

April Masonic Diary

Sat. 5th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Fort William No. 43. (see details below)

Wed. 9th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Livingstone No. 599.

Tues. 22nd. Lecture by Bro. James L. Jack at Lodge Major Ness No. 948.

Wed. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M.M. Degree by Bro. James Vasey, RWMM

Thurs. 24th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Tollcross No. 1194. M.M. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, RWM

Sun. 27th. Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Divine Service in Uddingston Old Parish Church at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

Wed. 30th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

May.

Thurs. 1st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126. M.M. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, RWM.

Thurs. 8th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Robert Burns No. 440. M.M. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, RWM

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

Visit to

Lodge Fort William No. 43.

Will Brethren attending the Deputation to Lodge Fort William please note that the bus will leave The Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston at

9.30 am on Saturday 5th. April 2014.

Wear kilts. They also have members who play the pipes and this lead to a very Scottish occasion 4,500 miles from home ! The Grand Lodge also had an auction at the formal dinner on Friday night which raised over \$25,000 for charity. All in all I was very well received by the Brethren of Grand Lodge of Kansas and perhaps look forward to meeting them in Lodge St. Bryde.



Members of Caledonian Lodge No. 459, G.L. Kansas with the new Charter which was presented by RW Bro. Michael Halleran, Grand Master.

Lodge St. Bryde No. 579

Instruction Class

The results of the Instruction Class have been tremendous and our Degree work is of a very high standard. If you would like to join and learn Ritual Work, the Instruction Class usually meet on a Sunday Night. Contact Bro. Alex Hamilton, P.M. for details.

Kansas.

I had been corresponding with Michael Halleran for years and we had been exchanging information as he was writing a book on Freemasonry in The American War, "Better the Angels of our Nature—Freemasonry in the Civil War". The book was published in 2010 with much acclaim and I was delighted to receive one of the first issues. But I had never actually met Michael until last year at the Civil War Lodge of Research meeting in the field at Gettysburg in July 2013. It was a chance meeting, I had no idea that he was attending and almost passed one another in the field. I asked if he was still involved with the Grand Lodge of Kansas and he replied that he was currently the Depute Grand Master. Grand Master ? I enquired ! Due to be installed in March next year—I might like to attend on that occasion, I replied.

Flights booked early in the new year and I was off ! The Communication of G.L. Kansas took place over two days starting at 8am and finishing at 5pm. ! Pretty intensive. I



J.L. Jack with Grand Masters of Colorado and Kansas.

was delighted to meet an old friend, RW. Bro. Michael Mac-Millan, Grand Master of Colorado. Michael is an Hon. Member of Lodge St. Thomas No. 306 and is a well known visitor to 579. I also attended the Consecration of a new Lodge, Caledonian Lodge No. 459, Kansas in the Grand Lodge Temple. The Lodge has a Scottish theme (hence the name) and the Office-bearers



Provincial Grand Lodge News.

ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE. The Annual Divine Service of Provincial Grand Lodge will take place on Sunday 27th. April at 6 for 6.30 p.m. in The Old Parish Church, Uddingston. The Service will be conducted by Bro. Rev. Peter Price, Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain and Rev. Fiona McKibbin Minister of the Church.



Lodge Meridian No. 1779.

SYLLABUS 2014.

- Tues. 8th. April E.A. Degree
- Tues. 13th. May M.M.M. Degree
- Tues. 10th. June F.C. Degree
- Tues. 8th. July M.M.M. Degree
- Tues. 12th. Aug. AGM

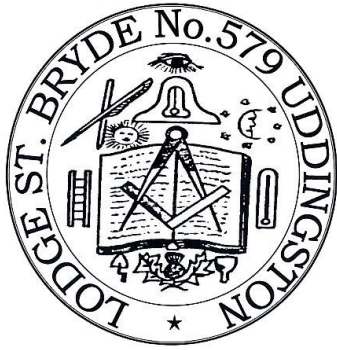
Tues. 9th. Sept. Installation & 25th. Anniversary Meeting.

All meeting in the Masonic Hall, Uddingston at 1p.m.

Adelphi Bluebell Lodge No. 4 of Free Gardeners

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lodge will be held in
The Masonic Hall, Uddingston
on Tuesday 29th. April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Life Members. Grand Lodge at the Communication on 6th. February voted that Life Memberships of Lodges in the Scottish Constitution be discontinued. This does not affect the status of current Life Members in Lodges. They will continue to have the rights and privileges that they have always had. However the

decision means that Life Membership will not be available to Brethren who wish to take it in the future. There has also been some confusion regarding the status of Honorary Life Members. The decision taken in Grand Lodge does not in any way involve the current or future status of Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Membership is awarded by a Lodge to a Brother who has paid twenty one consecutive years Test Fees. Our Lodge will continue to make this award to Brethren who qualify.

Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Visit.

Bro. Norman Carnegy, Substitute Provincial Grand Master lead a large Deputation from PGL into the Regular Meeting on 26th. March. He gave an excellent report on the workings of the Lodge and was most complementary regarding the high standard of Degree work conferred by Bro. Tom Lynch, WSW and his Team. He also welcomed a Deputation from Emblem Lodge No. 6727, Blackpool and RW Bro. John Adrain , PPGM Kilwinning and Bro. Andrew Campbell, PG. Secretary of Kilwinning.



Bro. Norman Carnegy, SPGM with the Blackpool Brethren.



Kansas Visit.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas is the governing body of Freemasonry in Kansas, formed March 17, 1856, nearly five years before Kansas statehood. Bleeding Kansas, the prelude to America's Civil War, provided the backdrop to Kansas Freemasonry.

In 1854, three Wyandot Indians and five white settlers – all of whom were

Masons – coalesced in what is now Wyandotte County, Kansas, and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Missouri to establish a Lodge of Masons in a Wyandot Indian village. On August 4, 1854, the dispensation was granted and one week later Kansas Lodge U.D. (eventually to become Wyandotte Lodge No. 3) opened for work. Within two years, two other lodges in Kansas were formed and in 1856 the trio formed the Grand Lodge of Kansas as America's Civil War loomed. Notably, the first master of Kansas Lodge U.D. was John Milton Chivington, a Methodist missionary to the Wyandot and a vocal opponent of slavery. Chivington left Kansas in 1860, became an officer in the Union army and was later celebrated as a hero for his part in the Battle of Glorieta Pass (1862). His orchestration of the Sand Creek Massacre (1864), however, earned him universal condemnation and ultimately made him infamous. The influence of Missouri Masonry in Kansas resulted in not a few curious situations. In the bloody 1850's and the years of the Civil war, Kansas was continually torn by bitter strife [over slavery], members of the two factions hunting down and slaying each other. Yet, whenever enough Brethren, regardless of faction, could be found they eagerly stood their guns against the nearest tree and began the erection of a Masonic altar. Enemies by day, they met as Brothers at Night.