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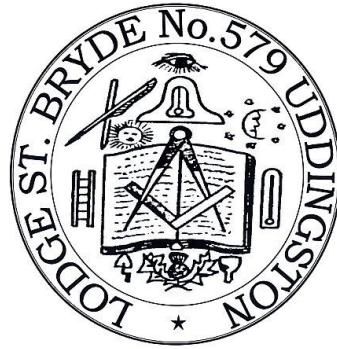


- Tues. 2nd. Grand Lodge of Scotland. Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh, 2 p.m.
- Wed. 8th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. F.C. Degree by Bro. George Cuthbertson, W.S.W.
- Wed. 15th. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 visit Lodge St. Enoch No. 1288. E.A. Degree by Bro. David Shaw, R.W.M. and Team.
- Wed. 22nd. Lodge St. Bryde No. 579. Regular Meeting at 7.30 p.m. E.A. Degree by Lodge Robert Burns No. 440.
- Fri. 2nd. Mar. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward Installation of Office-bearers 7.30 p.m. Cambuslang (114)



Uddingston Masonic Burns Club Annual Burns Supper

The Annual Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 4th February 2012 at 6 for 6.30 p.m. In The Masonic Temple, Uddingston. Tickets priced **£12** are available from Bro. Tom Lynch, Secretary.



Lodge St. Bryde News.

E-mail addresses. Any Brethren who would like to be kept updated with information can be contacted by E mail. Brethren with E mail addresses who would like to be part of the circulation list please pass their E mail

address on to the Lodge Secretary who will update the list..

Darts. Bros. Alasdair Dunlop & Stuart Jack are co-ordinating the Annual Darts Competition, so if you would like to take part, get your name on the list as the draw is soon to be made.

DDS. At the last Regular Meeting the Lodge Secretary recommended to the Brethren the Lodge St. Bryde Direct Debit Scheme. The Scheme has been running very successfully for a few years and returns around £1,000 per annum to Lodge Funds from participating Members. If you would like to contribute to Lodge Funds in this way **and** cover the payment of your Annual Test Fees, contact the Lodge Secretary who will provide information and a Form.

Honorary Membership. Bro. William Craig, P.M. , Treasurer of Lodge Buchanan No. 1499 received Honorary Membership of our Lodge at the Regular Meeting on 25th. January. Bro. Craig has been Treasurer of Buchanan for many years as well as serving Provincial Grand Lodge as Treasurer for ten years and is in his second Commission as Provincial Grand Secretary. Willie has for many years audited the accounts of our Lodge and he has given this service free of charge. He is a well known and respected Past Master of 1499. Bro. David Shaw, R.W.M. was delighted to make the presentation with Bro. Bill Kerr, R.W.M. 1499, the first member of Lodge Buchanan to receive Honorary Membership of our Lodge and only the tenth Brother since the second world war.

Provincial Grand Lodge News.

Charity Members will be aware that as part of The Grand Lodge of Scotland 275th. Anniversary celebrations it was decided that Grand Lodge would donate £250,000 to worthy causes which have been supported by Provincial Grand Lodges and District Grand Lodges. Last year our Provincial Grand Lodge submitted an Application to Grand Lodge and the result is that The Middle Ward has been awarded £11,200 from the Fund. In the next few months Provincial Grand Lodge will decide how this sum will be dispersed. Presentations.

AGM. At the AGM held in our Masonic Hall on 13th. February, Bro. Tom Davidson, Provincial Grand Master presented Bros. Jim Proctor (1230), Norman Carnegy (31), John Alcorn (305) , Stewart McEwan (233) with their Honorary Grand Rank Certificates. The Grand Master Mason had awarded them the Honorary Grand Rank of Director of Ceremonies, Librarian, Bible-bearer and Junior Deacon respectively.

St. Bryde. Members of Lodge St. Bryde are delighted that Bro. Alex Hamilton, P.M. 579 has been elected to the Office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden, well deserved after many years of active service in the Province progressing through the various Offices. Bro. Ronnie McCarney was re-elected as Provincial Grand Tyler. Both our Brethren will be Installed at the P.G.L. Installation at Cambuslang on Friday 2nd. March. Bro. David Shaw, R.W.M. requests a large attendance of our Brethren to support Bros. Hamilton and McCarney.

A.D.S. The Annual Divine Service date has been confirmed. The Service will be on Sunday 29th. April 2012 at 6 for 6.30 p.m. in The Old Parish Church, Uddingston. The Service will be conducted by Rev. Fiona McKibbin Minister of The Old Parish.

Freemasonry in Serbia.

Over the years The Right Angle has printed articles about Freemasonry in other parts of the world. The month the focus is on Serbia and how Freemasonry has survived there despite years of political turmoil.



While Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia can be considered to be a very young Grand Lodge, Freemasonry in Serbia has a long history and a very important part in our society.

The existence of the first Lodge in Serbia can be traced back to late 18th century. Serbia was then under the Ottoman rule, but the members of the Lodge were both

Serb and Turkish brethren. Little is known of the workings of those Lodges, so we do not know of the name or what ritual they used. It was only in the middle of 19th century that the Lodge "Ali Kotch" was formed, and their members included some of the most prominent figures of that time.

During the Serb-Turkish war in 1876, thanks to Italian soldiers that fought as volunteers, a Lodge "Light of Balkan" was established by the followers of revolutionary and Mason Giuseppe Garibaldi and worked under the protection of the Grand Orient of Italy.

Towards the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century the most influence to Serbian freemasonry was from Hungary, then part of Austria-Hungarian Empire.

It was only in 1912. that the Serbian freemasonry has gained a form of independence and self rule. On 10th of May that year the Supreme Grand Council for both Craft freemasonry and Scottish Rite was formed. Still, the date that Serbian freemasons consider as the official beginning of organized freemasonry in our land was 19th of June 1919. It was on that day that the Assembly was held in Zagreb (today's Croatia) and the Craft freemasonry got its first Grand Lodge.

Serbia.

Its first Grand Master was George Weifert, the Governor of the Central Bank of Serbia and one of the best known and the most committed freemasons that Serbia ever had.

This period can be considered as the golden age of freemasonry in Serbia, and the membership grew by 1930's to over 1000. Among its members, Grand Lodge had together Serbs, Croats, Jewish and all other nationalities. Members of the Craft were esteemed citizens, writers, composers, businessmen and the members of royalty. Charity was becoming an important part of our work, resulting in formation of shelters for homeless children, home for hearing deficient and blind citizens as well as hospitals and educational centers.

Like the most European Grand Lodges, our Grand Lodge had to cease its existence in 1940, with the first days of World War II. Sadly, after the liberation in 1945, the new communist government was not favorable towards our Craft, and it took another 45 years for Masonic light to start shining in our land again.

The rebirth of Freemasonry happened on 23rd of June 1990. when the United Grand Lodge of Germany brought the light in the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia. A year later, a formal Charter was issued by UGLG, thus making our Grand Lodge regular and recognized.

In 1993, the name was changed to "Regular Grand Lodge Yugoslavia", while the work was done in 5 lodges under its jurisdiction.

Last year, based on changes in our land, our name was changed to Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia, but all international recognitions remained unchanged. We are recognized by almost every Constitution in the world and after recent historic visit to Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England, our ties with UGLE are stronger than ever in history.

The year 2008 has seen our Craft growing stronger. Thanks to many fine brethren (membership stands at close to 700 in 22 Lodges) it looks like Freemasonry in Serbia is heading for its second "golden age".

Serbia.

On the bad side, we have to mention the existence of irregular Masonic organizations, comprised mostly of our former members, some of whom were expelled as far as 1993, as well as others that were never worthy to become our members. Based on experience of other countries, we are aware that we are not the only ones to deal with irregular and self-proclaimed “Masonic” organizations, but what surprises most in our case is the persistence and destructiveness of those people in order to damage the work done by our Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia.

Keeping that in mind, we are aware that these problems can only make us stronger, and motivate us to work even more and better.



Bro. William Craig, P.M. Treas. No. 1499 is congratulated by Bro. David Shaw, R.W.M. 579 and Bro. William Kerr, R.W.M. 1499 on receiving Honorary Membership of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579.

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The Back Page

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Numismatics – Geeks or Greeks ?

There was much excitement at the last Regular Meeting as a young inexperienced Office-bearer brought down the latest addition to his collection. An Alexander 3rd. coin. It was about the size of a five pence piece and was in quite good condition. Everyone had a look and an opinion as to what it was. Then a member of the Lodge who is a well known collector (of everything) was asked for his opinion. There was a hush in the committee room as he adjusted his glasses and looking at it closely up to the light and announced “ it could be Greek”. Everyone was stunned by his encyclopaedic mind, until the young inexperienced Office-bearer exclaimed, Alas, Alas, Alasdair, “ Alexander the third wasn’t Greek !” He then gave a machine gun speed resume of Alexander the third King of Scots from 1249 to 1286 ! Including his victory at the Battle of Largs in 1263! The Collector was ruffled, who was this new young Geek – who knew his Greeks ? was he right that Alexander wasn’t Greek ? The Collector in reply said that there was a Greek called Alexander, who was this Greek ? was he a Geek ?

Darts. Sharpen your tips The Big Contest is back World Championship Darts here on a Friday night Get your name on the entry sheet.

