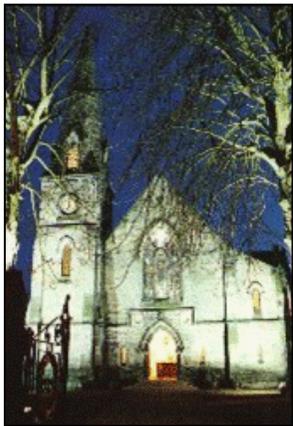




South Africa Visit.

Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. recently visited the District Grand Lodge of Central South Africa and was delighted to meet Bro. David McCallum, P.M. . David visited our Lodge regularly while he lived in Uddingston and on returning to South Africa he took Office in his Mother Lodge, Lodge Herodom No. 1768 and is presently W.J.W. David sends his Fraternal greetings to all his friends in Lodge St. Bryde.

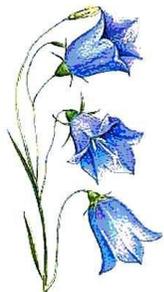
Alphabetical Roll 1876-2009. The new Alphabetical Roll of Lodge Members is indeed proving popular. Bro. Pat Clarke has more copies and these can be obtained for a donation which will go towards the Digitalisation of Lodge Records.



Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Annual Divine Service. The Brethren of the Lodge are delighted that Rev. Norman McKee and the Church Session have agreed that our Lodge can once again have an Annual Divine Service in Uddingston Old Parish Church. The Service will take place on **Sunday 25th. October 2009 at 6 for 6.30pm.** As Rev. Norman McKee will retire in June 2010, this will be possibly the last A.D.S. that he will conduct for our Lodge. The R.W.M. Bro. David Shaw would like a good attendance of our Brethren to be present at the Service in recognition of the support that Rev. McKee has given our Lodge over many years.

Adelphi Bluebell No. 4

The next meeting of the above Lodge of Free Gardeners will take place on **Monday 30th. November** in The Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston at 7.30pm.



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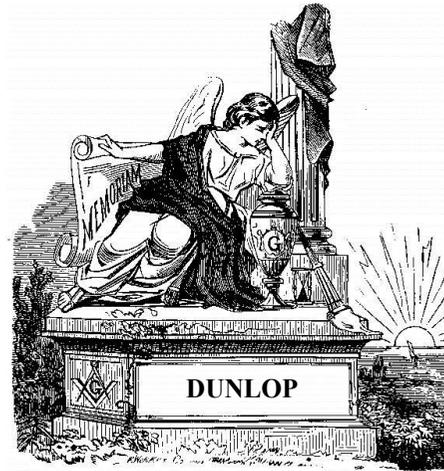
Fri. 2nd. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Regular Communication at 7.30p.m. (in Lodge 166 Airdrie)
Sun. 4th. Lodge Airdrie St. John No. 166. Annual Divine Service at 6 for 6.30pm in the Masonic Hall.
Wed. 7th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114. M.M. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, R.W.M.
Wed. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.
Thurs. 22nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge Tollcross No. 1194. FC Degree by Bro. Alasdair Dunlop, W.S.W.
Wed. 28th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30pm. M.M.M. Degree by Lodge Airdrie St. John No. 166.

Lodge St. Bryde Dance

Saturday 3rd. October at 7.30p.m.
Tickets are available from Bro. Andrew McAlpine
or
Put your name on the Notice Board sheet.

Digitalisation of Lodge Records.

Recently our Lodge embarked on a Fund Raising campaign to raise funds to have our complete Lodge Minute (which dates from 1875) professionally digitalised. This will enable our minutes to be preserved and gives us the opportunity to copy them for Historical and research purposes. If you would like to organise a Fund Raising event or make a direct donation to this important project, Please contact, Bro. James L. Jack, *Past Master*.



DEATH.

Bro. Alexander McK. Dunlop J.P.

At the first meeting after the recess the R.W.M. sadly announced the death of Bro. Alex Dunlop, the oldest member of the Lodge at the age of 91 years. Bro. Alex, the father of WSW Bro. Alasdair Dunlop, was Initiated into the Lodge at the age of 30 on 26th. May 1948.

His studies to be an accountant took him away from the Lodge in those early years but he did audit the Lodge books for a few years and he became more active when Alasdair joined the Lodge. He supported Alasdair well and was Bible-bearer and Substitute Master in the respective years before and when Alasdair was RWM for the first time. Bro. Alex was presented with a Jubilee Certificate on two occasions, for 50 years membership and just last year for 60 years membership of the Lodge. He had been a dedicated Member and Treasurer of Bothwell Royal Arch Chapter for a number of years. He had also been an active member of Bothwell Golf Club and Uddingston Bowling Club.

Lodge Tollcross No. 1194. Lodge Tollcross No. 1194 will celebrate 90 years since receiving the Lodge Charter on 7th. August 1919. As part of the celebrations the Lodge will hold a Reigning Masters Degree on **Thursday 29th. October 2009.** Our Right Worshipful Master, Bro. David Shaw has been invited to take part in the Degree and it is hoped that our Brethren will attend the meeting and support our Master.

Let There Be Light.

All in all when things are said and done you have to take the good with the bad and make the best of it, remember no matter how bad you think things are for you there is always someone worse off,

To finish off my little article, I, with the grace of the G A, will be receiving my 50 years membership in March next year, I will not see my Certificate but I shall compensate, I shall hold it I shall feel it and I shall cherish it because I know it is there .

Notebook.

Brethren may wish to note the following dates.

Sun. 4th. Oct. Lodge Robert Burns 440 Annual Divine Service in the Temple at 6 for 6.30pm.

Sun. 11th. Oct. Lodge Airdrie St. John 166 Annual Divine Service in the Temple at 6 for 6.30pm.

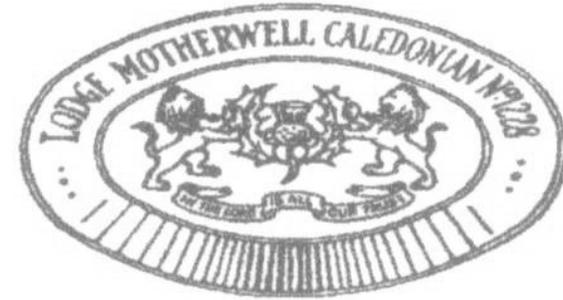
Sun. 18th. Oct. Lodge Buchanan 1499 Annual Divine Service in St. Andrews Church at 4 for 4.30pm.

Sun. 18th. Oct. Lodge New Monkland Montrose 88 Annual Divine Service in Wellwynd Church at 6 for 6.30pm.

Wed. 21st. Oct. Lodge Buchanan 1419. PGM will present the lecture Freemasons at Gettysburg.

Thursday 29th. Oct. Grand Lodge.

Fri. 30th. Oct. Lodge Coltswood 1067. Dedication of New Regalia and Lecture by PGM.



Bro. Bob Stirling is a well respected Past Master and current Secretary of Lodge Motherwell Caledonian No. 1228, he is also very active in Provincial Grand Lodge and is currently Provincial Grand Jeweller. A number of years ago Bob's eyesight began to fail, but throughout these years his spirit has never failed and he has indeed been an inspiration to others. Eight years ago he penned an article for the Right Angle and we are indeed fortunate that Bob has again contributed to our Magazine.

Let there be light

That was the title of the first article that I submitted to this eloquent and informative magazine and believe it or not, that was eight busy years ago.

Let there be light, that well known phrase but, one with many different connotations, For example I, Bob Stirling, have seen the light even though I am registered blind, I have experienced the light of human decency from many quarters, more especially from Brethren within the Brotherhood of Free Masonry.

I have no intention of naming these individual as they do not want to be thanked for, after all, they are only practising what they preach in their Masonic teachings. With the help of these Brethren I have been able to do things that I, for one, never thought a blind person could or even would do. Can you imagine a Sword Bearer who is blind?

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Let There Be Light.

Well I was that man and I can guarantee that Provincial Grand Master, Bro. James L Jack found he had a clear and unobstructed path when he entered the Lodge room with me wielding an open sword in front of him.

Since that first article way back in September 2001 I have been, and am currently, Secretary of Lodge Motherwell Caledonian No.1228, I have been Installing Master in my Mother Lodge and my affiliated Lodge in Edinburgh, where I am currently Substitute Master, and for three consecutive years Installed the Master of one Lodge and the Office Bearers of the other Lodge.

I hope that no one is of the impression that I am blowing my own trumpet, so to speak, all I am trying to do is to impress on the doubting Thomas's of this world what can be done once they accept the challenges that life can throw your way. Life can be very hard and as we read, "to steer the bark of this life over the rough sea of passion without quitting the helm of rectitude is the highest degree of perfection to which human nature is capable of attaining" it says to me, make the best of what you have and think of those worse off than yourself. Freemasonry seems to be in a sort of downward spiral at the moment, I don't know the reason or even the answer, does anyone? I would only say to those who are feeling sorry for them selves and can't be bothered, shake it off and face each day as it comes, remember the Lodge is what you make it.

Let There Be Light

Mr.Barrie, Consultant Ophthalmologist at ,what was then , the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, after he had delivered the crushing blow that nothing more could be done to save my sight, made a remark which at the time I thought was rather obnoxious, to say the least, and that was that the only thing a blind person cannot do is see. Remarkable statement don't you think? and do you know, he was correct as I have since discovered .

In my case it is true that your remaining senses do compensate for the loss of another and you develop a feeling, pardon the pun, of what you want to do and the way to do it. I remember a pupil ay the Edinburgh school for the Blind, who had been blind from birth, when asked what would be the first task she would tackle if she was given sight and she replied that she would only know what things were by touching, smelling or hearing as that was her world of recognition as I said other senses compensate to help you along the way.

As I remarked in my first article that I am no longer privileged to enjoy the scenery of my native country but I have a good memory, compensating again, I no longer drive but I can still guide folk home, in the dark, memory again and the sensation of movement .eg roundabouts gradients and left and right are basically the same so there you are, You don't have to see when something is burning , aroma takes over and a good way of revising ritual is to listen to a good speaker, sound takes over, compensate again.