

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 RULTON GARDEN INN, MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Last month I attended the Installation of The Grand Master of Kansas and his Office-bearers in Manhattan, Kansas. M.W. Bro. was duly Installed as M.W. Grand Master. The event was well attended although the venue was remote and difficult to reach by air. In fact, although the event was a great success, getting there form Scotland was a different issue ! However the good news was that our Brother, Mikel Stoops was there to pick me up at the airport after a 26 hour flight ! This years raffle prize was another cracking car, a 1948 Packard 120, two owners

Installation of

The Grand Lodge of Kansas.

and 6,000 miles on the clock !



### Hall Lets and Social Functions 2024

Fri. 10th. May Lodge St. Bryde 579 Sportsmans Dinner.
Fri. 17th. May Lodge St. Bryde Special Meeting. Lodge Mother Kilwinning No. 0 Auld Degree working.
Sat. 27th. July T. Lynch Hall Let. Wedding Anniversary.
Sat. 14th. Sept. 579 Open Doors Day. 10 am to 2 pm.
Sat. 21st. Sept. 579 Hall Centenary Rededication 4 p.m.
Sat. 23rd. Nov. Carla Callaghan 40th. Birthday.





<u>Tues. 9th.</u> Lodge Meridian No. 1779 meet in our Hall at 1 p.m. <u>Wed. 10th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229.

Mon. 15th. Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Garrowhill No. 1413. F.C. Degree by D. Mulholland, WSW

<u>Wed. 17th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114. F.C. Degree by D. Mulholland, WSW.

<u>Tues. 23rd.</u> Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 meet in our Hall at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree.

<u>Wed. 24th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by D. Mulholland, WSW.



Guest Speakers JOHN GAHAGAN and DICK CAMPBELL Friday 10th. May at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £30 from Norman Telfer. In Aid of Lodge Funds



Important Diary Dates. Saturday 14th. September 2024. Open Doors Day 10 am to 2 pm. Saturday 21st. September 2024. Rededication of Lodge St. Bryde Masonic Hall by Provincial Grand Lodge at 4 p.m. if you are attending the Dinner after

It is important if you are attending the Dinner after the Rededication to put your name on the sheet on the Notice Board. Note no bookings will be taken after 14th. September.



Grand Lodge News.

The refurbishment of Freemasons Hall is well underway. The Main Hall

is being completely refurbished. Repair work, panting and cleaning will take months and it is likely that Grand Lodge building will be closed until June. As the photographs below, the Main Hall is completely under scaffold so that the ceiling and dome window can be refurbished.





### Orkney Visit.

While working in Orkney last month, Andrew Jack, Substitute Master visited Lodge Mercantile Marine No. 453 in Stromness. He was very well received by the Orkney Brethren and witnessed a F.C. Degree which was conducted quite differently from his Mother Lodge.

Photo Left. The East of 453.

Kansas Grand Masters Lapel Pin . As you know the new Kansas Grand Master produces a new lapel pin for his year in

office. I have a number of these available, let me know if you want one. Jim Jack.



# Death. Bro. Harry McAdam The Right Worshipful Master and Brethren were sad to hear of the death of a well respected Brother, Harry McAdam.

Bro. Harry was Initiated into the Lodge on 27th. December 1978, Passed on 10th. January 1979, Raised on 24th. January 1979, Mark 17th. October 1979.

Bro. Harry was an Honorary Member of Lodge Airdrie St. John No. 166 and Affiliated when his son in law Robert McCormick was Elected as RWM. of 166. He subsequently served as Bro. Bobby's Substitute Master, the highlight of his Masonic Career. He was a great friend and Brother and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

## Provincial Golf Outing.

This years Provincial Grand Lodge Golf Outing will be held at Airdrie Golf Club on Sunday 25th. August at 10 am. The price including lunch will be £40. If you are interested in taking part contact Kenny Dalzell at akd55@hotmail.com

# **Centenary Memorabilia**

It is the intention to give everyone attending the Centenary Dinner a gift bag containing various items commemorating the Centenary of our Hall. Brethren have been asking if they can purchase the items now! To this end a very limited number of blue bags have been made up and for a price of £20, they contain, a new Centenary tie, a Token, a slate coaster and a special miniature of 18 year old whisky. This is a very limited number and only five blue bags are left for sale.



**Provincial** Grand Lodge News. *Easter Egg Hunt.* After the very successful Easter Egg Hunt last year, another has been organised for this Spring. The event will take place at Blantyre Farm Park, Auchentibber, Blantyre, G72 0TS. (the farm is on the left as approaching South Lanarkshire Crematorium) . The event will be held on Sunday 14th. April at 2 p.m. and children and families are encouraged to attend. The

event is free ,with egg and spoon races, easter egg hunts, face painting, beat the goalie and many other activates for children.

Provincial Grand Lodge Installation of Office Bearers.

Friday the 1st. of March was indeed a special meeting as our Brother Alex Hamilton, I.P.M. ,Grand Chaplain was installing the Provincial Grand Office-bearers for the first time. Bro. Hamilton was in excellent form and with the assistance of Bros. Colin Campbell, Substitute Provincial Grand Master and James Lees, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies provided the Brethren in attendance including a large deputation from Sister Provinces with an Installation of the highest standard.



Lodge St. Bryde Provincial Members James Vasey and Duncan Mulholland congratulate Bro. Hamilton.

# Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit to Lodge St. Thomas of Aberbrothock No. 40. 2nd. March 2024.

This was the first Lodge trip since Covid regulations suspended Lodge Meetings. Our Lodge was delighted to accept an invitation to attend the Lodge in Arbroath and confer the F.C. Degree. An Excellent Deputation of 34 accompanied Bro. James L. Jack, RWM to Arbroath. The Lodge last visited No. 40 in 2016 when Bro. Stuart Jack was our RWM. It was fitting that our Lodge should return this year with Bro. James L. Jack as our RWM. Bro. James L. Jack senior was Initiated into Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 during the second world war, and was stationed at the Condor base in Arbroath with the Fleet Air Arm. While there he attended Lodge St. Thomas and



arranged with Lodge St. Enoch to have his F.C. and M.M. Degrees in No. 40. Bros. Stuart and Andrew Jack volunteered to be the candidates for the evening and took their obligation on the Bible that their Grandfather had taken his obligations on. Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW headed the Degree team and again our Degree work excelled, much to the delight of the Brethren in attendance.



Lodge St. Bryde Degree Team at Lodge St. Thomas



Bro. James L. Jack RWM with Bro. Ron Nichol RWM



IS LODGE ST. BRYDE CLOSE TO YOUR HEART ?

At the conclusion of the meeting the Brethren were treated to an excellent meal provided by the Brethren of Lodge St. Thomas, a great time was had by all and the fellowship of the Brethren continued on the return to the Carnoustie Golf Hotel. Our Brother Mikel Stoops, M.W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas had travelled to attend the meeting was delighted with the fellowship and friendship that he experienced over the weekend. The Brethren were delighted with the travel and accommodation arrangements and our thanks

arrangements and our thanks are extended to Bro. lan Dick for his efforts.

Inside the entrance of the Lodge is an interesting plaque. It is made of cast iron and was found in a scrap yard and handed into the Lodge. It was cleaned and painted and returned to its former glory.

