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Grand Master's Address - Belfast, 3rd October

The day after the June Grand Lodge Communication the Grand Secretary and I travelled to Belgrade for the European Grand Masters' Conference, where it was great to see so many Constitutions represented, forty-seven in all. Particularly for myself, as the new kid on the block I was able to meet many of my counterparts

for the first time. A week later we had the great pleasure of attending the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught and received the usual warm welcome and hospitality. We also visited the Provincial Grand Lodge of Meath and Installed R.W.Bro. Russell Waller as the new P.G.M., which was a wonderful occasion. In between we went to Amsterdam for the Installation of the Grand Master of the Netherlands. who for a long time has been a staunch friend of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

In July I was honoured to represent the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the annual memorial ceremony for those who died in the Two World Wars and other conflicts throughout the world and was privileged to lay a wreath in memory of those Brethren who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Also, during July I attempted to take some time off but the Deputy, the Assistant, the Grand Secretary and myself met as usual to deal with the usual routine matters, and it is at this point I wish to pay tribute and thank the R.W.Brethren, Rodney, Leslie and Barry for their commitment and continuing support. We have had discussions about the ongoing Music Competition, the Teddies for Loving Care Programme and many other routine matters. (As you all probably know, Barry and I attended a wonderful concert

last night at Stormont, in support of TLC, and I wish to thank everybody involved).

Towards the end of August I was present (as indeed were most of the staff of the Hall) at the performance by Gary Beecher from Cork, the winner of last year's Music

Dublin, which was also broadcast live and at which Masonry was congratulated for its support for this Competition.

Competition, in the National Concert Hall in

A few days later I attended the Golf Classic at Killymoon in Cookstown run by R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson and his wife Pauline, which to date has raised over £100,000 for Masonic and Non Masonic Charities.Well done Noel!

So now, we have reached September when I had the great enjoyment of attending the TLC Distributors conference. This really was a great event in achieving two things. Firstly, and in my view, most importantly - to say thank you to those who willingly give of their time to support this most worthy cause. A true demonstration to the public at large

of Masonry contributing to Society. Secondly - to receive feedback from the distributors to find out how, if necessary, the scheme might be improved. I must say some very interesting thoughts and marketing strategies were expressed. On your behalf I wish to say a big THANK YOU to the committees both North and South and the distributors who play a very important part but also to you Brethren for your continuing excellent support for this enterprise. It is a great undertaking and advertisement for our Order.

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The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year Competition 2015

Grand Master's Address at the Final on Saturday 10th October 2015

Councillor Boud representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen

Thar cheann Lóiste Mhór na hÉireann cuireann sé áthas ó chroí orm fáilte a chur romhaibh anseo.

Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh taitneamh as na giotaí ceoil a sheinn na hiomaitheoirí dúinn anocht.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland it is a great pleasure to welcome you here. I hope you have enjoyed the performances given by our finalists.

It is really superb to see Freemasons Hall so full this evening and – indeed – full with so many people whom, over the past six years of the Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year, have become, if I dare say it, friends!

Over the years, a large number of people who are essential to the smooth running of the competition have also become friends, and we owe them a great deal.

Our Patrons for a start. Jane Carty who wears three hats, as Patron, Artistic Director, and Chairman of the Jury, is a tower of strength, and a huge part of the success of the Competition is undoubtedly down to her. Similarly the experience and skills of Eamonn Lawlor (especially in the professional presentation he brings every year to the performances), and of Dearbhla Collins, and our own John Rowden are, and always have been, vital to our success, and we are very grateful for their continued patronage.

Our Finalists this evening are waiting patiently to hear their fate, and that fate is in the hands of our international Jury, under the chairmanship of Jane. Every year I marvel how these highly skilled musicians who form the Jury manage to adjudicate the performances. Apart from the indisputable fact that every performance is of a very high concert standard, they also have to adjudicate between a very disparate range of musical instruments. This year, amongst others for instance, between the vast power of a pipe organ in full flood, and the gentle tones of a guitar.



Every year I am very very glad that it isn't down to me to make the decisions which they have to make, as I know that they spend a great deal of time, discussion and consideration in coming to a result. So I very particularly want to express our appreciation to our Jury, Veronica McSwiney from Ireland, Natalia Gabunia from Georgia, Holger Bleck from Austria, Paolo Grazzi from Italy, and Seamus Crimmins, who has been kind enough to become our 'permanent member' for all of the six years. Ladies and gentlemen, will you please join me in thanking our Jury under the chairmanship of Jane Carty.

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year is supported by RTÉ lyric fm, and we are so appreciative of that support. Apart from the media help we receive from them, our Final is recorded and broadcast as the Lyric Concert (this year it will be broadcast on Wednesday November 18th at 8.00p.m.), and our winner each year is awarded a concerto at the National Concert Hall, accompanied by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, which is also broadcast live by RTÉ lyric fm.

This is very important to our winners. Gary Beecher was recently interviewed by the Sunday Business Post and described it (these are his own words) as "...a sensational experience. I was with that great orchestra playing my heart

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RESULTS 2015					
lst	Miriam Kaczor	(RIAM)	Flute		
2nd	Billy O'Brien	(RIAM)	Piano		
3rd	Yseult Cooper Stockdale	(CSM, Cork)	Cello		
4th	Richard Thomas	(RIAM)	Violin		
Joseph Brennan Prize	Jordan Bagot	(CSM, Cork)	Piano		
John Vallery Prize	Yseult Cooper Stockdale	(CSM, Cork)	Cello		

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- I R.W.Bro. Richard Ensor (Chairman EGLI) & Mrs Ensor
- 2 Annie Bidot; Gary Beecher; Rose Beecher & Gary Beecher (Snr)
- 3 Heather Stitt & R.W.Bro. S Gordon Leathem BEM
- 4 Richard Thomas; Billy O'Brien; Jordan Bagot; Miriam Kaczor & Yseult Cooper Stockdale
- 5 Grand Master; Miriam Kaczor Winner 2015

- 6 R.W.Bro. Brian Bradshaw & R.W.Bro. Bernard Woods
- 7 Grand Master & Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud (representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin)
- 8 Shane McDowell; Gail Henry; Paul Herriott & Aideen Gormley all RTÉ lyric fm
- 9 Grand Master & Jane Carty Patron, Jury Chairman & Artistic Director

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out - It's a memory I shall never forget"

For all this support we are beholden to many at RTÉ lyric, but especially, Anthony Long, the General Manager of the Concert Orchestra, Gail Henry, Music Producer for RTÉ lyric fm, and Paul Herriott the presenter of the 'Lyric Concert'. Thank you all so much.

Having mentioned Gary Beecher, I can't let the moment pass without thanking him for playing for us this evening whilst the Jury were deliberating......with a certain amount of schadenfreude I can tell the Jury that you missed a great performance!! I especially enjoyed the change of mood at the end with the Gershwin!Gary we are all grateful to you.

There are three groups of people without whom there would simply be no Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year competition.

Firstly, our Music colleges awarding degrees in music performance who each year have supported us by going to a great deal of trouble and heart-searching to select from their students the performers who will be entered by them as semi-finalists.

Given the enormous pool of talent they have available to them this must be a most unenviable and difficult task, not dissimilar to the task faced by our Jury. Their enthusiastic participation is essential and we have received it wholeheartedly. Thank you so much. So I would like you ladies and gentlemen, to join me in acknowledging this support.

The next essential group is, of course our competitors each year. My daughter at one time contemplated a career as a pianist, and entered competitions, and both my wife and I know very well the intense preparation and stress involved in perfecting the performance to be given. We have been treated to thirteen superb performances over the last few days, and have enjoyed them immensely. A great deal of work went into them. Let's show our appreciation to all our competitors both at the Semi-Finals and here at the Final.

Finally the third essential group, which may not be so obvious, and I imagine that would be exactly as they like it.

Those of our own people who work in the background organising this competition every year. Whilst the competition is sponsored by Grand Lodge, we provide the money not the work! There is an Operations Management team who coordinate everything, and they are essentially assisted by the staff of Freemasons' Hall here, and many volunteers from amongst our Membership. It takes many months to arrange everything, and I know they are all perfectionists who attempt to produce organisational perfection as best they can, and they work very hard indeed to try to achieve their slogan of 'a hundred minutes of

magic' which is the secret of any concert. So I hope you will join with me in acknowledging the essential contribution they make.

Freemasons do not actively seek publicity, but this reticence has in the past led to a complete misinterpretation of our aims.

We are, and always have been, ordinary people, who are part of the Community in which we live and work, and we seek to assist that community wherever we can.

Over the past decade both of my predecessors as Grand Master, Eric Waller and George Dunlop set out to consolidate that position, and initiate projects which are perhaps, more visible to the general public than our other efforts which tend to happen quietly in the background, (in establishing the Medical Research Fund for example, and substantial support to many Charities).

Amongst all the various initiatives, there are two projects which I am particularly happy to have inherited.

The TLC or 'Teddies for loving care' sponsorship is supported by Freemasons all over Ireland and provides Teddy Bears to hospital Emergency rooms all over the island of Ireland. These are given by the nursing staff to children being treated in A&E as an attempt to calm their fears and help them to relax. It has been a great success, and so far nearly 70,000 of these Teddy Bears have been distributed. You will see a display about it at the Reception after this Final.

Then there is the 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year'. I can't help a small satisfied smile when I see that this is invariably described in the media nowadays as 'prestigious'. It is only so, of course, because of the very high standard of our competitors who participate, and the equally high professional standard of the Jury who adjudicate the Competition. However, we certainly appreciate being able to bask in a little reflected glory!

In talking to our winners it was good to hear that they consider that the title of 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year' has been of some considerable help to them in progressing. That is what we have been aiming for.

We always keep in touch with them, and it's also very pleasant to see that they make the effort to come back every year to join us here at the Final wearing their winner's collarettes. Macdara, Alex, and Gary it's nice to see you here.

There are two missing: Julian Pusca, our 2012 winner, who is tonight performing in Dublin, but is represented here by his wife, Anastasia.... and Alexander Bernstein, our winner in 2011, who is tonight competing in the Verona International Piano Competition in Italy, so can't be here, but sent us a message wishing everybody well.

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It is a huge satisfaction to us at Grand Lodge to be able to contribute something to the furtherance of the careers of young people who will, hopefully, go on to international fame, having benefited from the excellent tuition they received at their colleges here in Ireland.

Music and Freemasonry have always been close companions. Everyone knows about Mozart as a Freemason, who was

helped in his early stages by his Lodge in Vienna. You never know, one of our Competitors may eventually be as famous as Wolfie. That will really be a feather in our cap!

Our 2016 competition will be here, in Freemasons Hall, on Thursday October 6th, and the Final on Saturday October 8th. I hope to see you there, and thank you again for supporting us, and the four Finalists, this evening.

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2016



Presented by: EAMONN LAWLOR

Patrons: Jane Carty Dearbhla Collins Eamonn Lawlor John Rowden

Supported by:

RTE lyric fm

Freemasons' Hall 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2 Semi-finals

Thursday October 6th

Final & Prize-giving by The Grand Master Saturday, October 8th

Sunday Business Post

The reputation of the Competition now is second to none - - "it is the highest accolade available to young musicians in Ireland today"

The semi-finalists, selected by Music Colleges from the cream of their students throughout Ireland, compete before an International Jury to win the title of 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2016'. Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

Tickets on Sale September 1st.

Tickets: Semi-finals $\[\in \]$ 10 (All Day Admission)
Final $\[\in \]$ 20 available from the Porter's Lodge at Freemasons'
Hall. Tickets may also be available at the door on the night but this is not guaranteed as accommodation is limited.

Advance Booking is definitely recommended

[Please Note: It is with much regret, this function is NOT suitable for children under 12 years of age]

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GM of Ireland visits the Duke of Leinster Lodge



On Monday 26th October an auspicious occasion occurred in Irish Freemasonry in Australia. The Grand Master of Ireland M.W.Bro. Douglas Grey and the Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. Barry Lyons made an historic visit to the Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 363 I.C. in Adelaide. This visit marks the first time in 26 years that the Grand Master of Ireland has visited the Duke of Leinster Lodge, the last time being in 1989.

A special meeting of the Lodge was held to receive the Grand Master and on this occasion a Second Degree ceremony was worked. The candidate, Bro. Michael McCarthy was passed to the Second Degree in a ceremony that was flawless in its delivery and a pleasure to witness. The meeting was well attended by the Brethren of the Duke of Leinster Lodge together with Brethren and some very distinguished guests from the South Australia and Northern Territory constitution, with no less than three Past Grand Masters in attendance, namely M.W. Hon. Bro. Sir Eric Neal, M.W.Bro. Rob Casson, M.W.Bro. Graham Bollenhagen. There were about 55 Brethren in attendance.

After the meeting all retired to the festive board where the Brethren honoured toasts appropriate to the occasion.

The W.M. of the Duke of Leinster Lodge, W.Bro. Phil Creer made a presentation of a Lodge tie and lapel pin to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to commemorate the occasion and the G.M. of Ireland reciprocated the gift

with a presentation of a Lodge tie from his Mother Lodge back in Ireland which is also – coincidentally - called Leinster Lodge (No. 141).

The Grand Master of Ireland M.W.Bro. Douglas Grey in his address remarked on how proud they were of the Duke of Leinster Lodge in Adelaide and how unique it is in regards to it being the only Lodge working under the Irish constitution in Australia, having obtained a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1855, an unbroken period of 160 years of Irish Freemasonry in South Australia. He also remarked on the good fraternal relations enjoyed with the South Australian and Northern Territory constitution and the determination of its members in keeping the Lodge in good stead over all those years a half a world away from its Grand Lodge in Ireland. The night was a very memorable one and enjoyed by all present.

The following day on Tuesday 27th October, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Ireland had a private tour of Adelaide Oval, a short tour and lunch at the Art Gallery of South Australia, following that they met with the Grand Master M.W.Bro. Stephen Michalak and the CEO R.W.Bro. Peter Symonds of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory, followed by a short tour of Freemasons' Hall. Finally en route to the airport, they were taken to Light's Vision at Montefiore Hill for a final view of the city, thus closing an eventful 30 hour visit to Adelaide.

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Long & Distinguished Service

The Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognise the valued contribution of the Brethren listed below for their devoted and distinguished service to The Order and the honour they have bestowed upon their Lodges and Brethren.

Name	Years	Lodge No.	Province
V.W.Bro. Daniel Douglas	70	Headford Masonic Lodge No. 244	Meath
W.Bro. William McMaw	70	Harmonie Masonic Lodge No. 282	Antrim
V.W.Bro. Robert T. McCullough	65	Harmonie Masonic Lodge No. 282	Antrim
Bro. Hugh Carson	65	Belfast Volunteers Masonic Lodge No. 439	Antrim
W.Bro. Leslie Jefferson	65	Invictus Masonic Lodge No. 536	Antrim
W.Bro. James McCaughern	60	Star Masonic Lodge No. 16	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro.William J McClure	60	Star Masonic Lodge No. 16	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Dickson	60	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph Weatherup	60	Harmonie Masonic Lodge No. 282	Antrim
W.Bro. William J. Wallace	60	Harmonie Masonic Lodge No. 282	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel N. Bowers	60	Harmonie Masonic Lodge No. 282	Antrim
W.Bro. Edward J. Magee	60	Crossgar Masonic Lodge No. 379	Down
W.Bro. Arthur Cairns	60	Civitas Masonic Lodge No. 483	Down
W.Bro. Stanley West	60 60	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 513	Antrim
W.Bro. William R.T. McVeigh	60	Star of Bethlehem Masonic Lodge No. 665	Antrim Antrim
W.Bro. George Wilson	60	Star of Bethlehem Masonic Lodge No. 665 Cloughfern Masonic Lodge No.845	Antrim
W.Bro. George Topping W.Bro. William C. Jellie	60	Farmers' Masonic Lodge No. 1000	Down
W.Bro. Ronald S. Shellard	50	St. Finn Barre's Masonic Lodge No. 8	Munster
Bro. William M. Nagle	50	St. Finn Barre's Masonic Lodge No. 8	Munster
Bro. John McClenaghan	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 23	Down
W.Bro. Felix Meban	50	Glenarm Masonic Lodge No. 45	Antrim
Bro. Lionel S. Stuart	50	Meredith Whitla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
W.Bro. James L. Rosborough	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 63	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. George Sayers	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 102	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Brian M. Crothers	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 106	Antrim
Bro. Brian Silcock	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 106	Antrim
Bro. William W. McCullough	50	Morning Star Masonic Lodge No. 193	Down
W.Bro. John Cooke	50	Industry Masonic Lodge No. 240	Down
W.Bro. Ğeorge Baker	50	Moyarget Masonic Lodge No. 280	Antrim
W.Bro. James T. Edmonds	50	Dundonald Masonic Lodge No. 303	Down
W.Bro. Robert J. Gamble	50	Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 309	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Albert W. Graham	50	Groomsport Masonic Lodge No. 337	Down
W.Bro. Ivor Cranston	50	Crossgar Masonic Lodge No. 379	Down
W.Bro. Stanley Johnston	50	Crossgar Masonic Lodge No. 379	Down
Bro. Gawn Hutton	50	Crossgar Masonic Lodge No. 379	Down
Bro. Harold Alldritt	50	Crossgar Masonic Lodge No. 379	Down
Bro. Donald W.J. Quail	50	Minerva Masonic Lodge No. 389	Antrim
W.Bro. Stanley Carrigan	50	Minerva Masonic Lodge No. 389	Antrim
W.Bro. John S.Traill	50	Minerva Masonic Lodge No. 389	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph H. O'Connor	50	Sharman Crawford Masonic Lodge No. 403	Down
Bro. Joseph M. Chambers	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Samuel J. Byres	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. David Thompson	50 50	Portgelnone Masonic Lodge No. 450	Antrim
W.Bro. James Humphreys	50	Westland Masonic Lodge No. 461	Antrim Down
W.Bro. Arthur J. Robb W.Bro. Norman Graham	50	Dundrum Masonic Lodge No. 488 Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 513	Antrim
W.Bro. John M. Gettinby	50	Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No. 514	Antrim
W.Bro. John B. Dunlop	50	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 531	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. lan McD. Bruce	50	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 531	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Maxwell McClean	50	True Blues Masonic Lodge No. 606	Down
W.Bro. James McA. Kerr	50	Friendly Brothers Masonic Loge No. 609	Antrim
W.Bro. Norman V.P. Robins	50	Molesworth Masonic Lodge No. 611	Metropolitan Area
W.Bro. Brian Wilson	50	Ensor Masonic Lodge No. 625	Armagh
W.Bro. Hugh McKeag	50	Scrabo Masonic Lodge No. 714	Down
W.Bro. Thomas A. Harper	50	Cavehill Masonic Lodge No. 751	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph G. Clydesdale	50	Polytechnic Masonic Lodge No. 756	Down
W.Bro. Stanley R. Coulter	50	Polytechnic Masonic Lodge No. 756	Down
W.Bro. Robert Ferguson	50	Woodland Masonic Lodge No. 803	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert C. Renwick	50	Gilliland Masonic Lodge No. 824	Antrim

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Grand Master's Millennium Golf Competition reaches £100,000 for Masonic and Non Masonic Charities

The 16th Annual Grand Master's Millennium Cup competition organised by the Freemasons of Ireland Golfing Society was held at the Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown on Friday 28th August 2015. This year was a milestone in the history of the Competition as it exceeded £100,000 raised for Charity since it began in the year 2000.

"British Heart Foundation" and "Cancer Care for Children" Benefits from this Years' Competition

Once again, this popular competition continues to attract Masons, Non-Masons and Ladies from all over Ireland, Scotland, England.

The weather was excellent for golf, and with the magnificent array of prizes to the value of £5,000, 142 competitors took advantage of the ideal conditions and returned some remarkable scores.

The Chairman of the Golf Committee, V.W.Bro. Leslie Graham welcomed everyone to Killymoon and thanked them for their continued support. He made special welcome to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Masters and Officers from the Northern Provinces together with their Partners.

There were eighteen (18) main golf prizes of Cavan Crystal valued in excess of £1,500.

The overall winner was Will Gault, of Lodge No. 178 (Masonic Province of Antrim), with 40 Stableford points.

The team prize was won by John Irons and Andrew Robinson representing Lodge No. 598 in the Province of Antrim with a combined score of 71. (See table for other Prize Winners)

Ladies prizes were won by Adelaide Orr, Diana McClelland and Heather Henning

Non-Mason's prizes were won by Ian Gaston, Brian Tierney, and Nigel Woodward.



L-R R.W.Bro. Maurie Lee, R.W.Bro Richard Gray, Grand Master



L-R R.W.Bro. Maurie Lee, Mr Gary Wilson, Grand Master

The prizes were presented by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, who also congratulated the Golf Committee for running this Competition since the year 2000.

Despite the present economic climate and the difficulties of getting sponsorship, the Competition raised in excess of £6,000 in aid of Masonic and non-Masonic charities.



L-R Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson, R.W.Bro. Maurice Lee

The Chairman of the Northern Provinces Committee R.W.Bro. Maurice Lee (Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic Province of Tyrone & Fermanagh), presented a cheque for £1,500 to Mr. Gary Wilson, on behalf of "British Heart Foundation".

R.W.Bro. Lee also presented cheques for £1,500 to R.W.Bro. Richard Gray who received it on behalf of "Cancer Care for Children, and a Cheque for £3,000 to R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson who accepted it on behalf of the Masonic Welfare Fund.

Tributes were paid to the organisers of the event, R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson and his wife, Pauline, and the organising

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W.Bro. Stephen Wilson

W.Bro. Sam McCrum

L-R Diana McClelland, Adelaide Orr, Heather Henning.

Golf Committee. On behalf of the Golf Committee, The Chairman, V.W.Bro. Leslie Graham, thanked The Captain, Council and Members of Killymoon Golf Club for their hospitality, the Caterers and the ground staff for having the course in excellent condition. Also, to the many Sponsors who donated a large number of very valuable prizes which

were on display on all the tee boxes on the golf course and display boards in the Clubhouse.

The day concluded with a great evening of entertainment by the ever popular Alan Crawford (Panache).

There was also a short programme of pipes and drums by a Naomi & Cameron of The Mitchell Family.

Grand Master's Millennium Cup 2015

Winners	Name	Score	Lodge No	Province	
MASONS					
Overall Winner	Will Gault	40	178	Antrim	
2nd	Malcolm Kee	37	396	Tyrone & Fermanagh	
3rd	Stephen Wilson	37	831	Antrim	
4th	Tommy Graham	37	547	Tyrone & Fermanagh	
5th	Sam McCrum	36	5	South Eastern	
6th	Neil Coey	36	452	Down	
7th	John Bennett	36	326	Antrim	
8th	Rab Wilson	36	128	Antrim	
9th	Roy Murray	36	799	Tyrone & Fermanagh	
I0th	John Irons	36	598	Antrim	
	LADIES				
lst	Adelaide Orr	33		Down	
2nd	Diana McClelland	25		Down	
3rd	Heather Henning	24		Down	
	NON MASONS				
lst	lan Gaston	40		Antrim	
2nd	Brian Tierney	37		Antrim	
3rd	Nigel Woodward	36		Tyrone & Fermanagh	
Sponsored Team Prize (CAVAN CRYSTAL)					
	John Irons	36	598	Antrim	
	Andrew Robinson	35	598	Antrim	

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Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society

Grand Master's Millennium Charity Cup 2016

Will be held at

KILLYMOON GOLF CLUB - COOKSTOWN

ON

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 2016 2016 CHARITIES:

EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN

MASONIC CHARITIES & NON-MASONIC CHARITIES

£1,000 IN PRIZES

THREE PRIZE CATEGORIES:-

1. MASONIC BRETHREN

2. Non-Masons

3. LADIES

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE

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THE FIRST 200 ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

NO GREENFEES REQUIRED ON THE DAY
ENTRY FEE £30 INCLUDING ENTRY TO THE 'GRAND DRAW'

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Masonic Golf Dates 2016

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
Captain Fyffe Salver - T&F	Killymoon GC - 1.00pm	10th May	Albert Warwick 02886 764 187
Antrim Provincial Cup	Ballymena GC	20th May	Robert Wilson 07813 682 234
Provincial Priories Golf Society'	Killymoon GC 9.30am to 1.30pm	31st May	George Stewart 02879 418 348 (H) 077 9322 3464 (M)
Mourne Cup - T&F	Newtownstewart GC	lst June	Harry Friar MBE 02881 658237
Armagh Cup	Portadown GC	17th June	John Richardson 028 38 881825
PGL Londonderry & Donegal	City of Derry GC	23rd June	Raymond Eakin 077 394 19727
Ferris Cup - Down	Lisburn G C	24th June	Alan Ferris 02892 693625 (H) 07543967254 (M)
Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon GC	26th August	Noel Simpson 02870 823 129 077 244 849 37

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The Deputy, Assistant and myself continue to meet informally with the Officers of the Provinces for a relaxed free and frank exchange of views and consultation. Indeed only as late as last Wednesday we met with the Brethren from Wicklow & Wexford and the South Eastern Provinces, and in our view we had a very good exchange of views. We will of course, within the next couple of weeks meet more formally at the Grand Master's Council at which all Provincial Grand Masters attend again for consultation and free, (hopefully), discussion.

Today has been a wonderful day and I wish to thank R.W.Bro. Brian Gardner and his assistant W.Bro. Andy McGill for all the arrangements for today, which were up to the usual high standard. Thank you to the Province of Down for hosting and, of course, the excellent lunch.

I would also like to thank you all Brethren, for attending here today and I especially welcome R.W.Bro. John Wright, our Provincial Assistant Grand Master of The Far East.

I am pleased to see a number of Heads of our other Orders present - our own Grand Senior Warden is, of course, Most III. Bro. S. Gordon Leathem, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council; Most Excellent President Brian Mooney is, as you all know, the recently installed President of the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons and we wish him well in his new office and assure him of our support. Also with us today is the Most Excellent Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, Most Excellent Sir Knight Bernard V.A. Woods, our Junior Grand Warden elect.

So as you can see Brethren, as I come to the conclusion of my first year in Office, your Officers and all in senior positions have been quite busy and we will continue to be so for the good of Irish Masonry. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and our Officers; we will continue to strive to justify that trust ongoing into the future.

May the Great Architect Bless each and every one of you.

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R.W.Bro. Ven. John Murray P.D.G.M. Midland Counties

On September 16th 2015, in the historic Lodge 163 in Birr, Co. Offaly, the P.G.M. of the Midland Counties, R.W.Bro. Cecil Wellwood, installed his new Deputy.

The Lodge was packed to capacity with Brethren from all over the Midlands, and further afield, who gathered to support the recently installed new P.G.M. and the new P.D.G.M. in waiting, R.W.Bro. Ven. John Murray, Past Master of Lodge 150 Rathdowney, Co. Laois.

R.W.Bro. Murray was accompanied by his sponsors, V.Wor. Bro. Lional Watts (N. Munster) and W.Bro. Jim Woolmington (Wicklow and Wexford), and chain bearer, W.Bro. Val Tomkins, Lodge 215 Newbridge.

The ceremony was conducted with excellence by V.W.Bro. Albert Lalor, Director of Ceremonies of the P.G.L. of the Midlands Counties. R.W.Bro. Wellwood expressed his delight that R.W.Bro. Murray had accepted the position and the new P.D.G.M. said it was an honour and a privilege to serve. The evening was completed when R.W.Bro. Cecil Wellwood presented Past P.G.M. regalia to his predecessor, R.W.Bro. Leslie G. Evans. The P.G.M. once again thanked R.W.Bro. Leslie for his service and dedication to the Midlands Province over many years and expressed the hope that he would be available with advice and guidance for some time to come.

All three R.W.Brethren paid tribute to the real strengths behind their Offices, namely their long suffering wives

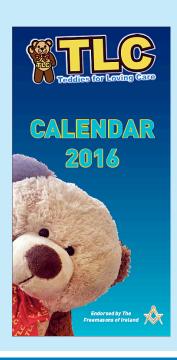


(L-R) V.W. Bro Lionel Watts, W.Bro. Jim Woolmington, R.W.Bro. Ven. John Murray P.D.G.M.; R.W.Bro. Cecil Wellwood P.G.M. & W.Bro. Val Tomkins

without whose support the Province would be greatly diminished. The meeting was followed by excellent refreshments provided by the Brethren of Lodge 307 Roscrea.

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TLC 2016 Calendar







Example of a "month" with the postcard below

View of reverse of month

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Raised To Stand

This piece was written especially to commemorate the occasion of the Installation of Bro. Thomas Carty as W.M. in 2014.

Seen first from afar and, even then, held as a mirror to my soul
At once revealed; a tumbling, eternal truth, in blue she brightly blazed
I saw myself, as in water, in shadows cast on that horizon
No hesitation before kneeling, so that in turn I would be raised
The journey east, from soil which has been cradle to both my blood and bone
Joins me in time and through its span, from nothing to life, and back to dust
Of this I have no doubt, and 'fore such history I stand humbly awed
Have I the strength of spirit, courage and will, to build the man I must?

Not for nothing do I find myself a truth-seeker come year on year

Seldom surer of this great struggle than when uncertainty abounds

Thoughts become a finely measured thunder, firing lava through my veins

Heart becomes the final compass of conscience when e'er an alarm sounds

Right of command is given to the lights beneath which I pledge my word

Ev'ry hour of waking I shall labour as a mason with his stone

Ev'ry hour of labour shall I cherish as beauty too soon to pass

The purpose of my presence: to make my life a path of purpose known.

Within the hands that bind, I am bound to stand as raised by solemn oath Of souls greater than I, I am guardian of this standard passed on O'er borders known to all seeing eyes and none, I hold this torch Now, by this wisdom, I mark all roads I travel, true as three, two, one.

Ends are but beginnings, and beginnings n'ere do end when raised to stand.

NOTE: If you read downwards. the first letter of each sentence spells out: SAINT JOHNS THREE TWO ONE. Which is, of course, the Tullamore Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Instruction - Metropolitan Classes



PRACTICE I 2 3

Practice your Ritual on the first, second and third Monday of each month between October and February.

Classes run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. but feel free to come and go as you please.

Classes are primarily Opening and Closing Ritual but can cover any other topic of Ritual you may wish to raise.

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QUB Lodge No. 533 & Dr Strain Fund Handover Bus to 'Choice'

On Tuesday 27th October representatives of the Dr R W M Strain Masonic Charitable Trust attended the headquarters of Choice Housing Association in Belfast.

The occasion of the visit was the official handover to Choice Housing Association of the mini bus that was donated by the Strain Trust. Choice Housing will use the bus to transport residents to events, helping them to lead active and fulfilling lives. The R W M Strain Trust supports a range of Masonic causes through charitable donations.

(L-R:Timothy Quinn – Chairman of Choice; Robert Moore – Vice Chair Choice; R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray - W.M. QUB Lodge No. 533; Bill Reilly – Board Member & Dr John Fearon – Committee Member & QUB Lodge 533)



Afternoon Tea hosted by Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee



R.W.Bro. Ian Ritchie, Chairman Down Masonic Widows' Fund, W.Bro. Victor Keenan, Chairman Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee and R.W.Bro. Ivan Boreland, Secretary Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee with widows from Largymore Star of Down Lodge No. 753 at the Afternoon Tea.

On Sunday 13th September 2015 the Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee hosted an Afternoon Tea for Lodge widows in the Belmont Hotel, Banbridge. Last years event was well received and as a consequence the numbers attending this year increased with 165 widows and their companions and Lodge representatives present.

The guests were welcomed by the Chairman of the Committee, W.Bro. Victor Keenan, who said it was a privilege to welcome so many Lodge widows to the event and thanked the Down Masonic Widows' Fund for their financial support. After the meal W.Bro. Neil Ritchie

entertained all with songs and stories.

At the close R.W.Bro. Ian Ritchie, Chairman of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund, said that the Down Masonic Widows' Fund was proud to be associated with this event and went on to thank and congratulate the Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee on their excellent arrangements for the afternoon tea.

Mrs Elizabeth McDonald, a Lodge widow from Lagandale Lodge No.521, spoke on behalf of guests saying that it was comforting to know the widows are remembered and thanked the Committee for organising the event.

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Jamacian Masons visit Bermuda

In June the R.W.Bro. Peter Stuart, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica & The Bahamas led a delegation of Jamaican Irish Masons to Bermuda for the Installation of R.W.Bro. Allen Richardson as the new Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda. He was installed by R.W.Bro. St.Clair "Brinky" Tucker who was the Provincial Grand Master of the Bermuda Province for twelve years during which he led his Brethren on many Masonic visits to overseas territories: to the Caribbean, North America, and further afield, in fact as far away as Australia, exposing his Brethren to varying Masonic rituals and creating important contacts and friendships. He also led the Bermudan Brethren on a visit to our Grand Lodge in Dublin.

The visit is expected to go a far way in cementing our ties with the Bermudan Brethren, our two Provinces being the only Irish Masonic presence in this hemisphere. The ceremony took place at the Hamilton Lodge, followed by a splendid Festive Board in true Bermudan style.

During our visit, the visiting delegation was taken on a tour of Bermuda's historic sights, including the over two hundred year old Lodge Somers Isles No. 1503 (S.C.) which meets in the old Assembly Hall, beside the old Court House & Governor's Residence. The Provincial Grand Master was invited to sign the visitor's book which contained the names of British Royalty and an American President among others. The Lodge pays the government the rent of one peppercorn seed per year and this is done at a ceremony witnessed by the Governor, Premier, VIPs, distinguished guests, tourists, school children, and the Bermuda Regiment and its Band.

Prior to the ceremony, the Masons assemble in the Lodge Room in full regalia and are led by a bagpiper as they march to the town square to make the payment to the Accountant General. The peppercorn seed is carried on a cushion and a receipt is given, after which there is a garden party. Around the corner is a replica of a Caravel, the same type of vessel on which Christopher Columbus made his voyages of discovery to the New World.

The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by V.W.Bro. William Shagoury - Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, W.Bro. Dalton Yap – W.M. of Emerald Lodge No. 899, W.Bro. Barry Henry - Past Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. Derrick Brandt & his wife Linda, & Bro. Terrence Williams. Time well spent.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

Peter H G Stuart Provincial Grand Master - Jamaica & The Bahamas



L-R: R.W.Bro. Peter Stuart, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Jamaica & The Bahamas, R.W.Bro. Leonard Simons, R.W. Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Bermuda, R.W.Bro. Allen Richardson, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda, and R.W.Bro. St. Clair Tucker, R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda



L-R: Bro. Derrick Brandt, R.W.Bro. Peter Stuart, R.W.Bro. St. Clair Tucker, Mrs Linda Brandt, W. Bro. Barry Henry



R.W.Bro.Allen Richardson, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda (L), and R.W.Bro. Peter Stuart, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica & The Bahamas (R).

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Harmony Masonic Lodge 586

In early September 2015 Harmony Lodge 586 held their annual Worshipful Master Charity Fund Raising BBQ and "Night at the Races". This year's allocated Charity by the Lodge Brethren was "Cancer Focus NI". It was a very well attended evening which proved to be one of the most successful for some years, in no way helped by the beginning of a good weather spell which had eluded us during the so called summer months. The Brethren and their guests collected and enjoyed their fine BBQ selection of salads etc. including meat supplied by our Worshipful Master elect for 2016, W.Bro. Andrew Burleigh of Riverside Quality Meats Ballinamallard.

Approximately ninety people attended the BBQ and "Night at the Races" and between each race a raffle for numerous spectacular donated prizes continued all evening. The Lodge would like to especially thank our sponsors to the raffle which included Garry's Hairport, Foglish Electrics, Carina at Lisbellaw Pharmacy, ASDA and Tesco and many other individual contributions. An auction completed the evening and all monies raised was to be split between "Cancer Focus" and other charities within Lodge 586 during 2015/2016.

Before the Lodge meeting on Friday 16th October, Brethren met with representatives of "Cancer Focus NI". Mrs Joyce Thompson Chairperson and Mrs Barbara Brand Secretary



Worshipful Master and Brethren of Harmony Masonic Lodge 586 handing over a cheque to Mrs Joyce Thompson Chairperson Enniskillen and District Cancer Focus NI., included is Mrs Barbara Brand Secretary

from Enniskillen and District Cancer Focus NI accepted a cheque for £1,200 the money will go towards helping those affected by cancer, their families and carers both in Enniskillen and District and N. Ireland in general.

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren wish to sincerely thank all who contributed in making it such a successful charitable evening.

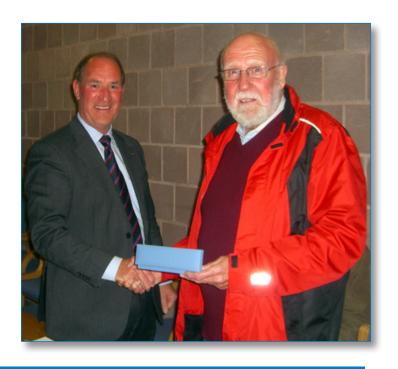
W.Bro. Bill Patterson - Dedicated Service

At the Annual General Meeting of the Brookvale Masonic Hall Company (Managing Company for the Whiteabbey Masonic Centre) Co. Antrim, on 14th October 2015, W. Bro Bill Patterson the representative for ML 180 stood down as a Director of the Company after over 20 years of dedicated service.

Bill's expertise in building construction and maintenance played a crucial role in the management and up keep of the Masonic Centre.

The Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Antrim, R.W.Bro. David Lyness, representing the Company Shareholders, made a small presentation to Bill on behalf of the Company.

Jack Adair MBE Secretary to the Board



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New Representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York

At the Stated Communication of Grand Lodge on Saturday, 3rd October R.W.Bro. Brian P Ruttle, Past Master of Antient Union Lodge 13, Limerick was presented to the Grand Master who in turn presented him with his Patent of Appointment as the Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. R.W.Bro. Ruttle was supported by 9 other North Munster Brethren.

The supporters were:-

The current P.G.M., R.W.Bro.Thomas H Peirce, the current P.D.G.M., R.W.Bro. John T Hassett (the previous incumbent), two Past P.G.M's, one Past P.D.GM. and four others. This represented 6.25% of the total membership of the Province of North Munster. Quite a level of support for a very well-respected Brother!



Back row: R.W.Bro. G G Ashton, R.W.Bro. G H Milne, R.W.Bro. C R Foster, Bro. J Donovan, R.W.Bro. J T Hassett. Front row: V.W.Bro. H L Knowles, W.Bro. P Sage, R.W.Bro. B P Ruttle, Bro. T Keehan, R.W. Bro. T H Peirce.

100 Years Young

On Thursday, 22nd October a special party was held in Cahercalla Hospital in Ennis Co. Clare to mark the 100th birthday of Mrs Anna McCrum.

A native of Ennis, Anna celebrated in the company of her 3 sons, Derek, Norman and Sam.

Both Derek and Norman live in England and Sam now lives in Waterford. Sam's grandfather (Sam Snr.) and father (Leslie) were both members of the Order.

Sam McCrum (Snr.) was W.M. of Victory Lodge 478 Dublin in 1933. Leslie was W.M. in Dunboyne Lodge 60, Ennis in 1959, Excelsior Lodge 268, Limerick in 1970 and Antient Union Lodge 13, Limerick in 1992. Sam Jnr. has been W.M. in both Lodge 13 and 1st Volunteer Lodge 620, Dublin and is currently a member of Lodge V, Waterford.

To mark the occasion, Sam's Mother Lodge, Antient Union Lodge 13 of Limerick made a special donation in her name to the Cahercalla Hospice attached to the hospital. The cheque was presented by Lodge 13's Almoner, W.Bro.

Paschal Sage who has been visiting Anna for a number of years.



Sam, Norman & Derek with Mrs McCrum

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Phoenix Lodge 210 confers Degree in Molesworth Street





The Lodge Members who were in attendance along with the visitors who accompanied us.

(L-R) W.Bro. Jeffery Morrow Director of Ceremonies and the Candidate's second cousin; R.W.Bro.W.R Smith Worshipful Master of 210; the Candidate Bro. Aaron McGarragher; W.Bro. James Morrow, the Candidate's Grandfather.

On Saturday 31st October, members of Phoenix Masonic Lodge 210 Caledon went on a trip to Molesworth Street to hold their October Communication in the Grand Lodge Room.

On this occasion there was a Second Degree conferred and the Candidate is the first member of the Lodge to ever have had a degree given in Dublin in the Lodge's 200 year history.

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The Victoria Lodge IV

It was decided at our Meeting of the 22nd September to form a raiding party of Brethren, and visit Caxton Lodge 511 to liberate the Travelling Maul and return it to a good home in the bosom of Old Victoria.

Nine good and strong Brethren attended Caxton Lodge, it seemed another Lodge had designs on the Travelling Maul, but with the excellent planning of our W.M. Ronnie Griffin, and our W.M. in waiting Bro.Trevor Atkinson they did not stand a chance, up against a Lodge of such proficient, accomplished, gifted, skilful, versed, and talented Brethren.

The Worshipful Master of Caxton Lodge surrendered the Maul with great dignity to the Brethren of The Victoria Lodge IV, and the J.W. invited all to their festive board where good fun was had by all.

The Victoria Lodge IV would welcome any Lodge to try and claim the Maul, as a good night and friendship will be promise.VIVAT VICTORIA.

J.C.Byrne Secretary.

Tweddie's Friendship Maul

The latest known location of the 'Tweddie's Maul' is as follows:



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Host Lodge	Province		
St. Patrick's Lodge No. 77, Newry	Down		
Farmer's Friendship No. 978	Down		
Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim		
Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669	Antrim		
Morning Star Masonic Lodge No. 193	Down		
Gibson Masonic Lodge No. 87	Down		
Union Band Masonic Lodge No. 556	Down		
Armagh Masonic Lodge No. 39	Armargh		
Grand Masters' Lodge	Metro		
Now residing at:			
Victoria Lodge No. IV	Metro		

Tweddie's Maul: It's now time to move on - over to you Brethren!



Welcome More New Arrivals

We are delighted to announce yet more members of the TLC Teddies Pin Collection – A MUST FOR ALL YOU GOLFERS. Golfing Ted & Putting Ted are now available, together with the other 6 Teddy Pins from the Porter's Desk in Freemasons' Hall or from members of the TLC Committee. The cost of each Pin is $\[\in \]$ 5 or £4 and all of this money goes to support the TLC Project throughout the island of Ireland and indeed this Pin is also for sale on the other island to our East.



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Blood Brothers

Two Brethren from Garrison 730 are saving lives across Leinster with a volunteer emergency service. Blood Bike Leinster is a charity set up to deliver blood, blood products, urgent samples, scans, X-Rays, medicines and urgently needed Human Donor Milk. We offer our service to the hospitals across Leinster free of charge and we run our charity entirely by fundraising.

Many of our runs involve transporting Human Donor Milk to premature babies, and it's our favourite kind of run. Premature babies are unable to digest milk formula and rely on mother's milk as it's full of antibodies and is the only thing they can digest. Sometimes mother's milk is not available for medical reasons and we transport donated milk from the milk bank in Fermanagh to intensive care wards. It's a fantastic charity and it's an amazing way to help someone at the very beginning of their life.

Gordon Kiely, Secretary/Director, Blood Bike Leinster. gordon@bloodbikeleinster.ie CHY20875





Masonic Brass Bands Calling All Players



There are a considerable number of brass players within Freemasonry and it is hoped that they could be brought together to form a Masonic Brass Band. It is anticipated that the band perform a couple of times throughout the year with an emphasis on fundraising for both Masonic and other Charities with rehearsals kept to a minimum as it is expected that players will be drawn from all over the island of Ireland.

We are delighted that James MacCafferty, a member of Curragh Emerald Lodge No. 397 has agreed to take on the role of Conductor and Musical Director. James has enjoyed conducting success with Arklow Shipping Silver Band, Lourdes Brass Band and was a prize winner at the NABBC Conductors' Competition in 2009 with the Gus Virtuosi Band. James holds a Masters Degree and Licentiate

distinction in performance and is a full time professional musician. James studied conducting with conductor Laureates Professor David King and Dr. Roy Newsome at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels at the University of Salford, Manchester.

If you are interested in participating or finding out more, please forward your name and the instrument you play to either:

Philip Daley at philipdaley@metromason.ie or telephone +353 87 205 7320

Jim Swindells at Jim_swindells@yahoo.co.uk or telephone +44 7809 606 266

We look forward to hearing from you and making music together!

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