



JUNE 2013

## Parachute Jump



Whose idea was this again?

When can we do this again?

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**6**  
No Going Back!

First & Tandem  
Please go straight

Irish Parachute Club

Irish Parachute Club

# The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2013



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## Semi-finals

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.**

**Final & Prizegiving by The Grand Master  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m.**

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

Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

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

## Skydive for TLC

I am quite sure that there were those that said so many times, "has Daley jumped yet?" The climatic conditions in the earlier part of this year dictated that "The Jump" had to be postponed many times. Indeed I wondered if there was ever going to be another weekend with clear skies and without high wind speeds. On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 we awoke to a beautiful morning with hardly a cloud in the sky and not a puff of wind to be felt, we headed off to Clonbullogue Airfield, Edenderry, Co. Offaly for what was to be a most exciting adventure.

On arrival and following the mandatory paperwork we underwent a short introductory session we climbed into our jump suits and with some assistance we were harnessed up and told that these straps would attach us to our tandem masters.

With a great deal of trepidation and with adrenalin rushing Megan and I boarded the Pilatus Porter PC-6, a plane specially designed for skydiving with a full complement of 10 skydivers onboard. The engine started and we realised this is it, no going back now. Off we went down the runway and after fifteen fun filled minutes in the plane we had climbed to an altitude of 13,000ft., a staggering 2.25 miles from terra



Some of our supporters in Clonbullogue on the day, accompanied by some of the hospital teddies.

firma. Little comfort was felt in the realisation that we were strapped safely to our tandem masters. The pilot then cut the engine and the door opened, it was time to face what I realised was the craziest idea I had ever had in my life. We heard someone shout "READY, SET, GO". Tempted to shout "NO" by way of immediate response, suddenly there was a



Megan and I supported by two of our teddy friends during the fundraising build up to the big event.

rushing sound of wind. We left the aircraft with our hearts thumping. Somewhere high above me there was a stomach that belonged to me. The wind rushed in and passed our ears as we accelerated to 'terminal velocity' at around 120mph, experiencing the thrill of freefall over the most stunning of sceneries on the way to 5,000ft when the tandem master opened the giant canopy. The rushing sensations gone and reunited with all of my organs, we could chat to our tandem master, and take the opportunity to control and steer the canopy.

Following a soft landing and the realisation that Megan, my daughter, was also safe, a smile came on our faces that I am told lasted for days. This was an experience that will stay with us for a life time and we look forward to repeating the experience.

It is hard to believe that the build up from the decision to jump many months ago is over, but what an exhilarating conclusion!

Over €5,000 has been received in sponsorship with all the proceeds being given to TLC I welcome the opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the many Brethren and friends who have contributed to the Skydive and to pay particular tribute to my daughter Megan who joined me in the Skydive and raised a considerable amount towards the project.



## Lord Arthur Hill Lodge No. 147

As his external charity for 2012 the Worshipful Master of Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147 W.Bro. Gary Briggs nominated Helping Hand Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children appeal to raise funds for an MRI scanner. Gary and his wife Anne-Louise had raised thousands of pounds since their son Jonathan was diagnosed with a brain tumour, sadly Jonathan passed away in August 2011 aged just 8.

The members of the Lodge, local Brethren and friends were pleased to support him at an indoor bowling evening at Broomhedge Parish Church and a clay pigeon shoot. The shoot was held on his farm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December and all who took part enjoyed the fun and a BBQ lunch provided by Gary and his family.



W.Bro. Gary Briggs (third from left) with Anne-Louise, members of the Lodge and families.

Tragedy struck again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 when Gary died suddenly of a heart attack after dialysis at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The funeral was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and was possibly the largest ever seen in the area, the Order was well represented with many members from Blaris, Broomhedge and Provincial Grand Lodge present.



The Lodge will be raising money this year for the Renal Unit at Belfast City Hospital in memory of Gary.

*Pictured are Anne-Louise and W. Bro. Graham Walker, presenting a cheque for £1,000 to Nigel Kearney, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.*

The appeal has raised £1.75m to date and it is hoped the target of £2m will be reached in the very near future.

*W.Bro. G.Walker,  
P.G.S., Secretary*

## Golf Dates for your 2013 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
1 Mourn Cup - T&F	Newtownstewart	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Harry Friar MBE 028 8165 8237
2 Armagh Cup - Armagh	Portadown	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Bobby McDowell 028 3884 2630
3 Ferris Cup - Down	Tandragee	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Joe Berry 028 3026 9334
4 Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Noel Simpson 028 7082 3129 07724 484 937
5 Metropolitan Gold Outing	Rathfarnham	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Philip Daley 087 2057320



# Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society

## Millennium Charity Cup 2013

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ON

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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	Masonic Lodge	Province
W. Bro. Edgar Johnston	70	St. Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 297	Londonderry & Donegal
V.W. Bro. T. Archer	70	Magherafelt Masonic Lodge No. 211	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Richard C. Stevenson	65	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
W. Bro. Samuel McCullough	65	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
Bro. John C. Leahy	65	St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 162	Antrim
W. Bro. William McLain	60	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. William Wilson	60	Polytechnic Masonic Lodge No. 756	Down
W. Bro. Walter Burne	60	Wicklow Masonic Lodge No. 748	Wicklow & Wexford
Bro. Leslie Coey	60	Ulster Star Masonic Lodge No. 133	Down
W. Bro. David P. Flack	60	Scott Masonic Lodge No. 300	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Ronald Brown	60	Hilton Masonic Lodge No. 177	Antrim
W. Bro. W.W. Hastings	60	Chichester Masonic Lodge No. 506	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. James N. Brown	60	St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 162	Antrim
W. Bro. Winston C. Patterson	50	Mourne Masonic Lodge No. 823	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. David N. Jamieson	50	Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 473	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Ian B. McLroy	50	Mount Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 503	Down
W. Bro. Desmond R. Browne	50	Donard Masonic Lodge No. 377	Down
W. Bro. Samuel J. McElnea	50	Donard Masonic Lodge No. 377	Down
Bro. Eric A. Edgar	50	Donard Masonic Lodge No. 377	Down
Bro. James M. Easton	50	Corinthian Masonic Lodge No. 340	Down
W. Bro. John R. Mills	50	Mourne Masonic Lodge No. 823	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Bruce M. Johnston	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. Thomas A. Howard	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 459	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. James A. Penny	50	Fergus Masonic Lodge No. 900	Antrim
W. Bro. John W. Hylands	50	Polytechnic Masonic Lodge No. 756	Down
W. Bro. John McElderry	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 330	Antrim
W. Bro. Neill H. H. Fenton	50	Emerald Masonic Lodge No. 49	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. George N. Miller	50	Emerald Masonic Lodge No. 49	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. Ernest I. N. Poots	50	Dundrum Masonic Lodge No. 488	Down
W. Bro. William F. Taylor	50	Dundrum Masonic Lodge No. 488	Down
W. Bro. Samuel Gough	50	Shalman Masonic Lodge No. 607	Antrim
Bro. George A. Morrow	50	St. Nicholas Masonic Lodge No. 1014	Antrim
W. Bro. Patrick L. O'Hara	50	St. Nicholas Masonic Lodge No. 1014	Antrim
Bro. Samuel W. Kernohan	50	St. Nicholas Masonic Lodge No. 1014	Antrim
W. Bro. Charles Gray	50	Mount Carmel Masonic Lodge No. 594	Down
W. Bro. Samuel B. Rutherford	50	Mount Carmel Masonic Lodge No. 594	Down
W. Bro. James W. Jackson	50	St. Johnston Masonic Lodge No. 281	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Thomas W. Valley	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 404	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. George Lemon	50	Cavehill Masonic Lodge No. 751	Antrim
W. Bro. John McCurdy	50	Warrenpoint Masonic Lodge No. 697	Down
Bro. James Thompson	50	St. Columb's Masonic Lodge No. 640	Londonderry
Bro. Ivan K. Bleakley	50	Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 473	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. George Lapsley	50	Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 127	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. Victor E. Bownes	50	Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 127	Londonderry & Donegal
W. Bro. William J. Moore	50	William Shannon Masonic Lodge No. 373	Down
W. Bro. George J. Cooke	50	Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 141	Metropolitan
Bro. Robert H. Gamble	50	Lagandale Masonic Lodge No. 521	Down
W. Bro. John C. Reid	50	Lagandale Masonic Lodge No. 521	Down
W. Bro. William T. Ogle	50	Lagandale Masonic Lodge No. 521	Down
W. Bro. Thomas J. Henry	50	Whitehall Masonic Lodge No. 520	Down
Bro. Scott Buchanan	50	P. G. Master's Masonic Lodge No. 52	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. William D. Crooke	50	Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 473	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W. Bro. G. Neville Allison	50	Wicklow Masonic Lodge No. 748	Wicklow & Wexford
W. Bro. Robert M. Johnston	50	Gilford Masonic Lodge No. 145	Down
W. Bro. Adrian J. Sloan	50	Gilford Masonic Lodge No. 145	Down
Bro. David J. Taylor	50	Terence Masonic Lodge No. 575	Down
W. Bro. John A. Graham	50	Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 291	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Thomas Malcolmson	50	Mount Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 503	Down
Bro. John Blevings	50	Woodland Masonic Lodge No. 803	Antrim
W. Bro. Ronald J. Whiting	50	Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No. 746	Down
W. Bro. Douglas C. Spence	50	Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No. 746	Down
W. Bro. George C. Whittaker	50	Downshire Masonic Lodge No. 662	Midland Counties
R. W. Bro. Leslie Evans	50	Huntingdon Masonic Lodge No. 307	Midland Counties
V. W. Bro. K. Magee	50	United Service Masonic Lodge No. 215	Midland Counties
W. Bro. M. Magee	50	United Service Masonic Lodge No. 215	Midland Counties
W. Bro. John Turner	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 48	Antrim
W. Bro. Charles E. Ruttle	50	Premier Connaught Masonic Lodge No. 14	South Connaught
W. Bro. James Cornett	50	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 655	Armagh
R. W. Bro. John L. Frazer	50	Concord Masonic Lodge No. 40	Antrim
W. Bro. John E. V. Smith	50	Temple Masonic Lodge No. 6	Metropolitan
W. Bro. Robert L. Kennedy	50	Shaftesbury Masonic Lodge No. 327	Antrim
W. Bro. Robert Bowers	50	Anahilt True Blues Masonic Lodge No. 683	Down
W. Bro. Alan O'Loan	50	Bucknaw Masonic Lodge No. 194	Antrim
W. Bro. John McCosh	50	Bucknaw Masonic Lodge No. 194	Antrim

## Special Celebration in Chichester Lodge No. 506



In May 2012, Chichester Lodge No. 506 held a special celebration in honour of W.Bro. William Wilson Hastings, to receive his 60 Year Bar to his 50 Year jewel. In attendance that evening was the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop accompanied by R.W.Bro. Brian Kershaw P.A.G.M. of Londonderry & Donegal.

W.Bro. Hastings was initiated into the Lodge on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1951; Passed 12<sup>th</sup> March 1951; Raised 14<sup>th</sup> May 1951. He was Worshipful Master in 1963 and again in 2005. Furthermore, W.Bro. William was Treasurer of the Lodge from 1971 till 1990 and again 1995 to 1999 – a total of 23 years. In between times William also filled the post of Lodge Secretary for 2 years (1998 – 1990).

Presenting the 60 Year Bar, the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, who had met William many times through golf and Masonry, spoke of their friendship over the years. R.W.Bro. Brian Kershaw thanked W.Bro. Hastings for his devoted work in the Lodge and dedication given to the Province of Londonderry and Donegal.

William is a retired Solicitor in the Magherafelt area. He has always been an avid follower of Rugby, Tennis and Golf. Unfortunately, William recently fell and sustained a head injury which has affected his memory and walking and may take a long time before he can come to the Lodge. Due to his injury, the Lodge has made him an Emeritus member and our Almoner visits him on a regular basis.



The summer months can be a quiet time for Freemasonry as most Lodges take a well deserved break during June, July and August. To help alleviate the onset of withdrawal symptoms the Metropolitan Board will hold the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Lodge on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 2.30 p.m. This meeting attracts many Brethren from throughout the island of Ireland and further afield and has increased in popularity each year and we look forward to the continued support of the Brethren.

This year TLC will be officially launched. TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) is a Charity for the benefit of sick children. Funds will be raised within the Masonic Order to purchase Teddy Bears. These will be provided to Hospital Emergency Departments, so that medical/nursing staff can give these, at their discretion, to children that are admitted in severe distress and where the staff feel that a Teddy to cuddle

will help alleviate stress and assist them in their important work. The project will be funded by Lodges and individual donations, and the sale of lapel/tie pins and teddies that will be available at Summer Lodge.

A buffet lunch will be served at 12.30 p.m. at a cost of €20 and tickets are available from the Porters Lodge at Freemasons' Hall. The communication will commence at 2.30 p.m. with the official launch of TLC following immediately after at approximately 3.45 p.m.

If you are travelling to Summer Lodge and will be accompanied by your wife, they would be more than welcome to join us in the dining room for the official Launch and the following Teddy Bears Picnic. However, to assist with catering we would be grateful if could let us know if you will be attending the picnic by email to [metromason@eircom.net](mailto:metromason@eircom.net) or Randal Robertson at +353 (87) 255 1639

## A Solstice Lodge Meeting with Festive Board

A Solstice Lodge Meeting with Festive Board will be held by Ormonde Lodge 201 in Limerick this summer. This exciting event, run in conjunction with "The Gathering Ireland 2013", will be held in the North Munster Masonic Centre, Castle Street, King's Island, Limerick on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting will feature a fascinating talk by well-known Masonic writer Chris McClintock, who will discuss the influence of the Summer Solstice on Masonic ritual. **To reserve a place please txt. 087 2511 436**

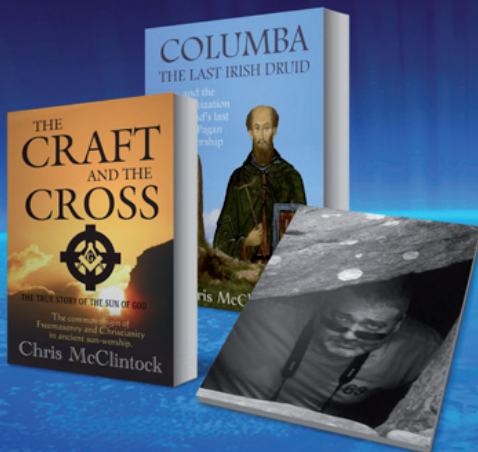


**Ormonde Lodge 201**  
Supporting "The Gathering Ireland 2013"

**Solstice Lodge Meeting**  
**7.30pm Friday 21st June 2013**  
**with Festive Board**

and a talk on

**"Influence of the  
Summer Solstice  
on Masonic Ritual"**



by

**Chris McClintock**  
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## Provincial Career Of R.W.Bro. Samuel James Patience

S. J. Patience (Sam) registered his Past Masters Certificate in October 1990, the 675<sup>th</sup> Mason to do so in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh. He was appointed Provincial Grand Inspector in 1991 and Provincial Grand Treasurer in 1997 and he worked alongside three Provincial Grand Secretaries, the late R.W.Bro. Leslie Johnston, R.W.Bro. Wilson Mark and R.W.Bro. David Hamilton.

Sam was appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 2009 and served with distinction until on medical advice he resigned in January 2012. On his resignation he had completed some 22 years of service to the Province and we are pleased to report that while he no longer has an office he is always willing to give of his time, knowledge and experience.

Sam was not only active in Provincial, he was active in his Mother Lodge from his Initiation on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1971, into Carleton Masonic Lodge No. 231. It is interesting to note that the Initiation Fee was £12 and Dues were £4 per year; today the initiation is €100 or its equivalent! In 1978 he was appointed Charity Steward and Steward of Lodge 231, Inner Guard in 1979 and travelled through the various offices until

attaining the Chair in 1985. He was also Treasurer from 1979 until 1984. He commenced conferring Degrees in 1980 and continues conferring Degrees. On leaving the Chair of 231 in January 1986 he installed his successor and continued to install the Worshipful Master in Lodge 231 from 1986 to 2003 without a break. He took the Chair again in 2004, and again installed his successor. He was Secretary of Lodge 231 from 1988 until 1992. Sam has always been loyal to his Mother Lodge 231 and despite having commitments to other offices and Branches of the Order he always made himself available to confer Degrees over the years. This alone involved a considerable commitment. For example – during the past 3 years he has conferred 8 x 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees, 9 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees and 11 x 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees for Lodge 231 alone.

The Celebratory Dinner, supported by all the Masons in the Province and the Assistant Grand Master, along with Senior Brethren from the Northern Provinces, was an indication of the esteem, appreciation and dedicated service Sam has given to the Province in particular and Masonry in general, and we trust he will be long spared to enjoy many more years in the company his Masonic Brethren.

## Celebratory Dinner to Honour the Service of R.W.Bro. S.J. Patience to the Province of Armagh



R.W.Bro. K. Doherty



R.W.Bro. R.L. McCurley (A.G.M.)



V.W.Bro. F. Arnold



Bro. Andrew Little



R.W.Bro. S.J. Patience



R.W.Bro. N.T. Reid



R.W.Bro. R.W. Mark



R.W.Bro. J. Dickson



R.W.Bro. R.H. Gray

## Star of the West Lodge No. 130 Inaugural Installation Meeting



(L-R) Bro. R Chadwick (Treasurer); W.Bro. George Kingston, W. Master; Bro. Tom Ryan; Michael Murphy (Chair-Board of Governors) & Mrs Bridie Dillon (Nurse Manager – The Angel of Rockmount).

Lodge 130, Star of the West, meeting in Templenoe, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, had their first Installation Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, since their reconstitution on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. The meeting was followed by an Informal Dinner at the Brooklane Hotel which was attended by their Ladies and Friends, some seventy in total.

A very enjoyable evening was crowned with a very successful charity raffle that raised €800 and this was dispersed as

€700 to the Rockmount Day Care Centre in Kilgarvan.

The Centre provides day care and respite for sufferers of Alzheimer's and Dementia as well as facilities for the local elderly. The remaining €100 went to the Templenoe Youth Club, who also use the Community Hall in which we meet.

Presentation of cheque for €700 to Rockmount Day Care Centre.

Provincial Grand Master of Munster, R.W.Bro. Leslie Deane, along with the W. Master and Brethren of Star of The West Masonic Lodge No. 130.





*Wicklow Masonic Lodge No. 748*

*wish to invite you to join us for  
good food & drink, music and raffle at our*

*Annual Summer Barbeque*

*to be held on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2013  
at 8 p.m. in the Lodge Grounds*

*Lodge members and their friends and families are welcome*

**€25 per person**

All profits from the raffle to Masonic Charities

**R.S.V.P** by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to the **Secretary** on **0878 376777**

## Lodge 14 on the move

The Premises at 69 Prospect Hill have been sold in preparation of a move to larger more modern premises. As ever you are most welcome if you are visiting Galway to join with us. In the interim please contact the Secretary directly [lodge14g@eircom.net](mailto:lodge14g@eircom.net) for details for specific meetings, or check with the details on the provincial website which will be updated with developments.

<http://www.southconnaughtfreemasons.ie>

Attached are two photographs of No. 69 which was home to Lodge 14 from 1978 to 2012. To those who never got to visit us previously the lodge room upstairs was 21ft. 6 ins.

long and 10ft. 6 ins. wide at its widest point upstairs.

It is expected to take possession of new premises over the next week for fit out. It is an 1100 sq. ft. unit on ground floor to be fitted out with a Lodge room measuring 24ft. by 28ft. and an equivalent area for social and dining etc. and meeting all current health and safety requirements and accessibility. We look forward to your visits and support in the future.

*R.W.Bro. Basil Fenton  
P.G.M. South Connaught*



## 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

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BELFAST BT5 4ND

or by e-mail to:  
[williamclarke746@btinternet.com](mailto:williamclarke746@btinternet.com)

## New Lodge constituted in the Province of Antrim



*Lodge members with the Grand Master*

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 an Occasional Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast for the purpose of Constituting Quis Separabit Irish Guards Masonic Lodge No. 960. A Luncheon was held in Arthur Square prior to the meeting with the Lodge Founder Members and some 70 guests.

Following a most dignified and colourful procession into the Lodge Room, where some 260 Brethren were assembled, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop took his place in the Chair to conduct the business of Constituting the new Lodge. The Grand Master was assisted by his senior Grand Lodge Officers and Officers of the R.W. Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim.

The Ceremony of Constitution was carried out in an exemplary manner after which Quis Separabit Irish Guards Masonic Lodge No. 960 was declared by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to be now at Labour. The Lodge was then saluted by all Brethren present. The R.W. Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley then delivered an address on behalf of the Grand Master, on The History, Tenets and Duties of Freemasonry. The Grand Master then invited the Installing Officer, R.W.Bro. James McFarland to occupy the Chair for the purpose of Installing the Worshipful Master Elect, W.Bro. Robert Millen. W.Bro. Millen was duly Installed and went on to Install his Officers in a most personal and dignified manner.

Following the business of the Lodge, R.W.Bro. Tommy Yarr presented the W. Master with a beautiful inscribed Maul and a pair of Gavels and W.Bro. James Furphy presented an inscribed Director of Ceremonies Wand. A Lodge Attendance Book was also presented to the Lodge by Deborah Auld, Newtownards.

The Foundation members of the Lodge are made up from both retired and serving members of the Irish Guards

and the Lodge is open to membership from other ex-Servicemen and their families. On the day of Constitution, the Foundation Members were nineteen in number with twelve names of Brethren for affiliation and four for joining being read out. Recruiting for the Lodge is taking place across not only the Irish Constitution but the English and Scottish Constitutions as well, wherever Irish Guardsmen are dispersed.

The Lodge will hold Stated Communications on four occasions each year, two being held in Derrriagh Masonic Hall and two in the Metropolitan area, the dates of which can be obtained from the Secretary.



*W.M.W.Bro. Robert Millen with W.Bro. Shane McFadden (SW) and W.Bro. David Robinson (JW)*

The Worshipful Master, Members and myself would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Grand Master, Grand Officers, The P.G.M. and Grand Officers of the P.G.L. of Antrim for Constituting the Lodge and for all the assistance and advice given prior to the event. Last but not least to the Staff at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street – thank you.

*James H Furphy,  
Asst. Secretary, P.G.I.; P.P.G.S. (Down).*

# Official Re-opening of Portglenone Masonic Hall

**Portglenone Masonic Hall officially re-opened**

**PORTGLENONE** Masonic Lodge No. 450 has officially re-opened following a major refurbishment.

The event was attended by a number of special guests, including the Mayor of Ballymena, Alderman P.J. McAvoy, Mr Ken Gibson from the International Fund for Ireland, Olga Gallagher from the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council and Master John Dickson from the PG Lodge of Antrim.

The hall has been home to the Portglenone Masonic Lodge No. 450 since 1919 and has been used in recent years by the local cross-community development group.

The refurbishment benefited from £49,999 funding from the International Fund for Ireland through the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council 'Maximising Community Space Crossing Borders Programme.'

The development group also held fundraising events in the Wild Duck in Portglenone and at Cullybackey High School.

Along with a £430 grant from Ballymena Borough Council the group managed to raise approximately £3,500.

The Masonic lodges also received donations from members totalling £7,000 and after an application to the Grand Lodge in Dublin, they were able to receive a grant and a loan repayable over three years.

Ballymena Borough Council also gave the development group a grant of £15,000 after problems with the foundations in the old hall had surfaced.

Speaking after the event, Chairman of the Portglenone Cross Community Development Group, Raymond Kenny said: "As a cross community group with both Catholic and Protestant on our committee and the

Masonic Lodge we have a lot to offer the local community by having a safe and neutral venue for all types of activities

"Some of the people in the local community have indicated that they would like to see computer classes for farmers and senior citizens, while others have asked for keep fit classes and digital and SLR camera classes."



**Ballymena Mayor Alderman P.J. McAvoy who officially opened the Portglenone Masonic hall refurbishment is seen with Sam Simpson, PCCDA; Provincial Grand Master of Antrim John Dickson; Ken Crawford, PCCDA; Raymond Kenny, Chairman Portglenone Cross Community Development Association; Olga Gallaher, RDC; Robert Fleming, PCCDA; Sarah Simpson, Vice Chairperson PCCDA; Ken Gibson, International Fund for Ireland; Deputy Grand Master of Antrim David Lyness and James Docherty, PCCDA. GB0809D**

have better premises, the formation of a Cross Community Group in September 2009 consisted of 5 Lodge members and 5 others from both sides of the community making up the Committee. This enabled us to apply for and attain a substantial grant from the International Fund for Ireland through the Rural Development Council for improving Community Halls, 'Maximising Community Space Crossing Borders Programme.'

The extension and refurbishment project started in June 2012 and was completed by the end of October 2012. We now have an excellent facility for use by everyone in the local area.

Portglenone Masonic Hall was officially reopened by the Mayor of Ballymena Alderman P. J. McAvoy on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013. We were also privileged to have the

Portglenone Masonic Lodge No. 450 was constituted and dedicated on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1919 by R.W.Bro. J. H. Stirling Provincial Deputy Grand Master, at a Stated Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim in the Masonic Hall Ballymena.

A Stated Communication of the Lodge was held in the Masonic rooms Portglenone on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1919. Special thanks were given to Mr. Christie with a £1.00 recompence for his kindness in permitting us to use McClellandstown Orange Hall for our meetings re constituting our Lodge.

The premises we now occupy at 22 Ballymena Road, Portglenone was purchased at Public Auction and sale completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1921.

Over the years there have been some minor works carried out especially whilst we had a caretaker and his family living on the premises.



Provincial Grand Master of Antrim R.W.Bro. John Dickson and his Deputy R.W.Bro. David Lyness and a large cross-section of other groups and the local community present.

The W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of Portglenone Masonic Lodge No. 450 and Committee Members of the Cross Community Group wish to extend their grateful thanks to Grand Lodge for their help, assistance and Grant aid with this project and to Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim for their help and support.

A very special thanks must also go to all our members of Portglenone Masonic Lodge No. 450 and the Cross Community Group who worked extremely hard and helped financially.



The building was in need of substantial work and repair and we felt as a Masonic Lodge we could offer more to the whole community and dispel some of the negativity about the Order in the Portglenone area. If we were to

## Wicklow & Wexford Update

Our last P.G.L. communication for 2012 was held in Gorey on 12<sup>th</sup> November and I thank the Brethren of 228 for hosting us. On that occasion my Provincial Assistant Grand Master R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener presented the Province with a "Travelling Gavel" which we hope will give impetus to inter lodge visiting with the Province. All Lodges within the Province should now be familiar with the idea and its aims. On this occasion Lodges 222 and 748 shared the Eden Cup.

Later in the month Arklow Lodge hosted an inter-Lodge table Quiz which was well supported. R.W.Bro. Heavener set the questions, acted as quiz master. Lodge 877 came out as winners and we congratulate the Brethren of 877 and thank the other Lodges for their support.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by W.Bro. Sam Horan, I attended a Remembrance Day Service in Christ Church, Gorey and laid wreaths to the memories of soldiers killed in war. We were amongst many other organisations present who also laid wreaths. The church was full to capacity for a very impressive service. Afterward Olive and I were entertained to lunch at a local hotel by the Gorey Brethren and their wives.

Lodge 11 held a fund raiser at Dalkey Lodge Premises in aid of Masonic Charities in December. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but my deputy R.W.Bro. Graham Boyd kindly stood in for me.

At St. John's Day Communication of Grand Lodge our P.G. Secretary V.W.Bro. David Valentine was installed as Grand Lodge Standard Bearer - an honour well deserved.

All our Lodges within the Province have Installed their W. Masters and Officers for 2013, all of which I attended with the exception of Lodge 11. All communications were well attended followed by a pleasant evening at the Festive Board.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March the first P.G.L. meeting for 2013 was hosted by 877 Arklow where I installed the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the coming year. I welcome in particular my standard bearer W.Bro. Joe Hornick Snr. from Lodge 935. Lodge 748 Wicklow again secured the Earl cup for the highest per capita contribution to the Charities.

As the Province's representative on the Masonic Welfare Board we are getting an increasing number of applicants for assistance. Some applicants are in dire straights and so I thank the Brethren of the Province for their generosity in supporting this fund along with, in particular the V.J. Fund. While our contribution from the Province is slightly down on 2011 we can still hold our heads high when we are compared to other Provinces.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May at Lodge 877 Arklow, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board R.W. Bro. Philip Daly is hosting a seminar for Lodge Almoners and Stewards of Charity. It is open to all members and I hope that we get good support for that.

I wish to thank R.W.Bro. Brian Kearon and his helpers for their efforts as editor of our Provincial Newsletter for many years. He has now retired and the mantle has been taken on by W.Bro. Gerry O'Connor who will be ably assisted by Bro. Malcolm Mac Donald. I also wish to thank my Deputy and my Assistant for their support during the year and the officers of P.G. Lodge -- especially our Secretary V.W.Bro. Valentine and Treasurer, W.Bro. Alan Leeson.

Finally I wish to thank the Officers and Brethren of our individual Lodges for the work that they do.

*R.W.Bro. John Hobson P.G.M.*

## P.G.M. of Midland Counties receives a 50 Year Jewel



R.W.Bro. Leslie Evans P.G.M. of Midland Counties receiving his Golden Jubilee Jewel and Certificate on 20<sup>th</sup> November last at Lodge 307. His Deputy, R.W.Bro. Walter Craig did the honours. The jewel was originally presented to R.W. Bro. Leslie's father, W.Bro. Samuel Evans by Lodge 877, which made the presentation all the more special to him. W.Bro. Samuel Evans was a Mason of 72 years.

## Florian Belbeoch to study at The Royal College of Music

I am Florian Belbeoch and, thanks to the financial support of the Mason's Benevolent Fund, I have been able to attend Chetham's School of Music for the past three years. I am now in my final term at the school and I feel I have gained a great deal from this fantastic institution. Indeed, I have been given the tools to develop all aspects of my musicianship as well as numerous performance opportunities throughout the UK as a soloist and as part of larger ensembles. The school environment has enriched my musical knowledge and understanding immeasurably, not least through studying alongside like-minded people. The connections I have made here will remain with me as I move on to the next stage of my career. All in all, my time at Chetham's has been invaluable and has enabled me to mature both as a musician and a person. This would not have been possible without the generous help provided by the Masons. I am now very much looking forward to continuing my musical studies at the Royal College of Music in London for which the Masons have once again very kindly offered their support.



## Broomhedge Masonic Lodge Hand Over Charity Cheques

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the Officers and Brethren of Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No. 335 presented a cheque for £500 to Vivien Jess of N.I Hospice at Broomhedge Masonic Hall.

Fund raising events held during 2012, raised a total sum of £1000. This amount was split between two good causes and Cheques were presented by the Immediate Past Master, W.Bro. Richard Broadhurst, who as W. Master in 2012, had nominated Clic Sargent and N.I Children's Hospice as his



charities to receive proceeds of the events. The photograph shows Vivien Jess accepting the cheque from W.Bro. Broadhurst with the Officers and few Lodge members looking on.

Subsequently, on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013 the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge also presented a cheque for £500 to Christine McClune from Clic Sargent at Broomhedge Masonic Hall.



## Mason Honoured At Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836 Pomeroy



*Pictured (seated second from the right) after receiving his 60 Year Jewel is R.W.Bro. William (Billy) McLain with the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Dunlop (seated third from the left), and the Provincial Grand Master of Tyrone and Fermanagh, R.W.Bro. Norman Humes J.P. (seated third from the right) and other Distinguished Brethren.*

At the April communication of Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836, R.W.Bro. William McLain was presented with a Certificate along with a Bar to his 50 Year Jewel for 60 years membership of the Order by the M.W. Grand Master, M. W.Bro. George Dunlop. The members of Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836 were joined by a large contingent of members from Scott Masonic Lodge Coalisland where R.W.Bro. McLain is also a member.

V.W.Bro. Frank Arnold, Provincial Grand Secretary and a member of Scott Masonic Lodge No. 300, was invited to speak on behalf of both Lodges prior to the presentation. During the course of his remarks he highlighted many aspects of R.W.Bro McLain's Masonic career which began in Lodge East Belfast No. 559 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1952 when he received his E.A. Degree. He was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1966. He affiliated to Phoenix 836 Pomeroy in 1962 and commenced conferring degrees.

Since 1962 he has conferred degrees on well over 100 members of Phoenix 836 and since 1967 has installed in excess of 40 of their Worshipful Masters. In 1998 he was Worshipful Master of Phoenix 836. Through a family connection R.W.Bro. McLain became a regular visitor to Scott Masonic Lodge No. 300 and in February 1967 commenced conferring degrees in the Lodge, and in June 1986 was balloted for affiliation. Since affiliation to the Lodge he has conferred numerous degrees and acted as Installing Officer on many occasions. In 2011 he was Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Between 1990 - 2000 R.W.Bro. McLain was Senior Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh and thereafter the

representative of the Grand Lodge of Guinea at Grand Lodge for ten years.

In the Royal Arch his work and achievements are legendary and recognition of him as the M.Ex.District Grand King of Londonderry, Donegal, Tyrone and Fermanagh is very evident with his portrait in a prominent place in both halls. He is the senior member in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction having been elected a member in 1971.

R.W.Bro. McLain is also a Past Chief in the Council of Knight Masons, Past Preceptor in Knight Templar Masonry, Past Most Wise Sovereign in the Inniskilling Chapter of Prince Masons and currently a member of the 30°.

V.W.Bro. Arnold said that was a broad brush through his Masonic Career, but conveyed little about the man or his makeup and described R.W.Bro. McLain as being spontaneous, and indeed optimistic, and one who has a tremendous love for life, and knows how to have a lot of fun or as he would often say, think of the alternative! When he walks into a room anywhere in Ireland he will know half the Brethren present and practically everyone there will recognise him. He is blessed with a great sense of humour which often extends to telling a story against himself. He loves people, and everyone loves and respects him, perhaps it's because he is always so upbeat and enthusiastic.

Those of us who know R.W.Bro. McLain as a dear friend will know how unfailingly warm and generous he is. He is very much a team player, and all who have witnessed his lightness of touch and good humour when he occupies the Chair as the M.Ex.Dist Grand King, makes attendance at his meetings a pleasurable experience.

V.W.Bro. Arnold concluded his comments reminding the Brethren that as Entered Apprentices we were instructed that our time should be spent learning! Passing to Fellowcraft we were taught to apply what we learned to the duties we owe our families, fellow human beings, and our faith! And as a Master Mason in age, we are reminded to enjoy and reflect upon a well spent life. R.W.Bro. McLain personifies all of that, and as someone who has reached great heights and presided in many branches of freemasonry, despite all his travels whenever he comes through the Lodge door of Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836 or Scott Masonic Lodge No. 300, irrespective of the Regalia he is wearing, to all the Brethren in either hall he is, and always will remain, simply Billy McLain.



## Magheralin 184 raises money for Cancer Focus N.I.



Worshipful Master of Magheralin Lodge No. 184 - W.Bro. Harry Latimer - presenting a cheque for £200 to Sandra Gordon from Cancer Focus Northern Ireland, following a presentation in Magheralin Masonic Hall on men's health issues. The evening was organised by the Lodge Secretary, W.Bro. Trevor C Waddell.

## V.W.Bro. Thomas Asher celebrates 70 years membership



V.W.Bro. Thomas Asher of Magherafelt received his 70 year Jewel on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Tom, as we all know him, was born in England on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1920. He joined the Royal Engineers at the outbreak of Second World War in 1939 and the following year was sent to Northern Ireland where he later met and married his wife. He joined Magherafelt 211 in April 1943 and stayed there for some years before returning to England. After his wife's death he came back to Northern Ireland rejoined Lodge 211 where he has played a very active roll since conferring all Degrees until recently. The photo shows W.Bro. Asher 3<sup>rd</sup> from left front row along with the Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry and Donegal R.W.Bro. Noel Drain and members of Province as well as members of Magherafelt Lodge.

## Double Celebration for United Services Lodge No. 215



On 5<sup>th</sup> February V.W.Bro. Kenneth Magee and his brother W.Bro Mervyn Magee received their Golden Jubilee Certificates and Jewels in United Service Lodge No. 215 Newbridge.

*In the group photograph they are flanked by Kenneth's two sons V.W.Bro Neville Magee & V.W. Bro Clive Magee.*

## A Lost Warrant



High on the cliffs at the west end of Tramore Bay, Co. Waterford is a sad, grey granite monument erected to the memory of 292 men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, later known as The East Lancashire Regiment.

They were lost when the transport ship, The Sea Horse, carrying them home from the Napoleonic Wars in Spain was driven into the bay by a large storm and wrecked in January 1816.

The Regimental Lodge No. 219 held a Travelling Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and a duplicate was issued in 1818 to replace the one lost in the shipwreck.

*R.W. Bro William Shortland*

## Victory Masonic Lodge Coagh No. 459



Bro. Bruce Montgomery Johnston received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1962 while W.Bro. Thomas Alexander Howard (Eric) received his to the night 50 years ago on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 1963.

Both Brethren reminisced to the Lodge of how transport to meetings had changed from bicycles to fancy cars and spoke fondly of Brethren who introduced them to Freemasonry.

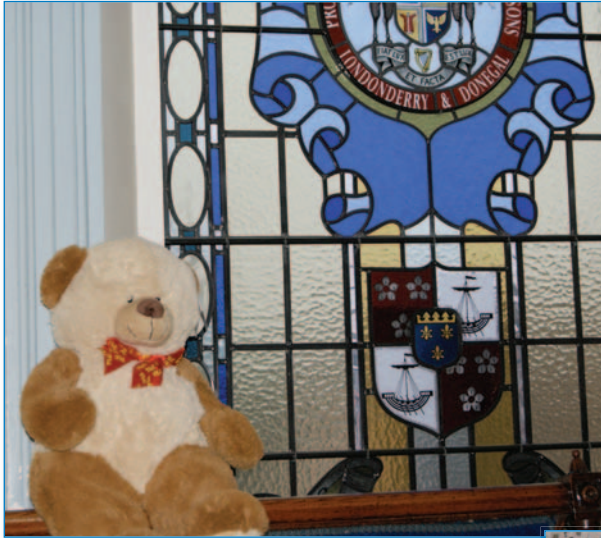
V.W.Bro. Arnold congratulated the two Brethren on reaching this milestone and wished them many years more to enjoy Freemasonry.

*W.Bro. T.W.H. Martin  
Lodge Secretary*

At the Communication on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013, two Brethren received their 50 year Jewels from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Tyrone and Fermanagh, V.W.Bro. Frank Arnold.

# Where has Teddy Been since last time

Spotted relaxing with a friend at the "Guys, Dolls and Bears Ball", in Thomas Prior's Hall, Bewleys Hotel Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013



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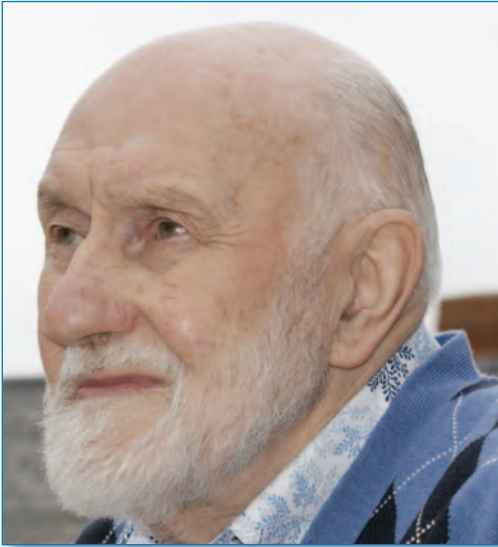


Limerick



Crumlin Children's Hospital

## W.Bro. Jack Daley Retires



I suppose a tribute to Jack Daley should come from all of us, but I'm pleased to be asked to offer my personal tribute on behalf of the Brethren.

Jack has been more than a friend and mentor to me – he has been a support and a foil for my sledge-hammer wit. He even tolerated the smoke laden atmosphere of the Tylers' Room, created by myself and the late Bill Fogarty, our predecessors as Head Tyler.

To me, Jack represented a whole generation, one which had formed the backbone of Metropolitan Freemasonry through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I joined the Order some 20 years ago, and I was privileged to know many such Brethren through Jack. Quite a few of Jack's contemporaries rose to high rank in the Order: Bill Thompson, Past Great Seneschal; Danny Fincher, the late Past Grand King; Johnny Rowden, Grand Organist; along with Arthur Worrell, George Sheppard, and many others.

Jack literally introduced me to Freemasonry – he was Tyler of Kingstown Lodge No. 510 when I was initiated, and I still reflect that his words "*one in darkness*" may have been prophetic. I may add that Jack was, to my

knowledge, the only incumbent Head Tyler who didn't display some pronounced eccentricities!

Having worked in various positions in many places, I can truthfully say that while working with Jack I looked forward to going to work. We worked well as a team – Twedledum and Tweedledee. After 31 years serving the Order, Jack is hanging up his gavel. But I look forward to enjoying his company and friendship for many years to come.

*Morgan McCreadie*

*Assistant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland*