

### Lodge Meetings in our Hall.

**Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229** will meet on the 4th. Tuesday. February, March, April at 7.30 p.m.

**Lodge Meridian No. 1779** will meet on the 2nd. Tuesday. April to August at 1 p.m. (Installation 2nd. Tues. in September at 1 p.m.)

### Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 present The Rangers Founders Trail

Friday 14th. March 2025 at 7pm for 7.30 pm.  
Tickets Priced £15 From Norman Telfer.

### 150th. Anniversary Jewels

Brethren will be aware that Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 will celebrate the 150th. Anniversary of a Charter being granted to the Lodge on 7th. February 1876.

A rededication ceremonial will be conducted by The Grand Lodge of Scotland on Saturday 21st. February 2026 at 1p.m.

A limited number of 150th. Anniversary Jewels have been struck to mark the occasion, these are priced at £20. The Jewels can be reserved by placing your name on the notice board sheet. There will not be a restrike of this jewel

### Hall Lets and Social Functions 2025

#### 2025

**Sat. 1st. Mar.** Calderbraes Boys Club 2016 Prize Giving

**Fri. 14th. Mar.** Rangers Founders Lecture.

**Sat. 5th. Apr.** Childrens Birthday Party 1 p.m.

**Sat. 3rd. May** Lodge Bothwell Brig Senior Citizens Concert

**Fri. 9th. May.** Lodge St. Bryde Sportsmans Dinner.

**Sat. 17th. May.** Lodge Dance.

**Sat. 14th. June.** Calderbraes Boys Club 2010 Prize giving.

**Sat. 23rd. Aug.** R. Parsons 21st. Birthday Party.

**2026 Sat. 21st. Feb.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 150th. Rededication by Grand Lodge at 1 p.m.

**Sat. 16th. May.** Uddingston B.B. Centenary Dinner.

**2027 Sat. 6th. Feb.** Lodge Livingstone No. 599 150th. Rededication by Grand Lodge at 1 p.m.

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# March Masonic Diary

**Fri. 7th.** Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward Installation of Office-bearers at Cambuslang 7.30 P.M.

**Wed. 12th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. by Lodge Robert Burns No. 440.

**Fri. 14th.** Rangers Founders Trail Lecture.

**Wed. 26th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by J. Vasey, WSW. Provincial Grand Lodge visitation.

**Sun. 6th. April.** Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Divine Service, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Uddingston Old Parish Church.

## Lodge Dance

With the Fabulous group

**JUBILEE**

Saturday 17th. May at 8pm

Tickets £10

## Lodge St. Bryde Sportsmans Dinner

Friday 9th. May at 7.30 p.m.

With

Bill Copeland & John McKelvie

Tickets £30 from Norrie Telfer



### Lodge St. Bryde No. 579.

#### 150th. Anniversary Rededication.

The Rededication of the Lodge will be conducted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on Saturday 21st. February 2026 at 1 p.m. Although at this time the date seems to be a distance away, there has been considerable interest in the Rededication. There is no doubt that tickets for the Rededication Dinner, priced £20 may be oversubscribed. A

reserve ticket list has been put on the Notice Board and if you are interested in attending please put your name on the list and a ticket will be reserved. Payment will be collected after the recess.

**Rectitude Lodge of Blackpool No. 4122.** Bro. Bob Marsden will be Installed as Worthy Master of the above Lodge on Wednesday 16th. April at 3.30 p.m. Bob is a Member of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 and it would be great if some of our Members could attend and support Bob. The arrangements would be to travel back north after the Dinner and not stay overnight. Interested Brethren should contact the Secretary for details.

At the beginning of March, **RW Bro. Jack Drummond**, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward will start an epic fund raiser. He will set off from Lands End to walk to John O'Groats to collect funds for charity and the forthcoming Lanarkshire Upper Ward 225th. Anniversary. We wish Jack well and will be keeping up with his progress on these pages.

Jack Drummond  
Immediate Past  
Provincial Grand Master





National Grand Lodge of Romania (*Marea Lojă Națională din România*), which brought together three Lodges, was established in 1993. It holds recognition from the United Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in turn recognises over 200 foreign Grand Lodges.

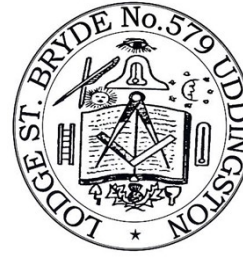


A beautiful plaque presented by the Hon. Grand Master. On the right, the New Masonic Temple and on the left the Romanian Grand Lodge Jewel. The plaque is now in our display cabinet.



#### NEW REGALIA.

The new Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regalia has arrived and looks great! The Regalia will be distributed to our Office-bearers, ready to wear at our 150th. Anniversary Rededication on 21st. February 2026.



**Visit to Emblem Lodge No. 6727, Blackpool.** Bro. Duncan Mulholland, Right Worshipful Master and ten Brethren from Lodge St. Bryde made the journey South on Friday 7th. February to attend the Installation of Emblem Lodge in Blackpool. Over 100 Brethren attended the meeting and Bro. Gordon Major was installed as Worthy Master. The Brethren of the Lodge were delighted that RW Bro. James L. Jack, Senior Grand Warden agreed to answer questions put to him at the conclusion of the Dinner. Bro. Bob Marsden a member of 579 will be installed as Worthy Master of Rectitude Lodge No. 4122 in April.



**First Deputation of the Year!** On Monday 3rd. February Bro. Duncan Mulholland, RWM led a 16 strong 579 Deputation to Lodge Buchanan No. 1499 where the members of the Lodge conferred an excellent F.C. Degree.



Six Reigning Masters who attended the Lodge Buchanan meeting



### Visit to the National Grand Lodge of Romania.

On a recent visit to Bucharest, Romania, I took the opportunity to visit the National Grand Lodge. There are two Grand Lodges in Romania, but our Grand Lodge recognises only the National Grand Lodge. I was warmly received by RW Bro. Alexandru

Puscarciuc, Honorary Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. Honorary Grand Master is an unusual office, and Bro. Puscarciuc explained that as he had been Grand Treasurer for around 15 years when he retired the MW Grand Master conferred on him the honorary title. The National Grand Lodge has over 600 Lodges and it is presently undertaking the building of a purpose built Grand Masonic Temple in Budapest.

The beginnings of Freemasonry in the Danubian Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia (which would unite to form Romania in 1859) date to the 18th century and the activities of the humanist scholar Anton Maria del Chiaro, secretary to *voivodes* Constantin Brâncoveanu (ruled Wallachia 1688-1714) and Constantine Mavrocordatos (alternately ruled both domains between 1730 and 1769). In 1734 or 1737, del Chiaro founded the first Masonic Lodge in the Principalities at Galați. Shortly thereafter, Mavrocordat founded a lodge at Iași while ruler of Moldavia. During the same period in Transylvania, known Freemasons included László and János Kemény, Count Gabriel Bethlen and Baron Samuel von Brukenthal. In 1753 lodges were set up at Brașov (Kronstadt), Sibiu (Hermannstadt) and at the military garrisons of Sfântu Gheorghe (Sepsiszentgyörgy) and Miercurea Ciuc (Csíkszereda). On 23 February 1783 Horea, who led a peasant revolt the following year, gave a Romanian-language speech at the True Understanding Lodge in Vienna, in which he used a series of Masonic symbols (it is highly likely that he was initiated).

In 1795, by imperial decree, Masonic activity was outlawed in the Habsburg empire, including Transylvania. In Wallachia, the first lodge was very likely established by Jean Louis Carra, secretary to *voivode* Grigore III Ghica (October 1768-November 1769). On 12 November 1925 the Great Orient of Romania was formed, which functioned alongside the Grand National Lodge. In 1934, these two merged with the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Transylvania to form the United Romanian Freemasonry, led by Mihail Sadoveanu and under American obedience. During the 1930s, Freemasonry was openly attacked in Romania, chiefly by A. C. Cuza, head of the National-Christian Defense League; the Iron Guard; and the Romanian Orthodox Church. On 11 March 1937, the church's Holy Synod approved an anti-Masonic study prepared by Nicolae Bălan, Metropolitan of Transylvania; this targeted Jews, who "have a preponderant, even a dominant role in Freemasonry" and concluded that "Freemasonry is a secret global organisation in which the Jews have a significant role; it has a quasi-religious rite, fighting against the religious-moral concepts of Christianity, against the monarchic and national principle, in order to establish an international secular republic. It is an expression of moral decay, of social disorder. The Church condemns Freemasonry as a doctrine, as an organisation and as a method of occult workings". As a result of these attacks, Romanian Freemasonry dissolved itself in 1937. Masonic historiography blames King Carol II, himself a Freemason, for having taken a decision to shut down the group with the support of Patriarch Miron Cristea (another Freemason) in order to rule as absolute monarch (which he began to do the following year). Freemasonry reappeared after the coup of August 1944 but once again ceased its activity in 1948, not as a result of a political decision by the new Communist regime or coercive action by the Securitate, but due to a recommendation by its leadership. Romanian Freemasons in exile continued their activity until the 1989 revolution, after which Freemasonry returned to the country.