

**History
of
Lodge Bannockburn
Bruce & Thistle No. 312
1999 - 2024**



**On the Roll of
The Grand Lodge of Scotland
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“It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.”

Bro. George Washington
1st US President

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Author's note

I'll start by borrowing a statement from Sir Isaac Newton. In his 1675 letter to Robert Hooke he said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." It's certainly true of the endeavours to create this book.

Bro. James G. White PM for example, produced the 'History of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle' for the 175th anniversary. As he said at the time, he added to the work of Bro. William Little's 1974 'Historical Sketch'. For my part, I am simply building on their foundations with the help of many others.

In creating this Lodge history from 1999 to 2024 there was, as you would expect, the pouring over 25-years of minutes from Regular, Special, Provincial, General Committee and Enquiry meetings. Plus, there was additional research to find out more about some of their references and lots of Googling to clarify correct Lodge and people's names.

Words can only go so far, and while Lodge Secretaries; Bro. James A. Smith PM, Bro. James G. White PM, Bro. Andrew McLeary PM, Bro. Robert McAulay PM, Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM, and Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM gave much information, it's also necessary to get the story behind the words, confirm spellings, lodge names and so on. In this regard, I'd like to recognise all the Secretaries and Masters from countless lodges across Scotland who've answered my emails, given me their counsel and recollections.

My special thanks go to, Bro. John A. Davidson PM, Bro James G. White PM, , Bro. Derek Irvine PM and Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM. Their elephantine memories for detail brought the cold minutes to life, making this a more interesting read for everyone.

This book began with same structure as the 175th history publication, allowing this update to concentrate on the next 25 years of history. Where it made sense, I've included content from earlier publications.

For assisting with photographs I'd thank Mr Robert Gray, nephew of Bro. Robert J. Moultrie PM and Bro. Lewis Allen of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. For reviewing the book draft, giving of his proofreading skill and comments I'd like to especially thank Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM.

To Gordon Robertson (no relation) of Monument Press, I'd like to thank him and his team for finding a way to produce this book to a quality befitting its importance and within our budget!

Finally, if anyone feels that important facts or events have been missed, I'm truly sorry. There was certainly no deliberate intention on my part.

Bro. Derek A. Robertson
Senior Deacon



Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
Right Worshipful Master
Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312

From the Right Worshipful Master

It's a humbling situation and tremendous privilege to have been chosen to lead our Lodge in its 200th anniversary year. I was Senior Steward at the 175th rededication and would never have reckoned then on this being my third year as RWM of our fine Lodge.

This great honour is shaded with great sadness too, as Bro. John A. Davidson PM was chosen for this honour in 2017. Sadly, he succumbed to cancer in January 2024 after fighting it in his inimitable 'Jock' way. 'The Bear' as he was affectionately known to us, was a giant of our Lodge. It was my honour to know him, to learn from him and to bear witness to the impact he had on this Lodge and many other Lodges throughout the country.

Lodge '312' is in a strong place in 2024. Post-COVID, we have a steady stream of candidates, many Brethren in progressive offices and our lodge regularly taking large deputations to our sister lodges. We maintain, in their fullest splendour, those truly masonic virtues of Benevolence and Charity. And there is a genuine buzz about '312' including the revived Social Club, back with regular full houses experiencing quality entertainment.

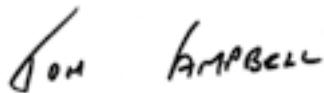
I feel there will be challenges in the years ahead where Freemasonry must keep evolving to sustain itself while staying true to its founding principles.

I know that '312' will be around for its 225th and beyond. This is because we have a growing group of talented people who pitch in, support their Brethren and challenge themselves to improve for the good of the Lodge and freemasonry in general.

As RWM and on behalf of the Brethren, I'd like to record my sincere thanks to the Senior Deacon Bro. Derek A. Robertson for his many hundreds of hours spent researching, drafting and getting sign off for this history book. I know it was a mammoth task with many challenges. The Brethren and I very much appreciate his efforts.

Finally, I'd encourage everyone at Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312 to approach the future with optimism and with a strong sense that together, we will have an active Lodge long into the future.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom Campbell', written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
Right Worshipful Master

Bro. John A. Davidson PM

Some years ago, Bro. John A. Davidson PM was put forward by the General Committee to be RWM in this our 200th anniversary year. Sadly for everyone, 'Jock' passed to the Grand Lodge above before he could take up this office.

Here is the Minute from the Regular Meeting 11 January 2024.

"It was the very sad duty of the RWM Thomas J. Campbell PM to confirm to the Brethren, with the heaviest of hearts, the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of Bro. Assistant Chaplin John A. Davidson PM on Tuesday 02 January after his stoic fight against illness.

John, 'Big Jock', 'The Bear' was a huge presence and influence on this, his Mother Lodge, and beyond. Bro. Davidson was:

- Initiated on 09 January 1969
- Passed on 30 January 1969
- Raised on 13 February 1969
- Received his mark on 17 March 1969

After progressing through the offices, he was installed as RWM 1979-1980 and again in 2005-2006. He also held other offices at '312' including Treasurer and Almoner.

He led and performed sterling work maintaining and enhancing the Lodge outside and inside. He was often the person to research topics of interest to the smooth running the Lodge from licensing and VAT, grants to rates and building surveys.

He was an Installing Master for many Brethren including the current RWM. In 2007 it was the RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell's pleasure to bestow Brother Davidson with a Distinguished Service Certificate. On that occasion, Bro. David Brodie PM presented the certificate as the RWM was working away from home.

Past Master Davidson was presented with his 50-year diploma in 2019 by the then RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine.

Past Master Davidson was an Honorary Member of lodges at which he was an Installing Master:

- Lodge St James, Doune No. 171
- Lodge Ben Ledi, Callander No. 614
- Lodge Blairhoyle, Thornhill No. 792
- Lodge Neptune, Aberdeen No. 375.

He was an active member of numerous orders:

- Stirling Royal Arch Chapter
- Stirling Rock Cryptic Council
- Stirling Castle Conclave
- Greyfriars Preceptory
- Perth Sovereign Chapter No.71, serving as Most Wise Sovereign 2011/12 and 2023.
- He was promoted to the 31st Degree in 2022.

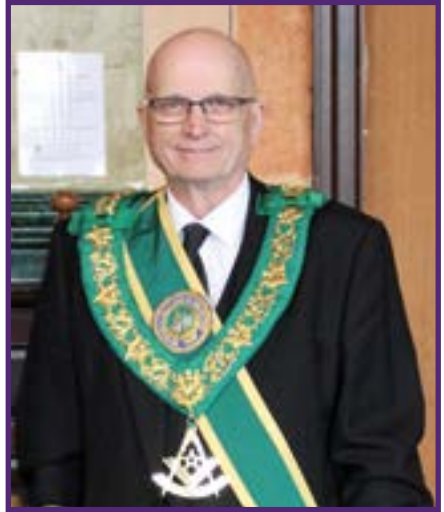
The RWM spoke of how immensely proud the 312 Brethren were of Past Master Davidson, for all his contributions and achievements."

From The Provincial Grand Master

We are very honoured and privileged to join with you on the 200th celebrations of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312.

Throughout the 200 years of your existence the Brethren of '312' have maintained the high principles of Freemasonry with dignity and decorum, both within the Lodge and throughout the community.

Your Lodge is held in high esteem within the Province of Stirlingshire and beyond. It is worth noting that several Brethren of the Lodge are now, or have been, in office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, surely a measure of the quality of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle.



It is with great pleasure I offer sincere congratulations on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire and wish you continued success in the years that lie ahead.

Bro. Gordon W. S. Sewell
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
Honorary Member of '312'

From our sponsoring Lodges

The Lodge of Alloa No. 69

As RWM may I on behalf of the Past Masters, Office-bearers and Brethren of The Lodge of Alloa No. 69, congratulate all connected with Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312 on the occasion of the Lodge having reached the Masonic Milestone of your 200th anniversary.

I consider myself privileged indeed to make some small contribution towards the continuing history of your Lodge, as The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 was one of the two Lodges who sponsored Lodge Bruce and Thistle at its formation in 1824.

I would wish good fortune for your Lodge in the future and that it goes forward to celebrate many more important masonic anniversaries.

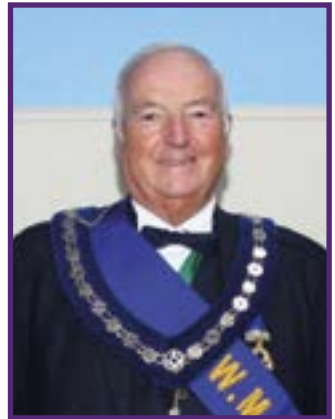
RWM Bro. John Hall



From Lodge St. Andrew Denny & Loanhead No. 176

It's a real honour to be able to send best wishes to all at Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312 on the occasion of your 200th anniversary.

Bannockburn has a special place in my heart through my involvement with Bannockburn Amateurs FC and my close friendship with local publican John McQue. Your Lodge also provided one of my closest friends in freemasonry – the late Bro. John Bell, who took his first step at '312' in 1979 and followed me into the Chair 176 back in 1998. It was PM Bell who featured in your brochure 25 years ago so it's an added bonus for me that I'm back as RWM and able to toast your Lodge.



It's just a pity that those 176 members who assisted in the formation of your Lodge back in 1824 did not choose another evening for your regular meetings. It means, of course, that with a couple of exceptions our meeting nights clash throughout the season.

Despite that we've had a good relationship over the years usually exchanging visits in five Thursday months. These are always special gatherings and I look forward to enjoying many more in the years ahead.

RWM Bro. Archibald Mackay PM

From the Lodges present at our Consecration

Lodge Stirling Ancient No. 30

Having grown up and lived in Bannockburn all my life, it gives me great pleasure to write this note on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312. On behalf of myself, the Past Masters, Office-bearers and Brethren of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30, I would like to congratulate you all on this milestone.

We, at Ancient Stirling, feel very fortunate to work so closely with the Brethren of Bannockburn, and are grateful for the many kindnesses your Lodge has shown ours.

As Right Worshipful Master of my Mother Lodge, I am confident that the Brethren of Ancient Stirling will enjoy the friendship of 312 for the next 200 years.

RWM Bro. Craig Muirhead



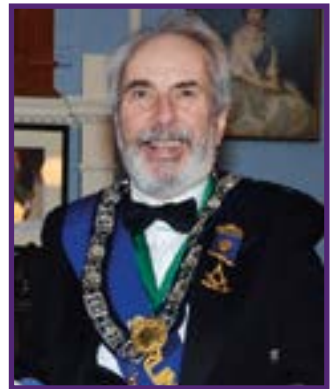
Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76

On the occasion of the bicentenary of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle, No. 312, may I, as Master of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch, No. 76, offer the hearty congratulations of our Past Masters, Office-bearers and Brethren.

I am sure that my predecessors who attended the dedication ceremony in 1827 could not foresee that in the year 2024 Lodge '312' would be so vibrant and successful in all aspects of our wonderful craft. It is of course no secret that Lodge '312' are the landlords of Lodge 76, and I can safely say we enjoy great generosity and assistance from all of the Brethren of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle in promoting the prosperity of Lodge 76, thus helping us all to enjoy every aspect our Freemasonry.

I am equally sure that Lodge '312' will continue to grow, in both fame and fortune, and commemorate many more important and significant anniversaries in the years to come.

RWM Bro. James F. Fisher PM



Honorary Members of the Lodge since 1999

Andrew E. Goodwin	PM Lodge Zetland No. 391	2024
James Weir MBE	PM Lodge Callendar No. 588	2024
Stuart Stirling	PM Lodge Carron No. 139	2024
Ronnie Hay	PM Lodge Ladywell No. 1474	2023
Robert Carruthers	PM Lodge Ladywell No. 1474	2023
Gordon W.S. Sewell	Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire PM Lodge St. John Tulliallan No. 598	2021
David Murray	PM Lodge St. Clair No. 362	2019
James McMeechan	WSW Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30	2018
John Cowan	RWM St. John Tulliallan No. 598	2017
Stewart McLaren	SS Lodge Ladywell No. 1474	2017
Leonard McComb	PM Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484	2017
Andrew A. McKinnon	Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire PM Lodge Callender No. 588	2014
Graham West	PM Lodge Neptune No 375, Aberdeen	2010
William Berkeley Harris-Burland	RWM Lodge St John No. 46, Auchterarder	2009
John McKenzie	Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire PM Lodge Loch Lomond No. 1483	2008
Douglas Wilson	PM Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792	2008
David W. Brown	RWM The Athole Lodge No. 384, Kirkintilloch	2008
Harry Stevenson	MM Lodge Abercromby No. 531	2007
Thomas S. Paterson	PM Lodge St. Servanus No. 771	2006
William Stevenson	MM Lodge Abercromby No. 531	2006
David Bolling	PM The Thistle Lodge of Glasgow No. 87	2006
James C. Peoples	RWM Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76	2005
William McDonald	MM Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30	2005
Andrew Carrol	MM Lodge Abercromby No. 531	2005
James T. Andrew	MM Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30	2002
Thomas Meldrum	MM Lodge Ben Cleuch No. 782	2000
James Cleminson	MM Lodge Ben Cleuch No. 782	2000



Honorary Members of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle

L to R Back: Bro. Andrew E. Goodwin PM No. 391, Bro. William Stevenson PM No. 531, Bro. James Weir MBE, PM, No 588, Bro. David W. Brown PM No. 384 and No. 76, William Berkeley Harris-Burland No. 46, Bro. Stewart McLaren No. 1474, Bro. James T. Andrew No. 76.

Front: Bro. Leonard McComb PM No 484, WSPGM, Bro. John McKenzie PM No. 1483, SGM, Bro. Clint W. Swan PM, Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM, RWM, Bro. David Stevenson IPM, Bro. Gordon W.S. Sewell No. 598, RWPGM, Bro. Ronnie Hay PM No. 1474, PGS, Bro. Stuart Stirling PM No. 139, WPGMD.

Office-bearers 2023 - 2024

Right Worshipful Master	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
Immediate Past Master,	Bro. David Stevenson PM
Depute Master	Bro. Clint W. Swan PM
Substitute Master	Bro. Alan Duffin PM
Senior Warden	Bro. Richard A. Kerry
Junior Warden	Bro. Kenneth R. Shaw
Secretary	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
Treasurer	Bro. Clint W. Swan PM
Almoner	Bro. John Whitfield
Senior Deacon	Bro. Derek A. Robertson
Junior Deacon	Bro. Robert Cochrane Jnr
Inner Guard	Bro. Barry Duffin
Director of Ceremonies	Bro. Paul W. Duffin PM
Chaplain	Bro. Derek Irvine PM
Assistant Chaplin	Bro. John A. Davidson PM
Jeweller	Bro. William Logan
Bible Bearer	Bro. Robert Cochrane Snr
Sword Bearer	Bro. Kevin Moffat Snr
Marshal	Bro. Robert McGregor PM
Standard Bearer	Bro. James R. McCormick PM
Senior Steward	Bro. Steven J. Campbell
Junior Steward	Bro. Jack Stevenson
Tyler	Bro. Michael J. Gray PM



The RWM and his Office-bearers 2023-2024

L-R Back: Barry Duffin (IG), Kevin Moffat Snr (Sw Br), Alex Cunningham, Jack Stevenson (JS), Steven Campbell (SS), Middle: Robert Cochrane Snr (BB), John Whitfield (Almr), James R. McCormick PM (Std Br), Robert McGregor (Mrshl), Derek Irvine PM (Chp), Derek A. Robertson (SD).

Front: Kenneth R. Shaw (WJW), Alan Duffin PM (Sub M), Clint W. Swan PM (Dep M & Treas), Thomas J. Campbell PM (RWM), David Stevenson (IPM), Paul W. Duffin PM (DOC), Richard R. Kerry (WSW).

Not in the picture: Michael J. Gray PM (Tyler), Robert Cochrane Jnr (JD), William Logan (Jewlr).

Right Worshipful Masters since 1999

1998 – 1999	Alexander Don
1999 – 2000	Robert Don
2000 – 2001	Andrew Craig PM
2001 – 2002	Scott Jaffray
2002 – 2003	David Brodie
2003 – 2004	George J. Millar
2004 – 2005	Robert McAulay
2005 – 2006	John A. Davidson PM
2006 – 2008	Thomas J. Campbell
2008 – 2009	Duncan McKinnon
2009 – 2010	Gerrard D. Dawson
2010 – 2011	Robert McAulay PM
2011 – 2012	Martin B. H. Gray
2012 – 2013	Robert McGregor
2013 – 2014	James R. McCormick
2014 – 2015	Alan Gray
2015 – 2016	Michael J. Gray
2016 – 2017	Clint W. Swan
2017 – 2018	Derek Irvine
2018 – 2019	Thomas Irvine
2019 – 2021	Paul W. Duffin
2021 – 2022	Alan Duffin
2022 – 2023	David Stevenson
2023 – 2024	Thomas J. Campbell PM



The RWM and his Past Masters

L to R Back: Alan Gray, Alan D. Buchan, Richard G. Buchanan, James R. McCormick, Robert McGregor, Derek Irvine, Cameron M. Fraser, Duncan McKinnon.

Front: Martin B. H. Gray, Alan Duffin, Clint W. Swan, Thomas J. Campbell PM, RWM, David Stevenson, Paul W. Duffin, Andrew Cuthill.

A short historical sketch

“This night the Brethren in the house of Hugh Paterson met, for the purpose of electing Office-bearers, according to the request of The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and, having unanimously chosen John Banks President for the night’s proceeding, the following persons were elected Office-bearers:

Thomas Crawford	Master
John Ferguson	Depute Master
William McAllister	Senior Warden
John Wilson	Junior Warden
James Dobbie	Treasurer
William Denovan	Secretary
John Banks	Steward
John McCulloch	Auditor
David McQew	Tyler”

The above is the first Minute Book Record of the Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge numbering ‘312’ on the roll of The Grand Lodge of Scotland and was recorded 200 years ago.

The Lodge has continued in the “Town,” with the name of such great historic significance to Scotland, since that time.

Any organisation of men which has stood the test of time from just after the Battle of Waterloo to the Coronation of King Charles III (the ninth monarch since the Lodge was constituted) must surely have contributed something worthwhile to the well-being of the community.

The nineteen founder members when they met first in the house of James Anderson, Innkeeper, Newmarket, Bannockburn, to hold a Lodge of Brethren assembled and to formulate in Bannockburn the high ideal which is the foundation of Freemasonry, may not have imagined that their Lodge, started also as a Friendly Society, would continue in strength and be starting the third century of its existence.

It is fitting after perusing the known Records and Minute Books of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle to pay tribute to the historians of the Lodge represented by a long line of excellent Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers. Not all of the records are in copper-plate handwriting, for many of the early members were weavers and could not record the Minutes as men of letters.

But shining through the Records, however presented, is the fact that Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle has been ever-mindful of charity - with top priority always being given to the less fortunate Brethren, in sickness or other distressed circumstances, their widows and orphans.

The basic industry in the village of Bannockburn at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century was the weaving of cloth. The occupations of 13 of the 19 founder members were Manufacturers (2), Weavers (8), Warpers (3). The fees due at this time on being initiated as a Fellow Craft and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason were ten shillings (50 pence), a not an inconsiderable sum then. According to the National Archives, equivalent to two days' wages.

The first name to be recorded as a member, dues paid, was Thomas Crawford, Plasterer, Stirling, the first RWM as stated in the Minute of the first meeting on 6 November, 1824. It is probable that he was connected with a Stirling Lodge and may have been the same Thomas Crawford who was RWM of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 in the year 1800.

There has always been some speculation on how the "Thistle" became incorporated, along with the natural desire to have the famous Scottish hero King Robert the Bruce forever linked with the name of Bannockburn.

It may be of some significance, in attempting to discover why "Thistle" should be chosen - apart from the more obvious connotation of it being one of the National Emblems of Scotland - to record this fact. Some of the early meetings were held at "Sister Denovan's" and her "Crown and Thistle" Inn was at the end of Newmarket. Meetings, many of which were in the homes of members in the early days, were not so frequent as today.

The first public parade of the Lodge occurred in December 1825 when the Brethren of the Lodge, accompanied by the Bannockburn Instrumental Band, paraded through the town prior to assembling for the first Festival of St. John.

The consecration of the Lodge took place on 23 October 1827, almost three years after the charter was granted, with the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Prentice RWM of the Stirling Ancient Lodge.

Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle's two sponsor Lodges, The Lodge of Alloa and Lodge St. Andrew Denny and Loanhead were also in attendance as were Stirling Royal Arch and Stirling Rock Encampment.

But the Brethren attended many more public occasions, particularly the laying of foundation stones.

Brethren of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle attended such ceremonies as the new bridge over the Forth at Stirling in 1831; the Wallace Monument in 1861; the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in 1870 and the Smith Arts Museum at Stirling in 1871.

Gifts to the Lodge from members were many in the early years and it is recorded that on the return from their visit to Edinburgh in 1870 one of the deputation, Bro. E. L. Wilson RWM, presented a handsome mahogany mallet with ebony handle and Senior and Junior Warden's Pillars.

The history of Scotland and the changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution can be traced from the Minute Books of the Lodge during the Nineteenth Century. The start of the working of coal in the local pits could be seen by the number of miners who joined the Craft.

There were those who joined the emigrating Scots who were to make new lives for themselves and families in Canada and Australia.

Many of these Brethren were raised through all the Degrees to become Master Masons at one emergency meeting - a speedy arrangement also made for many members going overseas on active service.

The social and harmony ideal of Freemasonry has never been neglected by Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle in going from labour to refreshment. The constantly changing social aspect can be traced through concerts, dances after Festivals of St. John, a cinematograph show, summer drives in charabancs, Masonic Balls and on to the present '312' Social Club.

After Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle had taken a Lodge Room on its own instead of meeting mostly in members houses the premises were frequently let to other organisations and societies to assist them in their formative years at the end of the Nineteenth Century. They included the Free Gardeners, the Y.M.C.A. for Sabbath morning meetings and also the let of the premises as a reading room.

The Lodge received help on many occasions from Bro. Col. Wilson, who owned the weaving mills for tartans in Bannockburn by providing storage space for Lodge possessions etc, and to other members of the Wilson Mills family.

In 1826 the Brethren attended the laying of the Foundation Stone of James Wilson's Mill. The exact location of this Mill is not known but could it have been the Royal George Mill Building in which the present Lodge Temple is situated? Indeed, there is a lintel in the building bearing the date 1826.

The Lodge considered the building of a new Temple at the close of the Nineteenth Century instead of renting a Lodge Room.

One of those rented and in use for many years was the building at the corner of Main Street and Kirk Wynd, near the old Ladywell Church, later the Murrayfield U.F. Church.

The Lodge decided, however, to rent as a hall the upper storey of the Old Town Hall and their first meeting in these premises was in February 1904.

During the Centenary Year of the Lodge (1924) the Brethren were in the midst of negotiations to purchase the present Masonic Hall premises at the Royal George Mill and to raise money to renovate it.

This was probably why no Thanksgiving Service or Dinner was held in that Centenary Year. The decision was taken to combine the Consecration of the new Masonic Temple with the Centenary Celebrations the following year on 24th April 1925.

The Brethren of the Lodge have always been ready and willing to give a practical token of their sympathy to those in distress. When three Brethren died in the Plean Pit explosion in 1922, special payments were made to their wives or dependants.

In the immediate years after the Great War and again after the Second World War

there were understandably many more candidates to join the Craft after long absences from home of serving men in the forces.

Greater visitations between Lodges, no doubt because of improved transport in the motor car era, was also a feature of the post War years.

In a closely-knit community like Bannockburn, son has followed father into the Fellowship of the Craft during the 200 years of its existence as a Lodge.

It is particularly interesting to trace names such as Wilson, Plank, Vallance, McQue (sometimes McQew), Morrison, Stevenson, Buchanan, Jaffray and Don appearing and re-appearing as generation succeeds generation throughout the Lodge's history. The 175th publication used the name Don to illustrate family through the generations in the Lodge.

In 2024, picking out one instance to illustrate the continuing depth of family connections, let's start with Bro. Jack Stevenson, our current Junior Steward. Jack was initiated as our latest Lewis mason on 20 May 2023. He went through his degrees with his father Bro. Craig Stevenson. Craig's brother is Bro. David Stevenson our current IPM. David and Craig's father, John Stevenson is a long-established '312' brother. (John had his FC degree on Thursday 26 January 1978 and early the next morning Son David was born!). John was Depute Master to David 2022 to 2023. And Bro. David Stevenson IPM's great-grandfather Robert Stevenson was RWM 1927-1928.

In the years 1999-2024, other names including Duffin, Gray, Irvine and McCormick populate the Brethren, Office-bearers and Past Masters.

Three major events punctuate the Lodge's activity over the last 25-years:

1. The rise of the Lodge's Social Club providing entertainment, fraternal camaraderie and, for many, their first encounter with the brotherly love of the Brethren.
2. 2014 marked the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. A special '312' event took place that received a great deal of coverage in masonic circles.
3. 2020 to 2021 will be remembered as the global pandemic. To combat COVID-19 great restrictions were placed on people's movements. One result was that '312' didn't meet for 19-months.

You can read more about each of these in the coming chapters.

This short history is more of a sketch of its idealistic work during the first 200 years. Some happenings have been left unrecorded and names which might have been expected are not mentioned, because of some Minute Books not being available or perhaps through human oversight, but I hope that the inherent laudable intentions of the Brethren of the Lodge, down the years, to follow the precepts of the Craft, shine through it all and provide an inspiration to present Freemasons and to all who follow in the Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge No. 312.

by Bro. William Little 1974

Updated by: Bro. James G. White PM in 1999 and Bro. Derek A. Robertson SD in 2024

Extract from Minute Book of Grand Lodge 1st November 1824

An application was made to The Grand Lodge by Thomas Crawford and others residing in Bannockburn Stirlingshire craving a Charter to hold a Lodge in that Town under the name and Title of Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge and the Grand Lodge having considered this petition with Certificates from Alloa Lodge and Denny and Loanhead granted the following Charter to Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge and appointed the following Brethren as Office Bearers of that Lodge viz;

Thomas Crawford	Master
John Ferguson	Past Master
Wm. McAllister	Senior Warden
John Wilson	Junior Warden
John Dobbie	Treasurer
William Denovan	Secretary

Given at the Grand Lodge of Scotland this first day of Nov 1824 and of Light 5824 by:

<i>His Majesty George the Fourth</i>	King and Patron
<i>His Grace The Duke of Argyle</i>	Grand Master
<i>Lord Glenorchy</i>	Depute Grand Master
<i>Wm. Ingles Esq</i>	Substitute Grand Master
<i>W. T. Campbell Esq</i>	Grand Warden
<i>Wm. Gibson Craig Esq</i>	Grand Warden
<i>Sir John Hay</i>	Grand Treasurer
<i>Alex Laurie</i>	Grand Secretary
<i>James Bartram</i>	Grand Chaplain

Lodge furnishings

- 1999** Having passed to the Grand Lodge above early in 1999, the widow of Bro. James Collington PM donated his Past Master's jewel to the Lodge. As a permanent tribute to Bro. Collington, a member of 53 years standing (36 years as a Past Master), the Brethren decided this jewel, presented to him in 1964, should form part of the Master's regalia and will now be worn by all future Masters of the Lodge.
- 1999** Regalia of Bro. Jack Greer who had ascended to the Grand Lodge above, was donated to the Lodge by his wife with instructions that it should be used.
- 2004** Having passed to the Grand Lodge above early in 1999, the widow of Bro. Robert (Bob) J. Moultrie PM donated his Past Master's jewel to the Lodge. Bro. Moultrie was RWM 1957-1958 and Mrs Moultrie asked it be used to the requirements of the Lodge. It was decided to present it to the retiring RWM.
- 2005** Oct. New Hymn sheets, donated by the late Bro. John McKinnon of Lodge Leven St. John, Renton No. 170 in the Province of Dumbartonshire were delivered by Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson. A '312' deputation visited for the FC Degree and presented a plaque with the hymn sheets fixed to the frame.
- 2006** June. Bro. James Collington PM's Reigning Master's jewel, given its fragile state was placed in a display cabinet. Subsequently it was brought into use.
- 2007** June. Bro. Alex Buchanan PM presented the Lodge with a new 24" Gauge, the last job undertaken by Bro. W Spiers PM Lodge Abercromby No. 531 before passing away.
- 2007** Aug. Ritual books were made available to any brother for £10.
- 2008** Mar 28. The Lodge bought the Reigning Master's case, jewel and regalia.
- 2008** Aug 08. Director of Music sash and jewel added to the Lodge regalia.
- 2008** Sept 19. Bro. Gilbert Clarke PM jewel donated to the Lodge by his widow in 2006 was refurbished.
- 2009** The apron, sash and case of the late Bro. George Palmer was donated to the Lodge by his mother.
- 2013** Jan 25. Letter of thanks recorded to Bro. Douglas (Dougie) Wilson PM Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West for the gift of RWM's chain of office.
- 2013** Feb 22. Lodge furniture formerly belonging to Lodge Bishopbriggs to be put to use by the Lodge.
- 2013** Mar 15. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM proposed the Lodge create the office of Lodge Piper with Bro. Graeme Fraser the obvious candidate. Regalia in place by September.
- 2017** Feb 03. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan presented new temple staff holders for the Junior and Senior Deacon's rods. A review of regalia began to see if it will last until the 200th in 2024.
- 2017** Mar 24. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan donated six specially made boards for the temple. They consisted of: the Sun, the Moon, the Master of the Lodge, first degree tools, second degree tools and third degree tools.

- 2017** Apr. Following the closure of The Church Scotland in Cowie, RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan arranged to buy for the Lodge pews, pulpit and a new Master's Chair. Those donations enhanced the Temple. The eagle eyed will notice that many pew numbers are also lodge numbers.
- 2017** RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan and Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM donated Warden collarettes. The first recipients were Bro. Paul W. Duffin and his father Bro. Alan Duffin.
- 2019** RWM Bro. Paul W. Duffin and his father Bro. Alan Duffin WSW, presented the Lodge with bookmarks for the VSL.



The Temple from the West, September 2024



Temple pictures donated by Bro. Clint W. Swan as RWM in 2017.



The Pulpit and pews from Cowie Church bought and then donated by Bro. Clint W. Swan when RWM.

Keystone

Created and provided by Bro. David Stevenson now IPM. These were also made to order for freemasons across Scotland and beyond raising several thousand pounds for charity.



Deacons Holders and Tools Table

The Lodge Working Tools table following its 2020 refurbishment by Bro. Stewart McLaren Lodge Ladywell No. 1474, Honorary Member of the Lodge.



Deacons' staff holders provided by Bro. Clint W. Swan when RWM.

Our Sister Lodges

Masonic labour is purely a labour of love. He who seeks to draw masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed.

The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another;
sympathy creates sympathy, kindness creates kindness,
helpfulness creates helpfulness and these are the wages of a Mason.

Benjamin Franklin,
Founding Father, Polymath

Visiting and strong relationships with sister Lodges is vital to a sustainable Lodge and Freemasonry in general. To note all Lodge visits for 25-years would be a book in itself! Instead, the focus here is deputations to confer degrees at Bannockburn. And Bannockburn conferring degrees in sister Lodges plus Brethren visiting sister Lodges outside the Province of Stirlingshire.

To acknowledge our visits to sister Lodges inside the Province there is a summary approximately every five years. In all cases the information was gleaned from what was recorded in the minutes.

1999 - 2003

- 1999** Jan 28. Bro. John A. Davidson PM headed a deputation to Lodge St. Mark No. 1313, in the Province of Kincardineshire where he carried out the Installation ceremony of RWM Elect Bro. Gorman and his Office-Bearers.
- 1999** Mar 25. The RWM Bro. Alexander Don, accompanied by a number of Brethren, represented the Lodge at the 400th Celebrations of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30.
- 2000** Feb 10. The RWM Bro. Robert Don, while on holiday, visited Lodge De Lacy No. 4643 in Pontefract of the English Constitution.
- 2000** Apr. Bro. J Bell RWM Lodge Easterhouse 1591 and Bro. J Bramwell RWM Lodge Homfray 1562 (English Constitution) attended at the obligation of Bros. Thomas Meldrum and James Cleminson of Lodge Ben Cleuch No. 782 being made 312's latest Honorary Members.
- 2000** Apr. RWM Bro. Robert Don headed a deputation to The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2000** Jul. A joint visit by '312' and Lodge St. Servanus No. 771 of 22 (including wives and children), to Lodge Eola, No. 207 Florida US. There they conducted a demonstration of the EA degree.

RWM	Bro. James G. White PM 312	Obligation
WSW	Bro. David Swan PM 771	Apron
WJW	Bro. Andrew Craig PM 312	Prayers and Final Charge
SD	Bro. Gary Williams 312	Tools
JD	Bro. Phil Maley PM 771	NE Corner
DOC	Bro. Russell McKendrick PM 771	Mode of Prep and Secrets

- 2000** Oct 12. Bro. James Wilson PM while on holiday in Canada, visited Lodge Bradford No. 1104 and Lodge Zaxo No. 137. While there, he presented the respective RWMs with Lodge MMM pennies. These were received with great pleasure having never seen MMM pennies before.
- 2000** Oct 26. RWM Bro. Robert Don, had visited Lodge Pontefract No.46 (English Constitution).
- 2001** Jan 11. Bro. John A. Davidson PM had visited Lodge Lodge Neptune No. 375 in Aberdeen City and affiliated.
- 2001** Jan 25. Bro. John A. Davidson PM headed a deputation to Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614. in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2001** Mar. PGLS Reigning Masters' Degree was hosted by the Lodge.
- 2001** Apr. RWM Bro. Andrew Craig PM headed a deputation to The Thistle Lodge of Glasgow No. 87 where he and the degree team conferred the MMM degree.
- 2001** Mar 08. RWM Bro. Andrew Craig PM headed a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2001** Mar 29. Bro. James Wilson PM while on holiday, had visited a Lodge in Halifax on the Canadian coast.
- 2001** Apr 21. Bro. William Stevenson had visited a Lodge in Nova Scotia.
- 2001** Oct 11. Deputation of the self-named "Virginian travelling masons" was led into the Lodge by Bro. Charles Barclay. These Brethren were from Seaboard Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth Virginia, USA. Bro. Robert Don IPM welcomed the deputation and presented Bro. Barclay with a replica of the square and compasses and a copy of the Lodge's history book.
- 2001** Oct 25. Bro. Scott Jaffray WSW with a number of Brethren visited Lodge Dramatic No. 571, in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2001** Nov 15. Bro. John A. Davidson PM had visited Lodge St. Machar No. 54, in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2001** Nov 29. Bro. Scott Jaffray WSW with a number of Brethren had attended Lodge Easterhouse No. 1591, in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2002** Mar 28. RWM Bro. James Coyle led a large deputation from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 who then conferred a FC degree. On that evening there was another deputation. RWM Bro. Willie Black PM led a deputation from Lodge Beith 157.
- 2002** Apr 26. RWM Bro. Scott Jaffray took a deputation to Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred a FC degree.
- 2002** Apr 26. RWM Bro. Bruce Kinnear led a large deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No.76 who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2002** Apr. RWM Bro. Scott. Jaffray led a number of Brethren to the 125th anniversary celebrations at Lodge St. John Tulliallan No. 598.
- 2002** Sep 26. RWM Bro. S. Jaffray led deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No.76 and conferred a FC degree. At the same meeting Bro. David Brodie WSW intimated he attended the 50th anniversary celebrations for Lodge Ladywell No. 1474.

- 2002** Oct 10. RWM Bro. Campbell Robertson led a deputation from The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2002** Oct 24. RWM Bro. Robert H. Mitchell led a large deputation from Lodge St. Servanus Alva No. 771 who then conferred a FC degree.
- 2003** Feb 13. RWM Bro. David Brodie headed a deputation to Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614, in the Province of Perthshire West as it was their 125th anniversary.
- 2003** Feb 27. Colin T. Wyse PPGM, Honorary Member '312', Bro. Gary Williams and Bro. James G. White PM attended the Installation of Bro. Nicol Scobbie (PM 391) as WM (English Constitution do not use RWM) at The Raineian Lodge No. 5763 Clerkwel, London (English Constitution). Bro. White gave the reply on behalf of the visitors.
- 2003** Mar 13. RWM Bro. Allan Willox led a large deputation from The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2003** Apr 10. RWM Bro. David Brodie with a number of Brethren attended Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 who held a Lodge of Sorrow.
- 2003** Apr 24. Bro. Peter Jaffray with a number of Brethren visited several Lodges including Lodge St. John Caldercruix No.1314 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.
- 2003** Sep 11. RWM Bro. David Brodie had attended Lodge Buchanan No. 1499 Cambuslang on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.
- 2003** Sep 11. W.M. Bro. David Brodie headed a deputation to The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2003** Sep 11. The Lodge's two teams were successful in the Friendship Bowling Tournament. RWM Bro. David Brodie presented to the trophy to Bro. Robert Strachan and Bro. Jim MacDonald.
- 2003** Sep 25. RWM Bro. David Brodie with a number of Brethren attended a Lodge of Sorrow at Lodge Be Cleuch No. 782.
- 2003** Oct 16. RWM Bro. Iain G. Grieve led a deputation from Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2003** Oct 30. Bro. Peter Jaffray with a number of Brethren visited several Lodges including Lodge Cambuslang Royal Arch No. 114 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.
- 2003** Oct 30. RWM Bro. Gordon W. Guthrie led a deputation from Lodge St. Servanus Alva No. 771 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2003** Oct 30. Bro. John Rankin PM visited Lodge Beith St. John's No. 157 in the Province of Ayrshire. On that occasion Bro. Thomas J. Campbell was called upon and delivered the FC Working Tools lecture.
- 2003** Nov 27. Bro. John Rankin PM along with Bro. Alex Buchanan PM and Bro. James G. White PM installed Bro. John Stirrat into the Chair of King Solomon at Lodge Beith St. John's No. 157 in the Province of Ayrshire.

2003 Nov 27. Bro. Scott Jaffray IPM attended Lodge St. John Muthill No. 192 in the Province of Perthshire East, Bro. Andrew Craig PM visited Lodge Dalry Blair No. 290 in the Province of Ayrshire, Bro. Peter Jaffray visited Lodge Union and Crown No. 103 in the Province of Glasgow, Bro. Ian McLaughlin visited Lodge Barhill No. 1444, Twechar in the Province of Dunbartonshire and Bro. Jim Andrew visited Lodge St. John No. 171, Doune in the Province of Perthshire West.

2004 - 2008

2004 Jan 29. RWM Bro. Bruce Kinnear led a large deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No.76 who then conferred the EA degree.

2004 Jan 29. Bro. James G. White PM, replied on behalf of Daughter Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Lord Burton. The programme was later framed and displayed in the Lodge.

2004 Jan 29. Bro. Jim Wilson PM and Bro. Alex Buchanan PM visited Lodge Ancient Brazen No. 17, in the Province of Linlithgowshire. While there were presented with the Lodge history book and a MMM penny.

2004 Feb 12. RWM Bro. James Sullivan led a large deputation from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 who then conferred the FC degree.

2004 Feb 12. RWM Bro. George J. Millar led a deputation to Lodge St. John (Muthill) No. 192, in the Province of Perthshire East and there conferred the EA degree.

2004 Feb 26. Bro. Jim Deacon, Bro. Peter Jaffray with a number of Brethren attended the Installation of Lodge St. James No. 590, Harthill in the Province of Linlithgowshire. RWM Bro. George J. Millar with number of Brethren attended the Installation of Lodge Doune No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West.

2004 Apr 08. RWM Bro. George J. Millar gave a special welcome at the Regular Meeting to two visiting Brethren from the Norwegian Constitution. The minutes didn't record their names.

2004 Apr 29. RWM Bro. James Dyer led a large deputation from Lodge St. Andrew (Denny & Loanhead) No. 176 who then conferred the MMM degree.

2004 Sep 30. RWM Bro. Andrew Scott led a large deputation from Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 who then conferred the FC degree.

2004 Sep 30. RWM Bro. George J. Millar headed a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the FC degree.

2004 Sep 30. Bro. James G. White PM visited Lodge St. Michael No. 2487 in Stone and Lodge John O'Gaunt No. 405 (English Constitution) in Newcastle under Lyme both in Staffordshire.

2004 Oct 28. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell WJW with a number of Brethren and their partners attended the annual dinner and dance of Lodge St. Servanus No. 771.

2004 Nov 11. RWM Bro. George J. Millar and a number of Brethren attended a 'Kipling night' at Lodge St. John (Muthill) No. 192, in the Province of Perthshire East, a lodge with which we had strong ties.

- 2004** Visits noted within the Province
- Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. Visits 7
 - The Lodge of Alloa No. 69. Visits 9
 - Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Visits 9
 - Lodge Carron No. 139. Visits 1
 - Lodge St. Andrew (Denny & Loanhead) No. 176. Visits 1
 - Lodge Zetland No. 391. Visits 1
 - Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484. Visits 3
 - Lodge Abercromby No. 531. Visits 14
 - Lodge Callendar No. 588. Visits 2
 - Lodge Tulliallan No. 598. Visits 2
 - Lodge St. Servanus No. 771. Visits 6
 - Lodge Ben Cleuch No. 782. Visits 11
 - Lodge Dolphin No. 911. Visits 1
- 2005** Jan 13. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay noted a visit to Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2005** Mar 10. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay headed a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2005** Mar 31. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay headed a deputation to Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2005** Mar 31. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay with a number of Brethren and their partners attended the annual dinner and dance of Lodge St Servanus No. 771.
- 2005** Apr 14. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay led a deputation to Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 and there conferred the MMM degree. He had also attended, with a number of Brethren, a Lodge of Sorrow at Lodge Auchterarder No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2005** Apr 29. RWM Bro. James Peoples led a large deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Bro. Innes passed the gavel to Bro. Alan Rodger PM, Honorary Member 312 who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2005** Sep 08. RWM Bro. James Peoples led a deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2005** Sep 08. Bro. Jim McDonald and Bro. Harry Proctor's teams won Lodge Dolphin and Zetland's friendship bowling tournament.
- 2005** Sept 29. RWM Bro. Fred Rae led a deputation from Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2005** Sep 29. Bro. John A. Davidson PM and Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson while on holiday had visited Lodge Unity No. 710, Ontario of the Canadian Constitution.
- 2005** Oct 21. RWM Bro. Robert Somerville led a deputation from The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2005** Dec 08. RWM John A. Davidson PM led a deputation to Lodge Neptune No. 375, Aberdeen and there conferred the Installation Ceremony.

- 2005** Dec 08. Bro. Robert McAulay IPM and Bro. Alex Buchanan PM visited Lodge Thistle No. 87 Glasgow.
- 2005** Dec 08. Bro. John Whitfield, while on holiday attended the MM degree for his son at Carl (Cal) Lodge No 104 (German Constitution) in the main Lodge building in Berlin. He'd attended his initiation earlier in the year at Osnabrück.
- 2006** Feb 09. RWM Bro. Craig Hindell led a deputation from Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614, Callander who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2006** Feb 23. RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM led a large deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2006** Feb 23. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell WSW had visited Lodge St. Olaf No. 1188, Aberdeen. Bro. Peter Jaffray WJW had attended the Installation at Lodge St. James No. 590 in Harthill.
- 2006** Mar 16. RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM led a deputation to Lodge Easterhouse No. 1591, in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MM degree.
- 2006** Mar 30. The RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM had visited Lodge Bishopbriggs, No. 1259 in the Province of Glasgow and a Lodge in Newcastle (not numbered).
- 2006** Apr 13. RWM Bro. Graeme Robertson led a deputation from Lodge Thistle No. 87 from the Province of Glasgow who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2006** Jun 16. RWM Bro. Lawrence Dempsey led a deputation from Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259 from the Province of Glasgow who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2006** Jul 22. RWM Bro. Graham West led a deputation from Lodge Neptune No. 375 from the Province of Aberdeen City who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2006** Sep 28. RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM with others had visited The Caledonian Railway Lodge No. 354, Lodge Easterhouse No. 1591, Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, all in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge St. Modan No. 985 in the Province of Argyll and the Isles, Lodge Bearsden No. 1572 in the Province of Dunbartonshire, Lodge Cotswold No. 1067 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, plus the 150th celebrations at Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2006** Oct 12. Unspecified Office-bearers and Brethren had visited Lodge Bonhill Alexandria St. Andrew Royal Arch No. 321 in the Province of Dunbartonshire, Lodge Easterhouse No. 1531 and Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 both in the Province of Glasgow and Lodge St. Serf No. 327 and Lodge Monto No. 385 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2006** Oct 26. RWM Bro. James Peoples led a deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2006** Oct 26. RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM with others had visited Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross. Also, a Lodge of Sorrow at Lodge St. John Tulliallan No. 598.

- 2006** Oct 26. RWM John A. Davidson PM, led a deputation to Lodge St. James Harthill No. 590 in the Province of Linlithgowshire to a Lodge of Sorrow of Bro. William 'Junior' Colligan PM.
- 2006** Nov 14. RWM John A. Davidson PM, led a deputation to Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 in the Province of Perthshire West and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2006** Dec 14. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell along with a number of Brethren visited Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2006** Dec 14. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the EA degree. He had also visited Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2007** Jan 25. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a large deputation to Lodge Easterhouse No. 1591 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MM degree. He and a number of Brethren had also attended Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2007** Feb 08. RWM Bro. John Lasman led a deputation from Lodge St. Servanus Alva No. 771 who then conferred the FC degree. On this occasion Bro. Duncan Davidson from Lodge No. 710, Ontario, Canada, added to the congratulatory remarks at the close of the degree. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell had visited Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross and there witnessed IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM take part in the MMM degree.
- 2007** Mar 08. RWM Bro. Walter Livingstone led a large deputation from The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 who then conferred the EA degree. RWM had visited Lodge Ben Ledi No 614 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge St. John No. 46 Auchterarder in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2007** Mar 28. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a deputation to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2007** Mar 28. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM welcomed Bros. Perlow, Sheridan and a number of Brethren of Australia Lodge No. 6505, London WC2 into the Lodge. It was the Provincial visit, an FC degree and Bro. David Brodie PM presented IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM with a Distinguished Service Certificate.
- 2007** Mar 28. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell had visited Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge Dunblane No. IX both in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. Andrew No. 544 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, Lodge Easterhouse No. 1571 in the Province of Glasgow
- 2007** Apr 12. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a deputation to Lodge St. James No. 171 Doune in the Province of Perthshire West and there conferred the MMM degree. He had also visited Lodge Torrie No. 1141 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.

- 2007** Apr 26. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a deputation to Lodge Abercromby No. 531 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2007** May 21. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM, led a large deputation to Lodge Abercrombie Lodge No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2007** June 08. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell welcomed three distinguished deputations into the Lodge. The first was from Lodge St. Andrew Denny and Loanhead No. 176 headed by RWM Bro. Brian Harvie. The second was from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire headed by WPSM Bro. John McKenzie. The third deputation was ten '312' Honorary Members headed by PPGM. Bro. Colin T. Wise PM 771. The Honorary Members then conferred the EA degree.
- 2007** Jul 18. RWM Bro. Alan Duck led a deputation from Lodge Neptune No. 375 from the Province of Aberdeen City who then conferred the FC degree. The visiting Brethren, their wives and partners enjoyed a meal and hospitality afterward.
- 2007** Sep 13. During the summer, Brethren had the following visits outside the Province: Lodge St. Mary's Caledonian Operative No. 339 (Inverness-shire), Lodge Neptune No. 375 (Aberdeen City), The Athole Lodge No. 384 (Dunbartonshire), Lodge Baillie Nichol Jarvie No. 1036 (Perthshire West), Lodge Tarbert Loch Fine No. 1306 (Argyll and the Isles).
- 2007** Sep 13. At the Regular Meeting Bro. Robert Strachan presented the Lodge with the Friendship Bowling trophy won during the summer.
- 2007** Sep 27. RWM Bro. John Gwynn led a large deputation from Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 who then conferred the FC degree. A visit was noted to Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2007** Oct 09. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a large deputation to Lodge Abercromby 531 to confer the EA.
- 2007** Oct 11. RWM Bro. Stuart Stirling led a large deputation from Lodge Carron No. 139 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2007** Oct 11. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM led a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2007** Oct 11. Bro. David Bodie PM headed deputation to The Lodge of Alloa No. 69. While there, he presented the Lodge with a set of working tools in celebration of their 250th anniversary celebrations.
- 2007** Oct 11. Bro. Robert McAulay PM led deputations to Lodge St. John No. 46 and Montcreiffe No. 1332 both in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2007** Oct 25. RWM Bro. James Peoples led a large deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2007** Nov 07. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a large deputation to Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City and there conferred the MM degree.

- 2008** Jan 14. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell visited Lodge Albert Edward No. 592 in the Province of Renfrewshire East and Lodge St. John No. 49 in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2008** Jan 28. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a large deputation to Lodge Easterhouse No. 1591 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2008** Feb 28. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM visited Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 both in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2008** Apr 25. (Travel Club) Visit to Lodge Leven St. John No. 170 in the Province of Dunbartonshire.
- 2008** Mar 13. RWM Bro. William Stevenson led a large deputation from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2008** Mar 13. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM visited Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2008** Mar 27. Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM had led a deputation to Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
Bro. John Bundy had accompanied a deputation from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 to Lodge Rosemary, No. 6421 (EC) in Newcastle Upon Tyne and there witnessed fine degree work.
- 2008** Mar 27. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM and Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson WJW had visited Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2008** Apr 10. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, along with other Brethren had visited Lodge Dunblane No. IX and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 both in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2008** Apr 28. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, along with a number of Brethren had visited Lodge Stormont No. 1524 in the Province of Perthshire East for a Cork degree.
Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson WJW had visited Lodge St. Kessac No. 269 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2008** May 08. A large deputation from Lodge Polmont No. 793 followed by a large deputation from Stirling Royal Arch Chapter No. 2 headed by their First Principal Bro. James T. Andrew, Honorary Member of our Lodge, who, together with his team, then conferred the MMM degree on four Brethren.
- 2008** May 29. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell led a deputation to The Athole Lodge No. 384 in the Province of Dunbartonshire and there conferred the MMM degree. Athole's RWM at the time was David W. Brown future Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 2008** June 13. RWPGM Bro. John McKenzie and members of the PGL of Stirlingshire conferred the EA degree on Mr William Buchan the son of Bro. Alan D. Buchan PM. Before the degree work the RWPGM Bro. John McKenzie was surprised and honoured to be conferred Honorary Membership of the Lodge. The Provincial degree team for the evening was:
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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Bro. John McKenzie RWM | Bro. Robert Hunter WSW |
| Bro. Colin Alldritt WJW | Bro. Reg Weston DOC |

Bro. Alex Crockett SD
 Bro. Stuart Stirling IG
 Bro. Iain Macdonald
 Bro. Gordon W. S. Sewell

Bro. Alan Scott JD
 Bro. Allan Leishman
 Bro. Brian O'Connor
 Bro. Brian Wright

- 2008** July 11. Bro. A. Thomas from Wales proposing a visit with some Brethren and ladies.
- 2008** July 19. RWM Bro. Alan Duck headed a large and distinguished deputation from Lodge Neptune No. 375 from the Province of Aberdeen City conferred the FC degree. At the same meeting Bro. Kenneth Farmer of Lodge John O'Groats No. 1333, in the Province of Caithness was obligated as an affiliate of the Lodge by IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM.
- 2008** Aug 03. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell hosted a very successful Provincial Bowls Tournament at Bannockburn Bowling Club. Bro. James Paterson and Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM led the arrangements. The nominated Charity was the Aberlour Trust.
- 2008** Sep 11. Among the visiting Brethren at the Regular Meeting was Bro. John Ferguson WSW, Southport Lodge No. 62 Grand Union Lodge Queensland, Australia.
- 2008** Sept 25. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM along with several Brethren attended the Installation at Lodge Scoon & Perth No. 3 in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2008** Sep 19. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell led a deputation to Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2008** Nov 01. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, led a deputation of 25 to Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City and there conferred the MM degree. A Dinner Dance followed.
- 2008** Nov 13. RWM Bro. Thomas McCulloch Jnr. led a large deputation from Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and conferred the FC degree. On this evening there was also a small deputation from PGL of Stirlingshire headed by PPGM Bro. Colin T. Wise. Accompanying them was a Past Master from Malden, Massachusetts (the minutes don't give his name).
- 2008** Nov 26. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM, led a deputation to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West on 26 November 2008 and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2008** Nov 26. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell, along with other Brethren had visited Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2008** Dec 10. IPM Bro. John A. Davidson PM, was an Installing Master of Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259 in the Province of Glasgow and RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell was on the toast list. A total of fourteen Brethren from the Lodge joined them. The Lodge was also represented at the Annual Installation of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.

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- 2009** Jan 14. The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 extended an invitation to all Brethren to attend the consecration of their new Temple in Alloa on Saturday 28 February at 4.00pm.
- 2009** Jan 29. RWM Bro. Andrew Paterson. led a large deputation from Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West. Also admitted was a very large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Alexander McGowan of Lodge St. Andrew, Denny & Loanhead No. 176 accompanied by five other Reigning Masters.
Bro. Alan Rodger, Affiliate of the Lodge and Past Master of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76, was obligated as an affiliate by Bro. George J. Millar PM. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell IPM presented Honorary Member Diplomas to Bros. Harry Stevenson of Lodge Abercromby No. 531 and Dougie Wilson, Past Master of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2009** Jan 29. Bro. James G. White PM attended the Installation of Bro. Michael Clarke was WM (EC) and when there gave the reply on behalf of the visitors.
- 2009** Jan 30. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a deputation to Lodge St. John, Slamannan, No. 484.
- 2009** Feb 12. RWM Bro. William Berkeley Harris-Burland of Lodge St. John No. 46, Auchterarder, in the Province of Perthshire East, headed a large and distinguished deputation who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2009** Mar 11. Bro. George J. Millar PM participating in a Past Masters' Degree in Cumbernauld St. Andrew's Lodge No. 199 in the Province of Dunbartonshire.
- 2009** Apr 03. The Lodge led by RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon was host to the Reigning Masters' degree. On this occasion Mr Craig Pollock was initiated onto the Lodge by the Reigning Masters of the Province. A deputation from PGL of Stirlingshire was headed by RWPGM Bro. John McKenzie Honorary Member of the Lodge. Within his deputation was principal guest Bro. William Gilmour, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow. There were two further distinguished Brethren namely Bro. Harold Ingram, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire West and Bro. William Landsborough, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward. These three visiting Brethren were made Honorary Members of PGLS and obligated by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. John McKenzie.
- 2009** Apr 30. The Lodge Past Masters' Degree headed by Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was added to by a large mixed and distinguished deputation from the Province of Linlithgowshire, headed by Bro. William Thomas RWM of Lodge St. John No. 374 Fauldhouse.
- 2009** May 15. Substitute Master Bro. John A. Davidson PM had visited Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.

- 2009** Jun 05. A deputation of Honorary Members of the Lodge conferred the EA degree on Mr Steven J. White. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. John McKenzie Past Master of Lodge Loch Lomond No 1483 and Honorary Member of the Lodge headed the deputation. A second deputation of PGLS headed by The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Depute Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon were also welcomed into the Lodge.
- 2009** July 18. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. William Uren Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City who conferred the FC Degree
- 2009** Sept 10. RWM Bro. Ian O'Connor led a large and distinguished deputation from Lodge St. Servanus No. 771 and conferred the FC degree.
- 2009** Sept 24. RWM Bro. James Bolton led a large and distinguished deputation from Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and conferred the EA degree.
- 2009** Nov 07. The Aberdeen trip and degree was sadly was cancelled.
- 2009** Nov 12. RWM Bro. Leonard McComb headed a very large and distinguished deputation from Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484 and then conferred the FC degree.
- 2009** Nov 18. RWM Duncan McKinnon led a large deputation to the Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferring the EA degree was WSW Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson.
- 2009** Dec 10. Visitations were reported to Lodge Dunblane No. IX and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East and Lodge St. John Kilwinning No. 28 in the Province of Dunbartonshire.
- 2009** Visits noted within the Province
- Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. Visits 6
 - The Lodge of Alloa No. 69. Visits 4
 - Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Visits 7
 - Lodge St. Andrew (Denny & Loanhead) No. 176. Visits 3
 - Lodge Zetland No. 391. Visits 2
 - Lodge Abercromby No. 531. Visits 8
 - Lodge Callendar No. 588. Visits 1
 - Lodge St. Servanus No. 771. Visits 2
 - Lodge Ben Cleuch No. 782. Visits 4
 - Lodge Craiginnan No. 850. Visits 1
 - Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303. Visits 2
- 2010** Jan 28. Accepted invitations to work FC degree Lodge Clackmannan 1303 and Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Visitations to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge Bailie Nicol Jarvie No. 1036 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2010** Feb 12. Visitations to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2010** Feb 25. RWM Bro. Alan Paterson headed a very large and distinguished deputation from Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and then conferred the FC degree.
- 2010** Feb 25. Visitations to Lodge Robert King Stewart No. 919 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.

- 2010** Mar 11. Visitations to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Benefacta No. 4049 (London) in the English Constitution. At the regular meeting was Bro. Peter Addison from Crawley Lodge 7163 (East Sussex) in the English Constitution. He described the MM degree ceremony as “very dramatic.”
- 2010** Mar 25. Visitations to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2010** Apr 08. Visitations to Lodge Commercial Oban No. 180 in the Province of Argyll & the Isles, Lodge Kilsyth St. John No. 39 in the Province of Dunbartonshire and Lodge Torrie No 1141 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2010** Apr 30. A Squareman’s Degree by The Ochil Shed No. 7. took place.
- 2010** May 07. RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson led a large deputation to Lodge St. Andrew Denny & Loanhead No. 176 and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2010** May 24. RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson led a large deputation to the Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2010** May 13. RWM Bro. James F. Fisher PM of Stirling Royal Arch Lodge No 76. headed a large deputation from Alexanders (Falkirk) and then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2010** Jun 18. RWM Bro. William Gibson of The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire headed a large and distinguished deputation and then conferred the EA degree.
- 2010** July 03. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. William Uren Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City who conferred the FC Degree.
- 2010** Sep 30. Bro. Robert Strachan presented the Dolphin friendship Bowling trophy to the Lodge on behalf of his winning team.
- 2010** Oct 14. A visitation was intimated to Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259 in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2010** Oct 28. Visitations were intimated to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 and Lodge St. Michael Crieff No. 38 in the Province of Perthshire West and The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2010** Nov 11. Visitations were intimated to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge St. Andrew No. 544 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson presented Master Elect of Ancient Stirling No. 30, Bro. Brian Wright with the inaugural John Bundy trophy. The result was £500 raised for the Heart Ward, Edinburgh Hospital.
- 2010** Nov 17. RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson led a large deputation to the Thistle Lodge of Glasgow No. 87 and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2010** Nov 25. Visitations were intimated to Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, Lodge St. James No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge St. Margaret’s Hope No. 1184 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.

- 2010** Dec 17. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay PM led a deputation to Lodge Slamannan No. 484 and there conferred the FC degree. The Conferring Master was Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson IPM.
- 2011** Jan 13. Visitations were intimated to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2011** Jan 27. Visitations were intimated to Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2011** Feb 10. Visitations were intimated to Lodge Burns Immortal No. 1730 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward and The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2011** Feb 24. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Ian M. Sharp Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 who then conferred the FC Degree.
- 2011** Feb 24. Visitations were reported to Lodge St. James No 171, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West, The Douglas Lodge No. 409, Lodge St. John No. 1186 and Lodge Ancient Brazen No 17 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Canmore No. 1175 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2011** Mar 10. Visitations were reported to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Canmore No. 1175 and Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2011** Mar 27. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay lead a deputation of miners from inside and outside the Province to confer the EA degree. Proceeds went to Help for Heroes.
- 2011** Mar 31. Visitations were reported to The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East, Lodge Kilsyth St. John No. 39 in the Province of Dunbartonshire.
- 2011** Apr 14. Visitations were reported to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. Margaret's Hope No. 1184, Lodge St. Andrew No. 25, Lodge Kinnedder No. 1239 all three in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2011** Apr 28. The RWM Bro. Robert McAulay PM and our Wardens attended Lodge Scoon and Perth No. 3 in the Province of Perthshire East for the Reigning Masters and Wardens dinner.
- 2011** Apr 19. RWM Robert McAulay PM led a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2011** Jun 11. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Leo W. Smith Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City who conferred the FC Degree.
- 2011** Sep 8. RWM Robert McAulay PM led a deputation to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West. There was also a visit noted to Lodge Robert King Stewart No. 919 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.
- 2011** Sep 20. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Dylan Dawson Lodge

- Abercromby No. 531 who conferred the FC Degree. There was a visit noted to Lodge Canmore No. 1175 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2011** Oct 12. RWM Robert McAulay PM led a deputation to the Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2011** Oct 12. RWM Robert McAulay PM led a deputation to the Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2011** Oct 27. Visits were noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2011** Nov 10. A large deputation headed by Bro. Alan Paterson IPM Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West who conferred the FC Degree. There was a visit noted to Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No. 815 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2011** Nov 24. A deputation from The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and visits were noted to the Douglas Lodge No. 409, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Union No. 250 and Lodge St. Serf No. 327 both in the Province of Perth & Kinross.
- 2011** Dec 29. RWM Robert McAulay led a deputation to the Lodge St. Andrew Denny & Loanhead No. 176. Visitations were also noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Canmore No. 1175 in the Province of Fife & Kinross and Lodge St. John Crofthead Fauldhouse No. 850 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2012** Jan 21. Visits were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 and Lodge St. Michael Crieff No. 38 and Lodge St. James, Doune No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Randolph No. 776, Lodge Rosyth No. 1159 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2012** Jan 26. Visits were noted to Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge St. John Auchterarder No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2012** Feb 09. Deputations from Lodge Thistle of Glasgow No. 87 and Lodge Dolphin No. 911 visited the Lodge. A Lodge deputation headed by Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson visited The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and a further visit was noted to Lodge Leven St. John's Lodge No. 175 in the Province of Renfrewshire.
- 2012** Feb 23. Visits were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2012** Mar 08. Visits were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Castle Dour No. 1276 in the Province of Fife & Kinross. In the Lodge were also Brethren from The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Meikle No. 1122 in the Province of Perthshire East.

2012 Mar 29. The large Provincial deputation was added to with a deputation of 30 from Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. Visits were noted to Cumbernauld St. Andrew's Lodge No. 199 in the Province of Dunbartonshire, from Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 and The Thistle Lodge of Glasgow No. 87 both in the Province of Glasgow.

2012 April 12. Visits were noted from one member:

- Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West
- Lodge Rutherglen Royal Arch No. 16 in the Province of Renfrewshire East
- Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning No 18 in the Province of Dunbartonshire
- Lodge St. John Muthill No. 192 in the Province of Perthshire East
- Lodge St. Serf No. 327 in the Province of Fife & Kinross
- Lodge St. John No. 374 Fauldhouse in the Province of Linlithgowshire
- The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire
- Lodge St George Helensburgh No. 503 in the Province of Dunbartonshire
- Lodge St. Clair of Dysart No. 520 in the Province of Fife & Kinross
- Lodge Ellangowan Milngavie No. 716 in the Province of Dunbartonshire
- Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West
- Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No. 815 in the Province of Perthshire West
- Lodge St. Modan Taynuilt No 985 in the Province of Argyll & the Isles
- Lodge Baillie Nichol Jarvie No. 1036 in the Province of Perthshire West
- Lodge Alexandra Denniston No. 1282 in the Province of Glasgow
- Lodge Burnside Rutherglen No. 1361 in the Province of Renfrewshire East

2012 May. Cork degree at the Lodge.

2012 June 08. RWM Bro. Martin B. H. Gray hosted a deputation of ex-servicemen representing 13 Lodges from across the Province. Bro. William McMeechan of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 led the deputation who were presented to the Brethren by Bro. Walter Stirling of Lodge Zetland No. 391. The team then conferred the EA degree. At its conclusion, in memory of Bro. Alex Buchanan PM, all attending Brethren including the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire deputation were presented with a special memorial scroll.



- 2012** Jul 07. RWM Bro. Steven Gibson of The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire headed a deputation who then conferred the FC degree.
- 2012** Aug 25. The minutes detail a deputation to visit Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2012** Sep 13. Visits were noted to Lodge Dalhousie No. 720 in the Province of Midlothian, The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Water of Leith No. 1267 in the Province of Edinburgh, and Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2012** Sep 22. RWM Bro. Martin B. H. Gray headed a deputation Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City and there conferred the MM degree.
- 2012** Sep 29. A distinguished deputation headed by RWM Bro. David Reid from Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West who conferred the FC Degree.
- 2012** Oct 10. A distinguished deputation headed by RWM Bro. Martin Cockburn from Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 in the Province of Perthshire West who conferred the EA Degree.
- 2012** Oct 10. Visitations were noted to Lodge of Brotherly Love No. 1428 in the Province of Edinburgh, Lodge Ancient Brazen No. 17 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2012** Nov 08. Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM headed a deputation to Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614 in the Province of Perthshire West and there as RWMM conferred the MMM degree.
- 2012** Nov 08. Visitations were noted to Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge St. John Crossgates No. 540 in the Province of Fife & Kinross, The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2012** Nov 08. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Louis Smith from Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City who conferred the FC degree.
- 2012** Nov 29. Visitations were noted to Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 in the Province of Glasgow. Visiting for the MM degree were English Constitution Brethren including from Willow Lodge No. 6051, Surbiton, Bro. Bruce Perry who was also an Office-bearer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.
- 2012** Dec 13. Visitations were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2012** Dec 28. Attending the MMM degree led by RWMM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM was a visiting brother from the provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia.
- 2013** Jan 10. Visitations were noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.

- 2013 Jan 31. Visitations were noted to Lodge Abercrombie No. 1430 and Lodge The Gael No. 609 both in the Province of Glasgow, The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City, Lodge Kinneddar No 1239 in the Province of Fife & Kinross, Lodge Glenarm No. 45 (Northern Ireland), Lodge St. James No. 171 and Lodge Dunblane No. IX both in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2013 Feb 14. Visitations were noted to Lodge Dunblane No. IX and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 both in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Ancient Brazen No.17, in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2013 Feb 28. Visitations were noted to Lodge Dunblane No. IX in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2013 Mar 14. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Alastair McKay from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 who conferred the EA degree.
- 2013 Mar 14. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East.
- 2013 Mar 28. Visitations were noted to Lodge Dunblane No. IX and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 both in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Kinneddar No. 1239 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2013 Apr 11. Joining the Regular Meeting was Bro. Patrick Stewart of Missouri in the US who was invited to the East.
- 2013 Apr 25. Bro. Harry M. Ord of Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City joined the Brethren. Two Lodge No. 110 Master Masons and two 312 Brethren then underwent the ceremony of Mark Master led by RWMM. Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM.
- 2013 Apr 30. Bro. Martin B. H. Gray IPM headed a deputation Lodge Abercromby No. 531 and there conferred the MMM degree. The RWMM was Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM.
- 2013 May 24. On this special meeting our RWM Bro. Robert McGregor hosted a deputation representing Masters from 14 Thistle and Bruce Lodges who conferred the conferred the EA degree. Also in attendance was a deputation from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire headed by RWPGM Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon.

The Degree Team

Office-bearers

Opening and closing	Bro. Martin B. H. Gray	IPM 312
Host Master	Bro. Robert McGregor	RWM 312
Senior Warden	Bro. Robert Corder	RWM 62
Junior Warden	Bro. John Anderson	RWM 127
Senior Deacon	Bro. Graham Robison	RWM 87
Junior Deacon	Bro. Martin McFarland	IPM 1338
Inner Guard	Bro. Robert McCulloch	RWM 1167
Chaplain	Bro. Charles Nicol	RWM 304
Dir. of Ceremonies	Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson	PM 312

Lecture team

Entrance to Candidate	Bro. William Ross	IPM 1077
Questions to Candidate	Bro. Robert McGregor	RWM 312
Obligation	Bro. Robert McGregor	RWM 312
Prayer	Bro. Wallace Allan	RWM 1601
Lesser Lights	Bro. Martin McFarland	IPM 1338
Secrets	Bro. Russell Forrester	RWM 270
Apron Investiture	Bro. Robert Corder	RWM 62
North East Corner	Bro. Allan Rennie	RWM 1601
Working Tools	Bro. Douglas E. Stewart	RWM 73
Mode of Prep.	Bro. Robert Kerr	RWM 169
Final Charge Pt. 1	Bro. Stuart Stirling	PM 139
Final Charge Pt, 2	Bro. Leonard McComb	PM 484

- 2013** Jun 22. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Alexander Bruce, Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City who then conferred the FC degree. Also in attendance was a deputation from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire headed by WPGM Depute Bro. Alastair T. Marshall and included the RWPGM of Aberdeen City Bro. John Muirhead.
- 2013** Jul 19. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. William C. Campbell, Lodge Carron No. 139 who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2013** Sep 12. Visitation was noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2013** Oct 10. A large and distinguished headed by RWM Bro. Craig Lamont, Lodge Dolphin No. 911 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2013** Oct 10. Visitations were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2013** Oct 28. RWM Bro. Robert McGregor headed a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the MMM degree.
- 2013** Nov 14. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. James T. Andrew, Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 who then conferred the FC Degree. Also in attendance was a deputation from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire headed by RWPGM. Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon. On this occasion Bro. Secretary Andrew McLeary PM was presented with a Distinguished Service Certificate.
- 2013** Nov 28. A brother from the PGL of Surrey was in attendance and as part of his remarks indicated the RWPGM of Surrey and Kent would be interested in witnessing the MM degree as worked by Bannockburn. He doubted if '312' would be allowed to work in their jurisdiction.
- 2013** Dec 12. A visitation was noted to the Installation of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.

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- 2014** Jan 09. A visitation was noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2014** Jan 30. A visitation was noted to Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2014** Feb 13. Visitations were noted to Lodge Kilmolymock No. 45 in the Province of Moray & Nairn and Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2014** Feb 27. Visitations were noted to Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614, in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2014** Mar 13. Visitations were noted to Lodge Mother Kilwinning No. 0, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Lodge Coupar o'Fife No. 19 in the Province of Fife & Kinross, Lodge Old St. John No 21, in the Province of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Lodge St. James (Kilwinning) Tarbolton No. 135 in the Province of Ayrshire, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Kinneddar No. 1239 in the Province of Fife & Kinross, Lodge Battlefield No. 1258 in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge St. John No. 60 in the Province of Fife & Kinross and Lodges Murdoustoun Castle No 1096 and Lodge Dura No. 1513 both in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.
- 2014** Apr 10. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East, The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Rosyth No. 1159 In the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2014** Apr 24. A large deputation from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 headed by their RWM Bro. James T. Andrew and a deputation from the PGLS headed by the RWPGM Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon entered the Lodge. Bro. James Fisher PM of Lodge No. 76 and his degree team then conferred the MMM degree on Bro. Norman Boyd PM in the Northern Ireland Constitution. A visitation was noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2014** May 07. RWM Bro. Bro. James R. McCormick headed a deputation to Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2014** May 23. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. James Kerr, Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484 was admitted to the Lodge. Bro. Kerr tendered the gavel to Bro. Alan Barr PM of Lodge No. 484 as RWMM. to confer the MMM Degree with his degree team.
- 2014** Jun 20. To mark the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, RWM Bro. James R. McCormick hosted a special meeting. Held in the Allan Church Bannockburn his son Scott McCormick was initiated into freemasonry by a degree team of Provincial Grand Masters from throughout Scotland. See separate chapter about this event.
- 2014** Jun 24. RWM Bro. James R. McCormick headed a deputation to Lodge Abercromby No. 531 and there conferred the FC degree.

- 2014** Jul 04. The Attendance Book shows a visit from eight Brethren from Agricola Lodge, Northumberland, No. 6343 (EC), headed by their Worshipful Master Robert Bruce.
- 2014** Sep 11. On this night The RWM Bro. James R. McCormick invited visiting Bro. Jim Brown of Lodge No. 220 (Australia) to join him in the East.
- 2014** Sep 11. Visitations were noted to Lodge Mother Kilwinning No. 0, Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to a Jedburgh Military degree.
- 2014** Sep 25. Visitations were noted to Lodge Thistle No. 62 in the Province of Dumfriesshire and Lodge Hope Bridge Castle No. 827, in the Province of Linlithgowshire. In attendance at the meeting were Bro. John Brown Lodge No. 220 (Australia) and Bro. Duncan Davidson PM Lodge Unity No. 710 (Canada) nephew of Bro. John A. Davidson PM.
- 2104** Oct 09. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2014** Oct 21. RWM Bro. James R. McCormick headed a deputation to Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward. There Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM as RWMM and his team conferred the MMM degree. Our RWM presented Lodge 1314 with a 700th anniversary keystone inlaid with the commemorative coin. It remains displayed in their dais.
- 2014** Visits noted within the Province
 Lodge St. John No. 16. Visits 2
 Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. Visits 5
 The Lodge of Alloa No. 69. Visits 2
 Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Visits 7
 Lodge Carron No.139. Visits 1
 Lodge St. Andrew (Denny & Loanhead) No. 176. Visits 2
 Lodge Zetland No. 391. Visits 4
 Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484. Visits 3
 Lodge Abercromby No. 531. Visits 5
 Lodge Callendar No. 588. Visits 1
 Lodge St. Servanus No. 771. Visits 2
 Lodge Polmont No. 793. Visits 5
 Lodge Craigginnan No. 850. Visits 2
 Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303. Visits 4
 Lodge Ladywell No. 1474. Visits 2
 Lodge Loch Lomond No. 1483. Visits 1
- 2015** Jan 08. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Alan Hutton from Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward and they conferred the FC degree. A visit was noted to Lodge Torrie No. 1141 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2015** Feb 09. RWM Bro. Alan Gray headed a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the EA degree.

- 2015** Feb 12. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. James T. Andrew from Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 who then conferred the FC degree. Visitations were noted to Lodge Ancient Brazen No. 17, Lodge Hopetown St. John No. 1232, both in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2015** Feb 26. Visitations were noted to Lodge Ancient Brazen No. 17, The Douglas Lodge No. 409 and Lodge Pioneer No. 1305 all in the Province of Linlithgowshire plus The Lodge of Dunblane No. IX and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, both in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2015** Mar 26. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Al Arz, Aley City, in the District Grand Lodge of Lebanon and Maida Vale Lodge No. 2743 in the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London.
- 2015** Apr 07. RWM Bro. Alan Gray headed a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2015** Apr 09. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2015** Jun 12. The new RWPGM on his first visit witnessed a fine EA degree conferred by Honorary Members of the Lodge. The IPPGM Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon was the Conferring Master. Also taking part were:
 Bro. James T. Andrew PM (76) Bro. John McKenzie PPGM
 Bro. David Bolling PM (87) Bro. Thomas Paterson PM (771)
 Bro. David W. Brown PM (384) Bro. Douglas Wilson PM (792)
 Bro. Berkeley Harris-Burland PM (46) Bro. Colin T Wyse PPGM
 There was also a good contingent of Provincial Grand Office-bearers in attendance.
- 2015** Sep 10. Bro. James R. McCormick IPM headed a deputation to Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2015** Sep 10. Visitations were noted to Lodge Caledonian No. 392 in the Province of Edinburgh and The Douglas Lodge No. 409 in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2015** Sep 24. On this evening a deputation from Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 headed by Bro. RWM Robert Hunter entered the Lodge. Also attending was a deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire headed by RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall and including the IPPGM Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon. The latter invested Bro. Rev. Jim Landels of Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259 in the Province of Glasgow with Honorary Membership. Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 conferred the FC degree.
- 2105** Nov 12. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Duncan Kinloch from Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West who then conferred the FC degree. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, Lodge St. Andrew No. 465 both in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East, Lodge Kirknewton and Ratho No. 85 in the

- Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge St. Ayles No. 95 in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2015** Nov 26. The fraternal greetings were delivered by the Past Master of Lodge Troon Navigation No. 56 in the Province of Ayrshire. A visitation was noted to The Portobello Lodge No. 226, in the Province of Midlothian.
- 2015** Dec 10. Visitations were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. Andrew No. 228 in the Province of Aberdeenshire West, Lodge Neptune No. 375, in the Province of Aberdeen City and Lodge St. Colomban No. 1858, in the Province of Aberdeenshire East.
- 2016** Jan 14. Two minutes silence was observed for Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. David Dick Lane.
- 2016** Feb 11. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Robert Stewart from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2016** Feb 25. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2016** Mar 10. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Robert McIntyre from Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2016** Mar 31. Visitations were noted to Lodge Dunearn No. 400, Lodge Wemyss No. 777, Lodge Elgin & Bruce No. 1077, and Lodge Kinneddar No. 1239 all in the Province of Fife & Kinross. Lodge St. Andrew No. 110, Lodge Operative No. 150 and Lodge St. George No. 190 all in the Province of Aberdeen City. Lodge St. John No. 745 and Lodge Royal Braemar No. 1195, both in the Province of Aberdeenshire West. The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Baillie Nichol Jarvie No. 1036, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2016** Apr 26. RWM Bro. Michael J. Gray headed a large to Lodge Zetland No. 391 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2016** Sep 29. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Gordon Turnbull from Lodge St. Andrew (Denny & Loanhead) No. 176 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2016** Oct 13. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2016** Nov 10. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Andrew E. Goodwin from Lodge Zetland No. 391 who then conferred the EA degree. Visitations were noted to Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. John No. 540 in the Province of Fife & Kinross and Lodge St. Margaret No. 548, in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2017** Jan 12. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. John Fisherrow No. 112, in the Province of Midlothian, Lodge Tay Union No. 273, in the Province of Fife & Kinross and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2017** Jan 26. A visitation was noted to Lodge Loch Fyne No. 754, in the Province of Argyll & the Isles.

- 2017** Feb 09. A large deputation from Lodge Dolphin No. 911 headed by their RWM Bro. Stuart Jaffray were, at the conclusion of the meeting, presented with the Travelling Gavel. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. Nicholas University No. 93, in the Province of Aberdeen City and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2017** Apr 27. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Sam Harris, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2017** May 26. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. John Hamilton, Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward who then conferred the EA Degree. Joining the Brethren on this degree was a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, headed by the RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall.
- 2017** Sep 14. Visitations were noted to The Lodge of Dunblane No. IX, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City, Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, in the Province of Glasgow and Lodge Templehall No. 1599, in the Province of Fife & Kinross.
- 2017** Oct 12. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan headed a deputation to Lodge Neptune Kilwinning No. 442, in the Province of Ayrshire and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2017** Nov 23. A large deputation, of 26, from Lodge Abercromby No. 531 headed by their RWM Bro. Chris Stewart were, at the conclusion of the meeting, presented with the Travelling Gavel.
- 2017** Dec 14. Visitations were noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Pioneer No. 1305 in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, in the Province of Glasgow, Lodge Balgonie, No. 764 in the Province of Fife & Kinross, Lodge St. John No. 35 in the Province of Fife & Kinross and Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259, in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2017** Dec 29. RWM Bro. Derek Irvine headed a large deputation Lodge Carron No. 139. Being newly placed in the chair, Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM conferred the MM degree.
- 2018** Jul. RWM Bro. Derek Irvine headed a large and mixed deputation from the Province of Stirlingshire to Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward and there conferred the EA degree.
- 2018** Sep 04. RWM Bro. Derek Irvine headed a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and their claimed the Travelling Gavel.
- 2018** Oct 11. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Sam Harris, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West who then conferred the MMM degree.

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- 2019** Jan 31. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Stuart Stirling PM, Lodge Carron No. 139 who then conferred the EA degree.
- 2019** Feb 28. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Michael McPake, Lodge

- Tulliallan No. 598 who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2019** Mar 05. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine head a large deputation (18) to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the FC Degree.
- 2019** June 20. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine headed a deputation to Lodge St. Clair No. 362 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the FC Degree.
- 2019** A deputation headed by RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine to Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the FC Degree.
- 2019** May 10. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. C. K. Robertson, Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314 in the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2019** Jun 29. A mixed deputation of Hiram's Divers Hosted by RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine conferred the EA degree. The team were all current or past employees of bus companies. A deputation from the PGLS also attended.
- 2019** Jul 27. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. James Forsyth, Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484 who then conferred the FC degree. A deputation from the PGLS also attended.
- 2019** Aug 17. A deputation of '312' Honorary Members headed by Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM conferred the MMM degree. A deputation from the PGLS also attended.
- 2019** Sep 12. A large mixed deputation headed by RWM Bro. Tom Scobbie, Lodge St. Clair No. 362 in the Province of Glasgow conferred the FC degree.
- 2019** Sep 26. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Michael McPake, Lodge Tulliallan No. 598 who then conferred the MMM degree.
- 2019** Sep 28. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine headed a deputation to Lodge Neptune No. 375, in the Province of Aberdeen City. There they conferred the MM degree and spent the weekend in fellowship with the Aberdeen Brethren.
- 2019** Nov 25. Chaperoned by the Provincial Grand Master of New Jersey Bro. Michael Carducci, Bro. Derek A. Robertson visited Lodge Durrand No. 179, Point Pleasant, New Jersey and there witnessed a Lodge of Sorrow followed by a meal and hospitality.
- 2020** Jan 30. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Russell Scott, Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 who then conferred the EA degree. Visitations were noted to Lodge St. Nicholas University No. 93, in the Province of Aberdeen City, where Bro. Alan Gray Jnr was Inner Guard. Also, Caledonian St. John Royal Arch Lodge No. 195 in the Province of Dunbartonshire, Lodge St. John No. 46 in the Province of Perthshire East, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2020** Feb 26. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM, lead a large deputation to Lodge Carron No. 139 and there claimed the Travelling Gavel.
- 2020** Feb 27. RWM Bro. Paul W. Duffin. headed a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there conferred the MMM degree. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2020** Mar 03. Bro. Thomas Irvine IPM led a deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling and there conferred the FC Degree.

- 2020 Mar 23. COVID-19. The UK Government introduced a National lockdown. There were no Lodge Meetings until 28 October 2021.
- 2022 Mar 31. RWM Bro. Alan Duffin headed a large deputation to Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 and there, Bro. Paul W. Duffin IPM conferred the EA degree. Visitations were noted to The Lodge of Old Aberdeen No. 164 and Lodge Neptune No. 375 both in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2022 Nov 24. Visitations were noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Pitgaveny No. 681 in the Province of Moray & Nairn and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2023 Apr 02. A deputation headed by RWM Bro. George Randall, Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward conferred the MMM degree.
- 2023 Jun 10. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Michael Empson, Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 conferred the MMM degree. On the same evening Bros Ronnie Hay PM and Bob Carruthers PM of Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 were conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. David Stevenson.
- 2023 Aug 05. At a special meeting the MM degree was conferred on the RWM's brother and nephew namely Bro. Craig Stevenson and Bro. Jack Stevenson. The degree team led by Bro. Clint W. Swan PM was made up of RWM Bro. David Stevenson's Installation Board from the previous December. At the meeting's close Bro. Stuart Stirling PM Lodge Carron No. 139 hailed the concept as a valuable one for others to consider.

Degree team

Office-bearers

Opening and closing	Bro. David Stevenson	RWM 312
Conferring Master	Bro. Clint W. Swan	PM 312
Senior Warden	Bro. John Cowan, HM	RWM 598
Junior Warden	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	PM 312
Senior Deacon	Bro. Derek Irvine	PM 312
Junior Deacon	Bro. James R. McCormick	PM 312
Inner Guard	Bro. Sam Harris, affiliate 312	PM 792

Lecture team

Obligation	Bro. Clint W. Swan	PM 312
Retrospect	Bro. Stuart Stirling	PM 139
Raising	Bro. Robert McGregor	PM 312
Emblems	Bro. Paul W. Duffin	SM 312
Secrets	Bro. David W. Brown, HM	IPM 76
Working Tools	Bro. Ross Hardie	PM 911
Final Charge	Bro. James T. Andrew, HM	PM 30
Privileges and Responsibilities	Bro. David Stevenson	RWM 312



Back L-R: R. Hardie (911), J. McCormick, R. McGregor, P. Duffin, S. Stirling (139)
 Middle: J. Andrew (76), S. Harris (792), J. Cowan (598), D. Irvine
 Front: D. Brown (76), C. Stevenson, C. Swan, J. Stevenson, D. Stevenson, T. Campbell.

- 2023** Sep 26. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2023** Oct 12. A visitation was noted to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2023** Nov 9. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Alan Curr, Lodge Polmont No. 793 conferred the FC Degree.
- 2023** Nov 23. RWM Bro. David Stevenson headed a large deputation to Lodge St. Andrew Denny and Loanhead No. 176 to claim the Travelling Gavel for Bro. John A. Davidson PM who instituted it to the Province and who was terminally ill.



- 2023** Nov 30. A very large and mixed deputation headed by Bro. Colin Arthur PM of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 attended. At the evening's close he claimed the Travelling Gavel. It was the RWM Bro. David Stevenson's final meeting for his year, the final meeting attended by Bro. John A. Davidson PM and an impressive 115 signed the Attendance Book. The RWM had set a target of visiting all 23 Lodges in the Province during his year. He managed 20 with another two following by early 2024.
- 2024** Jan 11. A visitation was reported to Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2024** Jan 25. The RWM Thomas J. Campbell PM made a special invitation to Bro. Alex Marshall of Lodge Panmure No. 723 (Hampshire) of the English Constitution to join him in the East. A visitation was noted to the Installation at The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire.
- 2024** Feb 08. Mr Jack Campbell was initiated by the RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM to become the Lodge's latest Lewis mason.
- 2024** Feb 19. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge St. Servanus No. 771 and there conferred the MMM degree. The RWMM was Bro. Derek Irvine PM.
- 2024** Feb 29. Visitations were noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire, Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614, in the Province of Perthshire West, Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, Lodge Baillie Nichol Jarvie No. 1036, both in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge Corkerhill No. 1426, in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2024** Mar 14. Visitations were noted to The Lodge of Dunblane No. IX, and Lodge St. James No. 171, both in the Province of Perthshire West and Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2024** Mar 19. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2024** Mar 28. A visitation was noted to Lodge St. Andrew No. 110 in the Province of Aberdeen City where Past Masters Alan, Martin and Michael Gray were Installing Masters.
- 2024** Apr 02. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge Griffin No. 1254, Lanarkshire Middle Ward and there conferred the MM degree.
- 2024** Apr 11. The RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM made a special invitation to Bro. Rob Wood PM of Lodge 2562 (English Constitution) to join him in the East. Visitations were noted to The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire and Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2024** Apr 25. A deputation from Saint Stephen's Lodge Edinburgh No. 145 headed by their RWM Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM 312 attended the Past Masters' MM degree. Bro. Steven McMullan, while on military duties in the US, visited Imperial Valley Masonic Lodge No. 390 in El Centro, California. There he witnessed a MM degree conferred by the Round Table Lodge No. 329. There he met the Grand Master of Baja, California, Bro. Gary Cowan

- from Canada and 390's RWM Bro. Tony Milanes.
- 2024** May 03. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. James Kerr PM, Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward visited. Their RWMM. Bro. Scott Haviland PM, SM conferred the MMM degree and afterward enjoyed Lodge hospitality.
- 2024** May 11. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a deputation to Lodge Tulliallan No. 598 and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2024** Jun 08. Included in an attendance of 99, were deputations from the Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire and of Reigning and Past Masters of Bruce and Thistle Lodges from throughout Scotland. The latter were headed by the Lodge's RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM and they conferred the EA degree. Afterward Lodge hospitality was enjoyed by all.

Degree team

Office-bearers

Opening and closing	Bro. David Stevenson	IPM 312
Host Master	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Senior Warden	Bro. Norrie Campbell	RWM 1167
Junior Warden	Bro. John McMail	RWM 169
Senior Deacon	Bro. Robert Rosbotham	P.M. 127
Junior Deacon	Bro. John Mortimer	RWM 73
Inner Guard	Bro. Wallace Allan	RWM 1601
Chaplain	Bro. William Logan	Jeweller 312
Dir. of Ceremonies	Bro. Paul W. Duffin	P.M. 312.

Lecture team

Entrance to Candidate	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Questions to Candidate	Bro. Ian Stewart	IPM 1077
Obligation	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Prayer	Bro. Wallace Allan	RWM 1601
Ancient Penalties	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Lesser Lights	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Secrets Bro.	David Reekie	RWM 304
Apron Investiture	Bro. Norrie Campbell	RWM 1167
North East Corner	Bro. Justin Cowan	RWM 62
Working Tools	Bro. Steven Booth	RWM 275
Tracing Board	Bro. Ian Broadhurst	W.S.W. 127
Mode of Prep.	Bro. Alex Cunningham	M.M. 312
Final Charge	Bro. John McMail	RWM 169

- 2024** Jun 22. A large deputation headed by RWM Bro. James A. Brown, Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484 conferred the FC Degree and afterward enjoyed Lodge hospitality.
- 2024** July 27. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 and there conferred the MMM degree. The RWMM was Bro. Derek Irvine PM.

- 2024
Aug 23. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a large deputation to Lodge Caldercruix St. John No. 1314, Lanarkshire Middle Ward and there conferred the FC degree.
- 2024
Aug 31. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM hosted a deputation of Brethren current and past members of the military headed by Bro. Alan Campbell PM. The team then conferred the MM degree.

Degree team

Office-bearers

Opening and closing	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312
Conferring Master	Bro. Alan Campbell	PM 793
Senior Warden	Bro. Jackie Don	RWM 531
Senior Warden assisting	Bro. Ronald Don	PM 531
Junior Warden	Bro. Steven Douglas	DM 1474
Senior Deacon	Bro. Graham Baillie	WSW 1303
Junior Deacon	Bro. Fraser Love	SD 16
Inner Guard	Bro. Ian Hunter	WSW 588
Chaplain	Bro. Gordon C. MacVicar	DM 139
Dir. of Ceremonies	Bro. David Harvey	DOC 76

Lecture team

Obligation	Bro. Alan Campbell	PM 793
Prayers and readings	Bro. Gordon C. MacVicar	DM 139
Retrospect	Bro. Graham Baillie	WSW 1303
Head of Perambulation	Bro. Michael J. Gray	PM 312
Raising	Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson	PM 312
Solo	Bro. Tom Scobbie	PM 362
Emblems	Bro. Kenneth Darnton	SD 588
Secrets	Bro. Rob McIntyre	PM 30
Apron Investiture	Bro. James Forsyth	PM 484
Working Tools	Bro. James Russell	PM 771
Final Charge	Bro. Gordon W. S. Sewell	RWPGM
Privileges & Responsibilities	Bro. Thomas J. Campbell	RWM 312



- 2024** Sep 09. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a deputation of 12 to Lodge Thistle & Rose No. 73 in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the FC degree
- 2024** Sept 23. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM headed a deputation of 13 to Lodge Glasgow Abercrombie No. 1430, in the Province of Glasgow and there conferred the MMM degree. The RWMM was Bro. Derek Irvine PM.
- 2024** Nov 25. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM is to head a deputation to Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and there confer the MMM degree. The RWMM is to be Bro. Derek Irvine PM.
- 2024** Nov 26. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM is to head a deputation to Lodge Abercromby No. 531 and there confer the MMM degree. The RWMM is to be Bro. Derek Irvine PM.

COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID19 pandemic blighted every part of the globe. In the UK alone, some 227,000 people died with COVID-19 listed on their death certificate. The Grand Lodge of Scotland suspended all Masonic Activity on 17 March 2020. '312' had its last Regular Meeting on 12 March 2020 and didn't meet again until the AGM on 28 October 2021. During this period the Lodge's actions demonstrated its resilience and commitment to the highest ideals of the fraternity.

'312' Brethren passing to the Grand Lodge above during this time were:

- Bro. Campbell Anderson
- Bro. Roy McAlpine
- Bro. Hugh McArthur
- Bro. Jim McArthur
- Bro. Josiah McCormick
- Bro. James McLean
- Bro. Pan Rankin



These Brethren were acknowledged at a Grand Lodge Memorial Service at Glasgow Cathedral on 4 September 2022.

Immediate actions

Through the General Committee, the Brethren gave the Bros. Secretary and Treasurer permission to carry on the running of the Lodge such as reviewing the bank balance each month. All initiates were informed of the situation and the Speakers' Night planned for May was ultimately cancelled. Practical measures such as perishable stock from the Social Club was offered at half price. Utilities were contacted about rebates and communication with Brethren would move to phone, social media and email.

“If you had it, would you give it?”

Almost immediately, many Brethren got in touch to offer donations in place of their collection and raffles monies. This was gratefully received by the Bro. Treasurer. In addition, many Brethren set up on going payments.

And Bro. David Stevenson, WJW arranged a hugely successful weekly bonus ball in which the monies were split between the winner and Lodge. Even then, many winners donated their prize money to good causes.

Staying in touch

The Bro. Secretary Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM took on the responsibility for keeping in touch with the Brethren and maintaining the flow of communications. There were countless calls to Brethren, especially those at risk to help reduce the feelings of isolation. Using video technology, that many Brethren had to learn, the Lodge hosted meetings and several on-line quizzes. Bro. Clint W. Swan PM was 50 in April 2020 and Bro. David Stevenson WJW arranged a video message from several Brethren. This again showed ‘312’s’ creativity.

Grants

The Lodge Social Club, in keeping with Bowling Clubs, Welfares and other businesses, was entitled to government grants. Bro. John A. Davidson PM and Bro. Robert McGregor PM made the applications and received the appropriate funds.

Social Club refurbishments

During a relaxation of ‘Lock-down’ around June 2020, a band of volunteers, while observing the rules that were still in place, transformed the Social Club and the Lodge’s exterior.

The whole area’s flooring, walls, roofing and the stage area were made over. And the bar was reconstituted including its fridges, dishwasher and ice maker.

There were over 25-people who gave their time, energy, resources and talents to the project and it wouldn’t be fair to single out individuals. However special mention is due Bro. Alan Rodger PM No. 76 Affiliate of ‘312’ who was our sole, tireless joiner with abundant energies for his craft. And to the then 10-year-old Harry Stevenson, (Bro. David Stevenson’s WJW son). Harry was involved every day acting as cleaner and apprentice to the workers. As a lovely touch, his name is written on the framing for the seats in the North East corner of the Social Club.



Benevolence and charity

A sound head, an honest heart and a humble spirit are
three best guides through time and eternity.

Bro. Sir Walter Scott,
Author

Benevolence to individual Brethren featured much less in this period than in the rest of our history. Instead, there are more examples of the Lodge extending relief and consolation to good causes and charities. It's always key to remember that there are many acts of kindness, benevolence and charity that are not recorded in the minutes.

- 1999** In May, Mrs. Agnes Mathers, ably assisted and supported by the Ladies of the Lodge, raised the sum of £762 for the support of a young girl suffering from a serious respiratory illness. These monies were raised by the selling of Hamburgers on the Saturday Night Socials (Agnes having taken over from Bro. William McMillan and his wife Margaret) and the running of a Prize Charity Bingo night.
- 1999** Oct. 175th rededication collection of £175 went to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- 1999** Dec. The Lodge donated £250 to Grand Lodge Annuity Fund, £100 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire General Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2000** The Speakers' Night profit went to CHAS.
- 2000** Following their appeals £25 went to the Deep Sea Fisherman and £25 to The Salvation Army.
- 2000** Dec. The Lodge donated £150 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £150 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2001** Feb 20. A donation to Lodge charities by Mr and Mrs Dudgeon following their enjoyable time at the Senior Citizens' Dinner.
- 2001** Mar. £10 donation from Bro. G. Adam for Lodge charities.
- 2001** May. Lodge £50 donation to CHAS.
- 2001** Nov. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell IG and Bro. Robert McAulay JD with some Brethren and friends had raised £100 from a hill climbing event. Bro. Alex Buchanan PM and a number of Brethren had also collected £277 from their sponsored walk.
- 2001** Dec. Lodge donated £150 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £150 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2002** Mar. £5 donation to Lodge charities from Maureen Dudgeon with a thank you note following the death of her husband Bro. Walter Dudgeon.
- 2002** Oct 10. Bro. S. Reynolds donated £70 to Lodge charities from a jumble sale.

- 2002** Dec. Lodge donated £150 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £150 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2003** Feb. Monies collected at Reigning Masters' Degree would go to CHAS.
- 2003** Feb. Donation £50 to Masonic Homes in lieu of the Grand Lodge raffle.
- 2003** Apr. A brother received £200 from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- 2003** Apr. A £25 donation given to Alzheimer's Scotland following their letter of appeal.
- 2003** Apr. A donation of £500 was passed on from Bro. John Rankin PM. It was received from the late Bro. John McKinnon of Lodge St. John (Renton) No. 170, in the Province of Dunbartonshire and Honorary Member of 312.
- 2003** Sep. Following appeals, £25 was donated to each of the RNLI and CHAS.
- 2003** Dec. Following an appeal, £50 was donated to The Salvation Army.
- 2003** Dec. Lodge donated £150 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £150 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2004** Mar. Bro. James Paterson intimated donations of £25 to Deepsea Fishermen and £50 to Scottish Masonic Homes.
- 2004** Apr. £25 donated to Leukaemia Children following their appeal.
- 2004** Dec. Lodge donated £75 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £75 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2005** Jan. The Lodge answered the appeal from Grand Lodge following the Tsunami in Southeast Asia following an earthquake and donated £50. This natural disaster affected 14 countries with an estimated 227,000 people losing their lives.
- 2005** Feb. Golf outing proposal to donate to Dolphin Disabled Swimming club.
- 2005** Feb. Donation of £20 from Bro. Gary Williams.
- 2005** Mar. A "handsome" donation of £205 to the Lodge from RWM Bro. Jim Peoples and Bro. Alan Roger PM, affiliate of 312 following their joint birthday party held in the Lodge.
- 2005** Apr. Bro. James Paterson intimated £25 to Deepsea Fishermen following their appeal.
- 2005** Jun. The Strathcarron collection tin realised £69.87.
- 2005** Sep. £25 donated to Leukaemia Children following their appeal.
- 2005** Feb. Donation of £60 from Bro. Gary Williams.
- 2005** Dec. Following an appeal, £25 was donated to the Lifeboat Association.
- 2005** Dec. Lodge donated £75 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £75 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £100 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2006** Apr. Donation of £50 to Grand Lodge annual raffle.
- 2006** May. Donation of £50 to Cystic Fibrosis following a letter of appeal.
- 2006** Sep. £50 to Golf appeal of Grand Lodge.
- 2006** Oct. Unspecified donations from Bro. Gary Williams and two Brethren totalling £160.

- 2006** Dec. Lodge donated £100 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £100 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £50 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2006** Dec. Anonymous donation of £60.
- 2007** Jan. Christmas Prize draw raised 465.
- 2007** Apr. Donation to Den Kat charity amount not minuted.
- 2007** Jul. Agreed £320 donation to Children with Leukaemia following their appeal.
- 2007** Sep. Children's charity bingo night held.
- 2007** Dec. Lodge donated £75 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £75 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £75 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2008** Jan. Bro. Robert McGregor IG received permission to sell raffle tickets in aid of Glasgow's Heart Transplant Unit.
- 2008** Mar. Following their appeal, £25 given to the National Autistic Society.
- 2008** Oct 09. Heart Transplant Charity Night raised £1,605.
- 2008** Oct. Benevolence Committee met and provided £400 to two applicants
- 2008** Oct. A special collection for the Senior Citizens' Dinner and the Children's Christmas party raised £71.30.
- 2008** Dec. Lodge donated £209.67 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and £150 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2009** Feb 26. Charity Cork degree by Stirling Rock Cork Lodge raised £1,042.
- 2009** Feb. The following donations were approved.
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| Children's Ward, Stirling Royal Infirmary | £250.00 |
| Milton Soccer Academy | £250.00 |
| Ronald McDonald House | £150.00 |
| Forth Valley Disability Sport | £100.00 |
| Faye Murray | |
| (Tullibody Schoolgirl - Peruvian Orphanage) | £100.00 |
| Katielyn MacDonald | |
| (Stirling Schoolgirl - Malawi School Project) | £100.00 |
| Stephen Hay | |
| (Senior Warden Lodge St. John No. 46 – S.S.A.F.A.) | £100.00 |
- 2009** Feb. The Children's Hospice Association Scotland thanked Bro. Sam Harris affiliate of '312' and Tommy McCulloch No. 792 for their efforts in raising the magnificent sum of £520.00 through a sponsored weight loss.
- 2009** Feb. Following General Committee recommendation, the following was agreed: Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund £100.00 and Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire General Fund £100.00.
- 2009** Mar. Bro. Michael J. Gray informed the Brethren that the recent Wardens' Charity Night had raised the sum of £1,770.00 for Ronald McDonald House at Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital.
- 2009** Jun. Benevolence Committee meet and provided £400 to one applicant.

- 2009** Oct. The surplus of £220 from the 2009 Annual Dance was donated to the Mark Wright Project.
- 2009** At the October AGM, Lodge Secretary Bro. James G. White PM requested his £200 honorarium be donated to Leukaemia Research and Ronald McDonald House.
- Bro. John Bundy WJW requested his honorarium donated to the Lodge building fund.
- Further donations agreed were Lodge donated £100 to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £100 Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire benevolence fund and £150 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2009** Nov 26. Bro. George McPherson PM made a £100 donation.
- 2010** Feb 11. Grand Lodge's call to action to help the Haiti disaster resulted in the Lodge donating £50.
- 2010** Oct AGM. The following Lodge donations Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire benevolence fund and £200, Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire General fund £200 and £200 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
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- 2012** Mar 23. £400, representing half the race night proceeds, organised by Bro. Michael J. Gray JD, went to 'Combat Stress'.
- 2012** Apr 26. Cheque authorised for Anthony Nolan Trust. Amount not minuted.
- 2012** Oct AGM. The following Lodge donations; Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund and £200, Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire General Fund £200 and £200 to Scottish Homes (masonic).
- 2012** Dec. The Installation collection of £200 was donated to the Grand Lodge Orphan and Annuity Fund.
- 2014** Jan 09. Bro. W. Hamilton's family donated £237.65 to the Lodge benevolent fund following his passing to the Grand Lodge above. A 'Thank you letter' was later received from Grand Lodge.
- 2014** Feb 27. £50 donation to Jane Fletcher.
- 2014** April 10. Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM donated £200 from a recent Shed degree that took place in the Lodge.
- 2104** Apr 24. The Lodge agreed a donation of £50 to Bannockburn 'Worthy and Strong' appeal.
- 2014** May 02. Bros. David and Connor Rankin did a sponsored cycle of over 100 miles for prostate cancer. The lodge hosted the conclusion of the event, providing a buffet for many friends and family.
- 2015** Nov 12. Bro. Robert McAulay PM and Brother Scott McCormick raised £240.00 for charity from 'Sober for October'.
- 2016** Nov 10. £50 donation made following an appeal by Miss Holly Meikle.
- 2016** Dec 16. An anonymous donation of £312 given to the Lodge.
- 2017** Jan 26. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan congratulated Bro. David Stevenson IG for raising £5,000 for the Eilidh Brown memorial fund. He abstained from alcohol from December 2016 to December 2017. This final total included

- donations from the Brethren, and one anonymous benefactor.
- 2017** Feb 03. The Treasurer noted an anonymous monthly donation of £26.00.
- 2019** Sept. £400 donated to Strathcarron Hospice through Bro. Leonard McComb.
- 2020** Bro. David Stevenson's endeavours making Key Stones provided £2,100 to swell Bro. Leonard McComb PM Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484's overall total to Strathcarron Hospice.
- 2022** Sep 08. Bro. David Stevenson WSW reported £800 raised at a charity event on 20 August, in memory of Bro. Derek Irvine Snr. £400 would go to Strathcarron Hospice and £400 to Prostate Scotland.
- 2022** Oct 27. The AGM agreed a £50 donation to Erskine Homes.

Presentations to Members of '312'

Like its sister Lodges, Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312 has never been slow to recognise and appreciate those Brethren who have given exemplary service to the Lodge.

Throughout the Lodge's history, such valued members have been presented with various tokens of appreciation. Here are those since 1999.

- 2000** Sep. Bro. James Fleming presented with his 50-year diploma.
- 2000** Oct. Bro. John M. Wilson presented with his 50-year diploma.
- 2002** Sept. Bro. Robert Strachan was presented with his 50-year diploma and was congratulated for attending the Lodge throughout all these years.
- 2003** Mar. Apron and sash of Bro. Willie Duffin was donated with the monies going to the Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- 2003** Sep. RWM Bro. David Brodie presented Bro. Jim McLean with his 50-year diploma.
- 2003** Oct. WSPGM Bro. Alan B. Reid presented Distinguished Service Certificates to, Bro. James A. Smith PM and Bro. Alex Buchanan PM for their dedicated service over decades in different roles to the Lodge. RWM Bro. David Brodie on behalf of '312' presented Bro. James G. White PM an inscribed pocket watch and chain on his moving to England.
- 2003** Sep. The General Committee agreed a gift to Bro. John Rankin PM for his services rendered to the Social Club.
- 2004** Jan. In 1996 Bro. James G. White PM, replied on behalf of Daughter Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Lord Burton. RWM Bro. George J. Millar had programme framed and displayed in the Lodge.
- 2004** Mar. The RWPGM Bro. David D. Laing presented Bro. James G. Duffin PM, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden with a Distinguished Service Certificate on behalf of the Lodge.

- 2007** Mar 27. Bro. David Brodie PM presented Bro. John A. Davidson IPM with a Distinguished Service Certificate for his dedicated service over decades in different roles in masonry, the Lodge buildings and repair and Social Club.
- 2008** Nov 30. Bro. James A. Smith PM was escorted to the West. There he heard a short resume of his 48-years' of dedicated service (to date) to his mother Lodge. Particularly highlighted was his term as RWM on the Lodge's 150th year in 1974 and thereafter his 20-years' service as Lodge Secretary. The RWM Thomas J. Campbell accompanied by the Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colin T. Wise congratulated Bro. Smith, thanked him for his service and presented him with an inscribed wrist watch as a token of the Lodge's appreciation.
- 2009** Jan 29. Visiting Brother, Duncan Davidson, PM of The Unity Lodge No. 710, Brampton, Ontario, sought the permission of the Right Worshipful Master to leave the East in order that he might make a presentation to a Past Master of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312. He requested that Bro. John A. Davidson, PM join him on the level, whereupon he made an emotional presentation to his 'Uncle Jock', his Masonic Brother and blood uncle. This was a Master's mallet inscribed with both names and the date.
- 2009** Oct. RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon presented retiring Treasurer Bro. James Paterson with an engraved wristwatch and the thanks from all the Brethren for all his years of service as Lodge Treasurer.
- 2013** Jan 25. A presentation was made at the General Committee to Bro. John A. Davidson PM for his work as Social Club Treasurer.
- 2013** Nov 14. RWM Bro. Robert McGregor accompanied by RWPGM Bro. Andrew McKinnon presented Bro. Treasurer, Andrew McLeary PM with the Distinguished Service Certificate, acknowledging his many years of dedicated service to the Lodge.
- 2015** Sept. Bro. James R. McCormick IPM took great pleasure in presenting his father, Josiah McCormick with his 50-year diploma. The IPM thanked him for his service and especially for the support he gave the IPM as his Depute Master.
- 2017** Mar 30. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan together with the RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall presented Bros. John S. Graham and William D. Graham with 50-year diplomas.
Bro. James G. White PM was conferred Honorary Grand Assistant Secretary by RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall. Thereafter RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan presented him with his certificate and made some congratulatory remarks.
- 2017** Apr 13. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan, in the presence of RWPGM Alistair T. Marshall, presented Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM with a Distinguished Service Certificate and a gold watch in recognition of all his work, dedication and great service over the preceding years.

2019 Jan 10. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine presented Bro. John A. Davidson PM Lodge Almoner and Bro. John McQue with 50-year diplomas. On this evening the RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall and Bro. John Muirhead IPPGM of the Province of Aberdeen City were in attendance.



2023 Mar 30. During the provincial visit, and in the presence of the RWPGM Gordon W.S. Sewell, the RWM Bro. David Stevenson and Bro. Clint W. Swan PM were awarded Distinguished Service Certificates.

For Bro. Stevenson, Thomas J. Campbell PM, highlighted his commitment to the Lodge and freemasonry ideals. In particular, charity fundraising, including £2,100 from 200 keystones (that made their way across Scotland and to Canada and France) the proceeds from which went to Strathcarron Hospice and a year alcohol-free that raised £5,000 for the Ellie Brown Trust. Plus of course Bro. Stevenson's organisation of many events including Bonus Ball, social events, days out and being a leading figure in the 2020 Social Club makeover.

For Bro. Swan, Past Master Campbell highlighted Bro. Swan's organisational skills he brought over 20-years to Speakers' Nights, Burns' Suppers, charity and social events. He "transformed" the Lodge during his year as RWM with wall coverings, updated seating and toilet refurbishments.

On this same evening Bro. John A. Davidson PM accepted 50-year diplomas on behalf of Bro. James Wilson PM and Bro. Andrew McLeary PM.

Brother William Campbell Newlands Master Mason to receive a 60-year Diploma. Brother Newlands is a member of Temple Manor Lodge No 8143 (EC). They made the presentation on behalf of the Lodge.

2023 Apr 27. Bro. George Brawley, having returned from living overseas was presented with his 50-year diploma.

Presentations to the Lodge

In token of appreciation and to further cement the bonds of brotherly love there have been numerous presentations to the Lodge over the past 25-years. Here are the ones that are minuted.

- 1999** Bro. Grahame J. Smith PM presented a limited-edition numbered print of Bro. Robert Burns bearing a copy of the Bard's signature. This also has a Certificate of Authenticity signed by a direct descendant of Jean Armour. This print has now been framed and hangs in the East of the Lodge.
- 2000** RWM Bro. A. Campbell Robertson of The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 presented a quail in appreciation of all the years' that the Lodge had visited his Mother Lodge and carried out ritual work there.
- 2004** Jan. The General Committee agreed that a photograph of the GMM Lord Burton and Bro. James G. White PM be displayed in the Temple.
- 2008** July 19. RWM Bro. Alan Duck Lodge Neptune No. 375 from the Province of Aberdeen City presented the Lodge with an inscribed gavel to mark the occasion of their visit.
- 2008** Dec. Bro. John A. Davidson PM gifted a tapestry depicting historical events and locations in Stirling. Made by the associated guilds of the town it would be placed in the Office-bearer's room.
- 2009** Apr. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM passed to the Lodge, a set of masonic books, the life membership card and diplomas of Bro. John S. Stevenson. Eighty-six-year-old Bro. Stevenson had spent time as a POW in WWII and had moved to Port Talbot, Wales many years ago.
- 2009** Oct 08. RWM Bro. Derek Heaton of Cherrywood Lodge No. 7530 E.C. in the Province of Surrey visited for the regular meeting. His friend Bro. William Edgar and member of the Lodge had passed to the GLA. Bro. Edgar a member of the Royal Airforce saw active service during WWII in the Middle East. He worked with Barnes Wallace in the development of the Bouncing Bomb and was part of the Wellington bomber design team. Bro. Heaton presented the Lodge with Bro. Edgar's apron and sash which was gratefully accepted by RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon. The October General Committee decided the regalia was to be put in a presentation case with brief story of Bro. Edgar's WWII involvement in the Bouncing bomb.
- 2009** Nov. Bro. Tom McDonald PM Lodge Abercromby No. 531 along with '312' Bro. John Bundy WJW (who suddenly passed to the GLA days earlier) had been researching the Lodge. They had uncovered that in the 1920s Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312 had authorised a charge over its premises to help establish the Windmill Trust to care for children and vulnerable young people.

In memory of Bro. Bundy, Bro. McDonald presented the Lodge with a framed montage outlining the works of the Windmill Trust along with our 'Title' recording the part played by '312' in establishing the charity.

2009 Nov 26. Bro. William (Billy) Bridgeman PM The Lodge of Alloa No. 69 and nephew of the late Bro. Glen Bridgeman PM of '312' presented Bro. Bridgeman's Regalia in a glazed frame so that it may be displayed in the Temple.

2012 Mar 29. RWM Bro. John Gwynne of Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 presented the Lodge a picture of Her Majesty The Queen for display in the temple.

2017 Feb 03. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan presented a 'Welcome board' to be placed by the Attendance Book.

2017 Feb 23. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan thanked Bros. Stewart McLaren and Robbie Prentice of Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 for their donation of a 'Haste ye back' plaque. It was to be mounted above the exit door.

2017 Apr 13. Bro. David W. Brown PM, The Athole Lodge No 384 Kirkintilloch, in the Province of Dunbartonshire, WJW Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and Honorary Member of '312' presented the Lodge with a framed iconic painting by Bro. Stuart Watson. It's of Bro. Robert Burns bring invested as Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2.

It's one of a numbered, limited edition issued by Grand Lodge. It's doubly valuable as it includes the framed key naming the various personalities in the painting.

The gift was thankfully received by RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan and promised a prominent place for it in the Lodge.

2024 Feb 29. Bro. Andy Goodwin PM Lodge Zetland No 391 presented the Lodge with a cask lid decorated with Robert Burns' image and '312' related text. Bro. Goodwin thanked Bro. Stewart McLaren Lodge Ladywell No.1474, Honorary member of '312' for all his work creating the gift.

The RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell thanked Bro. Goodwin for the magnificent presentation to the Lodge and promised it would be displayed for all the Brethren to see.

2024 Sep 26. Following a donation from Bro. John Souter in memory of his grandfather John Rennie RWM 1925-1927, the Lodge dedicated a Lodge Standard displaying our crest and backed with the Spirit of Bannockburn Tartan.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. Michael I. Grover performed the dedication with Bro. James R. McCormick PM accepting the banner as the Lodge's first Standard-bearer.

At the same meeting, Bro. Barry Bryce PM Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 presented the Lodge with his framed musical composition of a Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle march. And Bro. James T. Andrew PM Stirling Royal Arch No. 76, Honorary Member of the Lodge presented two wooden inscribed Wardens' columns.



A Welcome Board announcing the degree provided by
Bro. Clint W. Swan PM and
Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM



Wardens Columns presented by
Bro. James T. Andrew PM No. 76



VSL bookmarks presented by Bros.
Alan and Paul W. Duffin both PMs



The Bard presented to RWM
Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
and the Brethren of Lodge
Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle
by Bro. Andrew E. Goodwin PM,
Lodge Zetland No. 391



A framed specially composed
312 March presented by
Bro. Barry Bryce PM No. 76.



Lodge Standard donated by Bro.
John Souter. Pictured are
RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
and Bro. James R. McCormick PM
at the dedication 26 September 2024

Honorary Members of the Lodge

The first minutes of a brother from another Lodge being made an Honorary Member of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312 was in November 1860.

Since then, the minutes record a further sixteen Brethren being so honoured up to the Lodge's 175th in 1999. Honorary Members since the Lodge's 175th are noted here.

- 2000** Apr. Bro. James Cleminson and Bro. Tom Meldrum Lodge Ben Cleuch 782 were conferred Honorary Membership for their regular attendance and support.
- 2002** Mar. Bro. James T. Andrew, Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30. He was conferred Honorary Membership for his commitment and attendance by Bro. David Brodie PM.
- 2005** Oct. Bro. James Peoples R.W.M of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and Bro. William McDonald of Lodge Ancient Stirling No 30. They were was conferred Honorary Membership by Bro. George J. Millar IPM.
- 2005** Oct. Bro. Andrew Carroll Lodge Abercromby 531 was conferred Honorary Membership Bro. George J. Millar IPM.
- 2006** April. Bro. David Bolling PM Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. John A. Davidson.
- 2006** April. Bro. William Stevenson WJW Lodge Abercromby No. 531 was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM.
- 2006** June. Due to his ill health, RWM Bro. John A. Davidson PM presented Bro. William Napier with his Honorary Membership certificate in his own mother Lodge Thistle No. 87 in the Province of Glasgow.
- 2006** Oct. Bro. Tom Paterson PM Lodge St. Servanus Alva No.771 was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell.
- 2007** Bro. Harry Stevenson Lodge Abercromby No. 531 was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell.
- 2008** RWM Bro. David W. Brown The Athole Lodge No. 384 (Kirkintilloch) in the Province of Dunbartonshire was conferred Honorary Membership by Bro. John A. Davidson PM.
- 2008** June 13. RWPGM Bro. John McKenzie and Bro. Dougie Wilson PM Blairhoyle No. 792 from the Province of Perthshire West were conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell.
- 2009** 12 Feb. RWM Bro. William Berkeley Harris-Burland of Lodge St. John No. 46, Auchterarder, in the Province of Perthshire East was conferred Honorary Membership by Substitute Master Bro. John A. Davidson PM.
- 2015** Sep 24. Bro. Rev. Jim Landels Lodge Bishopbriggs No. 1259, in the Province of Glasgow was conferred Honorary Membership by IPPGM of Stirlingshire, Bro. Andrew McKinnon. It was for Bro. Rev. Landels', "Sterling service in many respects, both masonically and for the local community" and for his support and help with the 700th Battle of Bannockburn Anniversary degree held in the Allan Church in June 2014.

- 2017** Apr 13. Bro. Leonard McComb PM Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484 was conferred Honorary Membership by Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM for his services assisting with Lodge building maintenance and his attendance.
- 2017** Nov 23. Bros. John Cowan Lodge St. John Tulliallan No. 598, and Stewart McLaren SS Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 were conferred Honorary Membership by Bro. Clint W. Swan.
- 2018** Nov 29. Bro. James McMeechan WSW Lodge Ancient Stirling No. 30 was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Derek Irvine. This was for his continual support to the Lodge and for standing in on many occasions as our candidate.
- 2019** Jun 29. David Murray PM Lodge St. Clair No. 362 in the Province of Glasgow was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine.
- 2021** Dec 04. RWPGM Bro. Gordon W.S. Sewell, Past Master Lodge Tulliallan No. 598 was conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. Alan Duffin.
- 2023** May 20. Bro. Ronnie Hay PM, Provincial Grand Secretary of Stirlingshire and Bro. Robert Carruthers PM both of Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 were conferred Honorary Membership by RWM Bro. David Stevenson.
- 2024** Jan 11. Bro. Stuart Stirling PM Lodge Carron No.139 and Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Depute was conferred Honorary Membership by the Worshipful Substitute Provincial Grand Master Bro. Leonard McComb PM of Lodge St. John Slamannan No. 484, Honorary Member of '312'.
- 2024** Sep 12. Bros. Andrew (Andy) E. Goodwin, PM Lodge Zetland No. 391 and Bro. James Weir MBE, PM Lodge Callendar No. 588 were conferred Honorary Membership by the RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM. These Brethren were honoured for their longstanding commitment to the Lodge and supporting fundraising events including Burns' Suppers, Whisky Tastings and Speakers' Nights.

Brethren of '312' made Honorary Members of Sister Lodges

The Brethren of '312' have long been recognised for the support given and friendships forged with their Sister Lodges, not only in Stirlingshire, but also in the wider Masonic Community.

On occasion this has been recognised by a brother having Honorary Membership conferred upon him. This is always seen as an honour for the Lodge first and the recipient second. Here are the Honorary Members over the past 25-years.

- 2005** Apr. Bro. Peter Jaffray SD was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Abercromby No. 531.
- 2008** Nov 23. Bro. John A. Davidson IPM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West by their RWM Bro. Thomas McCulloch Jnr. This illustrated the very high regard there was for PM Davidson in Perthshire West. He already had Honorary Memberships of sister Lodges St. James Doune No. 171 and Lodge Ben Ledi No. 614.

- 2010** Mar 10. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West by their RWM Bro. Andrew Paterson. This was for frequent attendance over many years and help with the Lodge refurbishments.
- 2013** Feb. Bro. Alan Duffin and son Bro. Paul W. Duffin were conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 by their RWM Bro. Willie McGuire. This was for continued support to the Lodge including stepping in to perform Ritual and being their candidate.
- 2014** Feb 6. Bro. Sam Harris affiliate of '312' received Life Membership of The Douglas Lodge No. 409, in the Province of Linlithgowshire, conferred by their RWM Bro. Robert Hamilton.
- 2016** Bro. Sam Harris affiliate of '312' was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge St. James No. 171, in the Province of Perthshire West by their RWM Bro. Jim Munro.
- 2015** Jan 29. Bro. Clint W. Swan WJW was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West by their RWM Bro. Duncan M. Kinloch. This was for frequent attendance over many years and much support to the Lodge refurbishments.
- 2015** Sep 10. Past Masters Bros. Robert McAulay and Duncan McKinnon and Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr. were conferred as Honorary Members of Lodge Clackmannan No. 1303 by their RWM Bro. James McGillivray. This was in recognition of their frequent attendance.
- 2014** Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 by their RWM Bro. James T. Andrew. This was for "exceptional services" to the Lodge.
- 2017** Oct 05. Bro. Clint W. Swan PM and Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM were conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Tulliallan No. 598 by RWM Bro. John Cowan. This was for frequent attendance, continuing support and help with their Lodge refurbishments.
- 2019** Jun 20. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge St. Clair No. 362 in the Province of Glasgow by RWM Bro. Tom Scobbie.
- 2019** Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 by their RWM Bro. Matthew Gibb. This was for "continued support" to the Lodge.
- 2019** Sep 28. Bro. John Whitfield was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Abercromby No. 531 by their RWM Bro. David Stewart.
- 2019** Oct 29. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Neptune No. 375 in the Province of Aberdeen City.
- 2023** Sep 26. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge Ladywell No. 1474 by their RWM Bro. Michael Empson. This was for supporting the Lodge over many years.
- 2024** Feb 19. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was conferred Honorary Membership of Lodge St. Servanus No. 771 their RWM Bro. Gordon W. Guthrie. This was for supporting the Lodge over many years.

Brethren of '312' receiving Honorary Grand Rank

The Lodge is very proud to record two Brethren with Honorary Grand Rank.

- 2016** The rank of Honorary Grand Assistant Secretary was bestowed upon Bro. James G. White PM by The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont in recognition of his services to the Craft. In March 2017 Bro. White was presented with his Diploma by the RWPGM Bro. Alistair T. Marshall and the RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan, on behalf of the Brethren of '312', presented Bro. White with the jewel of his office.



- 2021** Bro. Sam Harris PM of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, affiliate of '312' was installed as Honorary Grand Almoner on 25 Nov. 2021. This was in recognition of his huge efforts as PGL Almoner of Perthshire West throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Bro. Harris pictured with PGM Perthshire West, William M. S. Semple.



Brethren of '312' Installed as RWM of Sister Lodges

The minute books of the Lodge only record a few occasions when Brethren of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312 have, through circumstance or career change, moved from the area, affiliated to other Lodges, and subsequently become Masters of their affiliate Lodge.

- 1999** Bro. Robert Smith Gorman, was RWM of Lodge St. Mark No. 1313 in Kincardineshire. Bro. Robert left Bannockburn in 1979 and was installed as RWM of St. Mark's in January 1999 by Past Masters from his own Mother Lodge.
- 2009** Oct. Bro. George J. Millar was installed as First Principal in Stirling Royal Arch Chapter No. 2. It was almost 30-years since a '312' member had been installed into this office.
- 2011** Bro. John A. Davidson PM served as Most Wise Sovereign (M.W.S.) in Perth Sovereign Chapter No. 71.
- 2014** Mar. Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM served as Most Wise Sovereign (M.W.S.) in Perth Sovereign Chapter No. 71.
- 2016** Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM was installed as Thrice Illustrious Master (T.I.M.) of Stirling Rock Cryptic Council No. 2 for 2106 and 2017.
- 1997** Feb. Bro. James Dawson was installed as RWM of Lodge St. James (Doune) No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 1998** Feb. Bro. James Dawson PM was installed as RWM of Lodge St. James (Doune) No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2017** Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM served as Most Wise Sovereign (M.W.S.) in Perth Sovereign Chapter No. 71.
- 2017** Nov 24. Bro. Robert McAulay PM was installed as RWM of Lodge Craiginnan (Dollar) No. 850.
- 2017** Feb 08. Bro. Sam Harris, affiliate of '312' was installed as RWM of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2023** Bro. John A. Davidson PM served as Most Wise Sovereign (M.W.S.) in Perth Sovereign Chapter No. 71.
- 2024** Feb. Bro. James Dawson PM was installed as RWM of Lodge St. James (Doune) No. 171 in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2024** Mar 09. Bro. Cameron M. Fraser PM was installed as RWM of Saint Stephen's Lodge Edinburgh No. 145.

Lodge and community

The Brethren of the Lodge have ever been mindful of the fact that they are part of the greater community and have assisted and supported other organisations wherever possible.

Between 1988 until at least 2014 the Brethren provided easter eggs to Fairview Nursing Home, Bannockburn Hospital and occasionally another charity. Synonymous with raising the money and delivering was Bro. Robert Cochrane Snr.

The Lodge also raised money for and provided a Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and a Children's Christmas Party over many years too.

The Lodge continues to make the premises available to any member of the community who wishes to organise an event to raise funds for any charitable cause.

- 1999** Donation to Bannockburn's newest playgroup, based in Murrayfield U.F. Church.
- 2000** Sep. The Lodged started a copper collection for Children's Christmas Party and Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner.
- 2001** Oct. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell IG reported £486 from the Charity Bingo would go toward the Children's Party and Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner. A vote of thanks was offered to the Lodge ladies who organised this event.
- 2005** Mar. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay with a number of Brethren and partners visited Bannockburn Hospital and Scottish Homes in Dunblane, there presenting the patients and senior citizens with Easter eggs.
- 2006** Sep. Bro. William Stevenson WSW Lodge Abercromby No 531 and Honorary Member at '312' was congratulated on for his dedication and hard work on the erection of a cenotaph in Cowie. It's dedicated to those who lost their lives in the two world wars and continuing conflicts. Also thanked was Bro. Alex Buchanan PM for laying a wreath at the cenotaph in remembrance from the Brethren of the Lodge.
- 2006** Nov. Bro. Robert Cochrane laid a wreath at Lodge Abercromby No531 Remembrance Day service.
- 2007** Nov. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr., together with other Brethren laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Cowie on Remembrance Day.
- 2007** Dec 23. A successful Children's party run by the ladies of the Lodge. Some 18 extra gifts were donated and RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell and his wife passed them on to Childcare Stirling.
- 2007** Nov. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr, together with Bro. Alex Buchanan PM laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Cowie on Remembrance Day.
- 2010** Nov 25. Following an appeal from Fallin Out of School Club a donation of £20.00 was agreed.
- 2011** Nov 11. Reference to Senior Citizens dinner.
- 2011** Nov 24. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr., together with Bro. M Gray laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
- 2011** Nov 24. Thank you letter from Guiding Forth Valley for the Lodge's donation.

- 2012** Nov 10. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr., together with Bro. M Gray laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
- 2015** Mar 26. The easter eggs would be donated to Plus Stirling a disabled children charity and Family Support Stirling.
- 2015** Sep 10. Affiliate member of '312' Bro. Sam Harris WSW Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West, thanked the Brethren for the donation to Fallin play group.
- 2015** Nov 11. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr. thanked the Brethren who attended with him to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
- 2016** Mar 10. £100 raised for the Easter egg appeal. The eggs went to Alpha Leisure Centre Fallin, Cooperative funeral home and Christadelphian Care Home.
- 2017** Mar 30. Appeal for Easter egg collection by Almoner Bro. Robert Cochrane Snr.
- 2017** Nov 12. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr., together with several Brethren laid a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Bro. David Stevenson's wife Michelle and Bro. James T. Andrew PM Stirling Royal Arch No.76 and Honorary Member of the Lodge were thanked for donating the wreath.
- 2022** Nov 24. Bro. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr. thanked the Brethren who joined with him to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
- 2020** Feb 07. Mr Pat Cairney of Milton Football Club made a request for the Lodge to assist in buying heart monitor for children. Open Lodge subsequently provided a £100 donation.
- 2023** Mar 09. Following an appeal the Brethren agreed a £100 donation to Bannockburn Guiding to help with essential building repairs.
- 2024** Mar 29. The Lodge having had a defibrillator inside the Lodge for some years, are now progressing one for outside the building enabling community use.
- 2024** Apr 28. Following Stirling Council's withdrawal of support, Bro. William Logan, Jeweller, requested the Lodge support the village cenotaph group who maintain the remembrance garden. The resulting donation of £350 helped the group enormously. A vote is planned for making it an annual donation.



The '312' Social Club

In common with lots of Lodges, Masonic collections don't raise enough funds to cover the running costs of a Masonic Hall.

The '312 Social Club' first appeared in a late 1950s minute. In 1999 the committee decided to form a 'new' social club entitled 'The Bruce & Thistle 312 Social Club'. This new set up ensured that the Social Club was run directly by its elected committee and members. Its Constitution was designed to keep abreast of the complex licensing laws with various types of Membership then available. What was not to change was its principal objective of fully supporting Lodge Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312 in all its activities. The first Chairman was Bro. John Rankin PM with Bro. John A. Davidson PM as Vice Chairman.

Over the 25-years since the 1999 relaunch, the "Bruce and Thistle 312 Social Club" has had highs and lows in step with the changing social trends (and the evolving drink driving laws).

As historical minutes are sketchy on specifics, we can say with confidence that the Social Club was a mainstay at the Lodge until around 2013. It had an act and bingo every Saturday, advertised in the local press and was an excellent 'first contact' for men who would later become freemasons. The minutes do record many large charitable donations from a Social Club event and loans to the Lodge.

From 2009 the minutes record the increasing number of pleas to support the Social Club's especially its Saturday evenings. By 2014 its regular programme drifted into more occasional one-off events.

What anyone locally would recognise is that the Social Club consistently hosted the following – all highly successful:

- Speakers' Nights
- Burns' Suppers
- Games' Days
- Race Nights
- Children's Christmas Party
- The Hogmanay Party
- Senior Citizens Dinner
- The occasional party or other celebration for a member.

Many of the above consistently raised money for charitable works and Lodge funds. For example, the Speakers Night would routinely raise £800 or more and the Burns' Suppers £600.

The Club's management, according to the minutes, has been led and organised by:

- Bro. John Rankin PM
- Bro. John A. Davidson PM
- Bro. James Pedder
- Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM
- Bro. Sam Harris PM Lodge No. 792, affiliate of 312
- Bro. Paul W Duffin PM
- Bro. Robert McGregor PM.

Though perhaps not strictly speaking a Social Club event, the minutes note an annual dinner dance and overnight stay until at least 2013 in the Dreadnought Hotel Callander.

In more recent times, Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM with Bro. Clint W. Swan PM and Bro. David Stevenson PM have been foremost in organising individual events such as a Speakers' Night or Games Day.

Today, the Brethren run "Bruce and Thistle 312 Social Club" more informally. Following COVID-19 and its refurbishment, the Social Club has picked up again, this time focusing on use for parties and quality acts every few months.

The Lodge expects the Social Club to maintain its post-COVID success and remain part of the Lodge's essential fabric long into the future.

Battle of Bannockburn 700th Anniversary

2014 saw the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. An event that changed the course of Scottish and UK history. Numerous celebrations and acknowledgments took place to mark this anniversary.

The Lodge's first official discussion of what '312' might do appears in the 2011 minutes. By September 2013 formal enquiries were made to Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge and to the Rev Bro. Jim Landels, Minister of the Allan Church Bannockburn.

Led by Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM and Bro. Andrew McLeary PM the concept of a degree performed by reigning Provincial Grand Masters then took shape. The RWPGM of Stirlingshire, Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon was enlisted to organise the degree team, Bro. Clint W. Swan, Senior Deacon struck a commemorative penny and the General Committee agreed that a copper collection from January 2014 to May specifically for the 700th plus half the profit from the Speakers' Night on 9 May. Bro. Gerrard D Dawson PM would manage the projection and sound. Bro. John A. Davidson PM would arrange the catering and Bros Fraser and Stevenson would count the collection. Stirling Council gave their approval for a parade. The RWM Bro. James R. McCormick was now ready to host the visitors.

And so, on Friday 20 June 2014, Bros Ian Laird and Fraser Russell led a '312' procession from the Lodge to the Allan Church headed by two pipers. In the Church, some 400 people were ready to become part of a very special degree.

RWM Bro. James R. McCormick opened the Lodge and tendered the Gavel in fealty to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Charles I. R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont. He, in turn, presented the gavel to the RWPGM of Stirlingshire Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon so he may preside over the Lodge and confer the EA degree on the RWM's son, Mr Scott John McCormick.

The degree team was:

Senior Warden	Bro. R. Forbes PGM	Perthshire East
Junior Warden	Bro. J. Brockie PGM	Perthshire West
Senior Deacon	Bro. A. Paterson PGM	Fife & Kinross
Junior Deacon	Bro. R. Little PGM	Ayrshire
Inner Guard	Bro. J. Lamb PGM	Roxburgh, Peebles, Selkirk Shires
DOC	Bro. R. Hughes PGM	Dumfriesshire
Pre-obligation Questions	Bro. J. Livingstone PGM	Renfrewshire West
Obligation	Bro. A. McKinnon PGM	Stirlingshire
Ancient Penalties	Bro. A. Thomson PGM	Lanarkshire Upper Ward
Lesser Lights	Bro. A. Thomson PGM	Lanarkshire Upper Ward
Secrets	Bro. T. W. Aitken	Kilwinning
Apron	Bro. J. Millar PGM	Renfrewshire east
N.E. Corner	Bro. J. McCormack PGM	Dumbartonshire
Tools	Bro. T. Smith PGM	Midlothian
Charter & Bye Laws	Bro. J. Muirhead PGM	Aberdeen City
Mode of prep	Bro. R. Scott PGM	Linlithgowshire
Final Charge PT1	Bro. A. Henderson PGM	Glasgow
Final Charge PT2	Bro. E. Rutherford PGM	Edinburgh
Chaplain	Bro. Rev. J. Landels	Bishopbriggs 1259
Organist	Bro. Allan Stevenson	Bruce and Thistle 312

At the degree's end the PPGM Bro. John McKenzie HM 312 conferred Honorary Membership on the RWPGM Brother Andrew A. McKinnon.

Following this special meeting, many retired to the Lodge Social Club for tea and a buffet.

This was a truly once in a lifetime occasion with the key players feeling the heady mix of adrenaline, excitement and nervousness. The event will live long after the participants have gone to the Grand Lodge above.

The next day the eight PGL's had a sail "down the water" on the Waverley as part of the PGLS' 275th anniversary celebrations. GMM and many from Grand Lodge were present and GMM was flown home to Ellon, Aberdeenshire by helicopter from Dunoon.

The ladies who assisted with the catering and helping in the bar received a gift as a thank you. For organising the degree, PWPGM Andrew A. McKinnon received a thank you meal voucher for him and his wife.

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Finally, the Lodge received letters of thanks for putting on the 700th anniversary degree from the Grand Master Mason Charles Iain Robert Wolrige-Gordon 22nd of Hallhead and 11th of Esslemont and the Provincial Grand Master Andrew A. McKinnon.

Legacy

At one level it was a father initiating his son. At another, it was nationally important in the life of Lodge '312' and Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire.

Many of the degree team went on to hold Grand Lodge positions.

As part of the event the £855 collection went to Lodge causes. Over 2000 commemorative masonic pennies were sold with the profit also going to Lodge causes. These pennies are on display in Stirling's Smithsonian. The total amount raised from the marked pennies, lapel badges, tie bars cuff links and keystones was over £7.500.

Bro. David Stevenson made small '312' keystones with profits to Lodge causes. There is a special one still on display in the Lodge with the commemorative pennies embedded in it.

The Lodge presented Bro. Rev. Jim Landels with a donation of £500 to the Allan Church restoration fund.



Main Road Procession from the Lodge



Main Street Procession Allan Church



The Degree Team



The 312 Office-bearers and Past Masters



L to R. Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Charles I. R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont,
Bro. Josiah McCormick, Bro. Scott McCormick,
RWM Bro. James R. McCormick and RWPGM Bro. Andrew A. McKinnon.

Running the Lodge

As you would imagine, running a successful Lodge with its own premises and social club with lots of members, takes organisation. We continue to have a dedicated General Committee and Office-bearers ready to discuss, yes, sometimes passionately, many topics leading to decision and actions for the benefit of the Brethren, the community and for freemasonry. Pouring over decades of minutes, one begins to see recurring themes. I've distilled the last 25-years to the following:

The building

Our building is both a fantastic asset and a money-pit. The minutes show how constant the commitment, finance and volunteers are just to keep it watertight. With its age there are challenges to any developments. The minutes show recurring discussions about a lift and downstairs toilets.

Day to day an army of people have and continue to give their talents to maintaining the Lodge. These include electricians, plumbers, joiners, scaffolders, roofers, heating engineers, planners, builders, dry rot, gardeners and damp specialists and sign-writers all the way to Brethren who will tidy up and clean. And then there are all the external experts from organ repairers to architects we've had to call on to help us look after the Lodge buildings. Our sister lodge Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 has contributed too from financial contributions to their 2017 donation of a new cooker.

In 2005 the Heritage Fund was approached and even with the help of Bro. Tom McDonald of Lodge Abercromby No. 531, ultimately decided they would not support the "major works to return it (the building) to its original state". That same year the Lodge invested £1,500 in a full building survey that led to actions over significant repairs.

There have been at least two attempts at significant change. In 2009 a local business man raised the idea of exchanging the Lodge for the bar area and function suite of the then Tamdhu Public House. EGMs were called. After discussion, and two defeated amendments, the motion to reject the idea passed 29 to two.

In 2010 there were discussions with the Provost and four councillors about the building being sold to create a heritage tartan exhibition centre. This project didn't progress.

Our biggest single expense are rates to the council. Periodically we approach them to reconsider our assessment but they remain high compared to our building use.

There was a period of Maintenance Sundays then Fridays. Working to a list originally created by Bro. John A. Davidson PM, the volunteers chipped away at the list followed by a welcome pint.

In 2024 the General Committee again talked of creating a list of jobs needing done.

Meetings, Ritual and the '312' way

Spend time with a '312' Brother and eventually you'll hear mention of the '312 way'. General Committee meeting minutes point to the occasional 'full and frank discussion' of a topic. And it's all driven by doing the best for the Lodge. Here are

a few references from the General Committee to illustrate. Here are a few references from the General Committee to illustrate.

There are several discussions about seeking approval to do all future MM degrees of Friday nights. And elsewhere for doing MMM degrees on Fridays.

In 2001 a Brother complained to the General Committee about foul language at the harmonies. Points were taken on board, and it was dealt with. Proving that Freemasons are not perfect but they do learn and improve.

There are periodical references to improving ritual delivery, the decorum during meetings, and even Office-bearers frustrated at learning ritual and feeling they didn't get the opportunities to then do it.

On a couple of occasions specific Brothers (Bro. George J Millar PM and then Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM) were given the role of prompter. A small group were appointed with documenting the choreography for each degree and another group were to set out the responsibilities of each office.

Bro. Thomas J. Campbell IPM, RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon and Bro. John A. Davidson PM were charged with creating a list of Office-bearer duties. Past Master Davidson intimated that he had a Ritual Book that was very specific regarding the movement of Office-bearers whilst on the floor and that this may be of assistance.

In March 2009 the General Committee debated calls to improve ritual delivery. Also, some more angst around Brethren being asked to do ritual work then not used. At the same meeting Grand Lodge booklets for all four degrees would be made available. Early in 2012, floor discipline was reported as slipping. RWM Bro. Martin B. H. Gray and Bro. Duncan McKinnon PM DOC were to take action.

As Brethren who do ritual are presumed to do their very best, we have several reminders not to stamp your feet in approval of one brother (and by implication over another). It was framed as 'importing customs from other Lodges'.

Dress code too was refined and communicated on several occasions.

Moving with the times

2005 Oct. Bro. Scott Jaffray PM to investigate the 'system' of the website?

2009 Dec 30. First conversation about Broadband for the Lodge.

2017 Feb 03. Laptop and printer noted as £350.

2022 Lodge WhatsApp group chat created

2024 Jan 11. The Lodge began circulating the minutes by email.

Lodge 'merch'

2006 Nov. Honorary Members ties were bought and would be handed out.

2007 Jul. Polo shirts were bought and made available to the Brethren.

2009 Aug. Short sleeved shirts with '312' crest (£13.50) were ordered.

2012 Jan 27. White shirts bearing the Lodge crest now available.

2012 Aug 10. New Lodge tie available £10.

2014 Jun 13. Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM had priced Lodge shirts with the crest available at £18 each.

2019 Sep. Bro. Derek A. Robertson SB would make '312' specific get well soon and sympathy cards for the Brother Almoner John A. Davidson PM.

Miscellaneous items

- 1999** The year began on 7 January with an Enquiry Meeting for Mr Lee McCulloch, 19 Milton Road. The address of the current RWM.
- 1999** Bro. John J McLachlan a member of Lodge Rothesay St. John 292 affiliated to the Lodge.
- 1999** Mar. The Lodge visited The Royal Scottish Masonic Home at Ault Wharrie, Dunblane. A demonstration of the E.A. degree was worked by the RWM Bro. Alexander Don and his Office-bearers. This visit was greatly appreciated by our Senior Brethren and the desire was expressed that this visit would be repeated in the future.
- 2000** Sept. Mrs Christine McLaughlan passed away. She and her husband Raymond were very active in the Lodge Social Club.
- 2000** There is a mention of a visitation to Lodge Wellington 1385. This is believed to be a Scottish Constitution Lodge in Antwerp, Belgium. It's unclear from the minutes who attended it.
- 2000** Oct. The position of Assistant Treasurer was made permanent.
- 2001** Feb. General Committee agreed, after much discussion, that there would be no memorial plaques put anywhere in the building. It's unclear where this item for discussion started.
- 2001** Apr. There were eight brothers for our MMM degree conferred by Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76. Included was future RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon.
- 2001** Sept. The Lodge's Regular Meeting was two days after the September 11th tragedy in New York where 2,977 people were killed and thousands injured. Bro. Andrew Craig RWM spoke of the terrible event where many Brethren and their families were affected by the atrocity. The assembled Brethren stood for a minute's silence in a show of respect.
- 2002** Sep. RWM Bro. Scott Jaffray, in the light of the fees going to Grand Lodge made a plea to all '312' life members to "subscribe to any amount of money."
- 2002** Oct. A General Committee proposal to increase test fees from £15 to £30 fell as an amendment to increase them to £20 was carried.
- 2004** June. Proposal to continue the Lodge over the summer and to have a sporting tournament after an FC meeting.
- 2004** Oct. RWM Bro. George J. Millar informed the Lodge of the passing of Jim (Hookie) McCabe. Though not a member of '312' he had helped the Lodge, in particular hiring speakers for the Lodge Speakers' Nights.
- 2004** Oct. An Enquiry Meeting took place on 29 October at which four of the applicants would become Masters: James R. McCormick, Robert McGregor, Michael J. Gray and Alan Gray.
- 2004** Aug. The Lodge discussed and had no objections to a housing application for the north side of Telford court.
- 2006** Sept. Bro. Alex Buchanan PM retired as Almoner after 15 years dedicated service. Bro. Robert Cochrane Snr. was installed in December 2006.
- 2006** Oct. A letter received from PGLS advising Lodges to carry out degree work

with dignity and decorum in particular the level of noise during ritual work. This was actioned by the Lodge.

2007 Sept. The DOC was to become a progressive office at the Lodge. To lay for 14 days.

2007 Aug. Given its success, entertainment was agreed for every future MM degree.

2007 Aug. Instruction classes to be held on Wednesdays from September. PMs Cameron M. Fraser and David Brodie to assist.

2007 Aug. Bank to be approached about a direct debit arrangement for Brethren to pay annual fees.

2007 Sept. Bro. Sam Harris of Lodge Blairhoyle No.792 in the Province of Perthshire West was affiliated to Lodge 312 by Bro. John A. Davidson PM

2008 Dec 5. Bro. James G. White PM instigated a return to leaving the V.S.L. at an approximate mid-way page and not changing the pages when passing and raising.

2007 Oct 26. The General Committee decided that if more than one person was nominated for an Office-bearer position, the vote would be by ballot paper that would be counted by the Bro. Treasurer and Bro. Secretary.

2007 Nov. Bro. Robert McAulay PM had confirmation from PGL that the Byelaws could be updated regarding the Social Club without having to go through open Lodge.

2008 Feb. Bro. John A. Davidson PM led update of Byelaws amended relating to nomination and election of Office-bearers and AGM on same evening. Flyers would be sent to missing Brethren to encourage them to return.

2008 Nov 13. November the Brethren gave their approval for Secretary elect Bro. James G. White PM to move to computer generated minutes starting with the Installation on 06 December 2008.

2009 Feb 12. During the exchange of fraternal greetings Bro. Tom McDonald PM Lodge Abercromby No. 531 reported that a highly respected Past Master within the Province of Stirlingshire had been the victim of a rogue tradesman. They had taken his money and left him with a leaking roof. Bro. Andrew Craig PM of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle, who has his own roofing company, repaired the roof over the festive period and charged no more than a token fee for so doing. Bro. Tom McDonald PM felt it was just and proper that the Brethren be made aware of this good deed.

2009 Apr 14. The motion proposing exemption from further payment for members who have paid 21 years consecutive annual Test Fees in accordance with Law 125, was proposed by Bro. James Paterson (Treasurer) and seconded by Bro. John Whitfield in open Lodge on Thursday 26th February 2009. At the Regular Meeting on 14 April 2009 the motion was carried by 22 votes to nil. By September we had Grand Lodge approval.

2009 May. For the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns' birth the Burns' Supper would be 20 November 2009.

2009 Oct 08. The motion to incorporate the offices of Director of Music and Organist into the Lodge Byelaws was carried 34 votes to nil.

- 2010** Apr 30. The Lodge website was noted as up and running. It was noted to “make optimum use of it to advertise the facilities and activities available on the premises, club nights, availability of hall lets, Lodge meetings etc.”
- 2010** Apr 29. The John Bundy trophy would be competed for on 29 October 2010. Ideas for the design would be considered.
- 2010** 28 Oct. The RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson noted that Bro. Sec. Andrew McLeary PM had recently attended a presentation in Perth where, along with other ex members of the armed forces were awarded the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal for the contribution Commonwealth forces made in the defence of what was a relatively new state in the 1960s. A representative of the Malaysian High Commission passed on his government’s great appreciation to all the attendees.
- 2012** 09 Mar. PG Secretary wrote regarding Sky TV approaches over a proposed documentary on Freemasonry.
- 2012** 23 Mar. A project was needed to establish Life, Honorary and Fee-paying members, as the register could not be found. 100 forms produced.
- 2014** 21 Feb. Bro. Clint W. Swan SD to take charge of the building committee. Bro. David Stevenson was thanked for his donations of Key Stones which were being sold for £10. Discussion about altering the Byelaws regarding Life Memberships no longer being offered. A database (of members) has also to be set up with the approval of Lodge Members. Dates for future meetings to be printed and given to the Brethren.
- 2017** 24 Mar. Question and answer cards to all new candidates would be put to Open Lodge.
- 2017** 09 Nov. Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson PM recited a speech as it was the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and the 99th anniversary of the ending of WWI. At the conclusion, the Brethren stood for a minute’s silence as a mark of remembrance.
- 2018** RWM Bro. Derek Irvine’s year was highlighted as the most Travelling Gavel activity. The gavel was exchanged and reclaimed multiple times during the year and so meeting its aim of encouraging visitations.
- 2019** 16 Jun. The Bro. Sword Bearer Derek A. Robertson held the first of several training sessions, open to any Brother who wanted to learn ritual in the most effective way. The most recent was 27 May 2023.
- 2020** 07 Feb. Bro. William Evans had displayed his ‘312’ apron in many countries on is decades of travelling with the RAF and for pleasure. It was agreed to invite Bro. Evans to receive a presentation package that the Lodge would put together for him.
- 2023** Nov 30. RWM Bro. David Stevenson’s last meeting enjoyed an impressive 115 Brethren in attendance. In what turned out to be the last meeting attended by Bro. John A Davidson PM, it was fitting that the Travelling Gavel played its part as Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 claimed it.
- 2023** Dec 02. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM was installed as RWM of the Lodge and became the reigning Master for the 200th Anniversary Year.

'312' Family

While everyone at '312' is part of the 312 family, there have been many families involved between 1999 and 2024. Elsewhere in the book you will read about many examples and below are some others to note.

- 2001** Sept. Bro. Scott Jaffray WSW charged and obligated his father as an affiliate.
- 2004** Dec 04. RWM Bro. Robert McAulay had his brother-in-law Bro. William Stevenson as his Depute Master.
- 2006** Dec 02. RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell had his Brother-in-law Bro. Sandy McAughtrie as his Depute Master.
- 2009** Aug 09. RWM Bro. Duncan McKinnon presented the gavel to Bro. James G. White PM who then conferred the MM degree on his son Bro. Steven J. White, a serving member of the British army.
- 2009** Dec 05. RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson had is uncle Bro. Sandy Renton as his Depute Master and his Father-in-law Bro. John A. Davidson PM as principal Installing Master.
- 2010** RWM Bro. Gerrard D. Dawson's second candidate to initiate was his cousin Bro. William Renton.
- 2012** Between 2012 and 2016, now Past Masters Alan Gray, Martin B. H. Gray and Michael J. Gray had the following involvements after progressing through the offices:
Bro. Martin B. H. Gray RWM 2012 with Bro. Alex Gray as Depute Master
Bro. Alan Gray RWM 2015 with Bro. John A. Davidson PM his Depute Master
Bro. Michael J. Gray 2016 with Bro. Alex Gray as Depute Master.
- 2012** Jan 26. The minutes noted that the MM degree (Bro. Allan Stevenson) had ritual conducted by two sets of father and sons namely Bros. Derek Irvine Snr and Derek Irvine and Thomas Irvine, and Bros Alan Duffin and Paul W. Duffin.
- 2013** July 05. Bro. Robert McLelland and his son Bro. Anthony McLelland were raised to the high and sublime degree of a Master Mason.
- 2013** Dec 07. RWM Bro. James. R McCormick had his father Bro. Josiah McCormick as his Depute Master.
- 2014** Jun 20. RWM Bro. James R. McCormick initiated his son Scott McCormick at the special degree making the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.
- 2015** Jun 12. RWM Bro. Alan Gray initiated his son Alan Gray Jnr in the EA Degree. Bro. Gray Jnr became a Master Mason on 7 August 2015.
- 2015** Dec 10. RWM Bro. Michael J. Gray initiated his twin sons Jamie and Anthony Gray in the EA degree and the Lodge's latest Lewis masons. Both became Master Masons together on 28 January 2016.
- 2016** Summer. RWM Bro. Michael J. Gray initiated his nephew Colin Gray (son of Bro. Alex Gray).

- 2017** Jan 26. RWM Bro. Clint W. Swan initiated his brother Derek Swan in the EA and subsequent degrees. Later, May 26, he affiliated his other brother James Swan, a member of Lodge Blairhoyle No. 792, in the Province of Perthshire West.
- 2017** Dec 03. At his Installation, Bro. Derek Irvine was surprised and delighted as his son, Bro. Thomas John Irvine, delivered the V.S.L. ritual. The RWM had his father Derek Irvine Snr as his Depute Master.
- 2018** Dec 02. RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine had his father Derek Irvine Snr as his Depute Master.
- 2019** Mar 14. Cameron Shaw was initiated into freemasonry by RWM Thomas Irvine and became our latest Lewis mason. His father, Bro. Kenneth R. Shaw, Chaplain, performed the Mode of Prep and later the Working Tools at his FC degree. Bro. Shaw became a Master Mason on 11 April 2019 at the hands of the Past Masters.
- 2019** June. Bro. Alex Gray's son Kevin Gray was initiated, passed and raised by RWM Bro. Thomas Irvine during the summer degrees.
- 2022** Mar 10. Father and son Kevin Moffat Snr and Kevin Moffat Jnr were initiated by RWM Bro. Alan Duffin. Both became Master Masons together on 14 April 2022.
- 2023** May 20. RWM Bro. David Stevenson initiated his brother Craig Stevenson and nephew Jack Stevenson. Jack becoming the Lodge's latest Lewis mason. Both brothers became Master Masons together on 05 August 2023.
- 2023** Sep 14. Bro. Scott Jaffray PM helped initiate his son Scott Jaffray Jnr as another '312' Lewis mason. Bro. Jaffray Jnr became a Master Mason on 30 November 2023.
- 2024** Feb 08. Jack Campbell, the son of Bro. Steven Campbell, Senior Steward, was initiated by the RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM to become the Lodge's latest Lewis mason. Bro. Campbell became a Master Mason on 14 March 2024.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Office-bearers

This section of the Lodge history records the Bethren who, having served their time as RWM of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce & Thistle No. 312, were later elected to Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire office.

Today the Lodge has three current elective Office-bearers in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire.

Current Elective Office-bearers of Provincial

- Bro. Duncan McKinnon, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
- Bro. Clint W. Swan, Provincial Grand Jeweller
- Bro. David Stevenson, President of Provincial Grand Stewards

Past Commissioned Office-bearer

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| Bro. James G. White, Provincial Grand Secretary | 2000-2003 |
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Past Senior Provincial Grand Wardens

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| Bro. James G. Duffin | 2003-2004 |
| Bro. Thomas J. Campbell | 2023-2024 |

Senior Provincial Grand Warden

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| Bro. Robert McAulay | 2024 |
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Brethren holding Honorary Provincial Grand Rank

None.

In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West

Senior Provincial Grand Warden

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| Bro. Sam Harris | 2023-2024 |
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Passing to the Grand Lodge above

It is not customary for the minute book to record in depth the tributes made to Brethren on their passing to the Grand Lodge above. On occasion however, a brother whose contribution to the Lodge, or perhaps some unique circumstance, is such that a special minute is recorded for posterity.

Whilst this section records some of these minutes, it is dedicated to all of the Brethren of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312 who have passed this way before us.

- 1999** In January 1999, the passing to the Grand Lodge above of Bro. James Collington PM was intimated to the Brethren. Up until his final illness, even though 87 years of age, Bro. Collington was a regular attender of his Mother Lodge, Sister Lodges and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire. He rarely missed a quarterly communication of The Grand Lodge of Scotland in Edinburgh. Bro. Collington was an Honorary Member of Lodge Stirling Royal Arch No. 76 and Honorary Grand Jeweller of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Both of these honours, which came late in his life, were very special to him. His passing, in the Lodge's 175th year, was particularly sad as he had been looking forward to the event with great anticipation, having been the principal organiser of the 150th celebrations in 1974.
- 2009** Aug 14. Bro. Glen Bridgeman PM, 1970-1971. He was initiated in 1962 and was a regular attender and contributor in his 47 years of service to the Lodge including as a good ritualist.
- 2009** Nov 04. Bro. John Bundy WJW died suddenly and passed to the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Bundy was known to all as a gentleman. He and his wife Bessy were active partners in Lodge life.
- 2012** Mar 20. Bro. Ian Chalmers PM and Bro. Alex Buchanan PM were reported as passing to the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Buchanan in particular was an excellent servant to the Lodge. He had a huge commitment to correctness for example he would challenge any Brother whose shoes weren't shined! He served as Lodge Almoner for 16-years. As a mark of the Lodge's favour, the Military Degree in 2012 was dedicated to his memory and his Master Mason Song features on every Installation programme.
- 2013** Jan 10. Open Lodge heard of the untimely death in a freak road traffic accident of Bro. Alastair Dudgeon. Bro. Dudgeon had recently returned to the Lodge as part of a family with long and strong ties to '312'.
- 2014** Sep 11. Bro. Jim Paterson passed to the GLA. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell spoke highly of Bro. Paterson's hard work and service as Treasurer of the Lodge for over 13-years.
- 2015** Oct 08. Bro. Thomas McG. Cochrane PM passed to the Grand Lodge above. His brother Bro. Robert Cochrane Snr. thanked the Lodge for their cards and support. Bro. Cochrane was an ever-present in the Lodge, an Installing Master with a very strong commitment to ritual.

- 2016** Feb 11. Passing to the Grand Lodge above of Bro. George D. McPherson PM. Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM spoke very highly of Bro. McPherson.
- 2017** Jan 12. Almoner Robert Cochrane Snr attended the funeral of Bro. John Rankin PM. Bro. Rankin had a huge impact on the Lodge over his time. He was the first Social Club Convener, had a unique MC style at countless Lodge events and was one of the three who crafted the '312' Ritual Book.
- 2020** Feb 10. Bro. James A. Smith PM passed to the Grand Lodge above. He served the Lodge as a faithful Brother, as Master in the 150th celebration year of 1974 and was Secretary for over 17-years. No surprise that he was honoured with a Distinguished Service Certificate.
- 2021** May 07. Bro. Josiah McCormick, father of Bro. James R. McCormick PM passed to the Grand Lodge above. Brother McCormick was Depute Master 2013 – 2014.
- 2022** Sep 08. After the summer recess the Brethren paid their respects to Bro. Derek Irvine Snr. Bro. Irvine was a Lodge stalwart, often providing the solo during degrees and was Depute Master to his sons Derek and Thomas.
- On the same evening the Brethren also held a minute's silence for our beloved Queen Elizabeth II who had died earlier that day.*
- 2023** Mar 09. Bro. Andrew Craig PM, passed to the Grand Lodge above Bro. Craig had two successful years as RWM.
- 2024** Jan 02. Bro. John A. Davidson PM passed to the Grand Lodge above after a long, brave and stoic battle against cancer. See his tribute earlier in this book.

The 175th Rededication and Dinner 1999

Marking the 175th anniversary a Lodge sub-committee began mid-1998. They sought input from all the Brethren, particularly anyone with experience of our 150th in 1974. In preparation, the Lodge bought new regalia for all Office-bearers and had the Office-bearers' jewels regilded. In addition, a local company rebound the VSL.

An 82-page hard back and soft covered update to the Lodge's history led by Bro. James G. White PM was published. The paperback print numbered 400 with our OAPs receiving a free copy. Grand Lodge and other VIPs received a complimentary hardback version that was also available for £10.

The new regalia was consecrated by Bro. Rev. John H. Jenkinson, Provincial Grand Chaplin at the Regular Meeting on 25 October 1999.

Lodge St. Servanus No. 771 asked about making an appropriate presentation. Unlike other items of Lodge furnishing such as our 100-year-old Altar, we had no information about the background or history of the existing Square and Compass. The Brethren therefore felt that such a gift would be appropriate. These were presented in open Lodge by their RWM Bro. David A. Swan in advance of the rededication and used for first time at the 175th.

The 175th Anniversary: 1824 - 1999

The 175th anniversary rededication service followed by an anniversary dinner on took place in the Lodge on Friday 29 October 1999.

Bro. John McLeod Sneddon, The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire led the rededication with the formalities carried out by Bro. Rev. John H. Jenkinson, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. Alex Smith, MM No. 76, Honorary Member of 312 and Honorary Provincial Grand Organist provided the musical accompaniment.

Honoured guests at the ceremony were:

RWPGM	Bro. John McLeod Sneddon
IPPGM	Bro. Colin T. Wyse (Honorary Member 312)
PPGM	Bro. Robert Hutchison (Grand Marshal - Grand Lodge of Scotland)
PPGM	Bro. Alexander Whitehead (Grand Treasurer - Grand Lodge of Scotland)
PPGM	Bro. Hector C. Campbell (Past Depute Grand Master - Grand Lodge of Scotland)

Although three of the above were current Grand Lodge Office-bearers they attended our 175th in their Provincial Grand Lodge capacity so there wasn't an official deputation from Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Special mention was given to Bro. Hector C. Campbell PPGM being the reigning PGM during our 150th rededication in 1975 - that ceremony was carried out by Grand Lodge and not PGL. It was remarked how good it was to see Bro. Campbell again in attendance.

To mark the 175th anniversary occasion, the Lodge donated £425 to the Grand Lodge of Scotland Benevolent Fund and £150 to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire Benevolent Fund.

Bro. John McLeod Sneddon, RWPGM of Stirlingshire stated that the Brethren who had founded the Lodge and carried it on through the 175 years of their history had been men of vision who had upheld the principles of Freemasonry, with pride in their Lodge. He congratulated Bro. James G. White PM for the organisation and printing of the history book and thanked Past Masters Bros. James A. Smith and James G. Duffin and Bro. James Paterson for their efforts throughout the year.

Thanking the RWM Bro. Alexander Don for the contributions to the Benevolent Funds, the RWPGM also commended the Lodge's community involvement. These included the now annual (started in 1996) Sportsmen's Dinner whose profit goes to good causes and the Lodge and Easter eggs to the residents of Bannockburn Hospital every year.

The Celebration Dinner

This was held in the Masonic Hall, with some 130 Brethren in attendance. Toasts and replies followed the programme:

The Queen and 'The Craft'	Brother Alexander Don RWM
Harmony	Bros. Scott and John Jaffray
The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the	
Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire	Bro. James G. White PM
Reply	Bro. John McLeod Sneddon
	RWPGM
Absent Brethren	Bro. John A. Davidson PM
Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and	
Thistle No. 312	Bro. Nicol Scobbie PM No. 391
Harmony	Bro. Francis Cairney IPM 30
Reply	Bro. Alexander Don RWM
Visiting Brethren	Bro. Robert Don WSW
Harmony	Bro. Alex Buchanan PM
Reply	Bro. A. Campbell Robertson No. 69
Artistes	Bro. John Rankin PM
Reply	Bro. Alex Smith MM 76
	Hon. Mem 312
Vote of Thanks	Bro. Thomas Cochran DOC, PM

Afterward, flowers and chocolates were presented to the bar and waiting staff who were all wives or partners of Brethren.

The whole celebration was a village effort. For example, local firm Clark & Drummond, provided the catering, and later the March 2000 minutes noted thanks to Bannockburn Bowling Club for the loan of tables.

The Committee arranged letters of thank to all who were involved. Bro. John McLeod Sneddon, RWPGM subsequently sent the Lodge a letter with his appreciation.

200th Rededication: 2 November 2024

As we go to press, the preparations for our 200th rededication are at an advanced stage. The minutes first mention of the 200th was 4 June 2010 when the Bro. Treasurer John A. Davidson PM proposed starting a 200th anniversary fund. By 2015 Bro. Davidson PM would be agreed as sole nominee for RWM. A decision that ultimately couldn't be fulfilled.

RWM Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM led from the front, supported by the Bro. Treasurer Clint W. Swan PM, Bro. David Stevenson IPM and has involved other Brethren as necessary. The whole event will take place in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling. Grand Lodge will conduct the rededication with the Immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. W. Ramsay McGhee in the Chair of King Solomon.

Up to 200 guests will attend with this Lodge history update being available. It's also likely that rededication guests will receive a memento. The Lodge has also commissioned a 200th commemorative tie in the Spirit of Bannockburn tartan to be worn at all FC degrees.

Here is the toast list:

The King	Brother Thomas J. Campbell PM, Master
The Craft	Brother Thomas J. Campbell PM, Master
The Grand Lodge of Scotland	Brother David Stevenson, Immediate Past Master
Reply	Brother W. Ramsay McGhee, Immediate Past Grand Master
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire	Brother Clint W. Swan PM, Depute Master
Reply	Brother Gordon W.S. Sewell, Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire
Future Health and Prosperity of Lodge Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312	Brother Andrew E. Goodwin, Past Master of Lodge Zetland No. 391
Reply	Brother Thomas J. Campbell PM, Master

Auld Lang Syne
National Anthem

The next history update in 2049, will have the conclusion of this event.

Lodge Charter

Copy of Charter Granted on First November 1824

Grand Lodge of Scotland

To all and Sundry to whose knowledge these presents shall come, Greeting in God Everlasting. Whereas, upon the First day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four, a Petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in name of Thomas Crawford, John Ferguson, William McAllister, John Wilson, James Dobbie, William Denovan, John Franks and others, Praying the said Grand Lodge to grant a Charter of Constitution and Erection, in the usual form, for holding a Lodge under the name and title of **The Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge** and Proposing the persons aftermentioned to be the first Office Bearers thereof; Viz., Thomas Crawford Master, John Ferguson Past Master, William McAllister Senior Warden, John Wilson Junior Warden, James Dobbie Treasurer, William Denovan Secretary, John Banks Steward, John McCulloch Auditor and David McQew Tyler. Which Petition, with the requisite Certificates therewith produced, having been duly considered in Grand Lodge assembled, they were pleased to ordain a Charter to be issued in the terms underwritten: Know ye therefore, that the Most Worshipful the GRAND MASTER MASON of SCOTLAND, and The Grand Lodge thereof have constituted, erected and appointed, likeas they hereby Constitute, erect and appoint the Master, Wardens and Brethren above named to be now, and in all time coming a true and regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons, under the name, stile and title of **The Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle Lodge** and Appoint and Ordain all regular Lodges to hold and respect them as such, Giving, granting, and committing to them, and those to be afterwards admitted members of the said Lodge, full power and authority to meet, assemble and convene as a regular Lodge; And to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, upon payment of such compositions, for the support of their Lodge, as they shall see convenient, but which compositions at their initiation shall not be under the sum of One Pound One Shilling sterling. And with power also annually to elect and choose Masters, Wardens, and other Office Bearers, recommending to the Brethren of the said Lodge to reverence and obey their Superiors in all things lawful, and honest, as becometh the honor and harmony of Masonry. And the said Brethren becoming bound, on no account to desert their own Lodge; Nor upon any pretext whatever to make any separate or Schismatical meetings, independent of the Master and Wardens for the time, Nor to introduce any other orders of Masonry than those sanctioned by the Grand Lodge; Nor to collect funds separate from the common stock of their Lodge to the prejudice of the Poor thereof; And declaring that the said Lodge and whole constituent members thereof, now and in all time coming, shall by accepting this present CHARTER, be bound in faithful allegiance to the said Grand Lodge as HEAD of the Masonic Body in SCOTLAND, and shall be obliged to obey and pay due regard to all Acts, Statutes, and Regulations of the said GRAND LODGE already made and enacted or hereafter to be made and enacted, for the utility, welfare, and prosperity of Masonry. And generally to pay and perform whatever is required from them for the support and dignity of the Grand Lodge; And particularly to account and pay into the funds of the Grand Lodge at least the

sum of Five Shillings Sterling, besides the usual fee of sixpence to the Grand Clerk for each Member initiated in their Lodge from and after the date hereof; which sums they shall cause to be annually remitted to the Grand Secretary at Edinburgh, and at the same time transmit to him a list of the names of the Members initiated, in order that the same may be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge; And The Brethren of said Lodge shall be bound to record in the Books of their Lodge (which Books they are hereby authorised and enjoined to keep), this present CHARTER, their own Regulations and byelaws, and minutes of their whole procedure from time to time, so that the same may be better known and more easily observed by the Brethren, Subject always, nevertheless, to the review and control of the Grand Lodge. And the said Brethren are hereby required to attend the whole general Meetings and Quarterly Communications of the GRAND LODGE by their Representatives, being their Master and Wardens for the time, or by lawful proxies in their names (provided such proxies be Master Masons of some established Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge), so that they, by their said representatives, may act and vote in the Grand Lodge, and be duly certiorated of the proceedings thereof. Declaring the said Lodge's precedency in the Grand Lodge to be from the date hereof; And for the more effectual preservation of these presents the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge. Given at the GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, held in Free Masons Hall, in the CITY of EDINBURGH, the First day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four. And of Light, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four; By the Grace of God and by His Majesty King George the Fourth of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King and Patron of the Ancient Order of St. Johns Masonry for Scotland; His Grace George William Duke of Argyle, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland; The Right Hon John Lord Viscount Glenorchy Grand Master Elect; William Inglis of Middleton Esq Substitute Grand Master; The Duke of Hamilton Past Grand Master; W. T. Campbell of Shawfield Esq Senior Grand Warden; William Gibson Craig Esq of Riccarton Junior Grand Warden; Sir John Hay Bart Grand Treasurer; And the Seal of the Grand Lodge is hereto appended by and in presence of, Alexander Lawrie Esquire R. W. Grand Secretary and James Bartram R. W. Grand Clerk.

Signed

<i>Argyle</i>	Grand Master
<i>Glenorchy</i>	Grand Master Elect
<i>William Inglis</i>	Substitute Grand Master
<i>William Craig</i>	Junior Grand Warden
<i>John Hay</i>	Grand Treasurer
<i>Alex Laurie</i>	Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland
<i>J. Bartram</i>	Clerk Grand Lodge of Scotland

Lodge Byelaws June 1825

We the Brethren of this Lodge bind and oblige ourselves by subscribing to the regulations under written, that we shall observe and fulfil all these Byelaws, Charges and Regulations with all and sundry others that may or shall be adopted at any other legal meeting of this Society in after times under the respective penalties after mentioned.

1st That the Lodge be always called and convened in a Brothers house if not called in their own Lodge Room.

2nd That the Lodge always be called by the Master if convenient, if not then by the principal Office Bearers if the Master be absent, at least four times every year and oftener if required.

3rd That these quarterly meetings be always held before the quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that proxies may be appointed and other things consulted that may be proper to be presented to the Grand Lodge.

4th The Master or any principal Office Bearer, as his proxy, may convene the Lodge upon any urgent occasion and all the Brethren are obliged to attend their summonses as though the Master himself were present.

5th That no Brother presume to enter the Lodge without the badge of the Craft and clothed in a proper manner.

6th That every Brother for the use of the Society and for prosecuting our laudable institution of Freemasonry and Charity towards our Brethren and every Brother who is a Member of our Lodge, shall pay to the treasurer for the time being the sum of one penny halfpenny upon the day of every quarterly meeting and if any shall neglect to pay by absence or otherwise at foresaid meeting he shall make good the deficiency the first time he appears in the Lodge.

7th That every Brother when in the Lodge behave in a decent and orderly manner and if any member so forget his respect to the Chair and Brethren, as to behave himself disorderly or contumaciously while in the Lodge he shall be twice admonished by the Master in a formed Lodge but if he persists to offend a third time he shall be punished as the Master shall think and the Lodge determine, always understanding that the delinquent shall be allowed to plead his own cause before the Lodge who are afterwards to judge the validity of his defence and to determine accordingly, but the brother under sentence is to have the liberty of carrying an appeal to the Grand Lodge. No member to be reproached with any fault for which he has been rebuked by the Master and Brethren, the member so doing shall pay a fine of Sixpence Sterling to the Treasurer for the behalf of the Society.

8th That no new member be admitted without being recommended by some Brother the meeting previous to his making, that the Brethren may have it in their power to consider whither the person proposed is qualified for becoming a member at which future meeting the consent of every member present is to be demanded by the Master in a formed Lodge, and given or refused by the prudent method of the Lodge by a vote. The candidate at his entrance is to promise that he will obey not only the general constitutions and regulations but likewise the Byelaws of the Lodge which are then to be read to him or them as testifying his or their approbation.

9th No candidate whatever to be admitted a member of this Lodge until the Treasurer declare to the Master when asked, that he has received from the candidate all the accustomed dues and holds himself satisfied therewith, and responsible to the Lodge, for such dues which are as follows:

Viz:

For an Entered Apprentice	11/-	Eleven shillings
Dues to the Grand Lodge	5/6d	Five Shillings and sixpence
To the Tyler	1/-	One shilling
Treating the Company	2/6d	Two shillings and sixpence
Passing Fellow Craft	2/6d	Two shillings and sixpence
Raising Master	7/6d	Seven shillings and sixpence
Matriculation in the Lodge	5/-	Five shillings

10th Every member when he has anything to propose to the Lodge shall direct his discourse to the Chair, and having obtained leave shall then proceed to inform the Lodge of his proposal. That no member of this Lodge shall be capable of bearing any office whatsoever in the Lodge, as long as he shall stand indebted to the Lodge for any sum whatsoever, but upon discharging the sum his privileges shall be restored to him as formerly.

11th That the Master as often as shall be convenient may appoint any member or members of the Lodge under his discretion to visit any neighbouring Lodge in order to preserve, cement and keep up that Brotherly understanding so conspicuous among Freemasons. That after the Lodge is formed and while it continues, a certain portion of time be spent in the instruction of the Royal art in a way not to be expressed in writing and if time permit.

12th At the meeting immediately preceding the feast of St. John, the Treasurer shall lay his accounts before the Lodge, and after examination have them approved and discharged accordingly and if upon such examination there shall happen to be in the Treasurers hands a Balance, he shall either instantly pay it or grant his Bill with Security therefore in terms of Law, payable on demand. That the said meeting for these and the like purposes be held upon the day immediately preceding the Grand Feast of St. John.

13th No member of this Lodge shall take upon them on any pretext whatever to make Masons without a special commission or power from the Master and Wardens of the Lodge. For that end, these being granted, the person or persons so deputed shall forthwith become responsible to the Lodge for the accustomed dues for the member or members admitted on the above warrant; that every member if absent from any quarterly meeting and in town shall be obliged to send a letter to the Chair or otherwise to present his excuse to the Lodge for non attendance; and should a committee member neglect his duty by absenting himself from any of the above stated quarterly meetings without a reasonable excuse being given and sustained by the Lodge and other committee members shall subject himself according to the office he holds to the following scale of penalties:

The R.W. Master for each offence the penalty of two shillings.

The R.W. Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, penalty of one shilling and sixpence.

Each of the stewards and any other of the committee members
in the penalty of one shilling.

At any committee meeting legally worked for the business of the Lodge each member of committee on absenting himself without a reasonable excuse given and sustained shall be subject to the penalty of one shilling and fourpence; and should any committee member be one half hour behind the hour of meeting at quarterly meetings or one quarter of one hour behind the hour of meeting at committee which are for quarterly meetings 6 O'Clock PM and for committee meetings 7 O'Clock PM he shall subject himself to such penalty as the Master and other members may determine upon; all which penalties must be paid upon conviction if convenient, if not by the next quarterly day under forfeiture of their membership.

14th That no brother shall go out of the Lodge after it is formed unless upon very urgent business and leave asked and obtained from the Chair. That every Brother shall submit himself to the determination of his Brethren in a formed Lodge with respect to all faults he may commit against the ancient and honourable Craft and Order of Free and Accepted Masons, without or within doors, at our solemn communications or at any other time or times that may be hurtful to the Lodge or good of the Craft in general.

15th That after serious business is over and the Lodge near being closed, which is always to be done at ten o' clock at farthest, the Master or one appointed by him, is to escort the Brethren to unity and concord, and to preserve the cement of the Lodge. Thereafter every Brother is requested to behave himself in an orderly manner going out of the Lodge and return his clothing in good order to the tyler if belonging to the Lodge and every Brother taking away any of the clothing shall pay a fine of one shilling sterling for each offence to the Treasurer for the good of the Lodge.

16th That every member of this Lodge shall provide for himself an apron or badge of the Craft which he has in his power to decorate or mount as he pleases at his own expense and such apron to be kept by himself and not given to the charge of the tyler, the spare clothing always to be for the use of visiting Brethren to this Lodge.

17th That all the present members shall subscribe these Byelaws and acknowledge them for the rule of their conduct as men and as Masons; and that every member entered and admitted hereafter into this Lodge shall in like manner subscribe the same at their admission; and lastly to this intent that all the members may know and understand the foregoing Byelaws and not pretend ignorance thereof the same are appointed to be read to the Lodge at every quarterly communication as well as the admission of every new member and to be by no means omitted under a fine of sixpence sterling from the Master to be paid to the Treasurer for the good of the Lodge and Society.

In testimony thereof this last page of the Byelaws wrote on this and the preceding pages is subscribed by us at Bannockburn the Eighth Day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Years and of light.

Epilogue

The Lodge's history cannot be registered for future generations of '312' Brethren without acknowledging the Master Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM. A man who actively shuns being singled out for praise, today's Brethren cannot fail to look to him as a model of the active freemason.

Since his time as Senior Steward in the 175th year, he has done every office and job within the Lodge from caretaker, through Social Club convenor to Lodge Secretary for over a decade. Even this doesn't tell the full story of the man who spends his waking hours sustaining and developing our Lodge. Much of it is seen such as chairing meetings, working behind the bar, organising events and special degrees. Still more is unseen from the weekly cash and carry runs, cleaning and maintenance to the encouragement of men, myself included, to consider freemasonry as a calling. And then support them in developing their masonic careers.

Yes, he has been honoured with a Distinguished Service Certificate but that doesn't fully cover his long-term impact on Bannockburn Bruce and Thistle No. 312. There was many a man, in researching this book, who would tell me that '312' may not have existed without his sterling efforts over some very challenging times since 1999.

It is no surprise that he is the only man, in recent times, to have had three individual years as RWM (during the first of which he worked away from home a lot, racking up thousands of miles to make meetings). It's perfectly fitting that he should have led us in this our 200th year.

Although he may not want to read it, this history book signs off with the words:

"The Brethren of '312' salute and thank you Bro. Thomas J. Campbell PM."

Bro. Derek A. Robertson
Senior Deacon

“Give the Brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant.

A Brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic..”

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt
26th US President