

**The Lounge**  
after the recent refurbishment which took place during the last few months.  
New carpet, chairs and décor.  
Looking good !

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# THE RIGHT ANGLE

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## September Masonic Diary

### September

Wed. 1st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee at 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 8th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting.

Wed. 22nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Business Meeting.

### October

Fri. 1st. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Regular Communication at New Stevenson 919 at 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 9th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Annual General Meeting and Election of Office-bearers at 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 27th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Thurs. 28th. The Grand Lodge of Scotland. Regular Communication. Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh, 2 p.m.

### Important Notice.

At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, 2020. The Grand Master Mason proposed that Grand Lodge Law 126 be suspended from 6th. February for one year.

This means that a Brother wishing to clear his Test Fee arrears with his Lodge (usually two years + the current year) from the 6th. February will only require to pay one year to clear his arrears.

In our Lodge this means a Fee of £35.

If a Brother of Lodge St. Bryde wishes to take up this offer and clear his arrears contact the Lodge Secretary.

**Note, Due to the present circumstances this period has been extended to February 2022**

### Brethren All

As a result of the Heads of Masonic Orders announcement on 11 August 2021 that all Masonic activity in Scotland may resume, the following guidance is issued by The Grand Lodge of Scotland.

1. It is essential when holding any Lodge meetings that the legislation and guidance laid down by the Scottish Government or Local Authority, current at the time, is strictly adhered to (including the wearing of face coverings).
2. Provided Lodges adhere to point 1 above, the Grand Lodge of Scotland does not intend to impose any other restrictions than those set out by the Scottish Government or Local Authority.
3. There should be no pressure applied to any member to attend or not attend Lodge meetings, which is entirely a matter of personal choice. The dispensation in respect of the Constitution and Laws No. 122 remains in force for the season 2021-2022.
4. No restrictions are placed on the working of Degrees, for clarity this includes Initiation, Passing (including the Mark), Raising and Ceremonial of Installation. Previously circulated guidance has been rescinded.
5. All Candidates should be advised before every degree that the ceremony will involve a measure of physical contact in order that he can decide whether he wishes to proceed.

### Scottish Government Guidance

(Current at the date of circulation and may be subject to change)

“Coronavirus in Scotland”

[Coronavirus in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

“Staying safe and protecting others”

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): staying safe and protecting others - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

“Face coverings guidance”

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): face coverings guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)



## Important Message From Grand Secretary

FROM: Heads of Scottish Masonic Orders  
TO: Grand Committee Provincial Grand Masters Provincial Grand Secretaries Daughter Lodge Secretaries Cc District Grand Masters.

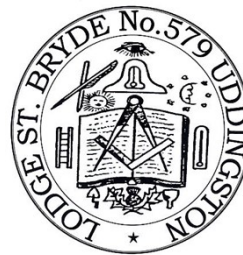
TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

Dear Sir and Brother 11 August 2021

### Return to Masonic Activity

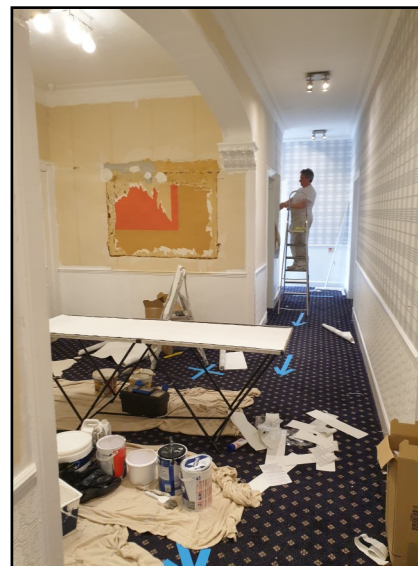
The Heads of Scottish Masonic Orders met on Wednesday 11 August 2021, and discussed in general the fact that the United Kingdom continued to emerge from lockdown. In particular the focus was on the Scottish Governments most recent announcement which provided that all protection levels had been rescinded from Monday 9 August 2021. As a result of these significant recent developments, the Heads of Orders were unanimous that Masonic activity in Scotland may resume with immediate effect. In reaching this milestone decision it was acknowledged that Brethren will be keen to intensify planning and preparation for a resumption of Masonic meetings as we emerge from the summer recess. To this end all Scottish Orders will jointly issue further considerations during the week commencing Monday 16 August 2021. Further considerations will be based on ensuring Masonic meetings adhere to existing and future Scottish Government guidelines. In addition, the Heads of Orders made clear that Brethren should not feel pressurised to attend meetings and the current dispensation in respect of the Constitution and Laws No. 122 will continue for the coming season 2021 – 2022. It was agreed that the health situation in Scotland was still fluid and required monitoring in the short term, as a result the Heads of Orders will continue to meet every 6 weeks to ensure compliance with government guidelines or legislation, and react as appropriate to any future risk.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
William M. S. Semple Grand Secretary



**IMPORTANT**  
**Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Test Fees (£35)**  
**and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees (£10)**  
**Are now due for 2021**  
**Please forward payment to the Lodge Secretary.**

During the Covid 19 shutdown the Lodge Members were active in continuing with the refurbishment of the interior of the Hall. The Main corridor and Foyer were redecorated and the new carpet fitted. The new display cabinet was also located in position. In the Lounge the new carpet was fitted and at time of writing, the Lounge seating is being refurbished. The Right Worshipful Master would like to thank everyone who assisted with the refurbishment over the last 18 months.



Corridor and Main Foyer refurbished. New lighting fitted.



Corridor and Main Foyer with new display cabinet in position.