

Visit to Capilano Lodge No. 164 Vancouver, Canada.

Whilst on holiday in Vancouver during the summer I took the opportunity to visit the above named Lodge, one of three Lodges who meet in the 1908 purpose built and imposing three storey Masonic Halls situated in the busy Lonsdale area of North Vancouver.

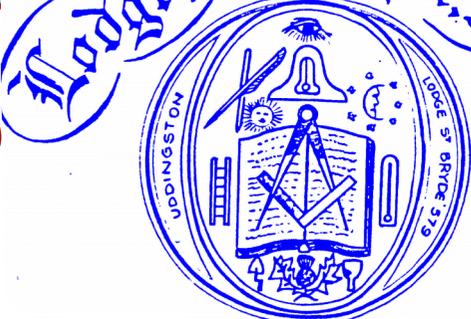
The Lodge name Capilano has a nostalgic connection. It means 'rushing water' in the language of the Native Indian tribe, the Squamish, who occupied the Capilano District in North Vancouver B.C. Canada. The Capilano River runs through the District and the world famous Capilano Suspension Bridge spans the river. The term 'rushing water' should remind us all of that part in the 2nd Degree Lecture. The Native Indian connection does not stop there as all visitors to the Lodge are greeted with the characteristic Native Indian whooping sound and are also given a totem pole pin badge!

It turned out to be a very busy meeting with the business of the evening being the reception of a large deputation from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Yukon. After the deputation had been received the Director of Ceremonies brought to the edge of the carpet two overseas visitors, from England and Scotland. When I introduced myself I spoke briefly of my masonic career and when I mentioned that I have been Lodge Secretary for 27 years I was surprised to be given a spontaneous round of applause. The Lodge Master, resplendent in top hat, and Bro. Stephen Godfrey, the new Grand Master who headed his deputation, came down to welcome us.

It was an excellent evening and there are always a number of Scots in Canadian Lodges to make you very welcome. Perhaps this is why the first overseas trip for the new Grand Master and his forty-strong deputation is to Scotland in May 2008. I look forward to meeting up with them during that visit.

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Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M.

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September

Masonic

Diary

Wed. 5th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Enquiry Committee at 7 p.m. Management Committee at 7.30 p.m.

Tues. 11th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229. M.M.M. Degree by Bro. Bruce Reidford, R.W.M.M.

Wed. 12th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M.

Wed. 26th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, W.J.W.

Other Dates.

Fri. 14th. Lodge St. Mary, Coltness No. 31. Installation of Office-bearers at 6.30 p.m.

Sun. 16th. Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. Annual Divine Service. Cathkin Church 6 for 6.30p.m.

Tues. 18th. Bro. James L. Jack will present a Lecture "Freemasons at Gettysburg" at Lodge Kelvin Partick No. 1207 at 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 28th. Lodge Woodhall St. John`s No. 305. Reigning Masters Degree at 7.30 p.m.

Hall Lets

If you would like to let our Hall for a Function.

Contact: Andrew McAlpine, Secretary.

63 Glebe Street, Hamilton, ML3 6UD.

Phone. 01698 458068.

(This advert is placed in accordance with
The Land Trust Agreement.)

Death

Bro. George Mason, *Past Master.*

It came as a great shock to us to learn of the sudden death in mid July of P.M. Bro. George Mason. George joined the Lodge on the 25th November 1964, his Proposer and Secunder being Bros. David and Isaac Rodney respectively, at the age of 24 years. He became very active in the Lodge ten years later when cousins Andrew and Jim applied to join the Lodge and all three were willing participants in the pre-centenary work party of 1975. All three became Office bearers of the Lodge at that time with George, as the senior member of the three, leading the progression through the various Offices to become R.W.M. of the Lodge on the 28th November 1981 when his Installing Masters were Bros. James Scott P.M. and Andrew McAlpine P.M.. After his year as I.P.M. George became the Lodge Almoner, a position he held for the next seven years. He was also a Past President of the Uddingston Masonic Burns Club and was last present in the Masonic Hall at the 2007 Burns Supper. Over these many years George and his wife Helen were extremely involved in Lodge socials, entering into the spirit of the occasions be they fancy dressed competitions or Mr. and Mrs. competitions. George was also an excellent singer and he was happy to oblige the company whatever the occasion. George was an active member of Bothwell Bowling Club where he was a former Treasurer and Past President. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and the sympathy of the Lodge is with Helen and the Mason family. The Lodge was well represented at the funeral.

Reigning Masters Degree. Lodge Woodhall St. John`s No. 395 have organised a Special Reigning Masters Degree on Friday 29th. September 2007 at 7.30 p.m. Our R.W.M. , Bro. Pat Clarke will take part in the Degree. Please support our R.W.M. on this occasion.



More 579 News.

International Meeting. Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. has been invited to attend an International Meeting of Bangor Union Lodge No. 846 in Northern Ireland.

Attending the Meeting will be

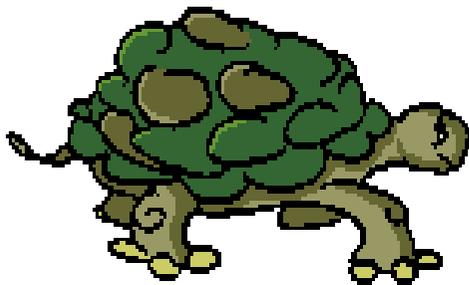
Freemasons from all over the world, including the Grand Masters of Ireland, Belgium and the Czech Republic. A lodge from Mons in Belgium will demonstrate an E.A. Degree in French and several papers will be presented. Bro. James L. Jack will present the Lecture "Freemasons at Gettysburg" after the Dinner which will follow the Meeting. Bro. Jack has also been invited to present a Lecture at Lodge Allegiance No. 1465 in Brussels, Belgium in December. On this occasion he will present "Masonry in Scotland before the formation of Grand Lodge". The Grand Master of Belgium will also attend this meeting.

Honour. Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M. was delighted and very surprised to receive Honorary Membership from Lodge Woodhall St. John's No.305 in May of this year. Pat has been a frequent visitor to the Lodge and it is a tremendous honour for Lodge St. Bryde that he has been recognised in this way.

Sponsored Walk. The Lodge has decided to organise a sponsored walk to raise funds for the new Provincial Grand Lodge Caravan. The event is being organised by Norrie Telfer and will take place on

Sunday 14th. October 2007 at 12 noon from our Hall

and will be between our Hall and Lodge Robert Burns Hall. Norrie has Sponsor Forms and if you can not make the Sponsored Walk then please support this venture by



making a donation.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Lodge Dance. Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Pat Clarke is delighted at the response to the suggestion that the Lodge organise an Annual Dance this year. Arrangements have been made to

hold the Dance in our Masonic Hall on

Saturday 6th. October 2007. A list is on the Notice Board and tickets are available from Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M.

Hall Repairs. During the summer recess extensive works were undertaken by Contractors to make good a serious situation with dry rot. The work was completed in the

basement area affecting the main floor and in the main roof space. We were delighted that a grant covering the full cost of the work was received from the Land Trust and Pattersons Quarries. Additional works were also carried out



on the West external wall. This involved pointing work and roughcasting the main roof apex. The Lodge work party was busy during the recess and the Right Worshipful Master would like to thank all those Brethren of the Lodge who worked so hard to keep the Lodge looking so good.



Main floor beam repairs in basement

looking so good.



Provincial Grand Lodge News. At the Regular Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge held in Wishaw on Friday 1st. June the Members of Provincial Grand Lodge agreed to replace The **Holiday Caravan** which is situated at Monkton. The present Caravan was purchased in 1999 as part of the Millennium Project and in Bro. George Kelly's Report to P.G.L. he highlighted the position with the present

Caravan and recommended that a new Caravan be purchased. Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. expressed his delight at the decision that the Brethren had made and felt confident that the £20,000 needed to purchase the new Caravan could be achieved in two years. A major Fund Raising campaign will begin after the summer recess.

Charity Dinner. The P.G.L. Dinner held in the Masonic Hall, Baillieston on Friday 8th. June was a tremendous success. Bro. Granville Angell, Prestonian Lecturer of the United

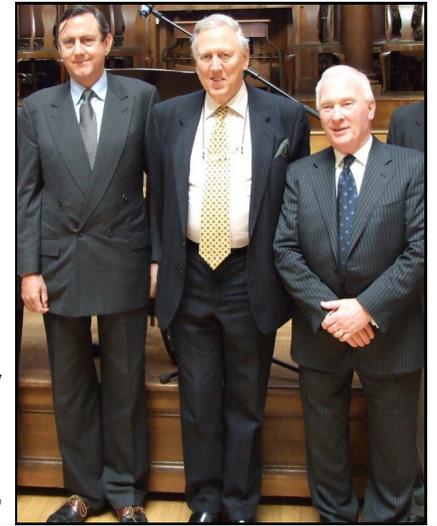


Grand Lodge of England presented an excellent lecture on Masonic holders of the Victoria Cross. Bro. Peter O. Price, Provincial Grand Chaplain proposed the vote of thanks and in his summing up Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. revealed that recent research had discovered that our Province had another Masonic V.C. holder. Bro. John Carmichael, V.C. was identified as a member of Lodge New Monkland Montrose No. 88. Bro.

Granville Angell was delighted at the news and stated that Bro. Carmichael was the 144th. Holder of the V.C. to be identified as a Freemason. The Dinner raised £1,700 towards the P.G.M.'s Local Charity Appeal. This brings the total given by Lodges in the Province to **Non Masonic Charities** in the last year to a fantastic **£45,000.**

I.H.C.F. The International Conference on the History of Freemasonry which was held in Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh from 25th. To 27th. May was a tremendous success. Over 250 Delegates from all over the world attended this the first Conference of its kind to be held anywhere in the world. It was fitting that the first Conference

should be held in Scotland, where the earliest records of Masonry originate. Academics from an array of Universities and Research Colleges who had special interests in the history of Freemasonry presented a programme of the highest quality. Plenary Speakers included, Prof. David Stevenson, Prof. Emeritus of Scottish History at St. Andrews University, Prof. Jan Snoek, Prof. of Religious Studies at Heidelberg University, Prof. Jose Benimeli, Prof. of History at the University of Zaragoza. In all around 60 speakers



The Grand Masters of Scotland , Ireland & the Pro Grand Master of England officially open the Conference

presented lectures over the three day event. The most difficult part was to choose which lecture to attend as there were usually three being presented at any one time in different parts of the building. It was a delight to hear Bro. Hugh Young, Past Grand Master of Alberta and a Member of Lodge St. Clair No. 427 present his paper on a Masonic Quiz Game. Bro. Hugh had visited 579 just prior to the Conference and presented copies of the Game to the R.W.M.

