

FUND RAISING EVENTS SPORTS



A **SPORTS NIGHT** has been arranged for Friday 29th. September at 7.30 p.m. in aid of the Hall Restoration Project. Contact Bro. Tom Lynch for details regarding Teams and format.



Fundraising
**SUPER HEROES
WANTED.**

FUTURE DATES

Friday 3rd. November
Battle of The Somme
Lecture Tickets £5

Saturday 4th. November
CABARET NIGHT
Time of Your Life
Tickets £8

Well done Russell
(and family)

During July Bro. Russell Parsons, WJW and his family completed the West Highland Way. The walk was to raise Funds for the Hall Restoration Project. A great effort
£715
WELL DONE !

THE RIGHT ANGLE

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September Masonic Diary

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

Wed. 13th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229

Thurs. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde visit Lodge Possilpark No. 1330 F.C. Degree by Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW.

Mon. 18th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Garrowhill No. 1413. E.A. Degree by Bro. Russell Parsons, WJW.

Wed. 27th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126.

October.

Mon. 2nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Buchanan No. 1499. E.A. Degree by Bro. Russell Parsons, WJW.

Wed. 4th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Robert King Stewart No. 919. F.C. Degree by Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW.

Thurs. 5th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Livingstone St. Andrew No. 573. M.M.M. Degree by Bro. James Vasey, P.M.

Fri. 6th. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Regular Communication at 919 New Stevenston 7.30



West Wall complete !



Wardens Degree at 1067
Bros. Duncan Mulholland and Russell Parsons took part in a Wardens Degree at Lodge Coltswood No. 1067 . Duncan led the Deputation and Russell presented the tools. Photo. Our Wardens are congratulated by Bryce Morrison, RWM and Donald MacLeod RWM 1067.

Phoenix Lodge No. 3602 E.C.
In July
Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. visited Pheonix Lodge No. 3602, Phoenix, Mauritius. The Lodge was holding an informal Lecture on the 300th. Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England.

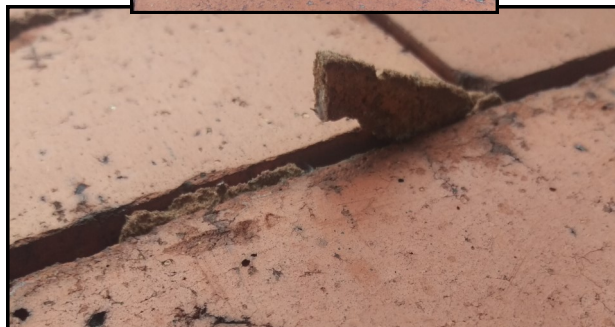


Golf Team
Bro. Bryce Morrison, RWM led the 579 Team at the Provincial Golf Competition at Drumpellier Golf Club. Also pictured Team members Nial Faulds and Tom Lynch.

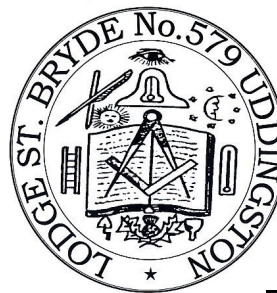


When complete our Hall will look as it was when originally built in 1924. A new front security door has been ordered and will be fitted when the exterior works are complete. This will be colour coated to be in keeping with the exterior of the building.

Examples of the deterioration found in the West Wall mortar.



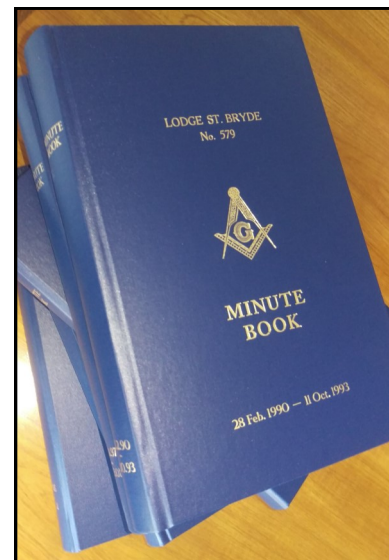
Re-pointed brickwork and sandstone cleaned on West Wall.



Lodge St. Bryde News.
Minute Books updated !

In what has been a mammoth task over a three year period, we have finally completed the digitalisation of our Lodge minutes. This means that our Lodge is

one of a few in the country with a complete digitalised minute . The minutes range from 1875 , the year before the Lodge was chartered until



2016. This means that we have the security of backing up our written minute books with a digital form. William Anderson and Sons Printers carried out the work and also rebound our most recent books which we were in danger of losing due to a reaction between the printer ink and the glue used to stick the typed pages in the minute books. We also have computerised the Lodge Roll Book into an excel spread sheet form and again this project took over three years to compile details of our 2,800 members. A presentation pack is now being

manufactured to present to the Grand Lodge Library, it will contain a copy of all our DVD`s including the Memorial Plaque Dedication .

Lodge St. Bryde World War 1 Research.

Arthur Flett

Age 20. Chemist. Mount Pleasant , Uddingston.
Lodge St. Bryde Roll No. 967.
Initiated 20th. November 1918

The renovation of Donalds the Butchers on Main Street reveals the original Chemist sign.



The recent refurbishment of Donalds the Butchers on Uddingston Main Street unveiled an important part of the History of one of our members who served during WW1, Arthur Flett. When the old sign was removed at the front of the shop it revealed the original sign for the Dispensing Chemist. It sparked a debate on the Bothwell and Uddingston Facebook page and it was agreed that the shop sign must have dated from around 1910. The shop then became Donalds and the Chemist moved further down the street. Originally from Rathven, Banffshire, Arthur Flett senior opened the chemist and druggist store on Uddingston Main Street. In The Scotsman newspaper of 13th of January 1913 an article reports Arthur Flett Juniors registration by the Pharmaceutical Society after passing his exams in Edinburgh. Arthur enlisted for Military Service during WW1 on the 31 March 1916. Arthur with his new qualifications as a Chemist was placed as a Pioneer with the Royal Engineers Special Brigade, Gas unit.

Masonic Hall Restoration

The largest project that our Lodge has undertaken since the Masonic Hall was built in 1924 has begun.

Work to restore the exterior stonework of our Masonic Hall was started in mid July. Scaffolding was erected on the West



wall and all the finished brickwork was repointed using the original lime mortar, the contractor Guardian Stone recommended that the woodwork at the apexes be removed and render be applied as it was discovered that water penetration was evident. All sandstone faces were repointed again using original material and cleaned to their original as built condition. The scaffolding was then removed and rebuilt at the front elevation of the building. Extensive pointing and stone cleaning was carried out to the front elevation . The boundary wall will also repaired and cleaned. The North and East walls have been repaired and repointed where required. The erosion of the original mortar on the west wall was quite extensive and it was suggested that the works being undertaken could not have been delayed much longer or further damage would have resulted. The contractor, Guardian stone have done an excellent job and have advised of their work throughout the project.

He was discharged on 27 April, 1917 with the silver wound badge and the 1914/15 Star, victory medal and service medal. Interestingly, on his medal index card it states that his wound badge was found having been lost in Airdrie and returned to the military. After being discharged from military service through sickness, James joined Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 on Nov. 14 1917. James married Annie Dunlop on June 13, 1920 in Bellshill Masonic Hall and they emigrated to Canada where they raised a family. However, James died suddenly in 1928 aged 33. It is believed by the family that he died of wounds he had received.

The young family could not afford a gravestone for James and he is buried in a registered but unmarked grave in Windsor Grove Cemetery, Ontario.



Dedication of War Memorial DVD

A limited number of War Memorial Dedication DVD's have been produced and are available at a cost of £10 each.

Any Brother who would like to buy one contact the Lodge Secretary.

His service number was 155388 and from The Hamilton Advertiser dated 21/4/17 we learn;

"Mr and Mrs A Flett, have received information that their son, Arthur Flett, who is in the Gas section as a Chemist, has been wounded while in the trenches at the front."

This Wound being so serious that Arthur was awarded the Silver Wound badge after receiving gunshot wounds on the 2nd of April 1918 and at the age of 27 Arthur was discharged from duty.

After the War Arthur was awarded his two Campaign medals and on the closest meeting to the Armistice on 20th November 1918 he was initiated into Lodge St Bryde 579. Living in Mount Pleasant, Uddingston he was 28 and employed as a Chemist.

Hamilton Advertiser 13th. July 2017.

The following article appeared in the Hamilton Advertiser and was another great piece of research by Bro. Stuart Jack, P.M.

James McCall Brown

Age 22. Master Butcher. 82 Main Street, Uddingston.

Lodge St. Bryde Roll No. 865

Initiated 14th. November 1917.

The story of a Lanarkshire First World War soldier, who later emigrated to North America, has been uncovered by an Uddingston history enthusiast.

James McCall Brown first went to Detroit in the min 1920's before moving to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where his descendants live to this day. He was a trooper in the Royal Scots Greys, but was discharged from military service in 1917 through sickness. He died in Canada in 1928 aged 33. The soldiers story was discovered by Stuart Jack, who has been examining records of village Masonic Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. While looking into the story through the Ancestry website, Stuart was helped by James McCalls

Great granddaughter Stacie Bisnett (nee Brown) who lives in Windsor, Ontario.

Stuart said, "It's remarkable that after all these years stories, which have lain hidden for so long in Lodge and family history, have come to light. Through sources available online we can all learn about an important era, but this exercise has been particularly great as Stacie and myself have been able to help each other uncover the story despite living thousands of miles away. Stacie knew a lot about her great grandfather and her family have pictures and documents that James brought to Canada with him".

The Browns were originally from Motherwell, but moved to 82 Mian St., Uddingston in the 1900's. They were iron worker Robert Brown senior (born 1863), his wife Jeanie Moffat (born 1865), Robert junior (born 1892), William Moffat Brown (born 1893), James McCall Brown (born 1896).

James enlisted on September 6, 1914, joining the Royal Scots Greys, but was discharged in April 1917. His Brother William Moffat Brown, was a Lance Corporal in the Cameron Highlanders and was killed in action in 1916, aged 23. He is remembered on the Thiepval War Memorial in Northern France. A third son Robert junior emigrated with brother James and settled in Michigan.



Bro. James McCall Brown

James Brown and brother Robert became members of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 after the war. The Hamilton Advertiser, dated December 16, 1916 states; In formation has been received by Mrs. Brown, 82 Main St., Uddingston from captain of the company that he son lance corporal William Moffat Brown, Cameron Highlanders has been killed in action.

The deceased was only 23 and was the son of the late Robert Boyd Brown of Glasgow and Motherwell.

He enlisted on November 11 1914, and

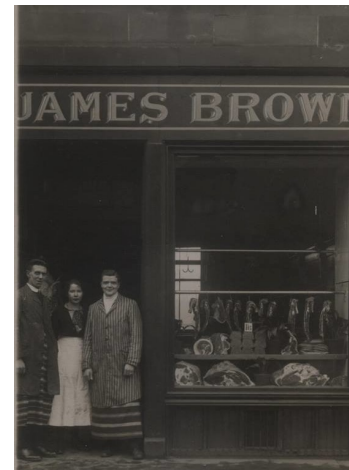
went to the front on March 11 1915, was wounded twice, and previously to joining was in employment of Mr. William Kilmartin, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Motherwell. His brother James McCall Brown is a trooper in the Royal Scots Greys and is on active service.

Young family couldn't afford a gravestone. James McCall Brown owned his own butchers shop on Uddingston Main St. However it is not known whether he had worked in the butchers before he went off to war. The premises are now occupied by The Uddingston Model Centre.

After he arrived in Canada in the 1920's James opened a butchers shop in Windsor, Ontario where he lived. Stuart explains, James McCall Brown enlisted for military service at the age of 19 on Sept. 6, 1914. He joined the Royal Scots Greys and was sent to France on May 18, 1915.



Hospitalised. James McCall Brown (left) while in military hospital.



James McCall Brown (right) at his Butches Shop on Main St. (now the model shop next to two chimneys)