

'MacBride ritual' Lodges visit to Rome, Italy

by Bro. W.E. McArthur PM 1361, 26 May 2018

Lodges which use the MacBride ritual have been meeting with each other since 2013, each Lodge taking a turn to host the meeting and perform a degree.

2013, 07th May, Lodge Progress No.873 degree by Lodge Leven St.John

2014, 03rd May, Lodge Leven St John No.170

2015, 06th June, Lodge Dalhousie No.679

2016, 21st May. Lodge Burnside No.1361 attended by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland Charles I. R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont



Past Depute Grand Master Archie McGown (PM 1361)

2017, 18th Sept. Lodge St Patrick No.1309

And in **2018**, 19th May, it was the turn of Lodge Andrew MacBride 237, in Rome, Italy.

*Eight Lodges worldwide use the MacBride ritual and six lodges were represented in Rome [The two exceptions were St.Patrick & Ailsa]

The 8 lodges who confer the MacBride Ritual worldwide are :

Lodge Leven St John No.170 - Bro. Andrew S MacBride's mother lodge

Lodge Dalhousie No.679 - Bro. Andrew S MacBride's affiliate lodge

Lodge Progress No.873

Lodge St Patrick No.1309

Lodge Burnside No.1361

Lodge HLI The Royal Highland Fusiliers No 1459

Lodge Ailsa No.1172, Singapore.

Lodge Andrew MacBride No.237, Rome

*(Footnote: [there is a new Lodge started in Melbourne Australia](#))

[Consecrated in Melbourne on 19th May 2018 that will be using the MacBride Ritual: Lodge The Earl of Dunmore No.1686. The RWM is The Rt Hon 12th Earl of Dunmore, Malcolm Kenneth Murray, who lives in Devonport Tasmania](#)

We were delighted to travel to Rome from Scotland to attend the meeting and it was interesting to see Lodge No.237 wear the MacBride tartan, wear their apron as per the Scottish tradition and enter the Lodge to the sound of Scottish bagpipes playing 'Scotland the Brave'.

Our Scottish deputation of 18 including 4 Reigning masters was headed by Burnside's RWM Keith Walton and we were warmly welcomed into the temple to the stirring sounds of bagpipes.



Grand Lodge of Scotland was represented by our own Bro.Jim Turnbull PM, Lodge Burnside and Bro.John McLeish PM, Lodge Dalhousie. The Italian Provincial Grand Master was also in attendance. The Lodge conferred an entered apprentice degree in Italian on a new candidate with one or two moments explained in English.

The special meeting was held in the grounds of the Villa Massenzio and the ancient grotto of Domus San Sebastiano from time of Caesar, was expertly turned into an atmospheric Lodge temple, it was a real wow factor!



Harmony banquet with the Italian brethren and their wives was in the palatial grounds and consisted of a five course banquet with wine.



As the evening came to an end our resident penny whistle player, Bro.Will.McArthur PM, gave the brethren a rendition of Burns "ye banks and braes". Then got the brethren to form a circle and played the whistle for Auld Lang Syne which the Italian brethren eagerly participated in.

The next MacBride get together in 2019 will be at Lodge HLI 1459, date-to be confirmed.