

**A New Year Message from
The Provincial Grand Master.**

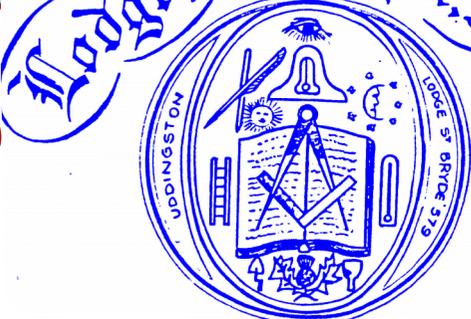
Brethren the six months since my Installation seem to have passed by very quickly and the objectives that I set then have developed with a measure of success. Firstly, I have visited most of the Lodges in the Province and have been greatly encouraged by the welcome that I have received. These visits have given me the opportunity to speak directly with the Brethren and I have been most encouraged by their dedication and enthusiasm. The Provincial Grand Lodge Homepage has been a marked success with a target of 1,000 visitors in the first twelve months. Everyone has been astonished with the interest in the Homepage and in the first four months, the visitors to the site had passed the 2,000 mark, remarkable! The Commissioned Office-bearers have led their Teams well and there seems to be an increased level of activity, with Office-bearers and Members of Provincial Grand Committee attending Installations in good numbers. In Grand Lodge the Province was given tremendous honours with Bro. Kenneth D. Kennedy being Installed as Depute Grand Master and Bro. George R. Kelly as Grand Bard. The Grand Master also awarded Honorary Grand Rank to three of our Brethren, Donald Mathieson, Robert Johnstone and James Galloway, three most deserving recipients. Next year we look forward to these important events, The Installation of Office-bearers on 2nd. March in Cambuslang, The Annual Divine Service on 29th. April in The Old Parish Church, Uddingston - I would request a large attendance of Brethren at this important event in our Masonic Calendar. On the 8th. June a Charity Dinner will be held and The Prestonian Lecturer, Bro. Granville Angel will present a Lecture - Freemasons and the Victoria Cross. Finally I would wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

James L. Jack, *Provincial Grand Master.*



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January Masonic Diary

Wed. 10th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. Gerry Sharman, W.S.W.
Fri. 12th. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. A.G.M. at 7.30 p.m. at 579 Uddingston.
Wed. 24th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M.M. Degree by Lodge Buchanan No. 1499
Wed. 31st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Middle Ward Events in January 2007.

Fri. 12th. Jan. Provincial Grand Lodge A.G.M. in Masonic Temple, Uddingston (579). The P.G.M. will present Honorary Grand Rank Certificates at this meeting.
Sat. 13th. Jan. Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 Installation in Masonic Temple, Uddingston (579) at 4.15 p.m. *Note. P.G.M. will present Honorary Grand Rank jewels to Bros. Donald Mathieson & Robert Johnston at this meeting.*
Sat. 20th. Jan. Lodge St. Andrew No. 215. 200th. Anniversary Re-dedication at 2 p.m. in Ballgreen Halls, Strathaven.
Sat. 27th. Jan. Lodge Burns Immortal No. 1730. Installation in Masonic Temple, Uddingston at 3.00 p.m.
Thurs. 1st. Feb. The Grand Lodge of Scotland. Regular Communication, Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh at 2.00 p.m.



Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 News.

Central South Africa.

Last month, Bro. Bob Law, District Grand Master of Central South Africa visited our Province with a Deputation of twelve Brethren from South Africa. I have received an E mail from Bro. Bob thanking the Brethren of our Province for the fellowship and friendship that the visitors received during their stay. The Deputation visited Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 on two occasions, firstly at our Regular Meeting on Wednesday 22nd. November and again at the Annual Installation of Office-bearers on Saturday 25th. November 2006. The District Grand Master and visiting Brethren were full of praise for the Brethren of Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 who conferred the M.M. at our Regular Meeting and were most impressed by Bro. Bruce and Gordon Reidford who were our Installing Masters. The Ceremonial was quite different from the Installed Masters Ritual used in South Africa and was greatly enjoyed by the Brethren. The South African Brethren were also in our company on many occasions during their stay, including the 125th. Anniversary of Lodge St. Andrew No. 668 and the Grand Lodge Installation and Festival of St. Andrew. Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. was made an Honorary Member of The District of Central South Africa at the Installation on 25th. November.
Masonic Lecture. There seems to be a continuing interest in the American Civil War within our Province and to this

end Bro. James L. Jack, Provincial Grand Master will again present the Lecture, ***Freemasons at Gettysburg*** at the Regular meeting of Lodge St. Bryde on Wednesday 14th. February 2007. A discussion on the Civil War will follow the Presentation and a collection of Civil War items will be on display.



for the new Grand Master of the Regular Lodge of Italy, at the presence of the representatives of many worldwide Grand Lodges. The new Grand Master who was elected is Fabio Venzi, a Roman with Tuscan descent, he is a sociologist with interests in the historiographic sphere since he has also held the position of historical editor of series of essays for some publishing houses also in English and German.

The new election has determined a new enthusiasm within the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, and a new wave of important recognitions from other international Grand Lodges has followed; with these international Grand Lodges the new Grand Master has continued to have relationships always more inspired with the ancient ideals of the traditional Masonic Order.

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Uddingston Masonic Burns Club Annual Burns

Supper

The Annual Burns Supper will be held on
Saturday 3rd. February 2007 at 6 for 6.30 p.m.
In The Masonic Temple, Uddingston. Tickets priced £10 are
available from Bro. Pat Clarke, Secretary.



The Regular Grand Lodge of Italy

Recently, Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. visited Rome and met with Bro. Nick Emerton – Court, Assistant Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy. An enjoyable few hours was spent visiting a Masonic Temple in Rome and discussing the various aspects of the formation

and the present structure of the Regular Grand Lodge in Italy.

Firstly, it must be appreciated that Freemasonry in Italy is mostly irregular and not recognised by the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England and Ireland. There are thought to be in the region of eighty Grand Lodges in Italy but the Regular Grand Lodge is the only one that is deemed to be Regular having been recognised by the three Grand Lodges of Scotland, England and Ireland.

On 30th. November 2006, Bro. Fabio Venzi, Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy was the guest at the Installation of our Grand Master and proposed the toast to The Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Festival of St. Andrew. He was accompanied by Bro. Nick Emerton - Court who was introduced to the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde by Bro. James Jack.

Here follows the official history of The Regular Grand Lodge, which is really a tribute to those Italian Brethren who struggle to keep Regular Freemasonry alive in a country where irregular Freemasonry is very much the norm.

1993 was the year in which the Italian social and political system, that the nation had lived and made its own for fifty years and more, collapsed, and even Freemasonry, at that time mainly represented by the Grande Oriente d'Italia, had not remained foreign to that unusual as much as virulent Italian revolution.

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In that moment of particular tension and necessity of new representatives, some authoritative brethren decided to dissociate from the lodges they belonged to and, joining together, they established the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy as the "sole, independent, undivided, responsible, autonomous and supreme authority over the whole territory of the Italian Republic for the governing of the degrees of the pure and antient universal Freemasonry". The new Grand Lodge had also identified its motto, which appeared inscribed inside the coat of arms: "iure veritati iuncti". Law and truth together. Thus the history of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy began, under the auspices of this binding statement. A few days after, from the new office in via Flavia no. 72, the reasons of the establishment of the new Regular Grand Lodge of the Antient, Free and Accepted Freemasons of Italy were made public. "With the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, for the first time in our country, begins the pure ancient Freemasonry, with the deep and justified belief that its principles have been definitively and irreparably violated, with the consequence that often the Freemasons have acted on the basis of rules that nothing had to do with Freemasonry, in spite of that moral perfecting that every one has the duty to realise in the depths of his conscience. The truth is that when the fundamental principles that inspire practical behaviour degenerate, everything becomes possible. In this way are born the false perspectives, the deviations, the search of something that nothing has to do with Freemasonry. Instead, the project of a 'new Freemasonry' does not make reference to a different Masonic doctrine, since everything in Freemasonry has already been written and nothing has to be invented, but this project is to know how to read the book of the authentic ancient Masonic tradition, having clear the sense of the return to the origins and from this constitutional choice come the obligations that morally bind all its members. However, for the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy going back to the origins meant be inspired by that Anglo-Saxon model of Freemasonry that

became widespread all over the world from the early eighteenth century".

The courageous choice of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy also found immediate consents not only among the Freemasonry members but also among the society in which many people,

careless about what was observed in the past on the Italian Freemasonry, asked to be admitted to the new Institution in order to share its ideals. The new position of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy was also prized both internationally and



at European level, as attested by the incessant and growing stream of "recognitions" of the new Italian Masonic reality. The United Grand Lodge of England, on the occasion of the quarterly statement of December 8th 1993, gave its much-desired recognition, taking it away from the Grande Oriente d'Italia. The decision of the ancient English group was followed, a short time later, also by the National Grand Lodge of France, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland and by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Then the Grand Lodge of Israel and the Grand Lodge of Turkey sided with the new Italian Regular Grand Lodge. Then it was the time of the Grand Orient of Brazil, of the Grand Lodge of Cameroon, of the Grand Lodge of Burkina Faso, of the Grand Lodge of Benin, of the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast, of the Grand Lodge of Senegal, of the Grand Lodge of Togo and of other Grand Lodges. After the first period in which Professor Giuliano Di Bernardo, university professor of Philosophy of Sciences at the University of Trento, had been Grand Master, there followed on the 15th of December 2001 the unanimous vote