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Dedication Ceremony

Thursday 27th October 2015

Memorial to the memory of those Brethren who
have given their lives in the service of others

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Editorial

Welcome to the 85th edition of the Patter.

October and November have been pretty eventful months masonically – all Lodges in the Province are back up and running again and we are about to start the Installation Season.

I have just returned home after being present at two Remembrance Services this morning – one in Fortrose and one in Munloch. Listening to the sermons from both Ministers, it fairly brought it home to me just how fortunate we are as we look forward to the Installation season. Thanks to those who gave their today for our tomorrow, we are in the wonderful situation that we can go freely about our business, attend Masonic Meetings wherever and whenever we wish. If it hadn't been for the supreme sacrifice made by so many we would not be enjoying these freedoms now.

Yesterday, I was at Lodge Albert in Lochee – before we started the Rededication Ceremonial, the Master and Chaplain of the Lodge conducted a short but very poignant service of Remembrance – a lovely gesture and greatly appreciated by all in attendance. It included the following poem by John MacRae – a poem that we should all be aware of – just to remind us of the debt we owe those who gave their all.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Ramsay McGhee, Editor

Grand Lodge of Scotland

As reported in the last edition, the recess months have been extremely busy months for Grand Lodge and November is looking pretty busy as well. However, before I move onto what is coming I would like to report on two events that I have had the privilege and pleasure of being involved in.

First I had the honour of being present in Grand Lodge to witness Lord Elgin unveil a new memorial in memory of all Brethren who have given their lives in the service of others. It was a very poignant ceremony carried out by Senior Grand Chaplain, Bro Rev Robert Craig. The memorial is in two parts – the main plinth showing St Andrew and a frieze along the wall behind the plinth depicting a wide variety of occupations where Brethren have been killed in the course of their duty including the military.

In addition to the unveiling of the memorial, Lord Elgin thereafter unveiled a portrait of HRH Prince Albert, Duke of York afterwards HM King George VI. The portrait hangs on the first landing of the staircase and looks most imposing.

On Monday 2nd November, I was privileged to represent the Grand Master Mason at the Poppy Scotland Service in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh at the conclusion of which I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of The Grand Lodge of Scotland.

This Saturday I will be in Dundee representing the Grand Master Mason at the re-dedication of Lodge Albert No 448 on the occasion of their 150th anniversary.

The Installation and Festival of St Andrew will take place in Grand Lodge and thereafter at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh on Thursday 26th November. There are still tickets available for the Festival but over 500 have already been sold.

Ed

Cover picture: The front page of the programme for the Dedication of the new Memorial in Grand Lodge, unveiled by Lord Elgin

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Top – the new portrait of HRH Prince Albert, Duke of York afterwards HM King George VI.

Bottom - the new memorial in memory of all Brethren who have given their lives in the service of others.

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From The Provincial Almoner

Yet again I have to start my report on a sad note and record the passing of Bro Peter Salvary, Past District Grand Master of the District of Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada, and Honorary member of the Province of Ross and Cromarty. Peter was well known to many brethren in the Province and had been a visitor amongst us on a number of occasions when he led, or was part of, deputations from his District. He held office in many other Orders and was highly respected by Brethren throughout the World. He will be greatly missed by all. I have sent a card to the family expressing the condolences of the Provincial Grand Master and brethren of the Province.

It is also with regret that I have to record the recent passing to the Grand Lodge above of Bro Roddy Lovett, Lodge St Duthus. Roddy had been in poor health since some time and passed away in hospital at Invergordon. Past Master Cochrane Donald, Lodge Seaforth, is at present in Ward 7A at Raigmore Hospital. He is currently having his medication re-assessed in order to relieve some of the symptoms of his health problems. Past Master George Robinson, Lodge Averon, recently had a short stay in Raigmore Hospital but he was home before I heard that he was there. He is now out and about again and attending to his Masonic duties. Past Master Duncan MacLennan, Lodge Loch Ewe recently had a fall and sustained facial injuries. The first report I received was to the effect that he had sustained a broken jaw. This is not the case. According to himself, all that he broke were his bottom teeth. He is a bit sore but was in good spirits when I spoke to him on Sunday. I omitted to mention Bro. Colin MacPhee, Lodge Fingal, in my last report. Colin had major surgery but is now home and working again.

Past Master Bob MacLean, Lodge Seaforth is now out of hospital and awaiting a date for his hip replacement operation. This has been deferred for 4 to 6 months as a result of his recent heart attack. He is in his usual good humour and again attending to his Masonic duties.

Past Master Victor Shepherd, Robertson's Lodge is home from hospital but is still having great difficulties health wise. He had a recent scan and X-ray at Raigmore Hospital and has been advised that he should now use a wheelchair. Victor, being Victor, was not impressed with this advice and intends to carry on without the wheelchair. He is, however, quite confused on occasions. When his health permits he attends Strathallan Care Home in Strathpeffer as a day patient on two days a week to give his wife some respite.

Provincial Director of Ceremonies, Past Master Rory MacKenzie, Lodge Fingal, continues to make good progress. He is currently undergoing of chemotherapy at three weekly intervals. He has one treatment to go.

Past Provincial Grand Master Morris Downie has now returned to his Masonic duties after his recent stay in hospital.

Past Master Ian MacLaren, Lodge Rosehaugh has just received notification that he is to attend an appointment at Raigmore Hospital on Thursday 19th November with a plastic surgeon in connection with his long awaited surgery. He is absolutely delighted that some progress is being made in this regard. He also has an appointment on Tuesday 17th November re another medical matter. Needless to say when he phoned me to tell me about the appointment on 19th November he was in great spirits.

Past Master Sandy Rose, Lodge Rosehaugh is recovering well from his stroke. He recently attended a clinic at Raigmore and got an excellent report from the doctors. He hopes to resume his Masonic duties at the December meeting of his Lodge, weather permitting.

Past Master Fraser MacKay, Lodge St. Duthus is now in hospital at Invergordon and I understand is not really making much progress.

Past Master Raymond Morrison, Lodge Ness, continues to make progress.

I have visited Brethren in hospital and at home, where possible, and I have sent, or delivered, cards to them conveying the best wishes of the Provincial Grand Master and brethren of the Province.

Mrs Margaret Bruce, wife of Past Master Sinclair Bruce, Lodge Seaforth and currently Master of Lodge Allan Wilson, was recently involved in a road traffic accident. Although she was not seriously injured she was a bit shaken up. I also sent a card to her conveying the best wishes of the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren of the Province.

I'll end as usual and ask that should any of you require my services, or know of anyone who does, please get in touch with me.

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FROM THE LODGES

Provincial Grand Lodge:

To the members of all Lodges in the Province – may I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2016?

Sincerely and fraternally,

William Ross

Provincial Grand Master

Lodge St Duthus No 82



The Lodge continues to meet on the First Monday of the month and we have just witnessed Brother Ian Sinclair being reinstalled as RWM for his second term along with his office bearers. We had a good turnout of visitors and held the Festival of St John to which a good number of the brethren joined us to here an update of what is happening at Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge.

Our next meeting will be on the 7th December when we will be working a MM degree for RWM Sinclair's Grandson.

Hugh Patience PM

Secretary

FORTROSE LODGE No. 108

I mentioned in the last Patter that we would be initiating 2 blood brothers at our regular meeting on 7th August, Rab Smith RWM of Lodge Thistle No. 270 who visited us on that evening remarked, while congratulating Bros. John and Craig Macleod on their initiation, that they had come into the lodge with their father and would be leaving with their brother.

During the last quarter we raised three brethren to the H&S degree of MM and initiated another.

Our installation and festival of St John will be held on Friday 4th December.

Donald MacLeod, PM

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Robertson's Lodge No 134

Hi Brethren,

The new season has started with a bang and we seem to have Masonic Events every night of the week and daytime on Saturday's, but let us not moan. It is great to meet up with friends we have not seen for a while and meet new ones. We are blessed with being able to attend when we know that many of our Brethren cannot manage through illness or for other reasons and I am sure they are all in our thoughts.

Our season started well with a September business meeting and on 21 October 2015 we worked a successful 1st Degree assisted by visitors who we are always glad to receive. It was ably chaired by our R.WM Bro Peter Foster Snr. Our meeting of Wednesday 18 November, 2015 will be our AGM and nomination of Office Bearers. This may not be of interest to visitors but please feel free to come along if you wish. Our meeting of Wednesday 16 December 2015 will be our installation and a good turnout of our Brethren and visitors would be well appreciated. There is always a good harmony to follow. All our meetings start at 7.45 pm.

Our carpet was damaged by water due to recent heavy rains. We hopefully have the roof problem sorted and hopefully our Insurance is covering the cost of a new carpet which may well be in situ for our installation. It certainly pays to make that your insurance policy is paid up to date.

On a lighter note the first line of this entry was not meant as a dig to PM Andrew MacIvor although the October meeting went with a bang for him. On the way home he hit a pothole and it cost him a new spring and tyre. He assures me it was nothing to do with my weight in his back seat. Hope you get it all sorted out Andrew and to all, beware of the many potholes about.

To all Brethren who are ill we wish you well and as this is the last edition before the festive season can I pass on the best wishes to all from all at '134'.

James A Tait, PM

Secretary

Late News from Stornoway – Malawi Quiz

I had the quiz last night but only eleven turned up for it. We made 3 teams of 3 and a team of 2. The 2 man team won. This is where the strange bit comes in, when I counted the money I had £108:00. Anyway that is money we didn't have yesterday morning. Derek is going to email the members and see if any of them want to make a contribution before I give Roger the money

Regards,

Henry MacInnes

That's spooky - £108 from 108!!!!

Many congratulations Brethren – that will do a lot for the school. *Ed*

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Lodge Fingal No 318



Highland Council Open Doors Event – 12th September 2015

Lodge Fingal No. 318 participated in the above event for the first time on Saturday 12th of September. During the opening times 10:00am to 4:00pm we had over 30 people through the doors. All the feedback was extremely positive with all responses rating our facilities, historical information and friendly approach to be excellent. Although on the day we may have had no new candidate potential, it most certainly did no harm to Freemasonry in general and hopefully made the visitors see Freemasonry in a different and more positive light. We had one family from Dingwall, the father being an Office Bearer from Lodge St. Andrew No. 1318 in Golspie, perhaps an affiliate for the future. Many thanks from the RWM Bro Angus Beaton to Past Masters, David MacMaster, Donnie Gunn, Andy Henderson. Brothers Ian MacLeod, Aly Gault and Jim Murray for all their help during the day. (See article on page 20)

October meeting: Opened in the EA° by the RWM Bro Angus Beaton with 17 Brethren and 4 visiting Brethren present, with Lodges represented from No's 466, 1213 and 1295, were charged to convey the fraternal greetings of Lodge Fingal on return to their respective Mother Lodge.

The main business of the evening was a Paper and slide show, by Honorary Member Bro Ramsay McGhee, of the visits to Malawi over the years, since 2008. Ramsay wanted the show in the Logie Lounge, to enable wives and friends to come along. Therefore the business of the evening being completed upstairs, after the collection, to be followed by the Risings, where Bro David Munro PM of Lodge St. Columba No. 1295, was looking forward to Ramsay's discussion. Came down to the Logie Lounge for the harmony at 8:45. Then Ramsay got started at 8:55 and was delighted to see Bro Henry Cameron's wife and daughter, but his biggest delight was seeing Henry's grandchildren, Annabel and Cameron, who he had said, that for their contribution in raising money, due to a coffee morning in Fingal, had shown the Masons what to do. This was way back in 2008, where the Province was raising money for the Mountain View School for the Deaf. Ramsay by now was in full flow, ably assisted by his granddaughter. An interesting slide show of the Team in 2008 / 2011 and 2015. The last project in 2015 was money raised for a solar panel and water pump, which has now been installed, with the help from the Brethren out in Malawi. Also on display were gifts that Ramsay had received on his various sojourning in Africa with Grand Lodge, which proved interesting with Brethren, the ladies were intrigued with the various smock gowns, they said, was this too compensate when the waist line gets bigger, this comment brought a laughter. At the conclusion our RWM thanked Ramsay for giving up his time and the manner of his presentation. This concluded at 10:05pm.

November meeting: 10th will be our annual A.G.M. and nomination of Office Bearers. Along with a Ballot.
December meeting: 8th will be a Mock F.C. degree.
Special meeting: On Saturday 29th December, where it will be the Re-Installation for RWM Bro. Angus Beaton and Office Bearers at 5 p.m.

Events Logie Lounge: Festival of St. John, after the meeting 29th December.
Saturday 23rd January, Burns Night, compared by Bro. Andy Henderson.
Saturday 27th February, Quiz Night, Quiz Master to be Bro. John Hanson.
Friday 18th March will be our annual Ladies Night.
Saturday 16th April, will be a Social Night.

As we approach the Festive Season, on behalf of the RWM and Brethren of the Lodge, may we wish all Brethren, Wives, Partners and Families a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year ahead? That's all Folks, watch this Space.

D. Gunn PM

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Secretary.

Lodge Allan Wilson No 851

After another successful summer season under the leadership of our Master, Bro Sinclair Bruce, we have started making plans for 2016.

The first meeting on Tuesday 14th June will be the Installation meeting when Bro Rev Ivan Warwick will take over from Brother Sinclair Bruce.

At the July meeting which will be the Provincial Visit we are hoping to have a presentation from a retired Procurator Fiscal who has been involved in some high profile cases during her time with the Fiscal Service.

The August meeting is still being organised.

Brother Sinclair Bruce and his Office-bearers send fraternal and Christmas Greetings to all Brethren, their wives and families.

Lodge Seaforth No 854

The November meeting on Monday 16th will be the annual business meeting and nomination and election of Office-bearers.

A warm invitation is extended to all Brethren to attend the Installation Meeting on Saturday 12th December at 15.00 hours in the Masonic Hall, Station Square, Fortrose.

A Taylor, RWM

Lodge Averon 866

The season has kicked off again and everyone is suitably refreshed after the close season. We opened with a business meeting and we voted for our nomination for the next PGM of Ross and Cromarty. At the next meeting we should have been initiating Keith Carrison, son of PM Charlie Carrison. Unfortunately he couldn't get off the rig so a practice was done instead. Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th November which will be a MMM Degree with PM McBeath as RWMM. The installation date will be Saturday 19th December at 3pm. Bro George Robinson PM will be reinstalled by Bro Ramsay McGhee DGM. Bro George has kindly offered to step in as a replacement for yours truly who has emigrated overseas. I am disappointed not to have fulfilled my commitment but I don't have a crystal ball. I wish George all the best for his second term, or is it third?

There was a lot of work done outside of the Lodge this year including a new fence, door painting, windows painted, the gate blasted and painted and a sign put up as well. A lot of credit must go to PM Carrison for the work he put in, not forgetting Alasdair for cutting the grass and keeping the outside of the Lodge tidy.

I suppose this will be my last report for The Patter. I have enjoyed writing as much as I enjoy reading the other contributions.

Henry W. MacInnes RWM Averon 866...

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The Grand Lodge of Antient Free
and Accepted Masons of Scotland

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

by

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir

Sponsored by W.T. Dunbar Funeral Directors

Marilyn J. Smith MBE - **Conductor**
Cameron Murdoch - **Accompanist**
& **Depute Conductor**

Freemasons' Hall

96 George Street
Edinburgh

Sunday 6th December 2015

2.00pm for 2.30pm

**Tickets available from Grand Secretary or
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Tel: 0131 225 5577

Concert promoted by

The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

Proceeds from this concert supporting Prostate Scotland

Ticket £10.00

A complimentary refreshment will be offered

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Lodge Ness No 888

We opened our season with a business meeting and followed that with a Mark degree for Brother Sam Morton. Our next meeting should be on the 10th, looks like may have to be cancelled as the Lodge at present is totally unusable.

Our meeting on the 24th will be our nomination and election followed on December the 8th, our Installation meeting.

How these proceed is in the lap of the contractors as Lodge at present is totally unusable due to flood damage caused by a burst water tank valve, further information will follow.

Raymond Morrison, PM

[Some light cultural notes from Bro Henry MacInnes - -](#)

Advice from an Old Farmer

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plough around the stump.
A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
Meanness don't just happen overnight.
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
You cannot unsay a cruel word.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
The best sermons are lived, not preached.
Most of the stuff people worry about isn't ever going to happen anyway.
Don't judge folks by their relatives.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
Live a good, honourable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you.
Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every morning.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
Letting' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting' it back in.
If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering' somebody else's dog around.
Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

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LODGE KYLE No 1117

The retirement of two stalwarts of the Lodge becomes a time for reflection, especially if the brethren in question are in key offices and have been for some time. In our case The Secretary Donnie Gordon and The Treasurer John MacDougall have been in their offices so long, we just assume they have performed their duties flawlessly for the first portion of their 37 years and 32 years' service respectively, because none of the rest of us were there to witness the first time they were initiated into the two most responsible jobs in The Lodge. We simply know that from what we have seen of their work, it is exemplary.

However much we depend on these brethren, the change their retirement brings highlights the need to have replacements "eager to take part in the work" of running the Lodge... which in turn means we need to have a pool of reliable brethren from which to choose suitable new office bearers, as well as allowing the newer, younger brethren the chance to go through the various offices and ultimately The Chair of the Lodge before moving on to Treasurer and Secretary.

It should be said at this point, that to a man, we all appreciate Brothers Donnie and John's outstanding service, thank them both for their years in office and wish them a long and happy retirement in the body of the Lodge.

Both Bros. John and Donnie have offered any and all assistance to the incumbents who no doubt they will take up their generous offer.

The new Treasurer will be PM Micky Moore who will be stepping down this year as Lodge Kyle's RWM. The new Secretary for Lodge Kyle will be PM Ronnie Miller.

Both are keen to serve, but are the first to admit that it will be a very, very long time before they can fill the boots of such distinguished predecessors.

Finally, Lodge Kyle will be holding their Installation on 14th December 2015 at 8pm prompt when Brother Paul Newton will be going into The Chair. Any Brother wishing to attend will be warmly welcomed.

Please note that the first meeting of the New Year will be the SECOND Monday in January (Jan 11th) at 8pm. Any last minute notifications can be found on the Lodge Kyle website at www.lodgekyle.co.uk

Ronnie Miller, PM Lodge Kyle No. 1117

Lodge Rosehaugh 1216

A very quiet start to the new season with our October meeting being our AGM and Nomination of Office Bearers. We had hoped this would open up our November meeting (on 6th) for a second degree but we were unable to fulfil this and instead we have a Lecture from PM John Patience.

Bro Donald Mclennan PM has agreed to take-over the chair of 1216 for the ensuing 12 months. But as he is however unable to attend both our scheduled 4th December and 8th January meeting we are going to hold our Installation on 15 January 2016 and we will hold a 3rd degree in December.

We will be hosting the Senior Citizen's party once again in either Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th December and I understand this will be the 20th occasion we have hosted this event.

Finally can we pass on the Best Wishes to PM John and Catherine Patience who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 22 September 2015?

Keith Patience PM
Secretary

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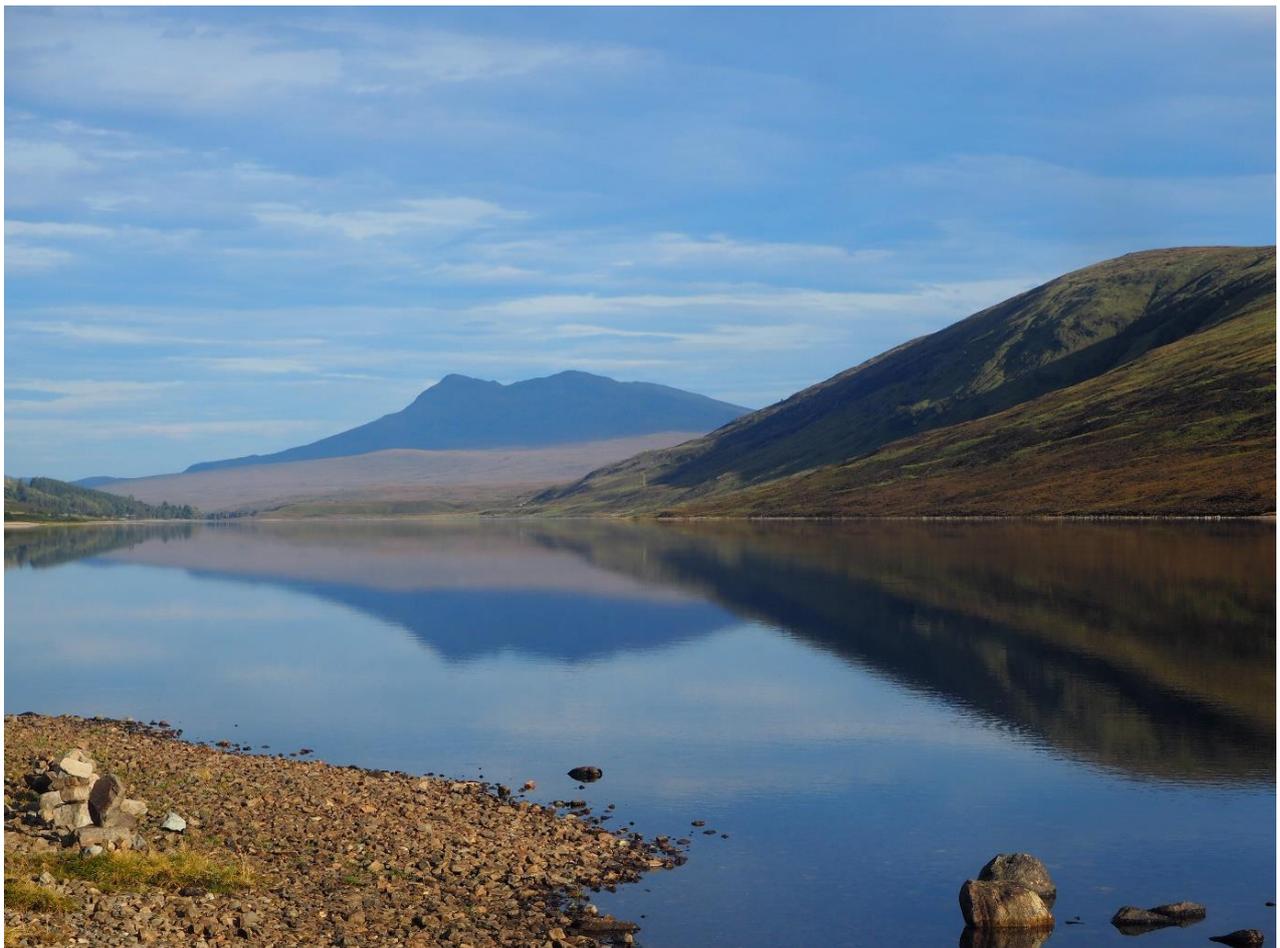
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Lodge St Martin 1217

The Installation of RWM and Office-bearers will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2015. The Lodge will tyle at 7.30pm for regular business and visitors will be admitted at 8.00pm for the Installation. PM Mike Turner will be the Installing Master and he will be Installing PM Gordon Mackenzie into the chair. All Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Charles MacAulay, PM
S secretary



Loch Chroisg near Achnasheen (see following article)

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Lodge Loch Ewe No 1551

To kick off this quarter's contribution we wish the Lodge Depute Master / PM / P Secretary Bro Duncan MacLennan a speedy recovery from a fall he had recently hurting his jaw and damaging some lower teeth.

Our most recent Affiliate member Bro. Fred De Demenico is presently not feeling 100% but is attending meetings. We trust that his health improves and that, given time, he will resume the duties of Lodge Senior Deacon; his enthusiasm and general interest in the wellbeing of Lodge Loch Ewe and its members is very welcome!

During the last quarter the lodge conducted the MM degree for our newest brother Michael (Mike) Macleod on Thursday, 24th September and it was with much gratitude that the lodge welcomed visitors from the Province of Moray and Nairn in the persons of JD Bro Keith Beaumont from Lodge Pitgaveny No. 681, Lossiemouth, Bro Willie Turner from Lodge Kilmolymock No. 45, Elgin and Brethren John Muir RWM and Kenny More A/Secretary from Lodge St. Aethans No. 1227, Burghead. Not only did these Brethren grace us with their presence but stayed overnight (Keith accompanied by his wife) which would have been welcome business in addition to what has been a very busy season for the local hotel.

Lodge Loch Ewe brethren frequently bump into the aforementioned 4 brethren and their respective lodge members while visiting in the Province of Moray and Nairn and it is satisfying to reap the benefits of reciprocal visits.

Following the successful Quiz Night held in the Aultbea hotel in February it would appear that nothing breeds success like success. Therefore another QN is to be held, again in the hotel, on Friday 13th November. For teams of 4 the entrance fee is £ 10 and we kick off at 8 pm on the night! There is sure to be the usual 'craic' and participation on all fronts (quiz and raffle).

From now until the end of the 2015 business will be taking up the scheduled meeting nights of the lodge with the re-installation meeting taking place on Thursday 10th December. Updates on the format for this night will be circulated via email nearer the time.

For the 2016 programme it is looking like we will be conducting a number of Mark degrees to accommodate the three brethren awaiting this milestone. For the Provincial Visitation on 14th April we would envisage the last of these degrees being conferred on our newest brother Michael (Mike) Macleod.

While penning these tidbits for the Patter I've often gone into raptures about the abundant scenery which we have en route to the lodge be it either via the Braemore junction or Achnasheen arteries in reaching the heart of Aultbea. On 28th September I photographed the picture on page 12 - scene of Loch Chroisg near Achnasheen which made it into the "Ross-shire Journal" of 30th October and hope you enjoy it.

Looking forward to many of you visiting us over the winter months and perhaps also at a couple of 'pilot' meetings we may look at holding during the summer months of 2016.

Andrew Henderson, RWM

SNIPPET from the PAST – Provincial Millennium Celebrations

At a meeting held on Sunday 10th May, the following issues were decided in relation to the Millennium Celebrations. The Installation Ceremony will be held in the Main Hall of the Dingwall Leisure Centre followed by the Dinner in Dingwall Town Hall. The cost of the Dinner will be £ 15.00.

The Commemorative Booklet, which will have four pages dedicated to each Lodge, incorporate the Installation Programme, Menu and Toast List for the Ceremony will be priced at £10.00.

The Commemorative Jewels which will take the form of a Charity Jewel- i.e. all proceeds from the Jewel will go to charity - will retail at no less than £10.00 depending on production costs. A proposed design for the jewel will be sent to several suppliers in the next week or so in order that estimates can be collated and assessed. All monies from the jewel less production costs will go to charity.

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The Sinclair Bruce Diary

Tuesday the 11th August was our last meeting of Allan Wilson Lodge for this year. It was down slightly in numbers both at the meeting and at the meal. Hopefully this will be a one off as I always say that the meal is really in fact part of the meeting and I can only hope for an improvement in the future when we will return to normal numbers at our meetings.

The months are slipping past and we are now in the last week of August and my sports report is the challenge cup in the rugby which was a very good game to watch although the score would say very one sided but that takes nothing away from overall play. The teams were Hull Kingston Rovers vs Leeds Rhinos - Hull just could not get a try, as a result, Leeds took full advantage and went on to score fifty points to nil

Although I was not at the Ross County vs Dundee united game today, Ronald assured me that the County played well and were worthy winners - final score Ross County 2 Dundee united 1(so deeck the gadgy coff) would be getting laldy today!

The European inter-city Rugby is now warming up and the game I watched today was Edinburgh V Leicester - an excellent but very tough game I feel that Edinburgh came out worthy winners with the final score being Edinburgh 16 Leicester 9.

It's now Saturday 5th September and the football I watched today was San Marino vs England. Not a very exciting game. The home side, Marino, did not appear to have any class players. In the first half they were completely lost and their passing was, to say the least, never reaching the receiving player, thus giving the opposition every chance to get into a scoring area. The game finished at Marino nil England six. No credit to either side from their audience wherever they watched from. As a point of interest Wayne Rooney is now the top scorer for England exceeding Bobby Charlton's long standing record, Rooney has now scored fifty-one times - hopefully we will hear more on this record before the end of the year.

The rugby union game today was well worth watching between Glasgow Warriors and Connacht the first half ended at Warriors 30 Connacht 3 but the second half progressed as 30-13 30-20 30-25 so you can see how the game changed then 33-25 and finally 33-32 making Warriors champions by 1 (one).

The golf on the TV for the past two days was really interesting and wonderful to watch. The game between Great Britain/Ireland vs USA. At the end of the doubles round the score was 10-6 but, despite the United States putting on the pressure it finished with GB/Ireland winning by 14½ to 8½.

Sport seems to have taken over for this edition which is not the preference of all my readers, however I will divert as news comes available. The world rugby cup is now in full swing and the game between England and Fiji was better than one would expect. The Fijians proved that they were very well trained and disciplined and the score reflects on my conclusions - England 35 Fiji 11. The next game on Saturday 19th Sept was South Africa vs Japan - another excellent game with two equally matched teams - the final score South Africa 32 and Japan 34

And now a short report on the world tennis. Today the Murray brothers represented Great Britain against Australia and they went on to win by two sets to one in the doubles. Andy has now played his game against an Australian in the singles and won thus paving the way for the Great Britain team to be listed in the world title games.

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Monday the 29th Sept was Lodge Seaforth's first meeting for the season 2015-2016 and we commenced with a mark degree with Ronald, my son, the candidate. I can say without fear or favour that the Degree was executed in a light hearted manner, and the wit was definitely above average all adding to the enhancement of the evenings work with Past Masters in the principle offices, showing us all how it should be done.

Although I did not watch the Scotland vs Japan rugby game it's great to note that they played an excellent game and went on to win by a fairly big margin.

The football today was a surprise game to witness St Johnstone two up on Rangers at half time. Rangers were really flat out in the second half but the game finished Rangers 1 St Johnstone 3.

And now back to the rugby where I viewed an excellent game between Australia and Fiji. I felt the best team lost as Fiji just could not get even one try and the Ausies took full advantage of their weak points and the score can take nothing away from their knowledge of rugby final score Australia 28 Fiji 13.

The next game was New-Zealand vs Namibia - this was a one sided game as reflected in the score. New-Zealand won by a margin of forty-four 58-14. The next two games were really great to watch -firstly England vs Wales - very close right from the start to finish - England 25 Wales 28. Wales scored the final conversion in the last three minutes. And now the game that created a lot of interest between Scotland and USA. The attendance at this game was thirty 37.000 and the Scots took the limelight Score 39 - 16 and finally Ireland vs Romania - a one sided game from beginning to the end, with Ireland winning by 44 points to 10.

The next game report was indeed the best game I watched so far - Wales vs Fiji. It was all action from beginning to end and although the score difference was ten that takes nothing away from the excitement - final score Wales 23 Fiji 13. Then we had New-Zealand vs Georgia, another very busy game but alas Georgia just could not get off the ground final score - New-Zealand 43 Georgia 10

Before I watch the Scotland game today, I am tuned in to the Japan vs Samoa match. A very sluggish game - the final score says it all - Japan 26 Samoa 5. And now to South Africa vs Scotland. At half time it was 20—3 and ended a very disappointing South Africa 34 Scotland 16. Then Australia vs England - another game to forget as England lost 13 to Australia's 33. The two games I saw today were Argentina 45 Tonga 16 and the poorest game so far, Ireland 16 Italy 9.

The next game - the score says it all - completely one sided - South Africa 64 USA 0. I kept on thinking the United States will surely get at least a conversion but nothing worked for them.

England are now out of the world cup but did very well in the European cup by winning against Estonia both teams played their best and England went on to win by two goals to nil.

Scotland will be playing in the world cup today against Samoa and the winner will go on to the quarter finals. Well, this game was well worth waiting for as it was all go right from the kick off and at half time it was 23 each and the second half was also great with the edge slightly on the Scots side. Never a lot in it as the final score reads Samoa 33 Scotland 36. They go on to meet Australia. And so we arrive at the quarter finals of the Rugby and the first game between South Africa and Wales. This was a very tight game both sides giving their all but in the end South Africa got the win by a close 23 to 19. The New Zealand vs France game was totally one sided - final score New Zealand 62 France 13. Then Ireland 20 Argentina 43 and finally, a wonderful game well worth watching, but for me a great disappointment as although the Scots played their hearts out, they lost by one point - final score - Scotland 34 Australia 35. With Australia at 32 against Scotland at 34 I thought at last a win but our luck was out.

It's now Monday 19th Oct and our second meeting in Lodge Seaforth when we worked a Fellow Craft degree and as normal all went very well with floor work of a high standard. Unfortunately attendance was poor and, although we had five visiting Lodges there were too many empty seats so let's hope future meetings will show an improvement.

And now we arrive at the Highland Derby in the football world, the game between Ross County vs Caley Thistle. The first half was all County playing excellent football and they were up 1- 0 but in the second half they were rubbish. After Caley scored the County goal was peppered however they managed to hold on and the game ended 2 - 1 and that puts County through to the semi-final for the first time in their history in this category.

The game between South Africa and Argentina was up to a point nice to watch but the score does not justify either team as they both played excellent rugby final score South Africa 24 Argentina 13 and tomorrow we reach the final both teams from the southern hemisphere, Australia V New Zealand that's all for this issue sorry its mainly sport trust all readers will enjoy.

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BITS AND PIECES



Rev Canon Dr Joe Morrow – Appointment as Queen’s Counsel in Scotland

Our congratulations are conveyed to Past Grand Master Mason, Brother Joe Morrow on his elevation to Queen’s Counsel

On 22 September 2015, the Rev Canon Dr Joe Morrow was introduced to the Court before the Lord Justice Clerk as one of 5 new Queen’s Counsel in Scotland. New Queen’s Counsel are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the First Minister. They are nominated by the Lord Justice General.

The rank and dignity of Queen’s Counsel is generally reserved for those who have given distinguished service. They can use the post-nominal QC and are appointed by Letters Patent to be: “*one of Her Majesty’s Counsel, learned in the law*”.

QCs are often referred to as “Senior Counsel” or “Senior Advocate”. They wear a distinctive silk gown, which is the reason for the appointment often being referred as “taking Silk”. In Scotland, the position of Queen’s Counsel was not recognised before 1868 and was initially a status reserved for the law officers such as the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for Scotland. In 1887, a petition by the Faculty of Advocates for the establishment of a Scottish role of Queen’s Counsel was approved and the first appointments were made a year later.

The Rev Canon Dr Joe Morrow is an Honorary Canon of St Paul’s Cathedral, Dundee, and was Chancellor of the Diocese of Brechin until 2014. Having served as Priest in Charge in various churches within the Brechin Diocese Joe Morrow is currently Chaplain to Glamis Castle and was appointed Lord Lyon, King of Arms in 2013.

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PETER E. SALVARY, PAST DGM, HON.SGW.



Freemasonry has suffered the loss of one of its stalwarts in the person of Brother Peter Emanuel Salvary and we have come together this morning to celebrate his life and works as a member of this antient and honourable institution.

Brother Salvary was born on the 4th December, 1929 and died on the 19th September, 2015 at the age of eighty five just a few months shy of his 86th Birthday. He was a model Freemason who lived by the tenets of our Fraternity. He joined Lodge Arima No 899 SC - his Mother Lodge - on 1st February, 1969. Brother Salvary, thus saw the light of Freemasonry in his fortieth (40th) year and served his Lodge and Freemasonry in general, faithfully and zealously until he suffered a stroke on Monday 14th September, 2015, a period of forty five years. His activities of his last weekend alive highlight his zeal and attendance. From 9.00a.m to noon on Saturday 12th September, 2015 he attended a District Grand Lodge Seminar for Office-bearers of the District, Masters, Wardens and Director and Assistant Director Ceremonies of the Daughter Lodges. I picked him up (on his insistence) at 4.45p.m that afternoon to attend a Royal Arch Chapter Installation in San Fernando some 40miles away. On Sunday 13th, 2015 I picked him up at 10.30 am (giving him time to return home from his usual Church Service) to attend Lodge Arima's annual Past Masters Meeting to recommend office-bearers for the New Year 2015 - 2016. At all of these Meetings he gave his usual meaningful contributions to the discussion. You could thus imagine my shock when I received the phone call early on Monday morning advising me of his stroke.

Brother Salvary had a most successful Masonic career. Shortly after joining Lodge Arima, he was elected Assistant Secretary, thereafter he served Lodge Arima as Secretary for many years and was elected an Installed Master on 4th December, 1976. (His Birthday). Permit me to digress here to state what I consider a record in Arima. Brother Salvary was initiated, as stated before, on 1st February, 1969, Passed on 3rd May, 1969 and raised on 6th September, 1969. Presently, Lodge Arima is renowned for keeping Candidates at least a year between Initiation and Passing and another year between Passing and Raising.

In 1975, he researched and published a booklet to commemorate the seventy fifth Anniversary of the Lodge. He was recognised with Distinguished Service Membership in 2007. One of his major accomplishments at Lodge Arima was his leadership and the use of his means in bringing to fruition the New Temple Building which was consecrated in June 2000. I am extremely proud to have had him as my Secunder into Freemasonry.

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Brother Salvary was first elected to Office in the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad and Tobago in the 1977/78 term as Assistant District Grand Secretary and retained that Office for four (4) years. In the 1982/83 term, the 25th Anniversary of the District, he was appointed District Grand Secretary. He served in that Office for five (5) years to the 1986/1987 term when he was appointed District Grand Chaplain. He was re-appointed District Grand Chaplain until the 1994/1995 term when he was commissioned as Substitute District Grand Master, in which position he served until the end of 1996. On 25th February, 1997 he was installed as District Grand Master. During his term many initiatives were introduced some of which are still extant today.

As a District Grand Office-bearer, Brother Salvary was very active in all of the projects of the District as well as the Trinidad and Tobago Masonic Charitable Organisation (TTMCO) where he served as Treasurer for several years, and, until his death, he was a member of its Council of Management. He has also served as Secretary of the Trinidad and Tobago Masonic Provident Society. (TTMPS).

Brother Salvary was a founder member of two Daughter Lodges in the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada. Lodge Felicity No1681 who awarded him Distinguished Service Membership in 2000 and Lodge Saint Andrew No1794. He is a Past Master of the Trinidad and Tobago Masters Lodge No 8057 EC. (1988/1989). He has been honoured by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on four occasions with the highest rank being that of Honorary Senior Grand Warden in 2007.

Brother Salvary is an Honorary Member of all the Daughter Lodges of the Scottish Constitution of DGLTTTG except those where he is a full pledged member and an Honorary Member of Lodges No 405; No 867; No 7108 and No 3973 of The DGL of T&T, English Constitution. He also holds Honorary Rank of District Grand Warden of the DGL of The Bahamas and Past District Senior Grand Warden of the DGL of T&T E.C. In 2012, He was made an honorary member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ross and Cromarty of Scotland.

Brother Salvary is largely responsible for the very close relationship that the District Grand Lodge of T&T&G has with the Grand Lodge and the Province of Ross and Cromarty. He has organized many trips to Lodges overseas especially to Scotland where Brethren have been able to visit Lodges in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness and Fortrose in the Province of Ross and Cromarty. We have also been able to attend Meetings of Supreme Grand Chapter and other Chapters. Additionally, Brother Salvary has ingratiated himself with the owners of Victoria Regalia, Brother Bill and Eileen Batten. For many years he has been the individual who orders and supplies Regalia to the members of both the English and Scottish Constitutions of Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada and occasionally beyond. He has been doing this through the facility known as "Continuing Masonic Education". These are extremely large boots to fill. This has to be sorted out quite quickly.

Brother Salvary joined Royal Arch Masonry in 1971 at the Unity Royal Arch Chapter No 610. He was its First Principal in 1977 and an Installed Mark Master 1978. He joined Trinidad Kilwinning Royal Ark Mariner Lodge & Red Cross Council No 126 in 1974 and was its WCN/MEC in 1980. In 1976, he joined Trinidad Kilwinning Cryptic Council No 126 and became its TIM in 1983. In 1979, he joined several other Companions to found Unity Lodge and Council and Unity Cryptic Council. He is also a Founding Member of Mount Sinai Royal Arch Chapter No 874.

During the term of Most Excellent Companion Yusuf Ghany as Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Trinidad and Tobago 1993 - 1998, Excellent Companion Salvary was commissioned as First Depute Grand Superintendent. He was honoured by Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch freemasons of Scotland with the rank of Honorary Grand Standard-bearer in 1984 and again in 1994 as Honorary Grand Sword-bearer.

Brother Peter Emanuel Salvary 32° was a member of all the other Scottish Masonic Orders operating in Trinidad. He has occupied the Chair and has received Honorary Grand rank in all except the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in which Order he has served in the Office of Marischal. He has researched and published Historical Sketches of Lodge Arima (75th Anniversary); Unity Royal Arch Chapter, District Grand Royal Arch Chapter (60th and 75th Anniversaries); Knights Templar (100th Ann.) and in association with deceased Brother Jack Harewood (125th Ann. of Scottish Rite) and 10th Ann. of Trinidad Aquarius Conclave No78 of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland). He was associated with Ill. Brother Lionel Seemungal in the production of the publication "The District Grand Lodge of Trinidad and Tobago (1958 - 1983) and its precursors (1758 - 1958)". He was a prolific Presenter of Masonic Papers, lectures etc. to many of the Lodges.

Brother Salvary was similarly extremely dedicated to his family and his Community. Born in Sans Souci, Toco, a village on the North Coast of Trinidad, his family emigrated to Port of Spain (the Capital City) when he was two (2) years old. He attended Rosary Boys RC School then to Osmond High School, which was then located on Charlotte Street, Port of Spain. At age twenty one (21), he journeyed to Venezuela where he resided for two years before returning to Trinidad in 1952. He then joined the Branch Office (now defunct) of Manufacturers Life

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insurance Company of Canada. There, he was introduced to the Life Office Management Association Institute (LOMAI). He pursued a course of study with that Institution and obtained the Associate Diploma. While in the employ of "Manulife", where he worked for seven (7) years he married the love of his life, Shirley Hedwiger Lopez in 1955. Shirley bore him four children, two boys and two girls, Peter Jnr, Mark Anthony (Gerry) (deceased), Joanne (who resides in Atlanta) and Donna, (who resides in Miami). He has eight (8) grand-children and four (4) great grand-children. In July this year, Brother Peter celebrated his sixtieth (60th) Wedding Anniversary by renting a Villa in Tobago where he hosted his family, twenty four in number and four generations of Salvary' s.

He spent the rest of his working life with Colonial Life Insurance Company (CLICO), a fledging local insurance company. During his tenure he participated in the growth and development of CLICO as it became a local giant conglomerate that spawned CL Financial Limited. As he move up the ranks, he served as Assistant Superintendent of Agencies, Underwriter, Agency Manager, Office Manager, Superintendent of Agencies and Corporate Secretary. He was elected to the Board in 1975 and served on the Board of many of its Subsidiaries, many of which he was the Chairman.

In 1970, Brother Salvary again enrolled in the Fellowship program of LOMAI and obtained the FLMI designation in 1971, he being the first to obtain this designation in Trinidad and Tobago. During that period he introduced the LOMAI program to CLICO, training many of their employees, who were successful in obtaining the FLMI designation. He retired in 1995.

He has been a very active member of his Church and its activities. His generosity is unparalleled. He was always the first to take out his cheque book. He would be sorely missed by his Brothers at Lodge Arima, the DGLTTG, the other District Grand Lodges of the Caribbean and those further Overseas who have all sent their condolences. May his soul rest in PEACE

Adrian C. Franklin
25-09-2015


Lodge Loch Ewe
"High Fliers"
Challenge Quiz
Aultbea Hotel
Friday 13th November - 7:30pm
Teams of Four - £10 per Team
Refreshments & Raffle
Proceeds going to:
Gairloch Air Scouts
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To Book a Table call
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‘Welcome to Doors Open Days 2015’.

On Saturday 12th September Lodge Fingal of Freemasons in Dingwall was opened to the public as part of the ‘Welcome to Doors Open Days 2015’ coordinated by the Highland Council’s Development and Infrastructure Service which takes place during September every year.

As a taste of what the public could also see on the 12th / 13th September which formed Weekend 2 of the 4, the following other locations were available to mull over:

Black Isle /Easter Ross / East Sutherland.

Ballone Castle, Potmahomack, Cromarty Courthouse Museum, Cromarty, Cromarty House, Cromarty, Cromarty Lighthouse, Cromarty, Fearn Abbey, Hill of Fearn, By Tain, Hugh Miller Birthplace Cottage and Museum, Cromarty, Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Centre, Ardgay and Old Parish Church, Edderton.

Wester Ross.

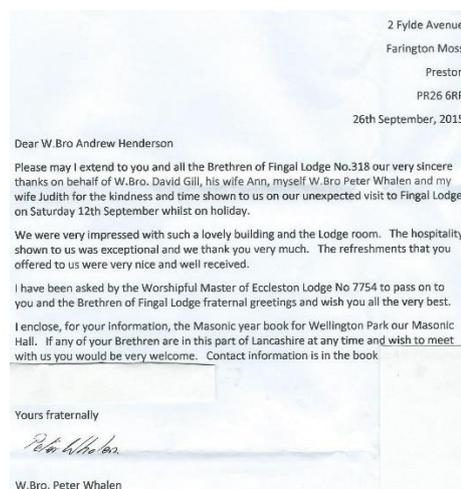
Gairloch Heritage Museum, Gairloch and Ullapool Museum, Ullapool.

With adequate staff to cover the 6 hours and copious quantities of tea, coffee and home baking to the fore we were very pleasantly surprised with the steady flow of visitors of all age groups to the lodge, the ante-room cum museum display and the Logie Lounge. Feedback forms were available and eagerly completed by the vast majority of attendees (over their refreshments!).

The writer was particularly pleased to see, among the patrons, two couples whom he had bumped into the previous weekend at the Aultguish Inn, by Garve where they visit a couple of times during the year from their home Leyland, Preston. Their association with the Craft can be seen from the accompanying letter of appreciation from W. Bro. Peter Whalen of their afternoon and the photo taken to mark their presence among us.

In the letter Peter refers to the Masonic Year Book for Wellington Park their Masonic Hall and, among the many lodges and orders in the YB, there are the details of Eccleston Lodge No. 7754 in which he and fellow holidaymaker David Gill both hold offices as Tyler and Assistant Director of Ceremonies respectively – the YB is now in the ante-room cum museum in Fingal where it can be readily viewed.

[Andrew Henderson](#) Lodge Almoner.



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Royal Arch

VISIT TO MALAYSIA 2015.

Tuesday, 4th August.

Along with my wife Joan I met up with all the members of my Deputation at Glasgow Airport. Once again I am extremely fortunate to have the support of M.E. Companions MacEwan, my Depute, Douglas Philand, Second Grand Principal, their wives Sheila and Libby and M.E. Companions Edmund and Annand. Our flights were both on time and we arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport late on the evening of Wednesday, 5th August. Overnight accommodation, having been previously booked at the Sama Airport Hotel, proved to be an extremely comfortable alternative to the fifteen hours recently spent in the aircrafts.

Thursday, 6th August.

Refreshed and almost fully adjusted to the new "time zone" we prepare for the short flight to Kuching. While waiting in the departure lounge I was delighted to recognise and meet M.E. Companion Thomas Lee Sum from Singapore who, during this visit I am to have the pleasure of installing as Depute Grand Superintendent. On arrival at Kuching we were met by senior local Companions who drove us to the Hilton Hotel. Awaiting our arrival were M.E. Companion Seppo Ainamo, Past Grand Superintendent, Zimbabwe, his wife Oili and M.E. Companion Robert Dick, Grand Scribe E of our District in Tasmania. A few hours free to relax and we later met several Companions and their Ladies who entertained us to an excellent dinner at a local Chinese restaurant. While there I was delighted to meet three Past First Principals of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, namely M.E. Companions Norman Richardson, Grahame Pengelly and Bruce Hibbard. M.E. Companion Pengelly was accompanied by his wife Ruth and M.E. Companion Hibbard by his sister Allison.

Friday, 7th August.

A city tour of Kuching had been arranged and all visitors took advantage. A very knowledgeable guide gave us a fascinating insight into many of the cultural and historical aspects of this interesting city.

Mid-afternoon we assembled at the Masonic Hall and had the pleasure of attending the Installation Ceremony of Sarawak Royal Arch Chapter No 837(SC). M.E. Companion Teo Beng Hock was duly installed as First Principal and thereafter the remainder of the Office Bearers were obligated and installed into their respective offices. Having previously attended a similar Ceremony in this Chapter in 2001, I reflected on that evening and marvelled at the manner in which this Chapter has developed during the course of the last fourteen years. Long may this impressive progress continue?

A customary well attended harmony concluded today's ceremonies.

Saturday, 8th August.

An opportunity to relax and those who wished to do so took the opportunity to spend a few hours to further explore areas of Kuching. Early afternoon we again assembled at the Masonic Lodge and attended the Installation Ceremonies of both Lodge and Council and Sarawak Cryptic Council. Both Ceremonies were very well attended and efficiently conducted in a most impressive manner with several of the younger members actively participating.

A fitting conclusion to today's activities was being able to attend the joint Ladies Festival of Lodges Sarawak and Mulu. A truly splendid banquet and a superb tribute to the Ladies in acknowledgement of their support.

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Sunday, 9th August.

Today has been set aside as time to relax and most of my Deputation took advantage of this opportunity until early evening when we were collected and taken to the Heritage Restaurant to enjoy another example of local cuisine and social fellowship.

Monday, 10th August.

Another organised tour included a visit to the Orang Utan Sanctuary in the hope that a few of these elusive animals would be visible. It was however disappointing when only one of them ventured near the viewing point. As several other interesting venues were included in this tour all involved considered it a very enjoyable outing. Our final evening in Kuching proved to be another memorable experience when we were hospitably entertained to an unforgettable meal in a "Hawkers" restaurant.

Tuesday, 11th August.

A 5 a.m. Check in at Kuching Airport and with little delay we were on board an Air Asia flight back to Kuala Lumpur. On arrival there we were met by a representative of a local tour company who directed us to a waiting coach which was to be our transport during a two day visit to Malacca. First stop was the Ramada Plaza Hotel, our city home for the next two nights. During lunch, which was served shortly after our arrival, I took advantage of the chance to meet the many other overseas visitors who had joined our company.

Representing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Victoria, M.E. Companion Peter Crick. First Grand Principal, his Depute, and their Ladies; The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales, M.E. Companion Rob Petrie, First Grand Principal, his Depute and several other senior Companions and their Ladies. Our District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia (SC) was represented by M.E. Companion John Weaver, Depute Grand Superintendent whose wife also accompanied him on this trip. I was also delighted to meet up, once again, with M.E. Companion Robert Clarke, Grand Superintendent of our District in Tasmania.

A night river cruise along the Melaka River, followed by dinner at the Kingdom Chinese restaurant concluded another unforgettable day.

Wednesday, 12th August.

Our morning tour included a visit to several historical sites and also a trishaw ride prior to lunch at the Atlantic restaurant, the highlight being the serving of local dishes. The afternoon allowed time for shopping prior to being taken for dinner at Hee Lai Tang Restaurant which proved to be another outstanding venue.

Thursday, 13th August.

The two hour coach journey to the PJ Hilton hotel in Kuala Lumpur gave all the overseas visitors an opportunity to view the picturesque Malaysian countryside and marvel at the proliferation of new buildings being erected between both cities. While enjoying the comfort of travelling on a three lane highway my thoughts returned to the inferiority of the A9 in Scotland. Shortly after my arrival at the hotel I was introduced to M.E Companion Stenning, Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand (SC) (South Island) and his wife Fran. Unfortunately I had been unable to attend M.E. Companion Stenning's recent installation into office and I welcomed the opportunity of a chat with him.

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An invitation to attend a Social Fellowship evening in the new Masonic Temple was readily accepted by all the overseas visitors and their Ladies. I was delighted to be able to spend some time with M.E. Companion Clifford Standly a Past Grand Superintendent of the District whom I had the pleasure of installing into office on a previous visit to Malaysia. Although not in the best of health and confined to a wheel chair M.E Companion Standly still shows great interest in our Order. He is now resident in a Care Home and continues to receive support and regular visits from local Companions.

On such visits it is most encouraging to witness the close relationship which exists between our overseas Districts and this was further demonstrated this evening when I met up with our Far East representatives in the persons of M.E. Companion Cameron Sloan our present Grand Superintendent and his predecessor M.E. Companion Martin Thomas and several of their Companions. Our Bi-Centenary Charity Appeal in aid of the Iris Murdoch Centre received a very welcome boost when M.E. Companion Sloan handed me a cheque to the value of £1600 as the contribution from his District. Another of these magnanimous responses from our Companions.

Friday 14th August

Early afternoon and we once again assembled at the Masonic Hall. Our first duty was to carry out the Centenary Re-Dedication Ceremony of Tullibardine Royal Arch Chapter No 399 and, in the presence of a large number of Companions, including many from the English and Irish constitutions, this ceremony was conducted in due and solemn form.

An hour's break for refreshment and we returned to conduct the Installation Ceremony of our new Grand Superintendent, M.E. Companion Ernest Yong and his commissioned Office Bearers. Prior to doing so I took the opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude to M.E. Companion Dr Kang Tee Yong for the exemplary and impressive manner in which he had run his District during the preceding five years.

The Banquet which followed the Installation Ceremony, with Ladies present, proved to be an unforgettable occasion.

Saturday, 15th August.

Not content with the great kindness and hospitality that M.E. Companion Yong and his Companions has already shown his visitors, he invited us, along with several of his senior Companions to be their guests for a farewell lunch at a local Indian restaurant. A leisurely couple of hours, food to satisfy the most discerning of palates and all too soon it was time to disperse.

Sunday, 16th August,

A 2 am departure from Kuala Lumpur International Airport, a three hour "stop over" in Dubai, followed by the six and a half hour flight to Glasgow provided time for me to reflect on the remarkable allegiance our Order receives from our overseas members. It is incumbent on us to acknowledge this commitment by regularly visiting their Districts.

Ian Fraser.

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Tain & Ross Chapter No 63

The Chapter continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November when we will be working an Excellent Master degree commencing at 7.30.

1st Principal MEC John MacInnes extends an invitation to all Companions to join us at our meetings.

Regards
Hugh Patience

St Clement RAC No 244 –

The meeting on Friday 27th November will be an Affiliation to the Mark Master Lodge followed by the working of the Excellent Master Degree. 1st Principal, MEC Raymond MacKeddie extends a warm welcome to all Companions.

WRM
Scribe E

Cromarty Firth RAC 310

On the 4th October we had our Installation meeting was held and MEC Calum Mckenzie was installed as 1st. Principal and other office bearers were installed. Our next meeting on the 4th November had to be cancelled at short notice as that was the day the Lodge flooded. Venue and business for further meetings still to be agreed.

R. W. Morrison PZ

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PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of R&C

On 28th August I accompanied the First Grand Principal Ian Fraser to the grand superintendent's dinner in Hamilton where we were made most welcome and given the best of hospitality by Grand Superintendent David McMorris and his PGSE Gordon Mather. The speaker that evening was the well-known referee Bobby Tait aka "The Mason in Black". His talk was hilarious especially if you were a Rangers supporter and going by the 2 logos on his name card there's no doubting who he supports.



CHAPTER	Installation Date	Visitation Date
Tain & Ross 63	13 th October 2015	9 th February 2016 (Second Tuesday)
St Clement 244	30 th October 2015	29 th April 2016 (Last Friday)
Cromarty Firth 310	7 th October 2015	4 th March 2016 (First Friday)
Hebrides 364	13 th October 2015	12 th May 2016 (Second Tuesday)

AGM in Dingwall on Saturday 28th May 2016

Donald MacLeod
PG Superintendent

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Guild Lodges

Moray Guild Lodge

Regular Meeting will be held in The Masonic Temple, Lodge St John No.193, Rothes on 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Highland Guild Lodge

Next Regular Meeting will be on 12th February 2016

Rosicrucian College – Inverness

The next Regular Convocation of the College to be held in the Chapter Room, 3 Gordon Terrace, Inverness on Monday 9 November 2015 at 7.30pm

PRECEPTORY OF THE WESTERN ISLES.

Andrew Morrison DGP of The North in Scotland visited Western Isle Preceptory on 31st October and I've attached a picture of him and his very distinguished deputation.



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District Programme for 2015-2016

Preceptory	Installation Date	Visitation Date
Highland No.39	18 th September 2015	15 th April 2016 (Third Friday)
Western Isles No.124	31 st October 2015	23 rd April 2016 (Fourth Saturday)
Ross No.138	6 th November 2015	5 th February 2016 (First Friday)
Maison Dieu No.101	13 th November 2015	11 th March 2016 (Second Friday)
Lochaber & Lorne No139	16 th November 2015	18 th April 2016 (Third Monday)
St Fergus No.44	19 th November 2015	17 th March 2016 (Third Thursday)

The District AGM will be held in the Masonic Temple, Inverness, on Friday 15th April 2016 at 6.30 pm prompt.

Donald MacLeod

SNIPPET FROM THE PAST – November 2005

Once again I am indebted to PM, Bro Roddy Cade, Lodge Rosehaugh. His contribution this month is, as usual, what we have come to expect -

After the meeting the RWM noticed a visitor standing alone so he went over to chat. "Hope you enjoyed the meeting said he" said he. "It was super" replied the visitor, "nearly as good as our Lodge." The RWM was a little perturbed by such a reply but continued, "We are rather proud of our old Temple" to which the visitor responded - "not as good as ours". The RWM, a very patient man, continued, "Well, at least you must have enjoyed the dinner, we pride ourselves on the quality of the festive board." Straight back came the visitor, "Ours tastes much better". By this time the RWM's patience was exhausted. "Tell me, is there anything, anything at all, that you find our Lodge does equally well or perhaps better than your own". The visitor pondered for some time and eventually said - "well, there is one thing. Your Lodge does seem to attract a better class of visitor than our Lodge does."

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Donation of Music Keyboards
By Lodge Mount Longonot
to the orphanage Kings Kids Village
Playing
Jack and the Beanstalk; A Piano Adventure
at Paa Ya Paa Ridgeway . Nairobi on Sunday 11 October 2015



On all of my visits to East Africa I have been fortunate enough to meet with the Brethren of Lodge Longonot – here are a couple of photo's to demonstrate that Scottish Lodges the world over are helping out those who most need it.

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Top – some of the children from the Orphanage

Above – Past Master Jilo Quraishy presenting one of the keyboards to the school – right behind Bro Jilo is his son Bro Eddie Quraishy the current Master of Lodge Longonot.

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SILENT AUCTION:



Brother Alex Huskie of Millennium Mark, on hearing about the problems the Mountain View School for Deaf Children were experiencing, contacted me and very kindly and generously offered the above items to help raise money toward the project. Having discussed his kind offer at Provincial, it was decided that given the wide circulation of the Patter that we put both items up for auction. You can bid on the black box, the red box or both. As a guide, they would retail together at over £200. Every penny made through the auction will go directly to the Malawi Appeal Fund in Provincial Grand Lodge. Offers by email to w.r.mcgee@btinternet.com