



Lodge St. Bryde No. 579
visit to
**Lodge Rothesay
St. John No. 292**
on Saturday 23rd.
March 2019.

The approximate price
of the trip will be £65
(including Hotel & Bus)

[note the bus will be going over on the ferry]

A non-returnable deposit of £20 will be
required when booking a place on the trip.

Norrie Telfer will be taking
names and deposits.

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*once again guys, fantastic
thanks Dan*

The Scottish Poppy Appeal 2018



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LODGE ST. BRYDE NO. 579

Mark Bibbey

Mark Bibbey
Chief Executive

in recognition of the outstanding work carried out on
behalf of PoppyScotland and for helping to provide life-changing
support to our Armed Forces community in Scotland.

Amount collected £ 1424-10

Gordon Michie

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Head of Fundraising

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AREA ORGANISER

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Fantastic ! 250 Memorial Badges sold, two Poppy Scotland cans
filled, £1424.10p donated. Wonderful !! Well done everyone.


January Masonic Diary

Wed. 9th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Bro. William Jack, W.J.W.

Fri. 11th. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Masonic Hall, Uddingston.

Sat. 12th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Leinster Lodge No. 141, Dublin.

Sat. 12th. Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229 Installation at 4.15 p.m.

Wed. 23rd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. by Bro. James Muircroft, WSW.

February 2019.

Wed. 6th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee. 7.30 p.m.

Thurs. 7th. Grand Lodge Communication, Edinburgh 2 p.m.

The reason for their attendance was to further cement the relationships between Lodge St. Enoch and Lodge St. David and more recently a growing relationship between Lanarkshire Middle Ward and the District of The Bahamas. A proposal to twin the Province and District was readily agreed to and the ceremony was carried out at the end of the Installation with RW Bros. Joseph Curry and William Perry both signing the twinning document. To the delight of the Brethren present the Provincial Grand Master Bro. William Perry conferred Honorary Membership of The Province on Bro. Joseph Curry, District Grand Master. This was only the second time that a Brother from the Bahamas had been awarded Honorary Membership. The first being RW Bro. L. Edgar Moxy, who received the Honour from RW Bro. James L. Jack when Provincial Grand Master.



RW Bro. James L. Jack when Provincial Grand Master. **Annual General Meeting.** The Annual General Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Friday 11th. January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in The Masonic Hall, Uddingston (579), this is an important meeting at which the Provincial Accounts will be presented and the Election of Office-bearers will take place. The Provincial Grand Master will also present Honorary Grand Rank Certificates at this meeting.

RW Bro. Andrew Paterson, Depute Grand Master congratulates RW Bros. William Perry and Joseph Curry

Uddingston Masonic Burns Club

The Annual Burns Supper will be held in the Masonic Hall, Gardenside St., Uddingston
 on
 Saturday 2nd. February 2019
 At 6.00 p.m. prompt
 Tickets available from Bro. Tom Lynch

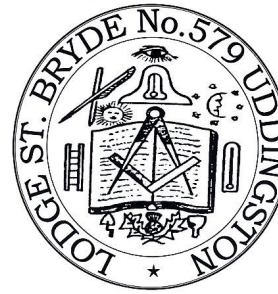


Grand Lodge News

Installation. Bro. James L. Jack was Installed as Grand Bard, Bro. Tom Davidson as Grand Senior Standard-bearer and Bro. John Anderson as Grand Inner Guard. It is believed to be the first time that The Middle Ward has had three Grand Office-bearers serving at the same time.



Bro. Russell Parsons, RWM with MW Bro. Ramsay McGhee, Grand Master Mason and the Brethren from Lodge St. Bryde No. 579



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Watch Fob.

A watch fob presented to Bro. William Scott by the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde in 1899 provoked an enquiry into our minute



book. Who was William Scott? When did he join and why was he presented with the fob? Gillian Scott, William's Great Grand Daughter sent the initial enquiry, unaware that William lived in Uddingston and was a Member of our Lodge. The only information she had was that he was in the Police force and had served in the Boer War. The minute books showed that he joined the Lodge on 23rd. Nov. 1898. His address was County Police, Woodview, Uddingston. No mention in the minutes about why he had been given the gift, except that a newspaper clipping in pasted into the book which gives an insight into the Lodge trip to Tingabruaigh in June of that year and of how the party were entertained by Bro. William Scott playing the pipes on the train to Gourrock, the boat trip down the Kyles of Bute and the whole time in Tingabruaigh and all the way back ! Could it be that the Brethren were so appreciative of his efforts that they made a presentation ?



Grand Bard jewel dated 1837

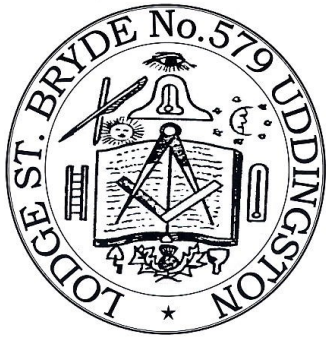
Provincial Grand Lodge News.

A large number of Members of Provincial Grand Lodge attended the Installation of Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 on 1st. December and witnessed an excellent Installation Ceremonial conducted by Bros. Stephen Campbell and John Anderson. The Deputation was further enhanced by a very large Deputation from the District Grand Lodge of The Bahamas headed by the RW District Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Curry. Accompanying the Deputations was RW Bro. Andrew Paterson, Depute Grand Master.



New 579 Cufflinks now in stock

£12.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Sixth Member of Lodge St. Bryde to die in World War 1 Identified.

In an extraordinary piece of painstaking detective work, Bro. Stuart Jack has positively identified a sixth Member of our Lodge who gave his life while on active Service in World War 1.

Members of the World War 1 research forum complemented Bro. Jack on his excellent identification and verification of his facts, which are essential for confirmation of evidence.

Hector Wallace

Member 389. Initiated 1st of November 1899 at the age of 34

Residing at Smiths Land, Bellshill Road, Uddingston he worked as a Smelter.

EA Degree— 1st. November 1899

FC Degree— 11th. April 1900

MM Degree— 10th. May 1900

Mark Degree- No record of Mark Degree

The man who we now know as Hector Wallace was born in Denny, Stirlingshire in March 1865 as Thomas Wallace. His father was James Wallace a miner who was born in Shotts, Lanarkshire around 1839. His mother was Janet Wallace (Christie) born in Denny, Stirlingshire around 1841. Thomas path to the Uddingston area is tracked through the census records. In the 1881 census the family are residing at Auchanstarry Row, Cumbernauld and Thomas is employed as a Pony Driver in the local pit. In 1891 he has made his way to Tannochside and is a boarder residing at Double Row. He is again working in one of the local pits however is now employed as a miner. On the 18 January 1893 Thomas Wallace a coal miner at the age of 27 residing at Crosshill Place, Uddingston married Mary Bell a widow with two children named Jane and James (the children later use the name Wallace as there surname). *Continued page 6*

This is truly a remarkable piece of research by Bro. Stuart Jack, P.M. and it brings into focus the difficulties that our Brethren and their families endured during the Great War. Next year at our Memorial Service we will be lighting six candles in memory of our Brethren who left Uddingston and never returned. Hector Wallace is one of those on the Memorial Plaque at Uddingston Railway Station.

The Commonwealth War Cemetery at Ismailia, Egypt where Hector Wallace is buried.



Bro. Russell Parsons, R.W.M. and the Office-bearers of the Lodge would like to wish all our Members, Family and Friends and Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR !

2019

Hector Wallace

several humorous incidents of the voyage out to Egypt, when suddenly he collapsed and fell forward on his face.” His comrades picked him up and rushed him to the camp hospital where soon after it was confirmed that Hector Wallace had died of heart failure. On the 17th of February the men from an unnamed camp held a funeral for Hector with ‘Full military honours’. His coffin was paraded from the camp to the local cemetery on a gun carriage which had been furnished by the New Zealand Artillery. Complete with pall bearers from his own company the cortege proceeded through a local town where even the native people stopped to pay their respects. The Chaplain of the Battalion the Rev F. R. Barry conducted the service. It is noted that the troops had tears in their eyes as they laid a comrade to rest. Rifleman Lance Corporal Hector Wallace, Service number 949 of the 19th Rifle Brigade is interred at Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.

A devastating time for the family was confirmed in the Scotsman Newspaper of 7th April 1916 which confirmed that Hector's wife Mary, not only lost her husband but also her son James during the Great War; ‘James Wallace, Gordon Highlanders, son of Mrs Hector Wallace, Hamilton Place, Main Street, joined the Gordons seven years ago. His father, also in the Army, died a month ago, while a brother is in Glasgow Infirmary with a broken thigh bone, caused by an accident in Baird's Bothwell Castle Collieries a few weeks ago’

James Wallace, the adopted son of Hector had been missing for over a year. His death was eventually confirmed from his last sighting on the 11th of March 1915. He is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial in France and has no known grave. His service Number was 10299 and he served with the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders. Lance Corporal Hector Wallace was awarded the British Service and Victory Medal for his contribution during the Great War.



Grand Lodge News. Installation of New Grand Master Mason.

Thursday 29th.
November 2018
was a truly
historical day in the
History of
Freemasonry in
Scotland. Bro.
William Ramsay

McGhee was Installed as the
111th. Most Worshipful Grand
Master Mason of Scotland. Bro.
Ramsay was born in Uddingston
and lived in Bellshill Road, his late
father, Maxwell McGhee was a
member of Lodge St. Bryde and
his Grandfather, William McGhee
was Right Worshipful Master of
Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 in 1935.

The family moved away from the
area and Bro. McGhee was
Initiated into Lodge St. Barchan No. 156 in 1969 and in 1975
Affiliated to Lodge Seaforth No. 854, Fortrose and was
Master 1991-92. He was Provincial Grand Master of Ross
and Cromarty from 2006 to 2011. He has had a
distinguished career in Grand Lodge, serving on various
Committees and becoming Grand Director of Ceremonies
and then Depute Grand Master.

Twelve Members of Lodge St. Bryde attended the
Installation and Festival of St. Andrew which was a sell out
with over 800 Brethren in Freemasons Hall and we were
delighted when the new Grand Master Mason took the time
to have his photo taken with the 579 Brethren. **Honorary
Grand Rank.** The Grand Master Mason conferred Honorary
Grand Rank on the following Brethren from The Middle
Ward, Steve Davis, 573, Hon. Assistant Grand Secretary,
John Clydesdale, 963, Hon. Assistant Grand Secretary, Jim
MacDonald, 114, Hon Grand Assistant Treasurer.



Hector Wallace.

Mary who was 31 years of age and employed as a Sprit Merchant was residing at 54 Sunnyside Road, Coatbridge. The marriage was by declaration in Blythswood, Glasgow. In 1894 now residing at Smiths Land, Bellshill road, Uddingston the newlyweds welcome the birth of a daughter Jessie Wallace. Jessie is followed by a brother in 1896 who was named Thomas.

The story of Thomas takes a bizarre twist on two accounts and a number of sources have been used along with expert help from members of the Great War Forum to confirm that the individual we are talking about is the same man throughout. Sometime after the birth of his son Thomas in January 1896 and between joining the Lodge on the 1st of November 1899 Thomas changes his name to Hector. Why he did this we have no clue, however the Lodge roll book is the first source that he uses the name Hector. Age, place of birth, current family and address were all used among other sources to confirm. It is from this point that he uses the name Hector on all documentation, all legal documents from census records in 1901 and 1911 and all his military service records during the Great War. With Hector remaining in the Uddingston area for the rest of his life and being accepted into the Lodge after being proposed and seconded would indicate that the name change had nothing to do with his character being untoward. To make matters even more confusing Hector possibly due to the risk of being rejected from military service by being too old also takes 10 years off his actual age.



Bro. Hector Wallace

Hector Wallace

During the War years Hector is documented in a number of newspaper articles. The first article in the Hamilton Advertiser 6th of March 1915 reads that; 'Several members of the Uddingston Citizen Force have gone off to serve their King and Country in different ways; Mr Hector Wallace leaves this week to fight in the German West Africa Campaigns.

On the 27th of February 1915 in Hamilton, Hector enlisted with the 25 (Legion of Frontiersmen) Royal Fusiliers who were a London regiment. A 'Frontiersman' is a person who 'has had experience of travel or adventure on the outskirts of the Empire.' This source along with the source from the Hamilton Advertiser article from March 4th 1916 may allude to the fact that Hector had served in the South African or Boer War. A month later on the 27th of March 1915 he was transferred to the 25th Royal Fusiliers. As Hector was preparing to leave for West Africa, a final medical on the 3rd of April 1915 resulted in Hector being discharged as he was deemed to be not fit enough for military service. Had someone realised that he had removed a decade from his age in all service records? Instead of being 40 in the 1915 document as he proclaimed he was actually 50. Information on this document which confirms his wife's name, marriage date and address again confirms that Hector is the same man who joined Lodge St Bryde in 1899. After being discharged Hector enlisted with the 15 (Reserve) Royal Fusiliers who were a home service training battalion who he spent time with before joining the 19th Rifle Brigade as a Lance Corporal. This finally gave Hector the path he was looking for and on the 17th of January 1916 he arrived in Egypt. After less than a month of service in Egypt, Hector on the 15th of February 1916 died. The Hamilton Advertiser of 18th March 1916 gives a detailed account of his death and funeral;

"Lance Corp Hector Wallace whose home is at Uddingston. On the Evening of the 15th of February, Lance Corp Wallace in the lines and recounting to some of his comrades