



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



SEPTEMBER 2010

Grand Master's Address – 3rd June 2010



During the last quarter I have been reasonably busy, especially at Lodges celebrating anniversaries, ranging from 150 years to 225 years and to those presenting long service medals, namely;

Union Star Lodge No.198 Newtownards – 200th

Donemana Lodge No. 256 – 200th (Visited by Ireland's Internet Lodge No. 2000)

St. Albans Lodge No. 719 Limavady – 150th (Celebrated by visit of PGL of Londonderry & Donegal)

Alfred's Lodge No. 59 Arthur Sq. Belfast – 200th

Harmony Lodge No. 645 Newtownabbey – 225th with Church Service on Sunday

(Presented 50th Anniversary Medal to R.W.Bro. Cyril Ferguson.)

P.G.M's Lodge No. 52 (Presented 50th Anniversary Medal to R.W.Bro. John V Arthur)

It is truly remarkable that many Lodges have sustained their existence from their beginnings to the present day and are still going strong; the same can be said of our long serving Brethren and I thank all for their commitment and service.

Other visitations were made to; Aberfoyle Lodge No. 784, Londonderry. Island of Inch Lodge No. 589, Londonderry.

Ballyshannon Lodge No. 287, Co. Donegal

Markethill Lodge No. 888 where presentations were made to R.W.Bro. George Miskimmins and R.W.Bro. Dermot Hill to mark their service as P.G.M. and P.D.G.M. respectively.

The highlight of this three month period was most assuredly the Choral Evensong in Belleek Parish Church on 30th May 2010 where, at the invitation of the R.W.Bro. Rev. Noel Regan, Junior Grand Chaplain, I attended a service to commemorate the deeds of two local Freemasons, John Caldwell and Robert Armstrong, who were instrumental in introducing Belleek Pottery to the area, in the mid to late 1800's.

The excellent turnout of the Brethren, their partners and others was very encouraging and a sermon, in which Freemasonry was constantly mentioned, was delivered by R.W.Bro. The Very Rev. Dr. Philip Knowles, Dean of Cashel and Past Junior Grand Chaplain, in his usual inimitable style.

The Brethren, who came from all around but especially from Donegal, were greatly uplifted and inspired by the words of the Dean and very proud of the supreme dedication of our Junior Grand Chaplain, R.W.Bro. Rev. Noel Regan for whom they hold the highest respect and admiration.

The New Chancel and stained glass East Window in the church, is a joy to behold and should you ever pass that way, you would be most welcome to visit the church and appreciate how special a place Freemasonry has in Belleek.

Our March Communication was hosted by the P.G. Lodge of Meath and held at Cabra Castle. It was an excellent meeting at which I was privileged to meet senior officers of the County Council, some of whom being members of the Order.

My thanks go to R.W.Bro. Cecil Tilson, P.G.M. of Meath and his Brethren, who made all the arrangements and ensured a successful communication. I must also thank my new Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Sam Young, who single-handedly and superbly, managed the ceremonial and won the admiration of all present.

I had the pleasure of Installing R.W.Bro. Norman Reid as Provincial Grand Master, which was well received by the Brethren, especially those from North Connaught, who stood during the installation ceremony. I look forward to working with Norman in the years ahead and wish him good fortune in his new position knowing that he has high standards to live up to, as he follows in the steps of the late R.W.Bro George Ginnelly, whom we will never forget.

On 18th March, I had the pleasure of chairing the Grand Master's Council. It was a most enjoyable meeting and I was pleased at the manner in which the Provincial Grand Masters involved themselves with the various issues being discussed. A Review committee has since issued its report, which is now in the process of being actioned.

In April, I attended the "Mothers' Lunch" in Dublin which turned out to be most enjoyable. I spoke to a number of the recipients and felt very satisfied that they were very appreciative of the help that is given to them by our Order. In that regard, I would thank the Committee members of all the Charity Funds for their outstanding work and commitment.

I attended the lunch of the Masonic Trust Company, met many old friends (some very old) and was comforted by the fact that our funds have not suffered too severely, thanks to the prudence and skill of our Directors and Fund Managers.

In early May, I took time out to host three of my sisters who visited me from the USA, two of whom have been over fifty years away and one forty-five years. It was nice to have them stay

with me and we shared some fond memories. They visited our Molesworth Street premises and were most impressed by what they saw, during which they were present at the unveiling of the portraits of M.W. Bro. Michael Walker and myself. Sadly, M.W. Bro Eric Waller was unavailable as his wife Pam is ill. We wish her God's blessing and trust that he will provide both Eric and her with every comfort.

We have thirteen Provincial Grand Lodges in Ireland with twelve overseas Provinces and two Inspectorates. The Inspectorate of South East Asia will become a Province by the end of this year. All Provincial Grand Masters and Inspectors report a degree of growth and at best a steady ship – I thank them for that and trust that membership numbers will be more actively addressed in the years to come.

I was impressed by the excellent reports for 2009 and extremely pleased that Provinces are becoming more pro-active. Some Provinces are well ahead of the field but the focus on membership, education, ritual, etc is quite pronounced. I particularly welcome the 'Open Days'

and 'Library Provision' which is provided by some Provinces and I note that the Province of Munster includes lectures on 'Irish Tracing Boards' in 1834.

We have witnessed a growth in Past Masters' Lodges and I sometimes wonder what their purpose is, especially when I ask that very question and receive a rather vague response. However, I would welcome their adoption of the themes mentioned above, to which I would add Masonic Learning Centres and any other action which would enhance our activity and knowledge.

On the International Scene, everything seems relatively calm with the exception of a problem in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta, a Grand Lodge which the Grand Lodge of Ireland constituted and one in whom we have every confidence that this issue will be readily resolved. Every Grand Lodge has its particular problems which they have to address.

Some Grand Lodges in the USA seem to have dropped their practice of conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry

to large audiences in major theatres; referred to as passing degrees, as the candidates observe the degrees when exemplified on stage. I welcome this reversal to standard practice.

Some European Grand Lodges are making noises about a United Grand Lodge of Europe but I'm not convinced that we should go there. Also, in Europe, there is evidence of the Volume of the Sacred Law being absent from the Altar, which we would all find to be unacceptable.

Brethren, my address has been a little bit longer than normal today, so I will finish by thanking you all for your support and wish you every success in your Masonic endeavours and a safe return to your homes and families.

God Bless you all.



Grand Master

Summer Lodge

The 12th Annual Summer Lodge took place in the Grand Lodge Room, Molesworth Street on Wednesday 21st July with 150 Brethren present for a very enjoyable afternoon.

R.W. Bro. Philip Daley, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board welcomed the many distinguished Brethren, representing Freemasonry in Ireland and in particular the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Dunlop, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Douglas Grey and the Assistant Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Leslie Johnston.

The ritual was excellent and it was a delight to receive a short presentation on the important work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with particular emphasis on the dramatic enhancement of Dementia Support in all Homes, by W. Bro. Chris Caine, Past Senior Grand Deacon. Chris is the Chairman of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and we are delighted to welcome him to Summer Lodge to learn something of the work of the RMBI.

During the afternoon the Grand Master presented the Claret Jug and the Captain Alan Guest Trophy. The Claret Jug is presented to a Lodge in the Metropolitan area that in the opinion of the Board have worked together as a team to enhance all aspects of the Lodge. The criteria covers areas such as membership, new candidates, ritual and degree work, charity giving and the social aspect including festive boards and visiting

other Lodges. This year the recipients of the Claret Jug are Military Lodge No. 728

The Captain Alan Guest trophy, generously presented by W. Bro. Martin Lenihan, on behalf of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 commemorates the memory of Captain Alan Guest a Past Master of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and founder of the Alan Guest Ritual Class now known as the Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class.

The trophy is presented to a Metropolitan Lodge with the best attendance at the Metropolitan Craft Ritual classes during the preceding year. This year the Lodge with the best attendance at the Metropolitan Craft Ritual class was Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730.

Following the meeting the Brethren retired to complimentary refreshments. This was an amazing display of the caterer's art prepared by our very own and very talented Bro. Tim Murphy and his band of willing helpers.

A wonderful afternoon, good ritual, good speakers, good festive board, good charity and most importantly good fellowship. What more could we ask for.

Next year this event will be held on Wednesday 20th July 2012. Don't say that you were not told in plenty of time.

Masonic Lodge Concludes 250th Anniversary



Officers and members of Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No.335 concluded their 250th Anniversary celebrations of 2009 when on the 12th May 2010 they presented cheques of £700 each to Action Cancer N. I. and Downtown Radio & Cool FM's Cash for Kids in a short ceremony at Broomhedge Masonic Hall.

In the photographs the W. Master for 2009, W.Bro. M McCrea is seen presenting the Cheques to Lee Chamberlain from Action Cancer and also to Darren Fowler from Cool FM.

The money raised for these Charities was from various events held during 2009.

HARMONY 555 supports local R.N.L.I.



Harmony Lodge 555, Province of Munster, held a charity Concert in November 2009. The proceeds from the concert went to Kinsale R.N.L.I. to assist in their fundraising for a new lifeboat station.

On Sunday 18 July, Brethren from various Lodges in Munster and their guests paid a visit to Kinsale, where they took a boat trip around the Harbour as well as paying a visit to the new R.N.L.I. Lifeboat station. Here the Brethren and guests were given a demonstration of how the R.N.L.I. responds in emergencies and a tour was given of this wonderful new facility. Refreshments followed in the Trident Hotel, Kinsale.

A wonderful day was had by all and it was fantastic to see the charity work done by the Brethren put to such good effect.

Lodge 2000 Celebrates "The First Ten Years"



Lodge Ireland 2000, the only "Internet" Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was constituted in the year 2000 and to mark the Millennium was allocated Warrant 2000. Our aim is to bring together under a single Irish Warrant Freemasons everywhere who have access to the Internet. Our membership has a truly international flavour with Brethren from many Masonic jurisdictions having affiliated to the Lodge. The Lodge is one of a number based in the Dublin Metropolitan District.

Whilst we are an "Internet" Lodge we hold 4 physical meetings a year and with our "roving" Warrant these meetings can take place anywhere on the island of Ireland.

We can, of course, meet "virtually" every day and we hold monthly "chats" in our secure chat room on the site at <http://www.ireland2000.org>

As an Internet Lodge we hope that our Brethren both near and far can feel close to us at all times. We currently have members from U.S.A., Canada, Brazil, Argentina, France, Australia, Jamaica and Abu Dhabi. There is always a warm welcome awaiting visitors from any jurisdiction which is in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Lodge Ireland 2000 is both vibrant and forward looking, using these most modern of communication tools to reach out to Brethren across the world, but we are also a typical Irish Masonic Lodge, rich in the traditions of Irish Freemasonry – for example, Good Moral Standing, Charitable giving, strong values of self and the community. Like most Lodges we have in the past supported charitable giving outside the Masonic sphere and made donations to appeals worldwide.

The year 2010 is very special for Lodge Ireland 2000 as it marks the 10th Anniversary of our Constitution as well as the fact that our Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Dunlop

(one of our Founder Members) was installed as Junior Warden. His installation took place in Crawfordsburn Masonic Hall, Province of Down, on Saturday 2nd January when our current Worshipful Master, R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray, was also installed and afterwards 83 Brethren, Ladies and friends enjoyed a most acceptable buffet.

In March our roving Warrant allowed the Lodge to visit Donemana, Province of Londonderry & Donegal where our hosts were Lodge 256 who most royally entertained us in the presence of their Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Robert Quigley.

Lodge Ireland 2000 always holds its June meeting in Molesworth Street on the Saturday after the St. John's Day meeting of Grand Lodge – this allows Brethren travelling from round the world to attend both meetings over the three day period. 2010 was no exception and the well attended meeting in the Grand Lodge Room was followed by a "black tie" dinner in the Mount Herbert Hotel for Brethren, Ladies and friends. The Lodge was honoured by the presence at both events of R.W.Bro. Philip Daley, chairman of the Metropolitan Board and Grand Lodge was represented by R.W.Bro. McGuckin, Past Grand Superintendent of Works and R.W.Bro. Rowden, Grand Organist.

The fourth "physical" meeting of the Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, Northgate Street, Athlone, Province of South Connaught on Saturday 9th October when, as usual, all Brethren of the Irish Constitution and Brethren in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Ireland will be most welcome.



Members & guests of Ireland 2000 attending the June Stated Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin

Installation of Provincial Assistant Grand Master R.W.Bro. R J Clarke

At the Stated Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh held in the Masonic Hall Markethill on 17th June 2010, R.W.Bro. Robert John Clarke was installed as a Provincial Assistant Grand Master in the Province of Armagh.

R.W.Bro. Clarke was previously the Provincial Grand Lodge Almoner. He is a Past Master of Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No 655, Newtownhamilton and was Secretary of his Lodge for 13 years from 1994 to 2006.

R.W.Bro. Clarke is a past Excellent King in Royal Arch Chapter 888 Markethill and is also a member of Armagh Preceptory No. 39.

His sponsor on the night was his son W.Bro. Robert Keith Clarke who is a Past Master of Lodge 655 and at present is the Director of Ceremonies. His other son, W.Bro. Jonathan Philip Clarke, who is also a Past Master of Lodge 655, acted as Chain Bearer.

At present R.W.Bro. Clarke is the Chief Scribe in RAC Markethill while his son Keith is the Excellent King and his other son Jonathan, is Captain of the Host. The evening ended with a beautiful supper provided by the Brethren of Markethill.



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
Bro. Norman Bingham	66	Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 173	Down
W.Bro. Joseph Lucas	65	Culmore Masonic Lodge No. 320	Londonderry & Donegal
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
W.Bro. James Allen	60	St. Donard's Masonic Lodge No. 676	Down
W.Bro. Arthur H Moss	60	Kipling Newporton Masonic Lodge No. 315	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Crawford Jones MRCVS	50	Lodge of Antiquity & Integrity No. 80	Down
W.Bro. Harry Clements	50	Downpatrick Masonic Lodge No. 369	Down
W.Bro. Robert McKimm	50	Sharman Crawford Lodge No. 403	Down
W.Bro. Eric McKimm	50	Sharman Crawford Lodge No. 403	Down
W.Bro. Hugh A Gray	50	Groomsport Masonic Lodge No. 337	Down
W.Bro. David J McCrum	50	Abbots Cross Masonic Lodge No. 814	Antrim
W.Bro. William A Boyd	50	Abbots Cross Masonic Lodge No. 814	Antrim
W.Bro. Wilson A Thornton	50	Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 513	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert H Thompson	50	Deramore Masonic Lodge No. 290	Down
W.Bro. Robert McKimm	50	Sharman Crawford Masonic Lodge No. 403	Down
W.Bro. Eric McKimm	50	Sharman Crawford Masonic Lodge No. 403	Down
W.Bro. William Balmer	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 57	Antrim
W.Bro. David S Levy	50	Lurgan Masonic Lodge No. 767	S. Africa Northern
R.W.Bro. Dermot B Hill	50	Drogheda Masonic Lodge No. 411	Armagh
Bro. Kenneth H Sinnamon	50	Hugh Wallace Masonic Lodge No. 584	Armagh
W.Bro. Thomas McKeown	50	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W.Bro. Samuel McKinney	50	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 175	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas R M Keegan	50	Iveagh Masonic Lodge No. 184	Down
W.Bro. Frederick J Woods	50	Londonderry Masonic Lodge No. 196	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Derek Stephens	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Chris Bailey	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Humphrey Spencer	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 228	Wicklow & Wexford
Bro. Robert Richardson	50	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 602	Antrim
W.Bro. Richard D Cardwell	50	Shandon Masonic Lodge No. 701	Down
W.Bro. John O Greer	50	True Blues Masonic Lodge No. 606	Down
W.Bro. Patrick J Short	50	Harlech Masonic Lodge No. 165	N. Connaught

Metropolitan Art Exhibition

On Tuesday 20th July the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Leslie Johnston and the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, R.W.Bro. Philip Daley along with the artists and guests welcomed the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Gerry Breen to Molesworth Street to officially open the Metropolitan Art Exhibition.

The exhibition with 260 exhibits from 70 talented artists proved to be resounding success and with the sale of 27 paintings the charities will benefit from the proceeds.



Pictured from L-R: R.W.Bro. Philip Daley; R.W.Bro. Leslie V Johnston A.G.M.; R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey D.G.M. and the Mayor of Dublin Councillor Gerry Breen.



Pictured above is W.Bro. Randal Robertson & W.Bro. Bill Watson

Lady Freemason visits Harmony Lodge No. 228, Gorey

At an Open Evening organised by Harmony Lodge No. 228 Gorey, in the Province of Wicklow and Wexford, a Past Master of the Lady Freemasons' Pursuivant in the U.K., was warmly welcome. She is W.Bro. Audrey Lowe, who, together with her husband Roy, now resides in Dunmore East. She gave some very interesting detail of her Masonic career to date. A supporting panel of speakers included R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener, R.W.Bro. Arthur Keppel and W.Bro. Roy Lowe. A free raffle took place which was enjoyed by all present. It was wonderful to see the wider community well represented at this very informative talk. A voluntary retiring collection was donated to the St. Aidan's Day Care Centre.

W.Bro. Audrey Lowe together with the P.G.M. at the Open Evening in Gorey on 21st April



Leinster Lodge Afloat !!

Brethren from Leinster Lodge No. 141 repeated previous expeditions when, on 7 May, they took a trip on ex-Guinness Canal Boat 70.M, based in Portumna on the shores of Lough Derg. After a trip on the lake and a buffet lunch, a formal Emergency Communication was held on board at 5 p.m. under a Temporary Warrant, and this was followed by the usual excellent BBQ back at base. Thanks to R.W.Bro. Geoff Lovegrove (waving arms) for the use of the "hall".



Grand Lodge represented at National Day of Commemoration.

A report by: R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson.



*R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson & Ollie O'Connor CEO
Organisation of Irish Ex-Servicemen*

The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop received an invitation from The Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen. T.D. and Mrs. Mary Cowen to attend at the National Day of Commemoration in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Sunday, 11th July 2010, at 10.30 a.m. to remember all those Irishmen and Irishwomen who died in the past wars or on the service with the United Nations.

Due to previous commitments the Grand Master was unable to attend, and requested that I take his place and represent Grand Lodge on this occasion. I was honoured and delighted to accept, and accompanied by my colleague and friend, V.W.Bro. John Gault, we arrived at the Royal Hospital at 9.30 a.m. where we were shown to the special car park and conducted to our seats in the front row, about five metres from where the President was seated. The Ceremony started at 11.00 a.m. and broadcast live on R.T.E. Channel 1.

The Order of Ceremony.

The Officiating Representatives of the Faith Traditions and members of the Council of State and of the Government were conducted to their seats.

The Taoiseach was escorted into the quadrangle, The Taoiseach's salute was sounded.

The President and escort arrived and the Presidential salute was sounded, she inspected the Guard of Honour and was then conducted to her seat.

The Taoiseach invited the Representatives of the Faith Traditions to participate:

Representatives of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths lead an act of Commemoration, each according to their own tradition.

Cantor Alwyn Shulman, Representative of the Jewish Community in Ireland; The Most Reverend Archbishop Diarmud Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin; The Reverend Alan Mitchell, Presbyterian Church in Ireland; The Venerable David Pierpoint, Church of Ireland Archdeacon of Dublin; The Reverend Fr. Godfrey O'Donnell, Representative of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Ireland; The Reverend Paul Kingston, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland and Imam Sheikh Hussein Halawa, Islamic Cultural Centre.

Following the Prayers, The President laid a wreath at the Plaque on behalf of the People of Ireland, a period of one minute's silence was then observed, the Cadet Guard of Honour rendered honours and the Last Post was sounded, followed by Reveille by the Trumpeters and Drummers.

The Hymn – "The Lord's my Shepherd" was sung, led by Mr Emmanuel Lawler and The Army No.1 Band of the First Southern Brigade, Defence Forces School of Music. Conducted by Commandant Mark Armstrong.

The Ceremony was concluded by the National Anthem and a fly-past by four aircraft of the Irish Air Corp.

It was indeed a memorable occasion and I was delighted to meet many ex-servicemen, many are members of the Masonic Order, in particular R.W.Bro. Sean Murphy, Chairman, Royal British Legion Republic of Ireland, very good friend of the Grand Master. Also Ollie O'Connor CEO Organisation of Irish Ex-Servicemen – see attached photos.



R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson & R.W.Bro. Sean Murphy

Isle of Man, visit to Wicklow and Wexford

On Friday 25th September 2009 we had the opportunity of welcoming about 20 Brethren and their Ladies from The Isle of Man Lodge of Installed Masters' No. 9598. They had come to visit the Province of Wicklow & Wexford and the town of Gorey in particular. When they arrived in Dublin they were coached down to Avoca courtesy of P.G.L. There they enjoyed a look around Avoca, famous from the series Ballykissangel. They were later treated to Afternoon Tea in our Lodge rooms, and then in their own words, held a very unconventional practice, where no one agreed on anything until the last push.

On Saturday morning our visitors along with Brethren from our own Lodge, Harmony No. 228, at the very kind invitation of W.Bro. Humphrey Spencer and his wife Elvina, were invited to view his prize collection of vintage cars and tractors. We were given an interesting history of restoring and preserving his splendid collection, and also the history of two very special cars. Elvina, also, gave us an insight into one of her great passions in life, and we saw a beautiful display of Patchwork Quilts of all different designs and colours. We then returned to the Lodge, for lunch, where we had a meal to behold, served by our own Brethren and Brethren from

different Lodges, which made light work of anything that needed to be done. We thank them all for that.

At 4 p.m. the P.G.M, R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener & his Officers opened the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wicklow & Wexford. Halfway through the proceedings our P.G.M. kindly gave the Lodge over to our visiting Brethren from the Isle of Man. They then proceeded to give a demonstration of the 3rd Degree, (English Constitution) with W.Bro. Philip Rothwell as the Candidate. Many Brethren presided in the chair, which is most unusual for an English Lodge, but which is unique of the Isle of Man. The working procedure was a delight to us all, sometimes a little hard to follow, but they did warn us, they had their own unique way of doing things. They certainly worked in unison on the Lodge floor, and the dress code was immaculate, which was commented on by many Brethren. The I.O.M. Lodge was then closed in Peace, Love, & Harmony & returned to our P.G.M. who then closed the P.G.L. at his pleasure. Our Visitors and Provincial Brethren then retired to the Amber Springs Hotel for Dinner & entertainment. The whole week-end was considered to be an outstanding success.

W.Bro. John McCormick



The IOM demonstrating team, together with the PGM and the PDGM

Iveagh Masonic Classic Vehicle Club

I have had an interest in classic cars for some time and after conversations at Festive Boards, realised old vehicles are a popular hobby. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Down kindly agreed to send a circular to the Co. Down Lodges. As a result a meeting was called in Magheralin Masonic Hall on Tuesday 4th May 2010 where I am the Secretary of Iveagh 184.

From an attendance of eighteen people (four apologies) IVEAGH MASONIC CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB was formed with Chairman Arnold Imrie and myself as Treasurer/Secretary.

Membership is also open to friends of Masons (Annual Fee £10) and any Interesting Vehicle is welcome. Any correspondence should be forwarded by e-mail, if at all possible.

The inaugural outing of the Club was held on Monday 21st June 2010. The Provincial Grand Master of Down R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray was in attendance and dropped the chequered flag to start us on our way. I led the way followed by nineteen vehicles of all imaginable shapes and sizes and three motor bikes. We went via Hillsborough to The Harry Ferguson Memorial Garden in Annahilt where we stopped in the car park to let the vehicles (and some drivers) cool down. We returned to Magheralin via Dromore where a hot supper and refreshments awaited us and it was nice to see some wives in attendance.

As we are known locally as "THE DUCKS OF MAGHERALIN" each vehicle received a blue plastic bath duck as a memento. Our next outing is to be held on Sunday afternoon 12th September 2010 ending in Tullymore Forest Park for a picnic.

I am delighted with the response so far and if any one wants further information please contact me Trevor Waddell at: longstoneps@btconnect.com Lets get masons out of halls.

W.Bro. Trevor C Waddell. Sec/Treasurer.

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2010



Patrons:

Jane Carty
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**Freemasons' Hall
17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2**

Semi-finals

Thursday October 14th 2.00pm and 7.00pm

Final & Prizegiving by The Grand Master

Saturday, October 16th 7.30pm

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 2010'

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



The following is a selection of the vehicles that took part in the inaugural run