



# The West Column

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Brethren,

In the October edition of the West Column, I stated that I was looking forward to a successful start to the Installation “season” and certainly the first two Installations have been fantastic occasions. With over 100 present at the ceremonies at 626 and 175 and with an excellent number staying for harmony at both events, these have turned out to be wonderful joyous occasions appreciated by all who attended and who witnessed excellent ritual work presented by the various Installing Masters. I’m sure that the old adage of “you reap what you sow” was true in both cases as both new Right Worshipful Masters have been prolific visitors to the sister Lodges in recent years. Let’s hope that this is the standard for the remainder of the Installations.

A very positive start to the Installation season and it does make me stop and think about the power of positive thinking. The one thing that depresses me is when we use as an excuse for not doing things, the fact that we are a small Province or a small Lodge. Is it not simply a case that we are too lazy to try? It’s easier to be negative as it saves us the trouble of becoming committed or becoming involved.

Only a few years ago, we were conscious that matters were not so bright for a couple of the Lodges in the Province but rather than give up, a positive attitude and commitment on the part of some of the brethren have seen both Lodges rapidly improve their position where both are playing a very active part in the affairs of the Province – POSITIVE THINKING!

So far as Provincial Grand Lodge is concerned, I am heartened to think that as I write this leader, I am eagerly anticipating a trip to Grand Lodge tomorrow for the Regular Communication, in the good company of around 45 members of Lodges mainly from the Province of Renfrewshire West and I hope that all will enjoy the experience. We are looking forward to getting the RW200Club up and running by the start of the new year which should not only generate some funds for charitable causes but should also assist in stimulating attendance figures at the participating Lodges.

Details will also be announced shortly of a couple of social events including a chartered sail on the Waverley (keep the 21<sup>st</sup> June free next year) and also possible another big social event around the 13<sup>th</sup> June. We can make these events successful if we want them to be. So Brethren, I would encourage you all to get involved, don’t stand on the sidelines and criticise.

We can be as successful in our Lodges and in OUR Province as we want to be – THINK POSITIVE!

Jim

## **Contributions to the West Column**

Thanks to many of the brethren, for their excellent 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](mailto: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](http://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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Monday	68	68	68	68	68
Monday		626		626	
Tuesday	XII	1121	XII	1121	
Wednesday		989			
Thursday	217	1425	217		
Friday	1814 *	175	175	175	175

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

**Dates and duties for your diaries:**

Annual Installation and Visitation:

Lodge	Inst. Date	Dep Head	Off/bear	Annual Visit	Commenting
12	19 Nov.	DPGM	G Carson	4 March	JPGW
68	13 Dec	PGM	Robert Bain	17 February	DPGM
175	25 Oct	PGM	John McAlister	10 January	JPGW
217	29 Nov	PGM	Gordon Porter	17 April	SPGM
626	19 Oct	PGM	Gordon Price	10 March	SPGW
989	15 Nov	SPGM	Jim Donnelly	9 April	DPGM
1121	1 Nov	PGM	John Black	28 January	SPGW
1425	6 Dec	PGM	Alex Johnstone	13 February	SPGM
1814	3 May (14)	PGM			

**Bowling:**

A report on the bowling competitions are available at the PGLRW website [www.pglrw.org](http://www.pglrw.org)

**Provincial Visits:**

As always brethren, I am indebted to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who have accompanied me on the various visits which have taken place since the last publication of the West Column.

Following the Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, I attended the Installation of Brother Kenneth Johnston as PGM of the Province of Argyll and the Isles on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Campbeltown. On that occasion, I was accompanied by the Depute and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Treasurer and Brother Allan Glen of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII. Brother Alexander Galbraith was present in his capacity as RW Substitute Grand Master. An excellent and enjoyable day.



Installation of RWPGM Brother Kenneth Johnston, RWPGM Argyll and the Isles  
at Campbeltown Grammar School, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, I was privileged to be a guest of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No. 1121 and Inverclyde Council at the Civic Reception afforded by the Council, to mark the centenary of the Lodge.

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>, I was invited by Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII to attend the Fellowcraft Degree conferred by The Bridgeton and Glasgow, Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No. 275 which was a most enjoyable evening. My thanks to the Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, Brother Jim Miller and to Brothers Gordon Price and Jim McCorkell for their support on that evening.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Installation of Thomas Trotter as ME 1<sup>st</sup> Principal of Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Installation of Brother Andrew G Pigott as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 and the following Friday (25<sup>th</sup>), I attended the Installation of Brother Marshall R C North as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175. I also attended the Annual Divine Service of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> when the brethren present were treated to the usual excellent sermon delivered by Brother Reverend David Mitchell, Senior Chaplain of the Lodge and Provincial Grand Chaplain.

My grateful thanks to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who supported me on these occasions.

### **Oral History Project.**

My thanks to those who have expressed an interest in the Oral History Project being organised by Grand Lodge. It would be intended to have a short meeting in Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 on a Saturday morning (date TBA), to explore this further and I will advise those involved as soon as details are known.

## **Renfrewshire 200 Club (RW200Club).**

The observant will notice that the previous muted RW100Club has become the RW200Club. This is mainly because 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. Please remember that a minimum of 50% of the income will be going directly to charity.

Full details of the rules of the Club are being currently determined and application forms will shortly be made available through each Lodge. 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.

## **275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Provincial Grand Lodge.**

As you will no doubt know by now, on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014, we will celebrate the appointment of Brother Alexander Drummond, Past Master of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII as the first Provincial Grand Master in 1739. A series of events will be held by a number of Provinces to mark the occasion. However, as our annual meeting in the Province of Renfrewshire West falls on the exact date, we will be privileged to host the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, at our Annual Meeting. Details of the event will be made available shortly. Watch this space.

## **Summer trip – "doon the watter".**

To further mark the occasion, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow are organising a trip on the PS Waverley on the 21<sup>st</sup> June (to be confirmed). This trip will be open to all Provinces on the Clyde and as there is a limited number of passengers, which the Waverley can take, it will be necessary to take names as soon as possible.

## **LODGE NEWS REPORTS, NOTES and MEETINGS DURING SEPTEMBER.**

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting, Nomination and Election of Office-bearers and Passing.  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Installation 6.30 pm prompt.

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – In Memoriam Lodge (in memory of the later Past Master Brother Frank Duncan).  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Raising  
Monday – 25<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting and Nomination and Election of Office-bearers.

Regular Saturday Night Dance takes place 8.30 pm.

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Passing  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Raising

## **Annual Installation.**

The annual Installation of the Lodge took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October when a very large number of brethren witnessed Brother Marshall Richard Charles North being installed into the Chair of his Mother Lodge by Installing Master Brother Alexander Galbraith PM assisted by

Brother Matthew Bell Henderson PM and Brother Robert Paul Shields PM. Following an excellent ceremony, the brethren retired for an excellent dinner with the usual toasts. An excellent evening and perhaps there will be a more comprehensive report with some photographs in next month's edition.

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting and Nomination and Election of Office-bearers.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Passing (Exemplification).

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Annual Installation 6.45 prompt.

#### **Social events.**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Lodge hosts another **FAMILY FRIENDLY SATURDAY** from 12 until 4 pm with food served between 12 and 2 pm.

**Christmas Prize Draw** tickets are now on sale from the Worshipful Junior Warden, Brother Gordon Leitch.

Orders are currently being taken for the **Lodge's 2014 diary** at a cost of £3.50 each.

The **Lodge's Festive Dance** takes place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – append names to list.

**The Children's Christmas Treat** will take the form of a visit to the Pantomime at the Beacon Arts Theatre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm Children's tickets will be £8.00 payable by the Lodge with adult tickets available at a cost of £10.00 each. Please add names to list or contact Worshipful Junior Warden, Brother Gordon Leitch early to avoid disappointment.

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Raising, Affiliation and Nomination and Election of Office-bearers.

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – General Committee Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Entering

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Raising

The annual Installation took place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, when over 100 brethren gathered to witness Brother Andrew George Pigott being installed into the Chair of his Mother Lodge in a most expert manner by Installing Master Brother Kenneth M McCrae, assisted by Brother Brian G Hopkins and Brother Robin McIntyre all Past Masters of the Lodge. Following the ceremony, a large number of brethren continued the celebration at the dinner where the usual toasts were offered. The following Saturday saw the Lodge hold its Installation Dance which proved once, more to be a very successful and enjoyable occasion.



Brother Andrew G Pigott Right Worshipful Master with the Office-bearers of Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Raising

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Annual Installation. This meeting will commence at 7.00 pm when Brother Robert Marshall PM will be installed into the Chair by Brother John Malcolm PM1566 assisted by Brother Alistair Keith PM217. Tickets for the harmony which will follow are available at a cost of £6.00 each.

### **Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual Installation.

The Annual Installation will take place in the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Deputations, headed by Brother Gerry Robertson, Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 will be admitted at 6.45 pm.

On that evening, Brother Hugh McM Docherty will be installed into the Chair of the Lodge by Installing Master, Brother Tom More assisted by Brother Samuel L Hunter and Brother Carl D Hempsey, all Past Masters of Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121.

Tickets for the harmony which will follow will be available at a cost of £7.50 each and it should be noted that entry will be strictly by ticket only which will be available for purchase at the side door. The Cabaret act for the evening will be Gordon Smart.

The Lodge's **Annual Divine Service** will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Lodge Temple at 7.30 pm.

Other meetings in November.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Entering

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Passing

## **Centenary Celebration.**

(Report by Right Worshipful Master Brother George J Carson).

Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> September was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution of Lodge Crawfurdsburn, Greenock, 1121. To commemorate this august occasion a ceremony of Rededication of the Lodge was held at Lodge Greenock, St Johns' 175's Masonic Building in West Stewart Street, Greenock on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

The Lodge was opened in due Masonic form by the RWM George Johnstone Carson. He welcomed the Brethren who had come for this special day from various parts of Scotland as well as England and Ireland. He then welcomed a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West headed for this auspicious event by the RWM of Renfrewshire West, Bro James Pearston Livingston who said a few words of welcome to the Brethren from out-with the Province of Renfrewshire West and congratulating Lodge Crawfurdsburn on their Centenary.

A deputation was then received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland headed by the RW Substitute Grand Master, Bro Alexander Galbraith. Bro Galbraith having said appropriate words of congratulation conducted a solemn and moving Ceremony of Rededication of Lodge Crawfurdsburn with his office bearers from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

RWM George Carson and RW Sub Grand Master Alex Galbraith then had the pleasant task of surprising Bro Carson's father, Bro George Johnstone Carson Senior, Past Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn, with his 60 Years Jubilee Certificate and Bro Robert Steele with his 50 Years Jubilee Certificate.

Bro William McClarty, RWM of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan then presented Lodge Crawfurdsburn with a beautifully crafted pointer to be used in their tracing board lectures.

After the ceremony many of the Brethren went on to the Tontine where Provost Robert Moran joined them for a superb meal. Provost Moran welcomed those brethren who were visiting from out-with the Inverclyde area. After the meal there were toasts to the Queen, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland by RWM George Carson with fitting and fine replies from Bros Livingstone and Galbraith. An excellent toast was then given by Bro Iain White, PM Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII to which Bro Andrew McKenzie PM of Lodge Crawfurdsburn gave a first class reply.

Fraternal Greetings were then exchanged between Lodges and RW Master Richard Harrison of Lodge Doric Kilwinning, one of Lodge Crawfurdsburn's sponsoring Lodges, presented a cheque to mark this special occasion.

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n appropriate toast to "The Next 100 Years" was then given by Bro Colin Bonar, Past Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn.

PM Tommy Provan of Lodge Springburn 1198 presented RWM George Johnstone Carson with a beautiful gavel as a gift from his lodge to Lodge Crawfurdsburn.

Entertainment was provided by the wonderful singing voice of RWM, Bro Alan Beck of Greenock, Kilwinning XII accompanied by Bro Fraser Gray of Greenock, St Johns' 175. The dinner was rounded off with the brethren singing "Auld Lang Syn".

The more formal part of the day being over the ladies joined the brethren at the Tontine to continue the celebrations with a dance and buffet. A most excellent time was had by all on what was a memorable and happy day for Lodge Crawfurdsburn and the Freemasons of Renfrewshire West and beyond.





RW Substitute Grand Master  
Brother Alexander Galbraith,  
Right Worshipful Master Brother  
George J Carson and RWPGM,  
Brother Jim Livingstone.

### **Civic Reception**

On Thursday the 10th October the brethren of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121 were invited by Provost Robert Moran and the Councillors of Inverclyde to attend a Civic Reception in Greenock Town Hall to mark the occasion of the Lodge's Centenary. Along with the brethren of Lodge Crawfurdsburn the RW Substitute Master, Brother Alexander Galbraith and the RW Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire Wes, Bro James Pearston Livingstone t were invited to attend this special occasion for the Lodge and the Province.

The brethren assembled for a drinks reception in the Provost's Room prior to moving through to have an excellent three course meal in the Grand Corridor. After the meal Provost Moran made a fine speech commenting on the charitable works that Freemasons have done for the town over the years. He then presented the RW Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn, Bro George Johnstone Carson with a beautiful crystal vase inscribed "Presented by the Provost and Councillors of Inverclyde to mark the Centenary of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock 1121." RW Master George Carson replied to the Provosts speech commenting on how the council and Freemasonry had worked to help the communities in the area over the years and in some measure to continue that tradition he presented Provost Moran with a cheque for £1121 for the Provost's Fund.

The RW Substitute Grand Master, Alex Galbraith then made a speech on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and thanked Provost Moran and the Council for an excellent evening.



Delusions of grandeur – Hughie  
tries out a big seat for size!



The brethren enjoying the hospitality of Inverclyde Council.

RW Substitute Grand Master, Brother Alexander Galbraith, IPPGM, Brother James W Miller and RWPGM Brother Jim Livingstone enjoy the hospitality of Provost Robert Moran.



**Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425.**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Raising

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

In recess.

## **Other Orders.**

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

Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No. XVII meets in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm to which all Companions are cordially invited. 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 11<sup>th</sup> – RA Degree

### **Greenock Royal Ark Mariners Lodge and Council No. 17**

### **Greenock Cryptic Council No. 17.**

### **Preceptory of Ardgowan**

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

2013:

The next meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple, 7, Brown Street, Port Glasgow on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

2014:

21st Jan (KHS),  
18th Feb (RCC),  
18th March (KHS),  
15th April – Installation of Grant McLeod.

## *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 "Henry Tibbles"



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 Henry Tibbles, 6, Waters Edge, Shore Road, Skelmorlie, PA17 5EB. Tel. 01475 520604, or email to [h.tibbles@btinternet.com](mailto:h.tibbles@btinternet.com)  
Please make cheques payable to Henry Tibbles.

## 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](http://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.

## **Lodge Websites.**

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](http://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](http://www.lodgesirmichael989.co.uk)

Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121 – [www.lodgecrawfurdsburn.org.uk](http://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.

## **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.

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### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 2013**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> 68 – Business Meeting 626 – General Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> XII – Annual Meeting, N/E of Office-bearers and Passing	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 217 – Annual Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> 175 - Passing	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> 68 – In Memoriam Lodge 626 – Entering RAC289 – RA Degree	12 <sup>th</sup> 1121 - Entering	13 <sup>th</sup> 624 – Raising, Affiliation, N/E of Office-bearers 989 - Raising	14 <sup>th</sup> 1425 - Raising	15 <sup>th</sup> 989 – Annual Installation 7.00 pm	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup> 68 - Raising	19 <sup>th</sup> XII – Annual Installation 6.30 pm SGC 79 - RCC	20 <sup>th</sup> RAC XVII - Degree	21 <sup>st</sup> 217 – Passing (Exmp)	22 <sup>nd</sup> 175 - Raising	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
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