

Mr. Hunter's health was enthusiastically pledged. An attractive musical programme was afterwards submitted, and during the evening Bro. Thomas Cameron, P.P., was presented with a handsome gold badge (suitably inscribed). In making the presentation, Mr. Anderson paid a high compliment to Bro. Cameron for his valuable services in connection with the club, which Bro. Cameron gracefully acknowledged. "The Visitors" was proposed from the chair and replied to by Bro. Parker (Ye Cronies). The floor was cleared and dancing followed to the strains of Messrs Cross and Laird's efficient orchestra, while Bro. McKinlay ably fulfilled the duties of M.C., a most enjoyable evening ending with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Happy to meet, sorry to part,
And happy to meet again.

How the Uddingston Masonic Burns Club Charter was found !

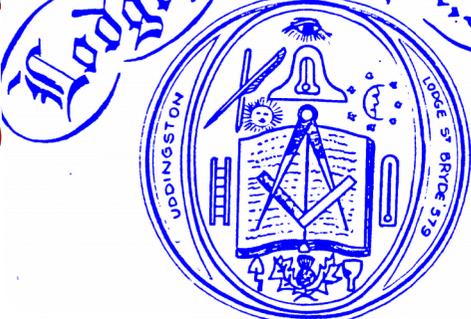
It must have been in the late 1970's when we were having trouble with a blocked drain. All attempts to clear it failed and the decision was made to dig ! Bro. Joe Polson & I were hard at work when a workman who was renovating the rooms above Lyles Bar came down and insisted that we go with him. "We're clearing out the upstairs and we've found a cupboard full of Masonic stuff, you need to get it before it gets chucked out. " The Rooms above Lyles Bar (now The Two Chimneys) were originally The Magdala Halls and it was here that our Lodge, St. Bryde No. 579 met for the first time. He took us up the stairs and our eyes lit up, a small cupboard , only about a foot deep, but full of priceless items. Firstly the framed Charter of The Uddingston Masonic Burns Club No. 237 dated 1914, original membership cards and Bye-Laws, a Burns Cottage and Original cast iron Tam O'Shanter and Souter Johnnie heads in their original colours, "don't ever let anyone paint these", I can still hear Joe say. He was almost in tears at what we had found, as Secretary/Treasurer he was one of the true Burns Club greats. The Charter now hangs in our Hall, The Oldest with the word Masonic in the Title.

Great find and great memories.

J. L. Jack, Past Secretary/Treasurer U.M.B.C. No.237.

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February Masonic Diary

Wed. 5th. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Thurs. 6th. Grand Lodge of Scotland, Communication. 2 p.m. Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh.

Fri. 7th. Emblem Lodge No. 6727. Installation, Blackpool.

Tues. 11th. Lodge St. Kentigern No. 429, Penicuik. Lecture By James L. Jack, P.M.

Wed. 12th. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Lecture By James L. Jack, P.M.

Wed. 19th. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Special Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge Cadder Freestone No. 1584.

Wed. 26th. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30pm. F.C. Degree by Bro. Tom Lynch, W.S.W.



Uddingston Masonic Burns Club No. 237.

The Right Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 would like to wish the President and Members of Uddingston Masonic Burns Club a successful Centenary Year.

Even if some of these stories were true, they were at this time of the day irrelevant and absurd. Lord Morley had truly said that it was a true test of vulgarity of mind when a person calling the memory of another thought first and principally of the bad and not the good suggested by that memory. The old myth about Burns' poverty ought to be no longer repeated. Burns, in spite of delirious letters written in his last days, was not in debt, and was comparatively well off in the Dumfries of his time. He recommended the study of Dr. McNaught's "Truth About Burns," Mr. Wills' "Burns and the Volunteers," and other later authorities for a just and sober estimate of the man, his time and achievement. The great services rendered to Scotland by Burns were his ridiculing of the preposterous theology of his time, his satires on the abuse of that time, his rescuing of the Scottish language (which he made a literary tongue), his services to Scottish song, which made him the greatest song-writer of the world, and, above all, his insistence on the joy of life. Henley had a sort of sneer at Burns' connection with Freemasonry. Burns was a good Mason, and he adorned the craft. He received benefit from it in many ways, for it was now understood that a Mason's Lodge in his time, being one of the few places where certain private opinions could be safely expressed, the Masonic experiences at Tarbolton and elsewhere had doubtless a powerful influence on the poet. The birthday celebrations, Mr. Hunter continued, were the best answer to those who slandered and belittled Burns. Burns created more general interest than any other poet. There were more editions and translations of his works than those of any British poet, except Shakespeare. He had more statues than all the other poets put together, and his shrines (Mauchline, Tarbolton, Alloway and Dumfries) were the rallying places of all good Scotsmen.

The report below was discovered by Bro. Andrew McAlpine, P.M. and gives an insight into the Uddingston Masonic Burns Club in 1924 which was only ten years after it was formed.

Masonic Burns Club Supper of 2 February 1924

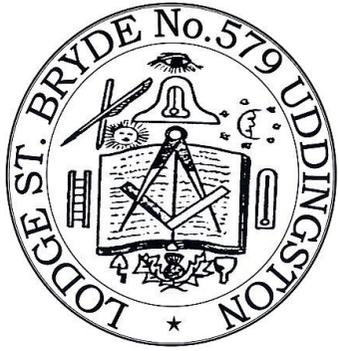
The annual supper and dance, under the auspices of Uddingston Masonic Burns Club, was held in the Lesser Public Hall on Saturday evening. Bro. James Anderson, Kenmure, president of the club, presided, and was supported on the right and left by Mrs. Anderson, Mr. J. Jeffrey Hunter (one of the vice-presidents of the Burns Federation), Mr. James Patrick and Miss Patrick, Mr. Thomas Cameron, P.P., Messrs Parker and Riley (Ye Cronies, Govan), Mr. and Mrs. Fulton (Dennistoun Jolly Beggars), Mr. James Knox (Bothwell Burns Club), etc. Greetings were announced as having been received from The Burns Federation, Greenock Burns Club (the mother club), Ye Cronies, Govan, Hamilton Mossgiel, Hamilton Junior, Coatbridge Caledonia, Ayr, Bridgeton and Prestonpans Mystic. The party numbered over ninety ladies and gentlemen, and included visitors from Carluke, Bothwell, and other places. An excellent repast (purveyed by Archie Tunnock) was done ample justice to, "The Haggis" being played in by Piper McCarroll and the address to the "Chieftain o' the puddin' race" ably given by Bro. James L. Cuthbertson, vice-president. "The King and Royal Family" was proposed from the chair and loyally pledged, the president afterwards extending a hearty welcome to all, and hoped they would have a pleasant evening. "The Immortal Memory of Burns" was proposed by Bro. J. Jeffrey Hunter. He observed that the 165th anniversary of the poet's birth had been on the previous week celebrated with a universality and enthusiasm never before displayed. Nevertheless, their celebrations were still somewhat marred by the laments of inadequately informed orators who believed in the fables of Dr. Currie and Henley.



Provincial Grand Lodge News.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Annual General Meeting was held on 10th. January in our Hall and it was literally standing room only, with an attendance of over 170. An In Memoriam Service was conducted by Bro. Tom Davidson, Provincial Grand Master as a tribute to our sadly missed Bro. William E. Orr. The Provincial Grand Master praised the dedication of Bro. Orr in his Mother Lodge St. Bryde, Provincial Grand Lodge and indeed Grand Lodge over many years. The PGM also presented Honorary Grand Rank Certificates to Bro. Andrew D. Millar, P.M. 1230, Eric Brown, P.M. 919, and Alastair Lowe, P.M. 1461 all were awarded the Rank of Honorary Grand Junior Deacon. Bro. Alastair Lowe reported that the Provincial Caravan had been broken into during the festive period. No damage was done but the TV was stolen and the DVD recorder.





Congratulations.
Bro. Ronnie McCarney, P.M., Treas. has been appointed as Proxy Master of The Robert Burns Memorial Lodge No. 1470 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Ronnie had been for many years the Proxy Senior Warden of Lodge Harmony No. 1110 in Guyana and this "promotion" will further cement the friendship between



our Lodge and the Lodges in the District of Central South Africa of which Bro. James L. Jack is Proxy District Grand Master.

Job Well Done ! The first E.A., F.C. & M.M. Degree after the Installation is traditionally a time when the newly promoted Wardens and RWM lead the Teams. The first Degree of 2014 an E.A. Degree was conferred by Bro. Stuart Jack, WJW and his Team. Not only did the Degree

go exceptionally well , but the S.D. , J.D. & I.G. Offices were all stepped up by Duncan Mulholland, Russell Parsons & Bill Jack.—Well Done !

Xmas Draw. The 2013 Christmas Draw was again a tremendous success with £900 being raised for Lodge Funds, our thanks to Alasdair Dunlop and his Team for organising the Draw and all those who provided eats on the night , it was a packed Lounge and the Joker Prize was won by a friend of the Lodge who was there supporting the Fund Raising Night.

Thanks. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tom Davidson would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde for their support and assistance at the recent A.G.M. of Provincial Grand Lodge. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting Wednesday 12th. February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.



H.L.Hunley

Freemasons in
The Confederate
Secret Service.

James L. Jack, P.M.

Interested in the Civil War ? Don't miss this.