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Our New Grand Secretary – R.W.Bro. Barry Lyons

V.W. Bro. Daniel Barry Lyons was invested as R.W. Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge Communication on 2nd June 2005. Born and bred in Dublin, he is married with two daughters.

Bro. Lyons was initiated in Leinster Lodge No. 141, Dublin in 1989 and was Installed Worshipful Master in 1993. He is a member of Emerald Isle Lodge, No.19 and Past King of Royal Arch Chapter 728, Dublin. A passionate supporter of Irish rugby, he enjoys a wide range of music and sport and is an avid reader.

Barry is a History graduate of Trinity College Dublin and has a postgraduate Diploma from University College Dublin in Library and Information Studies.

Joining the Grand Lodge staff in 1987, he worked initially under the then

curator Charles Horton, on the much-needed revamp of the Library and Museum in preparation for the first public opening of Freemasons' Hall which coincided with the Dublin City Millennium celebrations of 1988.



In 1989, he joined the administrative side and trained, under the legendary V.W.Bro. Sydney H. Brown, a Masonic Institution in himself and the first ever Assistant Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Sydney's health began to decline and Barry gradually took on more responsibilities and in 1997 was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

His five years with the late Sydney fitted him well in dealing with the many administrative aspects of Grand Lodge working, as did his twelve years under the leadership of Michael Walker, who, during that

period has provided him with many opportunities to improve his practical knowledge and understanding of the Grand Secretary's role.

He has accompanied the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary at the Annual Tripartite meeting of the Home Constitutions on a number of occasions and has greatly improved his awareness of and relationship to the key aspects and personalities of Global Freemasonry.

Barry faces a reasonably tough challenge in emulating the undoubted skills of R.W. Bro. Walker who, in his time, experienced a similar situation by following the seemingly inimitable R.W. Bro. J. O. Harte. Each Past Grand Secretary has invariably and rightly applied his own particular style to the successful fulfillment of this most important office and we would expect no less of Barry.

The Grand Master and his Cabinet wish R.W. Bro. Lyons every success and have every confidence that he will prove worthy of the post.

Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Eric Fenelon M.B., F.R.C.S.I

Immediate Past Deputy Grand Master 1992 - 2002 – Died 4th August 2005

We were all greatly shocked to learn of the recent death of R.W. Bro. Eric Fenelon, the Immediate Past Deputy Grand Master.

Following a short illness he passed away peacefully at his home in the loving presence of his wife Sylvia and family. His remains were cremated at a private family service and a service of thanksgiving for his life and times is planned at a later date. Through this medium, I would extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in their sad loss and pray that God's presence may be ever near to comfort them in their grief.

Eric will be greatly missed, as he was indeed a very special person. His company was always interesting and enjoyable and he always had time for a word. My last meeting with Eric and Sylvia was at the Placido Domingo Concert in The Point Theatre where they both had a very enjoyable evening. He tired easily and was not up to attending the Grand Banquet held after the event, yet was most charitable in his support.

Two memories which impact on me most was his first chairmanship of a Grand Lodge Communication, held in

October 2001 at Newtownards, where he won the hearts of all and delivered a most successful and enjoyable meeting under circumstances which could have proved difficult and then his brilliant speech at the 275th Celebratory Dinner of Grand Lodge in the presence of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, HRH The Duke of Kent and a host of other important dignitaries. We were truly proud of him on those occasions.



R.W. Bro. Fenelon was Deputy Grand Master from 1992 to 2002, having previously served as Assistant Grand Master from 1989. He held the post of Honorary Past Grand High Priest at the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and was an Illustrious Brother of the 32nd Degree. He chaired the Freemasons' of Ireland Medical Research Fund and had recently ventured into a new and exciting kidney research project with University College Cork.

I was privileged to succeed him as Deputy Grand Master and greatly appreciate his guidance and kindness which has left me with fond memories of a very dear friend.

R.W. Bro. George Dunlop.

Hertford Masonic Lodge No. 54 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Hertford Lodge celebrated the 200th Anniversary of their Lodge with a most enjoyable Anniversary Communication and Dinner in Arthur Square Masonic Hall. The presence of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master and Mrs McKinley, along with wives and partners of the Brethren, added much lustre to the occasion. Provincial officers from Antrim and Down also attended as did a good representation of guests from neighbouring lodges.

The Working Agenda was kept to a minimum where the distinguished guests were welcomed and saluted. Bro. Tierney was delighted and privileged to be presented with his Master Mason's Certificate by the Deputy Grand Master - a memorable moment in his short Masonic career. The Lodge Secretary, W.Bro. Alastair Boyd did a wonderful job in conducting the business of the Lodge and an equally fine job with his other helpers, in organising a marvellous Anniversary Dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

The Deputy Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Stephen Glass for his stewardship of the Lodge in its 200th year and spoke highly of the contagious enthusiasm and love for the Order which the officers and members exuded. He informed the Brethren that their original Warrant



W.M. with the Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master.

was No. 947 dated 1804 which they exchanged for No. 54 in 1817. This Warrant is currently the 5th oldest working in Ireland (1736) and should remind them of the high standards set by their predecessors and of the legacy left to them, of which they now become guardians, just as their successors will inherit theirs.

An extract from the History of the Lodge reported on 23rd September 1868 in the Belfast Newsletter reads;

True Blue Masonic Lodge, No. 54.

A social meeting of the Brethren, with sweethearts and wives, was held in the Lodge-room, Donegall Place, on Monday, the 21st inst. - Bro. Lyons, P.M., in the chair. A Masonic hymn being sung, and tea having been partaken of, the tables were cleared and replenished. All glasses being charged, the charter toast of

Masons, "The Queen and the Craft", was given and received with all honours.

Bro. Hill, P.M., &c., was then presented with an address, accompanied with a splendid Westminster timepiece, as a token of the very high regard the Brethren of 54 have for him personally. Bro. Hill read a feeling and suitable reply. Bro. McCutcheon, W.M., was also presented with an address, along with a telescope and portrait of himself, for his zeal as W.M., and as a mark of the goodwill of the brethren.

After the reply, Bro. Kelly enlivened the meeting by performing a series of fantasias on the clarinet, on which instrument he excels. Bros. Shaw, Agnew, McClarnon; Brown, and Airey gave some excellent songs, readings, and recitations, pleasing and delighting everybody, "The Provincial Grand Lodge" and "Visiting Brethren" were responded to by Bros. McCalmont and Ireland. Bro. Ireland surpassed himself. There was not a flaw in the whole proceedings every man doing his duty; each trying to make the other happy, as becomes men and Masons.

Press reports of such occasions are now things of the past, nevertheless, the brethren can be proud to be Irish Freemasons and especially members of Hertford Lodge No. 54.

Like Father Like Son

This photograph represents what has been a long standing tradition in Gortin Masonic Lodge No. 994, of sons following their fathers into the Lodge.

There may not have been so many at the one time before, but looking through the history of Lodge members, there is a regular and consistent pattern of father and son being in the Lodge at the same time.

There is even the record of a father and three of his sons all being members at the same time, indeed the three sons (McFarlanes from Plumbridge) are still members of the Lodge.

The members in the photograph (fathers in the front row and sons directly behind) are as follows:- (L-R)

W.Bro. David Campbell and his son Bro. Richard Campbell; W.Bro. Ian Caldwell and his son Bro. Gareth Caldwell; W.Bro. Herbert Fleming and his son W.Bro. Malcolm Fleming; W.Bro. Jack Hunter and his son Bro.



Maurice Hunter; W.Bro. Norman Hempton and his son Bro. Raymond Hempton; W.Bro. Victor Laughlin and his son Bro. Noel Laughlin.

W.Bro. W I Hamilton, Secretary

CHARITY CORNER

Moneymore Masons present Cheque to Alzheimer's Society

On Tuesday 10th May 2005, Unity Masonic Lodge No. 531, Moneymore, presented a cheque for £800 to the Mid Ulster Branch of the Alzheimer's Society.

R.W.Bro. J A Graham, (PAGM Londonderry & Donegal) and Bro. Trevor Wilson, Chairman of Cookstown District Council and a member of the Lodge, were also present.

On behalf of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Boyce, presented the cheque to Mrs Moira Shaw, Treasurer of the Mid Ulster Branch.

In reply, Mrs Shaw thanked the Brethren of the Lodge for their generosity and stated that the money would go towards the funding of a recently appointed Outreach Worker for the Mid Ulster Area, Mrs Ellen Davidson, who was carrying out her first engagement in her new post.

(L-R) Charlie Wren (Treasurer Unity 531); George McCartney (Secty. Alzheimer's Mid-Ulster Branch); Ellen Davidson (Mid-Ulster Outreach Worker); Sandy Gibson (Alzheimer's Mid-Ulster Branch) and Eric McKee (Secty. Unity 531); W.Bro. J. Boyce W.M. and Mrs. Moira Shaw (Alzheimer's mid-Ulster branch).



547 Supports Heart & Stroke Foundation

On 16th April 2005, the W.M. of Newtown Stewart Masonic Lodge No. 547, W.Bro. J S Robinson, presented a cheque to Mr Albert Porter for £1,000 made out to the "Heart and Stroke Foundation", which was the W.M.'s chosen outreach charity for 2004.



The photograph shows (L-R) V.W.Bro. J O Lyons (Secty); Mr Albert Porter (Rep. Heart & Stroke Foundation); W.Bro. J S Robinson (I.P.M.) and W.Bro. L C J McCormick (Treas).

Freemasons to Support Medical Research Project at UCC

The Freemasons of Ireland Medical Research Fund has announced its support for a research project being undertaken by Professor Edward Johns of the Department of Physiology at UCC. The project is an investigation of how gene therapy may be used to slow the progression of chronic renal failure.

The support for this project follows on the Fund's assistance for a research project at the Belfast City Hospital into Cochlear implantation, particularly for children who were born profoundly deaf, but also involving adults suffering from acute deafness. The project received funding from the Freemasons for four and a half years until it reached completion recently.

The initiative at University College Cork is to investigate the mechanisms underlying the chronic renal failure. In this disease process, growth factors are stimulated inappropriately and as a result irreversibly damage kidney tissue. The project will use short interfering RNA (SiRNA) to block the expression of the gene for growth factor TGF-B to explore its potential as a therapeutic agent initially using animal models of chronic renal failure. Chronic renal failure is associated with obesity and diabetes type 2 that are increasing at an alarming rate in Ireland and most developed countries. The development of novel therapeutic approaches could slow the progression of the disease and thereby have a major health benefit.

CHARITY CORNER

Beneficiary Mothers' Lunch

A day out for the mothers of our boys and girls in education sponsored by the Boys & Girls Fund, was held in Grand Lodge on Saturday 7th May. 67 mothers turned up from the four corners of Ireland at 11:00 am. for coffee and a tour of Grand Lodge. Our thanks go to Bro. Morgan McCreehy for coming in to conduct the tour.

We were delighted to have the Grand Master and his wife Pam to host the lunch and address all present. The day was chaired by Richard Ensor, Vice-Chairman of the Boy's Fund.

After lunch we had the pleasure of being entertained by Zoe Kieran (a

name to remember) on the violin accompanied on the piano by Anthony Byrne. Zoe is studying at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. We wish her continued success.

Our thanks are also extended to Jenny and Janice for organising the day and to Jane, Fiona and Andy for being a welcoming face to our mothers and to Katherine and her staff for wining and dining us to perfection.

After a trip down Grafton Street we returned for afternoon tea before heading for home.



Zoe Kieran.

Thank you to the Members and their wives who were able to make it and help to host a most enjoyable day.

R.W.Bro. George F Ginnelly
(P.G.M. N. Connaught)

St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind

Ardmore Masonic Lodge No. 835, Saintfield, recently held a Charity Table Quiz in the Saintfield Sports Pavilion to raise funds for St. Dunstan's Home for the blind. Their efforts resulted in raising a magnificent sum of £700 for the charity.



The W.M. of Ardmore Masonic Lodge, W.Bro. Andrew McClenaghan and W.Bro. Charles McConaghy are seen here presenting a cheque for £700 to Moyra Meekins, a representative of St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind. Also in the picture are W.Bro. Sam McFarland (Secretary) and in the back row W.Bro. Thompson Wade; W.Bro. Raymond Reid (Treasurer) and Bro. Nigel McFarland.

W.Bro. S C McFarland (Secty.)

Londonderry Masonic Club Children's Christmas Party

On Wednesday 8th December 2004 the Londonderry Masonic Club held its first ever Children's Christmas Party in the Freemasons Hall, Bishop Street, Londonderry.

The event was organised by the Committee of the Londonderry Masonic Club, with the help of some co-opted Brethren. 66 children up to the age of 11 years accompanied by their parents, grand parents, aunts, uncles etc. attended. The evening was an overwhelming success

thanks in no small way to our entertainer "Mr. Majestic" who kept the kids (and adults alike) entertained for over 2 hours with his magic tricks and disco. Santa and his reindeers arrived through a blizzard of snow at 8.30 p.m. and every child received a small present. The Committee would like to thank all those who brought sandwiches and mince pies on the evening and assisted in other ways to help make this event worthwhile and very successful. Plans are already in place for 2005 and Santa has already agreed to visit us again on Wednesday 14th December 2005.

V. Wor. Bro. Sam Waterworth,
Secretary, Londonderry Masonic Club



Lodge Holds 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Shaw Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 769, Clough, Co. Antrim celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Saturday 19th February in the beautiful Masonic Hall at Clough, with a special Communication attended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Eric N Waller. He was accompanied by R.W.Bro. Adam J McKinley, Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim and R.W.Bro. J Noel Millar, Provincial Assistant Grand Master of Antrim.

This Lodge was Constituted in Clough in March 1955 and has continued to flourish ever since. One important highlight of the 50th Anniversary Communication was the presentation of a 50 Year Jewel and Certificate to the most senior member, W.Bro. James Munnis who had joined the Lodge shortly after its formation. W.Bro. Munnis is still an active member and seldom if ever misses a meeting. This point was commented



Shaw Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 796 Officers, with distinguished guests.

on by R.W.Bro. Millar who made the presentation to W.Bro. Munnis.

Following the Communication the Brethren retired to the R.L. Orr Banqueting Suite for Dinner. A beautiful Anniversary cake had been specially baked and W.Bro. Munnis did the honours by cutting same to thunderous applause.

The event continued with many entertaining and complimentary speeches by the distinguished Brethren and guests, all bringing best wishes for the next 50 years. The evening closed with the customary generous collection to the Benevolent Institutions.

W.Bro. Jim Lynch



W.Bro. James Munnis cuts the 50th Anniversary Cake assisted by M.W.Bro. Eric Waller, Grand Master. (L-R) R.W.Bro. Adam McKinley (PGM Antrim); W.Bro. James Munnis: The Grand Master; V.W.Bro. Hector Mackenzie (W.M.) and R.W.Bro. Noel Millar (PAGM Antrim).

Cappagh 350 Remembers Sam

Members of Cappagh Masonic Lodge No. 350 (Omagh) have unveiled a "portrait with poems" in memory of the late V.W.Bro. Sam Robinson.

Sam, who had been a father figure in the Lodge for many years, died just three months short of his 60th anniversary in the Order.

In that time he served as Director of Ceremonies, Secretary and Almoner and represented the Lodge with great distinction at Provincial Grand Lodge. His passing came as a great shock to all who knew him.



R.W.Bro. W J E Dukelow (Past P.G.M.) and W.Bro. Ray Wilson (W.M)

Hat-trick for Sure & Steadfast



Assistant, R.W.Bro. William J Dyer were also present at the Installation meeting to witness this rather unique occasion.

Pictured are: (front row) Bro. Ian Clotworthy (S.W.); W.Bro. Edward Clotworthy (W.M.) and Junior Warden Bro. Darryl Clotworthy. (back row) R.W.Bro. Adam J McKinley (P.G.M.); W.Bro. Harry Clotworthy and R.W.Bro. William Dyer (P.A.G.M.).

A very unusual situation arose at the Installation Communication of the Lodge which was held on Saturday 26th March 2005, in as much that the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden were the three sons of one of our Past Masters, W.Bro. Harry Clotworthy.

R.W.Bro. Adam J McKinley (P.G.M. Antrim) and his

Belfast Mason Honoured in Queensland

Pictured is W.Bro. Jack Ingram of Caloundra Masonic Lodge No. 387, Queensland, Australia, being presented with a 50 Year Jewel by V.W.Bro. Ross Stewart AGSW, a member of Queensland Grand Lodge.

W.Bro. Ingram joined Balmoral Masonic Lodge No. 527 in Belfast on the 6th February 1951 – unfortunately the Lodge Warrant has since been returned.

W.Bro. Ingram and his wife Nan emigrated to Caloundra in June 1988 where his daughter and son-in-law are living and on the 6th April 1993, W.Bro. Ingram was proposed for affiliation to Caloundra Lodge 387.

W.Bro. Derek D McCrudden (a long time friend and work colleague).



UNIQUE HAT-TRICK FOR DUNGANNON MASON

We like to consider W.Bro. Paul Newton as one of our own and he is in fact still a regular attendee at Lodge No. IX. The Installation meeting of Lodge Kyle No. 117 (S.C.) was held on the 4th December 2004 and was attended by five members from Dungannon, four of whom are pictured with W.Bro. Newton.

The second photograph shows W.Bro. Newton with the visiting Dungannon members and the Provincial Officers from the Province of Ross & Cromarty, from Somerset and visitors from Lodge Servavi in South Africa.

There can be few, if any, Irish Freemasons who have been members and Worshipful Master of different Lodges under the Irish, English and Scottish Constitutions and to mark



(L-R) W.Bro. Clive Smylie, PM Lodge IX; W.Bro. Tony Salt, PM Lodge 579; W.Bro. J P R Newton, WM Lodge Kyle 1117 (SC), PM Lodge IX (IC), PM St. Bernard's Lodge No. 5361 (EC); W.Bro. R B K McClean, PM Lodge IX; W.Bro. W Arnold, P.P.J.G. Deacon (PGL Tyrone & Fermanagh).

that achievement we have made a permanent record of W.Bro. Newton's labour, to be hung in our Lodge room.

W.Bro. R B K McClean - Secretary



W.Bro. Newton with visiting Brethren and dignitaries from the 3 Sister Constitutions and South Africa.

A family affair at Terence Masonic Lodge No. 575

Installation night at Park Road, Belfast on Thursday 13th January 2005 was a memorable occasion for all involved.

Lodge 575 was opened by V.W.Bro. Jack Hill, deputising as Worshipful Master for the evening. Installing

Officer was W.Bro. Bertie Hill and the Worshipful Master elect was their younger brother, Trevor Hill.

Senior Warden elect was Bro. Ivan Hill, son of the Worshipful Master elect. Also present was W.Bro. Michael Hill, son of the Installing Officer.

The newly installed Worshipful Master informed the Brethren that his Master Mason's degree had been conferred by the Installing Officer, his brother Bertie, in the same Lodge room – in 1967!!

W.Bro. Trevor McGaughey, Secty.



Bro. Ivan Hill; W.Bro. Bertie Hill; W.Bro. Trevor Hill; V.W.Bro. Jack Hill and W.Bro. Michael Hill.



W.Bro. Bertie Hill; W.Bro. Trevor Hill and V.W.Bro. Jack Hill.

Surely the Oldest Entered Apprentice!

In the October 2004 issue of Grand Lodge News, W.Bro. Leslie Cummings (Secretary of Desertmartin Lodge No. 396) informed us of Bro. William Young who had received his Entered Apprentice degree at the age of 76 years.



Now we are informed by V.W.Bro. Michael Lewis (Provincial Grand Secretary of India), of W.Bro. Ratan R Mody, the Ruling Master of Bombay Lodge No. 648 who was initiated on the 5th January 1996. Considering he was born on the 13th August 1918, that made him 77 Years 5 months at the time of his Initiation. He was Installed in the Eastern Chair on the 16th July 2004.

His interest in Freemasonry was piqued, when invited to photograph various functions of the Lodge, at the Festive Board and on outings.

In fact he is yet an active professional photographer, who was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Bombay Photographic Society, in 2004.

ARTICLES WANTED

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Anahilt Honours "Old Sea Salt"

W.Bro. Tom McCarthy started his apprenticeship with Musgrave & Company, beginning in the workshops and working his way through the Jig & Tool department, the Drawing Office and eventually assistant to the Production Engineer.

In 1951, he joined the Merchant Navy as an Engineer and well remembers his first ship, the Loreto - which sailed along the West Coast of South America, calling at ports in Peru, Chile, Equador, Columbia, and Panama... it was a hard life !!!

During the following years, he served on various ships, mostly around Africa, The USA and Canada. In 1954 he became a 2nd Engineer and four years later Chief Engineer.

In 1955 he was initiated into Anahilt True Blues Masonic Lodge 683 but, owing to his long periods at sea, had to wait until 1998 before obtaining the high honour of W.M.

In 1960, whilst serving on the Queen Mary as its Chief Engineer, he married his late wife Sally and later, changed from "deep sea" sailing in foreign waters, to the shallower waters of the Irish Sea, as the Chief Engineer on the Ferries between Larne and Stranraer. Tom, became a familiar sight onboard the ferry as, in full uniform, he would carry out his routine inspections each time they entered or departed



W.Bro. McCarthy is pictured here receiving his 50 Year Jewel & Certificate from R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray (P.A.G.M. Down) and the W.M., W.Bro. Ivan Bradford. W.Bro. W R Smyth looks on from the back.

harbour. Often, he would entertain travelling Masons with a guided tour or, if they were lucky - a glass of something!

He ended his nautical career as the Commodore Chief Engineer of Sea Link's UK Fleet, and was entrusted in sailing its new ferries from the builders dockyards to Larne and Stranraer.

In 1989 (after 38 years) he decided to retire from his seafaring in order to spend more time with Sally and his children. The Merchant Navy's loss became the Masonic Order's gain since, he was now able to attend and serve, his Lodge and Chapter more frequently. At labour we have all benefited from his knowledge and skills whereas, at the festive boards he is an excellent humorist with his jokes and sea stories.

Killybegs Celebrates Diamond Anniversary

The Brethren of Victory Masonic Lodge No. 522, Killybegs, honoured one of their long serving members when the Lodge Officers were Installed in the Masonic Hall, Donegal at the Januray Communication. The recipient of a "60 year bar" being W.Bro. James Henderson.

Despite his advancing years, W.Bro. Henderson still plays an active role in Freemasonry and continues to pursue his life long hobbies, not as an operative Mason, but as an operative woodworker and also vintage car enthusiast.

All of the Brethren present extended congratulations and good wishes to W.Bro. Henderson on achieving the milestone of the Diamond Anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry.



Included in the photograph (R-L) V.W.Bro. W J Irwin; V.W.Bro. Alan Given; W.Bro. James Deane (Secty); W.Bro. James Henderson (recipient); W.Bro. Blaine Young (WM); W.Bro. Thomas Cunningham (Treas) and W.Bro. John Dobbyn.

V.W.Bro. Jackie Irwin