

Installation Report.

The Annual Installation of Office-bearers was held on Saturday 26th. November 2022. The attendance was fantastic with 123 Brethren signing the book and 100 staying for Dinner. Included in the attendance were a number of Brethren from Birmingham, Blackpool and South Africa. Also in attendance was MW Bro. Mikel Stoops, Immediate Past Grand Master of Kansas and a Member of 579. The Ceremonial was conducted by Past Masters Bros. James L. Jack and James Vasey in an excellent manner.

Hall Lets and Social Functions 2022/23

Sat. 3rd. Dec. John McKie 1229 Hall Let.

Sat. 17th. Dec. 579 Christmas Draw

Fri. 13th. Jan. Provincial Grand Lodge Annual General Meeting

Sat. 14th. Jan. Lodge Bothwell Brig 1229 Installation

Sat. 21st. Jan. 30th. Birthday Party. Amanda Gibson

Sat. 28th. Jan. Lodge Burns Immortal 1730 Installation.

Sat. 4th. Feb. UMBC Burns Supper.

Sat. 11th. Feb. Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 Burns Supper.

Fri. 17th. Feb. Tannochside RSC Sportsmans Dinner.

Sat. 25th. Feb. Lodge Bothwell Brig 1229 Old Folks Treat





Wed. 7th. Dec. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee at 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by RWM.

Presentation to John McLean.

<u>Sat. 17th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde Christmas Draw. 8pm in Lounge.

Wed. 28th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288.

January.

<u>Tues. 10th.</u> Lecture by Stuart Jack at Lodge St. Andrew No. 524.

Wed. 11th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Cambuslang Royal Arch Lodge No. 114

Fri. 13th. Provincial Grand Lodge Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. In Masonic Hall, Uddingston. Wed. 25th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW.





Memorial. Bro. Stuart Jack, P.M. placed 6 crosses to remember those of the Lodge who died in World War 1 and 1 cross in remembrance of those who served and died in subsequent conflicts at the War Memorial at Uddingston Cross.

Lodge St. Bryde Remembers.

Central South Africa visit.

Bro. Jim Kerr.

District Grand Master of Central South Africa accompanied by Bro. Julian Apfel D.G.M. Designate and a large number of Brethren from South Africa attended our Installation on 26th. November. The District Grand Master was presented with a plaque of our Masonic Hall to mark the occasion.





District and Provincial Grand Masters with Proxy Masters with the District Deputation at the Installation.



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Grand Lodge News.

Congratulations! The Grand Lodge Installation, which for the first time was held out with Freemasons Hall will indeed be memorable in

that our Past Master Bro. James Vasey was awarded the rank of Honorary Grand Chaplain. This award is thoroughly deserved as Jim is very well respected in our Lodge as well as in Provincial Grand Lodge. The presentation of his certificate



and jewel will take place at the Provincial Grand Lodge Annual General Meeting in our Hall on Friday 13th. January 2023. Other recipients were James Lees, P.M. 557, Hon. Junior Deacon, Neil Cameron, P.M. 166 Hon Assist. Grand Treasurer. **Congratulations** are also extended to our Secretary Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. who was Installed as Junior Grand Deacon, a great achievement.

£1 MILLION! The Grand Master Masons—Make it a Million Appeal on behalf of Prostate Scotland has surpassed the £1,000,000 target! The official announcement was made at the Festival of St. Andrew on 24th. November.



Ian Cowan, RWM and Brethren congratulate Bro. Jim Vasey, Hon. Grand Chaplain.



Masonic Hall Centenary. December 1922.

As we have seen in previous references to the minutes of 100 years ago, the plans for the new Masonic Hall in Uddingston were fraught with difficulty. It is also clear that the organising and negotiations regarding the Hall were firmly the responsibility of the new Halls Committee. One point worthy of note, was in the

minute of 11th. January 1922 an Application for Initiation into the Lodge was made by Mr. William McGhee, Grocery Manager, Age 32, Hallside, Newton. This was the Grandfather of our present Grand Master Mason, William Ramsay McGhee!

The Halls Committee minutes make interesting reading. Lanark County Public Health Department sent a letter to the Lodge making the



William McGhee

following comments on the no conformity to their Bye Laws 12and 13. 1. The oriel window at the front of the building was not 20ft. from the middle of the road. 2. Clear space at the rear was not equal to 2/3rds. of the building height. 3. No fireplaces were shown on the plans and if radiators were to be used they must be shown of the plan. 4. Presently an existing drain runs across the property, advice required on new arrangement. 5. W.C. accommodation for lady artists in the ladies room to the right of the stage was indicated, but no provision for ladies was made in the plan for the Main Hall. The architect William Baird of Bellshill was asked to comment on behalf of the Lodge and make suggestions to Lanark County Council.

Next month we will look at the solutions put forward by our Architect to the concerns raised by Lanark County Council.

THE BOOK! Brethren will probably be aware that Stuart Jack's book, Lodge St. Bryde No. 579, The Great War 1914 -1918 has completely SOLD OUT! However the printer has been contacted and additional copies have been ordered. If you would like a copy (priced £20) please give your name to Stuart Jack who has a waiting list for copies. The copies of the book sent to Grand Lodge for their shop has also sold out!

Virginia visit.

Last month, I attended the Installation of the Grand Master

of Virginia, M.W. Bro. Donald Strehle in Richmond Virginia. Because of the Covid Pandemic and the fact that America had closed its borders to overseas visitors, it was nearly three years since my last visit. I was especially pleased to meet with our two Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Members in Richmond, Bros. Raymond Steele and Wayne Price. Both were in good spirits and were keen find out how our Lodge was doing.



Both extended best wishes to our Right Worshipful Master



Grand Lodge of Virginia 2022-2023



Presentation. Recently, Bro. Jack Cheape, Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. Andrew Military No. 668 presented to our Lodge various items relating to their Members who fought in World War 1. These valuable historical items, including a replica of Alexander Ruthven's Victoria Cross have now been

put on display in our Cabinet and within the Hall. **Winners!** At the Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Quiz competition the Lodge St. Bryde Team, consisting of Ian Cowan, RWM, Jim Vasey, Bryce Morrison and Alex Hamilton won the Alasdair Dunlop Trophy in a tie breaker with Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. This was the first time that our Lodge had won the event which was named in memory of our late Past Master, Alasdair Dunlop.



LODGE St. BRYDE No. 579 CHRISTMAS DRAW

Saturday 17th. December 2022 at 8 p.m. in the Lounge See Duncan Mulholland for tickets.