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DECEMBER 2005



Cheque presentations in Belfast.



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Children in Need BBC N.I.



Meningitis Research Foundation.



N.I. Chest, Heart & Stroke Ass.



St. Vincent de Paul N.I.



Ulster Cancer Foundation.

Charities On Song For €50,000 Boost From Grand Lodge

An evening of musical magic which was hailed as one of the social events of the year has boosted the coffers of several charities... to the tune of €50,000.

The donations arise from a gala performance by the legendary Plácido Domingo and promoted in association with Grand Lodge at the Point Theatre in Dublin earlier this year in aid of 10 Irish charities.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Eric Waller, hosted separate receptions in Dublin and Belfast at which cheques for €5,000 were presented to each of the charities.

Representatives of the Irish Red Cross, Marie Keating Foundation, Irish Autism Action, Irish Cancer Society and Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children attended the Dublin reception in the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street.

The Belfast reception in the Provincial Masonic Hall, Rosemary Street, was attended by representatives of the Ulster Cancer Foundation, Meningitis Research Foundation, Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association, Children in Need Northern Ireland and St. Vincent de Paul Northern Ireland.

The Grand Master said: "The concert successfully served its dual purpose of raising the social profile of Freemasons in Ireland while at the same time providing much-needed funds for such worthy causes."

He spoke at both gatherings of Freemasonry's ethos of relief for all types of charitable causes and told the guests: "Not a week passes that some Lodge does not produce money for some charity.

"Far from being an inward-looking, incestuous organisation, the opposite is the case.

"It displays high standards of truth and integrity in all its dealings with people.

"Freemasonry makes good men better.

"It has made a huge impact on my life during my 45 years as a member."

Pointing out that Irish Freemasonry was at least 500 years old, he added: "With the possible exception of the Churches, it must be one of the oldest organisations in Ireland.

"Despite the myths and misconceptions, it could not have survived for so long if it were not a force for good in society."

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. George Dunlop - managing director of Events GLI Ltd., which promotes concerts on behalf of Grand Lodge and donates all its profits to charity - attended both functions.

The Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. William Mawhinney, the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, R.W. Bro. Adam McKinley, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John Dunlop, attended the Belfast reception.

W. Bro. Trevor Hanna PR Consultant



Irish Autism Action.



Irish Cancer Society.



Irish Red Cross.



I.S.P.C.C.



Marie Keating Foundation.

Record Entry For Masonic Millennium Golf Cup

A record entry of 250 players competed in the sixth annual Grand Master's Millennium Cup competition organised by the Freemasons of Ireland Golfing Society at the Killymoon Club, Cookstown

The competition continues to attract growing numbers of Masons, visitors and ladies from Ireland and Scotland who enjoy a superb day of golf competing for a magnificent array of valuable prizes worth approximately £5,000 generously donated by sponsors.

The overall winner was Paul McAuley, of Cavehill Lodge No. 751 (Province of Antrim), with 44 points.

Taylor Kilpatrick carried off the non-Masonic title with 39 points and the ladies' trophy was won by May Baxter, who scored 32 points.

The prizes were presented by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Dunlop during a superb



Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Dunlop presents Paul McAuley, of Cavehill Lodge No. 751, (44 points) with the Grand Master's Millennium Cup.



Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. William Mawhinney, (centre) with (left to right) Cecil and Carol Burns, Vivienne McAloney and B.J. Beck, from Race Against Multiple Sclerosis, who were presented with a donation of £2,500.

Grand Master's Millennium Cup Committee Members

R.W.Bro. George Dunlop	Chairman
R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson	Secretary
W.Bro. Tom McClean	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Raymond Robinson	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Leslie Graham	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Albert Warwick	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Uel Henry	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Wesley Hutton	Tyrone & Fermanagh
W.Bro. Bobby McDowell	Armagh
W.Bro. John Richardson	Armagh
W.Bro. Ronnie Gregg	Antrim

evening's entertainment in the clubhouse.

Tributes were paid to the organisers of the event, R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson his wife, Pauline and their committee and thanks were expressed to Killymoon for the use of the magnificent club facilities.

A total of more than £6,000 was raised on the day in aid of Masonic and non-Masonic charities and a

cheque for £2,500 was presented to Race Against Multiple Sclerosis.

Early booking is advised for next year's competition, to be held at the same venue on Friday, Sept. 8.



Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Dunlop, presents May Baxter (32 points) with the ladies' trophy.

SPEAKING ABOUT RECORDS...

I wonder has Huntingdon Lodge No. 307 meeting in Roscrea, Province of the Midland Counties set another.

During the year 2001 four Brethren from that Lodge served concurrently as Masters of Lodges. Firstly, Bro. Sven Persson was installed as Master of Lodge No. 307 and V.W. Bro. Henry S. Harding was installed as Master of St. Brendan's Lodge No. 163 Birr. In the

Province of North Munster W.Bro. Samuel J.C. Delahunt was installed as Master of St Patrick's Lodge No. 311 and in the Metropolitan Area V.W.Bro. Peter D.G. Read was installed as Master of The Emerald Isle Lodge No. 19 (late of Pakistan).

But that's not all. The number swelled to five in January of the following year when W.Bro. George

Bell was installed as Master of Lodge No. 642 Kilkenny, Province of South Eastern. Bro. Persson was a member of the "famous five" for just one day whilst his successor W.Bro. Fergal L. de Feu shared the honour for twenty days. An unusual example of interaction between the Provinces!

R.W.Bro. Leslie G. Evans, Provincial Grand Master, The Midland Counties.

A FAMILY AFFAIR IN ROYAL BLUE MASONIC LODGE NO. 754

In July 1984 the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Lodge Road, Coleraine, appointed Mr. George Darragh as caretaker, which he remained in, until his retirement in 2000. At that time he was not a member of the Order, but showed an interest. He joined Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No. 754 and was initiated in October 1984, becoming Worshipful Master in 1998. George so enjoyed the fellowship and what the Order stood for, that sons followed; Trevor in September 1987 becoming W. M. in 1999, Stephen in October 1987 becoming W.M. in 2001, Clifford in February 1988 becoming W.M. in 2002, and David in May 1989. That's not all - Clifford's sons Martin and Christopher joined in September 2002 and April this year respectively. Trevor presently Director of Ceremonies has had the distinction

of installing both Stephen and Clifford as Worshipful Master and giving both Martin and Christopher their Entered Apprentice Degree. Now if you are confused, spare a thought for the Secretary when he writes and reads the minutes.



Back row: W. Bro. T Darragh, W. Bro. G Darragh, Bro. D Darragh. Front row: Bro. M Darragh, W. Bro. C Darragh, W. Bro. S Darragh and Bro. C Darragh.

W.Bro. Frank Macneice 50 years service



W.Bro. Frank Macneice served in Corinthian Masonic Lodge No.34 for 49 years until its recent closure in 2004. He then joined Abbey Masonic Lodge No. 180 and has now completed 50 years service in The Order.

Pictured above is W.Bro. Frank Macneice receiving his 50 year jewel from his life long friend V.W.Bro. Stanley McIlroy.

LODGE 66 VISITS ROSSLYN CHAPEL



Members of Star of Kilwarlin Masonic Lodge No. 66 and their wives visited Rosslyn Chapel on Saturday, 24 September 2005, this was two days before the filming for the DaVinci Code, based on

the book by Dan Brown, was due to begin - starring Tom Hanks. The photograph shows W.Bro. Ivor Walker, W.Bro. Roy Boreland (Worshipful Master) and W.Bro. Ivan Boreland outside the entrance to the Chapel.

The other photograph is a film prop of the 'Seal of Solomon' which has been added to the inside of the Chapel to tie it into the storyline of the book."



The Waterfront Hall, Belfast Musical Extravaganza

Saturday 25th March 2006
at 7:30 p.m.

featuring

Festival Brass

Belfast Operatic Company

Carmen Cusack*

Jeff Leyton*

* Stars of the West End Production of *Les Miserable*

Compère – Wilfred Pyper

Tickets: £12 £15 £18

On-sale – Thursday 1st December 2005
from The Waterfront Box Office

In support of the following Charities:

N. Ireland Kidney Research Fund
N. Ireland Outward Bound Association
CLIC Sargent Caring for Children with Cancer
The Ulster Cancer Foundation**

(** Nominated by the Freemasons of Ireland)

Ballymena Masonic Lodge No. 431

The April communication was a special night for Bro. Dr. John Lowry who was presented with his 50 Year Jewel and certificate by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Jim Edmondson.

Bro. Lowry was Initiated on 13th April 1955 along with his brother Matthew, who sadly died in December 2003. Another brother, Joseph, is a member of Markethill Masonic Lodge No. 888.



Bro. Lowry is pictured receiving his jewel from W.Bro. Edmondson flanked by the Secretary, W.Bro. Leemon, prior to retiring to the festive board.

W.Bro. D Leemon, Secretary

A Double Celebration for Armagh Home Guard No. 747



R.W.Bro. G Miskimmins (centre) Provincial Grand Master of Armagh, presents 50 year medals to two members of Armagh Home Guard Lodge No. 747 (Lurgan). They are V.W.Bro. James Jones (left), and V.W.Bro. Alec Norris (second from right). Looking on are V.W.Bro. Albert Kirk, W. Bro. Rodney Serplus, W.M. and W.Bro. John Crozier.

“Airing Chains”

Two very busy Brethren comparing chains of office recently at Antrim Masonic Hall, W.Bro. Crawford Wilson, Past Master of Parkgate Masonic Lodge No. 776 and R.W.Bro. Adam McKinley (Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim) and Past Master of Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No. 514.

Apart from Freemasonry, both Brethren have several interests in common, including the world-wide organisation, Rotary International. W.Bro. Wilson is wearing the chain of office of District Governor of Ireland (Dist. 1160), the top position in the district and one in which the travel demands are extremely heavy as he visits all seventy four Rotary Clubs throughout Ireland, from Cork to Coleraine and from Limerick to Belfast.

Both men have been honoured by their Rotary Clubs by the presentation



of the prestigious international award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The Provincial Grand Master had the great pleasure of presenting a long service award to W.Bro. Wilson's father in recognition of sixty years membership of Freemasonry, it is hoped he will receive his seventy year award as he has already celebrated his ninety fifth birthday.

Freemasons mark June meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught

At the June Stated Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught a large number of dignitaries attended and R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly had the pleasure of welcoming:

R.W.Bro. George Dunlop Deputy Grand Master; R.W.Bro. John Greer (G.S.W.) - From the P.G.L. of Antrim: R.W.Bro. Adam McKinley (PGM); R.W.Bro. John Dunlop (PDGM); V.W.Bro. James McFarland (DoC) - R.W.Bro. T S Redpath (For. Rep. - Slovenia); R.W.Bro. W C Colhoun (For. Rep - Madagascar) - P.G.L. of Armagh - R.W.Bro. George Miskimmins (PGM); P.G.L. of South Connaught - R.W.Bro. Basil Fenton (PGM); R.W.Bro. Robert Hackett (PPGM); R.W.Bro. Nigel Foley-Fisher (PDGM); V.W.Bro. Noel Houston (SoC); P.G.L. of Londonderry & Donegal - R.W.Bro. Robert Quigley (PGM); R.W.Bro. Winston Patterson (PDGM); R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson; P.G.L. of Midland Counties - R.W.Bro. Leslie Evans (PGM); R.W.Bro. Kenneth Dunn (PPGM); R.W.Bro. Brian Sheridan - P.G.L. of North Munster R.W.Bro. Geoffrey Ashton (PGM); R.W.Bro. Hugh Milne (PDGM) - P.G.L. of Wicklow & Wexford R.W.Bro. Harvey Heavener (PGM); R.W.Bro. John Hobson (PDGM) - Metropolitan Board R.W.Bro. Richard Ensor (Chairman); R.W.Bro. Donald Finlay (Vice-Chairman); V.W.Bro. Morgan McCreeley (GLTyler) - Scottish Constitution V.W.Bro. Charles Munroe.



Commercial Lodge No. 164 Visits Lodge of Perseverance No. 164 (EC)

On the 10th June 2005 members of Commercial Lodge No 164, Londonderry together with friends from Lodges 138 and 256 travelled to Sidmouth in Devon, England and paid a visit to Lodge of Perseverance No. 164 in the Province of Devonshire.

On their arrival the Londonderry Brethren were very warmly received by the Brethren of Perseverance Lodge. Later that day Commercial Lodge with the Brethren from Lodges 138 and 256 attended a communication of Lodge of Perseverance when a candidate was initiated into Freemasonry. The degree was somewhat different from our own but nevertheless was most enjoyable. Best wishes were extended to the initiate by W.Bro. Winters who gave a short address to the assembled Brethren and made a presentation to Lodge of Perseverance No. 164 of a timepiece symbolising time well spent in Sidmouth.

After the communication all the Brethren enjoyed a Festive Board where W.Bro. R Logan paid tribute to the Brethren of Sidmouth thanking them for their warm welcome, kindness and hospitality. He further mentioned the possibility of Lodges 164 (I C); 164 (E C) and 164 (S C) sharing fraternal fellowship in the not too distant future. Two fellow countrymen were present at the communication and Festive Board,



Left to right: W.Bro. J Eaton, W.Bro. C Sherrard, W. Bro. J Burnside, Bro. R Tucker, W. Bro. A Robinson, Bro. D McCarter, Bro. R Laird, W.Bro. R Montgomery and Bro. R Bastyan. Front centre: W. Bro. R Lock & W. M. W. Bro. R Logan.

one being from Londonderry - a W.Bro. M James and W.Bro. Robin Laird a native of Donegal. To W.Bro. M James we extend our thanks for looking after us and providing us with marvellous cuisine.

We are most grateful to the Worshipful Master W. Bro. R F Lock and Brethren of Lodge of Perseverance No.164 for making the necessary adjustment to their calendar to facilitate our visit. A

very special word of thanks must be paid to W.Bro. J Bailey for his assistance in organising the visit. The visit ended in peace, love and harmony and the Irish Brethren returned home to Londonderry safe and well. The Lodge's thanks must be extended to W.Bro. R Logan our Secretary for the time and effort he put in organising the get together.

W.Bro. S R Winters P.M.

Irish Brother meets the Grand Master of Florida

In June of this year W.Bro. David Wray the Master of Shalmon Masonic Lodge No. 607 was on holiday in Florida when their Grand Master made his annual visit; W.Bro. Wray was invited to visit and meet the Grand Master.

The meeting was held in The Scottish Rites Masonic Centre, a large complex which houses offices, meeting rooms and a large dining facility. The main hall where the meeting was held has tiered seating and can hold 2000 people. The State of Florida is divided up in to 35 districts, the equivalent of Irish Provinces, and it was the turn of District 17 Orlando, to host the Grand Master.



The current Grand Master of Florida is R.W.Bro. John F. Kavanaugh. Not only was W.Bro. Wray warmly welcomed by the Brethren of Florida but his whole family were well treated, as food and entertainment was laid on for all the wives and families during the Communication.

This was W.Bro. Wray's first visit outside the U.K. and he found both the differences and similarities in ritual interesting.

Anyone thinking of visiting the States should go on their website and find a lodge to visit, as most Lodges meet twice a month it is always possible to find a time that suits.

W.Bro. Wray meets R.W.Bro. Kavanaugh.

Banbridge District Charity Committee Hosts Carol Service

This first ever Masonic Carol Service run by Banbridge & District Masonic Charity Committee was held on Sunday 12th December 2004, in Holy Trinity Church, Banbridge. This historic event, being the first of its kind to be held outside the City of Belfast, was attended by upwards of 400. It was made possible by the help and co-operation of Canon

it was within the Carol Service, looking after the car parks and seating arrangements or lifting the collections, reading the lessons or handing out the order of service sheets. Also in attendance were representatives from Grand Lodge of Ireland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Down, Grand Council of



R.W.Bro. Robert Armstrong (P.G.M.) and M.E.C. Ardle Agnew (D.G.King) pictured with the Masonic Choir at the Banbridge Carol Service.

Wm. John Scott and Select Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, their Choir and organist who played a major role within the Carol Service. Not forgetting Trevor Anderson, Verger, who organised the reserved seating arrangements both at the service and afterwards in the Church Hall for refreshments.

This historic event included those who played an active role, whether

Knight Masons, Banbridge Talking Newspaper for the Blind, Partially Impaired Vision Club, Chairman of Banbridge Council and the Masonic Male Voice Choir.

It is safe to say that the Carol Service would not have been possible were it not for the help and guidance given by R.W.Bro. Alan Stewart who pointed us in the right direction. Our sincere thanks also go to R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Ken Cochrane who very willingly gave us the material and notes to help with the layout of our programme of events.

The service was then followed by a presentation to mark this historic occasion, made to the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Robert Armstrong by W. Bro. Sam Bell and also to Most Ex. District Grand King, M.E.C. Ardle Agnew by W. Bro. E S Dawson, both on behalf of Banbridge and District Masonic Charity Committee, for all their help and support.

R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Kenneth Cochrane (P.A.G.M. Down)

The Oldest Initiate?

Dear Sir & Bro.,

I refer to an article in the last issue of Grand Lodge News, "Surely the Oldest Entered Apprentice" – Surely Not! – Glandore Masonic Lodge 551, I believe, holds claim to that...

Extract from an article by George Power published in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim Gazette 1991:

"Possibly the oldest Initiate into freemasonry was Voltaire the great philosopher, who was made a mason at the age of 84 on 7th April 1778. The ceremony took place in Paris at the Lodge of "Les Neuf Soeurs", and was conducted by the celebrated French astronomer Joseph Lalande, who had as his Wardens, the Comte de Stroganoff, Court Chamberlain to the Empress Catherine of Russia, and Colonel Laroche. Voltaire entered the Lodge, escorted by Benjamin Franklin and Count de Gebelin, and it was recorded that "the scene was one of unusual brilliance". Owing to the age of the candidate, together with his distinction (and disability), the usual preparations were dispensed with. Voltaire was invested with the apron which had formally belonged to another great philosopher, Claude Helvetius".

It appears that due to the initiation of William McAlpine into Glandore Masonic Lodge on the 27th April 1995, Voltaire must now be demoted to at least the second oldest initiate into Freemasonry as Bro. McAlpine was then 85 years old.

Unless of course, you know of an older initiate?

W.Bro. Alan Watson, Secretary

ARTICLES WANTED

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Date for your Diary

The 2005 Carol Services within the Province of Down will take place as follows:-

Ballymacarrett District Charity Committee

Sunday 4th December in Westbourne Presbyterian Church, Newtownards Road, Belfast @ 3:00 p.m.

Banbridge District Charity Committee

Sunday 11th December in Seapatrick Parish Church, Banbridge @ 3:00pm.

Albertbridge 535 bestows three 50 Year Jewels

Albertbridge Masonic Lodge No. 535 was honoured and privileged to bestow 50 Year Jewels and Certificates on three of its Brethren, namely: W.Bro. John Howie; W.Bro. James Jeffers and Bro. James Courtney.

The conferral took place in March 2005 although W.Bro. John Howie



W.Bro. John Howie after being presented with his 50 Year Jewel and Certificate.

could not attend in person as he is bedridden. However, a delegation visited W.Bro. John at home to present his jewel and certificate. The delegation comprised: W.Bro. James Jeffers (W.M.); W.Bro. Sam Anderson; W.Bro. Geoff Gillum; W.Bro. David Mayne and W.Bro. Mark Rogan.

The Lodge is very proud of these 3 Brethren and we hope they will be spared many more years to enjoy the company of their Brethren.

W.Bro. C Rogan, Secretary



L-R: Bro. James Courtney and the W.M. W.Bro. James Jeffers being presented with their 50 Year Jewels and Certificates by W.Bro. Sam Anderson.

ALEXANDRA MASONIC LODGE NO. 386



Front L-R: W.Bro. C Keys (W.M.); W.Bro. H McCullagh; R.W.Bro. William Manning (PAGM). Back L-R: W.Bro. J Kerr; W.Bro. J McClure; W.Bro. J Thompson; V.W.Bro. J January.

At the May Communication held in Limavady Masonic Hall, W.Bro. Harry McCullagh was presented with his 50 Year Jewel and Certificate by R.W.Bro. William Manning (P.A.G.M. of Londonderry & Donegal). It was indeed a tribute to W.Bro. McCullagh and this was evident in not only a good turn out of Lodge members, but the large number of visiting Brethren who wanted to show their appreciation to W.Bro. Harry.

W.Bro. V Young, Secretary

Athlone Mayor Visits Masonic Hall

Following the refurbishment and renovation of the façade of the Freemasons' Hall in Athlone, the Mayor of Athlone, Councillor Austin Berry, was invited to unveil a new plaque marking the place where Masons have been meeting in Athlone for nearly two hundred years. The plaque was formally dedicated



V.W. Bro. T R Fred Payne, P. Gd. Organist Midland Counties; R.W. Bro. G Ashton, P.G.M. North Munster; V.W. Bro. D J L McNeill, P.G. Secretary North Connaught; R.W. Bro. N J C Foley-Fisher, P.D.G.M. South Connaught; Councillor Austin Berry, Mayor of Athlone; R.W. Bro. Basil Fenton, P.G.M. South Connaught; R.W. Bro. G F Ginnelly, P.G.M. North Connaught; R.W. Bro. K Dunne, P.G.M. Midland Counties; V.W. Bro. J W Patching, P.G. Secretary South Connaught; R.W. Bro. H Milne, P.D.G.M. North Munster; V.W. Bro. J Houghton, P.G. Chaplain South Connaught; R.W. Bro. E Smith, P.D.G.M. North Connaught; R.W. Bro. R S Hackett, P.P.G.M. South Connaught; V.W. Bro. D Douglas, P.G. Treasurer Meath; V.W. Bro. W DeLacy, P.P.S.G.W. South Connaught; W. Bro. T McCamley, P.G. Inner Guard South Connaught.



Pictured at the unveiling ceremony, followed by a dinner to mark the installation of the new Provincial Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Nigel J C Foley-Fisher, are: (l to r) R.W. Bro. Nigel J C Foley-Fisher P.D.G.M. South Connaught, Councillor Austin Berry, Mayor of Athlone, R.W. Bro. Basil Fenton P.G.M. South Connaught.

prior to the Stated Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Connaught on Tuesday 24 May 2005 in the presence of representatives from the adjoining Masonic Provinces of North Connaught, North Munster, Meath and Midland Counties. The event attracted widespread coverage in the local press and has resulted in two prospective members for Lodge 101 Athlone. The premises in Athlone are the venue for meetings of Lodges 101, 137 and 248, Chapter 101 and the Athlone Preceptory. The repainted building has attracted much favourable comment in town and a higher profile for Freemasonry in civic life.

Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 8 UGLQ, Australia, Celebrates 140 Years

At High Twelve on the Festival Day of St. John the Baptist, Friday, 24 June 1864, the Duke of Leinster Lodge was Consecrated under the Irish Constitution in the 'Masonic Hall, Queen Street' in Brisbane Town, in the newly proclaimed (1859), Colony of Queensland. The 'Hall', as it was commonly referred to, was the third floor of Bro. Richard S. Warry's grocery and general store which was located directly opposite the now General Post Office. Thomas Vokes Dudgeon was the first Master, and before he came to Brisbane from Sydney was a Past Master and Secretary of Australian Social Lodge No.260 I.C., the first civil Lodge erected on Australian soil in 1820 — now Lodge Antiquity No.1 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales (UGLNSW). *The Duke* first laboured under Warrant No.283 I.C. and in 1904 No.3 GLQ, and now since 1921 No.8 UGLQ.

This was some of the history recalled at the June 2004 regular meeting of the Lodge when the Worshipful Master, Lou Grimshaw, delivered an



Brethren in the photo from left to right: R.W.Bro. Peter Wickins (34yr), W.Bro. Sam Lindsay (34yr), W.Bro. John Shelley (38yr), W.Bro. Lou Grimshaw W.M., W.Bro. Harry Young (43yr), R.W.Bro. Stan Rawlings (44yr).

address on the history of early Irish Freemasonry and how the Grand Lodge of Ireland established the first lodges in Australia, the advent of Freemasonry in the new Colony of Queensland, to conclude with the formation of the Duke of Leinster Lodge and some observations on Irish ritual. Testimonials were then read from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Lodge J.D. Williamson

No.283 I.C., Ballymacarrett Northern Ireland, who inherited *the Duke's* old Irish Warrant number in 1909.

To highlight the celebration the Worshipful Master presented five worthy Brethren of the Lodge with Distinguished Service Jewels. Collectively these Brethren have given over 193 years of service above and beyond the call of duty to their Lodge, and Freemasonry in general.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE W.BRO. DAVID VAUGHAN

Some seventy Brethren from a wide area came together in the recently refurbished Masonic Temple in Ballyshannon for the May Stated Communication of Lodge No. 287. The main business was to honour the Late W.Bro. David Vaughan, who was Initiated into the Lodge in February 1956, and whose keen interest in Freemasonry extended to membership of the Higher Degrees.



The W.M. W.Bro. Neville Myles with E.Comp. William McCutcheon (E. King of Victory RAC No. 297) and members of the Vaughan family, together with R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Harry Trimble & V.W.Bro. Rev. Noel Regan.

Following Labour the Brethren were joined by around twenty members of the Vaughan family circle and their close friends. The later proceedings took the form of a Memorial Service and Dedication of twin Secretary and Treasurers desks, given by David's three daughters, as a memorial to their father.

The Act of Dedication and the preceding tribute to David were undertaken by Rt.W.Bro. Rev. Canon R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Harry Trimble and V.W.Bro. Rev. Noel Regan who led the intercessions and presided at the organ. Supper was provided by the wives of Lodge Members.

R.W.Bro. Rev. Canon Harry Trimble.



W.Bro. Neville Myles (W.M.) and Lodge members were joined by many distinguished Freemasons, including, The Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry and Donegal, R.W.Bro. Robert Quigley; His Deputy R.W.Bro. Winston Patterson; the Provincial Grand Master of Tyrone and Fermanagh, R.W.Bro. Harry Weir; the Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught, R.W.Bro. George Ginnelly and His Deputy, R.W.Bro. Edward Smith and R.W.Bro. Ivan Meldrum, Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Ireland.