



MW Bro. W.R. McGhee, G.M.M. lays a wreath in the Memorial Garden Edinburgh

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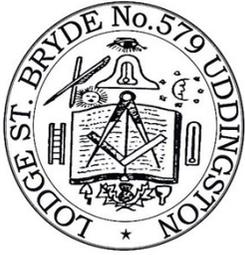
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**Bro. James Muircroft, R.W.M.**

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**Lodge St. Bryde News.  
Christmas Draw.**

Brethren it is certain that we will not meet again this year and many of our Social Functions and Fund Raisers have been cancelled. However, Duncan Mulholland is organising a Christmas Draw which will be possibly the only Fund Raiser that we will

have for some considerable time. The draw will take place on Friday 18th. December, but because of the Government restrictions we will not be organising the usual evening in the Lounge. Duncan will be distributing the tickets soon and I would ask that you support this Fund Raiser for badly needed Lodge Funds.

Raffle prizes are also required and these should be left at the Hall on a Friday night or passed on directly to Duncan.

**THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.**

**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 News.**

**New Provincial Grand Master.**

The Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 voting to recommend a Brother to the office of Provincial Grand Master has now been completed and we have recommended to Grand Lodge

**R.W. Bro. Andrew Duncan Millar, Depute Provincial Grand Master,** as Provincial Grand

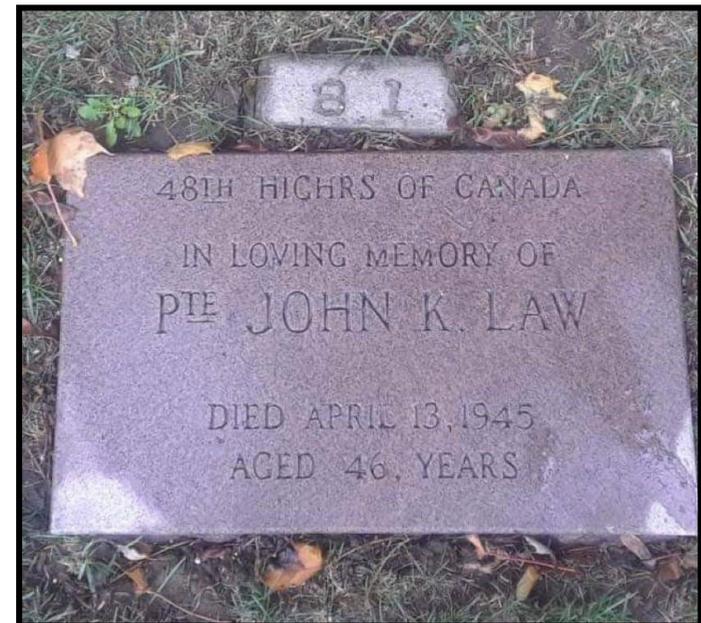
Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.

At the outbreak of WW2 he joined the 48th Highlanders of Toronto full time and was issued with the service number B72596. It is recorded that he had two children, a girl aged 19 and a boy aged 12. John left Halifax and arrived in Canada. He spent a very brief time in France before being tasked with the transport of Nazi POW's in England.

On the 1st of July 1943 John returned to Canada and served in a number of Military Depots around the Toronto area and even qualified as a Driver Mechanic. Shortly after being discharged in 1944 John contracted Tuberculosis while on military service and after 4 months and 12 days of illness he died at Weston Military Hospital in York, Canada on the 13th of April 1945.

For his service in World War 1 John was awarded the Victory and British War medals. For his service in World War 2 he was awarded the Defence Medal, War Medal, 1939-45 Star and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp.

He was interred in a Commonwealth War Plot on the 16th of April 1945 at Section K, Grave 81 of Toronto Pine Hills Cemetery in Ontario, Canada.



## **Bro. John Knox Law**

In another remarkable piece of Lodge research, Bro. Stuart Jack, P.M. has confirmed that a seventh Member of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 died while on active Service.

### **John Knox Law, Roll number 987.**

Initiated 12th. February 1919

Passed 26th. February 1919

Raised 12th. March 1919

Mark 16th. April 1919

The 7th Member of Lodge St. Bryde 579 who died while in service discovered.

John Knox Law was born on the 25th of April 1898 at 92 Single Row, Tannochside, Uddingston. His father was Alexander Knox who was a Coal Miner originally from Kilsyth, Stirling and was born circa 1874. His Mother was Janet Winning Law (prev. Crichton) who was born in Old Monkland, Lanarkshire circa 1876.

John enlisted for military service with the Royal Garrison Artillery (R.G.A) at Hamilton, Lanarkshire on the 11th of August 1917. He was posted overseas as part of the British Expeditionary Force on the 15th of November 1917 before being transferred to the 293 Siege Battery.

At Crombeke, France as John and the 293rd were preparing to move to Italy John was transferred to the 186th Siege Battery on the 15th of December 1917 and remained in France. The 186th Siege Battery were part of the 40th Brigade and manned 4 and 6 inch Howitzer Guns. In 1918, 186th Siege Battery (equipped with 6-inch howitzers) were part of 40 Brigade R.G.A, serving under Fourth Army, which were holding the former Second Army sector around Ypres. On the 28th of January 1919 John was transferred to Class 'Z' Army Reserve and demobilised at Dover, England.

After the war in July 1922 John left Scotland on board the SS Tunisian and sailed for Canada where he would be meeting his cousin in Toronto. After emigrating to Canada he joined the 48th Highlanders

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TEST FEES**

### **2020 – 2021 Test Fees**

Brethren,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and safe from the ongoing Corona virus situation. As you will be aware our Test Fees and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees are now due to the Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge for the Session 2020/2021.

Many of you now pay your Fees by the Lodge Standing Order Scheme and those who pay by this method need take no further action.

If you do not pay by Lodge Standing Order Scheme it is important that you keep clear in the books of the Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge by paying your Annual Fees which are now due. This years Fees are unchanged at, £35 due to Lodge St. Bryde and if you are a Member of Provincial Grand Lodge £10.

As it may be some time before we are able to hold Regular Meetings again, I would be obliged if you could send a cheque for the amount above and made out to, Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 to the address below or hand it in at the address below.

**James L. Jack, 2 Athena Way, Uddingston, G71 6HW.**

The Lodge Treasurer will issue receipts for payment and update the Lodge Records accordingly.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 are due to send Membership returns to Grand Lodge with payment, (£33 for each Qualified Member) by the end of November 2020.

If you have any questions regarding Test Fees or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully and Fraternaly,

**James L. Jack, *Past Master, Secretary***

# 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.

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 CLOSE AT 10 P.M.  
FROM FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup>. SEPTEMBER  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**