

Lodge St. Bryde CHRISTMAS DRAW

Fantastic Effort !

Although, due to Government restrictions, our Lodge cannot meet during this time it was decided that we continue to plan the Christmas Draw, but on a reduced scale socially. Bro.

Duncan Mulholland did a fantastic job in distributing the tickets and organising the prizes and arranging for the Draw to take place Friday 18th. December rather than the usual Saturday night social. Fifty one prizes were donated, the top prize being a £200 M&S voucher. The prizes were drawn by the Right Worshipful Masters wife and as you would guess, our Right Worshipful Master won first prize !! Duncan Mulholland and Ian Cowan delivered all the other prizes and our thanks to them for their assistance. **The Total raised for Lodge Funds was £710 !!..... A fantastic effort.**



A stunned RWM reacts to his wife drawing the winning ticket.

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Important Notice.

At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, 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



Grand Lodge Survey. During the summer months Grand Lodge conducted an on line survey of Members. 439 Brethren from Lanarkshire Middle Ward participated and answered over 40 questions. I have summarised some of the results below,

1. How old are you? 45% over 60, 1.5% under 25.

2. Are you a RWM or PM? 56% yes, 43% no.

3. Is Freemasonry your primary hobby? 56% yes, 43% no.

4. Do you hold Office in G.L. or P.G.L.? 13% yes, 86% no.

5. How many Lodges are you a member of? 1-72%, 2 - 20%, 3-4 - 4.3%, 4+3.2%.

6. How Long have you been a Freemason? <1 year 2.76%, 10-15 years 10.5%, 25-40 years 27.8%, 40+ 24.3%

7. Who introduced you to Freemasonry? Family Member 52.7%, Friend 41%.

8. I feel proud to be a Freemason? Strongly agree 43.8%, agree 19.2%.

9. Will my Mother Lodge be in existence in 2030? Strongly agree 43.8%, agree 31.5%, neither agree or disagree 18.2%, disagree 5.13%, strongly disagree 1.28%.

10. Has Freemasonry helped you develop any skills? Yes 74.3%, no 22%.

A summary of the results of over 7,000 Brethren who participated throughout our Provinces and Districts can be seen on next page.

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 17th.
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.

Membership experience - 94% of responders believe membership has made them a better person and 75% of responders believe they have developed new skills through membership.

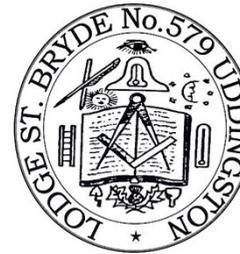
Age challenges – Only 15% of responders (743) are aged below 40. Given that 72% of responders joined at the age of 40 or below, this suggests we have challenges with the medium/ long term sustainability of our membership.

External coordinated fundraising - 68% of responders strongly agree/agree that we should place greater emphasis on coordinated fundraising for external charities/causes.

Attracting new members - 55% of responders report that their Lodge has no clear plan to identify new candidates.

Membership sentiment - 95% of responders reported being proud to be a Freemason.

External opinion of Freemasonry - 33% of responders believe society has a negative view of Freemasonry.



IMPORTANT
Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Test Fees (£35)
and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees (£10)
Are now due for 2021
Please forward payment to the Lodge
Secretary.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bro. James Muircroft, R.W.M.
would like to wish all our Members and Friends
a Happy New Year
and hope that we can meet again safely in 2021.