



A. F. & A. Masons of Ireland

Grand Lodge News



SEPTEMBER 2008

R.W.BRO. WILLIAM MAWHINNEY 32°

William Mawhinney, familiarly known as Bill, died on the 9th April 2008 and thus passed from this scene of time and change; a good man, a good husband, a good family man and a good Mason. To his family we offer our sympathy and prayers.

Bill was born in Randalstown and grew up there, being educated at the local primary school and at Ballymena Academy. He trained as a primary school teacher and became a member of staff at Killeel, retiring as its esteemed principal. Many pupils have cause to thank him for his dedication in the field of education and for the excellent start in life they received at his hands.

He married a Killeel lady, Kathleen Chambers, and they were blessed with two children; Joanne and Michael. It was a happy home and Joanne followed in her father's footsteps as a school teacher, being his colleague in Killeel. Michael became a doctor of Philosophy and joined the Masonic order like his father.

Bill's career in Freemasonry began in Randalstown and such was his keenness that he travelled to his Lodge by bus, month after month. He affiliated to Lodge No. 696 Annalong fifty-five years ago. Not content with



that, he became a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 144 Killeel; this was followed by membership of K.M. Council No. 16 Newcastle in 1973. Donard Preceptory claimed his allegiance in 1976. In 1979, he was perfected in Prince Mason's Chapter 17 Newry. In 1980 he affiliated to Lodge 144 Killeel.

He joined the higher degrees in 1993, becoming a member of the Knights of the Sun, 28° Degree. In 1998 he was raised to the 30°. The year 2002 saw him become a member of 31° and

finally in 2006 he was made a Prince of the Royal Secret 32°.

His interest in Freemasonry was thus wide and much appreciated. He was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Down having previously served as Provincial Grand Organist in 1996. However, his stay was short as he was summoned to higher labours as Assistant Grand Master of Ireland.

In every aspect of the Order he acquitted himself supremely well and was noted for his ability in degree giving. As well as honours in the craft he was a recipient of recognition in the other branches. He became a member of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland which he greatly enjoyed.

After his retirement from Grand Lodge his health took a downturn and his death was fairly sudden and unexpected. The large attendance at his funeral was testimony to the esteem in which he was held. He will be much missed in the community, his church and his Masonic activities but most of all, by the family circle. We will not see his like again. To God be the glory and the praise.

*Rev. Charles McCurdy
A Dear Friend*

ADAM JAMES MCKINLEY, C. Eng., M. I. Mech. E.

R.W.Bro. Adam James McKinley 31° was born on 7th January 1931 and passed to that Grand Lodge above eternal in the Heavens on 19th June 2008. His funeral took place to Larne cemetery on Sunday 22nd June 2008.

First Larne Presbyterian church was packed with representatives from all his interests in life and in particular a large turn out of Freemasons from far and wide, representing every branch of our Order paying their final respects to Adam. Aileen (his daughter) read a most touching poem at the beginning of the service. His Minister, Rev. McClure gave a very detailed and full account of his life. It is difficult to comprehend how



R.W.Bro. McKinley played such an active part in the many organisations in which he was involved and held at the same time the demanding office of Provincial Grand Master of Antrim.

Adam was born and raised in Larne and always remained a Larne man. His wife Evelyn was a real tower of strength and supported him in all his endeavours in service to the community. They were married in July 1965 and had three children Aileen, John and George and two much loved grandchildren Eric and Georgia. His many interests included first and foremost his membership of First Larne Presbyterian Church since 1942 where he became an elder.

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Grand Master's Address, June 2008

Brethren all,

I begin on a sad note by referring to the sudden death of R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Mawhinney, Past Assistant Grand Master who died on the 9th April. We both served under the Immediate Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Eric Waller and were privileged to be on the same team led by a most capable Grand Master.

As a person, Bill was a very good friend and a joy to know; he had a greeting for everyone and was of a friendly disposition at all times. He will be sadly missed and I would tender my heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife Kate, to Michael, Joanne and their families. May God sustain and comfort them at this time.

Since the very successful Grand Lodge Communication in Galway, I have been busy with Lodge visitations and various events, the most important of which was the Installation of R.W. Bro. Richard H. Gray as Provincial Grand Master of Down.

On the day, everything was wonderfully organised, from the morning reception through lunch and then to the meeting, which was most impressive and extremely well rehearsed.

I congratulate Bro. Gray on achieving this significant point in his Masonic career, of which he has every right to feel proud in that he follows in his late father's footsteps. I know that the Province is still in safe hands and I am confident that Richard's drive and enthusiasm will achieve much during his period of office. I wish him well.

Sadly, when one enters another leaves. I refer, of course, to R.W.Bro. Robert Armstrong whose oversight of the province was of the highest order. His organisational skills and ritual knowledge stood him in good stead; matched with a genuine care for his Brethren and focused determination and stamina to match the demands of the office. I know that he has a wide range of interests within the order which will sustain his activities for some time. I thank him for his stewardship and wish him health and happiness in his future course.

In early May, I attended the World Conference of Masonic Grand

Lodges in Washington DC., entitled 'Universal Fraternity in Action'. The event was exceptionally well attended, especially by Grand Masters and delegates from every corner of the world and the venue was most appropriate. Many papers were presented and languages were expertly interpreted in real time.

The main benefit to me was in meeting so many Grand Masters for the first time, comparing notes, discussing common problems and socialising generally which I found to be most beneficial. Some papers were very good but the large number of participants highlighted a few management and strategy weaknesses. R.W.Bro. Tom Jackson, Executive Secretary of the Conference, skilfully preserved the continuity of the Conference and summarised specific and general presentations most professionally.

The Provincial Almoner's Conference held in April was very successful and I would thank R.W.Bro. Leslie Johnston for an excellent turnout. The work of the Almoner is a most important function, requiring Brethren with special skills to meet the needs of the beneficiaries. I thank them all.

I attended a meeting of the Grand Master's Festival Committee in the North and appreciated the tricky problems and important decisions they have to make. Their commitment to the task was truly laudable and I would thank R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley for his invitation to attend.

In my visitations to Lodges, I found much enthusiasm for the Festival as they took time to tell me, with much excitement, of their plans. The Northern Provinces Committee and Millennium Golf Competition Committee, led by R.W. Bro. Noel Simpson and his wife, have already shown significant generosity for which I sincerely thank them.

I was most impressed by the determination of three Brethren who are undertaking a sponsored 'Long Run Down' from Belfast to Dublin and then taking part in the Dublin Half Marathon. They have the support of many other runners and I would appeal to local Brethren along



the way to assist them in whatever way they can.

May we continue to practise charity and care towards our Brethren and to the wider community?

Looking to the future, our Provincial Grand Lodge of Ghana plans to merge with their Scottish counterparts in forming a Grand Lodge of Ghana. We readily support them and will, in co-operation with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, conduct the Ceremony of Constitution which is expected to happen before the end of the year.

New Charity Legislation is being tabled by the ROI Government; a draft Bill is in preparation and the Cabinet is now considering the potential consequences (if any) for our respective Funds when the amended law is adopted.

Thanks to R.W.Bro. Jack Dunlop, P.A.G.M. of Antrim, I have commissioned a documentary on 'Irish Freemasonry' through an independent producer, whose work we will monitor closely to ensure that we do not suffer another 'witch-hunt'. It will take about a year to complete and be sold to the main Television Channels.

We continue to welcome meetings with the media, churches and other community groups and greatly value the input from our P.R. Officer, V.W. Bro. Trevor Hanna, whose ready access to the press affords us opportunities to reassure the public of the true nature of our Order. Trevor has suffered a set-back recently and I wish him a speedy return to full health.

I have recently received a request to meet with the 'Hard Gospel' group of the Church of Ireland and have appointed a Masonic group to meet

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R.W. Bro. A. J. McKinley

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He was Educated in Larne No. 1 Public Elementary School and Larne Technical College. His engineering skills began in Larne Motor Co. He continued his further education to become a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Adam imparted his knowledge in South Armagh, Larne Technical School (where he was a founder member of the Old Boys Association), Larne College of further Education where he was Principal from 1973 to 1993. Many to this day recount their education achievements under Adam's tuition. His work in Education involved him in the North Eastern Education and Library Board and the Association of Principals. He served on the Board of Governors of some five local schools.

A member of the Boys' Brigade, since his early days, saw him become President of East Antrim Battalion 1994 to 2002. He was a well known figure in the Rugby Football World and played for his local Club from 1953 to 1970 and held the offices of Captain, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. He went on to hold that prestigious office of President of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

His other interests involved him in Larne Rotary Club a member since 1973 and President twice, in the Glenoe Valley Young Farmers Club where again he had been a Club Leader, Club President and was a current Honorary Vice-President.

His membership of the Masonic Order and its Charities were dear to his heart. He joined our Order in 1954 as a member of Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No. 514, became Worshipful Master in 1970 and Treasurer since

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with them later this month. They are desirous of gaining a better understanding of Freemasonry and the principles and tenets on which we stand.

We look forward to their visit in the knowledge that it will be a cordial affair where we can engage in open and friendly dialogue. I am assured that they are not in the business of making public statements, condemning people or groups.

We constantly strive to correct the public's misperception of Freemasonry and acknowledge that secularism is a

The poem read by his daughter Aileen at the Funeral Service:-

*If someone should come and sit upon my grave and ask aloud
"Who was this man? What was his life, his past?"*

*If they should chance upon an image of my face alive
And pity me that I have breathed my last,
Don't tell them, please, that I was old, or tiring, frail,
Or that the light around me was fluttering pale.*

*Tell them instead that I was young and brave and strong,
And that my youth was vigorous, unique, a lifetime long.*

Tell them I sang a young man's song

And that I built and loved and fought and lost and won.

Tell them not when or where or how I died – but that I lived.

Tell them instead that I was tall and fair and proud

That I embraced the art, the wisdom, the learning that my time allowed.

Tell them I was with most all blessed in nature's gifts endowed.

Tell them not when or how or why I died – but that I lived.

1997. His devoted and committed service to Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge began as:

Provincial Grand Inspector, 1979-1982

Provincial Grand Director of

Ceremonies, 1982-1991

Provincial Assistant Grand Master,
1992-1997

Provincial Deputy Grand Master,
1997-2001

Provincial Grand Master, 2001-2006

Representative to Grand Lodge of
New Hampshire, 1989-1992

Committee member of Masonic Girls
Benefit Fund, 1989-1999

Chairman of Masonic Girls Benefit
Fund, 1997-1999

Member of Grand Lodge Board of
General Purposes, 1993

Member of the Grand Master's
Council, 1997

Grand Lodge Standard Bearer, 2000
Grand Steward, 2001

Junior Grand Warden, 2007

Senior Grand Warden

Sadly through illness he was unable to fulfil this office. His membership of Freemasonry did not stop at this level, he also belonged to many other disciplines i.e. Royal Arch Masonry, Grand Council of Knight Masons, The Order of the Temple, Prince Masons, Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, Member of the Higher Degrees 28^o, 30^o & 31^o. To be associated with all these branches of Freemasonry demonstrates commitment and dedication.

One of the greatest privileges I have enjoyed in life was knowing and being closely associated with a Brother and Gentleman, Adam James McKinley, C. Eng., M.I. Mech. E. May the Great Architect of the Universe support and sustain Evelyn, her family Aileen, John and George and the whole family circle in this their very sad loss of a very dear husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend.

*R.W.Bro. John S. Dunlop
Provincial Grand Master, Antrim*

real and growing threat to the moral standards which we embrace.

As Freemasons, we must accentuate the positives of Freemasonry. We must attract quality candidates or face a more serious decline in both numbers and standards. We are privileged to be members of this prestigious Order and we should see that all our actions and associations constantly endorse this image.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support and may God protect you all in your onward travels.

I wish you well.

Grand Master

ARTICLES FOR GRAND LODGE NEWS

The editorial team will be glad to receive interesting articles regarding functions / special anniversaries / letters etc. We would ask that the "kiss" principle is recognised – "keep it simple and short" – and forward your articles (supported by a photograph or image) to:

The Editorial Team, Grand Lodge News, c/o 115 The Mount, BELFAST BT5 4ND or by e-mail to: w.clarke@5hoots15.freemasonry.co.uk



GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

GREAT START TO FESTIVAL

At the half way stage we have a great start to the Grand Master's Festival. To date, in Euro terms, €182,740 has been banked. The response to the Festival has been amazing and apart from the funds raised, Lodges appear to be having fun. If the second half of the year is as good as the first, and from what I am hearing, it will, we will have a successful festival.

On behalf of Rodney, Basil and myself may I thank the Lodges, Brethren, family and friends for their support to date. To those Lodges planning events may I wish them every success.

If I could bottle and sell the enthusiasm of Irish Freemasons, I would be a very wealthy man.

Richard Ensor, Festival Chairman

Fundraising for the Grand Masters Festival 2008



Above: W. Bro. D. Lyness, Parkgate Lodge No. 776, receives his wrist watch from W. Master, W. Bro. R. Vogan.



Left: W. Bro. W. Hoey, Harmony Lodge No. 428, receives his Half-Hunter pocket watch from W. Master, W. Bro. R. Vogan.

As part of the fund raising for the Grand Master's Festival of Charity, Abercorn Temperance Lodge No. 149 decided to have a ballot for a Half-Hunter Masonic pocket watch and a Masonic wrist watch.

During the "Installation season", tickets were sold at all the local Installation Dinners (and some a bit further afield) and a very handsome amount (£370) was handed to our Treasurer as the result.

The winners were notified and invited to our May communication to be presented with their prizes.

Lodge No. 149 would like to thank all those whose generosity in buying tickets made this event such a success.

2008 Ladies' Night Dinner Dance

Organized by Antient Union Lodge 13
All profits in aid of the Grand Master's Festival

Saturday 1st November
Greenhills Hotel, Limerick



Tickets €45 each and further information available from:

Clive Killick 061 396521
Hugh Milne 086 8500597

See www.greenhillsgroup.com for Hotel Accommodation Special Offers
Phone: 061 453 033

Grand Masters Charity Festival

National Table Quiz 29TH SEPTEMBER 2008 in a Town Near You

Cost €40 per Team of 4

Make a note of this special date
the 5th Monday in September
when NO Lodge meets

Contact:

Basil Fenton Galway:

086 2579863

for more information

Excellent Prizes

**All funds from this Event
will go directly to the Samaritans**

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Belmont Bowling Club Raise Another £1,000



Corry Lyttle; Alfie Entwistle; Walter Christie; Danny Kitchen; Bob Campbell; Bill Lavery; Bob Heaney, Chairman; Wes. Davidson; Don White, Secretary.

Belmont Bowling Club "Masonic section", have once again raised £1000 for Masonic Charities.

The Members raise the monies by personal donations, ladies night supper and dance, and by entering two teams into the Masonic cup, which is played for each year.

The "Masonic section" also runs a very successful end of season tournament, which is open to all Brethren and non-Brethren.

Over the last eleven years this section has donated almost £12,000 to the charities.

The target for this season is another £1000.

Buffet Supper & Dance in support of the G.M.F.

The Province of Armagh, Entertainment Committee will this year be holding a Finger Buffet Supper along with Dancing to "Spenders Showband" on **Friday 24th October 2008**, in the Seagoe Hotel, in Portadown @ 7.30 p.m. (5 mins. off the M1 motorway)

The Committee is appealing for Brethren from all of the Province of Armagh & further afield to support this event and to especially invite their NON Masonic friends for a good nights' craic.

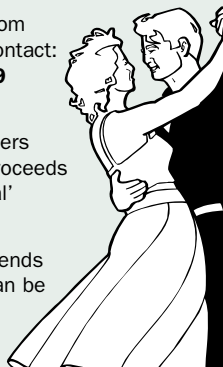
Pre-buffet entertainment will be provided by Portadown Male Voice Choir who are renowned throughout Ireland for their musical versatility.

Tickets priced £15 per person are available from several Brethren throughout the Province or contact:

Brian Fulton, Portadown, tel. 028 3834 4369
Roger Gill, Richhill, tel. 0283887 0565.

We hope to accommodate at least 200 members & guests to make this a successful night & proceeds will be donated to the 'Grand Masters' Festival' and local charitable causes.

This should be a night for the Brethren and friends to support, as it is their night to show what can be done for the good of Freemasonry and the community at large.



A HANDSOME CHEQUE FROM BALLYWARD

On Monday 12th May, R.W.Bro Rodney McCurley visited Mount Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 503 at Ballyward to receive a very generous cheque for £2,700. This was the current total raised by Brethren, at various events, to go towards the Grand Masters Festival.

A very enjoyable meeting was held in the Lodge room and afterwards an excellent meal, provided by the Ladies Committee, was enthusiastically consumed by the members present. An entertaining evening ensued culminating with news of Autumn events planned, to further bolster the amount so far raised for the Grand Master's Festival of Charity.



W.M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 503, W.Bro. Noel McAuley presenting R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley P.D.G.M. with a Cheque for £2,700. Included in the photo is V.W.Bro. Desi McCormack, V.W.Bro. Jim Copes G.M.S.B and Brethren of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 503.

*St. Patrick's Senior Masonic Lodge No. 623 Armagh
(1783-2008)*

HARVEST CONCERT

with



THE LOWRY SINGERS

conducted by: Earl Moffitt

To Commemorate the 225th Anniversary
of the Founding of the Lodge

will be held in



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ARMAGH

By kind permission of the Rector, Rev. Canon John McKeegney M.A.

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

Followed by supper in the Crozier Hall

*Collection in aid of: The Samaritans, The Northern Ireland
Children's Hospice, The Laura Lynn Children's Hospice Dublin.*

Everyone is very Welcome!

G.M.F. GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Masonic Concert Raises Funds for Grand Master's Festival

Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231 in Portadown recently enjoyed an evening of classical and romantic music, to raise funds for the chosen charities of the Grand Master's Festival.

The evening, which saw local artistes perform songs from the musicals and war time, was organised by W.Bro. Wilfred Moore assisted by W.Bro. Sydney Conn.

Pianist and organist Mr Rodney Spence was producer of the evening and acting Compère, with guest performers being international flautist Mr Ronald Bothwell, Tenor Mr Kenneth Chambers, Eurovision song writer and pianist Mrs Susan Hewitt and Mezzo Soprano, Miss Claudia Clendinning.

Guests attended from Counties Down and Armagh and a total of £786 was raised for the Samaritans, The N. I. Children's Hospice and the Laura Lynn Children's Hospice Foundation in Sandymount, Dublin.



W.Bro. Wilfred Moore, (front centre) presents gifts to the artistes at the recent Evening of Classical and Romantic music, hosted by Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231, Portadown. Pictured from left are; Rodney Spence, Kenneth Chambers, Ronnie Bothwell, Claudia Clendinning and Susan Hewitt.

W.Bro. Wilfred Moore who welcomed everyone to the evening said: "It was a tremendous evening and very well supported. Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231 wished to thank everyone for their generosity and their support and to 'Richard's Pianos' for sponsoring the concert with a piano.

"As well as Songs from the Musicals we enjoyed other classical numbers and war time songs were sung by the audience."

100 Years Young

On Thursday 26th June 2008 W.Bro. Leslie Carson celebrated his 100th birthday. In recognition of this wonderful achievement, the Most Worshipful The Grand Master George Dunlop, conferred the honorary rank of Past Grand Deacon on Leslie, who is an emeritus member of Lodge No. 597. Leslie has been a widower for approximately 30 years and until a recent fall he lived alone in his own home, after which he decided to go into residential accommodation. He could not remember the exact year when he joined Freemasonry but said that he was in his early 20's. His certificate of Honorary Rank was presented to him by R.W.Bro. Dennis Millen, Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Antrim. He was delighted to receive the honour and asked how quickly we could get his certificate framed to show his visitors and have it hung in his room!

The photograph shows V.W.Bro. Bill Balmer, Past Grand Almoner, R.W.Bro. Dennis Millen, P.D.G.M. of Antrim, and W.Bro. Colin Watt, Secretary Lodge No. 493.



Light of the West Lodge XX Celebrates 175 Years



Light of the West Lodge recently celebrated 175 years of continuous working. To mark this very special occasion, the M.W. Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop was guest of honour at the celebratory function.

Pictured are (L-R): V.W.Bro. Lewis Gray; M.W. Grand Master; W.Bro. Stephen Moffitt W.M.; R.W.Bro. George F Ginnelly (P.G.M.); R.W.Bro. E.C. (Ted) Smyth (P.D.G.M.), with Officers and Brethren of Lodge No. XX.

Lightship 386



At our recent installation we photographed Brethren who had attained 318 yrs service between them, a great feat I am sure you will agree.

Back Row: R.W.Bro. R Matthews Pro. Asst. Grand Master, W.Bro. W H Ambrose, 56yrs, W.Bro. A Heaslip W. Master, W.Bro. B Hull, 54yrs. Front Row: Bro. R Trayte, 53yrs; W.Bro. J Morrison, 50yrs; W.Bro. D Mclvor, 51yrs. Missing from the photo is W.Bro. D Kirkpatrick, 54yrs.

W.Bro. Dennis Kennedy, Secretary, Lightship 386, Ballywalter.

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.

Distinguished Brethren	Years	Lodge Name & No.	Province
W.Bro. R Hart	75	Jewel Masonic Lodge No. 592	Down
W.Bro. Norman McDonald	65	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 198	Down
W.Bro. William J Dunbar	63	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 198	Down
W.Bro. Alexander R McKay	62	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
Bro. Andrew H Thompson	62	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. Hugh A Taggart	61	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. John Gordon	61	Queen Victoria Lodge No. 294	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas J Jameson	60	Star of The East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W.Bro. Samuel McCullough	60	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
Bro. Samuel Woodside	60	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W.Bro. William Ferguson	60	Albert Edward Masonic Lodge No. 235	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. H Thomas	60	Scрабо Masonic Lodge No. 714	Down
W.Bro. William J Gray	60	Richview Masonic Lodge No. 711	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert Lillie	60	Union True Blues Masonic Lodge No. 659	Antrim
W.Bro. Richard T McConkey	60	Newbliss Masonic Lodge No. 794	Armagh
W.Bro. William J Elliott	60	Inniskilling Masonic Lodge No. 744	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. James A Turkington	59	Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231	Armagh
W.Bro. Robert S Chichester-Clark	56	Chichester Masonic Lodge No. 506	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Samuel J Davidson	53	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 404	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Fisher	51	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
W.Bro. Dermot Gray	51	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
W.Bro. Jack Gray	51	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
R.W.Bro. Canon Eric Kingston	50	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
V.W.Bro. Joe McKeown	50	Redcliffe Masonic Lodge No. 564	Down
Bro. William G Watson	50	Star of The East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W.Bro. Kenneth Craig	50	St Columba Temperance Lodge No. 637	Antrim
W.Bro. Albert Hamilton	50	Albert Edward Masonic Lodge No. 235	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Charles R Crawford	50	Albert Edward Masonic Lodge No. 235	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Harold S Bamford	50	Radiant Masonic Lodge No. 755	Down
Bro. Alfred W Curral	50	Radiant Masonic Lodge No. 755	Down
W.Bro. William A West	50	Clones Masonic Lodge No. 881	Armagh
R.W.Bro. Canon Eric Kingston	50	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
W.Bro. John R L Gray	50	Francis Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 83	Down
W.Bro. John E McCullough	50	Renown Masonic Lodge No. 421	Belfast
Bro. Richard W Watson	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 210	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Thomas M Lockhart	50	Solomon's Band Masonic Lodge No. 565	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel Geddis	50	Amethyst Masonic Lodge No. 761	Down
W.Bro. Noel P Peard	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 141	Metropolitan District
W.Bro. Thomas McClure	50	Freedom Masonic Lodge No. 394	Down
W.Bro. Richard Reid	50	Shane's Castle Masonic Lodge No. 539	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel Wilkinson	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 602	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph Erskine	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 602	Antrim
V.W.Bro. Ivor A Moloney	50	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan District
W.Bro. Alexander A Hagan	50	Tyrian Masonic Lodge No. 182	Antrim
Bro. William C Davidson	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 299	Armagh
Bro. James K Hill	50	Amethyst Masonic Lodge No. 761	Down
W.Bro. Donald G Preston	50	Warrenpoint Masonic Lodge No. 697	Down
W.Bro. George R Breen	50	Mealough Masonic Lodge No. 809	Down
W.Bro. Marcus Hamilton	50	Donemana Masonic Lodge No. 256	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Robert F Dunne	50	Belturbet Masonic Lodge No. 99	Meath
W.Bro. Joseph Bell	50	Gilford Masonic Lodge No. 145	Down
W.Bro. James H McConnell	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 57	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel J Scott	50	Lisburn Masonic Lodge No. 121	Antrim
W.Bro. William A Kirk	50	Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 125	Metropolitan District
W.Bro. William J Warden	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas F B Johnston	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph E Dowse	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. John N Robertson	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Thomas V McDonald	50	Star of the East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W.Bro. John J Brown	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 515	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Noel Dalzell	50	Armagh Masonic Lodge No. 39	Armagh
W.Bro. James Burnside	50	Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 291	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Francis G Verrall	50	Light Masonic lodge No. 454	New Zealand
R.W.Bro. Albert F McGregor	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 468	New Zealand
R.W.Bro. Alister M G Johnston	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 468	New Zealand
W.Bro. William I Loane	50	Inniskilling Masonic Lodge No. 744	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. William V Montgomery	50	Inniskilling Masonic Lodge No. 744	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Richard S Conlon	50	St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge No. 944	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. David Montgomery	50	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. David G Leckey	50	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. William R Campbell	50	Rashee Temperance Lodge No. 736	Antrim
Bro. James H White	50	Farmer's Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 978	Down
W.Bro. William McClelland	50	Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231	Armagh
W.Bro. Norman S Black	50	Shalman Masonic Lodge No. 607	Antrim

FRANCIS CROSSLE CELEBRATES CENTENARY

Francis Crossle Lodge No. 83 held its Centenary Celebration Dinner on Saturday 28th October 2007 in Newry Masonic Hall.

The Dinner was the highlight of the Lodge's Centenary Year and was attended by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop and the Provincial Grand Master of Down, R.W.Bro. Robert J Armstrong.

The toast to the Lodge was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master of South Connaught, R.W.Bro. Basil Fenton, who is a good friend of the Lodge and a regular attender at its Installation in January each year. The W.M. W.Bro. Marshall McConnell suitably replied on behalf of the Lodge.

The Lodge was Constituted in Newry on Friday 25th October 1907 with 29 founder members. R.W.Bro. Francis C Crossle, one of the founder members, was Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Down at that time and permitted



the Lodge to take his honoured name as its title. He became Worshipful Master in 1907 and 1908.

The principles on which the Lodge was formed and which were important to R.W.Bro. Crossle, were Fellowship and Charity. The Lodge is extremely proud that it has been able to maintain these principles at such a high standard during the 100

years and presently, its giving to Charity (per capita) is one of the highest throughout Ireland.

On the occasion of the Centenary Dinner, the Grand Master also presented a 50 year jewel to W.Bro. F D Gray – unfortunately, W.Bro. J D F Fisher who was also to receive his 50 year jewel, was unable to attend, being in London to receive his O.B.E.

75th Anniversary for Zubian Masonic Lodge



(L-R) Bro. A Hodges; W.Bro. S S Gibson; Bro. B Black; W.Bro. H McCabe; W.Bro. J Greer; Bro. R Adams; P.G.M. R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop; W.Bro. R Cherry; W.Bro. C Davidson; W.Bro. E Jordan; Bro. P Baxter and W.Bro. J Dillon.

Zubian Masonic Lodge No. 647 was constituted in 1923 by the then Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, R.W.Bro. William Wallace, at the Provincial Masonic Hall, 16 May Street, Belfast.

The photograph shows Brethren attending the 75th Anniversary celebration at the Provincial Masonic Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast and later retiring to the Arthur Square Masonic Centre.

They were joined in the festivities by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop, who was presented with a memento of the occasion by the W. Master W.Bro. C Davidson. Also in the picture is W.Bro. S S Gibson who received a 60 Year bar to his 50 Year jewel.

W.Bro. J H Greer, Secretary

Abbey Concord Masonic Lodge No. 242, Boyle



Abbey Concord Masonic Lodge No. 242 celebrated its 200th Anniversary in the presence of the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas T Grey, the P.G.M., R.W.Bro. George F Ginnelly; the Deputy P.G.M. R.W.Bro. E C Smyth and W.Bro. David McNeill (Worshipful Master).

Abbey Lodge No. 242 and Concord Lodge No. 854 amalgamated some years ago, both deriving from military Lodges, namely – 242 Roscommon Militia and 854 Leitrim Militia.

MOTORCYCLING MASONS?

Just how many Motorcycling Masons do we have in Ireland? One Mason believes that we may have quite a few in our midst and is keen to bring them together.

W.Bro Sam Conley (Mountpottinger Lodge No. 534) would be interested to develop an idea for ride-outs and similar events for like-minded Brethren throughout Ireland. Another possibility would be to organise a Charity Run in support of the Grand Master's Festival.

At this stage all expressions of interest, support and ideas would be warmly welcomed and Sam can be contacted on 07841 103288 or conley288@btinternet.com.