



MARCH 2013



Grand Master's Address - St John's Day, December 2012

enthusiastic about the Competition which is growing each year.

The production and administration of the Competition involves a huge amount of voluntary work by the staff here in Grand Lodge, the team from Events G.L.I. and members of the Metropolitan Lodges. I am very grateful to them for all the work they put into making the Competition the success that it is.

On the 22nd October the Grand Secretary and I met in Dublin in order to raise our respective Visas from the Nigerian Embassy which was successfully achieved. My passport identifies me as a UK Citizen but due to the pressure of time I was accredited as an Irish citizen in order to expedite my Visa. Seems to me that I can now boast Dual Nationality?

On arriving in Nigeria we were totally spoiled from arrival to departure during which the Grand Master Mason of Scotland constituted the new Grand Lodge and I installed the first Grand Master whose credentials are pristine. He will undoubtedly prove to be the natural person to lead as he has a high ranking in many quarters of the Nigerian Society.

The Grand Secretary and I were delighted to learn, on our departure, that the Grand Lodge of Nigeria had met our business class travel and hotel costs during our stay. Exceedingly most generous of the new Grand Master of Nigeria.

On 16th November I accepted an invitation to Queen's University Lodge No. 533 which was most enjoyable and at which I was impressed by the number of Lodge members who attended

and the chosen venue.

On 23rd November I visited the Grand Lodge of Malta on my own as the Grand Secretary's wife was rather unwell so he did not travel. Once again, I was treated very well and was impressed by the ritual even though it was English working which was quite interesting.

The spirit of the Lodge members is very good although they have a few problems to sort out just as some of our Lodges have to face at home.

I attended Mourne Lodge No. 823 Strabane on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and I had a wonderful time with the Brethren. On the 20th December I presented three long service jewels to members of Ballymoney Lodge No. 330 and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

My last function for 2012 is this meeting of Grand Lodge when we install and confer new titles to the existing officers and thank those who are completing their spell in office.

I hope that 2013 will bring peace and comfort to all and may good health and happiness surround us.

God Bless you all.

M.W. Bro. George Dunlop

Grand Master

The October Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the premises of the Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen and proved to be a most suitable venue where we had ample accommodation to house our numbers and adequate space to carry out our ritual, with thanks to the management of the premises.

The situation was most glorious to behold where we enjoyed the most beautiful scenery around the lakes and the breath-taking expanse of the total area.

The 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the year 2012' proved to be a major success with the adjudication of the Finalists being held in Freemasons' Hall on Saturday October 13th. This year was the third year of the Competition and it is gaining status year by year. The Competition was won by Julian Pusca playing the pan-flute and we were delighted to welcome the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Minister for the Arts, the Pro-Chancellor of Trinity and the Ambassador of Romania amongst many other distinguished guests. The Competition was in 13 newspapers and interviews broadcast on 33 radio stations. The final was also broadcast in full by RTÉ lyric fm and I am very

TLC Ted's First Big Meeting



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TLC (Teddies for Loving Care)

Teddies for Loving Care is a Charity for the benefit of sick children. Funds will be raised within the Masonic Order to purchase Teddy Bears. These will be provided to Hospital Accident and Emergency Departments, so that medical/nursing staff can give these, at their discretion, to children that are admitted in severe distress and where the staff feel that a Teddy to cuddle will help alleviate stress and assist them in their important work. The project will be funded by Lodge and individual donations, and the sale of lapel / tie pins and teddies (not the same size or style as the teddies donated to the Hospitals).

Following the launch of TLC in July 2013 it is hoped that within a very short time every hospital on the island of Ireland will have teddies donated by local Freemasons.

Another Girls Fund Success Story- Jennie King

In Grand Lodge News we highlight various success stories from Annuitants of the Girls and Boys Funds. The story below illustrates one of those very successful girls and how she was supported by the Girls Fund.

"I have been playing badminton since I was eight years of age. My mother introduced me into the sport as she played socially. I first represented Ireland when I was thirteen years old and I have travelled all over England and Europe with tournaments and competitions. When I was sixteen I won the Irish Senior National Championships. I have won every underage national title and many twice. I went to England when I was seventeen to go further with my education and work and while being there stopped playing. When I was twenty-three I returned home to Ireland.



I wanted to return to college and with the help of the Masonic Girls Benefit Fund; I began my undergraduate Psychology degree in Dublin Business School. I began training again and won many more Irish Tournaments and also regained my place on the Irish Senior National Team, where I have travelled around Europe to compete in competitions like the Thomas Uber Cup and the Mixed Team



Championships. I have won two doubles senior national titles and I am currently ranked number one in doubles in Ireland. This year I finished my undergraduate finals and was delighted with my results. I needed to complete a Masters degree to enable me to work in the Psychological area. Once again the Masonic Girls Fund came to my rescue and I am now currently doing my Masters in University College of Dublin studying 'Criminology and Criminal Justice'. I absolutely love my course and enjoying every minute of it. In February 2013, I will be off representing Ireland and will be travelling to Russia.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for their ongoing support to me in pursuing my dreams and aspirations. Thanking you all from the bottom of my heart, you will never fully understand what a shining beacon of light you have been to me."

The photographs show the Graduation and an action shot from a badminton tournament.

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2013



Patrons:

Jane Carty
Dearbhla Collins
Eamonn Lawlor
John Rowden

Supported by:

RTÉ lyric fm

Freemasons' Hall
17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

Semi-finals

Thursday October 10th 1:30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Final & Prizegiving by The Grand Master
Saturday, October 12th 7.30 p.m.

**'a superb competition of
very high standard'**

The semi-finalists, selected by Music Colleges from the cream of their students throughout Ireland, compete before an International Jury to win the title of 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2013'

Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

Tickets on Sale September 2nd

Tickets : Each Semi-final €5, Final €10 available from the Porter's Lodge at Freemasons' Hall. Tickets *may* also be available at the door on the night but this is not guaranteed as accommodation is limited.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica & The Bahamas Installs New Provincial Grand Master

After a period of nearly 10 years as Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and The Bahamas, R.W.Bro. Derrick Vincent McKoy took the decision to retire and recommended as his successor R.W.Bro. Peter H. G. Stuart, Provincial Deputy Grand Master. The Installation Ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop on Friday 29th June 2012.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. Barry Lyons, arrived in Kingston, Jamaica after a long transatlantic flight from Dublin on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th June 2012. They were met on arrival at the Norman Manley International Airport by the Past Provincial Grand Master James Moss-Solomon, the then current Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master designate.

The following morning the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were taken on a short tour of Kingston by V.W.Bro. Major General Rudolph Green, Past Grand Supt. of Works. The tour ended at the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, where they were entertained at a luncheon hosted by R.W.Bro. Derrick McKoy. At this occasion the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary had the opportunity to meet and get to know several past and current members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The

festivities continued that evening as the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were the guests of honour at a cocktail reception hosted at the residence of W.Bro. Ivan "Mitch" Stephenson and his wife. Here they were introduced to a wide cross section of Masons from sister constitutions working in Jamaica, as well as several masons who had travelled from overseas Provinces and Districts for the event of R.W.Bro. Stuart's installation. In true Jamaican style, food and drink were in abundance and all the Brethren and ladies left the reception fully satiated.

On the morning of Friday 29th June at 11 a.m. a rehearsal was conducted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Alastair Stewart with sage advice and guidance provided by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The Installation Ceremony took place later that evening at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and was of an exceptionally high standard with the Grand Master conducting the ceremony as the Installing Officer. Also installed and invested at the ceremony were R.W.Bro. Kirk Miller as Provincial Deputy Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Ernest Grant as Provincial Assistant Grand Master. The Grand Master took the opportunity of the occasion to bestow on R.W.Bro. Derrick McKoy the exalted rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden as a mark of appreciation for R.W.Bro. McKoy's



Grand Master along with several distinguished Brethren at the Installation of R.W.Bro. Peter H.G. Stuart as Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Bahamas along with his Provincial Deputy and Provincial Asst. Grand Masters



Grand Master with the newly installed Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and The Bahamas and past and present Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica and The Bahamas

work and dedication to Irish Masonry within the Province.

Aside from the participation of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and a large turnout of Irish Brethren, the ceremony was further enhanced by the presence of a large number of distinguished Brethren from the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (EC), District Grand Lodge of Jamaica (SC), District Grand Lodge of Bahamas (SC), District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong & Far East (EC) and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bermuda.

The banquet which followed was a grand affair at which the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, along with the Brethren and their wives and significant others enjoyed a sumptuous fare and a fair quantity of liquid libations.

The following afternoon the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary accompanied the newly installed Provincial Grand Master, and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on an official visit to the 150th Anniversary meeting of the Phoenix Lodge No. 914 (EC). The Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master and the other members of the delegation were well received and they thoroughly enjoyed the workings of the Lodge. At the close of the meeting all the Brethren retired to the Banquet which followed and were lavishly entertained by the members of the Lodge.

On Sunday morning the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were taken by the Provincial Grand Master on a short road trip through the Jamaican countryside to the town of May Pen in the Parish of Clarendon. A morning brunch, hosted by W.Bro. William “Billy” Shagoury, Custos Rotulorum of the Parish, and his wife Jill, provided a convivial

backdrop for the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to again meet and socialize with numerous Brethren and their families. A sumptuous fare was on offer, including Bro. Billy’s version of Irish Stew, and all those present fully enjoyed of the warm hospitality of their hosts. The afternoon was rounded out by the attendance of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Master at a Military Tattoo which was staged by the Jamaica Defense Force at Up Park Camp, in the capital city Kingston as part of Jamaica’s 50th Anniversary Celebrations of independence from Great Britain.

On Monday 2nd July, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary departed Jamaica for their journey back to Ireland. All the Brethren involved in the planning and execution of the events culminating the visit of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary trust that they enjoyed their brief sojourn to the Province and hope that they will see fit to visit the Province again in the not too distant future.



TLC Ted – where’s he been now??



Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society

Millennium Charity Cup 2013

At

KILLYMOON GOLF CLUB – COOKSTOWN

ON

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2013

2013 CHARITIES:

**'CERVICAL CANCER N. IRELAND'
& 'FOYLE HOSPICE'**

£1,000 IN PRIZES

THREE PRIZE CATEGORIES:-

- 1. MASONIC BRETHREN**
- 2. NON-MASONS**
- 3. LADIES**

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Golf Dates for your 2013 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
1 PGL Londonderry & Donegal	Castlerock	25 th April	Raymond Aiken 07739 419 727
2 Captain Fyffe Salver - T&F	Enniskillen 1.00pm	9 th May	Albert Warwick 028 8676 4187
3 Antrim Provincial Cup	Ballycastle	17 th May	Robert Wilson 07813 682 234
4 Provincial Priorities' Golf Society	Killymoon 9.30am - 1.30pm	28 th May	George M.J. Stewart 028 7941 8348 (H) 07793 223 464 (Mob)
5 Mourne Cup - T&F	Newtownstewart	5 th June	Harry Friar MBE 028 8165 8237
6 Armagh Cup - Armagh	Portadown	21 st June	Bobby McDowell 028 3884 2630
7 Ferris Cup - Down	Tandragee	28 th June	Joe Berry 028 3026 9334
8 Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	30 th August	Noel Simpson 028 7082 3129 07724 484 937

Baking At Its Best



On Thursday 3rd January 2013, V.W.Bro. Ivan Ward was installed as Worshipful Master in Royal Shamrock Lodge No. 32, Waterford, in a very successful manner, and then he installed his officers in a similarly successful way.

After the meeting the Brethren were invited to a Festive Board consisting of soup, roast beef and seasonal vegetables and wine, followed by apple pie and cream, then cheese and biscuits, coffee or tea.



V.W. Bro Ivan Ward brought to the Festive Board a beautiful loaf of bread in the shape of the square and compass (photo by Bro. Neil Williams) and baked by himself in a mould he designed and made by his father V.W. Bro. Richard Ward. V.W. Bro Ivan also produced 3 lovely apple pies (photo by Bro. Dermot Murray) with the Worshipful Master's symbol picked out in the crust.

Long & Distinguished Service

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

Name	Years	Lodge No.	Province
Bro. Edward W. Morton	65	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. William Allen	60	Wright Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 448	Down
W. Bro. Albert Platten	60	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 706	Antrim
W. Bro. Francis King	60	Sharman Crawford Masonic Lodge No. 403	Down
W. Bro. Hilbert J. Willis	60	Zetland Masonic Lodge No. 78	Armagh
W. Bro. Ivan H. McCartney	60	Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66	Down
W. Bro. Robert K. MacShane	60	Military Masonic Lodge No. 728	Dublin
W. Bro. William J. Henderson	60	Castle Mervyn Masonic Lodge No. 58	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Cyril Galbraith	60	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
R. W. Bro. Kenneth G. Brislane	60	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
W. Bro. Desmond Scales	60	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
Bro. Bruce M. Johnston	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Ernest N. Foster	50	King Harman Masonic Lodge No. 65	Meath
Bro. William R. Porter	50	Chichester Masonic Lodge No. 313	Antrim
R. W. Bro. R. Arthur Keppel	50	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 116	South Eastern
V. W. Bro. Derek R. Poyntz	50	Killeshandra Masonic Lodge No. 310	Meath
W. Bro. Hamilton E. Kelly	50	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 624	Down
W. Bro. William F. McCleery	50	Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66	Down
W. Bro. Albert W. Deacon	50	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 270	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. David J. Kane	50	Dromara Masonic Lodge No. 498	Down
W. Bro. David Kerr	50	Westland Masonic Lodge No. 461	Antrim
W. Bro. Ernest H. Moore	50	Barton Masonic Lodge No. 220	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Francis P. Beckett	50	Union Band Masonic Lodge No. 336	Down
W. Bro. James F. Alderdice	50	Castle Mervyn Masonic Lodge No. 58	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. James H. Toogood	50	Concord Masonic Lodge No. 462	Down
W. Bro. James McCreery	50	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 624	Down
W. Bro. John L. Chapman	50	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 270	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. Mervyn J. M. Magee	50	United Service Masonic Lodge No. 215	Meath
W. Bro. Noel C. Mulholland	50	Concord Masonic Lodge No. 40	Antrim
W. Bro. Reginald D. Neill	50	Orpheus Masonic Lodge No. 426	Dublin
W. Bro. Robert K. Magee	50	United Service Masonic Lodge No. 215	Meath
W. Bro. Robert W. McKay	50	Carnlough Masonic Lodge No. 216	Antrim
W. Bro. Robin Shields	50	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 624	Down
W. Bro. Samuel Calder	50	Queen Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 294	Antrim
W. Bro. Stanley J. McCormick	50	Mourne Masonic Lodge No. 696	Down
W. Bro. Thomas Howard	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Thomas M. N. Maxwell	50	Meredith Whitla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
W. Bro. Thomas W. W. Garland	50	Meredith Whitla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
W. Bro. William D. Wallace	50	Border Masonic Lodge No. 482	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. William H. Clark	50	Royal Larne Masonic Lodge No. 615	Antrim
W. Bro. William Kane	50	Carareagh Masonic Lodge No. 374	Antrim
R. W. Bro. W. Trevor Morrow	50	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
R. W. Bro. Cyril R. Foster	50	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
V. W. Bro. Donald C. Webster	50	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
W. Bro. Reginald Hodgins	50	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster

Masonic Lodges Raise £1,260 For MEDRF.

Recently Ballynahinch 301, Spa 703 and Eden-Na-Vadie 717 Masonic Lodges presented a cheque for £1,260 to R.W.Bro. John Clarke, P.A.G.M. of Down and Chairman of the Margaret Elizabeth Daniel Respite Fund.

A spokesperson for the Lodges said: "Our three Lodges are proud to have raised so much money for such a worthwhile charity. The MEDRF assists family members of Freemasons in the Province of Down who have fallen into prolonged illness."

"We raised the money at a barbecue held during the summer. The barbecue was held at W.Bro. David Smyth's farm and was well attended by friends and family of all three Lodges.

We are very grateful W.Bro. Smyth and to all who attended and who helped make the event such a success."



(left to right): R.W.Bro. Noel Sufferin , R.W.Bro. John Clarke, W.Bro. Alan Campbell, W.Bro. Malcolm Hinds W.M. of Eden-Na-Vadie 717, W.Bro. Tom Wilson , W.Bro. Trevor Somerville W.M. of Ballynahinch 301, W.Bro. Alan Rea W.M. Spa 703 and W.Bro. David Smyth.

Galloway visits the Province of Tyrone & Fermanagh



In November Brethren (and their wives) from Galloway visited the Province of Tyrone & Fermanagh and exemplified a Fellow Craft degree in Enniskillen according to the Scottish working. This proved very interesting to our members.

The party included the P.G.M. of Galloway accompanied by his Deputy and P.G.G. Secretary along with the Immediate Past P.G.M. Gifts were exchanged with our visitors.

Masonic Breakfast Serves Up £2,000

A charity breakfast was held in the Bayview Hotel, Portballintrae on Saturday 10th November to raise much needed funds for 2 local charities. The event was organised by the Cary & Dunluce Masonic District Charity Committee. An annual event, now in its fourth year, the hotel commences service at 7 a.m. and finishes at 10 a.m. and has a very varied selection on offer. Andrew Bingham, the Secretary of the Charity Committee was delighted with the turnout, "We've served a hundred more breakfasts than we did last year. There are many people here who have no association with Freemasons, but want to support us and the charities." Those charities that are to benefit from the

function are, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Chest, Heart & Stroke Association.

Representatives from Guide Dogs for the Blind were present and enjoyed a breakfast themselves; Tori with her guide dog Ushi seemed to be enjoying their morning. "I'm overwhelmed by the support here today. Everyone sounds like they're really enjoying themselves." Tori went on to explain that each dog costs approximately £50,000 for its lifetime as a guide dog and every penny raised was gratefully received.

After the event the committee chairman Mr Stirling announced to those people still at the event that the money raised was in excess of £2,000 and with more donations promised it is hoped that figure will be closer to £3,000.



Defibrillator Presented

A heart defibrillator was presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down by the Trustees of the Margaret Elizabeth Daniel Respite Fund at the 2013 Installation Communication held in the La Mon Hotel & Country Club, Gransha, in February.

Making the presentation on behalf of the Trustees, R.W.Bro. Noel Sufferin was warmly thanked by R.W.Bro. Richard H. Gray, Provincial Grand Master, who while remarking that the gift demonstrated the ethos of the Margaret Elizabeth Daniel Respite Fund, in striving to help improve the quality of life for a Brother of the Province, it was his sincere wish that it would never be required. Nevertheless having a defibrillator at all future meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down would now provide very necessary additional support for the Provincial Grand Physicians should the need arise.



Past P.G.M. (South Eastern) Installed As W.M. Unity Masonic Lodge No. 116

Deputy Grand Master Douglas Grey congratulates R.W.Bro. Arthur Keppel after he was installed Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge 116 Carlow at their Installation meeting on Monday 21st January and subsequently presented him with his 50 year jewel. Afterwards 92 guests were treated to a scrumptious meal in the adjacent Seven Oaks Hotel.



Metropolitan Diary Dates

Friday, 17 th May 2013	Saturday, 15 th June 2013 at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 17 th July 2013 at 2.30 p.m.
Guys & Dolls Gala Ball, Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge	Metropolitan Board BBQ, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street	Summer Lodge, Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street

Articles Wanted

The success or otherwise of this type of publication depends upon the quality and variety of articles it contains. "Grand Lodge News" is not solely for the promotion of Grand Lodge matters, rather it is there to serve Provincial Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges alike. 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 short and simple" -- and forward your articles (supported by a photograph or image) to:

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TLC Ted relaxes after a big meeting. "Goodnight - see you all in June!"