

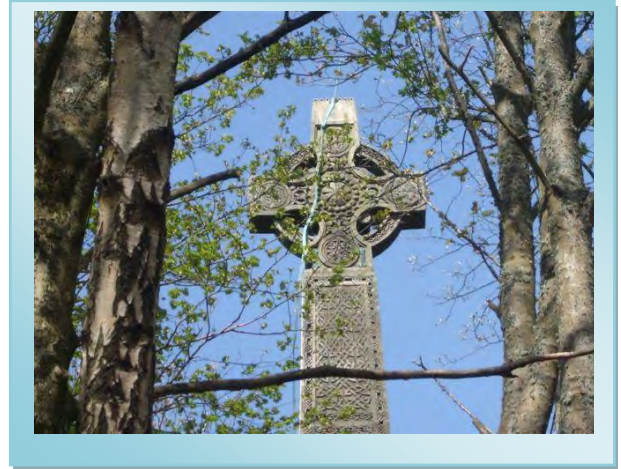


The Operative Mason Lodge of Dundee No. 47

Memorial to the Duke of Athole, Logirait

10th August 1865

On which day was laid with full Masonic honours by the Most Worshipful John Whyte Melville, Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the foundation stone of a memorial to the late Duke of Athole M.W.G. M. at Logierait near Dunkeld.



Notwithstanding the extremely unpleasant state of the weather a large number of Dundee brethren left to attend this most interesting ceremony by the 8 a.m. train. A special train which left Perth about 10.30 a.m. conveyed the members of the Grand Lodge and deputations of the daughter Lodges to Ballinluig station close to the scene of the days' ceremony. On arriving there the procession was at once formed by the Grand Marshalls and in the following order proceeded to the site of the memorial headed by music.

No.	Lodge	Number Present
419	Neptune, Glasgow	3
408	Clyde, Glasgow	5
400	Dunearn, Burntisland	25
392	Caledonian, Edinburgh	9
384	Athole, Kirkintilloch	3
349	St Clair, Edinburgh	6
339	St Mary Caledonian Operative, Inverness	9
333	St George, Glasgow	3
317	Camperdown, Dundee	10
309	Lour, Forfar	20
299	Panmure, Arbroath	20
291	Celtic, Edinburgh	6
254	Caledonian, Dundee	3
225	Forfar & Kincardine, Dundee	5
223	Trafalgar, Leith	6
204	St Paul's, Ayr	4
160	Roman Eagle, Edinburgh	4
158	Thistle Operative, Dundee	5
152	Operative, Dunkeld	25
151	Edinburgh Defensive Band	7
134	Robertsons, Cromarty	6
122	Royal Arch, Perth	12
121	St Cyre, Auchtermuchty	6
106	Lindores, Newburgh	3
105	St John Operative, Coupar Angus	10
90	Forfar Kilwinning	14
85	Kirknewton and Ratho	13
78	St David, Dundee	16
74	St Andrew, Perth	23



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72	St John, Kirkcaldy	34
69	St John, Alloa	3
66	St Ninian, Brechin	7
50	St John, Inverary	3
49	Ancient, Dundee	20
47	Operative, Dundee	7
46	St John, Auchterarder	8
40	St Thomas, Arbroath	7
21	Old St John, Lanark	6
14	St John, Dunkeld	30
10	Dalkeith, Kilwinning	4
9	Dunblane	3
8	Edinburgh Journeyman	25
5	Cannongate & Leith	14
3	Scone & Perth	70
1	Edinburgh Mary's Chapel	8
	The Grand Lodge of Scotland	

The foundation stone was laid with all the ancient observances peculiar to the craft and the brethren were addressed by the Grand Master and the Earl of Mansfield. By the kindness of the Duchess Dowager the brethren were afterwards entertained to a sumptuous repast. The Dundee brethren reached home about 8.30 p.m.

Ceremony
Of
Laying the Foundation Stone
Of a memorial
To
His Grace the late Duke of Athole K.T. &c
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland
At Logierait, near Dunkeld. 10th Aug 1865

The following condensed account of this interesting ceremony continued from page 266 may at a future time be of some interest to the brethren.

The procession proceeded across the newly formed railway bridge to the site of the monument and on the front of the procession reaching this spot the whole opened up and allowed the Grand Master and Grand Lodge preceded by the pipers playing the Athole march to pass up to the platform followed by the Lodges in seniority. Silence having been obtained the Rev Mr Wilson of Dunkeld acting Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer. A glass vase containing coins, newspapers and Grand Lodge reporters and a list of subscribers to the monument was then placed in the cavity. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then in due Masonic manner laid the stone over which was to be reared a monument to testify to future generations the esteem in which the sixth Duke of Athole was held. The Grand Master addressing the brethren announced the completion of the work and thanked the deputations for their attendance, to the great distance from which many had come, despite the inclemency of the weather and particularly thanking the the R.W.M. and deputation from Cromarty. The Earl of Mansfield then on behalf of the subscribers thanked the Grand Master and brethren. Three cheers were then given for the Grand Master.

The brethren then proceeded to Logierait Schoolhouse where by the kindness of the Duchess Dowager they were provided with a sumptuous luncheon. The Earl of Mansfield was in the chair



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supported by the Grand Master, Sir Alex Gibson Maitland, Sir Alex Gordon Cumming, Lord Strathallan, .. Drummond Esquire of Megginch, Mr A Lawrie esquire, Grand Secretary &c &c.

The memorial will take the form of a Celtic Cross fifty two feet in height remarkable for simplicity and beauty. It will be erected on a massive pedestal the four sides of which will be ornamented with bronze plates , two representing highland sports, one having an English inscription and the fourth a Gaelic. The site is on the Gallows Hill at the junction of the Tummel with the Tay and the spot on which stood an ancient stronghold of Robert III remains of which were still visible.

After luncheon the brthren left Ballinluig passed Birnam's woody heights and the grey Cathedral of Dunkeld and after a short stay in Perth reached Dundee at 8.30.p.m.

