16th February 2023

Bellshill Salvation Army Community and Church Gladstone Street Bellshill

Mr Bill Paton Secretary Provisional Grand Lodge 33 Auchinlea Drive Cleland Motherwell ML1 5QH

Dear Mr Paton

On behalf of the Bellshill Salvation Army Church and Community Centre I want to say a heartfelt thank you for the continued supply of food, Christmas gifts and other goods donated to our Community Outreach by your organisation. Believe me when I say, this is much appreciated by all those who benefit by your kindness.

Our Community work at the local Salvation Army church is an integral part of what our mission to this area is. It is sad today, that still so many in our locality are in great need of food and essentials to make life sustainable, so the donations we receive go a long way to alleviate the situation so many are struggling with.

We pray God's rich blessing on the work you do in the Lord's name to reach out to those in need, it is not taken for granted and we believe that you in turn will be blessed for the way you have given to others.

With grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Gifts, may the Lord bless you and all those who reached out in love and to people in need at Christmas.

Warm greetings

Helen D Bryden

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A Letter of thanks from Bellshill Salvation Army

# Hall Lets and Social Functions 2023

Sat. 15th. April. 21st. Birthday. CarolAnn Gray.

Fri. 12th. May. Lodge St. Bryde Sportsmans Dinner.

**Sat. 3rd. June.** Lodge St. Bryde Sponsored Walk.

Sat. 2nd. Dec. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Installation.

Fri. 2nd. Feb 2024 Lodge Bothwell Brig 1229 Burns Supper.





<u>Fri. 3rd.</u> Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward Installation of Office-bearers. 7.30pm. Cambuslang (114)

<u>Wed. 8th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229.

<u>Wed. 22nd.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW. Provincial Grand Lodge Visitation. <u>Mon.3rd. April.</u> Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. E.A. Degree by RWM.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

Sportsmans Dinner

Friday 12th. May at 7 p.m.
Tickets £30 from N. Telfer
SPEAKERS
Donald Findlay and

Jim Leishman





February 22nd. Regular Meeting.

The Lodge had the honour of receiving three Reigning Masters at the 22nd. Feb. Meeting. Pictured with Bro. Alex Hamilton, RWM are Bros. Michael Dailly,

RWM Lodge Douglas No. 1557, Fraser MacDonald, RWM Lodge Kirkhill No. 1230 and Gary Muircroft, RWM Lodge Robert King Stewart.



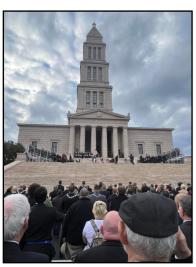
Presentation.

Bro. Andrew Millar, P.G.M. presented a cheque for £1,600 to the Session Clerk and Minister of Holytown Parish Church. The cheque was the result of the collection at the Christmas Carol

Service. Photo, Provincial Grand Master presents cheque to Stewart McNeil Session Clerk and Rev. Dr. Shaw Paterson of Holytown Parish Church.



**Provincial Grand Lodge Supports CHAS** 



#### .Historic Event.

Over 4,000 Freemasons attended the centenary re-enactment of the laying of the Foundation Stone of The George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The open air ceremony was conducted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and was supported by many American Grand Lodges as well as visitors from overseas. The venue also hosted the Conference of North American Grand Lodges this year. The Conference is an

important event in the Masonic Calendar, as the Grand Lodges come together to discuss common issues.



### **Provincial News.**

At the Provincial
Grand Lodge
Installation of Officebearers, Bro. Andrew
Millar, Provincial
Grand Master
presented recipients
of Honorary Grand
Rank. Usually, this
would take place at
the AGM in
Uddingston but as the
P.G.M. was on
holiday at the time of

the A.G.M. for formal presentation was rearranged. Pictured are James L. Jack, P.P.G.M., Alex Hamilton P.G. Chaplain, (RWM 579) and Duncan Mulholland P.G. Committee congratulating James Vasey, P.G. Chaplain on receiving Honorary Grand Rank.

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# Masonic Hall Centenary. *March 1923.*

Regular Meeting 14th. March. The Committee received an offer from Cullen and Wilson Musical Directors to run a two night opera production show in Uddingston in aid of the Building Fund. Entitled "Ju Ju" it was to be a premier Japanese Opera. The RWM reported that he had attended the Opera in St. Mungo's

Halls in Glasgow and was delighted with the production. He proposed that the Lodge should proceed with the Fund Raiser and that the Public Hall be booked for 3rd. 4th. And 5th. April for the event. Tickets would cost 1/3d, 1/9d and 2/4d.

The report by the Building Committee was read and the Provincial Grand Lodge had now approved the plans, contracts could now be placed. The Chairman, Hugh Porter, stated that every Brother should make a special effort to have the Temple erected, free of debt.

The Lodge was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree and Bro. Sam Boyce WJW of Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 conferred an excellent F.C. Degree on three Entered Apprentices. Regular Meeting 28th. March. An account for £6 15/- was passed for a Jewel for the Immediate Past Master. A Deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge for their Annual Visitation congratulated the Lodge on its working and looked forward to the completion of the New Masonic Hall. It is hoped that this research will be continued throughout this year and that our Brethren will appreciate the challenges that were faced in the planning and building of the Masonic Hall.



# Adelphi Bluebell Lodge No. 4.

The next meeting of the Lodge will take place on Thursday 30th. March at 7.30 p.m. in The Masonic Hall, Church Street, Baillieston (440)



#### Thank You!

Recently our Lodge granted a Hall Let to Calderbraes 2016 Boys Club for a Fund Raiser in aid of the Club. It was a fantastic event and the families and friends that attended raised the magnificent sum of £900. The money will be used to pay for



facilities at the Ravenscraig **Sports** Complex and new football kits and track suits for all the team. Every boy received a trophy on the night for the enthusiasm thev have shown for the

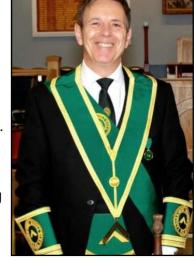
game. The Club would like to thank all the Members of Lodge St. Bryde who assisted in this their first Fund Raiser. **2024 Trip Collection.** It is hoped that our Lodge will make visits to other Lodges next year (two offers already received from Lodges in other constitutions). To this end and realising the possible costs involved, Norman Telfer will collect money from Brethren who may wish to attend. The money collected will be put in the Lodge account and any Brother can withdraw his cash at any time.

Grand Lodge Proxy Administration. Brethren you may be aware that recently I retired as Proxy District Grand Master of Central South Africa after 13 years. Last week I retired after 5 years in charge of Grand Lodge Membership Admiration. Throughout this time I have been responsible for the Proxy Membership of all our overseas Lodges. I would like to thank the 45 Proxy Masters of Central South Africa (20 from the Middle Ward and 7 from 579) for their support during this time, it was very much appreciated. JLJ

# **Provincial Grand Lodge Visitation.**

The Annual Visitation by **Provincial Grand** Lodge to our Lodge will take place on Wednesday

22nd. March. The Provincial Deputation will be headed by Bro. Laird McDonald, Substitute Provincial Grand Master. At this meeting Provincial will report on the Lodge Books and the working of our Lodge. A presentation of a Diamond Jubilee Certificate will be made to Bro. James Millar.



#### Provincial Summer Ball.

Bro. Laird McDonald, SPGM Provincial Grand Lodge will be

holding a Black Tie Ball on 10th. June 2023 in the Bellshill Hilton Hotel. Tickets for the event are priced at £50 each and can be purchased from Bro. Ian McGown by phoning 07790921421.

