



The Lodge of Melrose St. John No. 1²

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Poor weather on a Bank Holiday caused a reduced number of visitors at the Installation of Bro. Philip J. Titley as RWM on 26th December for the second time in the Masonic Hall. Thirty five Brethren signed the visitors book coming from within and out with the Province including a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles Shires, headed by the RWPGM Bro. Alan J. Marshall. Bro. George Alexander PM (Lodge St. John, Selkirk, No. 32) and Bro. Duncan Taylor PM (1²) performed their duties as Installing Masters with dignity and professionalism and were assisted by Bro. R. R. Headridge (RWM of The Galashiels Lodge No. 262) as Installing Senior Warden, Bro. D. Jeffrey (RWM of Lodge St. Ronan's No. 856) as Installing Junior Warden and Bro. J. D. Pryde (RWM of Lodge Dalkeith Kilwinning No. 10) as Installing Inner Guard.

Approximately 30 Brethren braved the cold winter weather to participate in the 265th "Masons Walk". Accompanied by the Melrose Pipe Band, the acting Tyler, Bro. Jim Wilson, lead the procession to Melrose Abbey where, in the haunting night mist, Bro. Jock Blackie PM (Provincial Grand Secretary from The Galashiels Lodge No. 262) gave a well researched oration.

Over 30 Brethren enjoyed the hospitality of the RWM in the George and Abbotsford Hotel at the Festival of Holy St. John where a fine meal was served followed by the after dinner toasts.