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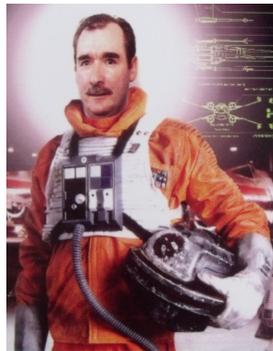
*The Back Page will look at topics and items of interest, but from not quite THE RIGHT ANGLE.*

After a few months off, the back page has returned. It would seem that back issues have developed a cult readership in England of all places ! So I thought that it would be good to give our Brethren down there a mention.

**Fleetwood No More ?** Members will remember our visit to Fleetwood “the Hall is just beside the YMCA” yes that’s the seaside town that has two YMCA’s ! A large Deputation of about 60 attended the Installation of THE MASTER at Mount Lodge, this was all part of a cunning plan to take over the Province of West Lancashire, rename it West Lanarkshire and eventually the whole of England would stop drinking wine with the master. Well it must have seemed that way to some people, a Scots invasion, the truck stop boarded up on the way down ! And they’ve already taken Birmingham ! Just when things were going well and The Master had been Installed as Master of Mount Lodge, Alas, Alas, Alasdair ! a technical problem with the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) ((if you say that with an English accent it sounds like UGLY)) Law 105 was invoked and the Master was the Master of Mount Lodge no more ! Seems that although The Master has been in more chairs that we can remember (and has the jewels to prove it) he needs to be a Warden in an English Lodge before he can become Master. Well, looks like we’ll all need to go back down to Fleetwood (the Temple is next to the YMCA) and do it all again next year.

**Immediate Past ?** What will he do ? Where will he go ? Who will go with him? No need to worry, we asked an expert, adjusting his glasses he said “He has been everywhere during his Commission. He will now boldly go.....” It’s life Jim – but not as we know it !

**FORE !** After the magnificent victory in the Bowls last year, it was up to the golfers to come up with the goods this year ! At the P.G.L. competition played at Drumpellier Golf Club, Bryce (that’s why he’s our Captain) Morrison finished runner up in the Seniors. *Well Done !* But is Bryce really a Senior ?



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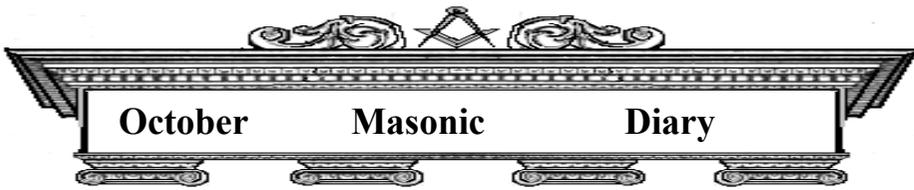
**Bro. Alex Hamilton, R.W.M.**

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**THE RIGHT ANGLE**


  
**October                  Masonic                  Diary**

**Wed. 5th.** Lodge St. Bryde 579 visit Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114. F.C. Degree by Bro. A. Hamilton, R.W.M. at 7.30 p.m.

**Wed. 12th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Annual General Meeting and Election of Office-bearers at 7.30 p.m.

**Wed. 26th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting. M.M.M. Degree by Bro. James Vasey, R.W.M.M. at 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday 30th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Annual Divine Service 6 for 6.30 p.m. Uddingston Old Parish Church.

**November**

**Tues. 1st.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee at 7.30 p.m.

**Mon. 7th.** Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Visit Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. F.C. Degree by Bro. A. Hamilton, R.W.M. at 7.30 p.m.

**Uddingston Masonic Burns Club  
No. 237**

A meeting of the Club will be held on  
 Friday 7th. October 2011 at 8p.m.  
 In the Masonic Hall, Gardenside St.,  
 Uddingston.



From that moment he became a most dedicated and active Freemason. He was invested as Duke of York in 1920 and the following year installed as permanent Master of Navy Lodge. He joined other lodges and degrees and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge in 1923.

George V died in January 1936 and was succeeded by his eldest son Edward, who had been initiated (also in 1919) into the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614. His love of the Craft was such that he Affiliated to Lodge Glamis No. 99, Scottish Constitution and became Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1936, a significant year as our Grand Lodge celebrated its Bi-centenary. But before the year was out Edward had abdicated. Of the moment of change King George VI wrote, 'On entering the room I bowed to him as King... when [he] and I said goodbye we kissed, parted as Freemasons and he bowed to me as his King.'

Protocol required George to resign his masonic affiliations, however when it was suggested a new position of Past Grand Master be created especially for him, he immediately accepted, declaring, 'Today the pinnacle of my masonic life has been reached.'

Note. In the South of our Temple hangs two photos, one records the King Affiliating into Lodge Glamis No. 99. This is an interesting photo as Bro. James Grieve a member of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 is on the left of the front row ! It is also worthy of note that the R.W.M. of the Lodge (who was the village postman) actually outranked the King ! The Second photo is of The King in full highland regalia and the Regalia of Grand Master Mason.



## Masonic Stamp (continued)

The 3d Victory Stamp was widely praised for the 'strength and simplicity of the design'. It depicts the King's head in the East, his eyes firmly fixed on illustrations of a dove carrying an olive branch (representing peace and guidance), the square and compasses (in the second degree configuration) and a trowel and bricks (the sign of a Master spreading the cement that binds mankind in brotherly love).

On the stamp the images appear in white, the colour of purity, out of purple, the colour of divinity. the three coupled illustrations are surrounded by a scrolled ribbon made up of five figure threes – sacred numbers in Freemasonry – and was the unusual positioning of the wording meant to represent two great pillars? By its name and intention, the stamp proclaimed victory over evil, yet by its appearance it expressed compassion and hope.

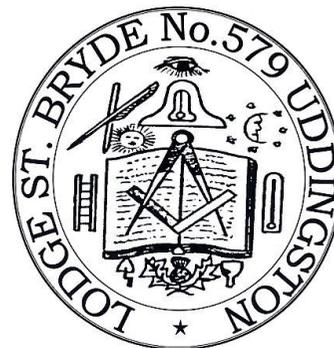
King George VI once stated, 'the world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need.'

The Victory Stamp captured those words in a graphic representation that also expressed the King's belief that the building of a new and better world could best be achieved by adhering to the principles of the square and compasses. Note. The Masonic Stamp can be viewed in the display cabinet in the West of our Temple.

## The King's Speech.

There is no mention of Freemasonry in the Oscar-winning film about King George VI and even worse no mention of The King's Scottish Masonic connections in the account which appears in the United Grand Lodge of England's Magazine ! The King's Speech has been critically acclaimed as one of the finest motion pictures of recent years and has renewed the public's interest in, and affection for, King George VI, who reigned from 1936 to 1952. The film, which chronicles the constitutional crisis created by Edward VIII's abdication and George's struggle to overcome his pronounced stammer, focuses on the moving relationship between the King and speech therapist Lionel Logue, which had such a happy ending.

What the film does not mention, however, is that both men were members of the Craft; or that the King believed Freemasonry had also helped him overcome his disability – which rarely surfaced whenever he performed masonic ritual. Logue, who had been the Master of St George's Lodge, Western Australia, was also speech therapist to the Royal Masonic School. Following service with the Royal Navy in the First World War, he was initiated in December 1919 into Navy Lodge, No. 2612, of which his grandfather King Edward VII had been founding Master. On that occasion he noted: 'I have always wished to become a Freemason, but owing to the war I have had no opportunity before this of joining the Craft'.



## Lodge St. Bryde News.

Office-bearers 2011/12. Committee recommendations for Office-bearers for the new Session are as follows, **RWM** David Shaw, **WSW** George Cuthbertson, **WJW** Jim Vasey, **Sec.** James L. Jack, **Treas.** Ronnie

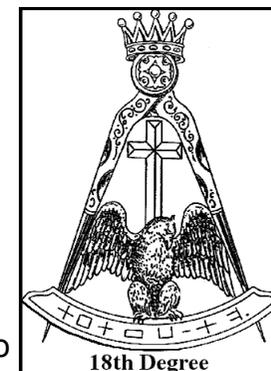
McCarney, **Alm.** John McLean, **DoC** Bob Edgar, **SD** Tom Lynch, **JD** Stuart Jack, **IG** Bryce Morrison, **Chap** Russell Parsons, **BB** Barry Clarkson, **Arch** Andrew McAlpine, **Jlir** Alasdair Dunlop, **Mar** Andrew Jack, **DoM** Robert Abercrombie, **Org** Ian Dick, **SS** John Robertson, **JS** Iain Charlton

**Congratulations.** The Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 would like to congratulate Bro. Robert Abercrombie, *Past Master*, who was admitted into Lanarkshire Sovereign Chapter No. 172, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on Friday 16th. September 2011.

Members of our Lodge would also like to congratulate Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. who was Installed as Secretary of Lodge Meridian No. 1779 at the Installation on 20th. September. **Provincial Grand Lodge News.**

The next Provincial Grand Lodge Communication will take place on Friday 7th. October at 7.30 p.m. in The Operative Lodge of Airdrie No. 203 Masonic Hall, Clark Street, Airdrie.

**Installation Deputation.** The Provincial Grand Lodge Deputation attending our Installation will be headed by Bro. Bill Perry, Depute Provincial Grand Master.



**Adelphi Bluebell Lodge No. 4**  
**Next Meeting will be held on**  
**Tuesday 29th. November 2011 in the**  
**Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston**



Brethren, I attach a statement (see below) from the Grand Master Mason regarding relations with the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise {GLNF} which should be read out in open Lodge along with this letter.

Brethren will note that with immediate effect the Grand Lodge of Scotland has suspended recognition of the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF). The effect of this action is as follows:

- Brethren are not permitted to be received as visitors from the GLNF in any Lodge under the Scottish Constitution.
- Brethren of the Scottish Constitution are no longer permitted to visit any Lodge working under the GLNF.
- Brethren who are members of the GLNF are not permitted to be affiliated to a lodge under the Scottish Constitution.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,  
Grand Secretary  
20th July 2011

#### **STATEMENT BY THE GRAND MASTER MASON REGARDING THE GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE FRANCAISE**

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has noted with increasing concern the continued disharmony within the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise which has seen internal disputes develop into legal actions, including the French Courts having now appointed an Administrative Receiver over the legal entity of the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise. Whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no wish to interfere in the internal affairs of another Grand Lodge the public schism within the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise and the manner in which it is being reported in the media is against the basic tenets of the Craft and is adversely contaminating the reputation of other Grand Lodges. A meeting of the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise scheduled for 27th June 2011, at which it was hoped a resolution to the present situation could have began, was cancelled and there is no indication that harmony will be restored in the near future.

The continuing state of affairs in the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise is liable to damage the International status of Freemasonry and it is therefore necessary that the reputation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland be protected.

Accordingly, with the specific authority granted to me by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with immediate effect I regretfully suspend recognition of the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont  
Grand Master Mason  
20th July 2011

The Grand Lodge of Scotland does not now recognise any of the many Grand Lodges in France. Listed below are a few of the many – none recognised !

Grand Orient de France  
Grande Loge de France  
Grande Loge Nationale Française  
Grand Lodge Mondial of Misraïm  
Women's Grand Lodge Of France  
Le Droit Humain  
Universal Mixed Grand Lodge  
Mixed Grand Lodge of France  
Grande Loge Traditionnelle et Symbolique Opéra  
Loge Nationale Française  
Grande Loge Féminine de Memphis-Misraïm  
Grand Orient Arabe Oecuménique

According to a tradition dating to 1777, the first Masonic lodge in France was founded in 1688 by the Royal Irish Regiment, which followed James II of England and seventh of Scotland into exile, under the name "La Parfaite Égalité" of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. Historians think such an event is likely, but it can never be proved conclusively. The same can be said of the first lodge of English origin, "Amitié et Fraternité", founded in 1721 at Dunkerque. The first lodge whose existence is historically certain was founded by some Englishmen in Paris "around the year 1725". It met at the house of the Huré on rue des Boucheries, "in the manner of English societies", and mainly brought together Irishmen and Jacobite exiles. It is quite probable that it was this lodge that in 1732 received official patents from the Grand Lodge of London under the lodge-name "Saint Thomas", meeting at the sign of the "Louis d'Argent", still on the rue des Boucheries.

#### Grand Lodge Installation & Festival of St. Andrew.

Applications for tickets for the Festival are now available from the Lodge Secretary priced £50. The Festival will be held in the Edinburgh Corn Exchange after the Installation Ceremonial in Freemasons Hall which this year will start at 12.30.

#### **THE VICTORY STAMPS**

After the Second World War, King George wrote that 'Freemasonry has been one of the strongest influences on my life' and in collaboration with engraver Reynolds Stone helped create a postage stamp, part of the '1946 Victory Issue,' which is filled with masonic symbolism.



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