



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



MAY 2009

Grand Master's Festival of Charity 2008

We are now on the last lap of the Grand Master's Festival. On behalf of Rodney, Basil and myself I would like to thank and congratulate the Brethren for their support of the Festival. The amount collected to date in sterling terms is £556,123 and in euro terms €597,468. It is without question a wonderful outcome.

We are now planning for the presentation of cheques to the Samaritans, the Northern Ireland Hospice and the LauraLynn Foundation. There will be two presentations, one in Dublin on Wednesday 20th May 2009 and one in Belfast on Friday 22nd May 2009. The arrangements for the Belfast presentation are not yet finalised but I can give you details of the Dublin presentation, which will be in much the same format as Belfast.

The Grand Master and representatives from Grand Lodge, together with

representatives from the three beneficiaries will meet the Taoiseach in Government Buildings at 4.15 p.m.

At 5.45 p.m., in the Grand Lodge room, there will be a formal presentation of cheques to the beneficiaries and acceptance speeches.

At 7.00 p.m. a dinner to celebrate the Festival will be held in the main dining room.

Tickets for the presentation and dinner, at a cost of €35, are available from the Hall Porter in Molesworth Street, Rodney, Basil and myself (see accompanying article for details). Wives and partners are welcome and we do hope many will attend. The dress code for the gentlemen is lounge suit and I would never suggest what a lady should wear.

As we can only accommodate 180 for this function and we anticipate that demand will be high, could I



SAMARITANS



suggest you purchase your ticket early, to avoid being disappointed.

In keeping with our promise to you that no expenses will be taken from the money raised, we have secured some sponsorship to cover the cost of the beneficiaries and other incidentals.

Finally Brethren, could I ask that you submit any outstanding money by 30th April 2009.

On behalf of the Grand Master, Rodney, Basil and myself could I again thank you for the hard work, which has brought about this amazing success.

Richard Ensor, Chairman



Grand Master's Festival

Closing Presentations & Dinner

~ Wives & Partners Welcome ~

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY 2009

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

Presentations in the Grand Lodge Room at 5.45 p.m. Dinner at 7.00 p.m.

~ **Admission by ticket only €35** ~

Tickets available from

The Hall Porter, Molesworth Street • Richard Ensor +353 (086) 254 5503
Rodney McCurley +44 (07736) 554 059 • Basil Fenton +353 (086) 257 9863

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

March 2009 in Armagh

The first two months of 2009 proved to be an uncomfortable time for me as I underwent hernia and hand surgery on separate occasions during January and February. I am making good progress and hoping that I have earned myself a few bonus years!

As you can understand, Installation visits were rather restricted during this period but, nevertheless, I managed to get to Light of the North Lodge No. 69, in Londonderry, which I had missed over a few years and I really enjoyed meeting with many old friends from the past.

My Deputy Grand Master accompanied me to Leinster Lodge No. 141 in Dublin, his own Lodge, at which I was well received and had a truly super evening with the Worshipful Master and his Brethren.

My visit to Northern Star Lodge No. 438, Raphoe was a very moving occasion when I presented a certificate of Honorary Past Grand Deacon to the Lodge on behalf of the late R.W. Bro. Alec Smith, Past Provincial Assistant Grand Master of Londonderry & Donegal, who had passed away shortly after his 100th birthday. Alec was indeed a true gentleman and worthy Mason.

In February, I attended the W.E. Scott Memorial Lodge No. 554, Campsie and witnessed Very Worshipful Bro. William Nutt, a stalwart of Londonderry & Donegal, presenting his son Roy, to be installed as Worshipful Manager. The formal presentation to the Chair contained an interesting variation, which I found to be most interesting.

In mid January, a Grand Master's Cabinet Meeting was held and various issues were considered, such as the poor take up and production costs of the Grand Lodge News and the need to address these problems. I would appeal to you all and especially to Lodge Secretaries and Almoners to help to stimulate distribution among their members and ensure that home-bound and elderly Brethren, in particular, receive copies.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GHANA

The highlight of January was my visit to Ghana with R.W. Bro. Michael

Ward, to constitute a new Grand Lodge of Ghana in the State Room of the Ghanaian Government. We were accompanied by the M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland and his Grand Secretary who undertook the installation of the new Grand Master who, in turn, installed his officers.

Following the Ceremony, we were treated to a magnificent Garden Party with plenty to eat and drink and the weather was glorious. We were well chaperoned by our dear friend, R.W. Bro. Dr. Kwesi-Acka who contributed much to the occasion and afforded much help and advice to the organisation of such a major event, which we greatly appreciated.

This Grand Lodge of Ghana is made up of indigenous Brethren who previously worked under the Irish and Scottish Provinces; the event was truly inspirational. It was a most pleasant experience as we were treated to the highest level of hospitality, generosity and kindness. For example, two Land Cruisers were at our disposal during our stay and we were hosted by the Vice-President of Ghana and the British Ambassador respectively, which was indeed a singular honour.

A Church Service was held on the following Sunday to commemorate the constitution of the new Grand Lodge, which was conducted in High Anglican Church style and attended by a large congregation.

In years to come, we will miss our Ghanaian Brethren sporting their highly coloured and outstanding garb, on their regular visits to Dublin in their usual numbers. They are a wonderful people and I wish them every good fortune in the years that lie ahead and in their stewardship of Freemasonry in Ghana. I trust that we will meet again.

I was especially delighted to have had the opportunity to consolidate my relationship with the Grand Master Mason of Scotland and his Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH

I congratulate R.W. Bro. Wilson Mark on his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Armagh and look



forward to working closely with him in years to come.

I also extend my sincerest thanks to R.W. Bro. George Miskimmins for his eight years of loyal and devoted service and successful stewardship of Freemasonry in this Province knowing that his enthusiasm and dedication has left an indelible mark for others to follow.

Thank you both for your commitment in the past and your hopes for the future.

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

I am absolutely delighted what you, the brethren, have achieved for the Grand Master's Festival. To date, we have topped £500,000 and we know that there is more to come.

A presentation to the Samaritans and both Children's Hospices will take place in a few months time and we are hopeful of attracting a distinguished member of the public to our Presentation Ceremony.

Thank you sincerely for your outstanding efforts and to those of the Chairmen and Committees of the Festival. May the beneficiaries remember Irish Freemasonry in their prayers and may our Order occupy a special place in their hearts.

Brethren, I would advise you that the revised Grand Lodge Website is now up and running and may be accessed at the usual Web Address.

Brethren, I thank you all again for your loyal support and may our Order grow in strength and give us all a great sense of satisfaction in being part of it.

God Bless you all.

Grand Master

Moneyrea Masons – G.M. Festival Donation



R.W. Bro. Rodney McCurley and the W. Master, W. Bro. David Burgess.

The Chairman of the G.M.F. 2008 Northern Committee, R.W. Bro. Rodney McCurley, was present to receive a generous donation from Moneyrea Union Band Lodge No. 556 on Saturday 6th September 2008 in the Masonic Hall, Moneyreagh. The cheque of £556.00 was raised with a ballot held during the year and was supported by many local Masons. The W. Master, W. Bro. David Burgess handed over the cheque to R.W. Bro. McCurley and thanked him for leading the Festival in the Northern Provinces.

The presentation was the highlight of 2008 for the W. Master and Moneyrea Union Band, which also included a visit from R.W. Bro. Roger Matthews, P.A.G.M. of Down; a Lodge Communication in the Grand Lodge Room, Molesworth Street and the donating of Christmas hampers to all Lodge Widows.

W. Bro. Malcolm Telford,
Lodge Secretary

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.freeserve.co.uk

Golf Dates for your 2009 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
1. Captain Fyffe Salver Tyrone & Fermanagh	Killymoon 2.00 p.m.	5th May	Leslie Graham 02886 762 773
2. Provincial Priors' Golf Society	Killymoon 9.30 a.m. -1.30 p.m.	26th May	George M.J. Stewart 02879 418 348 (H) 077 9322 3464 (M)
3. Mourne Cup Tyrone & Fermanagh	Newtownstewart	10th June (Tbc)	Harry Friar MBE 02881 658237 Garth McKibben 02891 878 859
4. Armagh Cup - Armagh	Portadown	26th June	Bobby McDowell 02838 842 630
5. Ferris Cup - Down	Kilkeel	26th June	William Andrews 02840 623 780
6. Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	28th Aug	Noel Simpson 02870 823 129



Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society

Grand Master's Millennium Charity Cup 2009

At
Killymoon Golf Club – Cookstown

On
Friday 28th August 2009

2009 Charities:
'Ulster Cancer Foundation' & '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"

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) 70823129 Mobile No. 079 677 896 41
Email: par70mm589@aol.com

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. Alex McCord	73	The John Arnott Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 314	Antrim
W.Bro. Edgar Johnston	65	St. Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 297	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Daniel Douglas	65	Headfort Masonic Lodge No. 244	Meath
Bro. Robert George Johnston	65	St. Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 297	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Hugh A. Cooke	65	Victory Masonic Loge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Edward Wilson	65	Sion Masonic Lodge No. 144	Down
Bro. James Warnock	62	Victory Masonic Loge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
R.W. Bro. J.S. Henderson	60	Castlemervyn Masonic Lodge No. 58	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Marcus W. Ashcroft	60	Victory Masonic Loge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. William J. Osborne	60	Star of the East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W. Bro. Basil E. Lloyd	60	Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 170	Down
W. Bro. Thomas A. Cameron	60	Coleraine Masonic Lodge No. 716	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. William E. Scott	60	Anchor Masonic Lodge No. 128	Antrim
V.W. Bro. John Agnew	60	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 515	Londonderry & Donegal
R. W. Bro. Thomas N. Bownes	60	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 299	Armagh
Bro. Edmund Henderson	60	Sion Masonic Lodge No. 144	Down
W. Bro. Samuel Nicholson	60	Sion Masonic Lodge No. 144	Down
W. Bro. Robert F. Luke	60	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
Bro. Samuel W. Reede	60	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
W. Bro. Charles J.B. Reede	60	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
W. Bro. Walter J. Malcolm	60	Shaftesbury Masonic Lodge No. 327	Antrim
W. Bro. William F. Richardson	60	Lurgan Masonic Lodge No. 134	Armagh
W. Bro. John W. McClure	60	Chatham Hall Masonic Lodge No. 152	Antrim
W. Bro. Edward W. Morton	60	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. George Apsley	60	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W. Bro. James McGookin	60	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W. Bro. John A. Martin	60	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
V.W. Bro. Andrew J. McCarroll	60	Star Masonic Lodge No. 16	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Richard N. Collins	60	Lisburn Masonic Lodge No. 178	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas J McConnell	59	St. Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 297	Londonderry & Donegal
R.W. Bro. Samuel J.P. Holt	58	Downshire Masonic Lodge No. 662	Midland Counties
W. Bro. John McL. Sinclair	57	The Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim
R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Harry Trimble	50	Castlederg Masonic Lodge No. 799	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. James F. Henry	50	Victory Masonic Loge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Samuel Geddis	50	Amethyst Masonic Lodge No. 761	Down
W.Bro. James Hill	50	Amethyst Masonic Lodge No. 761	Down
W. Bro. W.C. Beatty	50	Castlemervyn Masonic Lodge No. 58	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. J.B. Edwards	50	Castlemervyn Masonic Lodge No. 58	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Alfred Spier	50	Clontarf Masonic Lodge No. 249	Metropolitan
Bro. James F. Henry	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Donald C. Webster	50	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
W. Bro. Charles S. Foot	50	Abbeyleix Masonic Lodge No. 402	Midland Counties
W. Bro. James Hughes	50	Anchor Masonic Lodge No. 128	Antrim
W. Bro. Samuel D. Kearon	50	Wicklow Militia Masonic Lodge No. 877	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. David Kerr	50	Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 865	Antrim
W. Bro. William L. Craig	50	Thomas Valentine Masonic Lodge No. 21	Antrim
W. Bro. Albert Neill	50	Suidhe Masonic Lodge No. 355	Down
W. Bro. James Hart	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 330	Antrim
W. Bro. Robert D. Gilmour	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 330	Antrim
W. Bro. John J. Jack	50	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Edward S. Moreland	50	Golden Pillar Masonic Lodge No. 156	Antrim
W. Bro. Thomas Hanthorne	50	St Jude's Masonic Lodge No. 26	Down
W. Bro. T. McC. Chambers	50	Abbey Masonic Lodge No. 180	Antrim
W. Bro. Harold A. Ennis	50	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W. Bro. Stanley W. Johnston	50	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W. Bro. William H. Jenkins	50	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W. Bro. Thomas E. Morrison	50	Festival of Zion Masonic Lodge No. 597	Antrim
W. Bro. Robert S. Moore	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. R. Alwyn Reynolds	50	Magherafelt Masonic Lodge No. 211	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Thomas D.A. Young	50	Magherafelt Masonic Lodge No. 211	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Thomas A. Frizell	50	Ensr Masonic Lodge No. 625	Armagh
W. Bro. Samuel L. Jordan	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 35	Down
W. Bro. John T. Scott	50	Military Masonic Lodge No. 728	Metropolitan
W. Bro. William J.H. Kelly	50	Civitas Masonic Lodge No. 483	Down

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W. Bro. Samuel V. Rynhart	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. David G. Reede	50	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
W. Bro. Bernard Blood	50	Chetwode Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
W. Bro. James B. McGuiness	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 140	Antrim
W. Bro. William R. Coulter	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 140	Antrim
W. Bro. Alexander R. Duke	50	Royal Shamrock Masonic Lodge No. 32	South Eastern
W. Bro. Samuel G. Deacon	50	Royal Shamrock Masonic Lodge No. 32	South Eastern
W. Bro. George S. Woods	50	Meredith Whitla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
Bro. William J. Cochrane	50	Chatham Hall Masonic Lodge No. 152	Antrim
Bro. William Huey	50	Chatham Hall Masonic Lodge No. 152	Antrim
W. Bro. Thomas W. Hughes	50	Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 309	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. William S. Buchanan	50	Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 271	Londonderry & Donegal
R.W. Bro. William G. Cairns	50	Victoria Unity Masonic Lodge No. 296	Down
W. Bro. Archibald McKelvey	50	Victoria Unity Masonic Lodge No. 296	Down
W. Bro. Benjamin W.J. Todd	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 317	Antrim
W. Bro. Ivan R. Mitchell	50	Hiram's Ancient Band Masonic Lodge No. 103	Antrim
W. Bro. Thomas Cummings	50	The Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim
W. Bro. David McAneney	50	The Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim
W. Bro. David S. McNellis	50	Warrenpoint Masonic Lodge No. 697	Down
Bro. Donald G. Preston	50	Warrenpoint Masonic Lodge No. 697	Down
W. Bro. William J. Nicholl	50	Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 132	Down
W. Bro. John O. Houston	50	Crossle Masonic Lodge No. 132	Down
Bro. Moore Peacock	50	Shalman Masonic Lodge No. 607	Antrim
W. Bro. James S. Linton	50	Glencairn Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 442	Antrim
R.W. Bro. William D. Clements	50	Star Masonic Lodge No. 16	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. J.H. Knipe	50	Star Masonic Lodge No. 16	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Eric C. Bennett	50	Lisburn Masonic Lodge No. 178	Antrim
W. Bro. William Gamble	50	Andrew Henderson Masonic Lodge No. 512	Antrim
W. Bro. William Webb	50	Andrew Henderson Masonic Lodge No. 512	Antrim
W. Bro. Robert S. Moore	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. T. A. Morrow	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Joseph H. Maxwell	50	Northern Star Masonic Lodge No. 438	Londonderry & Donegal

WICKLOW 200 CYCLING CHALLENGE



To celebrate the Grand Master's Festival of Charity, Meredith Whitla Lodge No. 55, Monaghan, supported W. Bro. Brian Ebbs in a cycle ride in the Wicklow 200 Ireland's premier cycling challenge.

The Lodge through sponsorship cards and the help of the general public raised a grand total of €5,000 and W. Bro. Ebbs cycled a distance of 200Km on Sunday 8th June 2008.

W. Bro. Ebbs commented "I'm glad I did this cycle, but for next year, unless the whole of the Lodge joins me, I'll not be doing it again"!!

Pictured are: (L-R): R.W. Bro. Leslie Johnston (Asst. Grand Master), W. Bro. Brian Ebbs and W. Bro. Wayne Wedlock W.M. Lodge No. 55.

W. Bro. A Smith, Secretary

GRAND CANOE MARATHON

Saturday 31st May 2008 saw Bros. McMaster and Clarke, together with friends and family complete a 30 mile canoe marathon in aid of The Grand Master's Festival.

On the sunniest day of the year, the intrepid group started with a safety briefing from Bro. Clarke who is also an officer with the RNLI and set off from Toome Bridge in a 27 feet long Canadian canoe. Escorted by two motor boats, the fundraisers journeyed for eight hours through Lough Beg and four canal locks on the River Bann. All arrived safely at The Cutts in Coleraine, albeit a little weary and sunburned!

Many thanks to everyone who helped raise a grand total of £1,000.



Pictured above is Bro. McMaster presenting a cheque for £1,000 to the W. Master of Brownlow Masonic Lodge No. 781.

Lodge 82 Shoot for Grand Masters Festival

Led by their energetic W.M., Worshipful Brother Garth Watson, Lodge No. 82 Portadown headed for the gun range near Markethill to raise money for the G.M.'s Festival and enjoy themselves at the same time.

The members and friends received a warm welcome from the local gun club, then received instruction on the essential safety measures. Guns were distributed (all legal) and there followed the most amazing display of good and bad shooting. Local hero Brother Dean McClelland organised the event and although Lee Morrison and Brother Graham Jackson were declared winners there were no losers.



All "gunners" retired to Portadown Masonic Hall to be treated to lunch by the Worshipful Master's wife, Mandy.

The shoot raised £135.00; to date the Lodge has raised £645 for the Grand Masters Festival.

W.Bro. Bert Wilson



Fund Raising Night on the 22nd August for G.M. Festival

The Province of Down Joint District Charity Committee organized a great night of dance and cabaret entertainment for everyone in the Newtownard's Road Masonic Hall, East Belfast.

The event was billed as "Dance the Night Away" with live music from the group "Big Spender" and supporting Guest Artists. What a night of entertainment we had, it was great!! All the artists gave a super performance, and completely free of charge.

We as a Committee would like to thank the artists and our sponsors for their generous donations. To everyone involved in making this event a success we thank you.



The picture shows W.Bro. Jim Mullan and W.Bro. John Nixon presenting a cheque for £1531.00 to W.Bro. Robert Campbell (centre), from the Northern Provinces Committee.

*Joint District Charity Committee,
Province of Down*

'GRAND' FOR ARDMORE

The Worshipful Master of Ardmore Masonic Lodge No. 835 Saintfield, W.Bro. Alan Campbell, is seen here presenting a cheque for £1,000 to the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley, as the Lodge's contribution to the Grand Master's Festival. Lodge members held a number of events to raise this money for the Festival.

Also included in the photograph are (L-R): W.Bros. R Reid; R S McClenaghan; S C McFarland; H A T Wade; H Mannis; R S Murphy and G E Lutton.



ANOTHER GRATEFUL STUDENT

At the Girls Fund we receive many letters of thanks from students who have just graduated and who reflect back on their academic career and the assistance, help and guidance received from the Fund. Here is a letter received from a grateful young lady who says:-

"I am writing to thank the Committee for all the financial support which I have received over the past four years. I have now come to the end of my teaching degree and graduated in July with a 2.1.

Your support made it possible to achieve this goal, and survive student life ... which wasn't always easy.

I am living back at home and currently looking for a primary teaching job.

I greatly appreciate your interest in me over these years at University, but also during my time at school.

I know my Dad would be pleased and proud!

Kindest Regards,"

HISTORIC OCCASION FOR 811

History was made on the 17th January 2008 in St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 811. It was the first time that anyone can recall a father installing his son in to the Worshipful Master's Chair.



W.Bro. Cecil Taylor was installed in the Chair in 2001 and this year he installed his son Bro. Ryan Taylor.

W.Bro. Cecil Taylor joined Freemasonry in 1988 never thinking in 20 years time he would be installing his son. Ryan joined The Order in 2000 and as is the trend today he did not have to wait as long as his father, to occupy the Chair.

The packed Lodge room watched and enjoyed this unique occasion. Much back slapping and warm handshakes took place after this historic event. The newly installed W. Master started off well by providing a sumptuous Festive Board to mark the occasion.

W.Bro. William Brennan, Secretary

MASONIC SCHOOL PAST PUPILS REUNION DINNER

On Friday 28th August 2009 the Past Pupils of both The Masonic Girl's School, Ballsbridge & Boy's School, Clonskeagh, Dublin are having a reunion dinner in the former dayroom of the girls school, now The Thomas Prior Room, Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge.

The dinner will be preceded by the annual golf outing at Donabate to commence at 10 a.m. and both functions are open to all past pupils and their guests.

Tickets will go on sale early April'09 and indications are that it will be a sell out as numbers are restricted to only 160. For further information please email lee.willdridge@btinternet.com or telephone 028 406 26280

Black Tie Film Night in Coleraine

In support of the Grand Master's Festival, Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 127, Coleraine, held a Black Tie Film Premiere Night in the Movie House, the Jet Centre, Coleraine and raised £2000.

The thanks of the Lodge go to the Management of the Cinema for their generosity in providing the film and the cinema free of charge and Hugh Wade & Son, Funeral Directors, Coleraine for its generous sponsorship of the event.

At the St John's Day Communication in Dublin on 27th December, the M.W. Grand Master announced that the current donations amounted to



The Photograph shows the presentation of the cheque from Vernon Lodge No. 127. (L. to R.) Bro. Andrew Green, Event Organiser, Mr. Michael McAdam owner of the Jet Centre Complex, Mr Hugh Wade of Wade and Sons event sponsor and W. Bro Andy Stephens, Event Organiser.

£440,000. At the beginning of 2009 this figure had increased to £450,000.

Lord Donegal's Contribution



Shortly before Christmas 2008 a Memorial Service was held in the local church of the Late M.W.Bro. Lord Donegal when a plaque was unveiled detailing that the Masonic order had contributed a

significant sum for the restoration of a window in that church in memory of Lord Donegal.

The ceremony was attended by M.W.Bro. Eric N Waller, (Past Grand Master), R.W.Bro. Michael W Walker, (Past Grand Secretary) together with the Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro.



(L-R) The Very Rev. Leslie Forrest, Dean of Ferns, Charles Olden, Douglas Grey, John Rowden, Richard Ward, and Imelda Crosbie.

Douglas T Grey, the Grand Treasurer R.W.Bro. Charles P Olden and R.W.Bro. John N Rowden, Grand Organist. After the ceremony a social lunch was attended by all present at the invitation of the late Lord Donegal's family.

R.W.Bro. William Mawhinney remembered by Mourne Lodge

Mourne Masonic Lodge No. 696, Annalong, recently opened the refurbished anteroom in memory of R.W.Bro. William Mawhinney, former Assistant Grand Master and long time member of the Lodge.

R.W.Bro. Robert McMurray, Provincial Assistant Grand Master of Down, performed the ceremony. W.Bro. Michael Mawhinney was in attendance to represent the family on this historic occasion and spoke of his late father's many Masonic interests.



Also in the photograph shown is V.W.Bro. J I A Davison a lifelong friend of R.W.Bro. Mawhinney.

W.Bro. J K Gibson, Secretary.

200TH ANNIVERSARY IN CORK

Third Lodge of Ireland in 2008 celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the revival of their warrant.

The Worshipful Master, R.W.Bro Edward Fleury, Past Provincial Grand Master of Munster and the other Brethren of Third Lodge were pleased to receive The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Ireland, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. D Barry Lyons and two of his Grand Officers at Third Lodge's November communication.

Provincial Grand Master of Munster, R.W.Bro. Alan Campbell and his Officers also attended to mark the special occasion. A large number of visiting Brethren were present. W.Bro Dermot Burns, Past Master of Third Lodge, presented a paper on History of The Lodge and presented all the Brethren with a commemorative souvenir Booklet.



All the Brethren then enjoyed a memorable Festive Board. The Most Worshipful Grand Master remarked on the welcome he received and how the fervour in the Lodge looks set to continue for many years to come.

3 DEGREES IN DUBLIN

Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204 Lisnaskea, under the direction of its Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Brian Mills, travelled with 22 members, 3 Candidates and 2 members of other Lodges, to Dublin on Saturday 18th October 2008, to confer 3 Entered Apprentice Degrees on the sons of Brethren of the Lodge.

W.Bro. Mervyn McElwaine saw his son Stephen initiated and his nephew, son of the late Past Master, W.Bro. Hubert Agnew (1995), Gary Agnew, together with Stephen Wilson who was accompanied by his father Bro. Andrew Wilson.

The photo shows the Brethren present with the 3 E.A. Candidates at the feet of the W. Master.

W.Bro. R Watts Secretary



SIX IN THE ONE NIGHT!



On the 4th December 2008, Harmony Lodge No. 228 Gorey, in the Province of Wicklow and Wexford had a unique evening, during which six candidates were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft Freemason.

This was done by passing three candidates at their Stated Communication. Following which the Lodge immediately opened once again and held an emergency communication, during which they passed three more candidates to the Degree of Fellow Craft Freemason.

Pictured above: Front Row: (L-R) V.W.Bro. Eddie Brownell, Bro. Ronnie White, The W.Master, W.Bro. John McCormack, Bro. John Stephens and R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener. Back Row: (L-R) Bro. David Warren, Bro. Robert Wallace, Bro. David Byrnes and Bro Colm Phillips

Following both meetings there was a very special Festive Board. As far as the Province of Wicklow and Wexford is concerned it was a unique and special occasion.

R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener P.G.M.