#### Kansas Installation.



## Grand Lodge of Kansas Office-bearers 2023

On Friday evening my wife and I attended the formal Kansas Masonic Foundation Charity Dinner and Auction which raises thousands of dollars a year for cancer charity. The items that we took over raised almost \$5,000.



Amazingly, I was not the only Scottish Mason present! Mikel Stoops Past Grand Master of Kansas and a Member of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 was an inspirational support to me at the installation, as were the Members of Caledonian Lodge No. 459. Incidentally, my Installation meant that ten Grand Lodge Office-bearers were from Caledonian Lodge No. 459, 50% of the Membership!!. I'd be surprised if that record for Kansas could be broken in another Grand Lodge!.

Two 579 Brethren

### **Hall Lets and Social Functions 2023**

Sat. 15th. April. 21st. Birthday. CarolAnn Gray.

Fri. 28th.April. 579 Whisky Tasting Night

Fri. 12th. May. Lodge St. Bryde Sportsmans Dinner.

Sat. 3rd. June. Lodge St. Bryde Sponsored Walk.

**Sat. 2nd. Dec.** Lodge St. Bryde 579 Installation.

Fri. 2nd. Feb 2024 Lodge Bothwell Brig 1229 Burns Supper.





<u>Mon.3rd.</u> Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. E.A. Degree by RWM.

<u>Wed. 5th.</u> Lecture by James L. Jack at Lodge St. Peter No. 331.

<u>Wed. 12th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge Buchanan No. 1499'

<u>Wed. 19th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114.

<u>Wed. 26th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M.M. Degree by James Vasey.

<u>Wed. 1st. May.</u> Lodge St. Bryde Management Committee 7.30 p.m.

<u>Wed. 3rd.</u> Lodge St. Bryde Committee at 7.30 p.m. <u>Thurs. 4th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Tollcross No. 1126. M.M. Degree by RWM.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

# Sportsmans Dinner

Friday 12th. May at 7 p.m. Tickets £30 from N. Telfer SPEAKERS

Donald Findlay and Jim Leishman

### **Grand Lodge of Kansas Installation.** J.L. Jack

Last month I visited Topeka in Kansas where this years Annual Installation of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was to be held. The event was held in the largest of only two hotels in the State that have a conference facility large enough to accommodate the 400+ masons from all over the State. The Installation is held over two full days, with the business being carried out on Friday and the actual Installation being held on Saturday. The system in the Grand Lodge of Kansas is such that Grand Lodge Elect from Senior Deacon upwards. the remaining Office-bearers are chosen by the Grand Master Designate. When a Brother is selected to the position of Senior Deacon, it means that he is in "the



J.L. Jack with the new Grand Master, MW Bro. Robert McClarty

line" to the Chair of Grand Lodge. On arrival at the hotel after a 24 hour journey, I was directed to the Grand Master Designate, Bro. Robert McClarty urgently! I was astonished to be told that he has selected me to be the Assistant Grand Tyler (Inner Guard) for the forthcoming term....... What an honour to be Installed into Office in another Grand Lodge. (I qualify, by being a Member of Caledonia Lodge No. 459 in Salina, Kansas). Next day I would be changing my Thistle Green Grand Lodge of Scotland Regalia for the Dark Blue of Grand Lodge of Kansas! (continued on page 8.)



**Provincial Grand Lodge Supports CHAS** 



### **District Grand Lodge Installation.**

The Installation of the new District Grand Master of Central South Africa, RW Bro. Julian Apfel and his Commissioned Officebearers took place in Johannesburg on Saturday 11th. March. A large Deputation

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Lanarkshire Middle
Ward, head by RW Bro.
Andrew D. Millar
attended the Installation
which was conducted by
M.W. Bro. W. Ramsay
McGhee, Grand Master
Mason. Also in
attendance was Bro.
Gordon Mather, the
newly appointed Proxy
District Grand Master of
Central South Africa who



RW Bro. Andrew D. Millar with the Deputation from Lanarkshire Middle Ward.

took over the position from James L. Jack. R.W. Bro. Apfel was Elected as District Grand Master following on from R.W. Bro. James Kerr, who was a regular visitor to Grand Lodge and Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 and a great ambassador for Scottish Freemasonry in South Africa.



M.W. Grand Master Mason with RW Julian Apfel D.G.M.

District Grand Office-bearers with the Grand Lodge Deputation.



# Masonic Hall Centenary. *April 1923.*

During April 1923 the Halls Committee were busy awarding contracts for the various parts of the building which local labour very much to the fore. Interestingly, if we look at the minutes of the Regular Meetings in April 1923 on 11th. April the Lodge Passed 6 Candidates to the Fellow Craft Degree

then reduced the Lodge and Initiated 3 Candidates into the Lodge! As well as conducting the business of the Lodge. The Meeting of the 25th. April was one of great debate, as the Brethren were not in agreement with proposed changes to Grand Lodge Laws. The proposal was to restrict the conferring of Obligations to the RWM and PM's of the Lodge! A vote was taken and the Brethren were opposed to this change. So much so that the RWM and Wardens were charged to be in attendance in Grand Lodge when the matter was discussed and express our Lodges opinion.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579
WHISKY TASTING NIGHT
Friday 28th. April at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £25
From Norman Telfer.

In Aid of Hall Centenary Fund.





### Presentation.

At the Regular Meeting on 22nd. March a large attendance of Brethren witnessed the presentation of a Diamond Jubilee Certificate to our Brother

James Millar. Jimmy was Initiated into the Lodge on 9th. January 1963 aged 18. His grandfather had joined the Lodge 5 years before aged 72! The presentation of a Grand Lodge Diamond Jubilee Certificate and a Jewel was made by Bro. Alex Hamilton RWM, Laird McDonald Substitute Provincial Grand Master and Bro. William Craig, Hon. D.P.G.M. who is an Honorary





Grand Lodge 60 year jewel presented to James Millar.

Pictured below, two Diamond Jubilee holders, James Millar and John McLean, both members of Lodge St. Bryde.



S.P.G.M. and R.W.M. with James Millar





### **Provincial Summer Ball.**

Provincial Grand Lodge will be holding a Black Tie Ball on 10th. June 2023 in the Bellshill Hilton Hotel. Tickets for the event are priced at £50 each and can be purchased from Bro. Ian McGown by phoning 07790921421.



### Lodge St. Bryde Homepage.

Bro. Paul McLaughlan who overseas the Lodge Homepage sent a summary of the visits to our Homepage for 2022. Interesting reading, during the period Dec 2021 to Nov. 2022 we had an astonishing 59,596 visits! The visitors looked at a total of 665,446 pages on our site! The analysis of where the visitors came from reveals that they came from 89 countries from every part of the world. Amazing statistics!

### Provincial Grand Lodge Report.

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on 22nd. March the Provincial Grand Lodge Team Leader, Bro. Laird McDonald S.P.G.M. congratulated the Secretary and Treasurer and Bro. Ian Cowan, I.P.M. for the excellent Manner in which the business was conducted.