

# The Ailsa Craig

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*(His Master's Voice)*

*(RWM. Bro. Malcolm Davis continues in the Chair for a second term and will be shuttling between KL and Singapore for the meetings)*

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## Fixtures and Fittings

*(Lodge Activities)*

A Third Degree is programmed for 27<sup>th</sup> April. The Lodge activities for the rest of the year will be published when available

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## Tinkers Corner

*(The latest gossip)*

- **Ailsa Ladies Night**

Our WJW has planned the Ladies Night to be on Saturday, June 17, 2000 at the Malay Village, Singapore. Tickets will be \$85, so please note this in your diaries and invite friends/potential members.

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## The Classifieds

*(Awaits your Ad)*

- The Lodge Ailsa Membership Directory is attached as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file. You may print it out larger than the previous hard copy to suite your own binders. If your details are incorrect or not complete, please give an updated copy to the WJW so that the next issue in about six months will be accurate.

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## Post Script

*(The Last Word in Masonry)*

To the Worthy Secretary  
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28th September 1999

**Bro Gartshore,**

Thank you for your letter of the 6th September 1999, it arrived last week.  
Your Lodge has every reason to be proud of

working the McBride ritual, it is, when properly done, probably the most beautiful Masonic degree worked in masonry, and in the past 47 years, I have never heard anything is equal.

As to how the situation in Lodge Ailsa came to be is as follows:-

In 1972, brother David Liddell Grainger was the Grand Master Mason, and he requested through the Grand Secretary, permission from me as the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Progress No.873, that, as we worked the McBride ritual, and that brother Andrew McBride was a founder member of our Lodge, and, that his son "young" Andrew McBride had also been a Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge, would I, since it was a restricted ritual, send him a copy to be sent to your Lodge.

I discuss the request with "young" Andrew and the "old PMs", and it was agreed, that since it was personal from the GMM, they would endorse my decision to submit to copy to him.

I sent my own copies to the Grand Secretary, who had it copied, and sent me back my own copies (they are very scarce) and that's was the last I heard of it. (I did not even know, until I saw your yearbook last year), that it was your Lodge to whom the ritual and permission to use it had been given. Since you obviously work the four degrees, I wonder if you use the McBride Installation Ceremony, because I never gave Grand Secretary copy of it.

Should you wish a copy of the Ceremonial I would be delighted to forward copy of it to you. It is "sheer poetry".

There are only five lodges in Scotland who work the degree, although is not unusual for Brethren of other Lodges, to do a McBride Degree, using one of the three degrees, but there it stops, which gives us the edge on other Lodges.

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Keep well,

Yours Fraternally

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