

I received a phone call from Glynis McKeand on Thurs. 18 April (see diary) at 9.45 am, stating that she approached Lord Cullen with my letter (this letter) and he declared that he was not, and never has been, a Freemason.

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11 April 1995

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Dear Mrs McKeand

With reference to the "Notice of Preliminary Hearing" about the "Dunblane Public Inquiry", published in the Scotsman on Wednesday 10 April 1995, it is in the public interest that Lord Cullen be asked if he is a Freemason, given the widely held view by the public that Thomas Hamilton's Masonic affiliation was probably the reason that the Ombudsman overturned an earlier decision by Central Regional Council in 1989 to prevent Hamilton from running youth clubs, and that his Masonic affiliation probably facilitated his application for a gun licence.

If Lord Cullen is in fact a Freemason, or anyone else involved in the inquiry for that matter, it must be insisted that they resign forthwith from the inquiry because it is far too important to allow the Masonic implication to be whitewashed by furtive operatives in the Freemasons, intent only in "diverting a discourse" - a Masonic ruse - from the involvement of Freemasons and Freemasonry.

Yours sincerely

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Please consider this letter a formal invitation to Lord Cullen to announce his membership or nonmembership of Freemasonry.

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12 June 1996

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Dear Sir

According to a significant number of witnesses at the inquiry, it seems as though many loopholes were conveniently made to accommodate Thomas Hamilton in his quest to run youth clubs and purchase guns, despite the fact that, respectively, Central Regional Council and Detective Sergeant Hughes reported him as being unfit for such eventualities. Given that Hamilton was a Freemason, I am deeply concerned why certain witnesses were not probed about possible Masonic affiliations, and if there were, where exactly that affiliation affected any decisions in the past which might have served Hamilton's idiosyncratic interests, which were contrary to the public interest.

As you know, I wrote to Mrs Glynis McKeand, the Clerk of the Cullen Inquiry on 11 April 1996 after being invited to do so, by way of a public notice of a preliminary hearing published in *The Scotsman* on Wednesday, 10 April 1996, about my concern over whether or not you yourself was a Freemason. In a phone call from Mrs McKeand at 9.45am on Thursday, 18 April 1996, she assured me that, after she had shown you my letter, you assured her you were not now nor ever have been a Freemason.

My mind was put considerably at ease by this information. Having said that, since the inquiry got under way there have been far too many instances when testimonies that demanded a response which invited the obvious questions about Masonic affiliations, were sinisterly not asked, making me feel as uneasy about the whole affair as I was after first learning of Hamilton's Masonic affiliation.

For example, a 1991 memo from Detective Sergeant Hughes calling for Hamilton's firearms certificate not to be renewed, supposedly - and conveniently for Hamilton - went missing. The man who was responsible for checking the accuracy of records held in the firearms department and for checking the certificates themselves was the now-retired police superintendent Ian McKenzie, who signed Hamilton's renewals in both 1989 and 1992. Mr McKenzie told the inquiry: "Detective Sergeant Hughes's reference to Hamilton as being 'an unsavoury character and an unstable personality' would not be sufficient for him to have made further inquiries." He also said that Detective Sergeant Hughes's report was "not sufficiently adverse" to have recommended revocation of Hamilton's licence. Under such apparently incriminating circumstances, it seems a scandalous indictment on the inquiry that retired police superintendent Ian McKenzie was not queried about whether or not he is a Freemason. If the crucial questions are avoided, the inquiry will be a complete waste of public money.

If, however, retired police superintendent Ian McKenzie is not a Freemason and his opinion is to somehow be accepted that there was nothing in Detective Sergeant Hughes's report to have recommended revocation of Hamilton's licence, we must accept the possibility that absolutely anyone in possession of firearms can become mentally unstable and later deranged enough to shoot people. In which case, all guns and gun clubs should be proscribed by law. The only alternative is to abolish firearms laws and allow everyone to purchase guns. And we all know which of the two options is the more preferable.

The Ombudsman's reasons for overturning an earlier decision by Central Regional Council in 1983 to prevent Hamilton from running youth clubs is a great matter of concern, as is whether or not he is/was a Freemason.

I am sure you will appreciate my concern and will in future prevent from effecting a whitewash any Freemasonic witnesses that try to "divert a discourse" (a Masonic ruse). I also hope you will ensure in the course of the inquiry that no stone will be left unturned as regards Masonic affiliations and cover-ups. In the meantime, I will watch the inquiry as it progresses, or retrogresses, with ever-increasing interest.

Yours faithfully

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18 June 1996

Dear Mr Burns

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

Thank you for your further letter 13 June 1996. Lord Cullen has read it and asked me to acknowledge it on his behalf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G McKeand', written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Sir

As I pointed out in my letter of 12 June 1996, many loopholes were made to accommodate Thomas Hamilton in his quest to run youth clubs and purchase guns. These loopholes, it was feared, were created by Hamilton's "brothers" of Freemasonry.

Many witnesses, I have been cataloguing, from senior police officers (curiously, mostly retired officers) to procurators fiscal, could not justify with credibility their "excuses" for accommodating over many years Thomas Hamilton's more than questionable idiosyncrasies. Not one of the dubious witnesses was questioned about his Masonic affiliation, so it has to be assumed that the inquiry was set up precisely to protect Masons who played a large part in helping Hamilton over the years. It is clear to anyone with an open and objective mind that a whitewash is on the cards with Hamilton alone blamed. It is a shameful indictment on the Scottish legal system.

Perhaps all inquiries are whitewashes, inasmuch as they are primarily designed to protect Masonic involvement, but none could be so obvious as the Cullen Inquiry, given that the public were previously made aware of Hamilton's membership. It is doubtful, however, if there was ever an inquiry which held such monumental public feeling and sympathy. Civil servants, who previously "defended a brother's character in his absence as in his presence (the fifth of the Five Points of Fellowship - the strongest oath of brotherhood)" are unquestionably intrinsic to Hamilton's later massacre, regardless of what the Cullen Inquiry's formal findings are. The inquiry will be judged on the questions which were blatantly avoided rather than those that were asked.

What is tragic, and a far-reaching indictment on our society, more so even than the massacre itself, is the subsequent cover-up

Yours faithfully

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15 July 1996

Dear Mr Burns

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

I refer to your further letter to Lord Cullen dated 30 June 1996. Lord Cullen has passed your letter to me for response.

I note that you are of the view that Thomas Hamilton was a Freemason and that further questions about Masonic affiliations should have been asked at the Inquiry.

I should however point out that evidence was given which indicated that Thomas Hamilton was not a member of the Masons and that he had written disparagingly about connections between the police and "brotherhood organisations" which had conspired against him.

Yours sincerely

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19 July 1996

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Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 1996 in response to my earlier letter of 30 June *In re* the Dunblane Public Inquiry and the whitewash over Thomas Hamilton's Masonic affiliation.

You say that "evidence was given which indicated that Thomas Hamilton was not a member of the Masons", but, of course, we all know that the simplest way to cover up for his Masonic affiliation is to get any Tom, Dick or Harry to testify that he was not a member.

Having said that, I assume your legal experience and prying mind would not accept any old amateurish whitewash and trust you received from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, George Street, Edinburgh, a copy of its entire past and present membership to back up such lacklustre "evidence".

And given that when bungling on a large scale is sustained by professional people in the face of almost wholesale dubiety from an amateur public, I, for one, realise that the bungling was controlled and so retain my right to distrust the Cullen Inquiry in its entirety and must therefore bid you to provide me with a copy of that Masonic membership list. After all, it is a "public" inquiry!

The Lodge of which Thomas Hamilton was a member has been reported in the press, but he may well have been a member of more than one Lodge. Perhaps it would be worthwhile concentrating particularly on the 86 lodges affiliated to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow (Grand Master: Henry Jeffrey, 13 Faskally Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 3PJ) and the 24 lodges in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire (Grand Master: Colin Wyse, 53 Lochbrue, Sauchie, near Alloa, Clackmannanshire FK10 3HJ).

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23 July 1996


Dear Mr Burns

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

I acknowledge receipt of your further letter to Lord Cullen dated 19 July 1996 relative to the above.

I have nothing to add to my letter of 15 July save to point out, under reference to your last paragraph, that it was open to any member of the public to make available to the Crown any information considered to be of potential assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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16 August 1996

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Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 23 July 1996 in response to my letter of 19 July 1996 re the Dunblane Public Inquiry.

You say that "it was open to any member of the public to make available to the Crown any information considered to be of potential assistance to the Inquiry" but you appear to be ignoring the information, fears and advice that I forwarded to the Cullen Inquiry on 19 July, 30 June, 12 June and 11 April 1996, which should not just have been of assistance but crucial to the Inquiry. For instance, the advice that the cover-up by many professional people in the legal system and elsewhere whose only priority was to "support a [Masonic] brother's character in his absence as in his presence": the fifth of the Five Points of Fellowship; the strongest oath of Masonic brotherhood, was the single most important factor in fostering a dereliction of duty of the highest order.

I am sure if you had a mind you would have uncovered a myriad of Masonic subverters and dubious characters among the witnesses. For example, why has no one questioned the ratio of gun licence holders of Freemasons with the rest of the general public. Are you all frightened that the unacceptable statistics end up in the public domain?

So, who, as well as Thomas Hamilton are, or were, Freemasons? Is the Ombudsman a Freemason, the man who in 1983 overturned the decision of Central Regional Council in favour of Hamilton?

Is the former Education Convenor of Central Region, Robert Ball a Freemason, the councillor who referred to Thomas Hamilton as "one of his punters" when speaking to William Houston, a staff training development officer now with Stirling Council? Given that Robert Ball backed Hamilton's successful bid last year to keep his boys' club open in the face of opposition from his Labour colleagues on the council, and despite the fact he was aware of the widespread but unofficial practice of denying Hamilton the use of council premises, together with the fact that he also knew that Hamilton had appeals to the Ombudsman rejected in 1980 and 1992 against decisions by Lothian and Fife to terminate lets of premises, it seems very sinister that he was not asked at the Inquiry if he was a Freemason.

Is Norman Lynch, of Central Scotland Police Force a Freemason, the man who worked in the computer system for firearms licensing and tried to justify to the Inquiry Hamilton's reasons for requiring his excessive number of guns and amount of ammunition?

Is the retired police superintendent Ian Mackenzie a Freemason, the man who rejected Detective Sergeant Hughes's call not to renew Hamilton's firearms certificate in 1989 and 1992, and flying in the face of the Detective Sergeant's 1991 memo which stated that Hamilton was "an unswoury character and an unstable personality ... and a scheming, devious and deceitful individual who is not to be trusted"?

is the Chief Constable of Grampian, Dr Ian Oliver a Freemason, the former Chief Constable of Central Scotland who was a member of the firearms consultative committee, was chairman of the association's committee responsible for firearms matters, who testified "he knew" Hamilton, and who more recently (14 August 1986) irresponsibly suggested that "a ban on handguns was asking too much"?

Is the former Deputy Chief Constable of Central Police, Douglas McMurdo a Freemason, the man who has now been promoted to the post of assistant to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, but who had signed Hamilton's firearms certificates in 1989 and 1995, and corresponded with him at length over his various complaints against the police force?

Is the retired fiscal at Dumbarton, James Cardie a Freemason, the man who decided not to take action against Hamilton after allegations were made against him by police investigating claims of assaults on boys at a summer camp at Inchmean Island in Loch Lomond?

Is the former fiscal depute at Stirling, William Gallacher a Freemason, the man who refused to grant a warrant to search Hamilton's home in 1983, despite receiving a report from Detective Sergeant Gordon Taylor about a complaint from a parent that Hamilton had taken photographs of her son in a "questionable" position, and despite seeing a large number of photographs taken by Hamilton of boys in a variety of poses in skimpy gym gear which were "troubling", and despite a report that highlighted potential criminal offences, including dishonesty, lewd and libidinous practices, and a contravention of the Children and Young Persons Act?

Strange though it may seem, Freemasons appease their consciences among themselves with a self-righteous, but self-deceptive justification for possessing firearms by claiming they must hold on to them in the wholly unlikely event that civil unrest and revolution might break out. It is an absurd claim which alludes to the pretension in their Symbolical Lecture of the *Holy Royal Arab exaltation ceremony* that only Freemasonry can "survive the wreck of mighty empires and resist the destroying hand of time".

That may sound far-fetched, and Freemasons may use their old tried and tested ruse of "diverting a discourse" by claiming that detractors are paranoid, but it is them who are paranoid about their silly myths and not so silly bloodcurdling oaths.

Enoch Powell let the cat out the bag on Sunday, 10 July 1988 when on an Independent Television programme called "The English Revolution", he revealed: "In England there exist institutions that pull together to overcome political difficulties." We all know of the institutions that are pulling together to cover up for the dereliction of duty by a variety of professional Freemasons in the handling of the Thomas Hamilton saga!

That could and will be claimed to be an innocuous statement to unknowing members of the public, but when we consider Powell's erstwhile colleagues in the Ulster Unionist Party some years ago, waving their gun licences in the air, defiantly and flauntingly, on the hills of Derry, we know their "brothers" in the higher echelons of society are part of the larger conspiracy. But you can't fight a conspiracy if you say it doesn't exist; and Freemasonry and conspiracies walk hand in hand!

As I said in my letter to the Callan Inquiry of 12 June 1986, the only alternative to proscribing guns and gun clubs is to abolish gun laws and allow everyone to purchase guns; and we all know which of the two options is the more preferable.

And as I said in my letter of 30 June 1986, what is tragic, and a more far-reaching indictment on our society, more so even than the massacre itself, tragic though it was, is the subsequent cover-up and whitewash.

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19 August 1996

Dear Mr Burns

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

I acknowledge receipt of your further letter dated 16 August 1996 to Lord Cullen.

Mrs McKeand is at present absent from work but is expected to return on or about 26 August whereafter your letter will be drawn to her attention.

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23 August 1996

Dear Mr Burns

DUNBLANE PUBLIC INQUIRY

Further to my personal secretary's letter of acknowledgement I have to advise you that your letter of 16 August 1996 has been considered and that I have nothing further to add to my last letter to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Glynis McKeane', written over a circular stamp or mark.

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