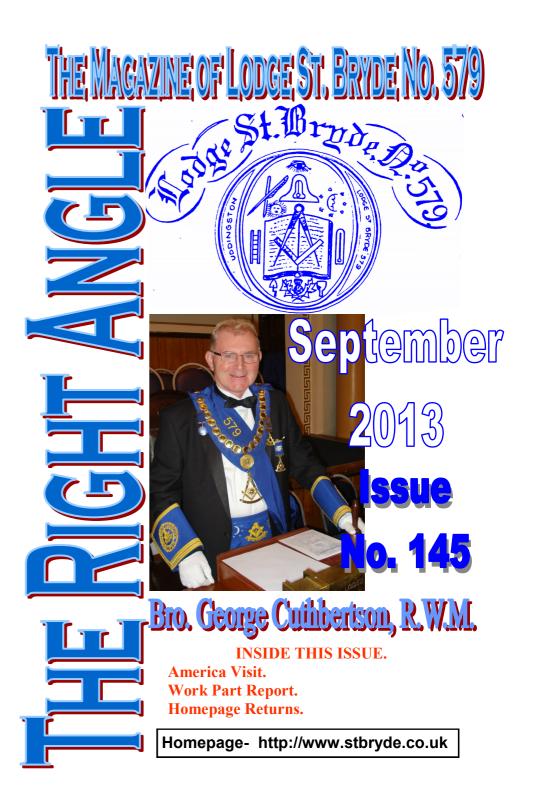
Summer Work Party.

A really enthusiastic work party completed all the tasks planned during the summer months. The main focus was on the property frontage, after the break in the Police advised that the trees and bushes in front of the Hall should be cut away to give a clear view of the building from the front door. This proved to be quite an undertaking and eventually two skip loads of growth were taken away. The gardens were tidied up and suggestions were made to make the frontage more low maintenance. These ideas will be discussed and if feasible put in place next year. The damage caused to the internal doors from the break in required that they were repainted and this was also carried out. New down lights were installed in the Lounge and the bar was completely cleaned including the ice making machine. Contract Roofers carried out the Annual inspection of the roof and repairs were carried out. Contract Floor refurbishers also gave the Main Hall floor its first polish since major works were undertaken last year. It is important that these inspections and the necessary action taken to keep the premises in good condition be carried out annually to keep on top of any repairs due.



Friend to Friend Monument Gettysburg





September

Masonic

Diary

Wed. 4th. Lodge St. Bryde 579. Enquiry Committee at 7pm. General Committee at 7.30 p.m.

Mon. 9th. Lodge Thistle & Rose No. 73. Lecture by James L. Jack. "H.L.Hunley—Freemasons in the Confederate Secret Service". Masonic Hall Ardery St., Glasgow 7 .30 p.m.

Wed. 11th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229.

Sun. 15th. Provincial Grand Lodge A.D.S. (See Below) Wed. 25th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. Tom Lynch WJW. Thurs. 26th. Lodge St. Bryde 579 Deputation to Lodge

<u>Thurs. 26th.</u> Lodge St. Bryde 579 Deputation to Lodge Tollcross No. 1194. M.M. Degree by Bro. George Cuthbertson, RWM

OCTOBER Wed. 2nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114 F.C. Degree by Bro. Tom Lynch WJW.



Provincial Grand Lodge
of
Lanarkshire
Middle Ward.
ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE
Uddingston Old Parish Church
Sunday 15th. September
at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

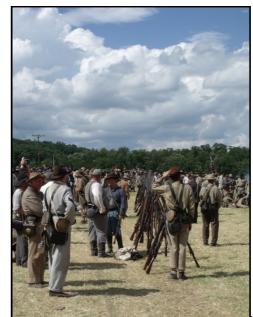
American Visit.

and Pennsylvania and we attended meetings in four States, Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland & Pennsylvania in seven days! On Sunday we attended the re-enactment of Pickets Charge at Gettysburg. It was like an Open Golf venue, with huge Grandstands erected and a crowd of around 30,000 watching.

Incredibly, we met
Fred Auld, our guide
from Charleston,
dressed in his
Confederate
Washington Artillery
uniform and taking part
in the re-enactment. As
I watched the 170
Confederate cannon
firing and the Infantry
assembling ready to
charge, I thought of our
historical meeting on



Civil War Lodge meeting in the Battlefield at Gettysburg



the Battlefield on Friday night and wondered how many of the original soldiers at Gettysburg had attended meetings in the field prior to the Battle.

Grateful thanks to Bro. Wayne Price & Fred Auld for their help and assistance in making this trip so memorable.

J.L. Jack.

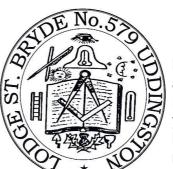
On our return we visited the impressive Grand Lodge offices in Lexington, S.C. on the long journey north to Virginia and were warmly welcomed by the Grand Secretary.

Unity Lodge No. 146 in Front Royal was our next port of call, although I had visited this Lodge on many occasions, this visit marked the tenth anniversary of my first visit the Lodge in 2003 when I delivered a Lecture on Freemasonry in Scotland. The Lecture was well received by the 150 Brethren who attended the meeting dinner, but sadly the Master at the time Bill Copenhaver has since passed to the Grand Lodge above. Thursday we were off north again, by this time there was a convoy of Brethren heading north, stopping off at the Battlefield at Sharpsburg (Antietam) and then to Harrisburg, Maryland. The Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 (of which we have a number of 579 members) had planned two meetings over the weekend in Gettysburg and Harrisburg. Friday night was indeed an historical occasion, a meeting in the field at Gettysburg, seventy five Brethren attended the meeting and it was great to meet Brethren from North Carolina, Tennessee and Kansas who I had not seen

for a while. In fact my friend Mike Halleran is the Depute Grand Master of Kansas and is due to be Installed as Grand Master next year (trip to Kansas?) Saturday we attended the C.W.L.R. No. 1865 Regular Meeting in Harrisburg and it struck me that we had travelled through six States, Virginia, North & South Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and



Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Temple



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Homepage Returns. After an absence of four months the Lodge Homepage returns. In May of this year the Homepage was hacked by Brazilians who sent out spam E mails to everyone who viewed our site. The server that we use was on the verge of closing us down, but

good work by David Aitchison our Webmaster managed to sort things out and hopefully we are back on track.

New Member. James Stewart Muircroft was Raised to Master Mason on Wednesday 22nd. May thus now becoming a full member of the Lodge. The Right Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 are delighted to have Bro. Jim as a new member.



Jubilee Presentation.

Fifty Years to the day of his Initiation (22nd. May) Bro. Scott Moore was presented with a Grand Lodge Jubilee Certificate. Lifelong friend and Brother, Ronnie McCarney, P.M., Treas. was invited by Bro. George Cuthbertson, RWM to make the presentation. Bro. Moore was RWM of the Lodge in 1999

and was awarded Distinguished Service Membership in 2006. Bro. Moore has worked tirelessly for our Lodge over many years and the Brethren were delighted with his award.



Lodge Meridian No. 1779. INSTALLATION Of

Office-bearers
The Installation of Office-bearers will
take place on Tuesday 10th. September
2013 at 1p.m.

In the Masonic Hall, Uddingston.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Brethren to attend.

Death

David Gibson, Past Master.

During the recess the Lodge lost one of the oldest Past Masters in Bro. David Gibson. David was initiated into our Lodge on 28th. April 1954 and progressed to become Right Worshipful Master in 1966. He was a great character – larger than life – always with a story to tell. Ill health in recent years kept him from his beloved Mother Lodge. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Lodge St. Andrew Military No. 668.

At the June Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Tom Davidson highlighted the difficult position that Lodge St. Andrew Military No. 668 was now in. A lack of Office-bearers due to age profile of the Lodge, reduction in membership due to a lack of Candidates and the loss of the military influence which had served the Lodge for so long was now all but gone. The P.G.M. appealed to the Brethren of the Province to try to help the Lodge in its present difficulties, a Lodge which was established in 1882 by Cameronians stationed in Hamilton Barracks and whose membership includes a Victoria Cross holder. If you can in any way support the P.G.M. 's appeal please contact Bro. Peter Ball, RWM No. 668.

America Visit 2013.

This year marked the 150th. Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and a visit was a must for Civil War enthusiasts. 30, 000 re-enactors were due to take part in battle demonstrations over the week long celebrations.

Wayne Price our well known Brother from Virginia picked me up at Washington airport and we headed South. Wayne had arranged a trip to Charleston, South Carolina and our guide Bro. Fred Auld was there to greet us after a 650 mile drive. Fred was of Scots decent, his forefathers were Jacobites who fled Scotland after the



'45. His Great, Great Grandfather Dr. Isaac Auld was one of the Founders of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, an organisation which spread throughout the world from Charleston. Civil War sites were high on the agenda with Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and The H.L. Hunley museum all visited over the weekend. Our first meeting was on Saturday to Fellowship Lodge No. 400 in Charleston where the Grand Lodge of South Carolina were carrying out a 50th. Anniversary re-dedication Ceremony. W.

Bro. David Dechant, Grand Master made us both very welcome and invited us to his Mother Lodge, Goose Creek No. 401 for a meeting on Monday. He also arranged for us to visit the very impressive Temple of, Solomon Lodge No. 1 and the headquarters of the Ancient Accepted Rite in Charleston. The Brethren of the Charleston Lodges made us very welcome and it was interesting to listen to their history which dated back to a Charter from The Grand Lodge of England in 1735. The oldest Lodge with a truly Scottish connection is Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 which was Chartered by our Grand Lodge in 1759.