



The West Column



Brethren,

As many of you will know, I spent a couple of weeks during the month of October on holiday and although there were a few moments when I felt a little bit guilty of ignoring my duties as Provincial Grand Master, I have to say that it was tempered by the luxury of enjoying some pre-winter sunshine and warmth especially when the weather at home seems to have been so miserable.

In particular, I have to say that my thoughts on the day of the Annual Installation at my Mother Lodge were very much with the Right Worshipful Master and brethren and of course, I made sure that I raised a glass to the Lodge as I sat in my shorts and t-shirt in the George and Dragon Pub around about the same time as the brethren would be sitting down to dinner after the ceremony.

Without turning this editorial into a European weather forecast, there is something especially nice about a winter break in the sunshine, when you know that things are busy back home in the lead up to Christmas and that the weather is cold and windy. Meanwhile, on the beautiful island of Cyprus, we enjoyed 14 days of unbroken sunshine, with temperatures in the high 20's during the day and still around 22 degrees late at night. It is so easy to forget your responsibilities for just a little while but of course, those responsibilities are still there on our return. Such pleasures are fleeting! Pleasures are like poppies spread!

Spare a thought then for the Masters of our Lodges who, although perhaps enjoying a little respite from their duties and responsibilities every now and then, they always have the pressure of making sure that their Lodges are in good spirits and making progress. That responsibility is on them, 24 hours each day, 7 days each week and 52 weeks of the year. The duties of a Right Worshipful Master can be onerous and varied. They can be enjoyable and give a great deal of pride and pleasure when a meeting or a visit goes particularly well and they can be stressful when dealing with situations which require a strong personality and wisdom.

I make a point of saying at every Installation meeting, that each and every office-bearer and member of a Lodge owes a tremendous debt to their respective Right Worshipful Master and he is deserving of the support of the Lodge. He cannot take a "holiday" from his duties and I hope that all Lodge members will perhaps give this some thought throughout the year.

Regards,
Jim

Contributions to the West Column

I would 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 Jim626Col@aol.com

I am aware that many Lodges have had new initiates or even existing members who may have email addresses but do not receive the West Column. I would be grateful if the Lodge Secretaries could mention the West Column in your respective Lodges and perhaps encourage those who do not yet receive it to drop me a note of their email address and I will add them to the distribution list. The Column goes all over the world but let's make sure that it reaches all possible addresses in the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area as well! My thanks go to those who have forwarded on new contact details within the last month.

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

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

Provincial Website. For up to date information on what's happening in the Province, go to www.pglrw.org
Brethren, 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 | Royal Arch | | |
| Thursday | 217 | 1425 | 217 | | |
| 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:

Annual Installations and Visitations:

| Lodge | Inst. Date | Off/bear | Annual Visit | Commenting |
|-------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| 12 | 18th November | George J Carson | 3rd March | DPGM |
| 68 | 12th December | Robert J Bain | 16th February | SPGM |
| 175 | 24th October | William A McLarty | 9th January | SPGW |
| 217 | 28th November | Alexander Johnstone | 16th April | SPGW |
| 626 | 18th October | Edward M Ross | 9th March | JPGW |
| 989 | 21st November | Richard M Harrison | 8th April | SPGW |
| 1121 | 7th November | James Donnelly | 27th January | DPGM |
| 1425 | 5th December | Gordon Price | 12th February | SPGM |
| 1814 | 1st May (2015) | | | |

Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).

We have now had a total of 6 draws of the RW200Club with the prize-winners as listed below. The draws for July draw was made at a meeting of the Commissioned Office-bearers and the August draw at a meeting of Provincial Grand Committee. Draws during the session will be held at appropriate Lodge meetings.

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| March | William Lawson (68) |
| April | Ian Freer (1121) |
| May | Paul Stewart (1425) |
| June | Paul Stewart (1425) |
| July | Anthony Stewart (1425) |
| August | Robin McIntyre (626) |
| September | Alan Beck (XII) |

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. It has been decided to reduce the monthly "ticket" cost to £5.00 rather than £10. 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. I have not as yet decided on a good cause for this project as I felt that we had to be assured that it would get "off the ground". It is probably that when the time comes to divide up the proceeds, it will be split between a national charity and a local charity or charities. I have a fairly open mind about a national charity and would welcome suggestions from Lodges or individuals. There are, of course, many worthy charities and many of them will resonate with many of you for personal reasons. Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland, Breast Cancer, Cancer Research, Childline, Help for Heroes, the list is endless. If you have a suggestion, please email me at Jim626Col@aol.com

Provincial Grand Master's Diary.

I have to confess that due to a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the fact that I managed to find time to take a two week pre-winter break during the middle of the month, it might seem that I have been slightly remiss in my PGM duties during October. However, I believe that I only missed one official duty which was my attendance at the annual installation at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626. I am grateful to DPGM Brother John R S Keith for leading the deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion.

I did manage to attend the following;

- Wednesday 1st October - Provincial Grand Lodge Regular Communication.
- Saturday 4th October - Installation of Brother Brian McFadyen as Right Worshipful Master of The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566.
- Friday 24th October - Installation of Brother Marshall R C North as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175.
- Sunday 26th October - Annual Divine Service of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175.
- Thursday 30th October - Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.
- Friday 31st October - Regular Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East.

I also managed to attend meetings of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814, Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 and The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566 along with other Masonic Orders.

My thanks as always to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who have supported me on these various occasions.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 visit to Lodge Ugie No. 939 in the Province of Aberdeenshire East. Apart from the various Installations and Divine Services taking place in November, I would also advise that I will be attending the meeting of Lodge Ugie No. 939 in my capacity as RWPGM. Should any office-bearer of Provincial Grand Lodge be attending this meeting, I would be delighted if you could attend in your Provincial regalia.

Drummond Ball.



I am pleased to advise that following the success of this year's Drummond Ball, provisional arrangements are being made to hold another Ball in 2015. The date, subject to confirmation, will be Friday 29th May 2015.

Grand Lodge News.

Grand Lodge Meetings:

Regular Communication Thursday 30th October.

Festival of St. Andrew - Thursday 27th November.

Carol Service Sunday 7th December.

Grand Lodge will be holding a Carol Service featuring the Phoenix Choir on Sunday 7th December. Full details are available on the Grand Lodge website.

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 have visiting rights withdrawn as well as the privileges which would normally be afforded to them in their Mother Lodges.

Capitation Fees:

Brethren should be aware that there is a proposal to come before Grand Lodge at the October Communication to increase the Capitation Fee to £30 per active member as per the recent membership return. This will be the first increase in three years and it is hoped that, if approved, this rate will be fixed for a three-year period. It may be appropriate for some Lodges to now consider whether their TEST FEES continue to be at an appropriate level.

LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING NOVEMBER.

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII

Tuesday 4th - AGM, Ballot and Entering.
Tuesday 18th - Annual Installation

The annual Installation will be held on Tuesday 18th November at 6.30 pm (please note the earlier than usual starting time). On that evening Brother Allan MacFeate will be installed as Right Worshipful Master by Installing Masters, Brothers Iain White, Hector Macphail and Kenneth K Morrison.

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68

Monday 3rd - Business Meeting
Monday 10th - Entering conferred by Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning No. 18 (please note this meeting will commence at 7.15 pm).
Monday 17th - Passing
Monday 24th - AGM and Election of Office-bearers.

Lodge Greenock St John's No. 175.

Friday 14th - Raising
Friday 28th - Entering

Annual Installation. The annual Installation of the Lodge took place on Friday 24th October and a full report will appear in next month's Column.

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217

Thursday 6th - Annual Meeting and Election of Office-bearers (Members Only).
Thursday 20th - Passing

Friday 28th - Annual Installation (6.45 pm).

Social events.

The next Family Friendly Saturday will be on Saturday 1st November from 12 noon until 4.00 pm with food served until 2.00 pm - ALL WELCOME.

Secretary's Notes:-

- Orders are currently being taken for 2015 Lodge Diaries at £3.50p each.
- Children's Christmas Treat this year is on Saturday 13th December 2014 at the Beacon Centre for a Pantomime at 3 pm. Children's entry will be £10 (Lodge Paid) and all accompanying adults at £10 each. Please append names and details on sheet in adjacent or contact WJW Bro. Gordon Leitch or be disappointed.
- Lodge Festive Dance on Saturday 27th (TBC) December 2014

Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning, Skelmorlie No. 624

Wednesday 12th - Entering and Election of Office-bearers.

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626

Monday 10th - Raising
Monday 24th - Entering

Report - The Installation of Brother Andrew G Pigott to serve a second term as Right Worshipful Master took place on Saturday 18th October. The ceremony was well attended and expertly carried out by the Installing Masters, Brothers Kenneth M McCrae, Brian G Hopkins and Robin McIntyre, all Past Masters of the Lodge. Following the ceremony, the brethren were treated to an excellent meal followed by the usual toasts.



Right Worshipful Master Brother Andrew G Pigott and newly installed office-bearers of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626 at the Installation Ceremony held on Saturday 18th October 2014.



Installing Master, Brother Robin McIntyre does an excellent job of concealing his delight at winning one of the excellent raffle prizes. We hope he found the fluffy pink shower slippers comfortable. (probably the only prize that Worshipful Senior Warden, Brother Nicky Stetz did not win on the night.

Presentation of cheque.



As many of the brethren are aware, the Committee of the Gourock Youth and Athletic Club were extremely welcoming when Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 suffered from the disastrous fire which devastated the Lodge some years ago. The Club hosted the Lodge's meetings for over two years while the Lodge was being rebuilt. It was with great pleasure therefore that the Lodge used the opportunity of the Annual Installation to donate a cheque for the sum of £626.00 to Brother Robert Love from the Gourock YAC to assist with funding.

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989

Wednesday 12th - Passing (Exemplification) conferred by Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405.
The Installation of Brother Robert Marshall as Right Worshipful Master will take place at the above address in Kilmacolm at 7.00pm prompt - Friday 21st November 2014. Deputations received before 7.40pm.

Principal Installing Master will be Bro Richard C.Montgomery PM. Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No.370. HM 989, assisted by Installing Master Bro Joseph A. Fogarty RWM Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No.1425 and Bro Paul M. Docherty IPM Lodge 989.

Tickets will be available for all Brethren who wish the Dinner following the Installation, Cost only £6.00.

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121

Tuesday 11th - Entering
Tuesday 25th - Passing

The Annual Installation will take place on Friday 7th November at 6.30 pm when Brother Hugh Docherty will be installed as Right Worshipful Master to serve a second term.

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.

Thursday 13th - Mark Degree conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626.

Visit to Lodge Ugie No. 939 (Province of Aberdeenshire East. The Lodge will be travelling to Mintlaw on Saturday 22nd November to confer an entered Apprentice Degree on the son of Brother Joe Brice PM939 and Honorary Member of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425. A bus will leave the Lodge early on the Saturday morning and brethren wishing to travel on the bus are asked to confirm their names to the Right Worshipful Master Brother Joseph A Fogarty as soon as possible fogarjose@aol.com .

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814

The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 is now in recess until April 2015.

Other Orders

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII

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, Tommy Trotter 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.

Ranfurley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289

Monday 10th - No information provided.

Preceptory of Ardgowan

The Preceptory of Ardgowan extends a warm welcome to any Frater who has been unable to attend over the past few years through other personal commitments and looks forward to seeing them at any of our Statutory Musters in the future.

A pocket sized Syllabus has been compiled to assist those not currently on e-mail and a general aide memoire for all. Current Statutory Musters and Executive Committees forecast for 2014 are as follows;

Wednesday 5th November - Annual Installation of Officers for 2014/2015. Refectory will consist of a provided Hot and Cold Buffet

Wednesday 3rd December - Knight Grade and visit of the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, James Robert Hodge GCT for a "Meet the Fratres" night.

On this most special occasion the Refectory will consist of a provided Hot and Cold Buffet and although some formal Toasts will have to be observed these will be kept to a minimum to ensure the Grand Master and other Officers are able to mingle with the Fraters.

We are aware that other Masonic business is being conducted that evening within the Province and on conclusion any Frater who is available to join us at Refectory will be most welcome.

Please ensure that the Secretary has your current contact details including e-mail and mobile number. All musters are held within the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock.

St. George's Conclave No. 79 - 2013/14 Syllabus

Kt Grant Macleod would be delighted to see any member of the Conclave attend his installation on Tuesday 15th April in the premises of Lodge Doric Kil No.68 at 7.30pm. If you haven't been for a while come along and enjoy the company with no pressure.

Future dates:

Tuesday 18th November – RCC

2015

Tuesday 20th January – KHS

Tuesday 17th February - RCC

Tuesday 17th March – KHS

Tuesday 21st April - Installation

The Wee Corner

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

CHARITY NEWS

STAMP APPEAL.

Please remember that Brother Bill Crumlsh 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 Bill 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 Crumlsh 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 treasurer12@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.

Thought for today (provided by Brother Jim Miller PM1121 and IPPGM).

Do as you would be done by, is wise advice indeed,
For if we're kind and thoughtful and help our Brethren in need
Not only are we acting the very way we should,
There is another bonus – it makes you feel quite good!

Brethren, a path that has no obstacles seems tempting in extreme,
We stroll along, we take our time, we dawdle and we dream.
But sadly, there is one little snag which always will befall
A path, my Brother that holds no challenges,
Leads nowhere much at all!

Masonic Education.

I am continuing to publish a list of suggested reading which many of you appear to have found useful. It would be my intention to continue to keep this list as a standard feature and if anyone finds a website or article which could supplement the list, please let me know and I will be more than happy to add the details.

Reading Material

- The Ashlar
- The Grand Lodge of Scotland Year Book (order through your Lodge Secretary).
- Robert Burns - The Freemason edited by John Weir from Grand Lodge of Scotland
- The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century, 1590-1710 by David Stevenson
- The First Freemasons by David Stevenson
- The Craft by John Hamill
- The Genesis of Freemasonry by Knoop and Jones
- The Scottish Mason and the Mason Word by Knoop and Jones
- The Temple and the Lodge by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh
- A Pilgrim's Path by John J. Robinson
- The History of Freemasonry by Robert Freke Gould
- The History of Freemasonry by Albert G. Mackey
- The Secrets of Freemasonry by Robert Lomas
- Workman Unashamed by Christopher Haffner
- Famous Scottish Freemasons published by Grand Lodge of Scotland
- The Freemason at Work by Harry Carr
- A Masonic Miscellany by George Power

New Material.

Right Worshipful Master Brother George Carson advises for those with a Kindle Fire HD you can download for free: The Symbolism of Freemasonry by Albert G MacKey in the 1800's. and comments that it is a very interesting insight into the use of symbols and allegories and how they may have developed from ancient cultures into what we have in "modern" Freemasonry. A little bit heavy in parts but as a free download for the information and ideas it is excellent.

Websites

- <http://www.hawthornefortitude200.com/twtmag.html>
- <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/>
- <http://freemason.pastperfect-online.com/37812cgi/mweb.exe?request=random>
- <http://www.americanmason.org/TheNorthernLight.aspx>
- <http://scottishrite.org/srjournal/>
- <http://www.esmason.com/news.html>
- <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/index.htm>
- <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/>
- "Pietre Stones".
- Cinosam
- www.rurallodge.com

- Sadly, the last site is now no longer updated but there are a few back copies still on the site which are worth reading and I think that the lectures and material available at <http://www.lodge76.wanadoo.co.uk/> are particularly good.

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.

I am also pleased to advertise the following publications which can be ordered through the Masonic Publishing Company, 30, Loanbank Quadrant, Glasgow G51 3HZ. Email at info@theashlar.com

Profits from the sale of any books goes towards Masonic benevolence.

Books - Price List.

| Title | Price £ | Postage and Packing | | | |
|---|------------|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | UK | Europe | World 1 | World 2 |
| Robert Burns, Cronies etc (Hardback 1.5 Kg.) | 24.50 | 6.00 | 13.00 | 21.00 | 22.50 |
| The Star of Robert Burns (Hardback 1.0 Kg.) | 19.95 | 6.00 | 9.50 | 15.50 | 16.50 |
| A Winter with Robert Burns (Hardback (0.3 Kg). | 12.50 | 3.50 | 5.50 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| Robert Burns Print | 29.95 | Free | 5.50 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| Illustrated Guide to Rosslyn Chapel (Hardback (0.3 Kg). | 12.50 | 3.50 | 5.50 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| Nicolo and Antonio Zena. (Hardback (0.6 Kg). | 22.50 | 3.50 | 6.50 | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| MacBride Ritual. (Hardback (0.25 Kg). | 18.00 | 3.50 | 5.50 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| A.S. MacBride Speculative Freemasonry. (Hardback (1.0 Kg). | 20.00 | 6.00 | 9.50 | 15.50 | 16.50 |
| The Church of the Knights Templar in London. (Hardback (0.25 Kg). | 12.50 | 3.50 | 5.50 | 7.50 | 8.00 |
| Also available in soft cover (0.25Kg). | 8.00 | | | | |
| The Bruce - Robert King of Scots. (Hardback (0.6 Kg). | 12.00 | 3.50 | 6.50 | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| The Great War, 1914 - 1918 Victoria Cross Freemasons. (Hardback (1.6 Kg). | 35.00 | 6.00 | 13.00 | 21.00 | 22.50 |
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Circle Publications.

I would take the opportunity to recommend to you that you take a few moments to click on the following link to see what is available through this excellent website. www.circlepublications.com

There is a vast range of interesting material available and in particular a booklet called "The Lodge Master", which explains his duties, powers and responsibilities and is an excellent read for every member of the Lodge.

Also available, are copies of the "Burns Print", signed by his wife in 1813 (the only one so signed), which makes an excellent gift for a friend, a speaker or a raffle prize.

Lodge Websites.

Brethren, sadly my plea to Lodges to ensure that their websites are up to date appears to have fallen on deaf ears as many of the website contain information which is out of date. There is nothing more off-putting and I am of the opinion that if a Brother accesses such an out of date site, he is unlikely to return to it.

I would appeal to you to ensure that your material is up to date and if possible place a "Last Updated" post on it.

At the moment, one site has photographs of a 2011 Installation and one appears to be in Chinese probably because it has been allowed to lapse.

If you are not able to update your meetings in particular, I would suggest that it is better to delete this section and just have your website as a static basic information only site, with contact details.

Some useful site addresses.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland - <http://www.grandlodgescotland.com/>

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West - <http://www.pglrw.org/>

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII – www.lgk12.com

Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 - <http://www.lodgedorickilwinning68.org.uk/>

Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 - <http://www.greenock-st-johns-175.masonic-lodge.org.uk/>

Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 - <http://www.lck217.org.uk/links.html>

Lodge Firth of Clyde No. 626 - <http://www.firhofclyde.org>

Lodge Sir Michael No. 989 – www.lodgesirmichael989.co.uk

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 – www.lodgecrawfurdsburn.org.uk

Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 - <http://www.Lodge1425.org>

Grand Lodge Guidelines for the creation of Lodge Websites

if anyone is considering the development of a lodge website please bear in mind that the Grand Lodge of Scotland have issued guidelines for the creation of such sites and I would be happy to provide a copy.

DO YOU ORDER GOODS AND SERVICE THROUGH THE INTERNET – READ ON -----

GRAND LODGE – BENEVOLENT FUNDS - Easyfundraising

Brethren, I draw to your attention the attached fundraising scheme for the Benevolent funds of Grand Lodge and I commend it to you. It is the easiest, most painless way to raise money for the Benevolent funds.

I have used it on a number of occasions and it is incredible the amount that can be sourced by simply buying online at your usual supplier - all the big names are there. e.g. simply renew your car insurance with your Insurance Company and the normal fee sent by the Company to your nominated charity or good cause is £35 other suppliers send a percentage anything from 1.1/2 -2.3/4%. It is so simple it is brilliant. Please read the attached and consider using if you buy online.

Many thanks

Alex Galbraith

Extract from Grand Lodge of Scotland Yearbook 9th September 2010.

The EASY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – AN EXCELLENT AND SIMPLE WAY OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE BENEVOLENT FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.

The chairman and members of the Benevolence and Care Committee invite you to join them in supporting the above initiative which enables much needed monies to be raised for the Benevolent Funds at **NO** cost either to you or to Grand Lodge.

Please take the time to visit the website to find out more at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

How it works:

The scheme operates by the registration of organisations and individuals with the service and when they shop online with a participating retailer, a donation is made to their nominated recipient. So many of us now shop online that it is an excellent way of raising funds just by doing something which we would anyway. Since the committee first approved participation in this initiative, Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has been registered and now has a unique identification number which means that we can receive money from the scheme. Therefore, the more people who register and nominate Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund as their benefactor, the more funds we can raise simply by making online purchases in the normal way but using the links from the above site first.

To go directly to the unique web address for Grand Lodge type: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glsbf and follow the links to register. The website is easy to use and gives a step by step guide. Different retailers give different percentage donations – for example, Grand Lodge has already received the sum of £35.00 which was donated by Direct Line when a member of staff renewed their car insurance. It is very difficult to raise funds in these challenging economic times so this initiative is worthy of consideration. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West
Calendar of Events and Meetings – November 2014

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| 3 rd 68 - Business Meeting | 4 th XII - AGM, Ballot, Entering | 5 th Preceptory of Ardgowan - Annual Installation | 6 th 217 - AGM (Members Only) | 7 th 1121 - Annual Installation (6.30PM). | 8 th | 9 th |
| 10 th 68 - Entering (conferred by Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning No. 18 - 7.15pm) 626 - Raising | 11 th 1121 - Entering | 12 th 624 - Entering, Elect of O/B 989 - Passing (E) (conferred by Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405). | 13 th 1425 - Mark Degree (conferred by Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626). | 14 th 175 - Raising | 15 th | 16 th |
| 17 th 68 - Passing | 18 th XII - Annual Installation (6.30pm). Conclave SGC No. 79 - RCC | 19 th RAC XVII - Meeting | 20 th 217 - Passing | 21 st 989 - Annual Installation (7.15PM). | 22 nd 1425 - Visit to Lodge Ugie No. 939 | 23 rd |
| 24 th 68 - AGM and Elect of O/B 626 - Entering | 25 th 1121 - Passing | 26 th | 27 th Festival of St. Andrew (Grand Lodge). | 28 th 175 - Entering 217 - Annual Installation (6.45pm). | 29 th | 30 th |

(E) denotes an Exemplification

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