

Halloween Dance

Saturday 31st. October at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets Price £15 from Duncan Mulholland

DANCE TO THE FANTASTIC
JUBILEE

Deputations 2026/27

Thurs. 24th. Sept. 579 visit Lodge Tollcross No. 1194 M.M.
Wed. 18th. Nov. 579 visit Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114 E.A.
Mon. 1st March 2027. 579 visit Lodge Buchanan No.1499 E.A.

Hall Lets and Social Functions **2026**

Sat. 31st. Oct. Lodge Dance 8 p.m.
2027
Sat. 9th. Jan. Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 Installation.
Sat. 30th. Jan. Lodge Burns Immortal No. 1730 Installation
Sat. 6th. Feb. Lodge Livingstone No. 599 150th.
Rededication by Grand Lodge at 1 p.m.
Sat. 13th.Feb. Uddingston Masonic Burns Club Burns Supper.
Sat. 20th. Mar. Bothwell Royal Arch No. 170. 150th.
Anniversary Rededication and Dinner.

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September Masonic Diary

Wed. 2nd. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Enquiry Committee 7 p.m.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Tues. 8th. Lodge Meridian No. 1779. Installation of Office-bearers at 1 p.m.

Wed. 9th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by RWM

Wed. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by T. Lynch, WJW. (A. Brooks, Candidate)

Thurs. 24th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Tollcross No. 1194 M.M. Degree, by RWM

Fri. 2nd. October. Provincial Grand Lodge Communication at 7.30 p.m. Lodge St. Mary No. 31.

Great Day Out (except for the weather)

Lodge St. Bryde Members were in attendance for the first time at Bothwell Castle for the Historic Scotland local event. Our Members had a table with various items of information on our Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This was the first venture by our Lodge to publicise our Lodge at such an event and great credit to the Members who attended. The event is planned on an Annual basis and no doubt we will be there next year.



From Canada
Stuart Jack at the War Memorial
containing the name of
Thomas Robertson and the grave of
John Law, both 579 Members.



Above
Provincial Grand Master with the
Commissioned Office-bearers.
Right
Unique photo.
RW Bro. James L. Jack, Substitute
Grand Master with RW Bro. Alex
Hamilton, Substitute Provincial
Grand Master.
Both Past Masters of Lodge St.
Bryde No. 579



Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward Installation of Provincial Grand Master.



Saturday 13th. June 2026 was indeed a historical day in the history of the Province. Around 280 Brethren attended a special Communication at Hamilton Racecourse where a very large Deputation from The Grand Lodge of Scotland headed by MW Bro. Alexander Moncrieff installed Bro. Norman Carnegie as our 19th. Provincial Grand Master. Commissioned Office-bearers are,
Norman Carnegie, Provincial Grand Master
Gordon Mather, Depute Provincial Grand Master
Robert Ferguson, Alex Hamilton, Ian McGown, William Paton Substitute Provincial Grand Masters.
Kenneth Wilson, Provincial Grand Secretary.
James Vasey, Colin Campbell, Provincial Grand Chaplains.
Lodge St. Bryde were well represented with Alex Hamilton and Jim Vasey both with Commissions.

Photo Left.
Grand Lodge , Provincial Grand Lodge, Visiting Provincial Grand Lodges (around 195 in the photo)

Last Meeting of the Session.

The Regular Meeting of 27th. May was a very busy event. Bro. James Vasey, RWM was delighted to welcome the RW Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Andrew D. Millar, making his last visit to our Lodge as P.G.M. He also welcomed 7 Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire who were visiting as part of a Fund Raising event which they visited 4 Lodges in 4 Countries in 4 days. The event for ex servicemen hoped to raise £5,000 , Lodge St. Bryde donated the Collection which was £375 and the Provincial Grand Master donated £250 on behalf of P.G.L. Two special bottles were also presented for Auction or Raffle and when a photo of them was put on their Homepage an offer of £700 was made by a Brother !



Presentation.

Also at that meeting Bro. Charlie McVicar, P.M. of Lodge Carron No. 139 presented the Lodge with a framed collection of photos that he had taken at our 150th. Anniversary Meeting as a token of appreciation and friendship extended to him and the visitors at the Meeting and Dinner. The Brethren thanked Bro. McVicar for his kind gift which would be hung in a prominent position in the Lodge. .



CHAS. Children's Hospices Across Scotland.

During the 5 year Commission of R.W. Brother Andrew D. Millar as Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward the Charity Fund Raising has been focused on CHAS Children's Hospice Across Scotland. Lodge St. Bryde Members have been very supportive in the Fund Raising efforts, with Duncan Mulholland and Alex Hamilton taking part in this years Kilt Walk in support. On Friday 5th. June at the Provincial Communication at New Stevenson RW Bro. Andrew D. Millar, Provincial Grand Master presented Mr. Rami Okasha, Chief Executive of CHAS with a cheque for £250,000 which was raised over the Provincial Grand Masters Commission. A booklet is to be produced with photos taken over the last 5 years containing photos of those who took part in this fantastic Fund Raiser.



Photo Top. Cheque presentation at the PGL Communication. Left Alex and Duncan on this years walk. Above PGL walkers 2026

It was a truly fantastic day, and it was a privilege to meet the extended Brown/Bisnett family, including Stacie's parents and her two children. The day was rounded off with a lovely meal during which Murray Brown shared memories and stories of his ancestors. He had certainly not forgotten where his family originated from, nor the links to Uddingston.

After a train journey from Windsor to Toronto, an early rise the following morning gave me the opportunity to visit the grave of John Knox Law, who served in both the First and Second World Wars. John served with the Royal Garrison Artillery, 293 Siege Battery, during the Great War and emigrated to Canada after being initiated into Lodge St Bryde in 1919. During the Second World War, he returned to England, where, while serving with the 48th Highlanders of Canada, he was tasked with guarding prisoners of war held in England. During this period, John became ill with tuberculosis and returned to Canada for treatment. He never recovered and died while still on military service in April 1945. He is interred in the Commonwealth War Graves plot at Toronto's Pine Hills Cemetery. Thomas Robertson, as many will know, is someone who means a great deal to me and a person whom I think about regularly, despite never having known him. At times, I find it difficult to comprehend just how fortunate I have been and how unfortunate he was to die of wounds at a field hospital near Hazebrouck in April 1915.

Being in Toronto, I felt compelled to visit the church where he worshipped and the places where he lived and worked. Victoria Presbyterian Church on Annette Street in West Toronto has now been converted into apartments, but with the assistance of fellow Uddingston man Iain Manderson, we discovered that the original war memorial from the church remains within the building. Upon arriving in the neighbourhood, I asked one of the residents if they would allow me access to the lobby where the memorial is situated. Soon, I found myself standing before the memorial bearing Thomas's name, while three residents gathered as I spoke about Thomas and showed them photographs and newspaper articles relating to his time in Toronto. To say they were stunned would be an understatement, and they could scarcely believe why I had come. It was a surreal moment, standing before the memorial and, no doubt, being the first person from Uddingston to do so.

Canada Visit.

While in America for the World Cup, I was offered the opportunity to visit the family of James McCall Brown, who was a member of Lodge St Bryde and served with the Royal Scots Greys during the Great War. James was wounded in a gas attack and was discharged due to the ill health caused by his exposure to gas. He eventually emigrated to Canada; however, he died suddenly in 1928, having never fully recovered from the wounds he sustained.

Stacie Bisnett, James's great-granddaughter, now lives in

Windsor, Ontario, and we have communicated for some time, as we both have young families with children of a similar age. When Stacie and her husband, Ryan, invited me to visit Windsor, I soon changed my plans for returning home, feeling that I could manage three connections with my book and the members of Lodge St Bryde while making my way back to Scotland.

After watching Scotland win only our fifth-ever World Cup match in the magnificent city of Boston, I flew to Detroit, where I was met at the airport by Stacie and Ryan. Although we had never met before, it felt as though we were old friends, and we soon found ourselves talking about Scotland, Canada, family, and everything in between.

After a tour of Detroit, we travelled through the tunnel linking America and Canada and shortly arrived in Windsor, their home city. We spent the day exploring Windsor, a beautiful place surrounded by trees and water. Later that day, we visited the gravestone of James McCall Brown. To my surprise, James appears to be interred in a Masonic section of the cemetery, surrounded by more than twenty headstones, all carved with the Square and Compass. This discovery came as a surprise and led me to ask several questions: was he a member of a lodge in Canada? Despite being so far from home, I was proud to see that James had seemingly not forgotten his Masonic roots in Uddingston.



M.W. Brother
Alexander Moncrieff
Grand Master Mason

which combines our Lodges in
Gibraltar and Malta.

Grand Lodge News.

MW Bro. Alexander Moncrieff , Grand Master Mason

The Grand Master Mason has again been busy, in May he travelled to Gibraltar where he carried out the 150th.Rededication of Lodge St. Thomas No. 576. This Lodge was Chartered on the same day as Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. (7th. February 1876 !)

He then went on to Dedicate the new District of Western Mediterranean,



P.G.L. NEWS

Photo right. Grand Master Mason with the new District Grand Master, RW Bro. Paul Villalta.



The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Divine Service was held on 3rd. May and was conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin minister of The Old Parish Church , Uddingston. The Provincial Grand Lodge would like to thank the Church for their support and the Brethren for their attendance.



Sponsored Walk 2026.

A great effort by the Brethren of the Lodge who took part in the Annual Sponsored Walk on Sunday 7th. June. Again this year from Uddingston Cross, up to Hamilton, round Strathclyde Park and back to The Rowantree Inn. All the proceeds of the Sponsored walk will be donated to CHAS (Children's Hospice Across Scotland)

Photo Left the walkers return to Uddingston, Robert and James and the dog left the walkers as they passed their house.



150th. Anniversary

Presentation.

The Lodge has been delighted to receive another memento from our 150th. Rededication which took place in February. Bro. Brian Gibson a Grand Steward who attended the meeting presented a small plaque



containing three small vials containing Corn, Wine and Oil used in the Ceremonial. The plaque will be placed in the Display Cabinet. The RWM, Bro. Jim Vasey would like to thank Brother Brian for his well thought out gift.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Brethren, I received the attached at the beginning of June from our Brother Martin Parrack in Birmingham. Dear Jim, At the meeting of Warwickshire Provincial Grand Lodge St Peter's Ian French received his first appointment as Acting Junior Deacon. Another 4 received their Past Rank Promotions Dan Thomas to PProv Junior Warden. However I was called up before the 'Headmaster' PGM and was totally shocked to be presented with the PGM Certificate of Merit in acknowledgment of the work done within the

Province for Masonry etc. I'm still in shock and speechless, these a few words I've sent out to the brethren of St Peter's and Let's Talk Team. I'm sure that it will sink in but there are very many brethren to thank for contributing in many ways to me receiving such an honour. Brethren, Thank you for your very kind congratulations. I'm still speechless with the honour bestowed on me.

According to Stephen Price PPGW, recipient of the PGM Certificate of Merit. Advised that currently there are only 4 holders in the province including myself. Don't really understand what it all that it means if anything. But my thanks goes to the brethren of St Peter's, St Bryde, my VO lodges and the Let's Talk Team Members who have given their support, help and time, without all the above I and indeed all of you have helped me. Thank you. - Martin. A fantastic honour for Martin who has worked so hard to promote Freemasonry in his Province and here in Scotland, well Done.

Lanarkshire Middle Ward Young and New Masons

A new group has been set up in our Province for Young and New Masons. The Group is being organised by Jack Oliver the WSW of Lodge Blantyre Kilwinning No. 557. The purpose of the group is to



encourage young and new masons to come together both in the Lodge setting and in social functions away from the Lodge. Recently, the LMW YNM group took part in a 5 a side competition organised by Dumbartonshire Young Masons Group in memory of one of their member who had died, the event raised £2,500 for Charity. In our Lodge Colin Robertson is a member of the group and if anyone is interested in joining speak to Colin for advice.



R.W. Bro. Philip Hall
Provincial Grand Master
Presents Martin with his award.