



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



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Grand Master's Address – 6th March 2010 – Cabra Castle Kingscourt



We are delighted and privileged to be in the Province of Meath for this March Communication and pleased to return to the Cabra Castle venue. I would thank the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Cecil Tilson and his

Brethren for their kind invitation, which I am confident we will enjoy.

Brethren, we all suffered a terrible shock at the Installation Communication in Dublin when we learned of the sudden death of R.W. Bro. George Ginnelly, Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught. The circumstances of his passing were most significant, in that most of his time he would be travelling to a Masonic Meeting, as he was on this occasion. George and I shared a similar lifestyle in that we were both widowers and embraced Freemasonry as our central life interest.

He will be sadly missed, he gave all to the Order and has left fond memories of his time with us, which I believe, will never be equalled. He was indeed a generous, kind and thoughtful man and a truly unique individual and may he rightly rest in that house of many mansions which he revered.

I am delighted that R.W. Bro. Norman Reid has accepted my invitation to succeed George as Provincial Grand Master in the knowledge that he will fit the task readily. I am also pleased that R.W. Bro. Ted Smith has offered to continue as Provincial Deputy Grand Master in support of Norman during his 'running-in' period, knowing that he will prove to be a reliable mentor.

Brethren, the Grand Master's Festival, which ended during the past year was, once again, an outstanding success, when we raised over €660,000 for the benefit of the Samaritans and Children's Hospices; very worthy causes, to which we gave of our best in the firm hope that both cure and comfort to those in need, will result. It sent out a clear message that we are very much part of society and I was particularly amazed and pleased that such an outcome was achieved in

such an unfavourable economic climate. To you all, Brethren, I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

In relation to the Festival, we were very fortunate to have the company of two TV personalities, namely, Olivia Nash (Curran) and Alexandra Ford, who added much to its promotion.

However, thanks to R.W. Bro. John Frazer, Olivia has put in print an appreciation of our Order which describes how three generations of her Masonic family were assisted by our Charities. A copy of her article will be published in our Web Site as an item in the June issue of The Grand Lodge Newsletter and I would recommend that it should be read by all.

On another sad note and related to the 'Festival', I was saddened to learn of the death of V.W. Bro. Trevor Hanna, our official P.R. man, who did so much to promote our image through the communication media. V.W. Bro. Trevor succeeded in having reports and pictures in 37 different newspapers in the North but sadly, had a limited response in the South. The Beneficiaries gave us considerable support by promoting the Festival, which proved to be very helpful.

Trevor was a truly professional communicator and for the past number of years has been on his own, following the passing of W. Bro. Vere Wynne-Jones, who covered the South. He will be greatly missed, as is Vere and we now have the task of rebuilding our P.R. provision. My sympathies go to Trevor's family at this time.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim is now headed by R.W. Bro. John Dickson who was installed as Provincial Grand Master on 27th February, 2010 and has now built his team consisting of R.W. Bro. Denis Millen as Deputy, R.W. Bro. Bill Dyer and R.W. Bro. Jack Dunlop, as Assistants and W. Bros. Ken Porter and V.W. Bro. Bill Balmer who will soon be invested as Provincial Assistants. I look forward to welcoming them into these offices and anticipate successful outcomes during their tenure and wish them well.

On a broader front, we are all greatly saddened by the pending closure or sale of the Rosemary St. building in Belfast, headquarters of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. I was at their recent meeting in the hall in February and it was heart rending to think that there might be no return. A number of the res-

ident lodges have either surrendered their warrants or amalgamated and sadly some individual members have resigned. I wish the Provincial Grand Master and his team every good fortune for the future.

During the past few months, I accepted an invitation to an interview on Freemasonry by Sarah Brett of BBC Radio Foyle. It lasted for 20-25 minutes and I enjoyed the opportunity to clarify the many misperceptions held by some sections of general society. I have also made presentations to Pro-bus and Rotary Groups where I was warmly greeted and well treated. I felt that my presentations and responses were well received and I was very satisfied.

Since our last Communication of Grand Lodge, I have visited fourteen Lodges, viz; Lodges. 291, 164, 52, 940, 271, 127, 414, XL, 669, 82, 352, 300, 198 and the Lodge of Research in Dublin. Every meeting which I attended was most enjoyable and interesting in its own individual way.

Freemasonry With thanks to R.W. Bro. Ted Smith and the Grand Lodge of Scotland

Freemasonry teaches moral lessons and self knowledge through participation in a programme of allegorical two-part plays which are learned by heart and performed within each Lodge.

Freemasonry offers its members an approach to life which seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things.

Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but importantly, Freemasonry also teaches and practises concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need.

Membership is open to men of all faiths who are law abiding, of good character and who acknowledge a belief in God. Freemasonry is a multi-denominational, multi-racial and multi-cultural organisation. It has attracted men of goodwill from all sectors of the community into membership.

Brethren, I wish you well and may you be blessed with every good fortune.

Grand Master

Amen - R.W.Bro. John Greer (Past P.G.M. North Connaught)

The death of R.W.Bro. John Greer on the 8th. February this year brought to a close a chapter in the Masonic history of the Province of North Connaught of a Mason that without doubt will shine as a beacon to all the present and future Brethren of the Province and also to the wider members of the Fraternity in Ireland.

Johnny as he was known to all his friends both in Masonic circles and in the wider community in the North West joined Harlech Lodge No. 165 in March 1942. Living and farming in Dromard, almost 20 miles from Sligo and also involved in a family General Store. His transport to his Lodge meetings during those war years was the bicycle. He was accompanied a couple of years later by V.W.Bro. Percy Higgins who cycled from Easkey a further 15 miles towards Ballina and together attended their Lodge every month almost without exception.

Johnny served as Wor. Master in 1962. He was elected Treasurer a few years later, a post he held for over 25 years. His commitment to Masonry did not end there. He Joined Royal Arch Chapter No. 20 in 1961 and served as Excellent King in 1968. Masonic work was always a joy to Johnny and he assumed the mantle of Register in 1965, a position he held until 1990. He Joined Connacht Council No. 72 in 1972 and served as Excellent Chief in 1982. His worth as a Mason was now well known, he was invited to join Abbey of Boyle Preceptory No. 242 and later Abbey Chapter of Prince Masons No X1 in Longford about 1975 and he further progressed into the higher degrees culminating in the Invitation to the 32nd degree in 2001.

Back to his involvement in Craft Masonry, in 1985 he was appointed Provincial Deputy Grand Master of North Connaught

. On the retirement of R.W.Bro. Charles Rorke the Grand Lodge Board appointed him as the Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught a decision they never regretted and he remained in this Office until the mandatory 10 year term had expired.

In 2004 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland and served as Senior Grand Warden the following year. During his time as the Senior Provincial Officer in the North West he became a familiar and welcome guest at many of the Provincial Grand Lodge Installation Meetings both in the North and South of Ireland.

Apart from his involvement in Freemasonry he was also highly involved in parish work with his Church being a representative on the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and was Chairman and Treasurer of various Committees in his home area of Skreen and Dromard where his integrity was recognised and appreciated by all members of the local community.

His funeral on Wednesday 10th February indicated the high esteem / regard in which he was held. Masons from all parts of the Country gathered in his home Church of Skreen together with representatives of all branches of the District Communities. A Church twice the size would not have contained all those who travelled to pay a last farewell to a beloved Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather and Community Leader. To his widow Isa, his extended family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. In a favourite phrase of Johnny's, he was "second to none".

R.W.Bro. E C W Smith P.D.G.M. North Connaught

The Passing of a Legend

The Late R.W.Bro. George F Ginnelly - P.G. Master North Connaught (2000 -2010)

The passing of R.W.Bro. G F Ginnelly to the Grand Lodge above has left all of us who knew him bereft. There are many emotions, sadness that our time with him here on earth is over, never again will we see his pleasant countenance or that voice which had such a mixture of tenderness, kindness, authority and love for the whole fraternity where ever dispersed over the face of the earth. To all of us he was a father figure who like our Heavenly Father was dependable, reliable and watched out for those who were experiencing difficulty and with the greatest sensitivity came along side to offer support and friendship. There are so many homes today in the Province of North Connaught that can testify to R.W.Bro. Ginnelly's total commitment to the aims and precepts of the Masonic Order which is benevolence and brotherly love. Already I am using language that to some people is unfamiliar. At this stage I feel I must for the benefit of the uninitiated or in more laymen's language, people present who know nothing of the order of Freeasons say something of who we are. The Masonic is a worldwide charitable order which is non po-

litical and non denominational or religious as in a specific religion. The criteria for being a member are that you believe in a Supreme Being and that you practice the religion to which you belong. In George's case as with many here today, the Christian religion. Throughout the length and breadth of this land you will find members of The Order prominent in the support of their church and in support of their clergy.

The moral discipline provided in the Lodge stands them in good stead to take their place and be pillars of the society to which they belong. Yes, like many other organisations it has a constitution and it has by laws which are available for the public to see and read. The seat of government is at 17/19 Molesworth Street, Dublin, just across from Leinster House.

Yes, we come in for adverse comments and publicity at times from different quarters including the church which I love, as it sometimes feels threatened by the freedom which The Order provides.

The A.B.C. of the church:

A: Assurance of salvation

B: Belief in a precise theology

C. Conversion of non believers

As compared with Masonry, which makes no promise of sal-



George Ginnelly

vation, has no specific theology and does not seek to convert. We are sometimes accused of being non religious. On the contrary the prerequisite for becoming a Mason is that you must believe in a higher power. Masonry does not impose a specific definition or a name on a higher power. The more general term of Supreme Being or Great Architect of the Universe enables Masons of different faiths to come together in tolerance and open-mindedness. There is a very strong sense of morality among the Brethren. This is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The most well known being the square and compass which I am wearing at the moment. All of this instils in each member a sense of what is right and that our actions and dealings with other people are expected to be straight, even and correct.

When I joined The Order on the 14th December 1978 it was because of what I saw in the lives of people like R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly and the late V.W.Bro. Leslie Moffitt and others, not because of their success stories but because they were boundaried. They knew who they were and knew their place and this is something which society is crying out for and so badly needs people we can look to who we know have integrity and will not let us down. The upholding of the institutions of the state, the church and laws of the land just doesn't happen, it takes years even generations to instil that discipline in people.

That is what so many in this church today who have travelled from the four corners of Ireland are about, the better ordering of society. Yes, it will be and is often described as arch conservatism grey haired men playing silly games. Given the al-

ternative, I believe it is a way of living that has much to commend it and society would do well to learn from that which has stood the test of time.

George was initiated to Light of the West Lodge No. XX on the 10th April 1975. He received his 2nd Degree on the 2nd December 1975 and 3rd Degree on the 12th February 1976. He was installed Worshipful Master in 1983, the highest honour the Lodge can bestow. He was Deputy Grand Master for a period and succeeded R.W.Bro. John Greer as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of North Connaught in the year 2000, holding that office until his death on Monday 28th December 2009.

As Provincial Grand Master he was not only a member of Lodge XX but automatically a member of all Lodges in the Province, Light of the West No. XX, Harleich 165, Ballina, Boyle, Manorhamilton and Mohill, attending the Provincial Grand meetings and the festive boards. In that position he was held in the highest regards by all the Lodges.

At Grand Lodge level he sat on various committees, Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, Grand Master's Council, Grievance Committee and the one which interested him most and really is the corner stone of what The Order is about, the Charities, in this case the Boys Benefit Fund.

His membership gave him the scope and opportunity to develop and give expression to his generous nature. The Charities are at the moment educating over 400 boys and girls with an average assistance of €2000 per annum which does not include the Welfare Fund, which is giving assistance to many who at the moment are experiencing difficulties. There are 680 annuitants (widows in receipt of assistance) and 5,300 widows communicated with, and that is not mentioning the giving to Charities outside The Order, Alzheimer's, arthritis, hospices etc. During his time as Provincial Grand Master he saw to it that there were representatives from North Connaught on every Committee in Dublin. It was an enormous work load and many times we worried about all the travelling he was doing. When challenged he would brush it off and say how much pleasure it gave him.

We thank God for every remembrance of him and the legacy he has left us and I conclude with the prayer I used in Grand Lodge on the morning of his death.

"Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe,
You laid the foundations of the earth and heaven and before your face the generations rise and pass away. We remember those mentioned and others in the hearts of those present who in this life have faithfully illuminated our presence and have passed through the shadow of death to those mansions eternal in the heavens. Give them eternal rest and peace, love and harmony in your presence. Comfort their loved ones and give strength and patience to those who are ill assuring all that everything works together for good for those who love you. Amen.

May the Great Architect of the Universe who as God the Father created him, God the Son who redeemed him and God the Holy Spirit who sanctified him, make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, lift up the light of his countenance upon him and give him his peace this day and for ever more. Amen.

R.W.Bro. The Rev. Noel H L Regan (Jnr. Gd. Chaplain)

The Late R.W.Bro. Canon Dr Kenneth W Cochrane - P.P.A.G.M. & P.J.G. Chaplain

The following is an abridged version of the address of the V. Rev. John Bond at the funeral service of Canon Dr Ken Cochrane, held in St Paul's Parish Church, Lisburn, Diocese of Connor, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday 6th January 2010.

I am very conscious that no words of mine will adequately reflect the deep love and affection in which Ken Cochrane was held not only in this parish, community and city but also in our Diocese of Connor and the Church of Ireland.

A distinguished priest who served his Lord and his Church with singular devotion and dedication, those of us who were his friends and colleagues are deeply saddened by his passing, yet our sadness and loss are nothing compared with those of his close knit and loving family who were so special to him and especially his dear wife, Mildred, who ably supported him at all times; sons, Peter and Michael; daughters in law Deardrie and Eleanor, grandchildren, Emma, Simon and Christopher; and members of the wider family circle.

We assure them all of our love and prayerful and heartfelt sympathy. I hope they feel uplifted and comforted by the great gathering of people who have been drawn to this parish church today by affection for Ken and his love, support and care for them.

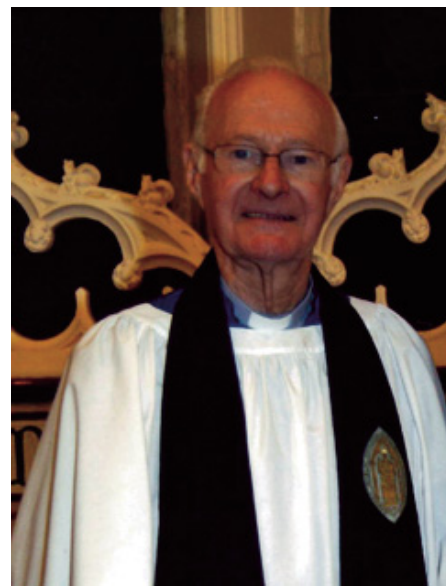
Kenneth Wilbur Cochrane was born in 1927 in Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, the youngest son of James and Ellen Cochrane, and was educated at Coleraine Technical College and Coleraine Institute. Following a short career as an accountant, he went to Trinity College Dublin and was made Deacon in 1958 to serve his title in the parish of St Aidan, Sandy Row, Belfast. He was then successively curate assistant of St Nicholas, Lisburn Road, Belfast, from 1961-62; Christ Church, Lisburn, 1962-65; and curate in charge of St Paul's, Lisburn, 1965-66, following which, he was appointed Rector.

He was appointed a Canon of Belfast Cathedral in 1986 and of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1990. In the midst of a busy and demanding ministry, he was awarded his Doctorate in 1988 a distinguished priest with a distinguished academic career.

From 1965 to his retirement in 1998, this parish was his life. How appropriate it is to have this service in the very building for which Ken was responsible. This church stands not just as a memorial, but also as a witness to an energetic priest with an infectious zeal for the Gospel and to the many who found comfort in his devoted pastoral care.

The task of building a church from nothing presented many challenges, not least financial, but St. Paul's was consecrated in January 1964. Ken's concerns were not just in the bricks and mortar but in the lives of people, the hard graft of pastoral visitation encouraging young families to attend worship; he

was a team leader and a team builder and throughout all his life, he retained that benign spirit and sense of humour and fun. But even more than that, he had a great sense of the joy of living a glad engagement with the world: and a fusion of the everyday and the holy with which some people like Ken - are blessed, that enables them to enjoy the good things of life as a great blessing from God.



Ken made his own unique contribution to the wider Church: Secretary to Connor Diocesan Council and Synod; an Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Connor; a member of the Electoral College, Board of Patronage and General Synod; and a school governor. His wise counsel, shrewd judgement and sanctified commonsense will long be remembered in the Diocese and in the wider Church.

Although he retired from full time parochial ministry in 1998, I don't think he knew the meaning of the word 'retirement', because he certainly did not hang up his cassock and surplice; he helped out in Christ Church, as well as fulfilling many preaching engagements.

Ken helped us all find nourishment in the worship of Christ, the source of our life and the focus of our unity. Ken had a commitment to the excellence and ethos of the Church of Ireland; he loved Anglican liturgy; and his life was sustained by prayer and the Eucharist. Those, of course lay at the heart of Ken's own life, because in them the whole of life is encapsulated and through them we come to meet the living God.

Today, we thank God for the pilgrimage and the life Ken lived as an ordained servant of God. Above all, we thank God for the person he was, rich in spirituality and devotion, yet warm in acceptance and love of people.

It was a privilege to be his first curate: he trained many and set standards in worship. He was a gifted preacher, teacher and communicator of the word of God and not known for his brevity. Even though he would take off his watch and place it on the pulpit, it meant nothing. He believed and impressed upon his curates that to get to know their people, they must first visit them in their homes.

Ken wasn't afraid to tell it as it was and he did not suffer fools gladly he called a spade a spade and you knew if he was displeased about something or other. He told people their place was in God's house and he got his message across. He had the ability to reach every level. You felt valued and knew you were valued in what you did for the Church.

Ken Cochrane was an energetic and hard working priest outgoing, friendly and imaginative, a natural role model for his curates. He nurtured many vocations to the sacred ministry and offices in the Church. He transmitted confidence to those

around him and the parish admired his attention to detail and his trusting availability to so many to whom he was supportive and brought out their best. A wise counsellor, his desire to get things done with warm hearted helpfulness remained strong, even in retirement.

For the whole of his ministry, Ken led us to make Christ the heart of our message, the source of our life and the focus of our unity. We give thanks to God for the life of Ken Cochrane, priest, husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, uncle and servant of Jesus Christ. We will sorely miss him; he was greatly loved.

Tribute by R.W.Bro. R H Gray (P.G.M. Down) delivered at Lodge 147's Memorial Service.

I have found writing this tribute a most difficult task and any words I dare say are, in my opinion, eclipsed by the attendance here this evening at this Memorial Service.

It would be all too easy simply to list the many milestones in Ken's Masonic career — but you have them all on the Order of Service and I want this tribute to be more than a list of dates and Degrees. To this end I have asked all the senior officers of the Province to give me their memories of Ken and I hope when combined with my own personal thoughts and memories it will be a fitting tribute to a dear friend, a dedicated Freemason and an absolute gentleman.

He was initiated into Culrathain Lodge No. 940 in Coleraine on 20th December 1949 and later affiliated here to Lord Arthur Hill Lodge No. 147 in 1976 serving as Worshipful Master in 1992.

In Provincial Grand Lodge, Ken was a Provincial Grand Chaplain from 1993 until 2001 at which point he was Installed as a Provincial Assistant Grand Master, an office he served with distinction until May 2006.

He also had the honour & privilege of serving Grand Lodge as a Junior Grand Chaplain for the normal period of three years.

When, as a Provincial Assistant Grand Master, he had responsibility for the Provincial Inspectors it didn't matter how long, how short, how detailed or how sparse an Inspector's Report was, Ken always responded as the Inspector resumed his seat, by saying, "Thank you, so much". It really made each Inspector consider and believe that his role and comments were important and might have been of some use.

Ken was the motive force behind the reconfiguring and revitalising of the Ballymacarrett Christmas Carol Service and then, together with W. Bro Eddie Dawson, they established the Banbridge Charity Committee's Carol Service. Both these services are now permanent fixtures in the Masonic calendar of the Province and they are very fitting tributes to Ken, his calling, his love of the Order and his dedication to the promotion of the Order's public image.

He was renowned for his abounding energy in everything he did. His enthusiasm and sincerity in promoting the Masonic Order in general and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down in particular was tremendous.

During his time in Provincial Grand Lodge he has had particular responsibility for the New Master Masons Seminars that have proved to be well received by all those participating. His

presentations at these seminars reflected his wonderful knowledge of theology and Freemasonry.

He could take his watch off & place it on the lectern before delivering a lecture or sermon only to say that he didn't know why he was doing so as it would make no difference to the time he would spend in his presentation. How many times did we hear him say - "I'm easy to get into the Pulpit, but very hard to get out".

Another of his oft used phrases was - "long story short" and quite often they weren't all that short.

He will also be remembered for the tale of the 3 legged stool of Masonry in which he so expertly demonstrated how Ritual, Harmony & Charity were the 3 supports or legs of our Order. We were all particularly impressed by his loyalty to, and dedicated care of, his wife. In the past year his devotion to Mildred was his whole life and took priority over everything and was, in itself, a testimony to the man and he was particularly proud that his two sons were such involved and dedicated Freemasons.

To everyone he was very approachable and friendly and was well known for his love of 'philosophical' questions.

He was a staunch churchman and steeped in Theology, but had an open and enquiring mind and greatly enjoyed clinical discussion and debate. He was a good listener and never — and I emphasise never - sought to advance his views over those of others.

Personally speaking I quickly discovered that I could easily "wind Ken up" — all I had to do was steer the conversation round to Evolution and Creation and the theological vs scientific debate began with great gusto — I shall miss those detailed discussions

I shall also miss walking up to his door, ringing the bell and being greeted by a big broad smile, an outstretched hand and the words "Come in my good friend — its great to see you".

We all count it a great honour to have had the privilege of working closely with him within the Provincial Grand Lodge team and we will all miss his friendship, his wise counsel and that ever present smile.

He was a very sincere Freemason, and never hesitated to openly support the Order whenever necessary. He was equally proud and dedicated to his own calling, and did not see any conflict between the two.

To know him was to be his friend.

New PGM for North Connaught

A new page in the history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught was written in Cabra Castle at the Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 6th. March 2010. R.W.Bro. Norman T Reid was installed Provincial Grand Master of the Province in succession to the late R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly.



Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, R.W.Bro. Norman Reid (P.G.M.) and Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, after the installation ceremony in Cabra Castle.

While many will say "it will be a hard act to follow" there is always someone in the wings who has the ability and the courage to take on the mantle of boss of the Province.

R.W.Bro. Norman fills the bill perfectly. He has served his time with honour. As Secretary of Tyrawley Lodge No. 217 on the most western edge of Europe, he has guided the Lodge for the last decade to a position which must be the envy of nearly every Lodge in Ireland. If they do not have any more Candidates this year "and there are 2 or 3 in the pipeline" there will be a degree every night for the next two years.

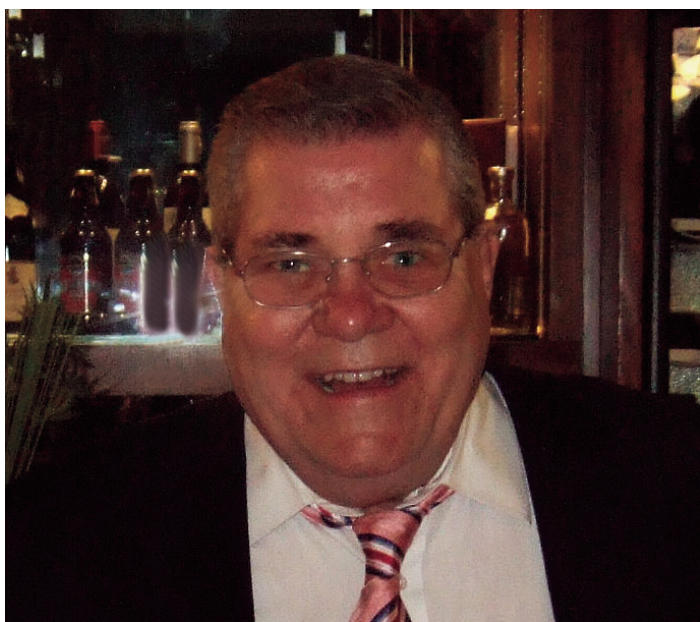
As the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for the past 9 years he has a complete knowledge of what will be expected of him in his new Office. His Masonic knowledge is extensive, Treasurer of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Meath and North Connaught, Past Excellent Chief of Connacht Council of Knight Masons, Registrar of Abbey of Boyle Preceptory No. 242, Past 1st Constable of Great Priory of Ireland and Senior Warden of Abbey Prince Masons Chapter No. X1.

He will be welcome and at home in any company. His elevation to the Most Senior Office in the Province was welcomed by all and while the attendance of North Connaught may not have seemed very large when you consider that almost 20% of the Province attended, it really puts the number in perspective. We all rejoiced at his elevation, none more so than the Brethren of Tyrawley No. 217. R.W.Bro. Norman is the first member of that Lodge to be so honoured since the Lodge was founded in 1846.

Congratulations to the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the perfect choice.

R.W.Bro. E C W Smith D.P.G.M.

V.W.Bro. Samuel Trevor Hanna



Trevor Hanna, the Belfast journalist whose coverage of the Province's turbulent history earned him worldwide recognition, has died. He was 73. One of an elite breed of journalists, he was held in high esteem by editors and TV and radio producers and was acknowledged as having a superb knowledge of

all aspects of Ulster affairs. His remarkable career spanned more than half a century from the Brookeborough era of the old Stormont Parliament to the eventual power sharing agreement between unionists and republicans.

Born on 4th November 1936, on Belfast's Lisburn Road, Samuel Trevor Hanna was educated at Ulsterville and Fane Street public elementary schools and the city's Methodist College. He began his career in 1954 as a junior reporter on the News Letter before being offered a post on the Belfast Telegraph by its distinguished Editor John E Sayers. Under the incisive news editorship of Fred Gamble, his versatility was quickly displayed covering general news and a range of specialisms. After an invitation to join the London Daily Mail he gained further valuable experience covering major national stories in England.

He returned to his native city as news editor of a revamped News Letter. His growing reputation led to his appointment as the first member of the Daily Mirror's new Northern Ireland news team. He was also UUP communications adviser, where he enjoyed a close professional relationship with Prime Ministers Terence O'Neill and James Chichester Clark.

As the proprietor of Ulsternews International Communications

Group, which he established in 1968, he became a legend. Known to newsdesks across the globe simply as "Hanna, Belfast"; he also contributed to the Belfast Telegraph's sister publication Sunday Life as a regular columnist. He was a life member of the National Union of Journalists and the journalists' charity, the Newspaper Press Fund.

Trevor was a distinguished Freemason; he served jointly with the late W. Bro. Vere-Wynne Jones as a Grand Lodge P.A., both of whom giving sterling service to the task. He was an Honorary Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, a Past Provincial Grand Steward in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, a Past Master of Press Lodge No 432, a Past Excellent King of Prince of Wales' Own Royal Arch Chapter 154 and a member of Prince of Wales' Own Preceptory.

Trevor was most knowledgeable in communication processes and added much to the better public understanding of the Order, for which we are most grateful. He will be greatly missed and we trust that we may soon find a successor of equal background and skill, who will pick up his baton and complete the task.

His health took a downturn and his death was fairly sudden and unexpected. The large attendance at his funeral was testimony to the esteem in which he was held. He will be much missed in the community, his church and his Masonic activities but most of all, by the family circle. We will not see his like again.

He is survived by his wife Ann, sons Paul and Timothy, daughter Karen and four granddaughters to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

With grateful acknowledgement to: Maurice Neill (Belfast Telegraph) M.W. Bro. George Dunlop, Grand Master

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. William G Campbell	65	Donemana Masonic Lodge No. 256	Londonderry & Donegal
R.W.Bro. William McKelvey	65	Edenmore Masonic Lodge No. 161	Antrim
R.W.Bro. Robert McKelvey	65	Edenmore Masonic Lodge No. 161	Antrim
W.Bro. Charles McAuley	60	Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic No. 335	Antrim
W.Bro. James Anderson	60	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
R.W.Bro. Kenneth W Cochrane	60	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
W.Bro. Robert J Duff	60	Stormont Masonic Lodge No. 560	Down
W.Bro. James G Buckley	60	Rashee Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. James C Brady	60	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Andrew R Snodgrass	60	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 102	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Henry H Hillis	60	Ancient Blue Masonic Lodge No. 704	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert Overend	60	Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 291	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Victor Overend	60	Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 291	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. William S Cummings	60	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 140	Antrim
W.Bro. Sidney Wilson	57	Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic No. 335	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas J Briggs	55	Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic No. 335	Antrim
W.Bro. Tom McClean	50	Abercorn Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 149	Antrim
Bro. Robert Irons	50	Abercorn Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 149	Antrim
W.Bro. Tom Humphries	50	Cavehill Masonic Lodge No. 751	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel H Forster	50	Clones Masonic Lodge No. 881	Armagh
W.Bro. Ronald J Hill	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 102	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Magee	50	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 114	Down
R.W.Bro. Norman H Caters	50	Richview Masonic Lodge No. 711	Antrim
W.Bro. Gerald F McKillop	50	Moyarget Masonic Lodge No. 280	Antrim
W.Bro. Eric Duke	50	Cavan Masonic Lodge No. 90	Meath
W.Bro. Robert A McKibben	50	Ulster Star Masonic Lodge No. 133	Down
W.Bro. Robert F C Jones	50	Antiquity & Integrity Masonic Lodge No. 80	Down
V.W.Bro. Charles E Shrimpton	50	Glittering Star Masonic Lodge No. 332	England
W.Bro. Mortimer W Pascoe	50	The Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim
W.Bro. Brian S Monaghan	50	Callowhill Masonic Lodge No. 453	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Noel J Linton	50	Zetland Masonic Lodge No. 78	Armagh
W.Bro. William J C Rolston	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 131	Meath
W.Bro. George J Case	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 131	Meath
Bro. Thomas A McNair	50	Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 271	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Thomas R Ferguson	50	Tower of Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 169	Antrim
V.W.Bro. John V Arthur	50	P. G. Master's Masonic Lodge No. 52	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Henry F Burnside	50	McMordie Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 457	Down
W.Bro. William H Nutt	50	W. E. Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. James C Brady	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. John H Clements	50	Downpatrick Masonic Lodge No. 369	Down
W.Bro. Kenneth J W Patterson	50	Bryantmore Masonic Lodge No. 735	Down
W.Bro. Ronald Smillie	50	Ballynahinch Masonic Lodge No. 301	Down
W.Bro. George S Woods	50	Meredith Whittla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
W.Bro. Thomas W Moore	50	Woodland Masonic Lodge No. 803	Antrim
Bro. William S Gibson	50	Loyal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 119	Down
W.Bro. Frederick H Boyd	50	Cottown Masonic Lodge No. 430	Down
W.Bro. James K Adams	50	Downshire Masonic Lodge No. 108	Down
W.Bro. Kenneth H Johnston	50	Unity Masonic Lodge No. 238	Metropolitan
W.Bro. Charles L Neill	50	St Andrew's Lodge of Harmony No. 111	Antrim
W.Bro. Andrew Mcl Craig	50	Royal Larne Masonic Lodge No. 615	Antrim
W.Bro. Richard J Sinton	50	Union Masonic Lodge No. 105	Down
Bro. Arthur H Reid	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 131	Meath
Bro. Thomas A Hudson	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 131	Meath
W.Bro. John M Tregoning	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 630	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Robert J Lambe	50	Morning Star Masonic Lodge No. 193	Down
M.W.Bro. Eric N Waller	50	Prince of Wales Masonic Lodge No. 222	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Neil D Johnston	50	Prince of Wales Masonic Lodge No. 222	Wicklow & Wexford
Bro. William J Baird	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 645	Antrim
W.Bro. Norman Dodds	50	Alexandra Masonic Lodge No. 366	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Richard N de Courcy	50	Waterford Masonic Lodge No. 5	South Eastern
Bro. James N Moore	50	Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 271	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Moore	50	Charity Masonic Lodge No. 688	Down
W.Bro. Noel Davison	50	Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 24	Armagh
Bro. John M Lynch	50	Acacia Masonic Lodge No. 24	Armagh
Bro. Charles McCullough	50	Springfield Masonic Lodge No. 628	Antrim
W.Bro. George Brown	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 140	Antrim
Bro. Robert R Anthony	50	St Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 640	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Robert Greer	50	Friendly Brothers Masonic Lodge No. 609	Antrim
Bro. Alfred Nicholl	50	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 655	Armagh



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GOLF DATES 2010 – for your diary

Competition	Golf Club	Date	Contact
Armagh Cup – Armagh	Portadown	25 th June	Bobby McDowell - (028) 3883 2630
Ferris Cup – Down	Kilkeel	25 th June	William Andrews - (028) 4062 3780
Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	27 th August	Noel Simpson - (028) 7082 3129
Mourne Cup – T&F	Newtownstewart	8 th September	Harry Friar MBE - (028) 81658237

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Widows Mite (Widows Might) – A good news story from the Charities

When I married my husband Bill in June 1971, the role of a Masonic widow was the furthest thing from my mind. Unfortunately just 11 years later I found myself in exactly that position.

Being part of the Masonic family had been a feature throughout our marriage as Bill would go to Lodge meetings and carry out his duties as charity officer. After he died suddenly, when our daughter was only 10, I assumed our association with the Masons had ended as well.

However this was not to be the case. Almost immediately we had a visit from the charity officer from Lodge 41 and a long association of support and friendship began.

As a widow, I was entitled to and received a very welcome grant. But it was for my daughter Patricia that the support was even more significant. With the Masons' help Patricia was able to attend Larne Grammar School and avail of all the opportunities it offered. Patricia went on to University and benefited from continued support. She graduated and qualified as a teacher, free from debt.

Patricia also had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Dublin and meet Senator Gordon Wilson at the launch of the delightful '100 Years of Girls Education' book.

In the years that followed the nature of my involvement changed as I was able to give a little back by taking part in concerts, charity breakfasts and speaking to groups re the Masonic. When my youngest grandchild Livi was born, with very



The 3 generations

complex medical problems, we were approached by a member of Bill's Lodge. The welcoming arms of Masonic family were set to embrace a third generation.

Patricia, her husband Patrick and their three children, are immensely grateful for the grants the family receives. It serves to ease the financial pressure for hospital stays; special equipment and unpaid time away from work.

Although Livi didn't ever meet her Grandpa Bill, his memory and philosophy lives on through the Masonic Family Charities and as a family we are very glad.

Olivia Nash – Actor (Give my Head Peace)

Cavehill 751 has a Young W. Master

Bro. Andrew Irwin was installed in his 89th year as W.M. for the first time in his Masonic life. Brother Irwin joined Freemasonry in October 2005 and received his Master Mason Degree in April 2006. Bro. Irwin was the last member of his family to join Freemasonry; however he had the pleasure of seeing two of his brothers receive their 50 year jewels. He has worked hard to obtain the chair of W.M. and has shown dedication in all the offices he has served. Since joining Freemasonry, Bro. Irwin has also become an affiliated member of James Chambers Masonic Lodge No. 318, sitting alongside his brother, W.Bro Bob Irwin and son-in-law W.Bro Sandy Mutch.

Brother Irwin was installed by his son-in-law, W.Bro Sandy Mutch, following which he proceeded to install his Officers from memory in a most impressive manner. Furthermore he had the pleasure of presenting W.Bro. Tom Humphreys with his 50 year jewel, and

commented that he looked forward to the time when he would receive his 50 year jewel; this was greeted with some laughter.

Cavehill Masonic Lodge expressed their gratitude to the Installing Officer, W.Bro. Mutch for the manner in which he installed the W.M. and the assistance given by the visitors who helped during the ceremony, W.Bro. A Horner (sponsor) W.Bro. L Marks & W.Bro. P Mutch (deacons). However they felt the best appreciation should go to W.Bro. Irwin for the manner in which he installed his Officers and conducted the closing business of the Lodge at this young age!!!!

The Brethren of Cavehill Masonic Lodge believe this is a first in Irish Freemasonry and possibly in the world (subject to being told otherwise) and would be most grateful if this could be recognised as such.



Pictured is W.Bro. Andrew Irwin with his Installing Officer, W.Bro. Sandy Mutch (son-in-law).

Wicklow & Wexford Visit to the Isle of Man Lodge of Installed Masters

In early 2008 the Provincial Grand Master of Wicklow & Wexford was invited by a friend in the Isle of Man to exemplify the Opening of an Irish Lodge and demonstrate an Irish First Degree.

Early on Friday September 12th the team of 10 Brethren from the Province, with their wives rendezvoused at Dublin airport and flew to the Isle of Man in a "metal budgie". On arrival we were met by the W.M. of Lodge No.9598 a.k.a. 'Bobze-builder' and transported to accommodation in Douglas. The remainder of the day was free and with wonderful weather some of us travelled the electric trams to Laxey, to visit the famous Laxey Wheel and onto Snefell the highest peak on the Island. Others took the steam train to Port Erin and some relaxed in Douglas.

On Friday night we were invited to the Lodge in Douglas for an 'informal' get together with some finger food. When we arrived we were all impressed by what awaited us; an impressive Lodge premises with very good social facilities. We dined with the Manx Brethren and their wives and the fare was exceptional, better than finger food.

Every Brother present had to stand and introduce themselves and their wives, so as the saying goes, there is no such thing as a free lunch.

On Saturday morning the Team had a final rehearsal, so after letting the ladies off with the "credit cards", we completed the final preparations for the demonstration. At five o'clock the men folk headed off for the meeting and were treated to the unfamiliar ceremonies of an English Lodge. During the meeting the Lodge of Installed Masters was then called off and the Irish Team delivered the demonstration to the Manx Brethren, any errors being minor much to the Team's relief. When the Lodge of Installed Masters resumed labour, the Irish Brethren could at last relax. At eight o'clock after labour we were joined by our partners and enjoyed an excellent five

course meal with the local Brethren and their wives in a wonderful function room. There were some witty speeches given by our Provincial Grand Master and the W.M. of Lodge No.9598 and as they say "the crack was mighty in the Isle of Man".

On Sunday morning we were collected from our accommodation and transported to the Flying Club. On our way there we passed over the Fairy Bridge and although feeling foolish, we said goodbye to the fairies as is tradition. The Flying Club building, which looks from the outside to have seen better days, was very pleasant once inside. There we were treated to a wonderful farewell meal. It was now time to say our goodbyes and after a wonderful weekend we boarded the "metal budgie" and headed back to the rain soaked tarmac in Dublin.

We all enjoyed a wonderful and very hospitable weekend and we look forward to a return visit to us from the Brethren of the Isle of Man Lodge of Installed Masters.

V.W.Bro. David Valentine Provincial Grand Secretary



Front Row, R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener, R.W.Bro. John Hobson, V.W.Bro. David Valentine, and V.W.Bro. Alan Leeson

Back Row, R.W.Bro. Sydney Stephens, V.W.Bro. Brian Kearon, W.Bro. Tim Murphy, V.W.Bro. Neil Fenton, R.W.Bro. Paul Stewart, and W.Bro. Neale Woods