



Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

**Bro. Stuart J. Jack
Right Worshipful Master.**

**DEDICATION
of
WAR MEMORIAL**

Masonic Hall, Uddingston

**Wednesday 9th. November 2016
at 7.30 p.m.**

Service conducted by

**Bro. Rev. Peter O. Price
C.B.E., Q.H.C.,
Past Grand Chaplain.**

Call to Worship

*“Greater love hath no man than this,
That a man lay down his life for his friends”*

This year saw the hundredth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, when on the first day of battle alone, 19,240 allied troops were slaughtered as a result of blundering military planning. In every town men answered the Call to Arms, and served together in what were known as “Pals” Battalions.

Brethren from this Lodge joined other Brethren from local Lodges, and found themselves engaged in some of the bloodiest battles of the War .

The First World War was a war without parallel. All previous wars were eclipsed by the scale of destruction.

*Hence it was hailed as “The War to end all Wars”!
But only the dead had seen the end of war !!*

Twenty one years later saw the outbreak of the Second World War, with even greater loss of life and limb.

And since then the Nation has been involved in even more Conflicts with further loss of life, and broken bodies.

Tonight we meet together to dedicate a fine bronze Memorial Tablet in remembrance of those members of this Lodge who gave their lives for freedom.

*“The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, no torment shall touch them;
they are at peace”*

National Anthem.

Benediction.



Hymn.

1. Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
Hallows all our human race;
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bit its cruel discords cease.
Ah, the past is dark behind us,
Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
But before us gleams the vision
Of the coming brotherhood.

Hymn.

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, our lives, and all our ways are like an open book to you. There is nothing we can hide from you, and with humility, we recall those things in which we daily come short of the standard set for us by Christ. So Lord, set us free from ourselves.

Forgive us for being the kind of people we are.
Forgive our foolishness and our hard heartedness.
Forgive our self deceit, our indifference towards others,
And our apathy over the things that really matter.

In the silence of our hearts, help us to acknowledge our need of your forgiveness and renewal.

***In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you who have confessed your sin to almighty God, that He, of His Love and Mercy, freely forgives you, absolves you from your sin, and offers you now the strength and the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

Almighty God, you are the author of peace and the giver of victory, You deliver our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, and our souls from death.

In your love for the world you gave your Son to be our Saviour, to live our life and die our death.

At this moment of Remembrance our thoughts are centred on death.

But Heavenly Father you have not made us for darkness and death,

But for Life with you forever.

Without you we have nothing to hope for:

With you we have nothing to fear.

The Brethren respond:

Lord God, our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and others in our generation as our Brethren in days gone by did in theirs, for the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your Holy Name.

Guide us by your Spirit; Give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope. And keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

Teach us, good Lord
To serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and ask for no reward
Save that of knowing
That we do your will;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

Dedication of the Memorial.

Act of Remembrance (*all stand*)

Let us remember before God, and commend to his keeping those who from this Lodge, died for their country in two World Wars and in conflicts since.

Silence.

Lament. *Flowers of the forest.*

Bro. David Stark, *Provincial Grand Piper.*

Act of Commitment.

Bro. James O. Ferguson,
Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our Brethren, that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working today for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Speak to us now your words of eternal life.
Lift us from thoughts of pain and suffering, guilt and death into the light and peace of your presence.
Set the glory of your love before us
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Bro. William A. Perry,
Provincial Grand Master.

Let us hear the Word of God:

Reading. Ecclesiasticus Ch. 44

Reading. John 15: 12-13.

Hymn.

1. O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home !
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
4. O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Reflection.

“Perished, as though they had never been

Let us Pray:

Lord God, whose Son reminded us that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without our Heavenly Father knowing; and that even the hairs on our head are numbered: help us know that we are so precious in his sight that our names are never forgotten, but written in the Lamb`s Book of Life for eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Those whose Names are known.”

Bro. Stuart J. Jack, *Right Worshipful Master.*

Let us pray: Intercessions.

Bro. James Vasey,
Junior Provincial Grand Chaplain

Hymn.

1. Thy Kingdom come, O God;
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.
2. Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?
3. When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime,
Shall flee thy face before?
4. We pray thee, Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.
5. O`er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet;
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.