



**The Bus for the Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit  
to Lodge Rothesay St. John No. 292  
Will leave the our Hall on  
Saturday 23rd. March at 11 am.**



**Lodge St. Barchan No. 156**  
MW Bro. Ramsay McGhee,  
Grand Master Mason led a Deputation  
from Grand Lodge to his Mother Lodge  
on Tuesday 19th. Feb.  
He was presented with his Jubilee  
Certificate, marking 50 years as a  
Member of Lodge St. Barchan No. 156.



Lodge St. Bryde Members at Emblem Lodge  
No. 6727

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**Bro. Russell Parsons, R.W.M.**

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# March Masonic Diary

Fri. 1st. Provincial Grand Lodge Installation of Office-bearers at 7.30 p.m. Cambuslang (114)  
Wed. 13th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126.  
Sat. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Rothesay St. John No. 292. E.A. Degree.  
Wed. 27th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree. Provincial Grand Lodge Visitation.  
Wed. 3rd. April. Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288. E.A. Degree by Bro. W. Jack, WJW.



**NEW  
 Lodge  
 St. Bryde  
 No. 579  
 TIES  
 NOW  
 IN STOCK  
 PRICE  
 £10.  
 (See Alex Hamilton  
 for details)**



**Grand Lodge News.** The Communication on the 7th. February was well attended, with James Muircroft, Ronnie McCarney, James L. Jack and Alex Hamilton all present from our Lodge. In the first Communication chaired by MW Bro. Ramsay McGhee, Grand Master Mason the following **Appointments** were confirmed. William Spencer, P.M. of Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114 was appointed to the Board of Grand Stewards. Bro. James Brown, P.M. of Lodge Livingstone No. 599 was appointed as Proxy Master of The Pilgrim Lodge No. 738, in the District of Central South Africa. **250th. Re-dedication.** In his first official engagement as Grand Master Mason, Bro. Ramsay McGhee visited our Province on Saturday 9th. February with a very large Deputation from Grand Lodge and carried out the Ceremony of Re-dedication of Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114 marking the 250th. Anniversary of a Charter being granted by Grand Lodge. It is believed that an original Charter from Mother Kilwinning granted 50 years prior to the Grand Lodge Charter covered an area of Cambuslang, Blantyre and East Kilbride.





Bro. Jim Kilwan with Bros. Russell Parsons, RWM and James L. Jack Proxy District Grand Master of Central South Africa

### **Visitor Welcomed to 579**

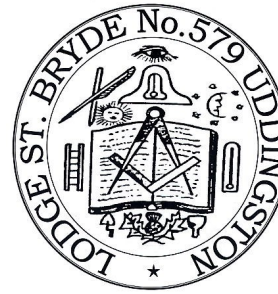
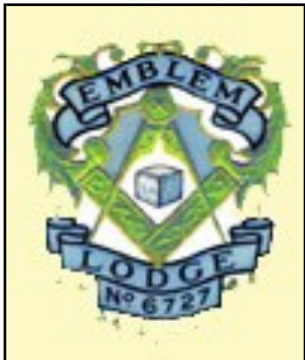
At the Regular Meeting on 23rd. January, Bro. Russell Parsons, RWM welcomed Bro. Jim Kilwan to our Lodge for the first time. Jim's is a member of Lodge Alba Gu Brath No. 1802 in Johannesburg and has recently moved to Bothwell. We hope to welcome him at future meetings of our Lodge.

### **Blackpool Visit.**

On Friday 1st. February, seven Members of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 attended the Installation of Bro. Charles

Cairolis as Worthy Master of Emblem Lodge No. 6727 (E.C.). W. Bro. Cairolis comes from a long line of world famous circus clowns and as you can see from the photo, Lodge St. Bryde Members felt at home !

The Members of Lodge St. Bryde were well received by our friends from Emblem Lodge and indications are that we may have an Application for Affiliation soon. Our Bro. William Hotchkiss passes on his regards to all our Members.



### **Lodge St. Bryde World War 1 Research.**

#### ***John Junor***

Member 625. Initiated 27th of October 1909 at the age of 23

Residing at Woodview, Uddingston he worked as a Joiner.

EA Degree- 27th of October 1909

FC Degree- 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1909

MM Degree- 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1909

John Junor was born in the New Kilpatrick area of

Dumbartonshire on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1885. He was the son of Francis Junor a Market Gardener from the Ross & Cromarty area in the North of Scotland. His Mother was Jane Junor (Munro) who was born in Nigg, also in Ross & Cromarty. The couple who married at Edinburgh in 1884 resided at Bearsden in Glasgow before settling in Bothwell. In the 1901 census the family are residing at Laurel Bank, Main Street, Bothwell where Francis (43) and Jane (42) are living with there 3 children John (15), Isabella (13) and Alexander (9). At this time John was employed as an Apprentice joiner. Prior to the War the family move to Woodview in Uddingston and in 1909 John joined Lodge St. Bryde. He was proposed into the Lodge by Brother John Kilpatrick and Brother George Munro. George Munro who was also a Joiner was John's employer. An article on George's son Joseph Munro is also published in this book. In 1914 at the outbreak of War John had been installed into the office of Worshipful Junior Warden in the Lodge. This was the highest office he was to attain. Very few records survive of John's military career. With what we have and the War diary we have been able to establish what John's role was during his 2 ½ years of service. On the 31st May 1916 at the age of 30 he enlisted for military service with the 1st Lowland Field Company Royal Engineers which had its headquarters for the divisional engineers at Rutherglen. The company itself was based at Coatbridge with a drill hall at Airdrie. John was given the service number T4363.



The 'T' in his service number denoting that he was in the Territorial Force possibly prior to the outbreak of War. There was a renumbering of the Territorial Force at the beginning of 1917 when blocks of numbers were issued to particular units. At this time John was renumbered 412797 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lowland became the 409 Field Company Royal Engineers. John's trade as a joiner was standing him in good stead and we can see from the War diary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lowland then the 409 Field Company Royal Engineers where John was and what his daily tasks were. It is quite a remarkable document and not only gives us details in written hand but also has detailed drawings with sizes and the material used. From late 1916 to early 1917 they were based around Albert in the Somme area of France. As Engineers they would have men who would be tasked with repairing roads, drains and trenches. As a joiner John would have been involved in general camp repairs, building 'nissen' huts and stores which is evident throughout the diary. The company had a pioneer class which was an opportunity for the men to get involved in lectures to improve their knowledge and even give them an understanding as to how other allied nations did things. The conditions would have been particularly difficult and the men were subject to foot inspections by medical staff to make sure that their feet were in good condition. With the men only getting the opportunity to go for a bath together in the town of Albert every few weeks it must have been very difficult for them to stay in a good condition of health. As stated very few records survive therefore we have to rely on the 409 Field Company diary, oral history passed from John to members of the Lodge to piece together where he was placed. The only records which exist from John's service is a pension record and silver wound badge roll. The silver wound badge was issued to John when he was discharged ranked as a Sapper on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1918. He was 33 years of age. He was physically discharged from the 20<sup>th</sup> Territorial Force Depot in Pier Road, Chatham on the South East coast of England with nephritis. Nephritis was a disease which caused severe

headaches, vertigo and breathlessness due to inflammation of one or both kidneys. The key treatment for this was rest and improved diet and the patent could be expected to spend many weeks even months before he made a full recovery. After being discharged John who was a single man with no partner received a military pension. John on his visits to the Lodge retold stories of his time on service. One story was when shortly after he arrived in France he was sent with a party of men to carry out special work. He was instructed to blow up what to him was a water tank, however after returning to camp he learned that it was a redundant British tank which they did not want to fall into German hands so it was blown to render its service. John was awarded the British service medal, Victory medal and Silver Wound badge for his efforts in the Great War. He would also be awarded an M.B.E after the War and would have been popular both in the Lodge and in the village. After the War he formed a working partnership with his proposer into the Lodge George Munro and his son Joseph Munro. Together they played a vital part in the construction of the Lodge Temple in 1924. The Munro & Junor Company was based near to Muiredge school where they had a builders yard. Members of the Lodge at the time of writing have fond memories of John visiting the Lodge in February 1980. He was present at the regular meeting and was invited by the then R.W.M Andrew Nisbet to sign and date the Lodge roll book. At the time John was the oldest member of the Lodge having been initiated 70 years from that date, he was 95 years of age. A remarkable thing and the then R.W.M Andrew Nisbet can remember visiting John and discussing his military days with him. He can also remember looking at and discussing a note book that John had kept from his service days which contained drawings and information of the daily tasks he would have worked on. He died in 1984 at the age of 98. The minute from the meeting 11<sup>TH</sup> of April 1984 reads;

*'Death- It was with sadness that the Lodge heard of the death of its oldest member Bro John Junor M.B.E. Bro Junor was initiated into the Lodge on Oct 1909, had progressed to the office of WJW in 1914 and after being invalided out of the First World War due to gas poisoning. He went on to build up a successful business and live to the age of 98 years. Bro Junor had almost completed 75 years a member of the Lodge and it was to his memory that the Brethren stood in silent tribute.'*