



Rituals. The Brethren of the Lodge are so pleased with the finished results of the Lodge Ritual that we decided to open a shop in London to promote our new publication. Rituals are also available from the Lodge Library for the cost of a donation to Lodge Funds.



Hamilton Advertiser. The Lodge received a great piece of positive publicity when on Friday 26th. May the Hamilton Advertiser printed nearly a full page on the visit to France by our eight Brethren to pay the respects of the Lodge to Bro. Thomas Robertson who was killed in the First World War. The article was compiled by Bro. Stuart Jack, Right Worshipful Master and was snapped up as a great local news story by the Advertiser.

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July

Fri. 8th. Lodge St. Andrew No. 465. Reigning Masters Degree at 7.30 p.m. Lodge Eastmuir Masonic Hall.

September

Wed. 7th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Management Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Thurs. 8th. Lecture by Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. at Lodge Prestwick No. 1060 at 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 10th. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Installation of Provincial Grand Master and 200th Anniversary Meeting. 1 p.m. Hamilton College.

Mon. 12th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge Thistle & Rose No. 73 at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree.

Wed. 14th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. M.M. Degree by Lodge Bothwell Brig No. 1229.

Mon. 19th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge St. Andrew Military No. 668. E.A. Degree.

Wed. 21st. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Cambuslang Royal Arch Lodge No. 114. M.M. Degree.

Wed. 28th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting F.C. Degree by Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126.

LODGE WORK PARTY
 Every Wednesday during the recess
 at 7.30 p.m.

Dedication. The Memorial Plaque will be dedicated at our Regular Meeting on Wednesday 9th. November 2016. The plan is not to have a Degree at that meeting, but to have a Memorial Service at which the plaque will be dedicated by Bro. Rev. Peter Price, Past Senior Grand Chaplain. Sister Lodges will be invited to attend and Provincial Grand Lodge will also be invited. It is believed that this War Memorial



The finished Memorial plaque.

will be this first such memorial to be erected in a Lodge in Scotland for many years. **Sponsored Walk** Warm sunny weather accompanied the Members and friends who undertook the 2016 Sponsored Walk to Lodge Eastmuir No. 1126. The group hope to raise £1,000 for the Provincial Grand Masters Prostate Scotland Fund Raiser. So , if you didn't do the Sponsored Walk don't worry you haven't missed out—just make a donation !





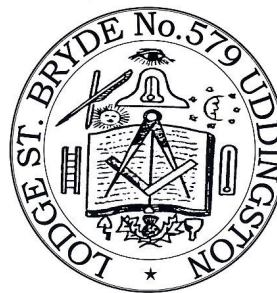
Provincial Grand Lodge News.

New Provincial Grand Master. Bro. William Perry, R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Commissioned Office-bearers will take up their Commissions at the Grand Lodge of Scotland Communication on Thursday 9th. June 2016. The Installation and 200th. Anniversary meeting will be held on Saturday, 10th. September 2016 at 1p.m. and will be conducted by Bro.

Charles Ian Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason and the Office-bearers of Grand Lodge. The Installation will take place in Hamilton College, (adjacent to Hamilton Racecourse) and then to a Dinner in the Racecourse. Admission to the Installation Meeting at 1 p.m. is free of charge and any M.M. can attend. The Installation Dinner in Hamilton Racecourse is **sold out**. Brother James Vasey, Past Master of Lodge St. Bryde will be Installed as Junior Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Brethren of our Lodge are encouraged by our Right Worshipful Master to attend the meeting and support Bro. Jim.

Bi-Centenary Jewel. A limited edition Bi-centenary jewel has been produced at a cost of £20. Orders have been placed for members of our Lodge who wish to purchase a jewel and if any of our members still wish to buy a jewel, contact Bro. William Craig, Provincial Grand Secretary.

War Memorial. The War Memorial plaque has been completed by the manufacturer *The Sign Maker of Devon*. The bronze plaque is a fitting memorial to the Brethren of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 who fought and died in both World Wars and looks magnificent. It will be placed in position in the north wall of the Main Hall when the painter work has been completed.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

Historic Visit to France. During the weekend 6th. to 9th. May eight Brethren from our Lodge made an historical visit to Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery in Northern France to pay our respects to one of our Brethren who fell in the Great War. Bro. Stuart Jack, Right Worshipful

Master has been researching Lodge St. Bryde Members who had served in the Great War and after much effort has identified 26 Brethren who served and 4 who made the ultimate sacrifice. Our trip which had taken Bro. Stuart Jack over two years to research and plan, centred on Bro. Thomas Robertson. Bro. Thomas Robertson was born in Dunfermline in September 1889. He attended Uddingston Grammar School where he won distinction. He followed his father James Robertson's footsteps and was Initiated into Lodge St. Bryde on 10th. January 1912 age 22, occupation—Bank Clerk living at



Bro. Thomas Robertson

Mayfield, Bellshill Road. His studies progressed and he passed various exams and became a member of the Bankers Institute. A new life beckoned in Canada and he emigrated later in 1912 to take up a position with the Bank of British North America at Brandon, Manitoba. On arriving he joined the Presbyterian Church in Brandon and also joined the local militia where he served for two years. At the outbreak of war he volunteered for the Canadian Expeditionary Force and enlisted in 15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada. He arrived in France in February 1915 with the First Canadian Contingent and was stationed at Langemarke near Ypres in Belgium. After two months at the front, on the morning of 26th. April 1915 ,

he was severely wounded by enemy shell-fire while in action in what was to be know as the Second Battle of Ypres. He died later in the day in the Casualty Clearing Station in Hazebrouck where he had been taken. He was buried with others from his regiment in the local town cemetery. The eight Brethren, Stuart Jack, RWM, Andrew Jack, DM, Andrew Nisbet, P.M., SM, Bryce Morrison, WSW, Duncan Mulholland, WJW, Jim Muircroft, Chaplain, Alex Hamilton, P.M. and James Jack, P.M. Sec. gathered at the graveside with our tour guide. Bro. Stuart Jack, RWM read a detailed account of Bro. Robertson`s life, Bro. Andrew Nisbet, P.M., S.M. Recited, For The Fallen, *They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.* Bro. Jim Muircroft, Chaplain recited, Flanders Fields by John McCrae a minutes silence followed, which was broken only by a lark singing ! This was a fitting tribute as Lt. Col. John McCrae was a Canadian doctor who was posted at a Casualty Clearing Station where Thomas Robertson possibly passed through. He wrote his famous poem on 3rd. May 1915 only a week after Thomas died. Our guide took us to other important places of interest, Hazebrouck German Cemetery where over 40,000 German soldiers are buried, Hill 60, Essex Farm and Passchendaele. We attended the Menin Gate Memorial Ceremony at 8 p.m. and its difficult to describe the emotions felt as a Dutch Pipe Band marched down the road to play at the Memorial which takes place every

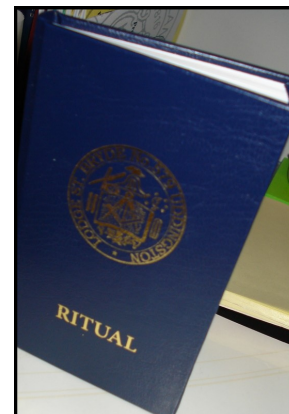


Emblem Lodge No. 6727, Blackpool. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 have received an invitation to attend Emblem Lodge No. 6727 in Blackpool on Saturday 25th. March 2017 and confer an exemplification of a F.C. Degree. Plans are at an early stage and proper dispensations are required from Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge for the proposed visit. It would be part of the

plan to stay over on Saturday night and return on the Sunday. The Right Angle will update Members on any developments. **Sportsmans Dinner.** The Sportsman`s Dinner held on Friday 13th. May in aid of Lodge Funds raised the fantastic sum of £1335. This money will be used to paint the Main Hall during the summer recess. The RWM Stuart Jack would like to thank, Norman Telfer who organised the event and the guest speakers, Bill McMurdo and Donald Findlay.



Provincial Presentation. Bro. Peter Price, Sen. Prov. Grand Chaplain is presented with his Jubilee Certificate having served 50 years in the Craft by P.G.M. Tom Davidson at the June Communication.



Lodge Ritual. After a lot of hard work over many months the Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 Ritual has been printed for the first time in our Lodge`s history. The Ritual Book is available now from the Lodge Library (see Bro. Alex Hamilton) and Members can obtain one by making a small donation to Lodge Funds to help with the printing costs.

Distinguished Guests. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 25th. May was an important meeting in the Lodge history. Bro. Tom Davidson, P.G.M. Led a Deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge which included, James L. Jack, I.P.P.G.M., Ronnie McCarney, P.G.Tyler, Bob Edgar, P.G. Comm. Martin Parrack, P.G. Lodge of Warwickshire and Bill Gwillam, P.G. Lodge of Warwickshire (both members of 579) The Deputation was further enhanced by the attendance of R.W. Bro. David Kennedy, District Grand

Master of The District of Central South Africa who was in Scotland on masonic business at Grand Lodge. They witnessed an excellent M.M. Degree and the RWM welcomed

Bro. Darren Cheney into the Lodge as a full member.



Bro. Stuart Jack, RWM welcomes Bro. David Kennedy, D.G.M. and Tom Davidson, PGM.



The Provincial Deputation.



Evening at 8 p.m. We were having Dinner close to the Menin Gate in Ypres when a local historian approached us with more information on our Thomas Robertson which was in a book that he had, and incredibly—a photo !

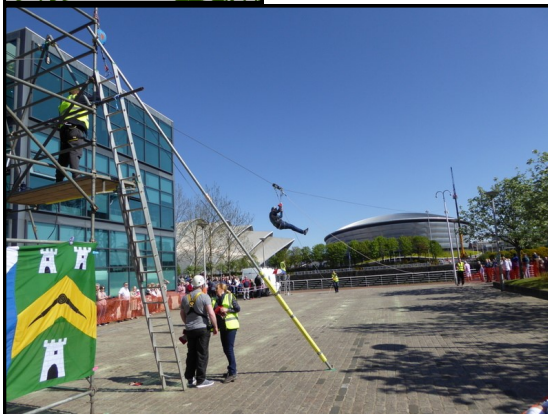
Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.



The eight Members of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 who made the historic visit to France and Belgium.



Provincial Grand Lodge News.
Prostate Scotland. Magnificent ! That was the reaction of Adam Gaines, Administration and Operations Director of Prostate Scotland on receiving a cheque for £100,000 from our Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tom Davidson. The final amount will be much higher as returns are made for the



Stuart Jack, RWM completes the Zip Slide across the Clyde at Finnieston.

recent Zip Slide Challenge. The Zip slide across the Clyde at Finnieston Fund Raiser was organised by Bro. Tom Davidson, assisted by 15 other Provincial Grand Lodges. Our R.W.M. Bro. Stuart Jack, completed the slide and raised £2,000 for this

worthy cause which is the Charity supported by The Grand Lodge of Scotland. The money will be used by Prostate Scotland to raise awareness among men of this serious disease.



John McLean, Almoner presents Tom Davidson, PGM with the cheque. Also in the photo are Tom Lynch, IPM & Stuart Jack, RWM



Congratulations. Bro. James L. Jack, P.M. has been recognised by the Grand Lodge of Kansas ! R.W. Bro. Michael Halloran, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Kansas, who was visiting Scotland on holiday met with Bro. Jack and presented a letter from the present Grand Master of Kansas, R.W. Bro. Lyn E. Beyer. The letter contained a Commission appointing Bro. James L. Jack as the Representative of The Grand Lodge of Kansas near the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Commission acknowledges the high regard that Bro. Jack is held in Kansas and recognises him as their Representative here in Scotland. This is a great personal honour and an honour for his Mother Lodge, St. Bryde No. 579 and indeed the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.

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- **Reigning Masters Degree.** Bro. Stuart Jack, RWM has
- been invited to take part in a Reigning Masters Degree at
- Lodge St. Andrew No. 465 on Fri. 8th. July at 7.30 p.m.
- Please support our RWM by attending the meeting.
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