



JUNE 2014

**Another Truckload of
TLC HOSPITAL TEDDIES**
Supplied by local Freemasons



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The Teddy Bears' Journey

Our special teddies have an epic journey. They are born in a factory in China and when fully grown a blue, pink, yellow, green, red & purple hospital teddy are packed in a bag and sealed. 12 packs of 6 are packed in a large box ready to commence their long and exciting journey. I refer to them as special for these are the hospital teddies. Of course they have close relations that ultimately go on to be sold and provide much needed funding for the project to continue. These could be referred to as the worker teddies in bee keeping parlance.

They are loaded on to a truck for a short journey to the docks in China where they commence their long sea journey to Essex in the United Kingdom.

They arrive in the UK, fresh and ready for action from their long adventure at sea. Again, they board a truck and travel to PMS in Essex where they will stay for a short while waiting for a call from one of the many local distribution centres around the UK and Ireland.



When that call comes they are selected and loaded on a truck and head off to the local distribution centres. In Ireland we have two distribution hubs, one in Dublin and one in Belfast and since the project commenced last year these two local hubs have received almost 800 boxes representing 7,800 cubic feet. The parents amongst us can convert that into Cubits if they wish.

There is a network of Brethren around the country who have taken on the very important role of Hospital Representative. These Hospital Representatives are the identifiable face of Freemasonry and take time to build relationships with the medical and administration staff in the Emergency Departments of their local hospitals.

The teddies are then distributed to the Hospital Representatives by various means, such as empty trucks returning to Cork collect teddies on a regular basis, a number of couriers assist by delivering to the representatives at no charge to TLC and some of the representatives collect the teddies from the hub themselves. The ingenuity of the representatives knows no bounds when it comes to getting teddies from the distribution hubs to the hospitals.



The hospital representatives distribute teddies to the various Emergency Departments when the hospitals contact them. Many keep a small stock in their own home ready to deliver at a moment's notice. The representatives load a couple of boxes into their cars and head off to their local Children's Emergency Department where teddy gets to do the important job of befriending the children and helping them through what can be a very traumatic experience for the children.

Storage space in hospitals is at a premium and they can only store a small quantity. However, it gives the representatives an opportunity to meet with the medical and administration staff on a regular basis and build a lasting relationship.

On some occasions when visiting hospitals the representatives get the opportunity to see teddy in action and the teddies work very hard indeed. It is fantastic to see a young child in distress raise a smile when teddy arrives and of course it has the added effect that Mum and Dad also smile. The medical staff have also expressed their delight with the calming effect that teddy brings to the Emergency Department.

To cap it off teddy heads off home with their new found friend to assist the speedy recovery of the children. The teddies are very grateful to all the Brethren and friends who are supporting the TLC project and want you to know that they get enormous satisfaction from the work that they do and are very grateful to the Freemasons of Ireland for funding the project.

The story would not end properly without a mention of the worker teddies. These are the ones that end up at Festive Boards, Barbeques and all sorts of Fundraising events. Their lives are very varied indeed. They can never really hope to give the immediate calming effect that their hospital cousins bring but hopefully will go on to be loved by their owners, young and old, who have, by their contribution made this project possible.

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A little teddy tells me that there is a surprise birthday party planned for the Children's Hospital in Crumlin during July, but as it's a surprise, don't tell anybody!!

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2014



Patrons:

Jane Carty
Dearbhla Collins
Eamonn Lawlor
John Rowden

Supported by:

RTÉ lyric fm

Freemasons' Hall

17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

Semi-finals

Thursday October 9th 1:30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Final & Prize-giving by The Grand Master

Saturday, October 11th 7.30 p.m.

Sunday Business Post—20 October 2013

"This was the fourth year of this increasingly prestigious competition, thanks to the Freemasons, a confraternity with a proud history of supporting classical music".

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 2014'. Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

Tickets on Sale September 1st.

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.

Advance Booking is definitely recommended

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

TLC Northern Committee Quarterly Report

Like most good ideas, the concept is simple, we purchase small Teddy Bears which are provided to Hospital Emergency Departments so that nursing staff can give a Teddy at their discretion to small children who are admitted in severe distress and the nurse feels that a Teddy to cuddle will help relieve the distress so the child can be more easily treated.

The Northern Committee under the Chairmanship of R.W.Bro. Richard Gray has recently been strengthened by W.Bro. Jim Robinson “coming on board” to join R.W.Bro. David Penpraze, R.W.Bro. Sam Snodden, W.Bro. Terry McSpadden, W.Bro. Craig Wilson, and Bro. Stephen Moore.

We continue to service the following Emergency Departments :-

- [Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Londonderry](#)
- [Antrim Area Hospital \(ED\)](#)
- [Antrim Area Hospital \(Rowan\)](#)
- [Causeway Hospital, Coleraine](#)
- [Craigavon Area Hospital, Portadown](#)
- [Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry](#)
- [Downe Hospital, Downpatrick](#)
- [Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn](#)
- [Letterkenny Area Hospital, Donegal](#)
- [Mater Hospital, Belfast](#)
- [Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh](#)
- [Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Belfast](#)
- [Ulster Hospital, Dundonald, Belfast](#)

And we have already supplied over 7,500 Hospital Teds to the very grateful staff in the Emergency Departments. These teddies are given to distressed children where staff feel that this will help to calm the child and help them in their important work. These teddies are not for sale but they are for the young patients to keep and take home with them.



Ted does occasionally “travel in style”!



The Travelling Maul at Farmer's Friendship

Children admitted to Emergency Departments are usually frightened and see strange people who want to do strange things to them. Sometimes they are not even with their main carer. These children cannot, for reasons of infection control, bring their own cuddly toys with them. Their whole day has fallen apart, so the gift of a lovely cuddly Teddy helps the staff win the child's confidence and the distraction makes it easier for the staff to get on with any necessary treatment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children annually treats between 30-35,000 children each year and their “target” is to discharge 94% of them WITHIN 4 HOURS!!

Although no boundaries as such exist there are two committees. The Southern Provinces Committee and the Northern Provinces Committee. This is purely to make the administration easier. We also have separate Euro and Sterling bank accounts which means we can reduce bank charges and exchange fees. Our aim is to keep overheads to an absolute minimum!

The TLC Friendship Maul – expertly produced by none other than R.W.Bro. Tommy Yarr – continues its travels after being initially awarded to a Lodge, Lodge No. 77 in Newry. Since then it has travelled to Farmer's Friendship No. 978 (see photo), then to Strathearn Lodge No. 680 in the Province of Antrim, then to Belfast Lodge No. 651 and on to Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669.

The Lodge with the maul will retain it until challenged, at one of their ordinary Stated Communication, by three

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Grand Master's Annual Golf Competition

15th Year



15th Year

Freemasons' of Ireland Golfing Society

Grand Master's Millennium Charity Cup 2014

at

Killymoon Golf Club – Cookstown

on

Friday 29th August 2014

2014 Charities:

***Cardiac Patient Care & Teddies for Loving Care
Masonic Charities***

£1,000 in Prizes

Three Prize Categories:-

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

Prizes will be presented at the
“Evening of Entertainment”

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

NO GREEN FEES REQUIRED ON THE DAY

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

Registration forms and Competition rules available from:

Noel Simpson
13 Carneybaun Drive
Portrush BT56 8JA

Telephone No. (028) 70823129

Mobile No. 07724 484 937

Email: noelsimpson589@yahoo.co.uk

Golf Dates for your 2014 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
Lodge Victoria IV 101st Annual Golf Night	Sandyford Pitch & Putt Course	31st May	Bro. Devan Hughes 087 6410326
Mourne Cup – Tyrone & Fermanagh	Newtownstewart	4th June	Harry Friar MBE 028 8165 8237
Armagh Cup – Armagh	Portadown	20th June	Bobby McDowell 028 3884 2630
Ferris Cup – Down	Lisburn Golf Club	4th July	Alan Ferris 028 9269 3625 (H) 07543 967 254 (Mob)
Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	29th August	Noel Simpson 028 7082 3129 (H) 07724 484 937 (Mob)

Province of Armagh Supports Ripples Special Olympics Sports Club

The £600 cheque was a result of a Golf Open Day held at Portadown Golf Club. Freemasons of Armagh hold a golf tournament every year and last year one of the Charities who benefited was Ripples Special Olympics Sports Club. Ripples will use the money raised to send 9 of their athletes who have been selected to represent Team Ulster, in swimming and ten pin bowling, at the Special Olympics Ireland Games which will be held in Limerick in June of this year.



Back row left to right – Barry Wright (Ripples SOSC), Bobbie McDowell (Assistant Provincial Grand Master), Kyle Herron (Ripples SOSC), Gareth Cloughley (Ripples SOSC), Wilson Mark (Provincial Grand Master). Front row left to right – John Richardson (Provincial Treasurer), Matthew Beggs (Ripples SOSC), Ruth Swann (Ripples SOSC), Ann Marie Hughes (Ripples SOSC), Ryan Johnston (Ripples SOSC).

Grand Lodge of Freemasons meeting in Athlone



Photo: left to right R.W.Bro. Nigel J.C. Foley-Fisher, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, South Connaught; R.W.Bro. Douglas T. Grey, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ireland; Councillor Gabrielle McFadden, Mayor of Athlone; R.W.Bro. Basil Fenton, Provincial Grand Master, South Connaught.

To Mark the 275th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Athlone, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland held its Quarterly Communication in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

Prior to the Meeting, on behalf of the Freemasons of Ireland, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas T. Grey, presented a cheque for €1,800 to Councillor Gabrielle McFadden, Mayor of Athlone, for the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association.

The Grand Lodge were pleased to support a national charity, with local needs, following previous charitable donations to the Samaritans, the Laura Lynn Foundation and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Long & Distinguished Service

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

Name	Years	Lodge No.	Province
W.Bro. Hilbert J Willis	65	Zetland Masonic Lodge No. 78	Armagh
W.Bro. George Apsley	65	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel J Compston	65	Abercorn Masonic Lodge No. 299	Armagh
W.Bro. Herbert A W Calvert	60	Third Masonic Lodge No. 3	Munster
Bro. Hedley W Meadows	60	Wallace Masonic Lodge No. 146	Down
W.Bro. Edward C W Smith	60	Harlech Masonic Lodge No. 165	North Connaught
W.Bro. Wesley A Livingstone	60	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 210	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. James N Moore	60	Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 271	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Robert W Wilson	60	Armagh Masonic Lodge No. 409	Armagh
W. Bro. Percy Cundell	60	Green Masonic Lodge No. 470	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. James Rogers	60	Whitehall Masonic Lodge No. 520	Down
W.Bro. John F S Hogg	60	Curran Masonic Lodge No. 532	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Robert N Stewart	60	Queen's University Masonic Lodge No. 533	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel A C Robinson	60	Shalman Masonic Lodge No. 607	Antrim
W.Bro. John W Sherwood	60	Kilkenny Masonic Lodge No. 642	South Eastern
W.Bro. George G Sherwood	60	Kilkenny Masonic Lodge No. 642	South Eastern
V.W.Bro. Arthur Davison	60	City Masonic Lodge No. 686	Down
W.Bro. James H S Maxwell	50	Donoughmore Masonic Lodge No. 44	South Eastern
W.Bro. Herbert A Smith	50	Meredith-Whitla Masonic Lodge No. 55	Armagh
W.Bro. James H Waddell	50	Lisburn Masonic Lodge No. 121	Antrim
W.Bro. Vivian W. Dudgeon	50	Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 125	Metropolitan Area
W.Bro. William F Lett	50	Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 125	Metropolitan Area
W.Bro. Eric E F E Colin	50	Fidelity Masonic Lodge No. 125	Metropolitan Area
W.Bro. William J Blackwood	50	St. Paul's Masonic Lodge No. 142	Down
Bro. George Taylor	50	Wallace Masonic Lodge No. 146	Down
W.Bro. Alan L Hailes	50	Ionic Masonic Lodge No. 168	Down
W.Bro. James A Johnston	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 173	Down
W.Bro. Thomas J Roberts	50	Tyrian Masonic Lodge No. 182	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas A Patterson	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. James L Fletcher	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 210	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Frederick M Godkin	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Ronald D Robinson	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Arthur I Gillespie	50	Donemana Masonic Lodge No. 256	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Thomas J Scott	50	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert Stewart	50	St. George's Masonic Lodge No. 267	Antrim
W.Bro. Albert F Davis	50	Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 271	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Ronald G Trouton	50	Richhill Masonic Lodge No. 328	Armagh
W.Bro. John R Hadden	50	St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 334	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. David Devenney	50	Groomsport Masonic Lodge No. 337	Down
W.Bro. John R C Carson	50	Curragh Emerald Masonic Lodge No. 397	Metropolitan Area
W.Bro. William N Linton	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 404	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Desmond Scott	50	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414	Antrim
W.Bro. Reynold J Kirk	50	Belfast Volunteers Masonic Lodge No. 439	Antrim
W.Bro. Richard L Cummings	50	Desertmartin Masonic Lodge No. 496	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Alexander Hart	50	Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No. 514	Antrim
Bro. James C Erwin	50	Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No. 514	Antrim
W.Bro. William T Gray	50	Whitehall Masonic Lodge No. 520	Down
W.Bro. Thomas McC Barnett	50	W.E. Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John C Stevenson	50	Redcliffe Masonic Lodge No. 564	Down
W.Bro. Thomas Bates	50	Stranmillis Masonic Lodge No. 568	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert C Bonar	50	Randalstown Masonic Lodge No. 598	Antrim
W.Bro. John A Neill	50	Royal Larne Masonic Lodge No. 615	Antrim
W.Bro. James W Skuce	50	Kilkenny Masonic Lodge No. 642	South Eastern
W.Bro. George N Little	50	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge no. 655	Armagh
W.Bro. John G Walker	50	Downshire Masonic Lodge No. 662	Midlands
W.Bro. Gerald V Stephens	50	St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 675	Down
W.Bro. James SW McCartney	50	St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 675	Down
W.Bro. William M Macauley	50	Mourne Masonic Lodge No. 696	Down
W.Bro. Robert J Mitchell	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 723	Down
Bro. Colin McCollum	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 723	Down
W.Bro. Kenneth W Ruddock	50	Garrison Masonic Lodge No. 730	Metropolitan Area
Bro. Carl S Harlen	50	Pretoria Leinster Masonic Lodge No. 743	South Africa Northern
V.W.Bro. Frans P Massyn	50	Lurgan Masonic Lodge No. 767	South Africa Northern
W.Bro. George Thompson	50	Lyons Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 778	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Albert F Danton	50	Lyons Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 778	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Oliver C Gibson	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Andrew McAleer	50	Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Alexander S Lattimer	50	Harlandic Masonic Lodge No. 989	Down
W.Bro. Thomas Millar	50	Farmers' Masonic Lodge No. 1000	Down

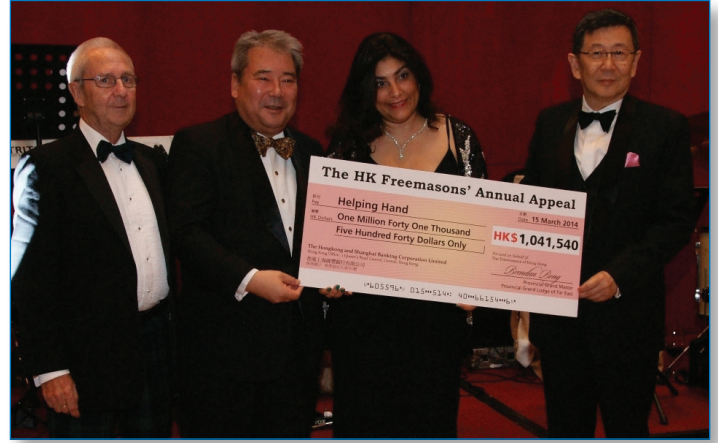
Hong Kong Freemasons Annual Appeal 2013



Irish brethren and supporters set out on the Walk for Charity

Every year the Freemasons of Hong Kong hold an annual appeal for the benefit of a local charity. Each of the three constitutions, English, Irish and Scottish, take turns to run the Appeal and in 2013 it was the turn of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Far East, I.C. Brethren of the Province were asked to put forward charities for consideration. After a selection process the selected charity was Helping Hand, who run homes for the elderly in Hong Kong and China. They appealed for funds to renovate three of their six homes.

Throughout the year the Lodges under the three constitutions are asked to remember the Appeal in their charitable giving. The main fundraising activity is an annual Walk for Charity held in October on Chung Chau Island off Hong Kong. In 2013 there were in excess of 120 walkers who, in addition to raising funds, enjoyed a morning walk around the island followed by a fine seafood lunch in a local



Presentation of funds raised to Mrs Lena Harilela by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Brendan Bong (right) assisted by Bro. John Morris, Deputy District Grand Master, S.C. (left), and R.W.Bro. David Fok, District Grand Master, E.C. (second left).

restaurant. More than 50 Irish Brethren participated.

The total raised from all donations was HKD1,041,540 (€97,100 / £79,950) which exceeded the sum requested by Helping Hand. A cheque for this amount was presented to Mrs Lena Harilela, representing the charity, by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Brendan Bong, during the Irish Masonic Ball held on the 15th March, 2014, assisted by the representatives of the English and Scottish constitutions.

The Hong Kong Freemason's Annual Appeal for 2014 is already underway, run this year by the English Constitution, and we look forward to another successful fundraiser.

Terence Hicks
Provincial Grand Secretary
- Far East



Brethren Honoured at Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 836 in Pomeroy

On 3rd January 2014 at the communication of the Lodge which was the Installation of Officers for 2014, Worshipful Brother Oliver C Gibson and Worshipful Brother Andrew (Andy) McAleer were both honoured on receiving their 50 Year Jewel and Certificate.

The presentations were made by V.W.Bro. Frank R L Arnold, Provincial Grand Secretary, who was the principal guest, representing Provincial Grand Lodge.

Also honoured by the Lodge was R.W.Bro. William (Billy) McLain who was presented with a Masonic Bible suitably inscribed in recognition of his loyal and dedicated service to the Lodge since 1962.



Pictured, standing (from left): V.W.Bro. Frank R L Arnold, Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Oliver C Gibson, W.Bro. Andrew (Andy) McAleer and R.W.Bro. William (Billy) McLain. At the rear is W.Bro. Jason Glasgow, Worshipful Master for the year 2014

A Memorable Night for V.W.Bro. Arthur Davison



R.W.Bro. John Clarke with V.W.Bro. Artghur Davison and the Worshipful Master of Lodge 686 W.Bro. Ken Baillie

Thursday 14th November 2013 was a memorable evening for Provincial Grand Lodge Director of Ceremonies, V.W.

Bro. Arthur Davison, a member of City Masonic Lodge No. 686. Unbeknown to him many friends, including his son, Brian, had been invited to join the members of the Lodge at the Rosetta Masonic Hall, Belfast, to see Arthur presented with his 50 year Jewel and 60 year Bar.

Due to an administrative oversight Arthur had not received his 50 year Jewel in 2002 and the members of City Masonic Lodge were determined not to let the occasion of his 60th anniversary pass without correcting the omission.

The surprise presentation included a short résumé of a very distinguished career. For the first time, Arthur, an elected member of the Grand Lodge of Instruction, was lost for words.

The assembled Brethren then retired for a celebratory Festive Board which brought a most enjoyable evening to a splendid conclusion.

Regional Welfare Committee – Annual Reunion

Once again, members of the former Regional Welfare Committee, comprising Brethren from the Provinces of North Connaught, Londonderry and Donegal, held their Annual Reunion in Kee's Hotel, Stranolar, Co. Donegal on Saturday 15th March 2014.

Our gratitude again goes to the last Secretary of the Committee, R.W.Bro. Victor Whyte for his foresight in making the necessary arrangements for this dinner. The gathering was much enjoyed by the Brethren although the mood was tarnished by the untimely death of a former stalwart, W.Bro. Charlie Wren, whose sudden death occurred last November. Due respects were paid to him by R.W.Bro. Victor Whyte, and others spoke highly of him and recalled many happy memories of his life. Tributes were also expressed to W.Bro. William Wallace on the recent death of his father and to R.W.Bro. Noel Gault who passed away in January 2014. Both of these Brethren played an active role within the Committee during its existence.

A beautiful dinner was enjoyed by everyone and much reminiscing as well as some interesting conversations took



Left to Right (Back): W.Bro. James McGonigle, V.W.Bro. Ken McClure, W.Bro. George Doherty, R.W.Bro. Victor Whyte, R.W.Bro. William Johnston, (Front of table): W.Bro. Samuel McCready, V.W.Bro. Mervyn Foster, R.W.Bro. John Strong.

place. The fraternal friendship was evident amongst all Brethren present and consequently there was unanimous agreement that everyone would like to meet again next year.

Article compiled and photograph taken by W.Bro. Arthur Graham who also enjoyed the reunion.

The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, R.W.Bro. Philip Daley, invites all Brethren to Summer Lodge on Wednesday, 16th July 2014 at 2.30 p.m. in The Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.

Prior to the meeting of Summer Lodge, the Metropolitan Board is hosting a luncheon at 12.30 p.m. and tickets will be available from the Hall Porters Lodge at a cost of €20.

DROMARA 498 - Celebrates 2 Fifty Year Jewels



W.Bro. Ernest Campbell (W.M.); W. Bro Thomas Alexander Jones and R.W.Bro. W Ivan Boreland

At an Emergency Communication on Saturday 22nd February 2014, at which our Installation of Officers took place, our Provincial Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro.W Ivan Boreland, presented two Brethren with their 50 year jewels.

W.Bro. Thomas Alexander Jones (above), joined Masonry on 16th December 1963. He served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and held the offices of Treasurer for 8 years and Director of Ceremonies for 10 years. He is currently serving as a Provincial Grand Lodge of Down Standard Bearer, as well as holding office in other disciplines of Freemasonry.

W.Bro. Desmond Carson Patterson (aside), joined Masonry on 16th March 1964. He served as Worshipful Master in 1988 and is one of the Lodge auditors.

Both are pictured along with the outgoing Worshipful Master,

W.Bro. Ernest Campbell and R.W.Bro. W Ivan Boreland. During the presentation, W.Bro. Campbell commented not only on their sterling service to Freemasonry, but their continued very regular attendance at Lodge communications. R.W.Bro. Boreland congratulated them on reaching such a distinguished milestone in their service.

This now brings to four, the members of Dromara Masonic Lodge No. 498, who have been presented with their 50 year jewels in recent years.

W.Bro. Cecil McMullan joined Freemasonry on 19th September 1960 and served as Worshipful Master in 1973 and W.Bro. David John (Dennis) Kane joined Masonry on 17th December 1962. He served as Worshipful Master in 1971 and as Secretary for 19 years. They also continue to play an active roll in Lodge business.



W.Bro. Ernest Campbell (W.M.); W.Bro Desmond Carson Patterson and R.W.Bro. W Ivan Boreland



W.Bro. Jones, W.Bro. Patterson, R.W.Bro. W Ivan Boreland; W.Bro. McMullan and W.Bro. Kane.

Broomhedge Masonic Lodge donate to Mayors Charity

On Wed 23rd April 2014 members of Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No.335 met with The Mayor of the City of Lisburn, Councillor Margaret Tolerton & presented her with a donation to her chosen Charity “the Diabetic Unit at Lagan Valley Hospital” which is the Mayoral Charity for her term of Office.



Picture shows, R.W.Bro. Jack Dunlop, P.A.G.M., R.W.Bro. Bill Balmer, P.A.G.M., R.W.Bro. David Lyness, P.D.G.M., R.W.Bro. Ken Porter, P.A.G.M., W.Bro. Nicolas Ballet, W.M. Lodge414 and W.Bro Craig Wilson, TLC Northern Provinces Committee.

Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414 Presents Cheque to TLC

W. Bro. Nicolas Ballet, W.M. of Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 414 Bushmills, presents a cheque for £800 to TLC via the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, at its Quarterly Communication on the 14th April in the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. The monies were raised from a number of events held by Lodge 414 as part of their 250th Anniversary Celebrations which included a dinner dance and hosting the P.G.L. on this occasion. A further £800 was also raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Presentation of Ovarian Cancer Research cheque at Belfast City Hospital

On Thursday 27th March R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster and R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray, Provincial Grand Master of Down attended the Cancer Unit at Belfast City Hospital where a cheque was presented for Ovarian Cancer Research to Dr. John Price, Cancer Services, Belfast Trust; Mr Brian Barry, Director of Specialist Hospitals & Women's Health and Dr. Richard Kennedy, Queens University Belfast. Ovarian Cancer Research, Oncology.

Although the cheque amounts to £34,382.62, R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster informed those present that currently the fund stands at **£35,500** plus reclaim on Gift Aid.

Dr John Price stated that the money raised will open a new unit conducting far reaching research into treatments and possible cures for ovarian cancer.



L-R, R.W.Bro. Dairmuir McNulty, R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster, Edwin Poots, MLA Minister for Health, R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray, P.G.M. Down, Dr John Price, Cancer Services, Belfast Trust and Mr Brian Barry, Director for Specialist Hospitals.

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visiting Brethren from another Lodge. They can request, on payment of a ransom of £15, the maul to take to their own Lodge. The relinquishing Lodge will send us at least the £15 and details of the Lodge now holding the maul. We will acknowledge this by issuing a certificate of possession to them

We hope this fundraiser will encourage the spread of Masonic friendships throughout the Constitution. If you wish to try to claim the maul then the current holders is being listed on the G L Website at :-http://www.irishfreemasons.org/TLC/Pages_TLC/Tweenies%20Maul.html

The TLC site and the Facebook and Twitter pages – the Twitter page and the teddy bear who ‘does the blog’ is called Tweddie.

The committee are delighted with the way the Brethren have got behind this most worthy cause to support the distressed children in our community. But great care must be taken to ensure that extra funds are raised for this project and thereby ensuring that funds are not diverted from our Masonic Charities. It should also be remembered that this is an on-going and open ended project which will need our continued support for the foreseeable future. The Province of Londonderry & Donegal has already pledged a minimum of £100 per Lodge per year and we are delighted that quite a number of individual Lodges have also declared targets to raise £100 or more per year for TLC.

We are also aware of a number of “golfing Brethren” in various clubs are running competitions where part of the funds raised are being donated to TLC – in a similar manner to the 2014 Grand Master’s Millennium Charity Cup at Killymoon on 29th August.

Don’t forget that a special event has been arranged to raise funds for TLC - Father Brian D’Arcy has agreed to be interviewed by the Secretary of Iveagh 184 W.Bro. Trevor Waddell on Wednesday 4th June in the Jethro Centre, Lurgan at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are £10 per head and Non-Masons and Ladies will be very welcome at what promises

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to be a most entertaining and enjoyable night – with a few “surprises”! This will be a “ticket only” event so please contact Trevor Waddell, 113 Lurgan Road, Magheralin, Craigavon BT67 0QP, longstoneps@btconnect.com or 077 1045 4380 or 028-9261-2802. Cheques Payable to “MARALIN MASONIC LODGE No. 184”

Remember the teddies are also ideal gifts for your children or grandchildren and make great raffle prizes and we are very happy to donate a big teddy as long as we get the proceeds from the raffle or fundraiser. Please remember that all cheques must be made out in favour of “Teddies for Loving Care”.

Word is also spreading beyond the Order and we know of “outside bodies” such as Women’s Institutes and other groups who have expressed interest and want to learn more about TLC. If you have any novel fund raising ideas Brethren please share them with us. We want you to drive this, not be passengers and we are all in for the long haul. Continuity is the essence.

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

The initial point of contact for the Team is :-

- 115 The Mount, Belfast BT5 4ND – 028-9045-9694
- pgldown@btconnect.com

Tweddie’s Friendship Maul



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

Host Lodge	Province	Date
St. Patrick’s Lodge No. 77, Newry	Down	14/09/2013
Farmer’s Friendship No. 978	Down	7/10/2013
Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim	9/11/2013
The Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim	22/02/2014
Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669	Antrim	28/04/2014