

Sponsored Walk 2017.

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of Cancer Research Charities between our Hall and Lodge Eastmuir was held on a wet Saturday 10th. June. Eight walkers supported Bro. Norman Telfer who had over the years raised tens of thousands of pounds for various cancer research causes.



Fundraising
SUPER HEROES
WANTED.

HAVE YOU

Sponsored our Worshipful Junior Warden ?



On the 17th. July, Russell Parsons will start his journey to walk The West Highland Way in aid of the Hall Refurbishment Fund Raiser. So far he has around £400 in sponsorship. **HAVE YOU** sponsored him ?

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Summer 2017

Bro. Bryce Morrison, R.W.M.

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Summer Masonic Diary

August.

Friday 25th. Wardens Degree at Lodge Coltswood No. 1067 at 7.30 p.m. (*D. Mulholland and R. Parsons taking part*)

Wednesday 30th. Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288 hosting the 5th. Wednesday meeting at Masonic Hall, Uddingston at 7.30 p.m.

Note. Lodge Meridian No. 1779 meet in our Hall on the following dates at 1 p.m.

Tuesday 11th. July and Tuesday 8th. August.

September.

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.

WORK PARTY

The Lodge work party will be active during the summer months.

If you would like to help, please come down any Wednesday evening from June to August.

No special skills required, just enthusiasm.

Deputation to Lodge Coltswood No. 1067.

Bro. Bryce Morrison, RWM led a large Deputation to a Special Meeting of Lodge Coltswood No. 1067 on Friday 9th. June. It was indeed a Special Meeting, Deputations were present from The Grand Lodge of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle



Ward and a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Terres Du Temple, GLNF. In what is believed to be a first between GLOS and GLNF, documents were exchanged which formally twinned the two Lodges Coltswood No. 1067 and Lodge Fidelite Occitane No. 1067 GNLNF. Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW and his Team conferred an excellent F.C. on one candidate which was warmly received by the large number of Brethren present. Degree Team, Duncan Mulholland receiving ,Signs & Secrets. Bryce Morrison obligation. Ian Cowan Tools. Bill Jack Tracing Board. Russell Parsons Charge. Stuart Jack stood in as S.D. , Norman Telfer as J.D. and Andy Jack as I.G.

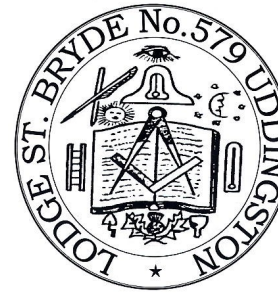
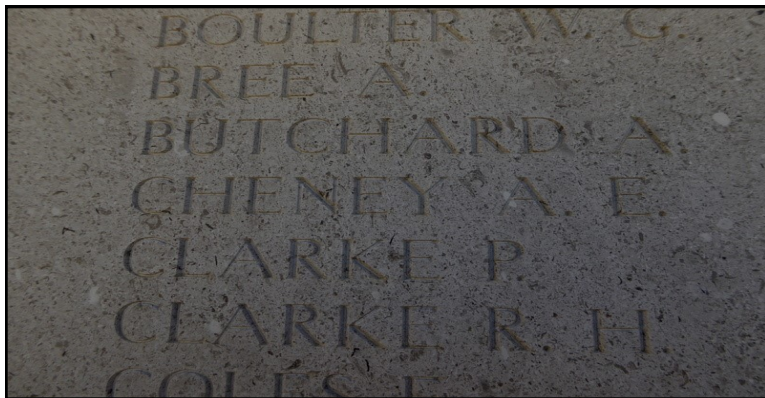


Deputations from Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and Terres Du Temple.

The Brethren also placed a wreath of poppies on his grave and pushed a Lodge Token into the earth at his headstone. It was agreed that this had been an emotional day, made even more so by the fact that Stuart Jack had identified another grave, that of an Uddingston lad R.J. Hamilton, Royal Scots Fusiliers who was killed in action on 6th. Nov. 1017 age 23. We also paid our respects at his grave. Stuart Jack had received a text from Bro. Darren Cheney who informed him that his Great Uncle was posted missing in action while serving in Palestine. Stuart confirmed that his Memorial was in the Military Cemetery in Jerusalem. As we were scheduled to visit Jerusalem we made a diversion and paid our respects at Darren's Great Uncles Memorial. In 2018 we hope to again visit France where Stuart Jack has identified where another three of our fell, killed in action.



The grave of Bro. William Murray



Lodge St. Bryde News.
Fantastic Effort.

Running in his first ever marathon Bro. Ian Liddell completed the London Marathon in 5 hours 23 minutes and with his friend Andrew raised the fantastic sum of £8,214.59 for St. Andrew's Hospice. Well Done !

Cheque presentation
£8214.59p
Presented to
St. Andrew's Hospice.



All the proceeds from the 1126 sponsored walk were donated to the Neonatal Unit of the Royal Hospital for Children

Bro. Stuart Jack, I.P.M. welcomed over 40 walkers from Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126 to our Lounge on their Annual Sponsored Walk from 1126 to 579.

Sportsmans Dinner.

An excellent Sportsmans Dinner which was hosted by Bro. Bill McMurdo and featured guest speakers Derek Parlane and Tam Cowan raised the excellent sum of £1645 for Lodge funds. The event was organised by Bro. Norman Telfer ably assisted by Bro. Duncan Mulholland, WSW. An excellent event by all those who assisted.



Bro. Bryce Morrison, RWM with Derek Parlane, Tam Cowan and Bill McMurdo.

Fund Raiser.

Brethren from 579, 1229, 1288 and Brethren from Sister Lodges came together on 26th. May for a Games Night organised by Tom Lynch to raise funds for the



Lodge St. Enoch and Lodge Bothwell Brig Senior Citizens Treat. The event was won by Lodge Bothwell Brig after a tiebreak with Lodge St. Bryde. The event was a great success and raised £400 which was divided between Lodges 1229 and 1288. A further event has been booked for the corresponding date next year.

Congratulations. Bro. Ross Liddell, Lodge Steward has passed his examinations and has received a First Class Hons. Degree in Mechanical Electronic Systems. Well

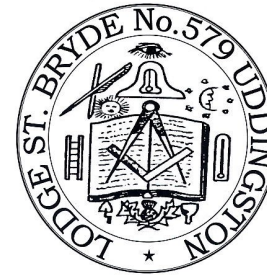
legs. On the 29th of October 1917 after 14 months of service William was found dead in his tent in Shellal, Palestine having taken his own life. After his death a court of enquiry was formed and through the detailed witness statements and minutes of the meetings it is very clear that the army had the opportunity to help William but due to negligence and possibly lack of understanding at that time his problems were ignored. At the conclusion of the hearings the army have taken responsibility for the death of William and awarded his medals, pension and War gratuity. Two days after his death the British forces now under General Sir Edmund Allenby took Beersheba by surprise. Within a number of weeks they had success after success rolling along the Ottoman line all the way to the city of Gaza. Defeating the enemy all the way and holding this vital city. A period of great success which marked the start of victory in this Theatre of War. The research work carried out by IPM Stuart Jack has uncovered two remarkable letters sent to the regiment of William Murray to Alexandria in Egypt. The first letter sent on the 20th of October and was from a doctor in Queens Park, Glasgow stating that William was unfit and should be removed from service immediately. On the 21st his sister contacted the regiment with a plea to pull William to a field hospital and "what he requires is complete rest". Unfortunately both letters arrived too late and when they reached the Middle East William was already dead. After his death and with the court of enquiry concluded, Williams effects were awarded to a Bertha Holland from 147 Abbey Hills Road, Oldham who was the same age as William. The relationship between William and School Teacher Bertha will always remain a mystery however it is most possible he was engaged to her and had met her whilst training as a driver in the Army Service Corps or before the War. William is remembered today in Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel .

occupation as an Engine Fitter, meaning some time between joining the Lodge and him signing his papers he has changed working careers. On the 21st of March 1917, he embarked at Liverpool on the ship The SS Haunchaco which was heading to the port of Alexandria in Egypt. He disembarked in Alexandria on the 10th of April 1917 and then travelled to Kantara on the eastern side of the Suez Canal in Egypt. He spent some time in Kantara possibly defending the Suez Canal from Ottoman attack before

joining the newly assembled 895th Transport Company working as a Caterpillar mechanic fixing Holt Caterpillar tractors which were essential to the British Force in the Middle East.



The large terrain of desert meant at times certain areas could only be crossed by Camel and these type of vehicles. In March 1917, the British forces in the Palestine area were having a real torrid time. With harsh weather conditions and a real struggle for basic life necessities such as water it would have been a truly horrendous time for those involved. To make matters worse, in early 1917 the Ottoman forces defeated the British in the First and Second battles of Gaza. After joining the 895th a sad tale begins to develop and this is recorded in great depth through the military records of William. It becomes evident that his mental state of mind has been seriously effected and between the months of July to October he is admitted in and out of hospital on 3 occasions with self-inflicted wounds to his hands, arms and



Lodge St. Bryde News.
Israel Visit

Last year eight Brethren from Lodge St. Bryde visited France and paid their respects at the grave of our Brother Thomas Robertson who was killed in action in WW1. On the way home Bro. Andrew Nisbet commented that his

great uncle George Nisbet (not a member of the Lodge) was buried in Israel, killed in action in what was then Palestine in an almost forgotten field of battle of WW1 when the British fought the Ottoman Turks for control of the Suez Canal Region. Bro. Stuart Jack, I.P.M. was



Andy Nisbet at the grave of his great uncle George Nisbet.

researching the Military Career of our Bro. William Murray who died in Palestine and was buried in Beer Sheba. Four Brethren, Stuart Jack, Andrew Jack, James L. Jack and Andrew Nisbet agreed to make the 5,000 round trip to visit the resting places of Andy's relative and our Brother William Murray.

George Nisbet is buried in the Military Cemetery at Ramla near Tel Aviv and at his grave Andy gave a moving account of his life and after a short service placed a wreath on behalf of the Nisbet Family on his grave. We travelled with our guide to the south of Israel, to where three battles were fought around the city of Gaza.

Our guide explained that the British forces were defeated in the first two before, in a brilliant manoeuvre created a diversion at Gaza and captured Beer Sheba and moved north outflanking the Turks. We then visited Beer Sheba Military Cemetery where Bro. William Murray is buried,

The Members of the Lodge carried out a Service at the grave, Bro. Stuart Jack read the following tribute to Brother Murray.

William Murray

Roll Number 528,
Initiated in Lodge
St. Bryde No. 579
25th of May 1904

Residing at
Eastwood,

Bothwell he was employed as a Grocer.

EA Degree- 25th May 1904, FC Degree- 8th June 1904,

MM Degree- 13th July 1904.

No record of a Mark degree as the Lodge did not carry out Mark Degrees at this time.

William was born in Bothwell in the year 1880 and first appears on the 1881 census records as residing at Mount Pleasant in Bothwell. His Father was John who at the age of 44 was a Measurer who was originally from Airdrie. His Mother was Margaret (41) and both Margaret and John had two girls Minnie Waddell (8) and Agnes McMaster (5). William joined the Lodge in 1904 and was employed as a Grocer whilst residing at Eastwood in Bothwell. The next record I can find of the family is the marriage of Agnes McMaster Murray on the 25th of August 1905. Agnes marries David Thomson at the Windsor Hotel in Glasgow and both parents are present to witness the ceremony. Agnes lists her address as 11 Buchanan Gardens,

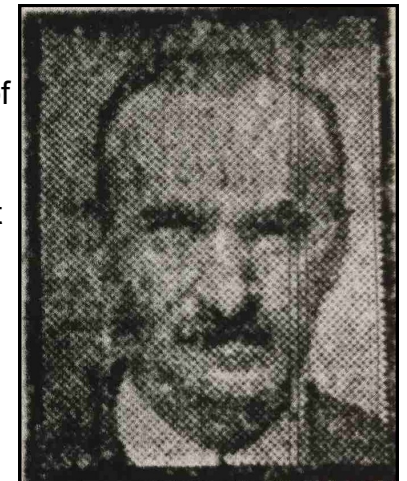


Bros. Stuart Jack, James L. Jack, Andy Nisbet and Andy Jack at Beer Sheba Cemetery

Mount Vernon. This could possibly be the new family home? In the 1911 census the family are now living at a property called 128 Netherleigh, Haggs Road, Glasgow. John (74) is retired, Margaret (69), Agnes is living with her parents and has a son John D. M Thomson. William is also present at this address and at the age of 31 he lists his occupation as an Engine Fitter, General Engineer.

The years to follow mark a difficult time for the family in particular William who takes the deaths of both parents particularly bad and is even treated by the doctor for depression. On 13th January

1914 at the age of 74, Margaret Murray dies after a short illness of Bronchitis and Asthma. She died at the family home on Haggs Road after 7 days of illness and it was William who signed the death certificate. Sadly on the 7th January 1915 John Murray died after being seriously unwell for nearly a year and he also died at the family home on Haggs Road.



Bro. William Murray

A torrid time for the family and it is known that William was terribly affected by both deaths within such a short space of time. So much so he had to give up his job as he was so unwell. Agnes moves to a new home in 39 Lochleven Road, Langside where she looks after both William and her son.

In August 1916 William joined the army in Glasgow before moving to his training base at Grove Park, London where with the Army Service Corps he trained as a Motor transport driver. His pay was one shilling and two pence per day. On Williams Service Paper he lists his