

Page 502 Inquiry Transcript, R.C.H. Deuchars led in evidence by Mr. Lake.

Did you socialise with Hamilton's father? - Yes, once we got to know each other, yes, we met on a Saturday or Sunday in the Masonic Lodge in Stirling.

Did you ever socialise with Hamilton? - No.

Are you in a position to say whether or not Hamilton was a Mason? - I don't think he was. I mean, talking to the gentleman that I assumed was his father I would say that no, Thomas Hamilton was not a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Pages 509 & 510 Inquiry Transcript, RCH Deuchers under cross-examination by Mr Campbell.

I think you told us that you became quite friendly with Jimmy Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Hamilton's adopted father? – I did.

And you would actually go for a drink to the Masonic Lodge? - That is correct.

Which Lodge was that? - Lodge No. 30 in Forth Street, Stirling.

When you were asked by my learned friend Mr. Lake as to whether or not Mr. Thomas Hamilton was a Mason, I think you made some reference to remarks made by Jimmy Hamilton in giving your answer that in your view he was not a Mason.

What did Mr. Jimmy Hamilton say that caused you to be of that opinion? - I wouldn't like to say. **I don't know.** Tom just gave me the impression that he wasn't interested/

interested in anything such as the Masons. I couldn't say what inference James made of that. Sorry.

Was Jimmy Hamilton a Mason? - He was.

In the same Lodge? - No, he wasn't actually a member of Lodge 30. He was a member of Lodge 76.

From the Report by Lord Cullen:

5.6 Thomas Hamilton harboured a long-standing grievance against the Scouts and the police. In the large volume of correspondence which he generated a recurring theme is his assertion that the police were biased in favour of the "brotherhood of masons" and that there was a "brotherhood" link between the Scouts and the police. In passing it may be noted that this together with evidence given by Mr Deuchars indicated that Thomas Hamilton had never been a freemason. **I am satisfied that he was not a member of the masons.**

The above represents the sum total of evidence on record concerning freemasonry from both the Dunblane Public Inquiry Official Transcript and Lord Cullen's Report on the shootings by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane Primary School.

The Official Transcript of evidence at the Dunblane Public Inquiry ran to 3,376 pages from which Lord Cullen's final report produced another 188 pages of summary and recommendations.

Out of that total of 3,564 pages the half page above was the only written record on the subject of freemasonry.

It is telling that Lord Cullen didn't give any weight to the written evidence statement of C. Martin McGibbon, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland, but instead relied on the verbal evidence of a Masonic lollipop man who stated under oath: "I don't know" when asked what made him think Thomas Hamilton wasn't interested in anything such as the Masons.