Annual Burns Supper



Uddingston Masonic Burns Club

The Annual Burns Supper will be held in the Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston on Saturday 3rd. February 2018 At 6.00 p.m. prompt

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Tickets available from
Bro. Tom Lynch

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

Valentines DANCE Saturday 17th. Feb. 7.30 p.m.



Ticket details from D. Mulholland





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Diary

<u>Thurs. 1st.</u> Grand Lodge of Scotland. Regular Communication, Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh. 2 p.m. <u>Fri. 2nd.</u> Emblem Lodge No. 6727 E.C., Blackpool, Installation. 3 p.m.

<u>Wed. 7th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee. 7.30 p.m.

<u>Wed. 14th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. Russell Parsons, WSW. <u>Wed. 28th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Major Ness No. 948. <u>Fri. 2nd. March.</u> Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Installation of Office-bearers. 7.30 p.m. Cambuslang (114)



Congratulations.

Bro. David Stark, M.M. of Lodge Major Ness No. 948 was awarded the **British Empire** Medal (BEM) In Her Majesty The Oueens New Years Honours List. Bro. David has been a great supporter of Lodge St. Bryde and The Right Worshipful Master and Brethren extend sincere congratulations.

NEW MEMBER



The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Duncan Mulholland and the Members of Lodge St. Bryde are delighted to welcome Dave Singh as a new member of our Lodge. Bro. Dave lives in Uddingston and has been attending our Lodge regularly for a number of years. He has Affiliated on

27th. December 2017 from Lodge St. Andrew No. 524, his Mother Lodge is Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1555 E.C. His Proposer was James L. Jack and Seconder Andrew Jack.

Congratulations. Congratulations to Bro. Tom Lynch, P.M. who Affiliated to Lodge Garrowhill No. 1413 and Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 in the last month. Bro. Lynch has been very supportive of both Lodge Garrowhill and St. Enoch and in fact is an Honorary Member of both Lodges. The members of Lodge St. Bryde wish him well in the future with our Sister Lodges.

Proxy Masters.

Further to the Twinning with the District of Central South Africa and the announcement that vacancies were available for Proxy Masters in Central South Africa, a number of Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 applied to fill the vacancies. Our Province now has sixteen Proxy Masters of Central South Africa Lodges and Lodge St. Bryde has five. This is an excellent response to the request from The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bill Perry.

Standing Order Scheme

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Since the appeal for contributors at the Annual General Meeting in October the response to the Fund Raising has had a tremendous boost. Now, thirty Lodge St. Bryde Brethren are contributing monthly to our Lodge.

If you would like information on this Fund Raising scheme, contact the Secretary for information.



It will mean that we can share ideas and discuss how the District and Province approach different aspects of their organisational responsibilities. But most importantly, it will formalise a long established relationship between the Brethren of our Province and the District. Brethren from South Africa have been attending Grand Lodge and indeed our 579 meetings for many

years and have established many friendships. RW Bro. Bob Law, Past District Grand Master is an Honorary Member of Lodge St. Bryde and he along with Past Deputy District Grand Master, RW Bro. David Hudson-Lamb are both Honorary Members of Provincial Grand Lodge. Our RW Bro. James L. Jack was appointed as Proxy District Grand Master of Central South Africa in 2009 and has visited the District every year since his appointment. We have a number of our Brethren who are Proxy Masters of Central South Africa District Lodges and this agreement will further cement these established relationships. Bro. Bill Perry, PGM will travel to Johannesburg with Bro. James L. Jack and other Brethren from our Province to attend the Annual Communication of the District which will include the exchanging of Twinning Certificates.



RW Bro. James Kerr, District Grand Master with RW Installing Masters RW Bros. James L. Jack and Robert G. Law Johannesburg, February 2017.



World War 1 Research. Total of Lodge St. Bryde Members Serving now reaches 94!

Continuing his research into the history of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 during WW1, Stuart Jack P.M.contacted numerous libraries throughout Scotland as he searched for the Bothwell Division Register of Voters 1919. This was a key

source in his research as it listed names and addresses of those on military service at this time. The only known copy of these Registers were held in the British Library in London and required ordering, a readers pass and the task of getting to London to view them. Read Stuart's story of the visit and his findings;

"Having researched the history for the past three years I knew that there were men contained in our history who would not be known without access to the Register of voters for the area, 1919. With some luck and help from the National Library of Scotland I finally tracked down the document which was held by the British Library in London. Immediately flights were booked for Monday the 6th of November flying from Edinburgh to Gatwick then returning from Heathrow to Edinburgh to give me maximum time with the books. Everything was in place until the phone rang on the Friday morning saying that they could not find all the books and they were unsure what would be waiting for me on arrival in London.

After a push from Laura on the Sunday evening I decided that I would still go. Alarm clock was set for 3am as my flight from Edinburgh took off at 6.05am. After a great flight, a train from Gatwick to Victoria then the tube to Euston I arrived at the British Library at 9 am. A short chat with one of the British Library staff was required to see if I was eligible for a readers pass. Handing over documents such as my drivers license and a named and addressed bill, I was granted my readers pass and access to the reading room. Would the books be there?

World War 1 Research continued.

As I stored my belongings into a locker and transferred my research material to a clear plastic bag I then made my way to the third floor. After a few anxious minutes the lady returned with the books left for me. The pile of neatly wrapped books was handed to me and I was delighted when I could see the top one was what I required. As photographs were allowed I decided to take photographs of every page so I could research them at home if I ran out of time. This would also mean that I had a copy of them in the case that anyone else would need them as a source. The full day was spent taking images and researching. Cross referencing the Lodge Roll book which contains name and addresses with the Register of Voters which contained the same but also the letter (a) next to those on Military service. Instantly names started to appear and to date 40 names were discovered from this source alone. 31 are 100 percent matched with the other 9 requiring a double check to confirm. The Bothwell area at that time covers Bothwell, Uddingston, Tannochside, Bothwellhaugh, Carmyle, Tollcross, Baillieston, Broomhouse, Mount Vernon and Bargeddie. The book was exactly what I required to finish the primary research of men for this project. With the list of names of those who served complete, and If the 9 from the London visit are confirmed that would mean that 94 Brethren are now known. These men were members of Lodge St Bryde joining in the years before and after World War 1 and I am proud that the research has been so successful. Now the hard work begins gaining the secondary information to put a story or a face to the name." Stuart Jack, Past Master.

Brethren, I'm sure that you will agree that this is excellent research not only for Lodge St. Bryde, but also for the local area, we look forward to Bro. Stuart's researches being put into print.



Provincial News.

At the Annual
General
Meeting of
Provincial
Grand Lodge
held in our
Masonic Hall on
12th. January
2018, the

Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bill Perry presented Honorary Grand Rank Certificates and Jewels to three Brethren of the Province, William Millar, St. Thomas 306, Hon. Grand D.of C., James Dorricott, Hamilton 233, Hon. Grand Junior Deacon, John McIndoe, Bothwell Brig 1229, Hon. Grand Junior Deacon. The congratulations of the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde are extended to these three worthy Brethren.



Bro. John McIndoe, P.M. 1229 with his Hon. Grand Junior Deacon

Twinning. Also at the AGM

the Provincial Grand Master announced that after discussions with RW Bro. Jim Kerr, District Grand Master of Central South Africa and RW Bro. James L. Jack, Proxy District Grand Master of Central South Africa it was agreed to put a proposal to our Provincial Grand Lodge "that the District of Central South Africa and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward formally enter into a twinning agreement." This proposal was unanimously agreed at the AGM. This is believed to be the first time in the Scottish Constitution that this agreement has taken place between a District and a Province.