



SEPTEMBER 2012

## Grand Master's Address to Grand Lodge on St. John's Day – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012



Brethren all,

I am so pleased to welcome the visiting delegations, who are with us today. Distinguished Brethren we thank you for honouring us with your presence and trust that you have enjoyed every moment of your stay. I thank you.

2012 is clearly a year of change in that we have the retirement of:

- R.W.Bro. Robert Quigley, Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry & Donegal, now succeeded by R.W.Bro. Noel Drain.
- R.W.Bro. Alan Campbell, Provincial Grand Master of Munster, now succeeded by R.W.Bro. Leslie Deane.
- R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener, Provincial Grand Master of Wicklow and Wexford, now succeeded by R.W.Bro. John Hobson.

- R.W.Bro. Cecil Bates, Provincial Grand Master of South Africa Northern whose successor has yet to be announced.
- R.W.Bro. Derrick McKoy, Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica & the Bahamas, whose successor, R.W.Bro. Peter Stuart will be installed at the end of June.
- R.W.Bro. Harry Weir, Provincial Grand Master of Tyrone & Fermanagh who will be succeeded by R.W.Bro. Norman Humes in October next.

Following my hospitalisation in early January, I was delighted to chair the March Communication of Grand Lodge, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Since then my activities have increased significantly and it's good to be back in harness again.

I'm also pleased to tell you that the arrangements for the 2012 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year' competition, are well advanced. We have most of our International Jury confirmed and the Semi Finalists chosen by the Musical Colleges will be submitting their entry forms by the deadline of June 29<sup>th</sup>. The 2012 Competition will take place on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in this building. Photographs of our 2010 and 2011 winners can be viewed in the lobby downstairs.

This has become an important, prestigious and well respected Music Competition and we have every reason to be proud of initiating it following the example set by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Three new Warrants have been issued which pleases me much, but is offset by the surrender of eight Warrants for various reasons.

It was with much regret that we temporarily suspended recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France, in union with the other two Home Constitutions. I would hope that this situation will be reversed in the near future and that France makes the required amendments.

Some confusion has prevailed regarding the functions of Foreign Representatives of Grand Lodges where such Representatives are not 'ipso facto' officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and may not therefore reply to the toast to our Grand Lodge. Representatives please take note.

I was pleased to appoint R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley to the office of Assistant Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Sam Young to the office of Senior Grand Director of Ceremonies, who have both proved to be worthy candidates.

My Standard Bearer, V.W.Bro. Kwesi O-P Ackah was installed in December last and has fitted in well to this office.

Our various Masonic Charity Funds are doing well for which I thank the various Chairmen, namely; Bros. Bert Wilson, Leslie Nixon, Ed Brownell and David Young.

Our Grand Lodge is doing quite well and we trust that circumstances will quickly improve.

Thank you Brethren.

M.W.Bro. George Dunlop  
Grand Master

# LONG & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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

Name	Years	Lodge	Province
W.Bro. R T McKinley	70	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. L W C McFarlane	60	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Thomas P McCready	60	Invictus Masonic Lodge No. 536	Antrim
W.Bro. James I A Smyth	60	Newtownstewart Masonic Lodge No. 547	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Alan R Hopkins	60	Felicitas Masonic Lodge No. 760	Down
W.Bro. J J Jack	55	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
V.W.Bro. W E McFarlane	53	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
V.W.Bro. G A V Laughlin	50	Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Brian King	50	Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 586	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Brian T Keeling	50	Cappagh Masonic Lodge No. 350	Tyrone & Fermanagh
Bro. Kenneth A J McClean	50	Andrew Henderson Masonic Lodge No. 512	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert A Colhoun	50	W E Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Dunn McCorkell	50	W E Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. William S Maxwell	50	W E Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Robert J Boggs	50	W E Scott Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 554	Londonderry & Donegal
R.W.Bro. W Warren Porter	50	Bailieborough Masonic lodge No. 796	Meath
W.Bro. Ronald J Anderson	50	McCammon Masonic Lodge No. 221	Down
V.W.Bro. James W M Kingston	50	Donoughmore Masonic Lodge No. 44	South Eastern
W.Bro. James Gault	50	Rashee Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 736	Antrim
W.Bro. Robert A Ferguson	50	Rashee Temperance Masonic Lodge No. 736	Antrim
R.W.Bro. Gideon D Swanepoel	50	Hibernia Masonic Lodge No. 365	Natal
W.Bro. James R Shaw	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. James H Armstrong	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Cyril C A Armstrong	50	Crichton Masonic Lodge No. 204	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Terence L A Follis	50	Ulidia Masonic Lodge No. 151	Armagh

# The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2012



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

## Final & Prizegiving by The Grand Master

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday Business Post - October 2011**  
**'a superb competition of very high standard'**

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 2012'

Come and support the Irish Musicians of the future!

## Tickets on Sale September 3rd

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.



## ARSONISTS ATTACK BLARIS MASONIC HALL

The pungent smell of smoke and coupled with the nauseating vapours of burnt petrol is a clear indication of what awaits any visitor to the Blaris Masonic Hall on this sad summer's morning. During the early hours of the 19<sup>th</sup> July, arsonists broke in through a window of the hall and proceeded to smash and pillage their way through the building. The historical jewels of the Past Masters were removed from their casing and the Bible that lay on the altar was also stolen. The lockers containing the regalia of three Craft Lodges, a Chapter and a Council, were broken into, the regalia removed and a pyre constructed in the Lodge room before being dowsed with fuel and ignited. The kitchen too, had fuel thrown around the place and set alight before the vandals fled.

None of this however was as heart breaking as the devastation clearly visible upon the faces of fellow Brethren who considered this to be their Masonic Home. During the month of June a working party of Freemasons had done extensive work in the hall, painting, decorating and working on kitchen flooring. All of these efforts, now ruined by mindless thugs. R.W.Bro. Donald Milliken explained to me that the hall had been built as a Masonic Hall in 1907 and had been maintained since that date by the handy work of the Brethren who used the hall. Every part of it was a testament to Masonic hands and this had been undone in a few minutes.

It was an alert postman who saw the flames and reported

the fire to the Police and Fire Brigade. Although petrol had been used to start the fire, because the fleeing criminals closed the door behind themselves, this prevented the fire from doing more serious damage.

The Brethren feel that their hall was mistaken for an Orange Hall and was targeted by mistake. No one can remember in recent history of attacks so vicious against Freemasonry. The way that the regalia was piled high prior to being set on fire, left them in no doubt that the act had sectarian undertones to it, however, this is pure speculation at this stage.

R.W.Bro. Milliken said, "We can only feel pity for the hatred these people must hold in their hearts to want to carry out such a cruel and cowardly act." He continued "We appreciate also that P.G.L. of Down were very quick to react, with the P.G.M. Richard Gray visiting the hall on the same day and the Prov.Asst. Gd. Secretary, organising other help."

As I got into my car after leaving the Brethren, the odour of smoke lingered on my clothing and remained a constant reminder all the way home of what work lies ahead for the Brethren of this small country hall. Insurance will be there to help restore it back to its former glory in a short space of time; the hurt will continue to linger for a good while to come.

*W.Bro. Michael Holden, Grand Lodge Public Relations Officer.*

### SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF LORD ARTHUR HILL 147 - DATED 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2012

Dear Brethren

I have been informed that an arrest has been made in connection with the attack and theft at Blaris Hall. A man handed himself into police today and confessed to his part in the burglary but not the arson. His action was prompted, reportedly, by the article in the Ulster Star and he has expressed remorse.

He has returned some of the stolen items including a Bible

and Past Master jewels. I will visit the station tomorrow to identify these.

He has refused to identify his accomplices, the P.S.N.I. await the results of the forensic investigation and continue to seek those others involved,

Yours sincerely and fraternally  
Graham Walker P.M.  
Secretary

**"WONDERFUL WHAT A BIT OF GOOD REPORTING CAN DO!!! -  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED" - P.G.M. DOWN**

## METROPOLITAN GOLF OUTING

The Metropolitan Golf Outing will take place on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Rathfarnham Golf Club. The outing will be a 15 hole competition and is open to all Members, Wives, Partners and Friends.

The cost will be €50 for Golf and dinner with a discounted golf fee for Rathfarnham Golf Club members.

You don't have to play golf to enjoy dinner! Dinner will cost

€30 and non golfers are welcome to attend and enjoy the excellent food provided in the Golf Club.

Many Lodges no longer hold Golf Outings and they are encouraged to use this outing in place of their own and present any golf trophies that they may have to their members. Further details available from: [metromason@eircom.ie](mailto:metromason@eircom.ie)

# SHEER WANTON VANDALISM!

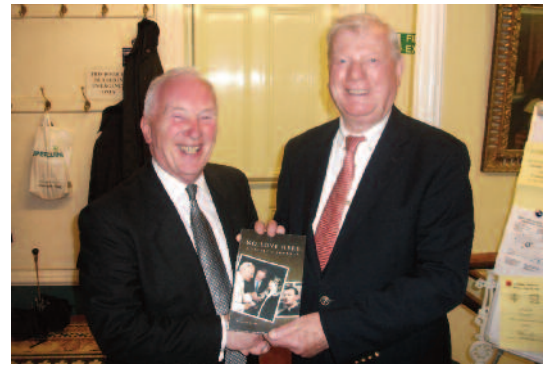




## BRO. MARTIN GORDON – CATHOLIC STAGE GUILD CHAPLAIN

Pictured aside is Bro. Martin J Gordon of Shamrock Lodge 27, Cork, presenting a copy of his autobiography to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Dunlop.

Brother Gordon was a well-known Pallottine Father in the London of the 1960's. He counted as friends well-known people such as Eamonn Andrews; Henry Cooper; Chelsea Football team; cast of "Z Cars" and many opera singers from Sadler's Wells, where he was Catholic Stage Guild Chaplain. In his book, Martin has openly declared his membership of the Order and heaped praise on it.



## STORMONT BALL - A HUGE SUCCESS

After many months preparation and much anticipation the evening eventually arrived. Craig Wilson and his wife Diane together with James Wilson and his fiancée Christina could relax and enjoy the night that they had spent so many hours organising. Having attended a similar ball in Dublin the previous year, the ladies had wanted to know why nothing like it was ever took place in Belfast? That thought soon inspired action and with the approval of the PGM's of Antrim and Down, the scene was set.

James said, "For the first event we wanted a premier location that had the prestige the event deserved, what better place than, Parliament Building, Stormont? Robin Swann MLA sponsored the event and was successful in attaining the cross party support needed for the event to take place."

Whilst not Freemasons themselves, Diane and Christina appreciate the ethos of The Order and love the social aspect that they can enjoy with their husband/fiancee.

The evening began with big band music of the Belfast Jazz Orchestra, which was followed by the Usual Suspects. Like most other



*Pictured are the Organisers*

Masonic events, this one also had charity at its heart, raising a tremendous £5,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Hopefully, this launch will see another ball organised in a similar vein for the springtime of 2014.

## 'ONE OF OURS' TRIUMPHS AT THE CONCERT HALL!



Considerable status was added to our own Music Competition when **Alexander Bernstein** – the 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2011' – a pupil of Dr John O'Connor at the Royal Irish Academy of Music - fought his way through the initial rounds of 60 international competitors to be one of the four finalists in one of the world's most prestigious piano competitions, the tri-annual AXA Dublin International Piano Competition at the National Concert Hall. In the presence of the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, he gave a stunning performance of the Tchaikovsky 1<sup>st</sup> Piano Concerto, accompanied by the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra. He also won the Beethoven Prize for his performance of the Sonata in C Minor Op 111 in one of the earlier rounds during the previous week. The Final was broadcast live by RTÉ lyric fm, relayed throughout Europe

via the European Broadcasting Network, and streamed live on the Internet. Alex's next major appearance in Ireland will be a concerto at the NCH on August 24<sup>th</sup> with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, which is part of his prize for winning the Freemason Competition. We shall also be able to hear him in Freemasons Hall again, as he has promised to give a cameo performance during the final of this year's Music Competition on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Macdara Ó Searadain**, the clarinetist, who was Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2010, and is presently performing all over Europe, will also be back in Ireland at the Concert Hall on July 24<sup>th</sup> where he will perform Debussy and Rossini with the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra. Both these young men epitomise the very high standard of our Music competition and should make us very proud!

## SUMMER LODGE 2012

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Lodge took place in the Grand Lodge Room, Molesworth Street on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July with 180 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 Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Eric Waller, Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey and Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley.

During the afternoon the Claret Jug and the Captain Alan Guest Trophy were presented. The Claret Jug is presented to a Lodge in the Metropolitan area that in the opinion of the Board has 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.

The Worshipful Master announced to the Brethren that the Lodge winning the Claret Jug for 2012 was Corinthian Commercial Lodge No. 245 and said that R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, the Deputy Grand Master would present the trophy to W.Bro. Daniel Stanford, the Master of Lodge 245. W.Bro. Stanford in accepting the Claret Jug on behalf of his Lodge from the Deputy Grand Master said that the driving force behind Lodge 245's achievement was the huge effort put in by his predecessor W.Bro. Trevor King in motivating the Brethren of the Lodge and he thanked W.Bro. King for his sterling work.

The Capt. Alan Guest Trophy commemorates the memory of Capt. Alan Guest, a Past Master of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and the founder of the Alan Guest Ritual Class now known as the

Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class. The Trophy is presented to the Metropolitan Lodge with the best attendance at the Craft Ritual Classes during the preceding year. This year the qualifying Lodge is Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and the W. Master said that the Assistant Grand Master would present the Trophy to W.Bro. Kenneth Ruddock of Lodge No. 730 in the unavoidable absence of the actual Master, W. Bro. Peadar O'Broin. W. Bro. Ruddock in accepting the award said he was very pleased to receive the Trophy on behalf of Lodge No. 730 and said that the Lodge would not be offended if another Metropolitan Lodge were to win the Trophy next year.

This year's guest speaker, W. Bro. Patrick Wilkins entertained the Brethren at some length with a dissertation on the origins and history of the "firing glass". Although firing glasses are not used in the Irish Masonic Constitution it seems that they originated in Continental Europe in the 1720 to 1730 period and found their way into use by the Scottish, York, Bristol and Sussex Rite Lodges prior to the founding of the United Grand Lodge of England. Most if not all English Lodges use firing glasses at their Festive Boards today.

Following the meeting the Brethren retired to partake of the complimentary refreshments.

The Metropolitan Board are indebted to the many Brethren from around the world that attend Summer Lodge and we look forward to seeing many more next year when the meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the earlier time of 2.30 p.m.** Don't say that you were not told in plenty of time.

## TYRONE & FERMANAGH P.G.M. MEETS H.M. THE QUEEN

Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh received a most joyous welcome to St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 for the Northern Ireland Celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

This was a momentous occasion as this was the first visit by a reigning Monarch in the 400 year history of the Cathedral and for the 700 congregation of clergy and visitors present considered it a privilege and an unforgettable experience to worship in the presence of an anointed Monarch.



*V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. Kenneth R J Hall with HM The Queen, following the Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral.*

The Service was conducted by V.W. Bro. The Very Rev. Kenneth R.J. Hall - Dean of Clogher and Rector of St. Macartin's, who has received world wide congratulations on his superb organisation.

The Sermon was preached by the Most Reverend Alan Harper O.B.E. Lord Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All of Ireland & Metropolitan.

After the Service, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh proceeded to St. Michael's Church where representatives from the community and various bodies were received by the Royal Party.

The photographs show the Queen being escorted to the Cathedral on her arrival by The Dean and then afterwards R.W. Bro. Harry Weir, Provincial Grand Master of Tyrone & Fermanagh (representing Masonic Charities) being presented to Her Majesty.

A DVD of the service is available from the Cathedral Office, Halls Lane, Enniskillen or R.W. Bro. H Weir can be contacted at [harry.weir1@btinternet.com](mailto:harry.weir1@btinternet.com).



*R.W. Bro. Harry Weir (representing Masonic Charities) being presented to H.M. The Queen*



## MLA HOSTS WATERFORD LODGE AT STORMONT, BELFAST

During May 2012, Ross Hussey, Past Master, Lodge No. 5 Waterford and a Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, very kindly entertained his Brethren from Waterford Lodges to lunch and a tour of the Assembly and Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast.

*Pictured (L-R): Bill Moore, Dermot Murray, George Dumitrescu, Ross Hussey, Sam McCrum and Colin Walker.*



## POLICE & FIRE GAMES



Northern Ireland is getting ready to host one of the largest multi-sporting events in the world which is expected to boost the local economy by at least £15 million.

From 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August next year (2013) the World Police and Fire Games (WPFPG) will attract 25,000 visitors from

over 70 countries to Belfast City and a variety of locations throughout Northern Ireland.

WPFPG President Mike Graham from San Diego explains, "With only 11 months to go this is an extremely exciting part of the Games process when we visit all the potential sports locations and give the green light for venues to enable them, in turn, to make preparations for next year. There are 65 sports to cater for which means involvement with approximately 35 locations. Whilst the majority will be in Belfast, the nature of some of the sports, such as the water based events, will take us to other sites in Northern Ireland."

Northern Ireland will be only the third European host in the Games history which was last held in New York in 2011. Commonly referred to as the "Olympics" for serving and retired police, fire, prison and border security officers, this biennial event consists of a wide range of individual and team sports including traditional sports such as athletics, soccer and boxing as well as others unique to the Services such as Ultimate Fire Fighter.

"The Federation is really delighted that Northern Ireland will be our next Games host. There is so much on offer here in terms of sports venues, leisure and tourism opportunities, infrastructure, quality accommodation and most of all a real passion and enthusiasm to welcome our 10,000 competitors and 15,000 supporting visitors from throughout the world. And whilst the sporting aspect of the Games is the focal part of the 10 day event they will also play a very important part in capacity building and community involvement which we hope will leave an enduring legacy of new skills and greater respect for the Services involved in the event long after the closing ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013."

Welcoming the Federation Directors, WPFPG 2013 Chair, Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie, said, "We are incredibly privileged to have

been chosen to host the 2013 World Police & Fire Games. This is just one of a number of very significant and special events happening in Northern Ireland in 2013. We look forward to welcoming colleagues and their families from across the globe and show casing the excellent facilities, attractions and hospitality that Northern Ireland is renowned for. It is our aim that these Games should be the friendliest ever, and they are an opportunity to put Northern Ireland on the map for all the right reasons, highlighting its enormous potential as an international location for major events and tourism."

Sports Minister Carál Ní Chuilín said: "The Games come at a time when the North is in the global spotlight. The MTV Awards, the recent Titanic centenary commemorations and the forthcoming Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann during Derry's City of Culture 2013, all showcase Ireland's immense talent and opportunity.

"I, along with my colleagues in the Executive, organisers and members of the various stakeholder organisations, am committed to the success of the 2013 Games. This visit reflects a growing sense of excitement and momentum.

"While sport is the focus, the World Police and Fire Games will also have significant benefits in terms of the economy and tourism."

To coincide with these games Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No.746 has recognised that with so many visitors, a reasonable percentage may be either members of The Order or have someone in their party who is a member. As Freemasons love to travel and experience new rituals and etiquette, so they appreciate that those coming to the Irish Constitution may wish to do just that.

Lodges generally do not sit over the summer period in Ireland, however this Lodge has experience of running large scale meetings and so they are organising a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 to cater specifically for the attendees of the Games, although they hope to have a large local turn out also.

Replicating the spirit of the Games, they are confident that the meeting will be an opportunity for new friendships to be created and possibly a few rekindled. It is their intention to try and let as many Brethren as possible be aware of the meeting and so please do not hesitate to forward this information to those you think appropriate.

The event will be ticket only and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Anyone wishing to attend should express an interest as soon as possible by contacting the Lodge Secretary. alan.c.kilpatrick@gmail.com

## UNITY MASONIC LODGE 531 MONEYMORE DONATES TO HELP FOR HEROES

Moneymore Masonic Lodge No. 531 held a Steak Barbeque to raise funds for charity, as they do each year. The well supported event raised £1,900 for the Help for Heroes, Service Charity.

The photograph shows the Brethren of the Lodge with Mr Neil Sommerville, Northern Ireland Organiser of Help for Heroes receiving the cheque for £1,900.





## NEWTOWNSTEWART 547 RAISES FUNDS FOR HORIZON WEST

A golf competition promoted by Newtownstewart Lodge No. 547 in aid of Horizon West, Killedeas Hospice, Co. Fermanagh, was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Newtownstewart Golf Club. The photograph shows the winners and organisers. Our Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Sam Gallagher, is in the photo at front second from left. One of the competition organisers, W.Bro. John Bimson, is beside him (one with beard and tie). Also included are Brothers Robert Canders (J.Warden) and Ossie Colhoun.

At the outset, the Lodge would like to thank those Lodges whose contributions along with donations from businesses proprietors and other individuals ensured that all the tee boxes were fully sponsored for the competition. We extend our grateful thanks to Newtownstewart Golf Club for the use of the course and facilities on the day. The excellent meals provided by the Chef, as part of the entry fee, were enjoyed by all.

Despite the inclement weather in the earlier part of the day, 24 teams including some from Lodges within the Province, battled for the fantastic array of prizes. The Golf Club, also along with Castle-rock Golf Club, donated a round of golf for 4, the recipients of which were delighted to have received. Two members of Pomroy Lodge 836, Cyril and Brian Monteith, were joined by Richard Glass and Ian Clements in bringing home the best score of the day to claim first prize.

Members of Newtownstewart 547, Mourne 823, Strabane and St. Johns 196 Londonderry, were included among the other prize winners. A successful day raised over £1,900 after expenses and a hefty donation of £600 from Lodge 547 brought the total up to £2,500.

The competition was organized by Lodge members W.Bros. John Bimson and Robin McCallan.

The proceeds will be forwarded to the Omagh Charity Committee and then on to the Horizon West Hospice.

The Worshipful Master, Sam Gallagher, of Lodge 547 would like to thank all who made the day so successful and special thanks to the two members of the "Friends of Horizon West" for their help in promoting the event.

During the prize presentation, W.Bro. R J McCallan 547, stressed the Charitable side of Freemasonry which members of the general public were mostly unaware of; reminding those in attendance of the contribution of £600,000.00 divided equally between the N.I. Childrens' Hospice Belfast, The Laura Lynn Children's Hospice, Dublin and the Samaritans, following the Grand Master's Appeal a few years ago. He thanked all present for their help in aiding Horizon West.



## THE BISHOP WELLAND JEWEL



W.Bro. Ian Frazer

The Jewel was presented to Bishop Welland who was the first Worshipful Master of Lodge of Hope No. 243, Province of Antrim.

Sadly the Lodge closed down some years ago, at the time when I was Secretary, and the Bishop Welland Jewel was presented to the final Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 243, namely, W.Bro. John Brook Smyth who was, at that time, a serving Officer in the Salvation Army. He retired to Scotland, but unfortunately he did not enjoy good health.

to and indeed my son was in the chair at the time. So my son was actually the first Worshipful Master of Lodge XL to wear the Bishop Welland Jewel.

It was to be worn at both Labour and Refreshment, but as Lodge XL didn't have a Festive Board as such, the only time it would see the light of day, would be at Labour or the Worshipful Master's dinner.

R.W.Bro. John L Frazer (P.P.A.G.M. Antrim)



A few years later I visited him at home in Scotland, where he told me that he had removed the Jewel from the bank and wanted to present it to me. I asked him not present it to me, but present it to the Worshipful Master of Lodge XL, a Lodge that I had affiliated