



This Poem was written in 1869 and was sent to The Right Angle by Bro. Bob Edgar, P.M.

And people stayed at home  
 And read books  
 And listened  
 And they rested  
 And did exercises  
 And made art and played  
 And learned new ways of being  
 And stopped and listened  
 More deeply.  
 Someone meditated  
 Someone prayed  
 Someone met their shadow  
 And people began to think differently  
 And people healed  
 And in the absence of people  
 Who lived in ignorant ways  
 Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
 The earth also began to heal.  
 And when the danger ended  
 And people found themselves  
 They grieved for the dead  
 And made new choices  
 And dreamed of new visions  
 And created new ways of living  
 And completely healed the Earth  
 Just as they were healed.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ**

ALL Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meetings and Deputations have been cancelled until the Lodge receives formal notice from Grand Lodge.



**Covid19 Update** As you are aware all Masonic Meetings in Scotland and our Districts overseas have been cancelled. A number of Lodges had arranged dates this year with Grand Lodge for their celebrations, Centenaries, Bicentenaries etc. and these have had to be cancelled. M.W. Bro. W. Ramsay McGhee, Grand Master Mason has advised Grand Committee of a rescheduled programme of events which hopefully will start in September (depending on the Government guidelines). The rescheduled events have meant that the following will not now take place. Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 Centenary celebrations due on 19th. September and Lodges Motherwell Caledonian No. 1228, Kirkhill No. 1230 and Avon No. 1231 Centenary celebrations due on 17th. October have been put back to 2021 (dates to be confirmed) . Six new Provincial Grand Masters were due to be Installed this year and a proposal has been agreed that a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held in Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh on Saturday 24th. October 2020 and the six new Provincial Grand Masters and their Commissioned Office-bearers will be Installed by the G.M.M. all Members of Grand Lodge are invited to attend this unique meeting. Lodge St. Bryde Members will be kept updated on any rescheduled meetings.

**Important Notice.**

At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, The Grand Master Mason proposed that Grand Lodge Law 126 be suspended from 6th. February for one year.

This means that a Brother wishing to clear his Test Fee arrears with his Lodge (usually two years + the current year) from the 6th. February will only require to pay one year to clear his arrears.

In our Lodge this means a Fee of £35.

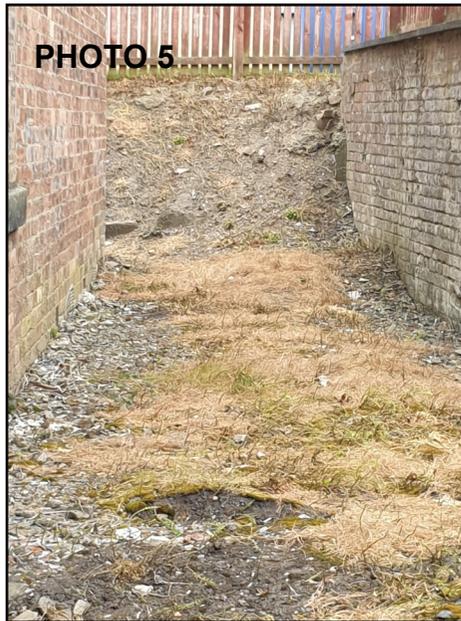
If a Brother of Lodge St. Bryde wishes to take up this offer and clear his arrears contact the Lodge Secretary.

Photo Right  
The Lounge  
looks great  
after the  
initial clean  
up.



Photo Left  
The Ladies Toilet  
has been  
completely  
redecorated

**STAY SAFE !**



**Weedkilling.** (Photos 5 & 6) Oh yes ! We are still fighting against the Horse Tail weed which was taking over the side and rear of the building. This is a difficult weed to control and sometimes takes years of treatment to completely eradicate. However, we are getting there. We hope that once this weed has been confirmed as eradicated a membrane and chips will be spread on this side of the Hall to tidy up the outlook. Because of the nature of this weed spreading, we can only do this when we are sure that it is gone.

**Next.** We await notification from the Central Heating Contractor to confirm a starting date. He has been in contact with us and all our equipment has arrived at his premises. His company is presently in lockdown. His work will include the replacement of the four Main Hall heaters and an extension of the Lounge heating which will involve the installation of four heaters in the TV end of the Lounge to improve the heating in that area.

Dear Brethren,

I hope that this finds you and your family well and in good health.

I write to you regarding the Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 financial position since the Grand Master Mason suspended all Masonic Meetings and the Government applied a Lock Down. This effectively means that we have had no income other than the contributions made with regard to Test Fees paid by Brethren using the Standing Order Scheme.

I know that some Brethren have been worried about our financial position and I write to inform you of the actions that I have taken and the results.

I contacted the Scottish Government regarding our Small Business being in financial difficulty if the Lock Down continued and we continue to have little income. I was directed to South Lanarkshire Finance and Corporate Resources Department who were acting on behalf of the Government and it seemed that we may qualify for a grant from The Scottish Government Coronavirus Business Support Fund. This was due to our Small Business status and the fact that we receive 100% Rates Relief from South Lanarkshire Council.

I made application on behalf of our Lodge and was informed on 13<sup>th</sup>. April 2020 that our Application had been successful.

I can now inform you that a Grant of £10,000 has now been paid into the Lodge St. Bryde Bank Account from the Scottish Government. We do not need to return this Grant at a future date. This should help our finances considerably over the coming months and I hope that this news may relieve any concerns that you may have had.

As it is unlikely that we will meet again before September, please keep safe.

Yours Faithfully and Fraternaly,  
James L. Jack, *Past Master, Secretary.*

**579 Sponsored Walk.** The Annual Lodge St. Bryde Sponsored Walk to Lodge Eastmuir in aid of Cancer Research which was due to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. June has been postponed because of the Coronavirus situation. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup>. Consecutive Sponsored Walk that Bro. Norrie Telfer has organised and it is important that we carry on with his excellent work at a later date.

### Phase Three of the Restoration Works begin !

The latest stage of the internal restoration works has started and has gone really well. Observing strict Government Guidelines and taking all necessary precautions, the following works were undertaken.

**Lounge Lighting** Stuart Jack has replaced the Lounge ceiling lighting with 15 LED spotlights. And has also replaced the **Bar Lighting** with similar lighting. The Air Circulation Unit in the centre of the ceiling was also removed as was the old light fittings. The Lounge Ring Main was extended to accommodate the central heating modifications. **Plasterwork.** Lounge ceiling was made good where the old air conditioning unit hung, the plaster in the Ladies Toilet was taken back to the brickwork and re-plastered, the alcove ceiling in

the Lounge was skimmed over the old artex. The Kitchen ceiling was due to be repaired on closer inspection it was deemed to be beyond economical repair and it was decided that the best course of action was to replace the whole ceiling. This was in line with the South Lanarkshire Council recommendations for catering premises. **Painting.** Norrie Telfer painted the Lounge, ceiling, walls and varnished the Bar. The Ladies Toilet was also painted as was the Kitchen ceiling. A new light was installed in the Kitchen.



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2

Photo 1. Stuart Jack starts work on marking out and cutting new light holes. Photos 2 and 3 Lounge alcove skimmed, old light fitting holes and air conditioning unit holes made good.



PHOTO 3



PHOTO 4

Photo 4. Painter work starts in Lounge. Walls and ceiling given two coats. This is a freshen up of the Lounge. In the future the paper will be stripped back and the walls made good before final decorating for the Centenary of our Hall.