Installing Masters are Bro Paul M Docherty PM (PIM, Bro Alasdair Keith PM (IM), Bro Kenneth M McCrae PM (IM)

The usual complimentary 3 course meal will be offered to all Brethren wishing to stay. Our usual plea for to members for Raffle Prizes from Lodge Sir Michael Brethren

Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 12th – Entering

Tuesday 26th – Passing

Friday 1st – Annual Installation at 6.45 pm prompt. The Master-elect, Brother Adam McKenzie extends a very warm welcome to all qualified brethren to attend the ceremony. Admission to the celebration dinner and harmony which will follow will be by ticket only, priced £5.

Inverclyde Foodbank

In line with the past few years, Lodge Crawfurdsburn will again be supporting the Inverclyde Foodbank in the run up to the Festive period, when the demands on the foodbank increase. Donations of non-perishable items or monetary gift, which will be turned into appropriate items, will start at the Lodge's regular meeting on 12th November and continue up to the regular meeting on 17th December.

Installation

The Lodge's Annual Installation is being held in the 175 Masonic Club on 1st November, starting at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm prompt start.

The present RWM Bro John Laird did not seek re-election for a second term of office. His decision was driven by a significant increase in his day job workload and related work responsibilities, which would have compromised his ability to fulfill his Masonic duties as RWM.

The RWM-Elect is Bro Adam McKenzie PM. A further article on the Installation will follow in the next edition of West Column. The Installing Masters are:

Bro Michael O'Neill PM

Bro Thomas More PM

Bro Samuel L Hunter PM

Bro Nathan B M Scoular PM

Lodge Njala No 4 Isafjordur, Iceland.

RWM Bro John Laird took the photo, shown below, on a visit to the Port of Isafjordur in Iceland during his recent cruise on the Queen Elizabeth from New York to Greenock.



Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Thursday 14th – Passing
Thursday 28th – General Committee Meeting.

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 is now in recess until April 2020.



The “oldest” Master in the Province, Brother David D Stevenson, Master of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 congratulates the “newest” Master in the Province, Brother Nicholas R R Stetz at his Installation as Master of The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814. 626 is of course, Brother Stetz’s Mother Lodge.



Brother Nicholas R R Stetz, following his installation as Master of The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 along with his Senior Warden, Brother James Donnelly and Junior Warden, Brother Kevin Pollock.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

November

Wednesday 20th – Excellent Master's Degree

December

Wednesday 18th – Royal Arch Degree.

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourrock 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.



The Installation of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII took place on Wednesday 16th October when Companion Nicholas R R Stetz was installed into the chair to serve a second term as MEZ, assisted by MEH Companion Robert J Crossan and MEJ Companion Colin Reddy. The Installation was carried out by MEC Sandy Reddy, MEC Jim Wilson and MEC Colin Reddy.

Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

Thursday 7th – Excellent Master's Degree

Port Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter No. 900

Thursday.28th - Meeting

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.

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

St. George's Conclave No. 79 –

Tuesday 19th – RCC

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.

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, 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.

Charities:

Congratulations to Gillian and Alisdair (Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68) for the magnificent result following the charity event which they organised in support of the Schehallion Children's Ward at Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital.

Thanks to their efforts on the day, the magnificent sum of £3,500 was raised and thanks go to all who contributed to the success of the day – well done Gillian and Alisdair.

Still on the subject of charity events and I don't normally advertise events if they clash with Installations in the Province but I will bring your attention to the following event scheduled for Friday 15th November and if your spouse or partner is at a loose end (as you will obviously be at the Installation of Brother James Watson as Master of Lodge Sir Michael No. 989), they could do worse than popping along to Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 where Brother Eddie Lapsley is organising a Charity Night in aid of *Compassion Inverclyde and Glasgow Children's Cancer Ward*.

And you don't have to go to bid on one of the auction prizes up for grabs especially for all you keen golfers out there. Eddie has the following for auction;

4 balls for auction as part of Charity Drive for Glasgow Children's Cancer ward and Compassion Inverclyde which supplies going home pack for the vulnerable leaving hospital

Gourock Golf Club valid till 31st March 2020
Greenock Golf Club valid till 30th Sept 2020
Cochrane Castle (Johnstone) valid till 31st May 2020
Ralston Golf Club restricted to mid-week

And for those more romantic we have an after-noon tea with a glass of Champagne as
Gleddoch Hotel for auction to the highest bidder.
Bids can be made by phone or email to Eddie on 07816 379244 or email Eddie
at edward.lapsley@ntlworld.com



CHARITY NIGHT FOR
Compassion Inverclyde
and
Glasgow childrens cancer ward



Friday 15th Nov

68 Club, Brown St, Port Glasgow

8.30pm till late

Doors open 7:30pm

Entertainment from The Fabulous Bone Idle Bros

6 Piece American Country Rock Band

Fancy dress optional but a prize for the best

(donations for raffle prizes welcome)

for tickets contact Eddie on 07816 379244 or Tracy on 07841 523965

Tickets also behind the bar

TICKETS £10

ADVERTISING:

I am always delighted to include any adverts for companies and services operated by our members and there are some additional new adverts included in this month's Column.



Platinum Paving. Brother William Peacock (Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425).

For all your garden, driveway and landscaping needs please call Bro William Peacock on 07588678211.

Advert:

Brother Scott Dunlop.

S D Locksmiths.

Accredited by the UK Locksmith Association.

UPVC window and door locks.

Contact: Scott Dunlop.

Mobile: 07549 230766

Email: scott@sdlocksmiths.uk

Advert: If you happen to be taking the air down in Largs, make sure you take a few minutes to visit *Moda Boutique*, in Tron Place, Largs (opposite the Station), which is the new venture of the Brother Graeme Wallace and his partner, Louise.

Just recent opened, we wish them every success.



Advert: (Brother Emmanuel Oroh is a member of Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175)
Anchor Security & Cleaning Services Ltd
T: 0777 543 9037
E: anchorlimited73@gmail.com
Reg. No: 09394504

Security Services

In today's commercial environment, Security is paramount to every organisation, but at Anchor Security Services we provide much more than a behind the scenes presence.

We successfully carry out static guarding duties, front of house commissionaire and reception operations, mobile patrols, key holding and alarm response services. We also carry out in-depth property surveys which comply with EEC regulations.

Customer Care

At the forefront of our operative's training is customer care. This allows us to carry out the dual role of a highly trained security operative, and create a professional welcome for your visitors and clients at the crucial first point of contact on your premises.

SIA Licensing

All our security operatives are licensed and regulated by the UK government's Security Industry Authority (SIA). These high standards mean that our clients can have complete confidence in our performance.

In addition, we rigorously vet all our staff to ensure only the highest calibre of applicant are employed by Anchor Security Services.

Cleaning Services offered

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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Cleaning and Maintenance

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 st 1121 – Annual Installation (6.45)	2 nd	3 rd
4 th 68 – Monthly Business Meeting	5 th XII – AGM (members only).	6 th	7 th 217 – AGM and election of office-bearers. RAC 289 – EM degree	8 th 175 - Entering	9 th	10 th
11 th 68 – Raising (7.15) 626 - Entering	12 th 1121 – Entering	13 th 624 – Raising and Election of office-bearers 989 - Lecture	14 th 1425 - Passing	15 th 989 – Annual Installation (7.15).	16 th	17 th
18 th 68 – Passing conferred by Lodge St. George No. 503	19 th XII – Annual Installation 6.15 pm SGC 79 - RCC	20 th RAC XVII – EM degree	21 st 217 – Passing (E)	22 nd 175 - Passing	23 rd	24 th
25 th 68 – AGM and Election of office-bears. 626 - Raising	26 th 1121 - Passing	27 th	28 th Grand Lodge – Festival of St. Andrew. RAC900 - Meeting	29 th 217 – Annual Installation (6.45).	30 th	

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