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**Lodge Canongate Kilwinning**

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R.W.M.

## LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS FOR SESSION 1934-35.

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*Depute Master .. .. .	J. H. M'LELLAN.
*Substitute Master .. .. .	JOHN A. C. HENDERSON.
*Senior Warden .. .. .	WILLIAM K. FLETCHER.
*Junior Warden .. .. .	ERNEST E. PARKER.
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Junior Deacon .. .. .	DONALD M'DONALD.
Architect .. .. .	J. A. M'WILLIAM.
Jeweller .. .. .	JAMES SUTHERLAND.
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Director of Ceremonies .. .. .	CHARLES WOOD.
Assistant Director of Ceremonies .. .. .	ROBERT M. BELL.
Librarian .. .. .	FRANK CLARK BUDGE.
First Banner Bearer .. .. .	J. K. LOCKHART.
Second Banner Bearer .. .. .	H. J. HAYHOE.
Marshal (Deacon) .. .. .	W. B. SANDERSON.
Sword Bearer .. .. .	PETER W. NOBLE.
Director of Music .. .. .	JOHN GROUNDWATER.
Assistant Director of Music .. .. .	ALEX. F. BUCHAN.
Organist .. .. .	H. KINNIBURGH ROBERTSON, M.B. BAC.,
Inner Guard .. .. .	W. J. KING GILMEL. [Hon. R.C.M.]
Tyler .. .. .	Bro. RICHARD J. WALKER.

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### COMMITTEE.

1. Past Masters.
2. The first eight Office-Bearers *ex officio*, as marked with an asterisk.
3. Nine Members elected by the Lodge, three of whom retire annually—

Bro. G. W. C. LAIDLAW.	Bro. J. W. BERTRAM.
FRANK MURRAY.	CHARLES WOOD.
ROBERT M. BELL.	J. A. M'WILLIAM.
ANDREW WHYTE.	D. M'DONALD.

Bro. WILSON M. ROBERTSON.

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BROS. ROBERT A. H. MORTON and W. D. LAWSON.

### Committee of Inquiry.

The R.W.M., I.P.M., Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer *ex officio*, with Bros. JOHN H. HAYHOE, JOHN KIPPEN, J. H. M'LELLAN, JOHN A. C. HENDERSON, ANDREW WHYTE, and R. M. ROBERTSON.

### Trustees for St John's Tenandries.

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„ R. M. ROBERTSON,	.. .. .	Lodge Representative.

# Installation Ceremony

## Order of Service

### Installing Master

Bro. JOHN H. HAYHOE, *Past Master of the Lodge*

1. THE LODGE WILL BE RESUMED AND THE WORK OPENED.
2. THE SECRETARY WILL READ THE MINUTE OF ELECTION.
3. THE R. W. MASTER WILL BE PRESENTED ON HIS RE-ELECTION.
4. THE R.W. MASTER WILL ASSENT TO THE ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS.
5. OBLIGATION *de fidei administratione officii*.
6. CHORAL SANCTION . . . . . Tune, "French."

I to the hills will lift mine eyes,  
From whence doth come mine aid.  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
Who heaven and earth hath made.  
Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will  
He slumber that thee keeps.  
Behold, He that keeps Israel,  
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

7. INSTALLATION BY BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.
8. PROCLAMATION AND SALUTATION OF MASTER IN THE VARIOUS DEGREES.
9. PRESENTATION OF CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, ETC.
10. INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICE-BEARERS.
11. THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL INSTALLING MASTER WILL ADDRESS

THE R.W. MASTER.  
THE WORSHIPFUL WARDENS.  
THE REMANENT OFFICE-BEARERS AND  
BRETHREN.

12. HYMN . . . . . Tune, "Tallis's Canon."  
 We thank Thee, Father; let Thy grace  
 Our loving circle still embrace;  
 Thy mercy shed its heavenly store;  
 Thy peace be with us evermore. AMEN.
13. THE WORK WILL BE CLOSED, AND THE LODGE WILL BE  
 ADJOURNED IN DUE AND ANTIENT FORM.
14. HARMONY.  
 (After the Work has been closed and the Lodge adjourned,  
 a Procession of Office-Bearers, headed by the R.W.  
 Master, will be formed to the Refectory. The  
 remanent Brethren will follow.)

### Toast List

1. "The King and the Craft" . . . . . R.W.M.
2. "The Imperial Forces" . . . . . R.W.M.
3. "The Grand Lodge of Scotland" . . . . . R.W.M.  
*Reply*—R. W. Bro. JAS. S. WATERSTON, *Past Substitute Grand Master.*  
 (Collection for Grand Lodge Annular and Orphan Funds.)
4. "The Installing Master" . . . . . R.W.M.  
*Reply*—Bro. JOHN H. HAYHOE, P.M.
5. "The Past Masters" Bro. JOHN H. M'LELLAN, D.M.  
*Reply*—Bro. ALLAN McNEIL, P.M.
6. "Visiting Brethren" Bro. ERNEST E. PARKER, W.J.W.  
*Reply*—R.W.M. LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S  
 CHAPEL), No. 1.
7. "The Depute and Substitute Masters and  
 Remanent Office-Bearers" Bro. JOHN KIPPEN, P.M.  
*Reply*—Bro. JOHN A. C. HENDERSON, S.M.
8. "The Right Worshipful Master" Bro. W. MARTIN  
 HOBKIRK, I.P.M.  
*Reply*—R.W.M.
9. "Artistes and Stewards" . . . . . Bro. HENRY LESSELS.  
*Replies* { Bro. J. GROUNDWATER, *Director of Music.*  
 ,, WILSON M. ROBERTSON, *President of Stewards.*
10. "Tyler's Toast"

# Historical Sketch

of

## Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2

"To her ranks has come such a phalanx of the great and good in every field of human activity, as might well make her the envy of the proudest sister in the land. Her brightest names are not hers alone, but Scotland's; and among them are many that posterity will not willingly let die."

BI-CENTENARY MEMORIAL

ST JOHN'S CHAPEL is of great antiquarian interest as the home of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and is probably the oldest Masonic Chapel in the World.

The traditions of Canongate Kilwinning, as an operative body, begin with the building of Holyrood Abbey and Palace, when, by Royal Warrant, skilled builders and craftsmen were brought from all parts of the country to assist in the work. The Abbey was founded by King David I. in 1128 for the Canons Regular of St Augustine, and dedicated to the Holy Rood or Cross brought to Scotland by his mother, the pious Margaret. The Cross was called the Black Rood of Scotland. The Lodge was practically identified with the religious foundation of the Abbey, till the growing Burgh of Canongate outside the walls of Edinburgh became of sufficient importance, amid the religious struggles of the 16th and 17th centuries, to confer rights of freedom of trade apart from the protection of the Church. The trade societies of the Burgh never owed any allegiance to Edinburgh, and the somewhat arrogant attempts made by the trades of the latter to exercise control in the Canongate invariably led to indignant repudiation.

The Canongate Masons, however, while dating their corporate privileges from King David's charter to the Canons of Holyrood and the constitution of the Burgh of Canongate, and being entirely separate from and independent of Edinburgh, identified themselves with the general body of Freemasons in Scotland in 1677, five years after the Parish Church was transferred from the Abbey. In that year they accepted a warrant from Mother Kilwinning, which—as the Head, though in influence only the second, Lodge in the Kingdom—was at the time exercising the functions of Grand Lodge. Mother Kilwinning had a traditional connection, similar to that of Canongate, with the skilled ecclesiastical builders and architects of the time.

Like several other Lodges in England and Scotland, and owing to the incompleteness or absence of documentary evidence of earlier existence, our precedence thus runs conventionally from a much later date, 1677, than the real inception of the Lodge

warrants. In respect of its constitution at so early a date as a purely speculative Lodge, independent of and uncontrolled by any trade organisation or incorporation, it takes rank as one of the very oldest of existing Lodges. It is one of the few which cannot, and does not, produce to candidates or anyone else any "charter or warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge of Scotland." Indeed, the initiative in forming Grand Lodge was taken by Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and one of its members, William St Clair of Rosslyn, became first Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

The Lodge holds its Annual Festival on St John the Baptist's Day corresponding with the Summer Solstice, and its bright red clothing and apt motto both pointedly refer to the dawn of day in the East and ancient Sun Worship. As the Sun never sets but to rise again, so, according to the oldest forms at every Communication, the work is closed, but the Lodge is never closed—only adjourned.

The Lodge preserves the ancient Scottish arrangement of the interior, having the Master's and Wardens' Chairs at the three points of a triangle, the Master's Chair forming the apex. This is the correct and most ancient arrangement of a Scottish Lodge, corresponding with the so-called Higher Degrees, and also with the Continental Masonic systems, but differing from the English and American systems.

During recent years the Lodge premises have been greatly enlarged and improved, increasing the size of the Refectory, as well as adding a large museum between the Chapel itself and the new St John Street frontage, designed to harmonise with the older part of the building. Subsequent extensions have included the old theatre on the east side of Old Playhouse Close, and the town house of the Earls of Wemyss in St John Street.

The old entrance to the Lodge by St John's Close can now be used at any time. It gives access to the Refectory Kitchen and to an arched vault in the basement. On the middle flat, to which access is obtained by a turreted staircase, is the Old Kitchen of the Tenandries. The pillars on either side of the door between the Old Kitchen and the Secretary's room are from the old Council Chambers in Leith. The fireplace now disclosed was formerly covered by masonry and partitions.

The Lodge possesses an interesting Museum, containing many unique articles connected with the Craft. The organ in the Chapel is probably the oldest in use in Scotland, and the only existing one on which the songs of Burns were played in his presence.

The Roll of Members includes the names of men famous in history, literature, law, medicine, and other spheres—men who have helped to make our Country and Empire.

## The Poets-Laureate of the Lodge

- 1787 Robert Burns (*Caledonia's Bard*).  
1835 James Hogg (*The Ettrick Shepherd*).  
1836 William Hay (*The Lintie o' Moray*).  
1842 E. W. Lane, M.D.  
1846 Francis Nicoll.  
1850 James Marshall.  
1851 N. J. Mansabuis.  
1853 William Pringle.  
1860 Anthony O'Neal Haye (*Author of "Poemata." Editor of the "Scottish Freemason Magazine"*).  
1872 Captain Lawrence Archer.  
1879 Bryan Charles Waller, M.D., of Masongill.  
1880 Andrew Stevenson, M.A. (*Author of "The Laureate Wreath," &c.*).  
1887 Charles H. Mackay.  
1890 Wallace Bruce (*Author of "The Old Organ," &c.*).  
1897 Charles Martin Hardie, R.S.A.  
1899 Alexander Anderson (*Starface*).  
1902 T. N. Hepburn (*Gabriel Setoun*).  
1905 Rudyard Kipling.  
1909 Stewart Home.  
1918 Joseph Inglis, W.S., P.M.  
1920 T. S. Mun, M.A., P.M.  
1922 Allan M. Neil, M.A., P.M.  
1923 John B. Peden, P.M.  
1926 Dr J. C. Stewart.

One of the most interesting features of the Lodge is the office of Poet-Laureate and more especially the connection of the Lodge with Robert Burns, on whom the title was first conferred.

Burns was entered Apprentice on 4th July 1781 in Lodge St David's, Tarbolton, Ayrshire (about a month after the two Lodges St David's and St James in that town had been united). He was then in his 23rd year, and from that date until his death he was a most enthusiastic member of the Craft, paying regular attendance at, and identifying himself with, the Lodges in every place where he happened to be for the time.

On the reconstruction of Lodge St James, about a year after his initiation, he identified himself with that section, and in 1784 was elected Depute Master of St James. The meetings were, at



the time, held in a public-house, which is now in ruins, scarcely anything but the bare walls standing.

Burns often presided over the Lodge, a fact to which he refers in his poems.

He was an affiliated member of Lodge St Andrew, Dumfries, No. 179. The mallet and an apron of that Lodge used in his time are in possession of Grand Lodge. It is not Burns' own private apron.

He was affiliated in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning on 1st February 1787, and was elected and installed Poet-Laureate of that Lodge on 1st March 1787. The Lodge, containing, as it did, the élite of the bright and learned of Edinburgh Society and some of the foremost spirits in Scottish life of the time, welcomed Burns with whole-hearted enthusiasm, and the enthusiasm found tangible expression, not only at meetings, but also in supporting and assisting the preparation of the first Edinburgh edition of his works.

The fact of the inauguration of Burns as Poet-Laureate was, some time ago, finally and judicially established after an elaborate and exhaustive inquiry by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which possesses the well-known historic painting representing the scene, painted by Bro. Stewart Watson, and presented to Grand Lodge by Dr James Burness, the distinguished Indian traveller and administrator, and a distant relative of Burns through his ancestry in Kincardineshire, from which Burns' father migrated to Ayrshire.

James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, who was the next Poet-Laureate, was installed in office in 1835. A special meeting of the Lodge was held at the Cleikum Inn, St Ronan's, Innerleithen, when he was initiated into the Craft, and sang to the assembled Brethren his own song—'When the Kye comes home.'

The names of Alexander Anderson (*Surfaceman*), Wallace Bruce, T. N. Hepburn (*Gabriel Setoun*), and Rudyard Kipling appear in later years.

# List of Masters

of

## Lodge Canongate Kilwinning

Elected

- JOHN ANDERSON, Merchant.
- 1733—THOMAS TROTTER, Merchant.
- 1735—GEORGE FRAZER, Depute Auditor of Excise.
- 1737—JOHN DOUGLAS, Surgeon.
- 1748—ANDREW HAY of Mugdrum.
- 1750—JOHN DOUGLAS, Surgeon (*Second time*).
- 1752—GEORGE FRAZER (*Second time*).
- 1754—JOHN LUMSDAINE of Stravithy.
- 1757—DAVID ROSS of Inverchasley, Advocate.
- 1758—WALTER STEUART of Steuarthall, Advocate.
- 1760—ALEXANDER DRUMMOND, late H.M. Consul at Aleppo.
- 1762—GEORGE FRAZER (*Third time*).
- 1764—GEO. DRUMMOND, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.
- 1766—ANDREW ALISON, Merchant.
- 1769—Dr JAMES LIND of Gorgie.
- 1771—ALEXANDER ORME, W.S.
- 1773—JAMES BOSWELL of Auchinleck, Advocate.
- 1776—SIMON FRASER, Advocate.
- 1778—Dr NATHANIEL SPENS.
- 1780—Hon. HENRY ERSKINE, Advocate.
- 1781—Dr THOMAS HAY.
- 1784—ALEXANDER FERLUSON of Craigdarroch.
- 1787—LORD TORPHICLEN.
- 1788—WILLIAM DUNBAR, W.S.
- 1790—Sir HENRY JARDINE.
- 1792—Dr THOMAS COLDRANE.
- 1793—Dr WILLIAM FARQUHARSON.
- 1795—ROBERT MOIR, W.S.
- 1796—HUGH SMITH MERCER, W.S.
- 1801—ALEXANDER JAFFRAY, Advocate.
- 1804—ROBERT MOIR, W.S. (*Second time*).
- 1806—JOHN LAWSON, W.S.
- 1813—ALEXANDER JAFFRAY (*Second time*).
- 1814—GEORGE SIMSON, Writer.
- 1815—GEORGE BURNET, Advocate.
- 1819—ALEXANDER LAMBE ROBERTSON, W.S.
- 1830—ALEXANDER M'NEIL, Advocate.
- 1838—HENRY JARDINE, Advocate.
- 1839—WILLIAM EDMONDSTONE AYTOUN, Advocate, Professor  
of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres.
- 1841—JAMES BLAIR of Glenfoot.
- 1842—ARCHIBALD SMITH, Advocate.

Elected

- 1843—SAMUEL SOMERVILLE of Ampherlaw, M.D.  
1845—ARCHIBALD DAVID CAMPBELL.  
1850—ARCHIBALD CUTHIL MOWBRAY.  
1853—WILLIAM NATHANIEL FRASER of Tornaveen.  
1856—THOMAS DRYBROUGH.  
1860—ALEXANDER LAMBE ROBERTSON, W.S. (*Second time*).  
1862—WILLIAM G. HENRY, Merchant.  
1864—The EARL OF STRATHMORE.  
1865—WILLIAM N. FRASER of Tornaveen (*Second time*).  
1867—Sir GEORGE MELVILLE, K.C.M.G.  
1868—THOMAS ALEXANDER HILL.  
1870—JOHN W. BARRIE.  
1872—JOHANN SCHOPP.  
1877—JOHN MIDDLETON, M.D.  
1879—LOUIS SPANIER.  
1880—BRYAN CHARLES WALLER, M.D.  
1882—DAVID S. LOWSON, M.A.  
1883—ALLAN MACKENZIE.  
1887—JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.  
1890—P. W. GRAY.  
1891—GEO. CRAWFORD.  
1894—ROBERT BATHGATE.  
1897—WILLIAM ELLIOT.  
1899—H. H. FUCHS, B.A.  
1900—JAMES ROSE BURGESS, B.A.  
1902—W. L. HAMILTON.  
1903—ALFRED A. ARNETHNOT MURRAY, LL.B., W.S.  
1904—JOSEPH INGLE, W.S.  
1906—GEORGE N. LANGLANDS, R.S.W.  
1907—JAMES RUSSELL.  
1909—WILLIAM WERR.  
1911—DAVID GREYAN POLE, S.S.C.  
1912—THOMAS SCOTT MUIR, M.A.  
1914—JAMES SIMP WATERSTON, J.P.  
1916—ALLAN McNEIL, M.A., S.S.C., Lecturer on Banking in  
the University of Edinburgh.  
1919—JOHN B. PEDEN, C.A.  
1921—JOHN CARRICK.  
1925—JAMES P. DUNN.  
1926—JAMES SLOAN.  
1928—JAMES DORWARD.  
1929—JOHN H. HAYHOE.  
1931—JOHN KIPPEN, M.A.  
1932—W. MARTIN HOBKIRK, Hon. R.C.M.  
1933—W. KING GILLIES, M.A., LL.D.