

Annual Divine Service. Over 220 Brethren attended the A.D.S. in The Old Parish Church, Uddingston on Sunday 29th. April. The Service was conducted by Rev. Norman McKee and Bro. Rev. Peter O. Price, Senior Provincial Grand Lodge Chaplain. Twenty eight Right Worshipful Masters also attended the Service in addition to the P.G.M.'s of Glasgow, Lanarkshire (Upper Ward), Rox., Peeb. & Selkirk and E. Lothian & Berwickshire.



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Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M.

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**The Victoria Cross
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Provincial
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of

Lanarkshire Middle Ward

Present a

CHARITY DINNER

May Masonic Diary

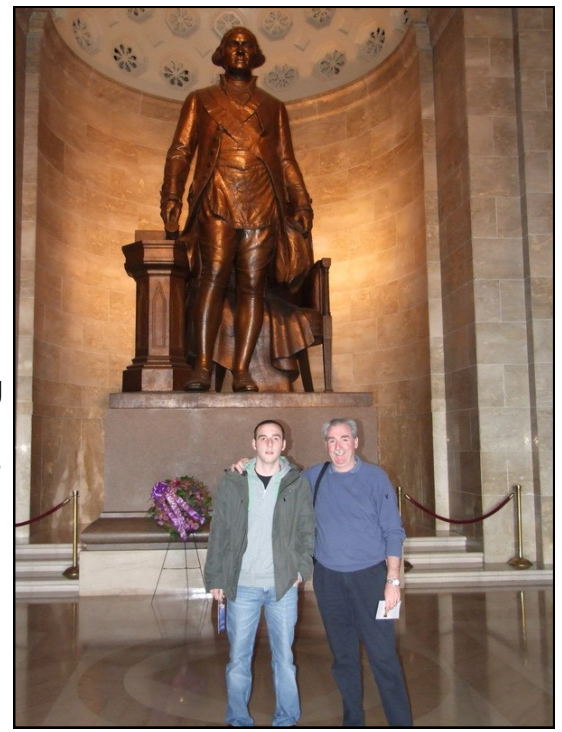
- Wed. 2nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee at 7.30 p.m.
- Sun. 6th. Lodge Hamilton Kilwinning No. 7 & Lodge Hamilton No. 233 Joint Annual Divine Service . St. John`s Church Hamilton 6.30p.m.
- Wed. 9th.Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114.
- Thurs.10th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Deputation to Lodge Tollcross No. 1194. E.A. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, W.J.W.
- Thurs. 17th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge Eastmuir No.1126. F.C. Degree by Lodge Past Masters.
- Sun. 20th. Lodge Blantyre Kilwinning No. 557 & Lodge Livingstone No. 599 Joint Annual Divine Service. Congregational Church, Blantyre 6.30 p.m.
- Wed. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Lecture By Bro. James Vasey, P.M.
- Fri. 1st. June Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Regular Communication at Wishaw (No. 31) 7.30 p.m.
- Fri. 8th. Jun. Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Dinner at Baillieston
- Thurs. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Deputation to Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. E.A. Degree by Bro. David Shaw,



Adelphi Bluebell Lodge No. 4 of Free Gardeners

Members please note that,
 The next meeting of the Lodge will be on
 Wednesday 30th. May at 7.30 p.m. in the
 Masonic Hall, Baillieston.
 Application Forms available from J.L.Jack,
 W. Secretary

The Memorial is absolutely stunning and thanks to my tour guide Richard Radi from Spurmont Lodge No. 98. I really had an excellent hour or so touring around looking at the amazing building and being told about its history and contents whilst doing so. The place is full of American Masonic history and when you see it its hard to believe that a Masonic memorial of that size exists, it's a tremendous memorial to George Washington.



Platinum Certificate. Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. attended the Regular Meeting of Lodge Robert Burns No. 440 on 26th. April for a very special presentation. Bro. Archibald Frew was celebrating 70 years as a member of Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. The Grand Lodge issued a Special Platinum Certificate which was presented to Bro. Archie by his Grandsons Bro. Martin Sweeten, W.S.W. and Bro. Gary Sweeten, W.J.W. of 440. The Lodge also presented a special jewel to Bro. Frew to mark his long membership of the Lodge.

Important Jewels Returned. Two Provincial Grand Lodge jewels which belonged to the late Bro. Alex MacGregor of 440 have been returned to the Lodge. His Past Provincial Grand Masters jewel and his Past Senior Provincial Grand Wardens jewel are now on display within the Lodge.



Bro. Wayne Price, Hon. PS.P.G.W., Bro. J.L.Jack, P.G.M.,
 Bro. Raymond Steele, R.W.M. , Bro. Stuart Jack, I.G.
 Four Member of 579 meet in Virginia.

They performed a Master mason degree on one of their Candidates and it really was something with most of the Brethren taking part in the degree, each office or roll even having its own costume. A presentation was made to Lodge St. Bryde with Bro. Raymond presenting myself with a mallet which was used at a Masonic meeting in an American Army camp in Iraq. After the meeting there was a short harmony which is very different to here as there is no alcohol served and I couldn't imagine Bruce Reidford serving shrimps and ham cakes after a meeting ! It was an excellent night and I was very privileged to meet Past Grand Master of West Virginia Bro. Frank Haas who had visited Scotland last year and was very impressed.

Sadly by the Thursday it was time to head back to Uddingston as we had an important annual visit to attend. On our way to the airport we paid a visit to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial which stands in Alexandria just outside Washington.



Lodge St. Bryde News.
Lodge Dance. Members of the Lodge are keen to have a Lodge Dance this year - if there is sufficient interest ! The date proposed is **Saturday 6th. October 2007** and there is a

list on the notice board on which Brethren and visitors can append their name. This is an early attempt to gauge reaction prior to making all the arrangements. We believe the time is right to revive the Lodge Annual Dance.

Grant Approved. The great news is that The Land Trust has approved the Lodge application for financial assistance with the major works required to be carried out on the main roof and west floor of the Hall.

Members will remember the report carried out by Rentokil into the deterioration of some the main joists resulted in an estimated £15,000 repair bill. Application was made by Bro. Andrew McAlpine our Lodge Secretary to the Land Trust seeking a grant in support for the cost of the works and the fantastic news is that we have received a 100% grant.

Arrangements are being made to have the extensive work carried out in June of this year during the Lodge recess. Our thanks are extended to Andrew McAlpine and all those who worked so hard to secure this grant which will ensure that our Lodge funds are not depleted and that the fabric our Temple remains sound.

Fortrose Visit. Bro. Pat Clarke, Right Worshipful Master led a 54 strong Deputation which included a five strong Deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge headed by Bro. James L. Jack, P.G.M. to Lodge Seaforth No. 854, Fortrose on Saturday 14th. April. The date was significant in that it was almost ten years to the day that Lodge St. Bryde first visited Lodge Seaforth,



on that occasion a very proud Maxwell McGhie (who was our oldest member at that time) led the Deputation from his Mother Lodge into his Adopted Lodge.

Bro. Pat Clarke, R.W.M. introduced Bro. Bobby Abercrombie, P.M. and his Team of Past Masters. The experienced Team of Lodge Past Masters conferred an excellent F.C. Degree on one Candidate. After the meeting



R.W.M.'s with P.G.M. and the P.G.L. Deputation.

Lodge Seaforth members provided a splendid dinner for the visitors followed by the traditional Harmony. Our thanks to Bro. Ronnie McCarney

who organised the trip and made the arrangements with The National Hotel in Dingwall and even arranged for Airdrie to be playing the local team Ross County on Saturday afternoon in Dingwall ! **Virginia Visit by Stuart Jack, Inner Guard.**

During my Easter holidays from work, the Provincial Grand Master, James L Jack and I visited two Affiliate members of Lodge St. Bryde, Brothers Wayne Price and Raymond Steele in Virginia. This was my first visit to Virginia and would be my first time attending a Masonic meeting outside Scotland. My first experience in an American lodge came sooner than I had expected and happened by luck and chance. Along with James Jack, Wayne Price and Raymond Steele we spent an overnight visit at a historic settlement in Jamestown which was celebrating it's 400th. Anniversary as the first settlement being established in Virginia.

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On our way back from Jamestown we decided to pass through a town called Williamsburg where we planned on getting some food and a place to spend the night. On our way through the old town of Williamsburg we kept our eyes open for the Masonic hall as we knew there was a temple there but didn't exactly know where it was. As we travelled along the road into town, I suddenly noticed the Masonic Temple so we stopped the car for a



The Williamsburg Temple

A picture wasn't all we got from Williamsburg Lodge Number 6 as it just happened to be the second Monday, the meeting started in an hour! Its safe to say our manner of dress was even strange for a Lodge as we entered the hall in jeans and t-shirts however the Number 6 Brethren made us more than welcome and after Raymond past the Masonic test we sat down for a dinner before the meeting. There was no degree on, just a short business meeting however my first experience in an American lodge was very enjoyable mainly due to the nature we found the meeting and the Brethren of Williamsburg.

After a day out on the Tuesday I along with James Jack and Wayne Price attended Hiram Lodge Number 21 in Winchester where Raymond Steele is currently RWM. The hall in Winchester is stunning and is painted with tracing boards and Masonic emblems, it's a Lodge room that just cant be described as it has to be seen to be appreciated. The meeting was excellent and the Brethren of Hiram Lodge definitely did RWM Raymond proud.

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