

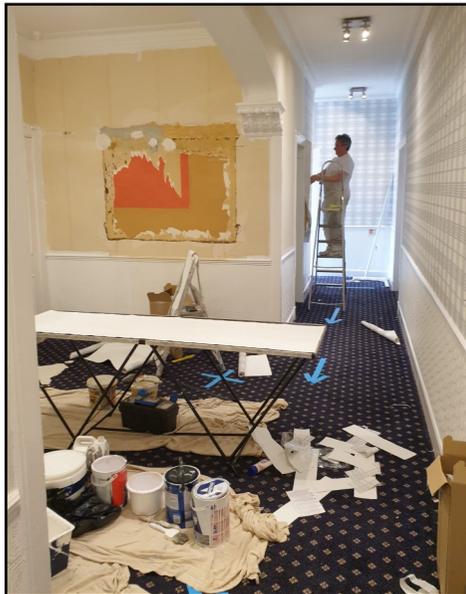


### Restoration Works Ongoing.

During March Lodge Members continued (under covid regulations) with the upgrading and refurbishment of the Hall.

New wall lights were fitted in the Lounge and a new ceiling light in the foyer. Old display cabinets were removed and the wall

prepared for the new display cabinet which has been ordered. The corridor and entrance foyer were completely redecorated, ceilings painted, walls under dado rail painted and wallpapered above. The entrance looks great and it may be that we take advantage of the premises shutdown to recarpet the corridor and complete this phase. A skip was hired and a good clear out of the dunny was undertaken including items which were removed as part of last years work.



Once the new display cabinet is in position a decision will be made as whether to replace the foyer carpet this year to complete this phase of the refurbishment.

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**Important Notice.**

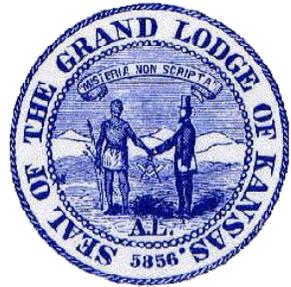
At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, 2020. The Grand Master Mason proposed that Grand Lodge Law 126 be suspended from 6th. February for one year.

This means that a Brother wishing to clear his Test Fee arrears with his Lodge (usually two years + the current year) from the 6th. February will only require to pay one year to clear his arrears.

In our Lodge this means a Fee of £35.

If a Brother of Lodge St. Bryde wishes to take up this offer and clear his arrears contact the Lodge Secretary.

**Note, Due to the present circumstances this period has been extended to February 2022**



**New Grand Master Installed**

Bro. Mikel J. Stoops has been Installed as Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Kansas on 19th. March at a

Ceremony in Topika, Kansas. Covid restrictions meant that numbers were significantly reduced and the business rescheduled. Lodge St. Bryde members will remember him well as he visited our Lodge in 2019 as Deputy Grand Master. He hopes to return during 2021 if Covid regulations allow. In his address to the Brethren he quoted from the Grand Lodge mission statement thus, *"I have been, and am still, dedicated to this mission and vision of our Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge does not exist for the purpose of promoting Grand Lodge or its officers. Its purpose is to provide structure and support to its constituent Lodges and, through them, Kansas Masons and Kansas communities. This truth is something I firmly believed when the mission was first penned, and it still holds true for me today."* Lodge St. Bryde members wish our friend and Brother well in his new office.



M.W. Bro. Mikel J. Stoops  
Grand Master of Kansas

9. Ordering from the Bar. A Member of the Lodge will take your order and serve your refreshments and take your payment.

10. Drinks glasses will not be collected and reused but left on your table.

11. If you require toilet facilities, a one-way system will be in operation. Leave the Lounge, via the Main Hall door, go through the Main Hall, exit the Tyler's Door, and turn right, into the Gents Toilet. On leaving the Toilet walk straight down the corridor to the Lounge Door. Use the hand sanitizer facilities before leaving the Lounge. Only one person will be allowed in the Gents toilet at any one time. Hand washing facilities must be used before leaving the toilet and hand sanitizer used before entering the Lounge.

11. When leaving the premises Social Distancing must be maintained and Members must not depart in groups.

**The Premises will be open to Members only until further notice.**

**It is important that the above guidance notes which are issued by the Scottish Government are strictly adhered to.**

**Anyone who is showing symptoms of COVID 19 or has underlying health issues should follow Government Guidelines.**

**STAY SAFE.**

**Brethren, Please use our Lounge facility on a Friday Evening to keep in touch with one another.**

**PLEASE NOTE  
THAT DUE TO FURTHER RESTRICTIONS BY  
THE GOVERNMENT  
THE LOUNGE WILL BE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

# Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 COVID-19 Guidance for Lounge Bar Opening.

The Premises will reopen from Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.  
July 2020

2-meter Social Distancing in accordance with  
Government Regulations will be mandatory  
throughout the premises

1. The Lounge Bar Area will be open on Friday evenings to Members only.
2. A Risk Assessment has been undertaken and the following measures will be taken to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 Virus.
3. A Nominated Person will be appointed to co-ordinate each opening.
4. The Lounge will be reconfigured to accommodate the maximum number of Members (this number is 10), maintaining Social Distancing. (If required overflow facilities will be made available in the Main Hall.)
5. The outside door will remain closed and locked. Entry for Members will be by ringing the doorbell and Member will be identified on the TV monitor before admission.
6. Immediately on entering, hand sanitizer facilities will be used.
7. The Scottish Government, Test and Protect Personal Data record sheets will be required to be completed. This will involve you recording on the sheets provided, your name, contact telephone number and time of arrival and departure.
8. Proceed to the Lounge (or Main Hall) and select a seat. Seats have been spaced out to accommodate the Social Distancing Guidelines. You must use the same seat during your stay and maintain Distancing Guidelines.



## Grand Lodge under 40s seminar

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of March I had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of Scotland seminar which was open to Freemasons under the age of 40. The online seminar was to discuss and to identify any views from younger Brethren about the recent Grand Lodge Survey, in particular the 5 key questions. Over 210 Brethren from Provinces and Districts around the World were in attendance and it was great to see Scottish Freemasons from as far afield as Jamaica.

The GMM Brother Ramsay McGhee welcomed all the Brethren and was delighted with the turnout and the enthusiasm shown. After a short address the GMM and Grand Secretary split the large group into smaller 'break out' groups with each group issued with one of the following 5 questions and asked to report back after discussion. The 5 questions for debate were;

How to address our aging membership and attract and retain new members?

How to support Lodges that are struggling?

How to modernise our Organisation while preserving our traditions?

How to be transparent and improve our public image?

How to place a greater emphasis on external charitable giving?

I was in the question 4 group and a great discussion was had with all the 'break out' team having an opportunity to speak and forward any view or point that they wished to add. The meeting was recorded for future reference and to allow further discussion from sub groups already working within The Grand Lodge of Scotland to assess. Each group had a selected 'chair' who was taking notes of the discussions had by the Brethren.

To finish the GMM recalled everyone to the main group with a brief summary of each question and the points discussed were highlighted so that those in other groups had an understanding of what was discussed. Personally it was great to see so many Freemasons around the same age as me sharing the same enthusiasm and being given a platform to discuss the questions. Not only that, it was quiet surreal to be in a meeting again with Brethren from all over Scotland and the World. I am sure that the GMM must have got a real sense of pride and satisfaction from the outcomes of the questions in what was a very well organised seminar.

I am sure it will not be the last!

**Stuart Jack PM**