



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



MARCH 2005

## GRAND MASTER'S REPORT 2004

My third year as Grand Master is now drawing to a close and has proved to be a challenging time of both consolidation and progress.

Sadly I must begin by referring to the passing of distinguished Brethren to the Grand Lodge above. Certain names feature prominently viz. R.W.Bro. the Ven. E. Brian Snow, Past Senior Grand

Chaplain; V.W.Bro. Robert Jones. O.B.E., Past Grand Master's Standard Bearer; R.W.Bro. William S. Cunningham, Past Grand Treasurer; R.W.Bro. Thomas W. Nicholson, Past Grand Master's Standard Bearer; these, with many other dear, departed Brethren were great supporters of Freemasonry. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

The minutes of the four quarterly meetings of The Grand Lodge of Ireland are available on our website [irish-freemasons.org](http://irish-freemasons.org) and will be printed in full in the Annual Report for 2004 so it is unnecessary for me to report in detail.

Our March meeting was hosted by The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Midland Counties where we enjoyed the excellent facilities of the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. We are indebted to R.W.Bro. Kenneth Dunne for his invitation. I confirmed and invested R.W.Bro. Richard Ensor as Chairman of the Metropolitan Board; V.W.Bro. Robert T. McCaffrey, as Grand Steward of Charities and V.W.Bro. Kenneth Abernethy as Grand Lodge Standard Bearer.

The June meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall Dublin. We were glad to welcome two visiting delegations. The Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium was represented by M.W.Bro. Alexandre Cleven, Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Jose van Runckelen, Grand Secretary; the United Grand Lodge of England was represented by V.W.Bro. John Hamill, P.G.J.D. M.W.Bro. Alexandre Cleven invested R.W. Bro. Michael Walker, Grand Secretary, with the Medal of Merit of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium for services to Freemasonry over the years.

It was announced that a letter from the Deputy Grand Master had been circulated to all Lodge Secretaries advising that R.W.Bro. Walker had indicated his intention to retire as Grand Secretary with effect from the end of June 2005 and inviting applications from suitably qualified Brethren to fill the vacancy which will arise. Applications are currently being processed by an Appointments Committee chaired by the Assistant Grand Master.

Later in June, R.W.Bro. William Mawhinney, Assistant Grand Master travelled to Brussels to represent Grand Lodge at the celebrations to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium.

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Grand Lodge of Ireland  
Freemasons of Ireland  
Golfing Society

### Millennium Charity Cup 2005

at  
**Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown**

on  
**Friday 16th September 2005**

**2005 Charities:**  
**Race against Multiple Sclerosis**  
**&**  
**Masonic Charities**  
**£1,000 in Prizes**

**Three Prize Categories:-**  
**1. Masonic Brethren**  
**2. Non-Masons**  
**3. Ladies**

**Prizes will be presented at the**  
**Evening of Entertainment**  
**NO QUALIFYING**

**The first 200 entries taken on a first come,**  
**first served basis**

**No Green Fees required on the day**  
**Registration Fee:- £15**

Registration Forms & Competition Rules available from:  
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In October Grand Lodge met in Newtownards where excellent facilities were provided at the Queen's Hall by R.W.Bro. Robert Armstrong and the Brethren of the Province of Down. Officers of Grand Lodge for 2005 were elected. I am privileged to have been re-elected for a fourth year and I gladly confirmed the reappointment of R.W.Bro. George Dunlop as Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. William Mawhinney as Assistant Grand Master. Their commitment and support is greatly appreciated. It is most encouraging to note that all meetings of Grand Lodge held during the year, were very well attended.

Each year I visit some of our Provincial Grand Lodges. I like to meet and talk to as many Brethren as possible. On Feb 28th I attended the Installation Meeting of the Province of Antrim and was warmly received by R.W.Bro. Adam McKinley and his Officers. I attended the Province of Meath meeting on March 24th in the Community Hall of the St John's Sheltered Housing facility near Virginia, Co. Cavan. The meeting was chaired by R.W.Bro. Cecil Tilson, Provincial Deputy Grand Master.

I visited Cork on May 4th for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster where R.W.Bro. Alan Campbell made me very welcome. A few days later I welcomed R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener, PGM of Wicklow & Wexford with Officers, Brethren and ladies to Freemasons' Hall, Dublin. Following the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, we joined the Ladies for a barbeque supper.

On June 9th accompanied by the R.W.Bro. Michael Walker, I attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught meeting in Sligo at the invitation of R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly, where a large number of senior Brethren from the Northern Provinces were also present.

On each occasion I addressed the meeting and I came away impressed by the confidence and optimism for the future success of Freemasonry expressed by all Brethren whom I met.

I received a visit in September from R.W.Bro. Lau Kee Siong, Grand Inspector for Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand where Irish Freemasonry is thriving and there is a possibility of more Lodges being constituted.

At this point I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the loyalty and support that I receive from our Provincial Grand Masters both in Ireland and Overseas including our Grand Inspectors. These Brethren are in effect, area Managers for the Grand Lodge of Ireland and without exception carry out their duties in an exemplary manner.

Last year the Police Service of Northern Ireland announced the



intention to make an Order requiring officers to notify the Chief Constable of their membership of Freemasonry which implies that membership would impair their ability to be impartial in dealing with the public. Since Freemasonry is non-sectarian and non-political, this requirement has no validity. It should be noted that in July 2001 the European Court of Human rights ruled that Freemasonry is neither an illegal, criminal nor secret association and that in a modern democratic society it is unnecessary to require public servants not to be Freemasons. On behalf of our Brethren, we made repeated submissions to the PSNI to no avail because the Order was confirmed and implemented. After consultation with our Legal advisors, we applied to the High Court in Belfast requesting a Judicial Review on the grounds that the PSNI did not have the power to implement such an Order. We were granted a Review to be heard on 11th and 12th November, meanwhile the PSNI suspended the Order. In mid October, our legal team was contacted by the legal representatives of the PSNI confirming that the Order would be formally withdrawn which seemed to suggest that the PSNI acknowledged that the Order was not lawfully made and

therefore there was little to be gained with proceeding with the Judicial Review. This was confirmed in the High Court on November 11th. The news immediately became public knowledge. We issued a previously prepared Press Release which was widely reported in the Northern Ireland Media. I gave an interview on BBC Radio Ulster Talkback programme on the subject. I am very glad that we were able to successfully defend the rights of those of our Brethren employed by the PSNI. I must pay tribute to our Grand Registrar, V.W.Bro. Arthur Moran, a highly respected member of the legal profession, for his invaluable input into this and other matters.

This year, in August, we hosted the Tripartite Meeting in Dublin when we discuss matters of mutual interest with our counterparts in the United Grand Lodge of England, represented by R.W.Bro. Lord Northampton, Pro-Grand Master and V.W.Bro. Bob Morrow, Grand Secretary; and the Grand Lodge of Scotland represented by M.W.Bro. Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, Grand Master Mason and R.W.Bro. Martin McGibbon, Grand Secretary. We were represented by R.W.Bro. George Dunlop, Deputy Grand Master who chaired the meetings supported by R.W.Bro. Michael Walker, Grand Secretary.

On October 8th & 9th it was our turn to host the European Grand Secretaries Annual Conference. Twenty six European Regular Grand Lodges were represented and enjoyed a successful two days. The working sessions were chaired by R.W.Bro. Michael Walker supported by V.W.Bro. Barry Lyons.

On Saturday evening entertainment was arranged by R.W.Bro. John Rowden in the Grand Lodge room featuring Professor Peter Sweeney, internationally renowned organist who played our newly installed digital organ for the first time. Professor Sweeney, with supporting artistes, provided what was probably the best night's musical entertainment we have ever enjoyed much to the delight of our foreign visitors, their ladies and all of us.

Earlier this year, our Grand Inspector in Malta, R.W.Bro. Joseph Cordina advised that our Maltese Lodges, with the support of English and Scottish

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Brethren on the island, wished to form their own Grand Lodge. Following consultation with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, we indicated our support. This entailed a great deal of work for our Grand Secretary who assisted in the preparation of the new Laws & Constitution and also gave advice on various procedural matters. The date of November 18th was agreed for the Constitution of the new Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta. Nine Brethren and four wives travelled from Ireland for the event. I opened an occasional meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland with R.W.Bro. George Dunlop S.W.; R.W.Bro. William Mawhinney J.W.; R.W.Bro. Michael Walker G.S. All offices were filled by Brethren from Ireland. I constituted the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta, a historic experience. The first time the Grand Lodge of Ireland had sponsored the formation of another Grand Lodge. I then invested and installed R.W.Bro. Cordina as the first Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge.

M.W.Bro. Cordina proceeded to install the new Officers. A celebration Banquet followed. It was a memorable few days. The Maltese Brethren and their ladies could not have made us more welcome. We wish every success to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta under the guidance of M.W.Bro. Cordina who hopes to visit us in June 2005.

Last week I was in Edinburgh accompanied by the Grand Secretary for the Installation of M.W.Bro. The Rev. Canon Joseph Morrow as Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to succeed M.W.Bro. Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing who visited Dublin many times during his term of Office. M.W.Bro. Morrow invited me as Guest of Honour so I was privileged to propose the toast to the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Celebration Banquet. R.W.Bro. Walker and I renewed many old friendships and we look forward to welcoming M.W.Bro. Morrow to Grand Lodge in June 2005.

We will continue to avail of suitable opportunities to raise the Public profile of Freemasonry as a long-term objective. Significant progress has already been made.

At previous Grand Lodge Communications, I have mentioned Events GLI Limited, an event promotion company wholly owned by Grand Lodge. Its function is two fold:

- Firstly to raise and consolidate the social profile of Freemasonry in Ireland.
- Secondly to raise substantial sums of money which can be donated to non-Masonic Charities in the name of the Order.

Brethren, we rightly consider ourselves to be members of a prestigious Order, with a long and dignified history. It is right and proper therefore that anything intended to enhance our position in Society should be equally prestigious.

I am pleased to tell you that we are in the process this week of exchanging contracts, which will formalise nearly two years of negotiation. The first concert will take place at the Point Theatre on Wednesday March 9th 2005. Our Artiste is constantly in demand all over the world and recently gave sell-out concerts before audiences of 850,000 in New York and 700,000 in Tokyo. His repertoire extends from opera, where he reigns supreme and is in demand in every opera house in the world, to Musicals and dual albums with singers such as John Denver.

It will be his first appearance in Ireland for 14 years. By now you will realise that there are very few people that I can be talking about. Brethren, I am happy to announce that on March 9th at the Point Theatre, Dublin; Events GLI will present "Placido Domingo – in Concert" with Maestro Domingo accompanied by the full RTE National Concert Orchestra, in what promises to be the musical and social event of the year.

Invitations will be sent to the President and the Taoiseach.

I feel that Events GLI will have more than fulfilled their brief. We can hardly ask for a more prestigious occasion which should raise a sum measured in hundreds of thousands which will be divided equally between ten charities throughout Ireland.

I hope everyone will give it their most sincere support by attendance and/or by telling their friends about it. It will be an event of which we, as Freemasons in the Community, can all be very proud indeed.

We are entering a phase of change which is both exciting and challenging. Every member of our great Order has a part to play. I place great value on teamwork. With enthusiasm, commitment and support, determined to ensure the continued success of Irish

Freemasonry and working together, we can achieve this target.

I wish to thank all Brethren who serve us so well on all Committees and all Officers in Grand Lodge for their support which is never less than total, it is a great pleasure to work with you.

As the year draws to a close and we begin to contemplate what next year will bring, Pam & I send to all Brethren and their families, both in Ireland and Overseas, warm Seasonal Greetings and Best Wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity in 2005.

*Eric N. Waller, Grand Master  
2nd December 2004*

## Vow Ferry Masonic Lodge No.17 Remembers "Joey"

Vow Ferry No.17 was extremely proud to have Bro. "Joey" Dunlop M.B.E. O.B.E., as a member of the Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter, and were always kept amused by stories of his antics at races or visits abroad.



*W.Bro. E McIlmoyle and W.Bro. A Inglis, with the photograph of the late Bro Joey Dunlop M.B.E., which now hangs proudly in the Vow Ferry Masonic Hall.*

Joey was a dedicated Mason, and visited Lodges throughout the world when he was on his travels, be it races or charity work.

The Brethren of the Vow, along with the local community were devastated by his tragic death in Estonia on 2nd July 2000.

To remember him, the Brethren chose this photograph, which now hangs proudly at the entrance to the Lodge Room.

The name of Dunlop has not gone from the books at the Vow, as Joey's son Gary now follows in his father's footsteps having had his Entered Apprentice Degree on Friday the 1st of October 2004.



## Marathon Reward for Marathon Run

On the 20th June 2004, W.Bro. Reid Winters Lodge 164 Londonderry, with the blessing of the Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry and Donegal, ran the Blackpool Marathon to raise funds for the Provincial Grand Lodge's Welfare Fund.

W.Bro. Winters covered the distance of 26.2 miles in a creditable time of 3 hours 42 minutes the weather he blames for the somewhat slower time than he anticipated. The very heavy rain shortly after the start of the race to absolute scorching sunshine at the finish being the main contributing factors (not he tells me the youthful age of 55+.)

W.Bro. Winters extends his personal thanks to all who assisted him in the preparation for the marathon and those Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal who gave so generously. The



The cheque was presented to The Provincial Grand Master at the Provincial Grand Lodge's Communication in Coleraine on the 16th September 2004. The photograph left to right W.Bro. R McCausland (Treasurer of Marathon account.) R.W.Bro. R Quigley Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry and Donegal, W.Bro. R Winters (runner), W.Bro. J Burnside (Secretary of Marathon Fund).

presented cheque being £1,837.52 and we are told that since the presentation some more monies have been donated and it is hoped that the £2,000 figure will be reached.

## Commercial Lodge No. 164 visits Dundee

On the 8th October 2004 members of Commercial Lodge No. 164 travelled to Dundee at the request of Ancient 49 in the Province of Forfarshire, Scotland, to exemplify the 1st or Entered Apprentice (Irish Const).

The team was lead by W.Bro. R Logan (Sec. Lodge 164) and was extended invaluable assistance from V.W.Bro. V Bownes (Grand Lodge of Instruction representative). After the exemplification, R.W.Bro. G Robertson (P.G.M. Forfarshire) paid a glowing tribute to the degree team and thanked all those who took part, for the time, trouble and effort they put into the work and for joining with the Brethren of Dundee.



Commercial Lodge No. 164 Degree team (Left to right): V.W.Bro. V Bownes, W.Bro. S Olphert, V.W.Bro. S Connor, Bro. D McCarter, W.Bro. R Winters, W.Bro. R Logan, W.Bro. R Montgomery, W.Bro. W Scott, W.Bro. J Burnside.

The Lodge's thanks are extended to R.W.Bro. S Christie (Sec of Ancient 49) for his assistance in helping to arrange the visit. After the communication the degree team, along with the Scottish Brethren, were then right royally wined and dined until the wee small hours. Mr Jameson was bid goodnight at around 3.30 am.

W.Bro. G R Winters P.M.

## Brethren climb Ben Nevis in support of Ulster Cancer Foundation

On the 2nd October 2004 six Brethren ascended Ben Nevis in aid of the Ulster Cancer Foundation. Three of the Brethren were from Royal Blue Lodge No. 754 and the remainder from Albert Edward Lodge No. 235. The ascent took place in varied conditions of heavy rain, strong winds and nearing the summit it snowed heavily with wind chill factor of -8°C.

Despite sore feet and legs, it was a very worthwhile effort in aid of the U.C.F. It also gave a good opportunity to show that Masonic Benevolence is not confined within the Order.



Pictured (L-R): Bro. R Hates; W.Bro. P Dunlop; Bro. L McMullan; Bro. R Cameron; W.Bro. A Maguire and Bro. R. Coyles.

To date, we have lifted almost £4,000 and we would extend our thanks to everyone who supported us in this venture.

## T Hay celebrates 40 years of friendship with 442 S.C.



Pictured Left to Right; S Armstrong (W.M. 685) R Frew (R.W.M. 442 SC) D Gill (I.P.M. 685) and Bro David Rusted M.B.E. (442 SC) who received membership & Patron's jewel of the Masonic Welfare fund for Ireland.

At the October communication of T Hay Masonic Lodge No. 685 Ballymacarrett, the Brethren celebrated over 40 years of friendly communication with Lodge Neptune 442 S.C.

18 Brethren from Scotland were in attendance headed by their Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Frew. The occasion was marked by the visitors presenting a beautiful set of craft working tools to the Lodge and after labour, a Degree Team demonstrated the Master Mason degree according to Scottish ritual.

W.Bro. C McCarter. Secretary.

# Successful working trip by Freemasons of Blaris and their wives



*Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland (HFHNI) is a cross-community, Christian, self build housing organisation that builds simple, affordable homes in Northern Ireland and around the world. HFHNI is not just about building houses; it aims to empower individuals, restore hope and rebuild communities - both socially and economically - by building houses in partnership with people in need.*

The team recently arrived back after a very successful two-week working period in Cape Town, South Africa with the Charity, Habitat for Humanity. The people they were helping may not have had much in monetary wealth but they had a great generosity of spirit and a quiet dignity.

The members of the team commented on return that while the work was hard and labour intensive the experience had been wonderful. They had learned much from the trip not only building skills but also the relationships established with people who were living in what we would consider appalling conditions of housing.

By the efforts of the team one house was completed and handed over, and then they engaged with other volunteers on a 'Big Build' (ten houses in one week) and helped with the construction of one of these.

South Africa is a land of great contrasts not only in scenery but also in culture, races and religions. Like our province of Ulster, South Africa has had its period of conflict but is now looking forward with a united hope for the future. There was ample evidence to justify that hope.

The Team had the pleasure of visiting Killarney Lodge meeting under the Irish Constitution while in Cape Town and bring to all the warmest fraternal greetings not only from that Lodge but also personally from the Provincial Grand Master, Wyndam G Morgans, and from all the officers and brethren of that Province.

While each member of the team met his or her own expenses for the trip. The generosity of many masons and friends enabled them to hand over a sum of over £11,000 towards building houses to the Habitat Charity in South Africa. They express their thanks to all who contributed.

The team members pictured above are Kenneth and Hazel Gamble, Donald and Betty Milliken, Tom and Elizabeth Yarr, Colin and Moya McLean, Alan and Pauline Walker.



## Habitat for Humanity – Western Cape

Dear Grand Secretary

I have recently had the privilege of serving with 5 Irish Freemasons. They belong to the Friends of Blaris and were lead by Donald Milliken. Their wives joined our Habitat program for 2 weeks starting on Saturday the 2nd October 2004.

### What does the Habitat Cape Town programme comprise?

Habitat for Humanity has been building houses for people in need in Cape Town since late 1998. The Cape Town office runs a regional programme, providing support to a number of affiliates in the impoverished "township" communities within the greater Cape Town area. Local community committees are responsible for key functions in the affiliate such as homeowner education, family selection and repayment monitoring. Over 350 houses have been built by Habitat since 1999. Habitat is currently building a 50 square metre breezeblock house comprising two bedrooms, a lounge, bathroom, and kitchen.

### What legacy have Donald and the Freemasons left behind in Cape Town?

The Freemasons brought a spirit of hope to Cape Town. Their sweating together with the community resulted in two families being able to move into decent homes for the first time. The Freemasons practically contributed to nation building in this country, by breaking down barriers and building reconciliation. Their servant attitudes and loving ways endeared them to everyone who they sweated with.

In addition to doing the work, the Irish Freemasons have raised over R100,000 towards the costs of building homes in Cape Town. This amount of money will enable 3 families to live in simple, decent and affordable homes. We give thanks to them for their generous hearts and know that they have left a lasting legacy on the poor and the rich of Cape Town.

Yours in nation building and reconciliation.

*Grant Edkins, Regional Director (Habitat Western Cape)*



## W.Bro. Andy Stephens J.P. PPGLS is first to get home Haemodialysis machine

When we think of pioneers, images of wagon trains and horses travelling across the Great Plains of America come to mind. Kidney dialysis is not something that immediately springs to mind in this category. A kidney dialysis patient is one such pioneer, in the sense that I was the first person to receive haemodialysis in my home.

My old routine was to receive dialysis at Belfast City Hospital for three sessions a week lasting four hours a time. If you take into consideration travelling time to and from the Renal Unit at the hospital, this equates to a sizeable chunk of time. At the hospital a qualified nurse would have to hook me up to a dialysis machine. This process involves monitoring blood pressures, heart rate and inserting 2 large needles into my forearm. The purpose of the needles is to let blood flow through an artificial kidney and return to my body. The artificial kidney removes waste products and excess water from the body, which is essential to maintaining my health. It is a man-made replacement, which looks something like a large water filter but is obviously a lot more complex in its function and is an essential substitute for my own failed kidneys.



I suffer from diabetes related kidney failure and need dialysis until I can avail of a kidney transplant.

As I have been on the transplant list for almost three years and considering the time spent away from my family and home I was judged suitable for the revolutionary procedure of home dialysis. Before I was let loose with a kidney dialysis machine I had to be fully trained in the operation at the Belfast City Hospital of the Baxter Health Care equipment. Also my home had to be assessed for suitability of plumbing in and powering the equipment. After meeting all of these criteria the machine which is not much bigger than a stand up fridge was installed in my study at home. The advantages of this arrangement have had a fundamental and

beneficial effect on my home and personal life. As the machine is at home I have the support and warmth of my family around me. My travelling time has gone and I can enjoy the reality of seeing family and friends on a regular basis without the need to make appointments to fit in with my dialysis schedule. As I am having dialysis at home people calling to my home aren't visiting a hospital ward where such visits are prohibited. Being at home I am free to conduct my affairs as if I was sitting at any office in any part of the city.

Shortly after going on dialysis I was asked to join the Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund (N.I.K.R.F.) which is a totally voluntary organisation which was set up over 30 years ago.

All monies raised will be used primarily for research into causes, prevention and possible cures for kidney disease at the Mary G. McGeown Area Nephrology Unit at the Belfast City Hospital.

For more information contact our Website at [www.nikrt.org.uk](http://www.nikrt.org.uk)

*W.Bro. Andy Stephens  
(Vice Chairman N.I.K.R.F.)*

## Freemasons Support Care Team

W.Bro. Harold Martin (right), Treasurer of Harmony Masonic Lodge No.586, Enniskillen and W.Bro. George Graham, presenting a cheque for £1,000 to Dr. Frances Robinson for use by the Palliative Care Team in Fermanagh. Included in the picture are (from left): Janet Kilfedder, N.I. Hospice Nurse Specialist; Jacqueline Maguire, personal secretary to the Palliative Care Team and Marion Stewart, MacMillan Nurse Specialist.



## Civic Reception for Grand Master in Bangor, Co. Down

The M.W. Grand Master attended a Civic Reception held in his honour by the Mayor of North Down, Alderman Mrs Valerie Kinghan, on Saturday 8th January 2005.

The Grand Master was presented with a plaque of the Borough's coat of arms and reciprocated by presenting the Mayor with a piece of Waterford crystal from the "Donegall Collection".

The Grand Master was in the Borough to attend the Installation Meeting of Lodge Ireland 2000 in the Hamilton Road Masonic Hall. The W.M. of Lodge Ireland 2000, R.W. Bro. William Clarke also presented the Mayor with a



*Alderman Mrs Valerie Kinghan and The Grand Master.*

cheque for £250 towards her personal charity appeal – the Royal British Legion & R.N.L.I.

## Grand Master's Cup Golf Competition – Cheque Presentations

At a meeting of the Northern Provinces Committee on 18th November 2004 in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown, a cheque for £2,000 was presented by R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson to R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly (P.G.M. N. Connaught) towards his selected charity - Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The money was part of the proceeds raised through the Grand Master's Golf Competition which was played at Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown last September and which realised a total of £4,500 for dispersal to charity.

Pictured below left is R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson presenting cheque for

£2,000 to R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly for his chosen charity – Guide Dogs for the Blind. Looking on are the P.G.M.s of the 5 Northern Provinces and V.W.Bro. Wilson Mark (P.G. Secty. Armagh).

Subsequently, on Thursday 2nd December 2004, R.W.Bro. Ginnelly presented a cheque for £2,500 (€3,750) to the Vice Chairman of the Masonic Welfare Fund, R.W.Bro. Dennis Millen. Included in the picture, below centre, is R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson (Organising Secretary) along with Janice & Jenny from the Benevolent Institutions' office.

And finally, on Thursday 16th December 2004, R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly (Chairman of the Northern Provinces Committee) presented Deirdre Keaveney and Martin Gordon of The Guide Dogs for the Blind with a cheque for £2000 Stg., proceeds from their Masonic Charity Golf Competition held in Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown. Included in the picture, below right, are Noel Simpson, Ted Smith, George Ginnelly, Martin Gordon, Deirdre Keaveney, Pauline Simpson, George Hamlett and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Dunlop. (Picture by Noel Kennedy / N K Photography).

