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Deputy Grand Master's New Year's Message

As we stand at the crossroads of yet another year, it is time to look back and assess the last. Has the light of Masonry grown brighter over this last year, or will next year be the one? Brethren, the light of Masonry is always present: present in your heart. Your foundation is being, or has been, laid in the Degrees. Now is the time for you to build your superstructure, perfect in all its parts and honourable to you, the builder.

Looking back, we saw the light of a new tomorrow coming from our Annual Communication only to find, thirty-two days later, our Grand Master MWBro Bob Drury had passed to the Grand Lodge above to sit at the right hand of the Great Architect. He left us his theme, *Keep the Pace*, and Brethren we have kept the pace and we have done him proud.

A star shone over the manger in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago to guide the wise men to the manger. So Grand Lodge shows its light over you to guide you and your Lodges to more light in Masonry. We

are watchful and patient, but it is your journey, your light, that will take us through the next year. Your Lodge and its officers set the tempos for success



RWBro John Hart, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-elect.

or failure of our fraternity. We need their vision, their goals of challenge and their achievements as we move toward the untried, ever bearing in mind what we have inherited from the past. Reach out and teach our fellow Brethren so they too may measure up to the tenets of the Brethren who first founded the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Brethren, now is the time and this is the place to become active and interested in your Lodge and this Fraternity. May the light that we share for this Fraternity be the judge of our worth, for your heart is your one true home. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide you through this time, and may your light so shine throughout the New Year.

Best Wishes for a happy and successful New Year from myself and my wife Marilyn. Your light has shone and shown me the road to fulfill the duties I assumed this year, for which I am truly thankful.

Happy Trails, my Brethren, until we meet again!

RWBro John Hart, DGM

New Year's Levee Update

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 Officers and Brethren decided at our last Business meeting to continue with the traditional New Year's Levee to be held at Freemasons' Hall in Edmonton on Tuesday, 1 January 2008 at 11 30 h. This Levee will be **in memory of MW Bro Bob Drury**. This has been communicated to his wife and she is in full agreement, along with the family, of continuing with the tradition, although this will be somewhat different from past years' celebrations. ***This will not be a memorial service but a tribute to MWBro Drury and his theme Keep the Pace.***

There will also be the usual receipts of donations from all the concordant bodies for the "We Can Help Program." A luncheon will follow in the Lower Hall afterwards.

The Modern Cowan

MWBro Floren L. Quick, PGM, Grand Lodge of Japan

In Scotland, the operative Mason knew cowans to be ignorant builders who put stones together without mortar. They piled rough fieldstones into a wall without hewing them true, or squaring them. They masqueraded as Masters, but they did not have the Word.

Now and again, today — fortunately not too often — we find a modern equivalent of the operative imposter. One such is the Mason who manages a place in an officer's line with little or no effect of his own to deserve it. With only that exertion that is necessary to maintain his place, he continues to advance in line until he receives the jewels and honours that he prizes so highly. But he does not know the Constitution, and he does not understand the traditions and dignity of the Craft. As a presiding officer, his vo-

cal ability is more noteworthy than his executive ability; and when his term is ended, he is seldom seen until another honour or prize appears to be within his grasp.

He is a contemporary builder who works without the benefit of the mortar of real enthusiasm or accomplishments. His structure is likened unto the rough stone wall, having little beauty of value. He is the cowan of modern speculative Masonry.

He is to be pitied, for he is a Masonic failure. His honours are shallow. Bringing no interest to his position, he received little of the satisfaction and respect that belong to the real Master.

Masonry has failed to reach him with a clear understanding of those marks
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Editorial

Looking Back

Living in this Grand (in many senses of the word) Jurisdiction, in times of relative affluence and comfort (in spite of uncertainties in the oil patch and the Canadian dollar) we often hear optimistically cheerful New Year's messages full of thanks for our many blessings and the hope, or perhaps assumption, that these will continue. Sometimes it is good to take a look back — to be reminded that "good times" were not always here. In January 1936, in the second issue of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, MWBro Melvin M. Downey, the Grand Master, wrote a New Year's Message that reflected times that had definitely not been good either for the Craft as a whole or for its members. All he could hope for was better times — he could not foresee the coming World War. Still, the message in his final paragraph applies as much today as it did more than seventy years ago.

In welcoming the Year 1936 we extend the wish to all members in this Jurisdiction, that you will have a Happy New Year, and in your daily walk "communicate happiness to

Cowan, from page 1.

of true devotion which she has to offer. He never knows the opportunities that the Craft makes available to those who diligently seek them. He misses the opportunities that the Craft makes available to strive for a just and worthy cause. He misses the opportunity for continuing fellowship and friendship. He misses the opportunity for loyalty and devotion. He misses the opportunity for development of his executive, intellectual and oratorical abilities. And most of all, he misses the opportunity for service — to God — to his community — and to his fellow man.

These are the jewels that Masonry has to offer, but in his quest for position and honours, the modern cowan misses them. Like the operative cowan, he does not have the Word.

others." While 1935 has, for many folk, been an uphill climb and the going far from pleasant, the difficulties encountered have, in the main, been met courageously. There have been gleams of sunshine that have caused most people to admit that it might have been worse.

As we review the events of the past twelve months, particularly when seen against the background of the half dozen years that preceded them, our hearts rejoice over the very real betterment of conditions, and we are looking to a speedy return to normal prosperity. With this statement we do not mean a return to the flush and balmy days of the early twenties;



MWBro Melvin Downey,
GM 1935-36

those days will not return except in the face of some national or world crisis — may Heaven forbid that. The lessons of adversity we are being taught are painful but they are thorough.

The year commences brightly and the officers are installed. No lodge is going to be bigger than the man at the head of it. The reason that some lodges are progressive

is because the Master is full of energy with a desire to do something; while the Master in other lodges is simply marking time until his year of office shall close. I trust that the year will be full of opportunities for service to each member.

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Mighty Peace's Golf Classic

The Mighty Peace District "raised the bar" for this year's Higher Education Bursary Fund Charity Golf Classic at Pipestone Golf Course outside of Grande Prairie. More than 70 businesses and community organizations donated cash and prizes, but the highlight was two major cash prizes, offered through ING Insurance, of \$25,000 and \$50,000 for holes-in-one on two specific holes. Over 120 golfers from as far away as Calgary took part, but the big winner was 12-year-old Parker Ljuden, who collected \$50,000 with an ace on the fourth hole. Even better, in addition to his prize money he received another \$10,000 to be donated to a charity of his choice and he chose the Higher Education Bursary Fund. This gave the fund a total of \$12,157.50 for the day.

The hole-in-one generated much publicity, and was covered not only by local television, radio, and newspapers but also by the provincial media.

Parker had barely played golf before

the event, and the hole-in-one was as much a surprise to him as to anyone else. Cheques were presented to Parker and to the Higher Education Bursary Fund at the District's Annual Meeting.

Deputy Grand Master's Itinerary

January

- 12 Perfection Lodge No. 9, Installation of Officers & Banquet; Calgary Freemasons' Hall; 13 00 h
- 19 Al Azhar Shrine Annual Meeting; Carriage House Hotel, Calgary; 09 00 h; & Banquet; 17 00 h
- 23 Crescent Lodge No. 87 Burns Dinner & Ladies Night; Danish Canadian Club, Calgary; 18 00 h
- 26 Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Joint Degree/Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; Medicine Hat Masonic Hall; 13 00 h; Burns Dinner, Medicine Hat Lodge (Hotel); 18 00 h
- 28 Beacon Lodge No. 160, Burns Dinner & Lodge, Red Deer Masonic Hall; Dinner 17 00 h; Lodge 19 30 h

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St. John the Evangelist, Patron Saint

Phillip G. "Phil" Elam, Grand Orator (1999–2000)

Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri

Freemasonry, evolving from the trade guilds of the Middle Ages, and like every other trade guild, adopted one or more Patron Saints to represent their guild. Remember, that even though these may have been deeply religious men, they were also highly superstitious as were most people living in that day and age — hence, their need to rely on Saints and other supernatural benefactors for aid and assistance.

Both tradition and our lectures tell us that, originally, all Masonic Lodges were consecrated to the Great Architect of the Universe, and dedicated to King Solomon as the mythical founder of Craft Masonry, and its first Grand Master.

Legend also holds that from the building of the First Temple at Jerusalem, to the Babylonian Captivity, Masonic Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon; from that point until to the coming of the Great Teacher, they were dedicated to Zerubbabel, the builder of the Second Temple. From the time of the Carpenter from Nazareth to the final destruction of the Temple by Titus, Lodges were dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

However, because of the many massacres and disorders which attended the final destruction of the Temple, Freemasonry sank into decay, and at a general meeting of the Craft, held in the city of Benjamin, it was decided that the principal reason for the decline of Masonry was due to the lack of a Grand Master to patronize it.

Masonic leaders of the day then deputed seven of their most eminent members to call upon St. John the Evangelist, who was at that time Bishop of Ephesus, requesting him to take the office of Grand Master. He responded that,

although he was well advanced in years (being upward of ninety) yet, having been in the early part of his life initiated into Masonry, he would accept the office. He, therefore, completed by his learning, what St. John the Baptist had

completed by his zeal, and thus drew what Freemasons term "parallel lines." Since that time, Masonic Lodges in the United States have been dedicated to the Holy Saints John.

Most of this is, of course, pure myth, regardless of how logical it might sound.

Lodges in the United States are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Thus, in every well-regulated Lodge, there is exhibited a certain point within a circle bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines representing these two Saints. In English Lodges, the parallel lines are said to represent Moses and Solomon. The United Grand Lodge of England adopted this change in 1812 to eliminate any charge of sectarianism.

The origin of this custom is not difficult to trace, and it is widely believed that it stems forth from the Ancient Mysteries of pagan nations.

In the Operative Masonry of the ancients, these days were celebrated as returning eras in the existence of the great source of light, and the object of their worship. Our ancient Brethren adopted the custom, while abandoning the idolatrous principles that were connected with these dates, and confining their celebrations exclusively to their astronomical importance. But as time passed, Christianity came

to mingle its rays with the light of Masonry, and our Christian ancestors, finding that the church had appropriated two days near these solstice periods to the memory of two eminent saints, incorporated these festivals in the Masonic calendar, and adopted the Holy Saints John as patrons of our Order.

Although there are references to the Holy Saints John in various Lodges centuries ago, Masonic historians generally believe that only when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed in England in 1717 were Freemasons found to hold

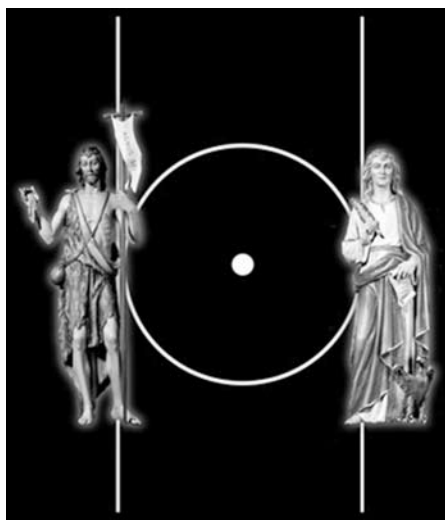


St John the Evangelist by Donatello (1386–1466) produced in 1410–11 in marble, now in the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Florence.

festival meetings on either or both June 24th and December 27th.

And, while those 18th century Brethren might have reflected on mankind's past practices, there are probably few Freemasons today who reflect on primitive man's observances of a special day in winter and another in mid-summer. Those ancients had special reason to be happy. They had fire on the year's shortest day, and they were thankful for the benefits of the sun on the longest day of the year.

One Masonic scholar noted that, "Saint John the Baptist was the original Saint of Freemasonry and when a candidate was raised, he underwent a Masonic Baptism. This act was common in the operative Lodges before Speculative Lodges were formed." He wrote, "As the years passed there was discussion on this practice of a heated nature. Many Masons claimed it was an imitation of the Christian sacrament, and because of their ignorance, that part of the ritual was struck out for all time. However, had they known the true origin and antiquity of purification by water, they would have realized that the act of baptism was in



existence long before John the Baptist or Christianity.”

Later he wrote, “With the dropping of the ceremonies of baptism in Masonry the symbolism of the White Apron was born and part of the Masonic baptism was transferred to the Apron. At this time, Saint John the Evangelist was also added as being symbolic of the ‘brotherhood of man.’

“Thus,” he concludes, “Saint John the Evangelist was the Patron Saint of the fellowship and brotherly love, while John the Baptist was the Patron Saint of a newly raised Master Mason, symbolic of not just a new member, but a new Brother dedicating himself to God and the Fraternity.”

We know that John the Evangelist was one of the Great Teacher’s 12 original disciples. He was also known as St. John the Divine, St. John the Theologian, St. John of Charity, and St. John the Apostle, and he first became a disciple of John the Baptist, and then of Jesus of Nazareth, who made him an Apostle. He was the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, who together were known as the “sons of thunder.” He came to be called the “beloved disciple,” and he was the only one of the Twelve that did not forsake the Great Teacher at the hour of His death. It was there that the Great Teacher made him the guardian of His Mother.

His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor, and later became the Patron Saint of Asia Minor. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died about the year 101 AD. The “beloved disciple” died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a beautiful Muslim mosque.

But St. John is also linked to the Winter Solstice, the time of year in the northern hemisphere when the noon sun appears to be farthest south, is the day when there is less actual sunlight than on any other day of the year. The Winter Solstice occurs around December 21st, and marks the beginning of the winter season in the northern hemisphere.

In his old age, when unable to do more, he was carried into the assembly of the Church at Ephesus, and his sole exhortation was, “Little children, love one another.” When asked by his parishioners for another lesson, he remarked that if they practiced this

simple commandment that was enough.

In Christian art, the Evangelist is represented holding a chalice from which issues a dragon, as he is supposed to have been given poison, which did him no harm. Also, as an Evangelist, his symbol is an eagle.

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27th. Any Lodge that forgets these important Masonic observances forfeits a precious link with the past, and loses an important opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry that is symbolized by our Patron Saints.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic Lodge records’ reference to St. John the Evangelist in Edinborough in 1599, although earlier mentions are made, such as “The Fraternity of St. John” that existed in Cologne in 1430.

“St. John’s Masonry” is a distinctive term for Scotch Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. In its early records, the Lodge of Scion and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the Saint on the east wall of the Lodge room.

St. John the Evangelist is recognized the world over as the apostle of love and light, the bringer of comfort to the grief-stricken, courage to the weak, help to the helpless, and strength to the falling.

The question, “From whence come you?” and the answer, “From a Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem,” has puzzled many Masonic scholars.

There is certainly no historical evidence that either of the two Saints were ever members of the Craft. But, as they were adopted as Patron Saints, there came the idea of a sacred Lodge in the Holy City, presided over by the Saints John. No such Lodge ever existed in reality, and yet it is not entirely fiction.



St John the Evangelist 1595–1604, Oil on canvas by El Greco (1541–1614), Museo del Prado, Madrid

It is simply an ideal, and without such ideals our lives would, indeed, be dim and drab. The basis of the question and answer, then, is that we come from an ideal or Dream Lodge into this actual work-a-day world, where our ideals are to be tested daily.

When we stop to consider that each of the Carpenter from Nazareth’s 12 original apostles carried a slightly different message to the world, and all were martyred, with the single exception of the Evangelist and his simple message of Brotherly Love, should we accept that as an omen or sign of what the Great Architect of the Universe really wanted mankind to know, understand and practice? Is the importance of that message so strong that it has served as the very footstone of Freemasonry for all of these countless centuries?

Each Freemason must find his own answer to those important questions — but in your search for answers, Brethren, remember the Worshipful Master’s benediction at the closing of every Masonic Lodge:

“May Brotherly Love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.”

That sounds very much like a message that St. John the Evangelist would impart to our Masonic Brethren.

Freemasonry: What Have We Got to Offer?

Freemasonry is the oldest and grandest fraternity in existence. So why do so many of us believe that we have nothing to offer?

Perhaps, our keynote speaker, Christopher Hodapp, can provide some answers and spark discussion on many others. Chris joined the fraternity because he saw something here that didn't exist elsewhere. Its light is a beacon. Chris says:

We, sadly, are surrounded by a society of increasingly cold indifference and isolation, populated by people who have become too afraid or busy or selfish or skeptical or bored to even leave their houses and simply find out the names of their next door neighbors. Yet, Freemasonry survives. It teaches and celebrates commitment, honor, tradition, integrity, truth, responsibility — words and ideas that have fallen out of fashion and become foreign concepts to far too many people in this world. When you assist in the learning and passing of Masonic ritual, you become another link in a long, honourable and ancient chain. This very nation's heritage is populated by Masons who infused the foundations of America with the

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intrinsic fundamentals and philosophies they learned from Freemasonry. (<http://members.aol.com/brlodge/whymasons.html>)

Workshop Chairman, Bruce Zawalsky, says: "We are the grand fraternity, having over 500 years of history, an ancient oral tradition, and our moral geometry."

Join us as we explore both what we have to offer men of today and why we should extol our ancient fraternity. Check out our agenda and register online at www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca

U.S. House of Representatives Resolution

On 5 January 2007 Representative Paul Gillmor (R— Ohio), a member of Oliver H. Perry Lodge No. 341 under the Grand Lodge of Ohio, introduced the following resolution on Freemasons in the U.S. House of Representatives that was then referred to the *Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*. This was the third consecutive session of Congress at which this resolution had been introduced, and it joined the ranks of dozens of other congratulatory resolutions forwarded each Session to the Committee, only to be cleared from the books at the end of the Session.

Recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honouring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

Whereas Freemasons, whose long lineage extends back to before the Nation's founding, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of this great Nation and signers of the Constitution, most of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of the United States;

Whereas members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of care-giving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards; and

Whereas Freemasons have always revered and celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, as dedicated to their patron saints: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, *That the House of Representatives recognizes the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honours them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.*

Unfortunately, Bro Gillmor passed away in September 2007, so the resolution will become just one more entry in the Congressional record. Its sentiments, though, are worth remembering (even if the reference to St John's day is not explained). A memorial service was held for Bro Gillmor in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium, at which his wife referred to his love for the Fraternity.

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Your DDGMs 2007–2008

Athabasca District

RWBro W.W. (Bill) Lowrie Jr. was born May 1940 in Flin Flon, Manitoba. He has been actively involved in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry for 50 years, 30 of these as a self-employed heating and air conditioning contractor, and is now semi-retired from Weathermakers 2006. He and Joan, his wife of 43 years, as well as their son, daughter, and grandson all live in the St. Albert area.



Our Brother was initiated into Balmoral Lodge No. 185 in April 1966 — the second of three generations to belong to that Lodge — and was its Worshipful Master in 1977. He is also a member of Al Shamal Shrine's Oriental Band, and has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 30 years.

Battle River District

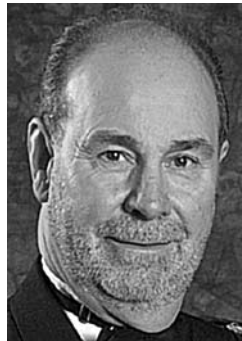
RWBro S. Larry Snyder was born 17 August 1940 in Edgerton. He is married to Carol, and farms in the Edgerton area.



Our Brother was Initiated, Passed and Raised in 1966. He is a member of Edgerton Lodge No. 102 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1970.

Yellowhead District

RWBro Donald John Slade was born in Amersham, England (35 miles north of London), on 17 February 1949. He enlisted in the British Army, served for 17 years, and was awarded the Northern Ireland Service Medal. Prior to completing his engagement in the British Military, he qualified for his degree in Chiropody (the study and medical treatment of disorders of the foot) from Anglia Ruskin University and completed his internship with Gillingham Health Authority. After that he had a successful private practise in South East London.



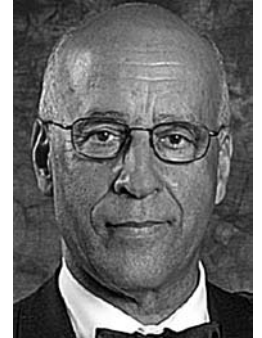
John has been married to Barbara for nine years. They live in Edmonton and have 5 grandchildren. He is a member of "The Alberta St. George of England Society," serving as its Treasurer for the past 15 years. He is also a member and Treasurer of the "Royal Commonwealth Society" and in his spare time he volunteers with the "Symphony Under the Sky" and "Shakespeare in the Park." In 2005, he was a recipient of the "Alberta Centenary Medal."

Our Brother began his Masonic career in London when he applied to join Lodge of Unity No. 183, completing his degrees in 1987. On emigrating to Canada in 1990 he joined Baseline Lodge in Spruce Grove and was its Worshipful Master in

1994–1995. He is currently a member of Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167. On completion of his year as Master of Baseline Lodge, he commenced working with Edmonton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and has been Chapter Advisor, Chairman of the Advisory Council, Northern Deputy, and Executive Officer for Alberta under Canadian Supreme Council. He was awarded Honorary Legion of Honour in May 2003 and is currently the President of DeMolay Canada. He is a member of Areme Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star, and is currently serving as the Worthy Patron for the third time.

Beaverhills District

RWBro Rupert Morris Locker was born 2 April 1936 on the island of Montserrat (a British overseas territory in the Caribbean Sea).



He served with the British Army's Royal Corps of Signals (7th Armoured Brigade and 207 Signal Squadron), then worked for the Ministry of Defence Test Engineers Department in the UK as an electrician, electrical technician, and electronics technician for 19 years. He finished his working career at the University of Alberta, spending 21 years in the Electrical/Computer Test Engineering Department as an electronics technician and teaching labs. Morris lives in Edmonton with his wife Cecile in Edmonton. They have one son, who is a Canadian Army Reservist in Signals.

Our Brother was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Eastgate Lodge No. 192 in 1989 and served as Worshipful Master in 1997.

Robert Burns

Christened Robert Burness, the celebrated Scottish poet was born 25 January 1759 in Alloway, near Ayr. His poetry is known around the world and he is known to Freemasons as the Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No.2. Childhood rheumatic fever led to a gradual deterioration until his death on 21 July 1796 at age 37.

Masonic Song

(1786) Tune: "Over the water to Charlie".

Ye sons of old Killie, assembled by Willie,
To follow the noble vocation;
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such another
To sit in that honoured station.
I've little to say, but only to pray,
As praying's the ton of your fashion;
A prayer from thee Muse you well may excuse
'Tis seldom her favourite passion.

Ye powers who preside o'er the wind, and the tide,
Who marked each element's border;
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose sovereign statute is order:-
Within this dear mansion, may wayward Contention
Or withered Envy ne'er enter;
May secrecy round be the mystical bound,
And brotherly Love be the centre!