



The Lodge of Melrose St. John No. 12

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Special Meeting

A Special Meeting was held in the Lodge on Saturday 21 March 2009. After the opening of the meeting 8 distinguished Brethren from within and out with the Province were presented to the RWM. The acting Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. Field IPM, then presented a deputation from Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 (Uddingston) from the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward headed on this occasion by Bro. David F. Shaw, RWM, from which a further 29 distinguished Brethren were presented to the RWM. A deputation of 3 Provincial Grand Masters, Bro. Allan J. Marshall, RWPGM, Province of Roxburgh, Peebles and Selkirk Shires, Bro George R. J. Donnelly, RWPGM, Province of East Lothian and Berwickshire, and Bro. James L. Jack, RWPGM, Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, along with 4 other distinguished Brethren were received into the Lodge and presented to the RWM making a total of 72 in attendance.

The RWM invited Bro. Shaw to occupy the chair, after which he requested that the Office Bearers of No. 12 vacate their stations in favour of the Office Bearers of Lodge St. Bryde No. 579 to allow them to demonstrate the working of a Second Degree.

The No. 12 Office Bearers having resumed their stations a collection was uplifted in the Lodge in aid of the Borders Palliative Care Unit at the Borders General Hospital in Melrose, this, together with proceeds of a raffle and a kind donation of £100 from Lodge St. Bryde totalled £600.

Bro. Philip Titley, RWM, presented a framed print of the "Old Lodge at Newstead" to Bro. David Shaw and in return Bro. Shaw presented Bro. Titley with an Entered Apprentice Apron which had been signed by every member of the deputation and an engraved set of Square and Compasses. Bro. James L. Jack, RWPGM, Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward presented Bro. Titley with a suitably inscribed Coat of Arms of the Province of Lanarkshire Middle Ward.



From Left To Right

Bro. George R. J. Donnelly, RWPGM, Province of East Lothian & Berwickshire.

Bro Philip. J. Titley, RWM, No 12.

Bro. Allan J. Marshall, RWPGM, Province of Roxburgh, Peebles & Selkirk Shires.

Bro. David F. Shaw, RWM, No. 579.

Bro. James L. Jack, RWPGM, Province of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward).



The Masters exchange gifts