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November Masonic Diary

Tues. 13th. Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Bothwell
Brig No. 1229. M.M. Degree by Bro. Duncan
Mulholland, RWM

Wed. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular
Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Memorial Service.

Sat. 24th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Installation of
Office-bearers at 4 p.m.

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

Sat. 1st. Dec. Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288.
Installation of Office-bearers at 4 p.m.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Installation of Office-bearers Saturday 24th. November at 4 p.m.

A ticket list is on the Notice Board .

If you intend going to the Installation and to
assist with the catering planning, please add
your name and the number of tickets you require
as soon as possible.



Archie Tunnock at a water pumping station in Mesopotamia during the War. Water supplies were vital for the survival of the Army.

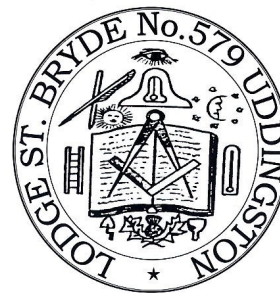
A happy ending would be short lived as when Archie returned by train to Glasgow central station in early 1920 he learned from a friend who was waiting to meet him that after serious illness his father Thomas had died only two weeks previously. One cannot even imagine what Archie and the families emotions must have been around this happy but also extremely sad and testing time. Archie now demobilised and like many seeking work made the decision that he would reopen the shop along with his mother and build the family business. In 1924 Archie married Margaret Boyd and while residing at Springfield Avenue they had two sons Tom and Boyd. On the 17th of July 1981 at the age of 86 Archie died. He received the British Service medal and Victory Medal for his service during WW1.

Today the Tunnock family brand is famous Worldwide and the factory and tea room both are situated in Uddingston. What has remained for over 100 years is the link between the Tunnock family and Lodge St Bryde with Archie's two sons Tom and Boyd Tunnock joining the Lodge. Tom would join first at the age of 18 on the 14th of April 1948 then on the 13th of April 1955 at the age of 22 Boyd followed family tradition. Three generations have played a key role in the Lodge and latterly the upkeep of our magnificent temple. In 2016 the then R.W.M Stuart Jack had the great honour to present Bro. Boyd Tunnock C.B.E with his 60 year diploma certificate having been a member of the Lodge for 61 years. **Stuart Jack, Past Master.**

The role of the 783 coy was to transport supplies to the front lines and at times they would also be required to carry those who were wounded away from the front lines. The drivers would on average drive around 60 miles a day rarely dropping below 50 miles and in some cases they would be expected to drive 110 miles a day. Transportation in a desert region must have been very difficult and to cover these distances is remarkable.

In over three and a half years' service, Archie never once was granted leave to return home to Uddingston. The only time he would have any rest from driving was when it rained, resulting in roads turning to mud which was not suitable for driving therefore the cars would not leave base. Illness was also a big problem in these areas with it very likely that those on military service would at some time end up hospitalised due to being seriously unwell.

In February as the British army advanced pushing the Ottomans back the 783 Coy was involved in the transportation of parts and men to allow for the constructions of Pontoons to allow vehicles to cross the Tigris River at the Shumran bend. On the 25th of February the 783 Coy crossed and advanced towards Baghdad eventually entering Baghdad on the 11th of March 1917. Instantly they were involved in the preparations by transporting supplies to both defensive flanks which were being constructed to protect Baghdad. The work by these men in trying times was critical for the front line troops. Sandstorms aswell as rain in winter months would effect the distribution of supplies and fuel which were vital to the men at the front. From 1916-1918 the 783 Coy would spend time in some 30 places around the area; Places and battlefields such as Kut-el-Amarah, 1st and 2nd Ramadie and Baghdad would have been known to Archie and the family still have a number of pictures to this day sent from Archie at that time. At home the family business continued to struggle and even after the Armistice was signed as late as November 1919 Archie was still on Military Service. His father Thomas who become unwell around this time made the decision to close the family business. In late 1919 Thomas had been in contact with the War office asking that his son be demobilized to return home. On the 25th of November 1919 over three years since arriving in Mesopotamia Thomas received a letter from the War Office to his shop address at 43 Main Street, Uddingston that 'necessary instructions have been issued for this soldier to be demobilized at the earliest possible moment.' A relief I am sure for the Tunnock family that after 3 years Archie was returning home.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

New Members. Bro. Duncan Mulholland, RWM and the Members of the Lodge are delighted to welcome Andrew A.T. Lang and his son Andrew J. Lang as new members of our Lodge. The new members received their E.A. Degree on Wednesday 26th.

September. The Degree was led by Bro. James Muircroft, WJW who conferred the Obligation for the first time and his Team. The new Brethren were impressed by the excellent manner in which their Degree was conferred.

Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Thursday 15th. November. The Dedication will take place of a Memorial to Bro. William Reid, V.C. a Member of Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. Bro. Reid was awarded the Victoria Cross while serving with the Royal Air Force in 1943. It is hoped that a number of Brethren from 579 attend this important Dedication Service.

Lodge St. Enoch Installation. The Installation will be attended by The District Grand Master of The Bahamas, Bro. Joe Curry and a large Deputation of Brethren. At the Installation a Twinning Ceremony will take place between The District Grand Lodge of The Bahamas and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. The Ceremony will be similar to the Twinning Ceremony which took place in June in Johannesburg between the The District of Central South Africa and Lanarkshire Middle Ward and will cement the relationships which were established nearly twenty years ago.



New Grand Master Mason.

At the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge held on 25th. October, Bro. W. Ramsay McGhee was elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland. We in Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 congratulate him on his election and look forward to his leadership of our Craft in the future.

Continuing Lodge World War 1 Research.

Archibald Tunnock

Member 1266. Initiated 3rd of August 1921 at the age of 24
Residing at The Beeches, Springfield Drive, Uddingston he
worked as a Baker.

EA Degree- 3rd of August 1921

FC Degree- 28th of September 1921

MM Degree- 9th of November 1921

Mark Degree- Feb 1927



Archibald Tunnock (seated) on service in Mesopotamia (now Iraq). Note the three Overseas Chevrons on his right cuff, indicating he has served three years overseas. As this service flash was only introduced in late 1917 it is a good indicator that this photo was taken in 1918.

Archibald Tunnock was the son of Thomas Tunnock, roll number 500 who joined the lodge on the 28th of October 1903. Thomas was born in Uddingston in 1865 and in 1890 opened a Bakers business at Lorne Place, Bellshill Road.

Around this time Thomas also married Mary Mitchell from Fairview Place, Uddingston. Mary a dairymaid and Thomas had two children, Archie who was born at Fairview Place on the 8th of June 1895 and Alice who was also born at the family home of Fairview Place in 1903. Prior to the First World War Archie Tunnock was encouraged by his father to find employment away from the family bakers business as business had been very slow possibly due to a

number of competitors around the area. Archie Tunnock took the initiative and started up his own car hire company purchasing two cars at a time when very few people had automobiles.

His licence for his Ford car was only the 16th issued in Lanarkshire and at a time when there was no local garages to even buy petrol Archie had to source his from a local friend who was a plumber.

In 1916 with the First World War in full flow Archie made the decision to sell his two automobiles and volunteer for



Military Transport Army Service Company 783 in Mesopotamia

military service. After boarding a tram to Glasgow he enlisted with the Military Transport Army Service Company (M.T.A.S.C) and was ranked private and was given the role as a Driver. (Service number 202544). Most probably due to his line of work prior to WW1 and his experience with automobiles he was placed with the 783 company who would be sent to Mesopotamia arriving in what is now Iraq late in 1916. He was placed with number 3 POL Section which would deal with the distribution of Petrol, Oil and Lubricants amongst other supplies which were vital to those serving at the front. An interesting book written by Lieutenant Col F.W. Ireland about the Military Transport in Mesopotamia gives us a great insight into movements of the 783 Coy and what they were doing during Archie's services. The 783 Coy arrived on the 16th of November 1916 and on the 30th November they were dispatched from Basrah. It is noted that the company were not up to full strength with ford vehicles as they only had 100 of the 130 required to accommodate the 5 officers and 150 other ranks to which Archie was one. The company also had no work shop or store lorries to assist them.