



Bro. Martin Parrack a Past Master of St. Peter's Lodge in Birmingham Affiliated to Lodge St. Bryde last year and proudly wears his Lodge St. Bryde Apron on his visits to other Lodges in England. He has sent this report on a visit to **The Earl Ellesmere Lodge No.678** – Farnsworth Masonic Hall, Bolton – 5th October 2011 – 2nd Degree deferred – Replaced by an explanation of the Grand Lodge Certificate by W.Bro. John Welsby PPrSGD. The

general meeting was different again. The risings were done half way through the evening with the Provincial Officers giving greetings. The Ancient Charge was read out by the Senior Warden after the rising inviting the visitors to the festive board – and what and could not be discussed to keep the 'Harmony'. The evening was an Old English Night and we had a commemorative whiskey tumbler as a memento of the evening.

The Meal started with Fresh Fruit Platter with Tripe and Onions. Followed Soup cream of broccoli and bread roll; then a complete ring of Black Pudding and Mustard; Braised Steak, potatoes, green beans and peas; Apple pie and custard; Cheese and Biscuits; Coffee.

Look forward to meeting the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde again at the Installation., Regards, Martin Parrack.

Lodge St. Mary No. 31, Coltness.

Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. has been invited to present a Lecture at Lodge St. Mary on Friday 4th. November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. The Lecture will be "Free Gardeners and Free Masonry—a Comparison" This is the Lecture that Bro. James L. Jack presented at the International Conference in Washington and has not been presented before in our Province. Brethren from Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 will be made most welcome.

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Tues. 1st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Mon. 7th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Deputation to Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. F.C. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, W.S.W.

Wed. 9th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7. 30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126.

Wed. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7. 30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288

Thurs. 24th. Grand Lodge of Scotland. Installation & Festival of St. Andrew at 12.30 p.m.

Sat. 26th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Installation of Office-bearers at 4 p.m.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

Installation of Office-bearers

The Annual Installation of Office-bearers will take place
On Saturday 26th. November at 4 p.m.

Installing Masters

Bros James Vasey, P.M. & Robert Abercrombie, P.M.

Dinner & Harmony to follow. (tickets £10)

Visitors especially welcome.

Lodge Biggar Free Operative No. 167.
E.A. Degree by Lodge St. John No. 20
On Thursday 3rd. November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
Brethren are invited to join our
R.W.M. Bro. Alex Hamilton
who will attend this meeting.

Obituary

Bro. James Henderson Hamish Stewart

The sad news was conveyed by email to the Lodge that Bro. Stewart had died in Canada on the 3rd October after suffering a serious stroke. Hamish, as he was better known to the Lodge brethren, joined the Lodge on the 22nd October 1975 at the age of 34. He was an Electronic Technician and worked for a time at the BBC Kirk O' Shotts transmitter. He was elected into his first Office in 1976 as 3rd Steward and served in junior Office for a further three consecutive years. His father-in-law was a fairly regular visitor to the Lodge and, being a Past Master of Lodge St. Kilda No. 881 in Portree Skye, the Lodge decided to make a visit there which took place over three days in April 1978. It was a memorable weekend, the first of a number of trips to the Lodge in Skye. Hamish was a well-liked member and dedicated Office bearer and it was with some sadness that we learned that he was to emigrate to Canada with his wife and family in November 1980, the best wishes of the Lodge going with the Stewart family. He kept in contact with the Lodge, did keep up his interest in Freemasonry over in Ontario and eventually Affiliated to the Doric Lodge No.424 who notified us of his death.

The sympathies of the Lodge are extended to the Stewart family, and to his Affiliated Lodge.

Lodge Biggar Free Operative No. 167.

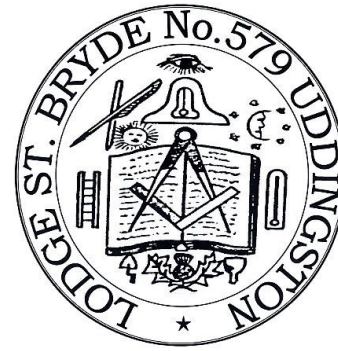
Recently, The Scottish Masonic Materials Group (a sub committee of Grand Committee) assisted Lodge Biggar Free Operative Lodge No. 167 in cataloguing their minute books and their extensive collection of paraphernalia. This detailed study, believed to have been the first undertaken in Scotland was a great success and was indeed interesting as two founder Members of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 were Members of BFO 167. They were Bros. J. Parker and M. Burnside.

Biggar Free Operative 167 has a unique place in Scottish Masonic history as it was originally Chartered in 1724



(twelve years before the formation of Grand Lodge) by Lodge Ancient Brazen (now No. 17) in Linlithgow. The first minute of the Lodge dated 1724 is still in possession of the Lodge and indicates that the Lodge may be older. The Lodge

was at the original meeting to establish The Grand Lodge of Scotland and can proudly claim to be a Founder Member. On Thursday 3rd. November 2011 our Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Alex Hamilton intends to visit the Lodge and invites members of our Lodge to join him. Bro. Martin Parrack from Birmingham will be attending the meeting at which Lodge St. John No. 20, Lesmahagow will work an E.A. Degree. Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde wishing to attend should contact our R.W.M.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Work Party Continues. Members may have noticed that the tall trees at the North West corner of the Lodge property have been cut down. During the recess two of the trees were identified as being dead and in a dangerous condition. It only seemed a

matter of time before one fell onto either our property or the houses next door. Our thanks to Jim MacLennan for organising the tree cutters.

Congratulations. At the Regular Meeting of Lodge Meridian No. 1779 on Tuesday 20th. November, Bros James L. Jack, & Alasdair Dunlop, both Past Masters of 579 were Installed as Secretary & Treasurer of Lodge Meridian. Bro. Ian Doig was Installed as R.W.M.. The Installation which was attended by fifty Brethren.

2012 Visitation. The Annual Lodge Visitation will take place on Saturday 31st. March 2012 to Lodge Grange, No. 1073, Monifieth. The cost of the trip will be £65 (inclusive of bus, accommodation and meals) Brethren wishing to attend should give their name and a £20 deposit to Bro. Ronnie McCarney, P.M. Treasurer.

Masonic Reading The Ashlar Magazine is a unique magazine published specifically for Scottish Freemasons. The Ashlar is available for purchase on a quarterly basis from Bro. Alex Hamilton.

**Adelphi Bluebell Lodge No. 4
Next Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 29th. November 2011 in the
Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston**



First Masonic Native Indian?

The story of Joseph Brant, the Mohawk American Indian who fought for the Loyalists during the American War of Independence has been retold by the Iroquois peoples of the Six Nations and American Freemasons for centuries, and today Brant is featured in many Masonic Histories and is the topic of many websites.

The story that is the most endearing is how Brant, a Mohawk chief, witnessed an American prisoner give a Masonic sign and spared the life of his fellow Mason.

This action went down in history, and Brant became the embodiment of the 'noble savage' to Victorian Britain.

This article will explain the events leading up to this event, and how Brant, in death, created even more controversy as the legends of his life grew and expanded.

Brant was born in 1742 in the area around the banks of the Ohio River. His Indian name was Thayendanegea, meaning 'he places two bets' and as a child he was educated at Moor's Charity School for Indians in Lebanon, Connecticut, where he learned English and European History. He became a favourite of Sir William Johnson, who had taken Brant's sister Molly as a mistress, although they were married later after Johnson's wife died. Johnson was the British Superintendent for Northern Indian Affairs, and became close to the Mohawk people, and enlisted their allegiance in the French and Indian War of 1754-1763, with a young Brant taking up arms for the British.

After the war, Brant found himself working as an interpreter for Johnson. He had worked as an interpreter before the war and converted to Christianity, a religion which he embraced.

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. He translated the Prayer Book and the Gospel of Mark into the Mohawk language, other translations included the Acts of the Apostles and a short history of the Bible.

Around 1775, after being appointed secretary to Sir William's successor, Guy Johnson, Brant received a Captain's commission in the British Army and set off for England, where he became a Freemason and confirmed his attachment to the British Crown.

Brant was raised in Hiram's Cliftonian Lodge No. 814 in London, early in 1776, although his association with the Johnson family may have been an influence in his links to Freemasonry. Guy Johnson, whose family had Masonic links, had accompanied Brant on his visit to England. Hiram's Cliftonian Lodge had been founded in 1771, and during Brant's visit to the Lodge, it had met at the Falcon in Princes Street, Soho. The Lodge was erased in 1782. Brant's Masonic apron was, according to legend, personally presented to him by George III.

On his return to America, Brant became a key figure in securing the loyalty of other Iroquois tribes in fighting for the British against the 'rebels', and it was during the war that Joseph Brant entered into Masonic legend. After the surrender of the 'rebel' forces at the Battle of the Cedars on the St. Lawrence River in 1776, Brant famously saved the life of a certain Captain John McKinstry, a member of Hudson Lodge No.13 of New York, who was about to be burned at the stake.

McKinstry, remembering that Brant was a Freemason, gave to him the Masonic sign of appeal which Brant recognized, an action which secured McKinstry's release and subsequent good treatment. McKinstry and Brant remained friends for life, and in 1805 he and Brant together visited the Masonic Lodge in Hudson, New York, where Brant was given an excellent reception. Brant's portrait now hangs in the Lodge.

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