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THE LATE LORD DONEGALL, PAST GRAND MASTER

It is with deep sorrow and great regret that we learned of the passing of our much loved and respected Past Grand Master **THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUESS OF DONEGALL L.V.O.**

Lord Templemore, as he then was, joined the Masonic Order in 1953 shortly after succeeding to the title on the death of his father. He was initiated in Priory Lodge No. 241 (old) in New Ross, Co. Wexford and became Worshipful Master in 1961. When that Lodge had to return its Warrant, he joined Meridian Lodge No. 12, and later still Royal Shamrock Lodge No. 32, Waterford.

In 1965 he was appointed Provincial Deputy Grand Master of the Province of the South Eastern Counties; and in 1968 he succeeded R.W. Bro. Robert Milne as Provincial Grand Master until his Installation as M.W. Grand Master in December 1981. He served the Office of Grand Master for 11 years with considerable distinction. Amongst the many honours accorded to him was being asked to be Senior Grand



Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England for the years 1982 and 1983. He was also made an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of

Scotland – the only other, at that time, being H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of England.

In 1975 Lord Templemore became the 7th Marquess of Donegall on the death of his cousin; and, on reaching his 70th birthday, retired from the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms as one of its Senior Officers. For this service to the Crown he was invested with the L.V.O.

Over the years, Lord Donegall advanced through the successive branches of the Order and the Most Excellent Grand King was pleased to confer upon him the honour and dignity of Past Grand High Priest in 1983.

Dermot Richard Claude Chichester, 7th Marquess of Donegall, was born on the 18th April 1916 and passed away on the 19th April, 2007. He is succeeded by his son Patrick, Earl of Belfast.

In the words of his friend who gave the address at his funeral, "We were all the richer for having known him; and the poorer for now having lost him".

OBITUARY

R.W. Bro. John F Wood Past Provincial Grand Master of Meath

R.W. Bro. John F Wood aged 83, passed away on 20th February 2007 at his home in Oldcastle, Co. Meath. R.W. Bro. Wood was born in June 1923 to Fredrick and Alice Wood in Newcastle House, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

R.W. Bro. Wood joined Loughcrew Masonic Lodge No. 252 on 14th June 1949, passed to Fellowcraft on 11th October 1949, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 8th Nov. 1949. He was Worshipful Master for Lodge No. 252 in 1958 and again in 1999. He also served as Secretary from 1983 to 1992. R.W. Bro. John Wood was instrumental in the rebuilding of the Lodge when it was maliciously burned in 1957.

R.W. Bro. Wood served as Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Meath from June 1990 to June 2000. In June 2000 he was appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master as the Provincial Grand Master of Meath. He held this post until ill health forced him to retire in March 2005. R.W. Bro. John F Wood's funeral was held in St. Bride's Church, Oldcastle, on 25th of February 2007 and he was interred in Loughcrew Cemetery.

R.W. Bro. William McCoy retires



R.W. Bro. William McCoy retires after 21 years as Secretary of the Banbridge Craft and Royal Arch Chapter Inspection Committees.

Pictured at the Celebration Supper are:- M.E. Comp. Kenneth Abernethy, District Grand King (Down); R.W. Bro. William McCoy and R.W. Bro. Rodney McCurley, Provincial Assistant Grand Master (Down).

Grand Master's Address – 7th June 2007

Brethren, since my last address at our very successful March Communication in Enniskillen, I have visited nine lodges, three European Grand Lodges, a Provincial Grand Lodge of the English Constitution, attended an International Conference on the History of Freemasonry and performed the Ceremony of Laying a Foundation Stone.

Most of my visits were prompted by the desire to celebrate Lodge centenaries and other landmarks as well as to honour Brethren who had reached their 50th year as members of the Order and a few who had served much longer. Some visits were truly exceptional such as to Lodge No. 40 where V.W.Bro. Harry Corscadden, just like V.W. Bro. Cyril Quigley, reached his 100th birthday and 75 years membership and is still an active member. I was pleased to confer on him the office of Past Honorary Grand Master's Standard Bearer which he was delighted to receive.

Similarly, at King David's Lodge No. 820, I presented R.W. Bro. Harold Ross with his 50th jewel and certificate and was pleased to see him installed in the chair of Worshipful Master for the second time. Harold's determination and resilience to fight his obvious physical limitations is admirable. He, as per his style, sent a letter of apology for his absence today – a true gentleman at all times!

Glittering Star – The Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters Lodge No. 322, meeting in Birmingham was an exceptional visit, where I was invited to open the Lodge and conduct the business. The Brethren were really surprised by this and most especially the English Brethren, who, like me, had never witnessed this before. It was indeed a wonderful meeting and refreshment board as I was accompanied by R.W.Bro. John Rowden, our Grand Organist, a member of 322 and W. Bro. Derek Brennan, who proved to be a valuable 'Aide-de-Camp'.

In all these Lodge visits, I found marvellous examples of Brotherly love and social pleasure which seemed to add a special ingredient towards securing a better future for our Lodges and our Order.



EUROPEAN GRAND LODGES

The Grand Secretary and I attended the Grand Lodge of Spain, which was celebrating 25 years since its reconstitution, following the demise of General Franco's government. A most elaborate celebration was held in a magnificent building in the beautiful city of Barcelona where we mixed with local dignitaries and proudly wore our Masonic regalia. The food was delicious and the panoply was breathtaking.

We next visited Finland and I am so pleased that the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Arto Uusitalo, Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. Antii Uski and their wives are with us today. Again, the city of Helsinki is truly beautiful where the depth of European history is so meaningful and apparent.

We were treated extremely well even though language was a problem but we were most fortunate in having a guide and mentor in the past Grand Secretary who kept us right. I was presented with a special medal which is the highest honour bestowed by the Grand Lodge of Finland and I am proud to wear it today in the presence of the Grand Master of Finland.

What can I say about Rome? The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Fabio Venzi treated my Deputy and I so well, I doubt that we can ever match his generosity and kindness. It was a wonderful trip, superb meeting and excellent food and festivities.

BLACKPOOL

I fulfilled an invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, the largest province in

the English Constitution. I asked R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson to accompany me and we thoroughly enjoyed the meeting where almost 1500 brethren were present. It was a wonderful occasion and I renewed old acquaintances, met some Irish Brethren and played golf at Royal Lytham St. Anne's

CONFERENCE

A major Conference on the History of Freemasonry was held in Edinburgh and attended by myself along with the Pro Grand Master of U.G.L.E. and the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Many papers, which had particular significance for specific interests, were presented during three days by both Masons and non-Masons.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE

On 11th April, I performed the Ceremony of Laying the Foundation Stone in Ballintoy, with the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, following a similar ceremony at Portrush earlier in the year. We look forward to the official opening of both halls and wish the Brethren every success for the future.

LOOKING TO FUTURE EVENTS

You will have read in the Grand Lodge News of the very positive public relations we gained from the participation of Events GLI in the Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition.

I am most grateful to our Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Eric Waller, who, with Mrs Waller, represented me at a Gala Banquet in Dublin Castle, at the President's Reception and at the National Concert Hall.

The Chairman of the Competition, in addressing the full-house audience, including the President, gave great praise to our Order for our contribution to this premier event which was generously acknowledged by all. I congratulate the Operations Management Team of Events GLI and staff from Freemasons' Hall, whose dedication and commitment ensured such a successful outcome.

Events GLI will again co-operate with the Veronica Dunne International Competition, (including RTE Lyric FM), by bringing the international

winner of the competition for their first re-appearance in Ireland, to the National Concert Hall on Saturday September 22nd.

The concert is called 'The Joy of Music' and the music will cover a full spectrum from Irish traditional songs to a staged and costumed performance of Act 1 of Donizetti's comic opera 'The Elixir of Love'.

It is not a serious evening and the audience will be encouraged to sit back and enjoy themselves. The competition winners will be joined by international Irish stars such as Finghin and Dearbhla Collins at the piano, baritone Simon Morgan, and Irish-American tenor Paul Austin Kelly. It will all be accompanied by the RTE Concert Orchestra conducted by Laurent Wagner.

The tickets are €40 for anywhere in the National Concert Hall, except the Choir Balcony which is €20 and they can only be obtained from the Concert Hall, either in person, on the web or by telephone. The success of these public events, in promoting our image, depends on a mixed audience of both the general public

and members of our Order from all of its branches. I hope that you will give your full support to what, I am certain, will be a very impressive and very entertaining evening.

Finally, I would thank all the Provincial Grand Masters for their effective oversight of their districts and look forward to developing meaningful strategies for growth and consolidation.

I especially thank our outgoing Provincial Grand Master of South East, R.W.Bro. Arthur Keppel for his successful stewardship of that area and wish him health and happiness in the days to come. I welcome R.W.Bro. Tom McBain and look forward to working with him in his new and important position.

Lastly, I would especially thank my Deputy, my Assistant and the Grand Secretary for all the day to day work they do and all other officers and administrators for the ongoing support which I receive.

Thank you Brethren - I wish you well!

*M.W.Bro. George Dunlop,
Grand Master*

MASONIC REGALIA DONATED TO GHANAIAN LODGES



Included in the photograph are (L-R): V.W.Bro. Osei-Asante (retiring Pro. Grand Sec.), R.W.Bro. Herman Mould, V.W.Bro. Kwesi Ackah and R.W.Bro. John Atta-Quayson.

A special reception was held in Accra, Ghana on Sunday 28th August 2005 to mark the handing over of the first instalment of Masonic Regalia, donated to Ghanaian Lodges of the Irish Constitution by Lodges and Chapters in Northern Ireland.

The donors, who had all surrendered their Warrants, included Lodges 29, 542, 558, amongst others, and Chapters 274 (St Georges) and 423 (Claremont). Those taking part in the handover ceremony were the new Provincial Grand Master in Ghana, R.W.Bro. John Atta-Quayson, the retiring P.G.M. R.W.Bro. Herman Mould, and representing the Northern Ireland Lodges, V.W.Bro Kwesi Ackah.

WHAT A CELEBRATION!

On the 20th April 2007, R.W.Bro. Gordon V Bradshaw celebrated 50 years of Masonic Service. He joined St. George Masonic Lodge No. 267 in Lisburn on the 19th April 1957. The Provincial Grand Master of Antrim R.W.Bro. John Dunlop presented R.W.Bro. Bradshaw with his 50 year jewel and Certificate and he outlined R.W.Bro. Bradshaw's outstanding Masonic career.

Tributes were paid by the Provincial Grand Master of Londerry and Donegal, the Deputy Grand Master of Antrim and many other distinguished Brethren. The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Griffiths presented R.W.Bro. Bradshaw with a small gift on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge and R.W.Bro. Bradshaw thanked the Worshipful Master and the ninety Brethren present for their kind remarks and for the jewel, Certificate and gift.



50 year jewel presentation – W.Bro. D Griffiths and R.W.Bro. G V Bradshaw and some of his friends, who attended the meeting.

ARTICLES FOR GRAND LODGE NEWS

The editorial team will be glad to receive interesting articles regarding functions / special anniversaries / letters etc. We would ask that the "kiss" principle is recognised – "keep it simple and short" – and forward your articles (supported by a photograph or image) to:

The Editorial Team, Grand Lodge News, c/o 115 The Mount, BELFAST BT5 4ND or by e-mail to: w.clarke@5hoots15.freemasonry.co.uk



GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL 2008



The Grand Master has announced that he intends to hold a Festival for Charity in the year 2008. He has appointed R.W.Bro. Richard Ensor to Chair the Festival Committee with R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley as Chairman of the Northern Provinces and R.W.Bro. Basil Fenton as Chairman of the Southern Provinces. At the March Communication of Grand Lodge, he announced that it was intended to assist three Charities from the proceeds of the Festival with the emphasis being directed towards the younger members of society and their families.

The three Charities chosen are The Samaritans, The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and The Laura Lynn Children's Hospice Foundation.

THE SAMARITANS

The Samaritans is an All-Ireland Organisation operating from twenty branches throughout the Country and has some 1,700 volunteers. They are available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair. Their Vision is for a society where fewer people take their own lives, a society where people are able to talk about their feelings openly and are able to respect the feelings of others. Suicide is extremely prevalent in young people aged between 19 and 25 and indeed the number of people who die as a result of suicide outnumber the deaths on our roads!

NORTHERN IRELAND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice is situated in Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim and provides respite care and end of life care to terminally ill children. The hospice has 10 Bedrooms and facilities for family members to stay with their loved ones. They care for 300 families per year with a life-limited child, in the Children's Hospice or in the child's own home. It costs approximately £1.5m per year to run the Children's

Hospice service and they do not receive any ongoing funding from the government, being totally dependent on voluntary contributions.

LAURA LYNN CHILDREN'S HOSPICE FOUNDATION

The 'Laura Lynn Children's Hospice' Foundation was set up in 2001 as a result of an enormous personal tragedy in the lives of Jane and Brendan McKenna which saw them lose both of their precious daughters Laura and Lynn in the space of just two years. The aim of the Foundation is to provide respite for the family as a whole. It is about putting 'Life into a child's day, not days into a child's life'. For parents, it will give that much needed break – often as simple as a decent night's sleep. It will also support healthy siblings, who are very much left out, when a sick child needs 24 hour care. They have teamed up with the Children's Sunshine Home to provide the first hospice for children in Southern Ireland at Sandyford, Co. Dublin.

To co-ordinate the activities two committees have been constituted, one in the South and one in the North. All Lodges will receive correspondence from their appropriate committee during the early part of the autumn session giving further details on the Festival.

The Festival committee in conjunction with the Provincial Grand Masters propose to produce a calendar in each Province in 2008 for 2009. The style of the calendar, with photographs of various parts of Ireland, will be the same, with each Province seeking sponsorship for each month of their calendar. This will produce funds both from sponsorship and the sales of the calendars to our members and friends.

The good news, Brethren, is that we have hit the ground running and have already banked in excess of €10,000.

The members of the committees are as shown below.

We look forward to working with every lodge to make the Festival a big success.

Southern Committee, Chairman Basil Fenton

Province	Representative
Metropolitan	Kevin Spring, Ken Broughall
Wicklow Wexford	Rob Millard, Henry Irvine
Munster	Malcolm Tyrrell, Michael Keohane
North Connacht	David Williams, Jim Staunton
Midland Counties	Andrew Devlin, Douglas Hughes
North Munster	Tom Peirce, Wayne Jones
South Connacht	John Symes, Joe McNamars
South Eastern	Andrew Coughlan, George Kidd
Meath	Patrick Masterson, Kenneth Magee

Northern Committee, Chairman Rodney McCurley

Position/Province	Representative
Treasurer	Neil Coey
Secretary	Edward McGookin
Antrim	Ivor McElpatrick, Reggie Maguire, David Penpranze
Armagh	Sidney Conn
Down	Robert Campbell, Kenny Hassan, Brian Forsythe
Londonderry & Donegal	Noel Drain
Tyrone & Fermanagh	Bill Dixon, Derek McCrudden, Willie Grey

A DOUBLE HAT-TRICK!



R.W.Bro. Capt. Dara E Driver, (PPAGM of Ireland in India) holds a rather unique record of not only 1 hat-trick but 2 hat-tricks, as follows:-

In the Craft, he has been Past Master in the following Lodges: Lodge Nowroze Wadia No. 814 I.C.; Lodge Rising Sun No. 506 S.C.; The Haig-Brown Lodge No. 3829 E.C.

While in the Royal Arch he has held the office of 1st Principal (Ex. King) in the following: R.A.C. Rodgers Memorial No. 567 I.C.; R.A.C. Zoroaster No. 138 S.C.; R.A.C. Haig-Brown No. 3829 E.C.

R.W.Bro. Driver is also a member of other parts of The Order and has still had time to write a number of articles regarding Freemasonry and 2 books – *Freemasonry* and *Beyond The Craft* – copies of which he has kindly donated to Lodge 200, The Lodge of Research.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



March 7th 2007 witnessed a most unusual if not unique event in the history of Irish Freemasonry. On that night the W. Master of Unity Lodge No. 443 celebrated 50 years of service in Irish Freemasonry - that is in itself not unusual but still remarkable - it was the gathering of dignitaries attending to join the W. Master in celebrating this landmark event that was outstanding.

The Brother honoured, was R.W.Bro. Samuel Gordon Leathem B.E.M. This was a rare occasion indeed, when the titular heads of the 6 branches of Irish Freemasonry were assembled at craft level to honour a sitting W.M. The event was also attended by numerous Grand Lodge Officers,

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and visitors from 22 Lodges.

The W.M. was presented with a 50 year jewel and an illuminated address along with a 50 year certificate by the M.W. Grand Master (M.W.Bro. George Dunlop) on behalf of the Lodge and a mounted gavel by the District Grand King of Down (M.E.C. Kenneth Abernethy).

The Communication was followed by a Festive Board to honour the visit to Unity Lodge No. 443 of the M.W. Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop. The W. Master (R.W.Bro. S G Leathem) presented each of the 6 titular heads with a personalised gavel to mark the event and as a mark of his esteem for the aforesaid individuals.

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
W.Bro. Cecil Finlay (100 years)	75	Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No. 746	Down
W. Bro Charles J Smyth (95 years)	70	Triune Masonic Lodge No. 333	North Munster
R.W.Bro. Alex McClernon	70	Chatham Hall Masonic Lodge No. 152	Antrim
W.Bro. Denis J Harrison	60	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
W.Bro. James F Whiteford	60	Abbeyleix Masonic Lodge No. 402	Midland Counties
W.Bro. Hugh Corbett	60	Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 170	Down
W.Bro. Cecil Benn	50	Antient Boyne No. 84	Munster
W.Bro. John Ross	50	Antiquity & Integrity Masonic Lodge No. 80	Down
Bro. Wills Bailie	50	Antiquity & Integrity Masonic Lodge No. 80	Down
W.Bro. Robert John Blaine	50	Dundonald Masonic Lodge No. 303	Down
W.Bro. Eric Hewitt	50	Victoria Unity Masonic Lodge No. 296	Down
W.Bro. Samuel McMeekin	50	Victoria Unity Masonic Lodge No. 296	Down
W.Bro. Robert Somerville	50	Victoria Unity Masonic Lodge No. 296	Down
W.Bro. D L McAvoy	50	Seagoe Masonic Lodge No. 851	Armagh
R.W.Bro. James McKinney	50	Seagoe Masonic Lodge No. 851	Armagh
W.Bro. Willie Johnston	50	Cargyreevy True Blues No. 606	Down
W.Bro. Jim Wallace	50	Cargyreevy True Blues No. 606	Down
W.Bro. William T Feherty	50	Bangor Union Masonic Lodge No. 746	Down

CHARITY CORNER

FREEMASONS' CENTRE WELCOMES DELEGATES AT NATIONAL ACTIVE RETIREMENT CONFERENCE

The Freemasons' Centre in Gorey threw open its doors for delegates attending the Active Retirement National Conference.

Sidney Stephens, Secretary of the local Lodge explained that the Freemasons' Centre on the Avenue was chosen due to its historical interest and its proximity to the Conference.

Douglas Grey, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, explained that the event was part of the Freemasons' philosophy of being part of society, rather than being apart from society.

'A lot of our work is charitable work both within and outside the Order. In the past we have assisted the Arthritis Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association and Cochlear Implants for Children, as well as ongoing medical research.'

'In 2008 we have another Grand Master's Festival and the emphasis will be on youth. The organisations we will support will be the Samaritans, the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and the Laura Lynn Foundation. It is hoped that all Lodges will raise funds for these causes. In the past, around €400,000 was raised for the Arthritis Foundation, while €500,000 was raised for the Alzheimer's Societies.



(L-R) Bernard Crosbie (Mayor); Kevin Molloy (Chairman, Active Retirement); Harvey Heavener (Provincial Grand Master); Basil Shannon (Gorey Chairman); Douglas Grey (Deputy Grand Master) and Brian Judd (CEO, Active Retirement).

It was pointed out that the County Wexford branch of the Alzheimer's Association started in the Gorey Lodge. 'Our policy is to let people see we don't have our heads in the sand' said Sidney Stephens. 'We hope we are a help to the community.'

Harvey Heavener, Provincial Grand Master, pointed out that his Lodge in Arklow joined forces with the RNLI for their collection day last year. It was also pointed out that the Order had

absolutely no involvement in religion or politics. The fraternal society has around 35,000 members in Ireland, around 7,000 of whom are in the Republic. There are 555 Lodges in total in Ireland, with others throughout the world.

During the open day, Brian Judd, Chief Executive of Active Retirement Ireland made a presentation to the Freemasons to mark the occasion.

Extract from The Guardian

Ardmore Lodge No. 835 donates to Motor Neuron Disease Association



A Table Quiz was held by the Brethren of Ardmore Masonic Lodge in Saintfield Sports Pavilion on 27th April 2007. Their efforts managed to raise £1,410 which was presented to the Motor Neuron Disease Association.

Pictured, is the W. Master of Ardmore Masonic Lodge No. 835, W.Bro. Sam McFarland presenting a cheque for £1,410 to Mr Stephen Thompson (a representative of the Association) along with Brethren of the Lodge, W.Bro. R S McClenaghan, W.Bro. R Reid (Treasurer), W.Bro. G Lutton, W.Bro. H A T Wade and W.Bro. J Stephenson.

W.Bro. R J S McFarland (Secretary)

CHARITY CORNER

Serviamus Shoots for Charity



On Saturday 12th May 2007, Serviamus Lodge No. 524 from Hollywood mobilised to Ballykinler Army Training Centre in County Down. Our mission: to destroy as many clay pigeons as possible in a day; raise some money for our widows fund; eat as many burgers and hot dogs as we could and to have a load of fun!

Ballykinler's extensive military training complex comprises rifle ranges and a superb clay pigeon shooting ground with state of the art electronically controlled traps for almost all disciplines. We ran simple 'Down The Line' shooting (which suited most of us!), while some of our more experienced shooters chose to

have 'birds' coming from in front, behind and across them!

Everyone had some success, some more than others and beginners luck seemed to favour a few and abandon others, but all attending Brethren and guests had a great day and it certainly helped our widow's fund. The rain stayed away, well at least until clear-up time! In fact, we had so much fun we are planning another one later in the summer! On the day we raised, net of expenses, £180 for our widows.

Grateful thanks are owed to W.Bro. Rick Donnelly and Bro. Joe Riley for making all the arrangements to W.Bro. Tom Walker and his staff for all their help and support.

W.Bro. Martyn Boyd W.M.

Gibraltar Masonic Institute – 50th Anniversary



The accompanying photograph shows the Brethren attending the recent 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Gibraltar Masonic Institute's Temple. The many Brethren present represented all the Sister Constitutions – Irish, English and Scottish and indeed other Masonic Bodies such as RAC; Mark Master Masons and Council of Knight Masons, all in full regalia.

V.W.Bro. John Bugeja

Clogher Lodge No. 451 supports Medical Charities



The photograph shows W.Bro. Tony Thompson presenting a cheque for £250 to Nurse Claire Millar for the Nurses Training Fund, Belfast City Hospital. Unfortunately, W.Bro. Thompson is a patient in the City Hospital and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Money was also raised at the Annual Clogher Masonic Hall Committee BBQ and a donation was made to the Motor Neurone Disease Fund.

Action Cancer receives donation from Lodge No. 124



Immediate Past Master W.Bro. Thomas Hanna and W.Bro. Tom Murdock Lodge Almoner of Star of the County Down Lodge of Installed Master No. 124, present a cheque for £400 to representatives of Action Cancer, in memory of W.Bro. Jim Baillie.

100th BIRTHDAY

Lodge XL Concord Lodge held a regular Communication at Malone Golf Club (by kind permission of the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop) to celebrate W.Bro. Harry Corscadden's 100th birthday.

The invited guests included M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, Grand Master and R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim. W.Bro. H Corscadden joined Masonry in Ballymoney Lodge No. 330 and by coincidence that is the Lodge of R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim who had, through the Lodge Secretary of Lodge No. 330, obtained the details of W.Bro. Harry Corscadden's first steps in Masonry. M.W.Bro. George Dunlop took the opportunity to announce a Grand Lodge appointment for W.Bro. Harry Corscadden as Honorary Past Grand Master's Standard Bearer. A further coincidence is that the last Initiate of Lodge No. XL was also named Corscadden (Barry) please note the difference spelling and no relation.



Seated left to right: The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop; W.Bro. Harry Corscadden the 'centurion'; R.W.Bro. J S Dunlop Provincial Grand Master of Antrim. Standing left to right: W.Bro. Roy Graham, Senior Deacon; Bro. David Rainey, Senior Warden; W.Bro. G Taylor- Winter, Worshipful Master; R.W.Bro. John Frazer, Junior Warden (Acting) and W.Bro. Peter Johnston, Junior Deacon (Acting).

The Lodge also expresses their thanks to the members and Council of Malone Golf Club for the very fine facilities afforded to Lodge XL for this special occasion.

R.W.Bro. John L Frazer (PAGM Antrim).

Grand Master Inspires New Worshipful Master of Leslie J Thompson Lodge No. 61

The Grand Master has been complimented for his leadership, in the form of a tribute from W.Bro. Ken Moore, the newly Installed Master of Lodge 61, when he told the Brethren that apt words from the Grand Master had encouraged him to take a deeper interest in Freemasonry.

The words of wisdom were delivered a few years ago when M.W.Bro. Dunlop, then Deputy Grand Master, attended the Lodge as the distinguished guest and said: "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, earnest in work, concern for the unfortunate, resistance towards evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent and love for God and our neighbour. Freemasonry is many things but, above all, Freemasonry is a way of life." This chance meeting with the Grand Master certainly produced the right

effect on W.Bro. Moore as he was word perfect when reciting the installing of his Officers. The W. Master, as well as taking a keen interest in the history of Freemasonry, has introduced his son, Chris, into the order, who now holds the office of Senior Warden. Guest of honour was R.W.Bro. Richard Gray, Provincial Asst. Grand Master of Down and the out-going Master, W.Bro. Denis McKnight, was equally pleased to welcome two distinguished Brethren from Mother Kilwinning No. 0 to the dais, namely; R.W.Bro. David Wilson, Provincial Grand Master of Kilwinning and his Deputy, R.W.Bro. Norman Waterson. There was a special surprise for W.Bro. Cyril Osborne, a special guest of W.Bro. Moore, when W.Bro. Neil Ritchie sang the 1950's hit 'Nobody's Child' which he sang at Bro. Osborne's wedding 50 years previous.

ARMAGH MASON IN KOREA

Based inside the Seoul Club under the Shadow of Seoul Tower, I attended one of the July communications held by Han Yang Masonic Lodge No. 1048 which is under the Scottish Constitution. This Lodge is the oldest in Korea having been founded in 1908 and hold their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of every month throughout the year and count as one of its most famous Past Members, The Last Crown Prince of Korea.



It was an enjoyable occasion with almost all members present at the Lodge for a regular meeting which ended with us going to the home of a member who was departing South Korea for the United States. The members were extremely kind to me and presented me with a Korean pin badge emblazed with the Masonic Square & Compasses which I will treasure as a memory of my time in the East. The Lodge also runs regular events for its members on weekends throughout the year and has a strong emphasis on harmony. For anyone who finds themselves in Korea in general or Seoul in particular, I recommend a visit or at least have a look at their web site:

www.hanyang-masons.org