



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

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At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Brethren

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Mrs Dawn Oliff has kindly passed on the following received from Adam Gaines of Prostate Cancer Scotland

‘I thought you might be pleased to hear that we have recently launched some new services (called COMPASS) for men with prostate cancer and their families to help them navigate prostate cancer. These services include a new Living Well with Prostate Cancer course, which is a free seven week online course for men in Scotland diagnosed with or living with prostate cancer and is available to men across Scotland. The course is run in partnership with Maggie’s Edinburgh. The second group of services are free one to one support sessions/appointments for men with prostate cancer, who might wish to talk with a cancer support specialist with specialist knowledge of prostate cancer about their treatment, symptoms, side effects, or the impact that prostate cancer has had/is having on their life. All sessions are confidential and are available by phone, online/video, or socially distanced face to face. These one to one services are in partnership with Maggie’s Highlands and Maggie’s Edinburgh and are available for men in the Highlands and in the Lothians. We hope soon to also develop a similar service in the West of Scotland. Information about the COMPASS services and how to book on the course, or a one to one appointment are to be found at <https://www.prostatescotland.org.uk/help-and-support-> I would be most grateful if in due course you might be able to let Lodges know about these services, in case they might be useful for members of the craft, or family members and friends. Also, we know Lodges have such important roles in their communities and we should be grateful if Lodges might also be able to help us spread the word about these new services’.

Brethren – as Adam Gaines requests, please make this information as widely known as you can – thank you.



Latest news from the Scottish Constitution Freemasonry Supports Facebook page is as follows –

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Scottish.Constitution.Freemasonry.Supports/>

	Last week	This week
Members	3883	3903
Posts	460	465
No of Members posting	204	205
Lodges mentioned	243	244
Provinces mentioned	31	31
Districts & Lodges abroad	17	17
Monetary Value	£340,235	£343,801

SCFS Overseas Report

- We welcomed another **10** Overseas Brethren this week.
- Our Overseas Membership is now standing at **1150** Members.
- The geographical spread of Overseas Members this week saw Brethren being welcomed from ... The Bahamas, Jamaica, Middle East, North Island New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago and Grenada
- The largest increase in membership was from the **District of the Bahamas**.
- *Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1756* and *Lodge Maxwell, No. 1837*, equally had the largest number of Brethren joining from an individual Lodge.
- The Masonic audience viewing the examples of the excellent support being shared on the SCFS page was further extended as new International Constitution Members joined the group from the *Grand Lodge of India*, *Grande Loge Nationale Française*, *Grand Lodge of Victoria* and the *Grand Lodge of Washington*.
- Excellent posts were received from the District of **Botswana**, the District of **Lebanon** and the District of the **Middle East** ... posts from other Districts are actively being sought and eagerly awaited.

The Watch Chain which is being raffled for the Masonic Homes is currently at the Edinburgh assay office getting Hallmarked. To date, 395 tickets have been sold but there is still plenty time to purchase one (or more) if you haven't already done so. Each draw entry costs £5 and if you would like to participate, please email John at john.muir1779@gmail.com

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the sudden passing of our District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand, Brother John Aldcroft. A letter of condolence has been sent to the family and to members of the District Grand Lodge. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this sad time.

Finally, can I thank all of you who kindly and thoughtfully got in touch with regard to my receiving the Poppy Scotland President's Award 2020. Your generous comments were very much appreciated – thank you.

In the meantime, please stay safe, look after yourselves and each other.

Ramsay McGhee

Grand Master Mason

