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2008 Syllabus

- April 10 : F.C. Degree Provincial Visitation
- April 24 : M.M. Degree Conferred by 312 Past Masters
- May 8 : M.M.M. Degree Conferred by Stirling Rock RAC No.2
- May 29 : M.M.M. Degree Conferred by 312 at The Athol Lodge of Kirkintilloch No.384

More dates to be confirmed including possible summer meetings

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The Masters Column

Hello Brethren; Easter has passed and I thought it would be a good idea to start up the 312 News letter again.

Some years ago, as a newly made M.M., it was promised that if my footsteps should travel in that direction I would be rewarded with profit as well as pleasure.

Well Brethren, the profit has been in it's teachings over the past years and the pleasure is being with you, the Brethren.

I am looking forward to the summer meetings

Brethren, some of the highlights as master has been visiting other lodges with strong support from the Bannockburn brethren (most times with 20 - 30 in a deputation), but my most pleasing duty has been visiting Bannockburn Hospital & Fairview Nursing Home on March 23rd this year with other brethren delivering Easter Eggs. The joy on the patients faces is as good as being the R.W.M. of 312.

I am enjoying my second term as R.W.M. and would like to thank my I.P.M., P.M.s, Office Bearers and Brethren thus far for all of their support both upstairs in the Temple and downstairs in Harmonies, but would love to see lost brothers returning.

No Brethren, this is not a begging letter but a plea for you to come along and participate. Please don't leave your lodge in the hands of other people, come and give us your support

I hope this letter finds you all in the best of health and look forward to seeing you return to our meetings, where you will be welcomed with a warm handshake of friendship.

Yours fraternally

Bro. Thomas J. Campbell
R.W.M.



R.W.M. BRO. THOMAS CAMPBELL

Change of Address

It was agreed by the General Committee that the newsletter be mailed to every member.

It is inevitable that a number of the addresses on file will be out of date.

Whenever a brother moves house, would he please make a point of advising the Bro. Secretary of his new address.

Should you have previously moved house and suspect that your old address is still on file, would you please check with the Bro. Secretary.

Office Bearers

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- R.W.M. Bro. Thomas Campbell
- I.P.M. Bro. John Davidson P.M.
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- I.G. Bro. Robert McGregor
- S.S. Bro. Paul McLunge
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Test Fees

Should any brother have forgotten to pay his annual Test Fee, the Bro. Treasurer would be pleased to receive your £25 for the current year.



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Ladies Column

Brethren, since the earlier additions of the 312 News, Mrs Jane Campbell, Mrs Ann McAulay and Mrs Agnes Mathers have kept the 'Ladies Night' going.

The main purpose of which is to raise funds for the Social Club, but doubled up for the men to give the Ladies the night off to relax and let the men cater for their needs. In years gone by the ladies have funded the re-carpeting of the club and the fitting of a new dance floor. The ladies have painted the walls and also turned their hand to making new curtains for the Social Club along with many other unsung chores. Their aim this year is to raise enough money to refurbish the Gents toilets.

We, the Lodge, thank these ladies for their aimless work to keep the interior of the building a pleasure to come along to.

HM Forces Personnel

The Lodge extends fraternal greetings and best wishes to all members serving in HM Forces, either at home or abroad.

These wishes are further extended to Lodge members who have family serving Queen and Country.

It is hoped that in future editions of the Newsletter we will be able to feature our members, and family members, with an update on how they are doing – up to date information would be appreciated and should be passed to the RWM or any Office-bearer.

We would also like to mail a copy of the newsletter to our serving Lodge members and it would be appreciated if current addresses could be passed on.

A Puzzled Mother

Where have all my laddies gone
Asked a puzzled Mother
"They never come tae see me now;
Have ye seen them, Brother?"

They promised faithfully twice a month
They'd come and knock my door
But sad to say they've gone astray
And don't come round no more

Many a night the rafters rang
With songs and wit a-plenty;
But nowadays the house looks bare
The chairs and tables empty

The other night was like auld times
We had our Installation
They fairly gladdened up the house
Wi' sounds o' celebration

But once again the house is quiet
And the memories begin to wane
Until September's Thursday nights
When we're due to meet again

So if you see my laddie's then
Mind and tell then Brother,
If they're within a cable length
Drop in and see their Mother!

312 Social Club

The 312 Social Club is open most Friday nights for a drink. Every Saturday night we have 'Live Cabaret'. To enquire about hiring the club for a party contact the lodge on 01786 811388 for details.

Almoners Report

Brethren,

Since the last 312 News was printed, many brethren have passed away to 'The Grand Lodge Above'. At this time the thoughts of 312 go to everyone concerned. I hope to update this column with news of how the brethren and their families are doing.

When I took over the position of Almoner in 2005, I was quick to realise that I needed the expert and friendly guidance of Bro. Alex Buchanan P.M. who had carried out this role for many years. With Alex's support, I have really enjoyed the role. It has been a privilege and a pleasure doing this job and I hope to be able to carry on the important work that the role of Lodge Almoner requires.

So if any brother knows of any brother or family that would like a visit at home or hospital or would like just a phone call or a get well soon card, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 01786 816466.

Speakers Night

The 2008 Speakers night will be held on Fri 23rd May. The speakers are Mr Alan Rough, Mr Joe Camay, Mr Alex Smith, Mr Tom Paterson PM 771 and Mr John Rankin PM 312 will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Tom Campbell RWM 312.

P.M.s Corner

Bro. George D. McPherson P.M. born 26/04/30 was initiated into Freemasonry 1954-1955.

I have held most offices in the lodge with the exception of Treasurer and Secretary. I was installed as R.W.M. on the 13th December 1965 and believe I am the oldest P.M. of the Lodge. I carried out the Mark Degree for many years with Ian Chalmers P.M. as Conductor. I enjoyed every moment spent in the Masonic Brotherhood until illness overcame me in 1998.

I married Ida in 1959, who supported me through my Masonic career. Our Golden Wedding will be on 31st July 2009. We have 3 children (2 Girls & 1 Boy) and 7 Grandchildren. I have been a member of Murrayfield Church since 1946. I would like to wish the Lodge my fraternal greetings and wish all my friends good health for the future.