

Lodge Colinton and Currie No 1029



Memorial Service 2020

The year the Corona Virus caused suffering and death to so many

As we are living through difficult times with the Corona Virus (Covid 19) infecting so many, it would be wrong if we at this time did not think of all that have died both in the UK and all over the world from this terrible virus.

In the UK at the time of preparing this memorial some 41,698 people have suffered and lost their lives while in Scotland there are 2,499 deaths. Worldwide it is reported that there are some 905,000 deaths.

We also particular remember those 190 people who lost their lives on the 4th of August 2020 in Beirut and trust that the 300,000 people who were left homeless are receiving sufficient assistance as will allow them to rebuild their future lives.

As many of you remember on the 8th of November 1922 there was unveiled within the Lodge a War Memorial. The Memorial was carefully executed and presented to the Lodge by Mr J Sidney Jarvie of the Schoolhouse Currie son of Bro. James Jarvie Secretary of the Lodge. The war Memorial was unveiled in respectfully and solemn ceremony by Bro. Sir John Hope Depute Provincial Grand Master of Midlothian.

Our memorial service started in 1922 and although this year because of restrictions in order to save lives we cannot open the Lodge to formally hold our service we should take a moment to think of our brethren who not only died in the First World War and are named on our Lodge Memorial but also to think and pray for those who lost their lives as a consequence of catching this virus.

Brethren of the Lodge who died in the Great Wars and are named on the Lodge Memorial.

- Bro. John Arnott Royal Scots
- Bro. William Bremner RH(Black Watch
- Bro. William Dea Royal Scots
- Bro. James Fairburn Canadian EF
- Bro. Ronald McDonald RE
- Bro. Alexander Murdoch HLI
- Bro. Norman Pirret MM RAMC
- Bro. Ernest Taylor HLI
- Bro. John Weir Royal Scots Royal Scot

We also remember those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above in Particular Bro James Gray Ferguson who joined our Lodge in 1931 a Life Member and who with his family emigrated to California USA. So impressed was he with our Lodge that his dying wish was that his remains be buried within the Lodge grounds. This was duly done and his ashes lie in the ground adjacent to the entrance to the Lodge.

We remember those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above since our last Memorial Service;

Bro., Milner Rennie PM Bro., Robert (Rab) Sutherland PM DSM
Bro., Findlay Elder MM Bro., Mathew Forrest PM
Bro., Jimmy Hogg PM Lodge St John Corstorphine No 788 & HM 1029

All of these brethren have devoted so much time and effort to make our Lodge successful and they will be missed.

Goodness and mercy all their life,
Shall surely follow them,
And in God's house for ever-more
Their dwelling-place shall be.

Why I wear a Poppy

**Why do I wear a poppy?
I'll tell you if I may,**

Because I believe remembrance is not only for one day.

I wear it for the fallen, And for those falling still
For those who come back broken in body or in will.

For the parents, spouses, siblings Where bereavement takes its toll.
Whose pain will never leave them, it eats into their soul

For the wino on the corner, Of his old life nothing's left
Now he wishes when in battle He had died a hero's death

For the lad who loved a kick-about In the park with all his mates,
Now his legs are held together With pins and metal plates

For the selfless men and women Whose final journey home
Is in a Union flag-draped coffin On comrades' shoulders borne

For all those marching proudly In Remembrance Day parades,

My poppy's worn in gratitude for the sacrifice they made

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



At our Lodge Memorial Service and during the ceremony held on Armistice Day led by Her Majesty the Queen and in the company of fellow members of the British Commonwealth of Nations we come together in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe to offer our Praise and thanksgiving

We pay tribute to our brethren in particular but also to those brave men and women who counted duty before life and who by their valour saved us in times of danger

Binyon's Lines

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We shall remember them

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

Brethren you may wish to bow your head in silent prayer in remembrance of all our brethren as well as all of those who have suffered as a result of this dreadful virus

PRAYER - Let us Pray

In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe Let us pledge ourselves anew to his service and to serve our fellow men that we may help, encourage and comfort others and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of all people in the World.

And may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe go with you all and Keep you Safe until we are able to meet again.

Mark Corbett RWM

Bob Phillips PM DSM