GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE - 10 DECEMBER 2019 REPORT FROM THE LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Our numbers continue to grow as individual Burgesses (not the Committee) identify those who are contributing to our city and the community (outwith their occupation) and (rightly so) are nominated for admission (for life) as a Burgess of Guild.

Principally at the request of Senior Councillors the Burgesses are to be involved with and indeed at the heart of a somewhat titled 'Legacy Programme' to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the gift to the city of the Lands of Stocket by Robert the Bruce in December 1319. The aim is to organise a year-long programme to reach throughout the city. Personally I hope that a long-term suggestion of mine may come to fruition, this is that there should be a plaque at the statue of King Robert at Marischal to explain its significance (my point is that there will be many who will be unaware).

The 700th programme will also major on the March Stones and their historical significance.

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