



Presentation.
 Bro. James L. Jack,
 Provincial Grand Master
 was presented with an
 engraved quail by
 Bro. William Ross, Right
 Worshipful Master of
 Lodge Regal No. 1422,
 Glasgow to mark his visit
 to the Lodge.

The Victoria Cross and Freemasonry

Provincial Grand Lodge
 of
 Lanarkshire Middle Ward
 Present a

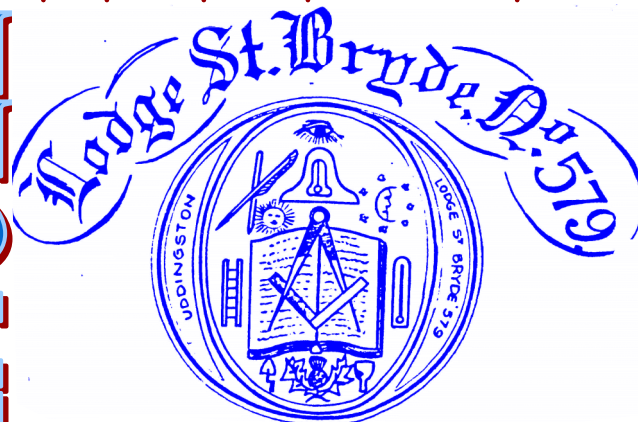
CHARITY DINNER

Bro. Granville Angell, Prestonian Lecturer of The United Grand
 Lodge of England will present the above Lecture on
 Friday 8th. June 2007 in The Masonic Hall, Baillieston.
 Tickets Price £20 available from the Lodge Secretary.



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February Masonic Diary

Fri. 2nd. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward) Installation of Office-bearers. Masonic Temple, Cambuslang, 7.30pm.

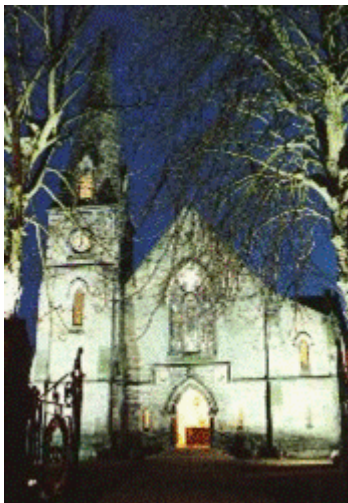
Wed. 7th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Enquiry Committee at 7pm. General Committee at 7.30pm.

Sat. 10th. Lodge Mallaig No. 1056. Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. will present a lecture "Freemasons at Gettysburg".

Wed. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge Tollcross No. 1194.

Wed. 21st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288. M.M. Degree by R.W.M. Bro. Pat Clarke.

Wed. 28th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M. (Provincial Grand Lodge visitation)



Provincial Grand Lodge
 Of
 Lanarkshire (Middle Ward)

**Annual Divine
 Service**

Old Parish Church, Uddingston
 Sunday, 29th. April 2007
 At 6 for 6.30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

The Grand Symbolic Lodge of Bulgaria was quick to increase its influence. Prominent personalities from politics, universities, industry and the military were members, who, united by Masonic ideals worked for the prosperity of their Motherland.

In the years between the two World Wars Bulgarian masons established contacts and were recognized by 88 brother-hoods around the world. They sent and received grants on various occasions.

The Grand Symbolic Lodge of Bulgaria became a founding member of the International Mason Association (1921). In the years to follow, its representatives took part in all the Association bodies and in 1939 it became member of the Executive Committee. Bulgarian masons participated in all meetings of the Convention of the IMA as well as the work of the Administrative and Consultative Committee.

The Grand Symbolic Lodge of Bulgaria actively engaged in the dissemination of Masonic literature. Its Publishing activities increased in reaction to attacks from different organizations and persons.

Meanwhile new Masonic lodges were consecrated in different cities.

By the end of 1940 the number of regular Freemasons in Bulgaria was over 240.

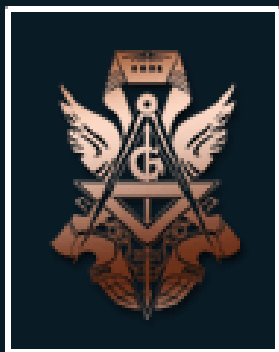
On January 23rd, 1941 the Bulgarian Parliament adopted the Defense of the Nation Law, which banned the existence of Masonic lodges in Bulgaria.

Thus an important era in the existence of freemasonry in Bulgaria was laid to rest until it's resurrection in 1992.

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They got acquainted with the organization of lodges of great experience, which was useful for the development of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. The Bulgarian Prime Minister Konstantin Stoilov (1894 - 1899) worked in the lodge Appolo in Saxony, Germany. Contemporary Masonry was introduced into Bulgaria after the establishment of the Third

Bulgarian State. The first Bulgarian lodge '1880 Balkan Star' was installed in Rousse on March 20th, 1880 and received light from the Great East of Portugal under no.134. The lodge 'Brotherhood' in Sofia was consecrated in 1883 under no.162 from the Great East of Portugal.

On January 19th, 1914 the temporary masonic lodge Zaria was created, which was acknowledged as regular on March 2nd 1914 by the Grand Lodge of France under no.463. Its official installation was performed on April 15th of the same year in Sofia. The educational institute Zaria was created on August 18th, 1914 with the aim of popularization of Masonic moral ideals among Bulgarian citizens.

The most important year for Bulgarian masonry was 1917. The Grand Symbolic Lodge of Bulgaria, consisting of two constituent lodges - Zaria and Svetlina with 100 brothers was consecrated; first official connections with foreign brothers- the Swiss lodge Alpina and the International Bureau for Masonic relations were established. All necessary formalities related to the establishment of the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Bulgaria - adoption of a Constitution and election of a Board - were executed, as well as such related to its foreign recognition . On June 22 - 23rd, 1919 the First Grand Communication was convened and it approved all documents for the independent existence of the Lodge. The big family of world masonry was joined by a new member.



Lodge St. Bryde News.
Provincial Visit. The Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Visitation to our Lodge will take place on Wednesday 28th. March. The Deputation will be headed by Bro. Alex Kelly, Substitute Provincial Grand Master. He

will be accompanied by Bro. James L. Jack, Provincial Grand Master. **Major Hall Repairs** update. At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge on 14th. February, Bro. Andrew McAlpine, Secretary reported on the application made to the Land Trust for their financial support to carry out the major repair works to eradicate wet rot in the floor joists in the north west floor area and the roof in the south west area. Andrew reported that the initial feedback from the Trust looked favourable and that he had met with the Trust Director to discuss the proposal in detail. A comprehensive second application had now been completed and it was hoped that final approval for a grant would be approved in March. If this work is approved it is planned that the refurbishment work would be undertaken during the summer recess. Also at this meeting, Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. gave an interesting Lecture titled "Freemasons at Gettysburg". The meeting was well attended, with a large number of visitors present. A good discussion and question and answer session followed the presentation. Bro. Jack also presented this Lecture again at Lodge St. Kentigern, Penicuik and a number of our Brethren supported Bro. Jack at the meeting. Next month Bro. Jack will present a Lecture at Lodge Mallaig, Mallaig where Bro. Willie Anderson (of 114) is presently the R.W.M. before returning to our Province to present the Lecture at Lodge The Duke of Hamilton on 2nd. April. **Applications.** The good news is that we seem to have an upturn in the number of Applicants to join our Lodge. Over the last few weeks the number of application forms received has risen to six. This is extremely

good news for the future and we look forward to these applications coming before the Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge News.

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Charity Sponsors Wanted ! Bro.

Andrew Millar, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies has planned a Charity Sponsored Cycle run across Northern Spain. Bro. Andrew and the Provincial Grand Master are keen for members of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Lodges within our Province to sponsor this event. Soon all Lodges in the Province will receive a notice with details of the event and how to sponsor Andrew. **Annual Divine Service.** The Annual Divine Service will take place on Sunday 28th. April at 6 for 6.30 p.m. within the Old Parish Church, Uddingston. The Service will be conducted by Bro. Rev. Peter O. Price, Senior Provincial Chaplain and Rev. Norman McKee minister of the Old Parish. Attendances at the Service have been increasing over the last few years and The Provincial Grand Master is confident that the attendance at this years Service will break previous attendance records.

Holiday Caravan. The Holiday Caravan Season will start soon and Applications are invited from Brethren and Dependants who would benefit from a short holiday in our superb facility at Monkton. Contact the Lodge Secretary for details.

Charity Dinner. Applications for tickets for the Charity Dinner which will be held on Friday 8th. June. are now available from the Lodge Secretary. Bro. Granville Angel, Grand Lodge of England Prestonian Lecturer will present a Lecture titled “ The Victoria Cross and Freemasonry”. This will be a major event in our calendar and tickets are likely to be at a premium.



Freemasonry in Bulgaria. Recently, a number of new Grand Lodges have been recognised by The Grand Lodge of Scotland, some of these “new” Grand Lodge have a long and distinguished history. This month we look at the early beginnings of Freemasonry in Bulgaria.

The first references of the existence of contemporary Masonic brotherhoods on Bulgarian territory date from early nineteenth century. Brothers from different nationalities united so as to promote Masonic ideals. Members of such lodges were brothers from Bugaria, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Italy, Spain, France .The lodges were installed in Rousse, Vidin, Svishtov, Varna. Unfortunately information from that time is both scarce and unreliable. The first Bulgarian mason, however is known to be Ivan Nikolov Vedar (1827 - 1898), who was initiated on the 12.12.1863 in the Oriental Lodge 687 Constantino-ple. He was the forefather of a long family Masonic tradition, which has been followed to his day for over 140 years. There is no historical evidence of the existence of independent Bulgarian lodges. It seems that Bulgarian intellectual effort was concentrated on the national liberation issue. Some renown Bulgarian intellectuals and revolutionaries were however initiated into a number of English, French and German lodges. There is no historic data of the existence of organized Masonry on the territory of the First and Second Bulgarian States (681 - 1396). Bearing in mind the proximity to Jerusalem, which was primarily accessible in those days through Bulgarian lands, it is probable that Masonic units existed in Medieval Bulgaria. Masonic ideas began to spread in the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century but there were no organized Bulgarian lodges. Many Bulgarian men, however, worked and gained necessary experience while working with brothers from England, , France and Germany.

