

### More Fund Raising !

Bro. Martin Parrack, one of our Lodge St. Bryde members from Birmingham has been training for weeks to walk the Pilgrims Route from Porto in Portugal to Santiago in Northern Spain. The journey is 215 km and will take several days walking over a mountainous route. All the proceeds for this Fund Raiser will go to local charities in the Birmingham area. Because of the Covid 19 situation it is uncertain when his journey will take place.



### Death

#### *Archie Barton, Past Master.*

Bro. James Muircroft, Right Worshipful Master and the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 were sad to hear of the death of Bro. Archie Barton, Past Master, on 3rd. September 2020 after a long illness.

Bro. Archie was Installed as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. Bryde in November 1994 and he was very proud of the fact that he was the one hundredth Member of our Lodge to be Installed as Right Worshipful Master.

Archie will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

# THE RIGHT ANGLE

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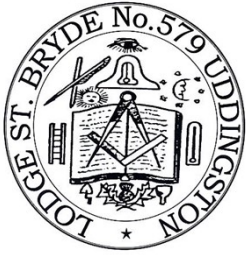
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## Bro. James Muircroft, R.W.M.

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### Lodge St. Bryde News.

Brethren, Please read the attached notice from the Lodge Secretary.

I am delighted to inform you that all the suggestions made were fully supported by our Brethren and all Office-bearers were supportive of continuing in their current Office for another year.

10<sup>th</sup>. August 2020

Dear Brethren,

I hope this e-mail finds you and your family well and in good health, free from this terrible virus.

I write on behalf of our Right Worshipful Master, Bro. James Muircroft, who last evening called an informal meeting of the following Office-bearers of our Lodge, J. Muircroft RWM, I. Cowan WSW, A. Hamilton WJW, D. Mulholland SD, J. Vasey JD, J.L. Jack Secretary and D. Shaw Treasurer (Apology).

The reason for the informal meeting was to discuss how our Lodge could progress in the present circumstances of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The Right Worshipful Master made it perfectly clear that the safety and wellbeing of our Membership was paramount.

The Secretary outlined the current Lodge position in that The Grand Lodge of Scotland had last March cancelled all Masonic activity until the Scottish Government confirmed that it was satisfied that the Pandemic in our Country was under control and that it was safe for our Masonic meetings to commence. At the time of writing this confirmation had not been received by our Grand Lodge.

This means that we cannot hold a Regular or Special Meeting or a Regular Committee or Open Committee Meeting to discuss the future strategy of the Lodge. As our recess is due to end soon, it was decided that the best way forward was to hold a small informal meeting of senior Office-bearers who would make suggestions as to the best way forward in the interests of our Membership.

After serious discussion, the following suggestions were agreed to be put to the Membership.

It looks very unlikely that our Lodge will meet soon. Therefore, the September Management Committee Meetings and Regular Meetings should be cancelled and the three visitations due in September to 599, 440 and 114 be cancelled.

### FANTASTIC FUND RAISING !



Bros. Russell Parsons and Peter Parsons decided to organise a fund raiser in memory of their late father Peter, senior who sadly passed away earlier this year. They chose the 5 capital challenge which involves driving between the capital cities of Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland on their motor cycles ! They

managed the epic journey on the first weekend in September.



But most importantly, to date, they have raised **£5,510** for the Kilbryde Hospice in East Kilbride. A fantastic effort !





## **Grand Lodge News.**

### **New Grand Secretary Appointed.**

The Grand Master Mason, Bro W Ramsay McGhee, is delighted to announce that after a long, thorough and professionally conducted process by the Selection Panel, Brother William Semple, currently Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Perthshire West, and a Past Provincial Grand Secretary has been appointed

Grand Secretary and will take up the appointment in mid-September. The Grand Master Mason would like to place on record his sincere thanks to the selection panel and to the other candidates.

Lodge St. Bryde wish the new Grand Secretary every success in his new appointment.

### **Important Notice.**

At the Grand Lodge Communication on Thursday 6th. February, 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**

## **Christmas Draw 2020**

Bro. Duncan Mulholland **WILL** run the Christmas Draw this year. Draw tickets will be hand delivered, posted or picked up at the Lodge. As the Lodge has presently no income due to the restrictions, this will be a welcome source of income.

**Please support this Fund Raiser.**

**More details soon.**

If the position has not changed in October, then Regular Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will also be cancelled. The Annual General Meeting would be rescheduled for the first meeting that we start back. (whenever that may be). As Uddingston Old Parish Church is still closed and no Services are scheduled for the foreseeable future, The Annual Divine Service due on 25<sup>th</sup>. October will be cancelled. Again, if the position is unchanged in November our Regular Meetings would be cancelled and this would be the position for future months.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has cancelled The Grand Lodge Installation and Festival of St. Andrew, which was due to take place two days before our Lodge Installation and the Grand Master Mason has decided that all Grand Lodge Office-bearers will remain in their current Office for another year.

In line with this guidance from Grand Lodge, it was suggested that our Installation due on 28<sup>th</sup>. November be cancelled and that the Lodge Office-bearers remain in their current office for next year. The Right Worshipful Master, James Muircroft and the Office-bearers present agreed to remain in their current offices, and it was hoped that all our office bearers would agree to do the same.

It was also agreed to suggest that our Lodge would not invite or accept invitations from Sister Lodges until after the recess 2021 (September 2021).

These suggestions are put forward in the best interests and safety of our Membership.

I would be obliged if you could return comments and any further suggestions to the Lodge Secretary at [jamesljack@btinternet.com](mailto:jamesljack@btinternet.com)

If agreed, I will write to our Sister Lodges informing them of our decisions.

Please stay safe.

Yours Faithfully and Fraternally,  
**James L. Jack, Past Master, Secretary.**

***Since this letter was printed the Grand Master Mason has issued a Notice that no Masonic Meetings will take place in Scotland until at least January 2021.***

# Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 COVID-19 Guidance for Lounge Bar Opening.

The Premises will reopen from Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.  
July 2020

**2-meter Social Distancing in accordance with  
Government Regulations will be mandatory  
throughout the premises**

1. The Lounge Bar Area will be open on Friday evenings to Members only.
2. A Risk Assessment has been undertaken and the following measures will be taken to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 Virus.
3. A Nominated Person will be appointed to co-ordinate each opening.
4. The Lounge will be reconfigured to accommodate the maximum number of Members (this number is 10), maintaining Social Distancing. (If required overflow facilities will be made available in the Main Hall.)
5. The outside door will remain closed and locked. Entry for Members will be by ringing the doorbell and Member will be identified on the TV monitor before admission.
6. Immediately on entering, hand sanitizer facilities will be used.
7. The Scottish Government, Test and Protect Personal Data record sheets will be required to be completed. This will involve you recording on the sheets provided, your name, contact telephone number and time of arrival and departure.
8. Proceed to the Lounge (or Main Hall) and select a seat. Seats have been spaced out to accommodate the Social Distancing Guidelines. You must use the same seat during your stay and maintain Distancing Guidelines.

9. Ordering from the Bar. A Member of the Lodge will take your order and serve your refreshments and take your payment.
10. Drinks glasses will not be collected and reused but left on your table.
11. If you require toilet facilities, a one-way system will be in operation. Leave the Lounge, via the Main Hall door, go through the Main Hall, exit the Tyler's Door, and turn right, into the Gents Toilet. On leaving the Toilet walk straight down the corridor to the Lounge Door. Use the hand sanitizer facilities before leaving the Lounge. Only one person will be allowed in the Gents toilet at any one time. Hand washing facilities must be used before leaving the toilet and hand sanitizer used before entering the Lounge.
11. When leaving the premises Social Distancing must be maintained and Members must not depart in groups.

**The Premises will be open to Members only  
until further notice.**

**It is important that the above guidance notes  
which are issued by the Scottish Government  
are strictly adhered to.**

**Anyone who is showing symptoms of COVID 19  
or has underlying health issues should follow  
Government Guidelines.**

**STAY SAFE.**

**Brethren, Please use our Lounge facility  
on a Friday Evening to keep in touch with  
one another.**