



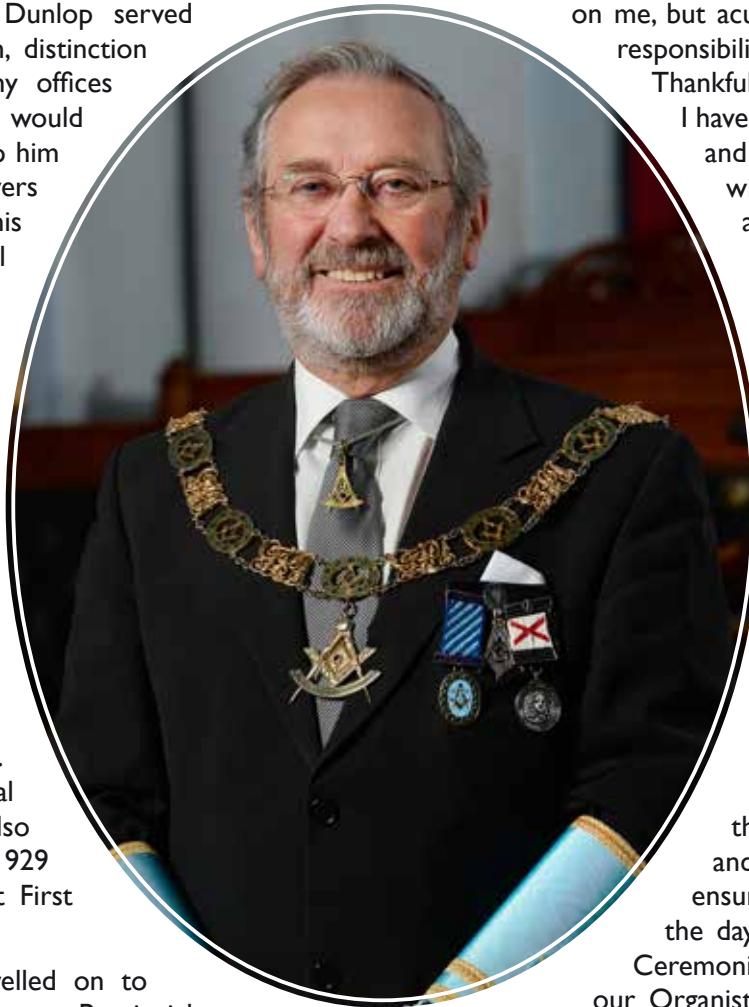
MARCH 2015

Grand Master's Address to Grand Lodge – St. John's Day 2014

Brethren, 2014 has been a year of change for the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Regretfully we saw first, the temporary withdrawal of M.W.Bro. George Dunlop to consider his health condition and then his decision to retire from the beginning of June. As I said at the October Communication M.W.Bro. Dunlop served this Order with dedication, distinction and good humour in many offices and he leaves a big gap. I would ask you to continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers together with his family at this time which is difficult for all concerned.

Again, in October I noted the various happenings up to then so there is no need to go over those details once more. Since then the Grand Secretary and I visited our Brethren in Gibraltar on the first weekend in November to install a new Grand Inspector there; then ten days later travelled to Hong Kong to install R.W.Bro. Terry Hicks as Provincial Deputy Grand Master. We also visited Baden Powell Lodge 929 and witnessed an excellent First Degree.

From Hong Kong we travelled on to Kuala Lumpur to install a new Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Thong Kean Sin at their annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting. At this point I would like to thank R.W.Bro. Lau Kee Siong for his excellent stewardship of our Province of South East Asia and to wish both of these Provinces well in the future. I have to say that both the Grand Secretary and I were most impressed with the standard of ritual that we saw and also the enthusiasm of all the Brethren. In all three locations the welcome was extremely warm and generous and I have no doubt that Irish Masonry is in very good heart and we can be proud of their continuing commitment.



So, as you can see, November was quite a busy month, but before it was over we had an Installation to attend. I can safely now say Brethren, that on reflection, it was the most wonderful day in my Masonic Career and I am still a little awe struck at the honour you bestowed on me, but acutely aware of the enormous responsibilities that now rest with me. Thankfully, as I am sure you will agree, I have excellent support around me and be assured that that support will be availed of over my time as Grand Master.

Twenty one Foreign Delegations attended plus our own overseas Brethren, including The Far East, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, South East Asia, South Africa, Ghana and many Grand Lodge Representatives from Europe. It is appropriate that I should thank all the Brethren involved in making such a memorable day possible. Also, the Grand Secretary who oversaw all the arrangements and all the office staff who rowed in and gave huge commitment to ensuring the smooth running of the day. Thanks to our Director of Ceremonies and his assistant and to our Organist all of whom enhanced our enjoyment and contributed hugely to relaxing my fluttering nerves. But also to you Brethren for your support, I can assure you that I really appreciate it greatly.

So as you can see Brethren we have hit the ground running and this month I have met with the Cabinet (the Deputy, Assistant, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Grand Registrar) to outline my style of management. As you have already heard in the report of the Board of General Purposes we have, with their agreement, removed the Grievance Committee as being an unnecessary extra link in the chain and I thank you for your agreement as shown earlier.

The Cabinet will meet approximately every two months to review day-to-day matters and will consult with the Grand Master's Council on all relevant matters. It is also my intention that the Deputy, Assistant, Grand Secretary and myself will meet throughout the year with the Officers of our local Provinces to enhance communication and to better understand the needs of all Brethren. However, all decisions will be made by this Grand Lodge via the Board of General Purposes.

With the increasing number of Brethren joining our Order of whom we may not know as well as heretofore, e.g. applying to join from the internet, we will look at the possibility of setting up an education committee to ensure that, especially the younger Brethren, who these days have a much more enquiring attitude of mind, can be well educated in the tenets of our Order and be aware of the responsibilities that their membership carries. This is not going to happen immediately as we will need to examine very carefully how this might be done or indeed if there is a better way. Neither is it intended to compete with our Classes of Instruction which at present concentrate on the very important subject of ritual. As I mentioned earlier, the standard of ritual I saw in my recent travels was excellent and the same can be said of the Lodges throughout the Island of Ireland. That's not to say there isn't room for improvement and I only have to look in the mirror to see that.

Our ongoing involvement with the Teddies For Loving Care programme has proved to be a huge success and this

programme is the perfect way to get across to the general public that we are not just a "help ourselves" organisation. However, we need to keep up the excellent support that the Lodges are giving and hopefully those Lodges who have not been involved to date will do so in the coming year. I was particularly impressed with the Christmas Card produced and I must say it gave a very solid and excellent message. Thank you to all involved.

We will also continue to support the Irish Freemasons' Young Musician of the Year Competition for two more years but will look to bring in other sponsorship funds and/or partners to enhance our contribution.

In closing Brethren, I wish to place on record my grateful thanks to all our staff in Molesworth Street and throughout the country and to thank them for the super support that they give us. Indeed, you may well be saddened to hear of the recent death of Helen Byron who worked in Molesworth Street for many years and especially keeping Michael Walker on his toes...!!

Brethren, thank you for affording me the honour of being your Grand Master and I promise to strive to do my very best in this office and to guide our Order as well as those who have preceded me.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Thank you.

*M.W.Bro. Douglas T. Grey
Grand Master*

Tweddie's Friendship Maul

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

Host Lodge	Province	Date
St. Patrick's Lodge No. 77, Newry	Down	Sept. 2013
Farmer's Friendship No. 978	Down	Oct. 2013
Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim	Nov. 2013
Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669	Antrim	April 2014
Morning Star Masonic Lodge No. 193	Down	Sept. 2014
Gibson Masonic Lodge No. 87	Down	Dec. 2014
Union Band Masonic Lodge No. 556	Down	Feb. 2015

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

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2015

Freemasons' Hall
17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

Semi-finals

Thursday October 8th

Final & Prize-giving by The Grand Master

Saturday, October 10th

Sunday Business Post - October 2014

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

The semi-finalists, selected by Music Colleges from the cream of their students throughout Ireland, compete before an International Jury to win the title of 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2015'. Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

Tickets on Sale September 1st.

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

Advance Booking is definitely recommended

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



Patrons:

Jane Carty
Dearbhla Collins
Eamonn Lawlor
John Rowden

Supported by:

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Long & Distinguished Service

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

Name	Years	Lodge No.	Province
W.Bro. William G. Campbell	70	Donemana Masonic Lodge No. 256	Londonderry / Donegal
W.Bro. Frederick J. McCausland	70	Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 473	T&F
W.Bro. James Anderson	65	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
W.Bro. Arthur W. White	60	Duke of York Masonic Lodge No. 25	Metropolitan
V.W.Bro. Stanley Patterson	60	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
W.Bro. Francis N. McNeice	60	Abbey Masonic Lodge No. 180	Antrim
Bro. David I. Brown	60	Irvinestown Masonic Lodge No. 277	T&F
W.Bro. William K. Armstrong	60	Green Masonic Lodge No. 470	T&F
W.Bro. William T. McMillan	56	McMordie Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 457	Down
W.Bro. Ralph B. McGuckin	50	Duke of York Masonic Lodge No. 25	Metropolitan
W.Bro. John A.S. Sharpe	50	Duke of York Masonic Lodge No. 25	Metropolitan
W.Bro. William McFarland	50	Ballintoy Masonic Lodge No. 38	Antrim
Bro. Herbert Stewart	50	Ballintoy Masonic Lodge No. 38	Antrim
Bro. Thomas P. Smyth	50	Ballintoy Masonic Lodge No. 38	Antrim
Bro. William J. McCaw	50	Ballintoy Masonic Lodge No. 38	Antrim
Bro. James G. Clarke	50	Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66	Down
W.Bro. Trevor R. Sloan	50	Gilford Masonic Lodge No. 145	Down
W.Bro. Joseph H. Boyd	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	T&F
W.Bro. Edward A. Graham	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 210	T&F
W.Bro. Raymond M. Whitley	50	Loughcrew Masonic Lodge No. 252	Meath
W.Bro. Ernest Hamilton	50	Donemana Masonic Lodge No. 256	Londonderry / Donegal
W.Bro. Samuel E. Shields	50	Moyarget Masonic Lodge No. 280	Antrim
W.Bro. John Cochrane	50	Aghadowey Masonic Lodge No. 316	Londonderry / Donegal
W.Bro. Sampson A.K. Trotter	50	Culmore Masonic Lodge No. 320	Londonderry / Donegal
Bro. Samuel Belshaw	50	Oak Masonic Lodge No. 326	Antrim
W.Bro. Derek W.G. Reilly	50	Star of the North Masonic Lodge No. 335	Antrim
Bro. John A. Coulter	50	Shamrock Masonic Lodge No. 354	Down
Bro. William J. McCallum	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414	Antrim
Bro. James Christie	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414	Antrim
W.Bro. William H. Edmondson	50	Prince Frederick William of Prussia No. 431	Antrim
W.Bro. Richard H. Glasgow	50	Green Masonic Lodge No. 470	T&F
W.Bro. William Dewart	50	Lagandale Masonic Lodge No. 521	Down
W.Bro. John Hayes	50	Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 624	Down
W.Bro. Adrian Levey	50	Sholom Masonic Lodge No. 636	Antrim
W.Bro. Ronnie Ewing	50	Malcolm MacDonald Memorial No. 657	Down
Brother Robert Kerr	50	Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim
Brother Thomas G. Mairs	50	Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim
W.Bro. Ivan E. Turkington	50	Armagh Home Guard Masonic Lodge No. 747	Armagh
W.Bro. John J. Herron	50	Largymore Star of Down Masonic Lodge No. 753	Down
Bro. James E. Murphy	50	Largymore Star of Down Masonic Lodge No. 753	Down
Bro. Thomas N. Harvey	50	New Era Masonic Lodge No. 777	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas McMinn	50	Brownlow Masonic Lodge No. 781	Armagh
W.Bro. John S. Moffatt	50	St John's Masonic Lodge No. 891	T&F
W.Bro. Noel Martin	50	Quaerere Verum Masonic Lodge No. 914	Antrim
Bro. Joseph F. Mahaffey	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 941	Londonderry / Donegal
W.Bro. Leslie J. Morrell	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 941	Londonderry / Donegal

Grand Master's Annual Golf Competition



16th Year

16th Year

**Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society
Grand Master's Millennium Charity Cup 2015**

at
Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown
on
Friday 28th August 2015

2015 Charities:

British Heart Foundation Cancer Care for Children

Masonic Charities

£1,000 plus in Prizes

Three Prize Categories:-

- 1. Masonic Brethren**
- 2. Non-Masons**
- 3. Ladies**

**Prizes will be presented at the
“Evening of Entertainment”**

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

NO GREEN FEES REQUIRED ON THE DAY

Entry Fee £25 including entry to the ‘Grand Draw’

Registration forms and Competition rules available from:

Noel Simpson

13 Carneybaun Drive

Portrush BT56 8JA

Telephone No. (028) 7082 3129

Mobile No. 07724 484 937

Email: noelsimpson589@yahoo.co.uk

Golf Dates for your 2015 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
PGL Londonderry & Donegal	Castlerock	30 th April	Raymond Aiken 077 394 19727 (M)
Captain Fyffe Salver - T&F	Killymoon 1.00pm	5 th May	Albert Warwick 028 8676 4187
Antrim Provincial Cup	Ballymena G. C.	15 th May	Robert Wilson 07813 682 234 (M)
Provincial Priors' Golf Society	Killymoon 9.30am -1.30pm	26 th May	George M.J. Stewart 028 79 4 18 348 (H) 077 9322 3464 (M)
Mourne Cup - T&F	Newtownstewart	3 rd June	Harry Friar MBE 028 81 65 8237
Armagh Cup - Armagh	Portadown	19 th June	Bobby McDowell 28 3884 2630
Ferris Cup - Down	Lisburn G. C.	26 th June	Alan Ferris 028 9269 3625 (H) 07543967254 (M)
Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	28 th August	Noel Simpson 028 7082 3129 077 244 849 37 (M)



Calling all Old Campbellians!!

The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 533



As the Honorary Secretary of The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 533 and an Old Campbellian it has long been my wish, along with a few others, to establish a new Masonic Lodge for ex pupils of Campbell College, Belfast who are still active Freemasons within the Irish Constitution.

The constitution of such a Lodge currently has the sponsorship of The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge which contains a number of Old Campbellians.

If there are any Old Campbellians who are still active Freemasons and who wish to be involved in the formation of such a Lodge, or simply wish to express their interest in such a venture, I would be grateful if they would contact W.Bro. Graeme Kerr at gkmrics@btinternet.com or call me on 07808 954 060 so I can judge the level of interest and support that is out there.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely & Fraternally
W. Bro Graeme Kerr

Honorary Secretary QUB Lodge No. 533

Teddies for Loving Care Annual Report 2014

During 2014, TLC or Teddies for Loving Care has become fully operational throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Our objective of providing Teddies for distribution in the Emergency Departments of all 34 public hospitals. Since the Project itself began in April 2013, a total of some 40,000 Teddies have been delivered throughout Ireland. This in itself is an amazing achievement in such a relatively short period of time.

The success to date has been made possible by several factors:

- *The extremely generous and sustained financial support from a majority of our Lodges, this enables us to hold adequate stocks of Teddies to ensure the continuity of supply to all the hospitals, whatever the demand, we have satisfied it.*
- *The excellent commitment of the Brethren who maintain regular contact with each of the Hospitals demonstrating our total involvement in this excellent Project.*
- *The network of Brethren and friends who collect and distribute the Teddies to centres all around the Country, some of whom are visiting Dublin and Belfast to attend clinics with children of their own.*

As long as hospitals are prepared to accept Teddies, we will supply them, thus relieving some of the trauma being experienced by small children and their parents who have to attend the Emergency Department and in turn relieving some of the pressure experienced by the Nursing and Medical Staff.

This Project is a perfect example of how Freemasonry can become involved in the Community and this is a major plus in terms of breaking down some of the historic suspicions held of us as an organisation.



Our first set of accounts for an initial period of 18 months up to 31st December, 2014, are at an advanced stage of being prepared and audited and will be published very soon. Subsequent accounts will be published on an annual basis in line with Grand Lodge Charities.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for this worthy Project.

Eric Waller, Chairman.

TLC Northern Provinces Committee - Quarterly Report

In the Northern Provinces there have been many fund raising activities by Lodges and other groups and Provinces such as Londonderry & Donegal and Armagh have pledged to raise £100 per Lodge each year.

New Fundraisers

The Northern Provinces Committee have produced three more new items which they hope will appeal to Brethren, their families and friends:-

TLC Ties – these beautifully embossed blue ties will proudly show your support for TLC and help to spread the word about Irish Freemasonry and its support for TLC. Ties cost £10-00 each and are available from 115 The Mount, Belfast or any committee member. For further information see elsewhere in this publication.

TLC Masonic Date Coins – can you remember the dates of your “three degrees” and the year you were in the chair of your Mother Lodge - No ! – well what you need is one of these TLC coins – one side shows the TLC Teddy with Masonic emblems and on the other side there is space for the dates of your degrees and your Lodge number to be engraved.

The coin costs £5.00 and each comes with the suppliers business card – for an additional £2.50 they will engrave your dates (which you must supply). Coins are available from 115 The Mount, Belfast or any committee member. For further information see elsewhere in this publication.

Limited Edition Prints – For the aircraft enthusiast we have produced two unique high quality prints of rare aircraft flying over the Irish coast.

Merlin Magic – Spitfire Mk XI PL965 – at the Newcastle Festival of Flight 2012

and

Heading Home – Last of The Many – Canadian Lancaster VR-A and RAF Lancaster KC-A at the Portrush International Air Show 2014.

Both prints are professionally produced and mounted on a black surround with Masonic and TLC emblems – cost £20-00 each and available from any committee member. For further information see elsewhere in this publication.

Nursing Staff make a short presentation to Brethren

Prior to the Installation Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry & Donegal there was a lunch in the White Horse Hotel in Campsie which was attended by two members of the nursing staff of Altnagelvin Hospital. They gave a short presentation on how the TLC Teddies are so welcome in the A&E Unit and how much they ease the pressures on staff and their young patients and their family members.

At the conclusion of the Communication an additional cheque for £1,000 was presented to the chairman of the TLC Northern Provinces Committee – R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray.

Trustees Meeting – 29th January saw the first official meeting of the Trustees of TLC – they being M.W.Bro. Eric Waller, R.W.Bro. Philip Daley and R.W.Bro. Richard Gray. This meeting was to formalise the requirements of the trust but at the same time allowed the trustees to assess progress to date and plan for the future.

As with all accounts based in Grand Lodge, the TLC accounts (both Sterling and Euro) are being audited professionally and the results of the audit will be published in due course. The first set of audited accounts will cover the initial 18 months and thereafter they will be audited / published annually.

School Non-Uniform Day – Grange Park Primary School in Bangor held a “non-Uniform Day” and raised over £440.00 for Teddies for Loving Care. This great fundraising effort was suggested by Bro. Dean Reid from the school who is also a young Master Mason from Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No. 746.

Travelling Maul – Please do not forget the TLC Friendship Maul which continues its travels after being initially awarded to a Lodge, Lodge No. 77 in Newry. Since then it has travelled to Lodge Nos. 978, 680, 651, 669, 512, 501, 824, 193 & 87 raising in excess of £1,100 to date! The idea is that the Lodge with the maul will retain it until challenged, at one of their ordinary Stated Communication, by at least three visiting Brethren from another Lodge. They can request, on payment of a ransom of AT LEAST £15, the maul to take to their own Lodge.

JustText Giving – Don’t forget that ANYONE (including non-Masons) can use their mobile phone to donate money to Teddies for Loving Care – its very simple! – all you have to do is :-

Text TLCA14 £2 to 70070 to donate £2

Text TLCA14 £5 to 70070 to donate £5

Text TLCA14 £10 to 70070 to donate £10

AND if you are a UK Tax payer we can also claim an extra 25% from the government.

If you have any novel fund raising ideas Brethren please share them with us. We want you to drive this, not be passengers and we are all in for the long haul.

Remember the members of the Northern Team are always willing to visit any Lodge or Group to make a presentation about TLC, organise the sale of fund raising items etc.

All we need is your invitation!

The points of contact for the Team are :-

- TLC Northern Committee,
115 The Mount, Belfast BT5 4ND –
- 028-9045-9694 and
- pgltdown@btconnect.com

Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee Family Carol Service Sunday, 14th December 2014



Front: Mayoress & Mayor of Craigavon Mrs & Cllr. Colin McCusker, Rev. Dr. Mark Gray, W.Bro. Bob Green, Chairman B.D.M.C.C., R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews, P.G.M., Cllr. Thomas Beckett, Deputy Major of Lisburn, Rt. Hon. David Simpson, MP.

Middle: Cllr. Junior McCrum, R.W.Bro. John Clarke, P.D.G.M., H. & V.Em. Sir Kt. S. Gordon Leathem, Prior PPSU, M.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Vance, D.G.K., R.Ex.Comp. James Copes, D.A.G.K., R.W.Bro. Ivan Boreland, Secretary, B.D.M.C.C.

Back: Mr. Stephen Moutray, MLA, R.W.Bro. Harold Henning, P.A.G.M., R.W.Bro. David Selby, P.A.G.M., R.Ex.Comp Robert Graham, District Registrar, Mrs. Jo-Anne Dobson, MLA.

The Annual Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee's Family Carol Service was held on Sunday 14th December 2014 in Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge. This was the first time it had been held in this wonderful venue and the congregation was warmly received and welcomed by the Minister, Rev. Dr. Mark Gray and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols commenced.

The first lesson was read by the Chairman of B.D.M.C.C., W.Bro Bob Green, those following by members from Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters and Councils of Knights Masons and the final lesson by Rev. Dr. Gray.

The singing was accompanied by the Dromore and District Male Voice Choir, Banbridge Silver Band and the Church Organist, Alistair Mitchell. The Choir performed three other pieces, conducted by Mr Davis Thompson accompanied by his brother V.Ex.Comp. Stephen Thompson on the organ.

The collection in aid of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund was £1,235 (before Gift Aid).

After the service, tea and refreshments were provided in the church hall and R.W.Bro. Ian Ritchie, President of the Committee, and the Chairman thanked those present for supporting the Carol Service. The Provincial Grand Master added that he was delighted with the Service and the attendance and congratulated the organising committee.



The Church was filled to capacity with Masons and their families



Rev. Dr. Gray conducted the Service, accompanied by Dromore Male Voice Choir and Banbridge Silver Band



Tea in the Church hall

PRETTY 'n' PINK – Breast Cancer N.I.



On Monday 17th November 2014 the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Olderfleet Masonic Lodge No. 501, presented a cheque for £3,227 to Marion Mawhinney from Pretty 'n' Pink Breast Charity.

The funds were raised by the Lodge who put on a Black Tie Cabaret night.

Special Thanks to Bro. Spencer Allen for all his hard work!

Pretty 'n' Pink Aims

Create awareness of Breast Cancer in Northern Ireland especially in young women.

Provide funds for patients who do not meet the criteria for any other public or charitable funding.

Improve quality of life of Breast Cancer patients and their families in the best way we can.

50 Years and still going strong!

The same day that the new Most Worshipful Grand Master was being installed, at Malcolm MacDonald Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 657 W.Bro. Ronnie Ewing received his 50 year jewel and Certificate. Ronnie is well known to all the Lodges in the Ballymacarrett District in the Province of Down, and is still a very active member of the Lodge. He is Almoner of the Lodge, an office he has served for a number of years.

Ronnie being presented with his 50 Year Jewel and Certificate by our Worshipful Master W.Bro. William Howe.



Carrick on Suir River Rescue



Picture shows: R A Keppel presenting the cheque to Mr Michael Hickey Carrick on Suir River Rescue also included L to R Michael Power, John O'Dwyer, Paddy Power, Matty Walsh, (Ck. On Suir River Rescue), Michael Hickey, R A Keppel, E V Good, Bobby Power (Ck. on Suir River Rescue), Richard deCourcy, Jim Foley Skipper Wild Swan, Ballyhack.

Masonic Lodges from within the South Eastern Counties District Waterford, Carlow, Kilkenny, Clonmel and New Ross had a fun day's deep sea fishing on the 29th July 2014 out of Dunmore East. Skipper Jim Foley's Wild Swan, Ballyhack gave an excellent day's fishing free of charge, and

on his recommendation it was decided to donate a cheque for €500 to Carrick on Suir River Rescue to help them to secure a permanent base and carry out the excellent work that they undertake.

Humbert's Footsteps Festival



In August 2014 two members of Tyrawley Lodge No. 217 took part in the Humbert's Footsteps Festival which took place in Killala and Ballina, County Mayo.

Bro. Stephen Dunford was in fact the main organiser and the brains behind the Festival, and with re-enactors from



France, Britain, County Wexford and local re-enactors took over the town of Ballina.

The whole day was a tremendous success and Bro. Dunford was a General and W.M. Robert Malseed (myself) played the part of the local Lord....a dispicable one at that !!!!

125 Years Combined Service

Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No.147

While presentation of 50 year Jewels and Certificates is almost a routine, the completion of 60 and 65 years service to the Order is still a notable event and last November in Blaris we had a “double header”. The father of the Lodge, W.Bro. Jim Anderson had achieved the milestone of 65 years service and V.W.Bro. Stanley Patterson, an affiliate raised in Hiram’s Masonic Lodge No. 97, had completed 60 years service. The wheels were put in motion to honour and mark these achievements, a cake was baked and Provincial Grand Lodge contacted and a senior officer invited.

Unfortunately Jim was unable to attend that evening but the presentation to Stanley was made by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Leslie Cross, and R.W.Bro. Ivan Boreland P.A.G.M.

A few days later the W.M. and Almoner, W.Bro. Nigel Brown called with Jim and presented the cake which was subsequently put to good use at a family party to celebrate his 91st birthday!

The formal presentation took place at our Installation Communication in January and with Stanley present we were able to reveal a coincidence - both had served as Worshipful Master in 1962.

Graham Walker, P.P.G.S., Secretary



R.W.Bro. W. I Boreland, P.A.G.M., V.W.Bro. Stanley Patterson, P.P.G.J.W., W.Bro. Leslie Cross, W.M.



W.Bro. Leslie Cross, W.M., W.Bro. Jim Anderson, W.Bro. Nigel Brown, Almoner



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Broomhedge Masonic Lodge Hand over Charity Cheque



On the 31st January 2015 the Officers and Brethren of Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No. 335 presented a cheque to the “Alzheimer’s Society Charity” at Broomhedge Masonic Hall. Fund raising events held during 2014, raised a total sum of £1,100 which was presented by the Immediate Past Master.W.Bro. Roy Cleland (W. Master in 2014) who had nominated “Alzheimer’s Society” as his charity to receive the proceeds of the events.

Alzheimer’s Society are the leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers. In 2015 there will be 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to one million by 2025. The Society’s fight for a better world for people with all types of dementia takes a wide range of forms. Through their network of local services, touch the lives of over 30,000 people every week, providing practical services and support for people with dementia and their carers.



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:

The Editor
Grand Lodge News
c/o 115 The Mount
BELFAST BT5 4ND

or by e-mail to: williamclarke746@btinternet.com

Provincial Grand Steward Invested at Home



Included in the group photograph with W.Bro. Jack Imrie, P.G.S. (centre) are; R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews, P.G.M; R.W.Bro. John Clarke, P.D.G.M; R.W.Bro. Arnold Imrie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Austria, and W.Bro. Robin Imrie. (Jack's two younger Brothers).

Monday 2nd February was the occasion for a rather unusual investiture by the Provincial Grand Master of Down, R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews.

Unfortunately, as recently elected Provincial Grand Steward, W.Bro. Jack Imrie, Past Master of Dundrum Masonic Lodge No. 488, was still recuperating following a spell in hospital and therefore unable to make the journey to the La Mon Hotel, venue for the Installation Communication, the P.G.M. travelled down to Jack's home two days later, to carry out the investiture.

The Provincial Grand Master recounted that W.Bro. Jack had received his Entered Apprentice Degree in January 1955 and was Installed as W.M. in 1963. In recognition of his fifty years membership, he was Installed again in 2005. In between he had served as DoC for 25 years, and is currently the Lodge Almoner.

Lodge members and friends were out in support and the informal event was greatly enjoyed by those present, as was a sumptuous afternoon tea.



TLC Masonic Date Coins – can you remember the dates of your “three degrees” and the year you were in the chair of your Mother Lodge - No ! – well what you need is one of these TLC coins.

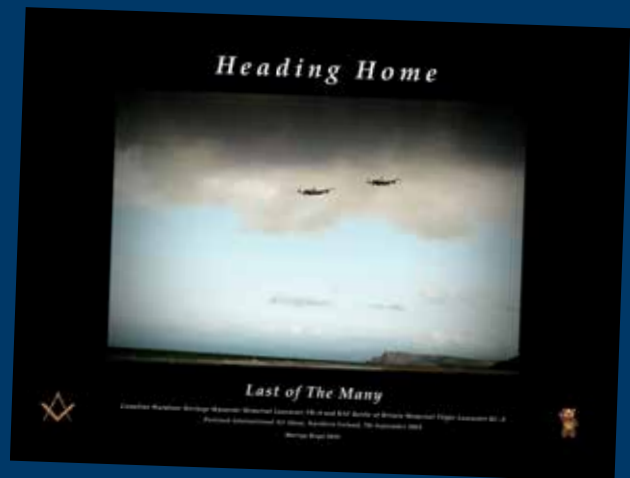
The coin costs £5.00 and each comes with the suppliers business card – for an additional £2.50 they will engrave your dates (which you must supply).

Coins are available from 115 The Mount, Belfast or any committee member.



Merlin Magic - Spitfire Mk XI PL965 of the Hanger 11 Collection – at the Newcastle Festival of Flight 2012

Heading Home – Last of The Many
– Canadian Lancaster VR-A and
RAF Lancaster KC-A at the Portrush
International Air Show 2014.



Both prints are professionally produced and mounted on a black surround with Masonic and TLC emblems cost £20.00 each and available from any committee member.

Christmas arrived early for T.L.C. at Lodge 516



On Saturday 20th December 2014 Myra Castle 516 invited R.W.Bro. Sam Snodden to receive a cheque on behalf of T.L.C. The Lodge raised the funds by having a very successful venison evening and fund raising suppers throughout the year.

The W. Master, W.Bro. Robert McMurray presented the cheque for £1,250 to R.W.Bro. Snodden, who passed on the sincere thanks of the T.L.C. Committee to the Lodge for their hard work and support to T.L.C.