



### Provincial Grand Lodge

Brethren, in a few weeks time our new Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Andrew D. Millar, Provincial Grand Master Designate and his Commissioned Office-bearers will take on the roles and responsibilities of their Offices and we in Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 wish them well and give them and indeed all the Provincial Office-bearers and Committee our full support.

At this time we also look to the Commissioned Office-bearers who will not be continuing in Office and thank them for their efforts to promote our Province both at home and indeed overseas.

William A. Perry, Provincial Grand Master

Angus G. Ross, Substitute Provincial Grand Master

Alexander R. Kelly, Substitute Provincial Grand Master

Stephen H.A. Campbell, Substitute Provincial Grand Master

William Craig, Provincial Grand Secretary

James O. Ferguson, Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain

The rearranged date of the Installation of the Provincial Grand Master and his Commissioned Office-bearers has still to be confirmed, but it is hoped that as Covid 19 restrictions are relaxed that it will take place in our Province.

As soon as arrangements are confirmed they will be communicated to our Members by the usual channels.

# THE RIGHT ANGLE



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### Important Notice.

At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, 2020. 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**



**Lounge Re-opening.** Brethren, it seems like a very long time ago since we last met on a Friday night for a beer and a chat.

Hopefully if things go according to the Government plan Pubs and Clubs will be able to open from Monday 17th. May 2021 serving drinks indoors. At time of writing Pubs and Clubs have just opened, but can only serve alcohol outdoors. It

looks as if the restrictions which were in force last year will again be in place, meaning a two metre system will again be in operation in the lounge. If the situation changes, Members will be notified by e mail and kept up to date.

**Restoration Works Ongoing.** Once the new display cabinet is in position the Lounge and entrance carpets will be replaced over the summer period. This will complete this phase of the works.

**Well Done Martin.** Bro. Martin Parrack presented the proceeds of his sponsored walk on behalf of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 to Kate Davarzadeh of Acacia Family Support Pre and postnatal depression support services. He also presented a similar cheque

on behalf of St. Peters Lodge.

Photo, presenting a cheque for £1050 to support mothers and families suffering from Postnatal Depression.



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 BE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

# Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 COVID-19 Guidance for Lounge Bar Opening.

The Premises will reopen from Friday 21st.  
May 2021

**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 , 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.



## Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge have recently released a series of regulations and recommendation paving the way forward for a return to our Lodge Meetings.

The Grand Lodge recommendations are due to be discussed at a joint meeting of the heads of all Scottish Masonic Orders in early June. All Masonic activity in Scotland has been suspended until this date. It is hoped at this meeting a joint agreement will be reached and a clear way forward mapped out. Lodge St. Bryde will remain closed until after our recess and it is again possible that we could meet in September. Lodges who meet during the summer months of July, August may be in a position to return under the issued guidelines. As the situation continues to improve, the government may relax further regulations which in turn will allow Grand Lodge the opportunity to relax its regulations. However it is too soon to predict what position the country will be in in September. As we have plenty of time in hand until our next Regular Meeting, we will review the situation then and inform the Members of the procedures to be adopted.

Brethren, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

During the past week both Grand Secretary and I have been asked on a few occasions – “When can we open our Lodges again?” The Heads of Orders are meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June to appraise the situation but until then all Lodges in Scotland will remain closed. I am cautiously confident that we will see movement after that date and in preparation, Grand Committee agreed yesterday morning to issue guidance notes to all Lodges at home and abroad to assist in the process of reopening whenever that will be. The guidance notes will be equally relevant to our Brethren in the Districts and Superintendencies provided they use them in conjunction with local laws and guidance. Further guidance will be issued shortly in respect of the use of Lodge premises by other organisations. I am aware that such activity is a vital source of revenue for some Lodges. Legal advice is being sought on the matter, but we will ensure that we do all in our power to safeguard Lodge Trustees and members.

W.R. McGhee, Grand Master Mason.