



# A. F. & A. Masons of Ireland Grand Lodge News



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## GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL 2008



**SAMARITANS**



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In 2007, there is deep concern in Irish society surrounding the issue of suicide and particularly the level of youth suicide in our country – it seems particularly baffling during a period of peace and prosperity, that so many are in despair. This is one of the difficult aspects of a complex subject – a tremendous amount of research is ongoing worldwide to find out ways to reach out and help those who feel that suicide is their only option. To tackle suicide effectively we must work together as a society – stigma surrounding issues of mental health, emotional distress and suicidal thought prevents many people from seeking help. Talking about how we actually feel is regarded with some suspicion – Who hasn't automatically replied 'Grand' when asked 'How are you?' No matter how we actually feel!

International research does endorse one very effective way of helping people experiencing emotional distress – talking about feelings. It seems such a simple thing that some people are surprised the solution is not more complicated – but for almost 90% of people experiencing emotional pain – talking about feelings will alleviate the pressure they are feeling. That is the basis of Samaritans emotional support service. For almost 40 years in Ireland, Samaritans has been providing time and space for people to explore their feelings, in complete confidence without fear of being judged, 24 hours a day, every day. For many people, confiding in a stranger is much easier, in a small country like Ireland, the anonymity and confidentiality of Samaritans service gives callers the confidence and trust in us that is so vital in order to

effectively talk about what is on your mind and find a positive way forward.

Samaritans received over half a million calls in 2006, 300,000 of these were what we describe as 'dialogue contacts' – conversations and contacts where Samaritans volunteers were able to offer emotional support for people experiencing distress or suicidal thoughts. Help-lines record silent calls and hang ups as well as 'dialogue contacts', simply because it can take a person several attempts before they feel able to speak. Often, a caller can ring and say nothing, just simply wanting the reassurance of knowing that someone is there – and that they are not alone.

In 2008, Samaritans will continue to offer emotional support via telephone, email and face to face, via our branch network. We will also introduce emotional support via text message – a service we anticipate will reach a huge number of young people – in a way that they feel comfortable communicating. This ongoing work is only possible through the commitment of our volunteers and the support of organisations such as the Freemasons. Samaritans are always there, so that no-one ever needs to feel alone, - thank you for helping us be there.

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**08457 90 90 90 NI.**

**Email Helpline: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)**

**General Enquiries: 01 878 1833**



Our youngest daughter Laura was born with a hole in her heart, and having endured and survived six months and two serious operations in Our Lady's Hospital, went on to have a few relatively good years, with the final surgery to come. Sadly when it did, Laura did not



Lynn (left) and Laura (right).

survive and died on 31st August 1999, aged just 4. Lynn, on the other hand, had 13 years of perfect health until she was diagnosed with Leukemia, the day before her younger sister passed away. Lynn died a year and eight months later, having lost her difficult but courageous battle with her illness.

Eight and six years on, and we never thought we'd have survived, but we have - so far. I can only speak from my own perspective, and say that the awful raw pain and emptiness does ease with time, but we miss our angels every minute of every day, and always will. There are two choices though – you survive or you don't, and if you do, you learn to live a different life because you must.

Through our sadness and loss has come some good. Having spent many years in Our Lady's Hospital, we saw a need for respite for seriously and terminally ill children, and especially for their parents and siblings, in particular where 24 hour care is required. Also at the end, Lynn's greatest wish was to be able to die at home, and as that



Jane

not have been possible for one reason or other, I remember thinking after her death, there was no other choice here for someone of her age. Thankfully in our case, Lynn got her wish and had a lovely peaceful passing at home. But it highlighted the need for choice. So, the LauraLynn Foundation was set up, and through the kindness and generosity of so many, it continues to go from strength to strength.

We have merged with The Children's Sunshine Home, who at present provides a wonderful service, with limited resources. LauraLynn House and the new Hospice Project there will provide not only Respite and Palliative Care for the sick child, but as stated before, the respite and support and choice for parents and siblings. Having visited Children's Hospice in England, Scotland & Belfast, it brought home the importance of providing the same wonderful service here in Southern Ireland.

On behalf of LauraLynn, I would like to thank all in the Freemasons' Society of Ireland for choosing us as one of their charities of this year. The funds raised will make a great difference to the overall Project, and help bring us closer to our goal.

*Jane McKenna - mother*



Northern Ireland Children's Hospice is part of Northern Ireland Hospice Care. It was established in 1998 to provide respite and end of life care to life limited children and their families. As the only children's hospice service in Northern Ireland it provides care across the Province both in the children's hospice at Horizon House in Belfast and in the community, in the child's own home.

There are over 860 children with life-limiting illnesses living in Northern Ireland. These children do not have a life expectancy of longer than 18 years and they have very special care needs. They may suffer from

**NORTHERN IRELAND Children's Hospice**

**When Caitlin was born we were told she wouldn't live to her first birthday. Now 6 years old this is her story...**

My beautiful daughter Caitlin was born on the 11th May 2000 with very complex needs, due to the fact that she was born with an under-developed brain. Caitlin requires the use of a specially adapted buggy and is fully dependant on us for all her needs. She is fed through a tube and the only food she can take is a special milk packed full of vitamins and minerals.

Caring for Caitlin 24/7 can be very hard and tiring at times, but thankfully the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice has been there to help us in lots of ways.

We first visited the children's hospice in December 2001. During that visit I was afraid to let anyone near my daughter as I thought no-one would be able to hold her properly, let alone do anything else for her.

Of course the situation quickly changed once I saw for myself the quality of care, love and commitment the staff were able to offer to Caitlin and with it came an amazing sense of relief and peace as I accepted their support and started to trust the care staff.

Caitlin clearly enjoys her stays at the children's hospice, spending time in the swimming pool, using the multi-sensory room, listening to her favourite music, finger painting and generally getting pampered. She's such a princess!

As Caitlin's mum, I know it took much strength and courage to admit I needed the help of the children's hospice. When you have such a sick child, every moment is so precious and to hand her over to someone else in order to have a short break is really hard but I'm glad we took that step, as Caitlin and our whole family have benefited from what the children's hospice staff have done for us.

**In closing I want to say a massive thank you to all the staff at the children's hospice and to everyone who has given so generously to ensure that this dedicated care is available for children like Caitlin.**

**Kerry Dean.**

*...a special way of caring*

For further information or to make a donation please contact the Fundraising Department at Northern Ireland Children's Hospice, Head Office, 18 O'Neill Road, Newtownabbey, BT26 9WR Tel No 028 90 781826 or email fundraising@nihospicecare.com www.nihospicecare.com Registered Charity Number XN 45691

life-limiting progressive illnesses such as Muscular Dystrophy or rare genetic disorders such as Batten's Disease, or life-threatening illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. Such conditions require substantial and in many cases full-time round the clock care, and many of them will die before reaching adulthood. This puts an enormous strain on family life, especially if more than one sibling is ill. At times, families can feel overwhelmed by the situation, both emotionally and physically.

The Children's Hospice supports some of the most vulnerable families in our community and last year Northern Ireland Children's Hospice

helped 250 of these families by providing respite and end-of-life care as well as friendship and practical support both throughout the child's illness and into bereavement. We want to continue to help more families and make this essential service even more accessible to those who need it most.

It costs £1.8 million every year to keep our services running so the support of corporate partnerships are a real lifeline to us. Attached is Caitlin's story. You will be helping us to provide this much needed care to families across Northern Ireland. We greatly appreciate the support of the Freemasons and we look forward to working with you in 2008.



# Grand Master's Address – 6th October 2007

Brethren, since the June Communication, I have been a little less busy due to the quieter Masonic period. However, I was privileged and honoured to visit Chatham Hall Lodge No. 152 to present a 70th Anniversary Jewel and Certificate to an old and dear friend, R.W. Bro. Alex. McLernon. The Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, R.W. Bro. John Dunlop accompanied me on this occasion in acknowledgment of Alex's excellent and enduring contribution to the Order.

During June, I attended meetings of Ballymoney Lodge No. 57 and Alexandra Lodge No. 366, Limavady, respectively, to renew acquaintances with the current Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 57, W.Bro. Tom Galbraith and R.W. Bro. John January of Lodge No. 366, to whom I presented a well earned 50 year Anniversary Jewel.

In July, my Grand Secretary and I attended the Annual Tripartite Meeting which was held in London, when many important issues were discussed, requiring us to return in September for further discussions in preparation for a subsequent meeting in November.

The Grand Lodge Golf Competition at Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown again proved very successful when we were pleased to welcome my Deputy, R.W. Bro. Douglas Grey and the Past Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Michael Walker, who played on the day. We had good weather and an excellent outcome, having raised £6000. I would especially thank R.W. Bro. Noel Simpson and his wife Pauline and all involved with particular thanks to the Provincial Grand Masters for their generous support.



The 6th September was a red letter day when I dedicated the new Portrush Hall at an Occasional Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. The past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Eric Waller attended and we were most impressed by the attractive and functional building which has resulted. This must surely augur well for Lodges 607, 1008 and the associated Masonic units which will occupy these wonderful premises. I wish them well.

On 14th September, I constituted the City of Lisburn Installed Masters' Lodge which again proved a most joyous occasion. The focus of this new lodge will be on Charity and I am confident that their labours will prove bountiful.

I met with the Principals of our associated orders on 29th September, 2007 when we discussed and agreed on the need to support Craft Masonry at all levels. We all agree that the Craft is the bedrock and foundation of

masonry and its decreasing membership must be addressed by all if it and other levels are to survive. A mutual understanding was readily achieved and a plan to review this issue on a regular basis was agreed.

I also visited Skibereen Lodge No. 15 to re-dedicate their refurbished Lodge room, following accidental fire damage, caused by an arson attack on nearby premises. I was most interested to observe 'Munster' working once again but exceedingly pleased to witness the dedication and commitment of the members in getting their house back in order. The effort of the Lodge Secretary and the quality of his work was truly outstanding.

Events GLI promoted the 'The Joy of Music' in the National Concert Hall on Saturday September 22nd. The performances were of a high standard and enjoyed by all. The Ambassadors of Austria, Japan and Pakistan were present along with the Chief Commissioner of the Garda and many others, all were delighted with the show.

In all these visits, I was greatly encouraged by the members' attachment to the Order and the wonderful spirit in which it is framed.

In conclusion, I would again thank my Deputy, my Assistant, the Grand Secretary and all other officers and administrators for their valuable input and thank you all brethren for the ongoing support which I receive.

Brethren, I thank you.

*M.W.Bro. George Dunlop*

## 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](mailto:w.clarke@5hoots15.freemasonry.co.uk)

## For Services Rendered



In early October, the Brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 222, Bray, saw fit to make a presentation to their most illustrious member, our Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Eric N Waller. This was in recognition of the great contributions he has made to Irish Freemasonry during his tenure as Grand Master.

I was especially honoured to make the presentation on their behalf - of a marine compass.

*R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener P.G.M. (Wicklow & Wexford)*

# CHARITY CORNER

## HOLE-IN-ONE HIGHLIGHT AS MASONIC GOLF RAISES £6,000 FOR CHARITIES

A first-time hole-in-one was the highlight of the eighth annual Millennium Cup competition, organised by the Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society, at Killymoon, Cookstown.

A £100 voucher, sponsored by Gus Donnelly Associates, was awarded for the first time in the history of the competition to Uel Henry, of Lodge No. 396, for his feat at the short 16th.

The competition, completed in ideal weather, attracted an entry of 260 members, ladies and guests representing Ireland, Scotland, England and Finland.

Following an evening of entertainment in the clubhouse, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother George Dunlop, presented prizes to the value of £1,000 to:

**Overall winner** – Robert Jordan, Lodge No. 824 (47 points)

**Team Prize** – Robert Jordan and David Graham (86 points)

**Best Gross** – David Turner (2 – 76 gross)

**Ladies' Prize** – Margaret Gordon (30 points)

**Non-Masons** – Sean Canavan, Captain of Killymoon Golf Club (38 points).



Left: The "Finish golfing contingent" with the Grand Master, Deputy & Assistant Grand Masters. Right: Gus Donnelly presenting a cheque for £100 to Uel Henry.



Left: R.W. Bro. John Dunlop presenting cheque for £3,000 to Glen Oaks. Right: M.W. Bro George Dunlop G.M. and R.W. Bro John Dunlop P.G.M. of Antrim with the "Overall Winner" Bro. Robert Jordan and "Team Prize Winners" Bros. Robert Jordan and David Graham (Lodge No. 824 Antrim) together with their wives.



The competition raised £6,000, which was donated equally to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Masonic charities.

R.W. Brother John Dunlop, chairman of the Northern Provinces Committee, presented a cheque for £3,000 to Glen Oaks, of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



## LADIES NIGHT IN AID OF NORTHERN IRELAND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



Hosted by Crawfordsburn Masonic Lodge No. 812.

Crawfordsburn Masonic Lodge No. 812 hosted a "Ladies Night Dinner & Dance" at Carnalea Golf Club on Friday 28th September.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Ally Gilchrist, introduced Ms. Katie Setterfield, the North Down fundraiser for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice to the diners.

Ms Setterfield made a brief presentation on the work, aims and goals of the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice, pointing out that at this time the Hospice runs entirely on charitable funding.

During a break in the later dance and entertainment a tombola draw was made.

The proceeds of the evening, £660.20, were donated to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.



W. Bro. Ally Gilchrist, Worshipful Master of Crawfordsburn ML 812 & Ms Katie Setterfield, Fundraiser for Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.



# CHARITY CORNER

## KGALÉ LODGE DONATES \$160 MILLION!

Kgale Lodge, No. 918, meeting in Gaborone, Botswana, over the last 18 months has donated around \$160,000,000 – that's Zimbabwe Dollars, to the Masonic Old People's Home in Harare!

Times are very hard there at present, to the extent that some Brethren, who were with the Zimbabwe civil service and are on fixed pensions, are really struggling. The latest development could see the Government medical aid scheme under threat of collapse.

The MOPH is a cross constitution body, and some of the residents are members of Irish Constitution Lodges that meet in Zimbabwe. Kgalé Lodge has been pleased to help in a small way to supporting the Home, and we heard that our latest donation, which realised approximately Zim\$90 million, apparently paid for some urgent repairs to the fabric of the Home, as well as providing money towards a Christmas Party for the residents. One Scottish PM in Zimbabwe is paying for the residents to see a Christmas Pantomime, so hopefully Christmas 2007 will not be too desperate, but who knows what the future might bring!

We have also heard that Rotary International are paying to repatriate some old folk back to the UK wherever possible from some other homes; but they are in a minority.

Brethren, please examine your charity funds, and if you have any left over we can assure you we know where it will most definitely be put to good use. Please contact R.W.Bro Tony Allen, Grand Superintendent for Botswana, by email at - [tony.allen@botsnet.bw](mailto:tony.allen@botsnet.bw) - to arrange for the transfer of funds.

*W.Bro. M Crickshank – Secretary 918*

*[Note from Ed.: Exchange Rate is Zim\$ 61,000 to 1£ not tradeable. Should your Lodge wish to support this very worthy cause, please consult your Bank to enquire as to the best method of transferring money to Kgalé Lodge No. 819, be it in US\$ or GBPE.]*

## BOYS FUND PRAISED

Ralph, and twins Kyle and Maurice are sons of the late W.Bro. Ross Henderson of Newtownstewart Lodge No. 547. On Ross' untimely death in 1980 their education was just beginning. Ardstraw Primary School under W.Bro. Tom Bratten and then at Strabane Grammar School guided by the late W.Bro. David Todd and the support of the Masonic Boys' Benefit Fund. The boys are now well established in the big wide world.

Ralph graduated from Aberdeen University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is now working in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. and is employed by Group Mackenzie which is a multi-discipline firm with architecture, civil, structural and traffic engineering, planning, landscaping and interior design. Ralph is a Licensed Civil Engineer, the American equivalent of Chartered. He has also passed LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Maurice went to the University of Aberdeen and got an M.A. Honours in Computer Science and Management Studies. After working in Scotland for nine years he followed his brother to Portland and started to work for Con-way Inc. as a Lead Systems Analyst and qualified Project Manager. He leads a team of people designing and implementing I.T. solutions in the Logistics arena.

Kyle went to Oxford University and obtained an Honours Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He worked for B.A.E. Systems and later for Stork Fokker in Holland. In 2006 he was awarded a Sainsbury Management Fellowship to study for a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at INSEAD, Singapore, one of the world's top business schools. Kyle graduated from INSEAD in 2007 and has recently taken up a position with the American Aerospace giant, Honeywell. He will be their 'Senior Strategic Marketing Manager' with responsibility for strategy in Europe, Middle East, Africa and India.



*From the left: Maurice; Ralph & Kyle with his Bride, Anna.*

Mrs Hazel Henderson would like to thank the Masonic Order for the support and guidance she and her sons have received and particularly the help and advice of Mr McFetridge when he called.

These young gentlemen brought their brides back to be married in Newtownstewart Presbyterian Church and their mother has now four grandchildren to visit in various parts of the world.

'Those of us who knew their father, often say how proud he would have been if he had been spared to see their success'.

*R.W.Bro. D R Galbraith*

## Boy's Fund Assists Work Experience

Dear Sir,

I am writing this short letter just to let you know that I have recently returned from Switzerland from my placement year. The year was a huge success and I have gained tremendously from it. It was very hard work but I met some fantastic people who helped me through it and in general everyone there was impressed with my work ethic which is reflected in the reference I received of which you will find a copy enclosed.

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I would like to take this opportunity to again sincerely thank you for the support you have given me. It was of huge benefit for me and without it I'm not sure I would have even made it through my first year. I can only hope that in a few years when hopefully I am running my own hotel or business that I can in some way repay your generosity. I am currently working in a hotel for the summer and will return to Shannon College of Hotel Management in September.

Yours sincerely,

*Robert Maxwell*

**And from his Employer in Switzerland:**

Hotel President Wilson, Geneva

To whom it may concern:

It is my great pleasure to give my highest recommendation to Robert Maxwell who completed a year long internship at the Hotel President Wilson Geneva (member of Starwood Luxury Collection), from June 2006 through to June 2007.

Robert arrived and immediately impressed us with his ability to adapt to working in a new country and learn the language. He made a wonderful addition to our staff and was liked and respected by all. His exemplary work ethic and attitude made him a pleasure to work with.

Working in several different areas of the food and beverage department, Robert demonstrated the diversity of his skills and knowledge both in the technical aspects of his work and in his relations with guests. He constantly showed initiative and we were never disappointed with his efforts.

Robert is an exceptional worker and an excellent reflection upon his school. We can only hope that future interns live up to his example. I am sure that he will do an equally fine job for any company lucky enough to obtain his services.

Robert is a wonderful ambassador for his country and for the whole hotel industry. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

*Alann Gauci*

Assistant Director  
of Food and Beverage  
Hotel President Wilson, Geneva

## OUR MAN IN HAWAII



Left: (L-R) R.W.Bro. J L Frazer; M.W.Bro. Bruce H Bonnell, Past Grand Master and V.W.Bro. Lee Skinner, Grand Secretary.



Right: Grand Master for the year 2008 – M.W.Bro. Oscar M Jayne and his wife, following the Installation for 2007/2008.

R.W.Bro. John L Fraser decided to visit Hawaii being the Grand Lodge Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

He and Mrs Frazer arrived in Hawaii in time for the 19th Anniversary Communication on 20th and 21st April 2007 held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Honolulu.

Grand Lodge sat at 2 p.m. on Friday 20th April with the Officers of 2006/2007 in office and recessed at 5 p.m. They reconvened on Saturday 21st April with a Board of Purposes which included a ballot for all Officers for the year 2008 starting with the Grand Master.

The Installation then took place at 3 p.m. that afternoon at which ladies and families were present. Social events included the following:

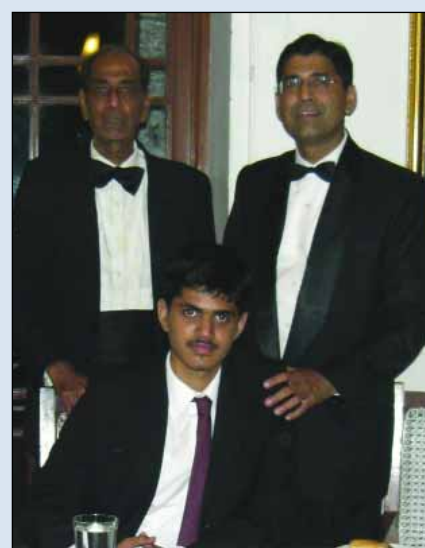
Friday evening - Dinner - Aloha Attire.

Saturday evening - Dinner - Formal Attire.

## Initiation in Lodge Harp of Erin No. 567 at Chennai, India

At an emergency meeting of Lodge Harp of Erin No. 567. on June 21, 2007, Hrishikesh Arvind Datar, 19, (Lewis) was initiated by his Grandfather, R.W.Bro. Capt. Prabhakar Datar, Hon. Past Grand Deacon, P.P.D.G.M of Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India. V.W.Bro. Arvind P Datar, the Candidate's father, acted as Conductor with other Brethren taking part in the ceremony. Over 50 Brethren from the English, Scottish and Indian Constitutions were present in the Temple.

R.W.Bro. Capt. Datar, as ruling Master, had the privilege of initiating his two sons as Lewis'. In 1975, he initiated his elder son Arvind (19 yrs) in Lodge C. A. Ramakrishna and his younger son, Nijanand in Lodge Asoka (18 yrs), both Lodges under the Grand



Lodge of India. Now, he had the privilege of initiating his Grandson, also as a Lewis. Hrishikesh is a student at the National Law School, Bangalore, India.



## 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. Robert G Walsh	60	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert A Hetherington	60	Temple Masonic Lodge No. 138	L'derry & Donegal
Bro. Samuel Hunter	60	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 941	L'derry & Donegal
Bro. Richard Henry	60	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 941	L'derry & Donegal
R.W.Bro. James Madden	60	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 941	L'derry & Donegal
W.Bro. Bob Stinson	60	St. Patrick's Senior Masonic Lodge No. 623	Armagh
R.W.Bro. Harry Weir	50	Kipling Newporton Lodge No. 315	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Henry R S Millar	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No.219	Armagh
W.Bro. William G Twinem	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No.219	Armagh
W.Bro. David L McAvoy	50	Seagoe Masonic Lodge No. 851	Armagh
W.Bro. James L McKinney	50	Seagoe Masonic Lodge No. 851	Armagh
W.Bro. Ross Aiken	50	Straid Masonic Lodge No. 276	Antrim
W.Bro. Harry Wilson	50	Stormont Masonic Lodge No. 560	Down
W.Bro. William C I Armstrong	50	Irvinestown Masonic Lodge No. 277	Tyrone & Fermanagh
R.W.Bro. Cyril R Foster	50	Ormond Masonic Lodge No. 201	North Munster
W.Bro. Frederick W Gray	50	Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 125	Metropolitan
W.Bro. Arthur T Henderson	50	Olderfleet Masonic Lodge No. 501	Antrim
W.Bro. William Killen	50	Maine Valley Masonic Lodge No. 492	Antrim
W.Bro. Leonard Clark	50	Youghal Masonic Lodge No. 68	Munster
W.Bro. William G R Roch-Perks	50	Youghal Masonic Lodge No. 68	Munster
Bro. James Swann	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 122	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. John A McCarter	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 122	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Christopher McMaster	50	Loyal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 119	Down
Bro. William Bambrick	50	Loyal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 119	Down
Bro. Richard G Phillips	50	Hibernian Masonic Lodge No. 95	Munster
W.Bro. Samuel Torrens	50	Aghadowey Masonic Lodge No. 316	Antrim
W.Bro. Bernard F Larcher	50	Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 254	Down
W.Bro. Walter W Graham	50	Ramelton Old Masonic Lodge No. 407	L'derry & Donegal
R.W.Bro. James W R Brown	50	St. Finbar's Masonic Lodge No. 129	Natal
W.Bro. James J O'Hara	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 317	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert White	50	Magheramore Masonic Lodge No. 514	Antrim
W.Bro. William J Woods	50	Latharna Masonic Lodge No. 375	Antrim
W.Bro. James Luke	50	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W.Bro. Leslie A Reid	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 299	Armagh
Bro. Samuel K Barr	50	Temple Masonic Lodge No. 138	L'derry & Donegal
W.Bro. Nicholas S R Duffin	50	Ark Masonic Lodge No. 10	Antrim
W.Bro. John D Royals	50	Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 363	South Australia
Bro. Oliver H Gordon	50	Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 363	South Australia
W.Bro. William J McConnell	50	Star of the East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W.Bro. David McAlpine	50	Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66	Down
W.Bro. Thomas P Rafferty	50	Orpheus Masonic Lodge No. 426	Metropolitan
W.Bro. John N Forbes	50	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 126	South Eastern
V.W.Bro. J M January	50	Alexandra Masonic Lodge No. 366	L'derry & Donegal
W.Bro. George V Manolitsus	50	Alexandra Masonic Lodge No. 11	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. John A Maginnis	50	Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 309	L'derry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Shaw	50	Aigburth Masonic Lodge No. 733	Down
W.Bro. William J Nicholl	50	Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 127	L'derry & Donegal
W.Bro. Samuel R Wiggins	50	Langford Masonic Lodge No. 616	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel R Bryson	50	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert Irwin	50	James Chambers Masonic Lodge No. 318	Antrim
Bro. John Bolas	50	James Chambers Masonic Lodge No. 318	Antrim

# PLENTY OF JOY AT THE NCH

**'The Joy of Music!' presented and directed by Events GLI, took place at the National Concert Hall on Saturday September 22nd.**



At the dress rehearsal, international concert pianists, Finghin and Dearbla Collins rehearse the 'Carnival of the Animals' under the direction of French conductor, Laurent Wagner, conducting the RTE National Concert Orchestra.



Award-winning Japanese Soprano Mari Moriya, who flew in from New York to perform, is congratulated after the performance by His Excellency The Ambassador of Japan and Madam Hayashi. The Concert and Grand Master's Reception were also attended, amongst many other prominent figures, by the Ambassadors of Austria and Pakistan, and Supreme Court Judge, Mr Justice Fennelly and Mrs Fennelly together with Lord & Lady Meath, senior executives of Opera Ireland and RTE, The Deputy Grand Master, The Assistant Grand Master, The Past Grand Master, a number of Provincial Grand Masters and other senior figures in the Order.



The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, welcomes baritone Simon Morgan to his Reception after the Concert. Mr Morgan, (still in the costume of his role as 'Sergeant Belcore' in the comic opera L'elisir d'amore, part of which was performed at the concert), kindly donated his services without fee, as did all of the principal singers and chorus.



Commissioner Noel Conroy, head of the Garda Siochana and Mrs Conroy at the Grand Master's Reception after the Concert.

*'The Joy of Music was presented by Events GLI, in furtherance of the outreach policy of Grand Lodge, and in association with the Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition. All EGLI personnel (some of whom were not Freemasons) donated their services to the event and also received no payment for expenses. Grand Lodge incurred no cost for the event.'*

## Ye Olde Stars of Kilwarlin LXVI

**Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66 opens with 379 years of experience.**

On 31 May 2007 the Worshipful Master decided to give his Officers the night off and invited some of the more senior Brethren, which he referred to as the 'The Magnificent 7', to assist him on the evening. The total number of years in Masonry of these seven officers plus the Worshipful Master was 379 years.

List of Officers on the evening

W.Bro. John Kelso	Initiated 02/96	Worshipful Master
V.W.Bro. Bob Maxwell	Initiated 09/41	Senior Warden
W.Bro. Ivan McCartney	Initiated 06/53	Junior Warden
W.Bro. Bob Cumins	Initiated 01/47	Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Bertie Walker	Initiated 03/61	Chaplain
W.Bro. Walter Smyth	Initiated 10/60	Senior Deacon
W.Bro. Bob Arnott	Initiated 01/58	Junior Deacon
W.Bro. Brian Hunter	Initiated 01/61	Inner Guard

Also sitting on the Dais, keeping an eye on proceedings, were W.Bro. Leslie Bell (who celebrated his 90th Birthday in July) and W.Bro. Sam McQuillan.

It was a great evening with celebratory 'Magnificent 7' cake and lots of reminiscing at the Festive Board. The younger Brethren left with a better insight of Masonry in bygone decades.



L to R: W.Bro. Bob Cumins, W.Bro. Brian Hunter, V.W.Bro. Bob Maxwell, W.Bro. Walter Smyth, W.Bro. John Kelso W.M., W.Bro. Bob Arnott, W.Bro. Ivan McCartney, W.Bro. Bertie Walker, W.Bro. Verus Reaney.

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