

Press Release

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMASONS' HALL

The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland will this weekend celebrate a double anniversary. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was founded on 30th November 1736 (Saint Andrew's Day) by Scottish Lodges who desired to have a 'head office' and so was born one of Scotland's oldest institutions. But that is not the whole story for Freemasonry has been in recorded existence since 1598 and probably came into being during the 15th century.

In April 1911 the foundation stone of the present Freemasons' Hall was laid with great fanfare and was widely reported in the press at the time.

By a quirk of history these two anniversaries coincide this year and so Scottish Freemasons from all over the world will gather in Edinburgh to attend a variety of special events commencing with a Dinner Dance on Friday, 8th April and a Rededication Ceremony on Saturday followed by a lunch reception at Murrayfield Stadium.

As part of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Murrayfield function will include a presentation to the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) to mark a milestone of £500,000 which has been raised for CHAS by Scottish Freemasons since the charity began in 1992.

A Multifaith Service of Thanksgiving will also be held at Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street on Sunday 10th April, at 11.00 am, to which all members of the public are welcome.

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