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Grand Master Installation

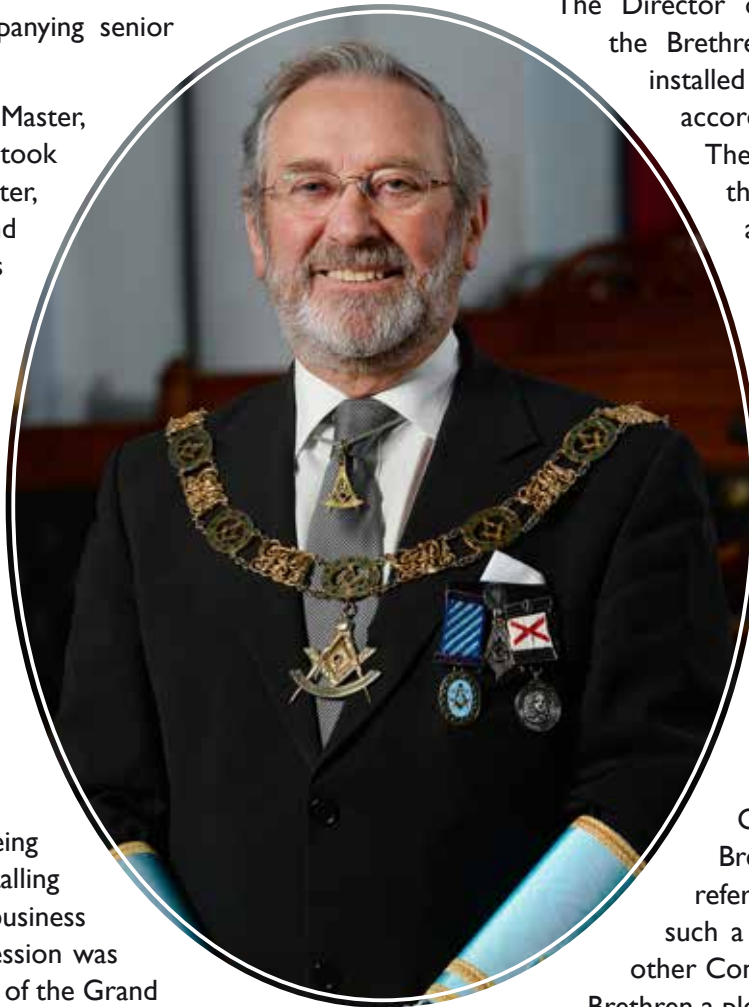
On Friday 28th November 2014 the Grand Lodge of Ireland Installed the 44th Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Douglas T. Grey. The ceremony took place at Freemasons' Hall, the Grand Lodge Room being filled to capacity. The Grand Masters of 21 Sister Constitutions were in attendance, with accompanying senior Brethren.

The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley took the chair as Grand Master, and prior to opening Grand Lodge all visiting delegations were received, taking their seats on the dais. Grand Lodge was opened, and Masonic Courtesies were accorded to distinguished guests. The Pro Grand Master of England, M.W.Bro. Peter Lowndes responded on behalf of the visitors, commenting that it was a happy occasion at which we confirm the Masonic unity of our Constitutions.

The Communication being solely for the purpose of Installing the Grand Master, no other business was on the agenda. A procession was formed for the presentation of the Grand Master Elect, the Chair having been taken by R.W.Bro. Michael Ward, Past Senior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary for Instruction, as Installing Officer.

The Grand Master Elect entered Grand Lodge, escorted by W.Bro. Michael Troughton-Smith and W.Bro. Trevor Boate. Having taken the Obligation at the altar, the Grand Master was conducted to the dais, where R.W.Bro. Michael Ward vacated the Throne. The Grand Master was Installed with dignity, and invested with the Chain of Office, borne by V.W.Bro. David Young. The Grand Master's Banner, borne by W.Bro. John Boddy, was unfurled and admired. The banner

depicts the Three Castles of Dublin, with a roundel above encircling the Arms of County Leitrim; two silver streams representing the Rivers Liffey and Shannon; the background is St. Patrick's blue.



The Director of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to rise, and the newly-installed Grand Master was saluted in accordance with Antient Custom. The Grand Master spoke of the honour conferred on him, and his intention of serving the Brethren who had so honoured him to the best of his ability.

The next business was the Installation of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley, who was duly Obligated and Saluted. The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Leslie Nixon was likewise Obligated and Saluted.

There being no further Regular business, the Grand Master addressed the Brethren, and made special reference to his pleasure in having such a distinguished gathering from other Constitutions present, wishing all Brethren a pleasant evening at the Banquet.

Grand Lodge closed, and those attending the Banquet proceeded to the Round Room at the Mansion House, the official residence of Dublin's Lord Mayor, where many observed the Three Castles of Dublin emblazoned on the railings and building. A drinks reception preceded the Banquet, and Brethren and Guests sat down to dine.

The Grand Master entered, accompanied by his wife Georgine, and the meal commenced. The evening proved to be informal and enjoyable, a splendid setting in which to re-affirm fidelity to our Fraternity.

TLC Northern Committee Quarterly Report

As we approach the end of the first full 12 month period for actually delivering hospital teddies to emergency departments in the Northern Provinces we are not relaxing. It was a struggle to gain the permissions and acceptance in the hospitals but it has been so worthwhile. Our first and biggest thanks must be to you, the Brethren, and the Lodges, Chapters and other disciplines that have supported us so well. We know that it is not going to get any easier. Along with those in the other areas of our island we require about £50,000 per year in total so keep the donations coming. An average of £100 per Lodge per annum will totally fund this charity. The stories from the hospitals makes it all the more worthwhile to be involved. We are receiving unsolicited excellent press comment and raising the good profile of our Order as well.

The Friendship Maul continues its travels having gone “below the radar” for a while. Not only is it raising money as it travels but it is introducing people and groups who would not normally have met. It has already led to exchange visits between whole Lodges and a sharing of differing traditions and rituals. Lodges from different areas and Provinces are now in communication with each other. Check the web sites for the current location of the maul - turn up with at least three Brethren from your Lodge and pay a ransom to capture the maul!

As we write this, our Christmas cards are almost sold out and our bears continue to find new owners. The coins or tokens will be along shortly as will the ties and all will be available from 115 The Mount or from any committee member (see list below). There will be some exciting events, open to Masons and Non-Masons and families alike, during 2015.

If you want to make a donation without purchasing anything then please use **JustTextGiving** on your mobile phone – just text **“TLCA14 £5”** or **“TLCA14 £10”** or **“TLCA14 £20”** to 70070 and if you are a UK Tax Payer

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Please continue your fantastic support for distressed injured children. Thank you.

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Members of Eden-na-vadie Lodge No.717 present a cheque for £600.00 to R.W.Bro. Gray, Chairman of the TLC Northern Provinces Committee



W.Bro. Billy Hamilton, Worshipful Master and Treasurer of Lodge Ireland 2000 hands over a cheque of £600.00 for Teddies for Loving Care

The Irish Freemasons' Young Musician Competition 2014

The Grand Master's address at the Final

"Cllr. Catherine Ardagh representing The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Firstly, I wish to place on record our grateful thanks to "The Music Conservatoires without whom we would have

no competition: Mr Joseph Brennan for the Brennan Prize; Mrs Mary Beattie for the John Vallery Memorial Prize; our four Patrons Jane Carty, Dearbhla Collins, Eamonn Lawlor, and John Rowden and our supporters RTÉ lyric fm Radio, and especially Mrs Jane Carty who in addition to being a Patron is our Artistic Director, and, as Chairman of the Jury arranges such an influential Jury for us every year.

I am particularly grateful to the members of the Jury, who all lead very busy lives in the international concert world, and have been good enough to give up their time to be with us here for the last few days.

I wish also to thank Eamonn Lawlor. Year after year, since the beginning of the Competition, in addition to being a Patron, he has presented the Semi-Finals and Final for us, in his wonderful manner which has become very much his hallmark, and is so familiar to us from his years at RTÉ.

Last but not by any means least, our Competition management team. The organisation of this Competition is a complicated task which takes many months of detailed and dedicated work to complete. On behalf of Grand Lodge I therefore express our wholehearted gratitude to the staff here at Freemasons' Hall, and the Competition management team, who voluntarily give of their time each year to achieve such a high production standard.

Music is a very important part of our outreach as 'Freemasons in the Community in which we live and work'. I congratulate all the Semi-Finalists, and Finalists. They have shown us a very high standard of performance, enormous talent and

there are two things that I am extremely jealous of - that is "Youth and Talent".

I am delighted to welcome in the audience this evening our winners from 2010, Macdára Ó Seireadáin. From 2012 Iulian Pusca and from 2013 Alex Petcu - Colan (who has just given such a splendid cameo performance for us). Our winner for 2011 Alexander



Bernstein, is presently continuing his studies in the United States with Dr John O'Connor, but has sent a very pleasant message of good wishes for this evening. So we have three of our last four winners present which in itself says a lot about the high regard for this Competition.

Thank you also Martina Smyth, studying at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, for entertaining us on our arrival tonight with a very special and excellent organ recital.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland agreed to sponsor the Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year for five years, and this is the fifth, and hence is the last in the Competition series. However, I am pleased to announce, that The Order has agreed to continue their sponsorship of The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year for at least another two years.

We are proud to sponsor what has become such a prestigious competition.

*M.W.Bro. Douglas T. Grey
Grand Master*

After the First Five Years of The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of The Year Competition, Eamonn Lawlor Reflects



Pictured above (L-R): Adam McDonagh; Gary Beecher; The Grand Master; Eliza Puchianu & Miriam Kaczor

It was four years (and five competitions) ago, but it will always seem like yesterday: young Daniel Dunne, our very first semi-finalist, put the saxophone to his lips and seemed to fill the Grand Lodge Room with October sunshine as he began to play the Fuzzy Bird sonata. Our hearts were lifted by the glorious surprise of the music; the Young Musician of the Year Competition already had its defining moment - and a centuries-old tradition was renewed, as Music and Freemasonry sparked off each other once again.

Looking back over the list of competitors from 2010 onwards, I am amazed to find how one performance after another can be clearly remembered. The overall winners, naturally: Macdara Ó Seireadáin, Alexander Bernstein, Iulian Pusca, Alex Petcu-Colan and Gary Beecher. Other top contenders stick in the mind as well: those who might easily have won on another night or in another year. I treasure also in a special way those performances that may have failed to meet the concert-platform standard required of a prizewinner - but which nonetheless sent a true musical shiver down the spine, for their youthful enthusiasm, their courage or their (relatively) 'artless' honesty.

I applaud Grand Lodge for confirming that it will continue the Competition for at least a further two years. The enthusiasm with which the initiative has been endorsed by the music colleges, the young performers and the public, testifies to the real need that it fulfils and the value of its contribution to music in Ireland in these difficult times.

It occurs to me, however, that there may be something even greater going on, something more to celebrate, grander aims to keep sight of.

For many of us who might have been unaware (or misled) as to the nobility of Freemasonry's founding ideals, the past five years of this Competition have been a powerful reminder. Those Freemasons who helped the young Mozart and the young Beethoven were supporting music as a practical contribution to the great Enlightenment enterprise, to nurture humanity's higher faculties for the building of a better world.

Despite the cynicism of the early 21st century, what a joy to discover that belief in the reforming power of music is not a thing of the past. Venezuela has a quarter of a million young people playing in youth and children's orchestras; young musicians from Israel and Palestine play together in Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra; in both cases a very practical initiative directs the players and their audiences away from conflict and exploitation towards harmony and cooperation: towards the ideal of universal brotherhood which Beethoven celebrated in his Ninth Symphony and which – as I understand it – is at the heart of Freemasonry.

As we mark five years of the Young Musician of the Year we rejoice in the talent it has fostered and the music it has given us. Let us also celebrate it as a timely lesson in human values, an inspired but practical contribution by the Irish Freemasons to the betterment of Irish life.

Irish Freemasons' Young Musician Of The Year 11th October 2014

1 st Prize:	Gary Beecher	CSM Cork	Piano
2 nd Prize:	Eliza Puchianu	RIAM Dublin	Piano
3 rd Prize and Brennan Prize:	Miriam Kaczor	RIAM Dublin	Flute
4 th Prize:	Adam McDonagh	DIT Dublin	Piano
John Vallery Memorial Prize:	Fiona Gryson	DIT Dublin	Concert Harp



Captions

- 1** Susan Baharmast, Eric Waller and Roslyn Waller
- 2** Prof. Patrick Plunkett, (Patron of TLC), Bernie O'Callaghan and the Grand Master
- 3** Concert Pianist Veronica McSwiney at the Reception with Simon Taylor (CEO National Concert Hall) and his wife, Hilary
- 4** Cllr. Catherine Ardagh, (representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin), with the Grand Master
- 5** RTE Lyric in force! Shane McDonnell, Gail Henry, Aedin Gormley and Paul Herriott

- 6** Michael and Jocelyn Ward, with John Rowden
- 7** This year's winners with the Grand Master (L-R) Adam McDonnell (4th) Gary Beecher (1st) Eliza Puchianu (2nd) and Miriam Kaczor (3rd)
- 8** Deputy Grand Master Rodney McCurley, with Aisling Olden, Charles Olden, Mary McCurley, and Brian Bradshaw
- 9** Winner Gary Beecher (Centre) with the International Jury for 2014. (L-R) John Mordler, Seamus Crimmins, Jane Carty (Chairman), Katherine Hearne, Alasdair Tait, and Robert Kulek
- 10** Gary Beecher, Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2014, with the 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 No.	Province
W.Bro. Robert Bingham	70	St. Paul's Masonic Lodge No. 160	Antrim
W.Bro. Joseph McLucas	70	Culmore Masonic Lodge No. 320	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. William F. Richardson	65	Sussex Masonic Lodge No. 134	Armagh
W.Bro. James Anderson	65	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
Bro. John H Cooke	65	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 655	Armagh
Bro. Andrew Manna	60	Star of the East Masonic Lodge No. 37	Down
W.Bro. John H. Bradfield	60	St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge No. 77	Down
W.Bro. William S. Patterson	60	Lord Arthur Hill Masonic Lodge No. 147	Down
W.Bro. Arthur S. Worrell	60	Clontarf Masonic Lodge No. 249	Metropolitan
W.Bro. William N Law	60	J. Heron Lepper Masonic Lodge No. 346	Antrim
W.Bro. Ronald L. Bates	60	Chetwood Crawley Masonic Lodge No. 395	Metropolitan
W.Bro. Hance F Stewart	60	Concord Masonic Lodge No. 462	Down
W.Bro. Robert J M McKee	60	Concord Masonic Lodge No. 462	Down
W.Bro. William J Imrie	60	Dundrum Masonic Lodge No. 488	Down
Bro. Ernest W. Johnston	60	Olderfleet Masonic Lodge No. 501	Antrim
W.Bro. James P Steen	60	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 655	Armagh
W.Bro. John. H. Cooke	60	Silver Jubilee Masonic Lodge No. 655	Armagh
W.Bro. Norman W. Davis	60	Garrison Masonic Lodge No. 730	Metropolitan
W.Bro. Ronald A. Gillanders	50	Light of the West Masonic Lodge No. 20	North Connaught
Bro. Benjamin C.G. Robb	50	St. Patrick's Newry Masonic Lodge No. 77	Down
Bro. William D. McCullagh	50	St. Patrick's Newry Masonic Lodge No. 77	Down
W.Bro. Niall D McKee	50	Sunbeam Masonic Lodge No. 191	Londonderry & Donegal
Bro. Walter Kerr	50	Magherally Masonic Lodge No. 203	Down
W.Bro. James H. Mathews	50	Tullamore Masonic Lodge No. 321	Midlands
W.Bro. John S. Dunlop	50	Ballymoney Masonic Lodge No. 330	Antrim
Bro. Dennis Morrow	50	Union Band Masonic Lodge No. 336	Down
W.Bro. Robert B. Carson	50	Sir Henry Wilson & Sir Charles Cameron Masonic Lodge No. 353	Antrim
W.Bro. Thomas Gibson	50	St. Patrick's Union Masonic Lodge No. 367	Down
W.Bro. Noel Parke	50	Victory Masonic Lodge No. 522	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. Alan R. Gregg	50	Dunleath Masonic Lodge No. 654	Down
W.Bro. Ronald G. Ewing	50	Malcolm MacDonald Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 657	Down
W.Bro. Noel W. Reid	50	Wicklow Masonic Lodge No. 748	Wicklow & Wexford
W.Bro. Frederick G Wright	50	Wicklow Masonic Lodge No. 784	Londonderry & Donegal
W.Bro. John Belshaw	50	Lisburn Masonic Lodge No. 811	Antrim
W.Bro. Reginald Anderson	50	Farmer's Masonic Lodge No. 1000	Down

“Cardiac Rehab Care” and “Teddies for Loving Care” - Benefits from the Masonic Golf Competition

The 15th Annual Grand Master’s Millennium Cup competition organised by the Freemasons of Ireland Golfing Society was held at the Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown on Friday 29th August 2014.

Once again, this popular competition continues to attract growing numbers of Masons, Non-Masons and Ladies from all over Ireland, Scotland and England.

The weather was excellent for golf, and with the magnificent array of prizes to the value of £1500, 184 competitors took advantage of the ideal conditions and returned some excellent scores.

The Chairman of the Golf Committee, V.W.Bro. Leslie Graham welcomed everyone to Killymoon and thanked them for their attendance. Also, a special welcome was paid to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Masters and Officers from the Northern Provinces together with their Partners.

There were 16 main golf prizes of Cavan Crystal valued in excess of £1,500.

The overall winner was Robert Morrow, of Lodge No. 559 (Masonic Province of Down), with 41 Stableford points.

The team prize was won by Joe Sloan and Tom Girvan representing Lodge No.16 in the Province of Londonderry & Donegal with a combined score of 75.

Ladies prizes were won by May Baxter, Susan Davidson and Diana McClelland,

Non-Mason’s prizes were won by John Savage, Ross Johnston, and James Andrews.

The prizes were presented by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Douglas T Grey.

Despite the present economic climate and the difficulties of getting sponsorship, the competition raised in excess of £5,000 in aid of Masonic and non-Masonic charities.

The Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic Province of Londonderry and Donegal, R.W.Bro. Noel Drain, Chairman of the Northern Provinces Committee presented a cheque for £1,000 to Shirley McCaffin, on behalf of “Cardiac Rehab Care”.

R.W.Bro Noel Drain also presented a cheque for £2,000 to R.W.Bro. Richard Gray who received it on behalf of “Teddies for Loving Care (TLC)”.

Tributes were paid to the organisers of the event, R.W.Bro. Noel Simpson and his wife, Pauline, and the organising Golf Committee. On behalf of the Golf Committee, The Chairman, V.W.Bro Leslie Graham, thanked The Captain, Council and Members of Killymoon Golf Club for their hospitality, the Caterers and the ground staff for having the course in excellent condition. Also, to the many Sponsors who donated a large number of very valuable prizes which were on display on all the tee boxes on the golf course and display boards in the Clubhouse.

The day concluded with a great evening of entertainment. Despite breaking-down on his way to Cookstown, Alan Crawford (Panache) eventually made his way to Killymoon Golf Club to entertain everyone.

There was a short programme of pipes and drums by the Father & Son of The Mitchell Family.



Dr Stephen Barr, Shirley McCaffin, Margaret Taggart, Noel Simpson, Pauline Simpson, and R.W.Bro. Noel Drain



Cardiac Presentation in Killymoon: (L-R) M.W.Bro. Douglas T Grey, Shirley McCaffin & R.W.Bro. Noel Drain



TLC Presentation: (L-R)
 R.W.Bro. Richard Gray, R.W.Bro. Noel Drain and M.W.Bro. Douglas Grey



Ladies Prize Winners: (L-R)
 Susan Davidson, May Baxter, Diana McClelland



3rd & 4th Prize winners, also Team Prize winners: (L-R)
 Tom Girvan & Joe Sloane, Kilrea Lodge 16, Masonic Province of Londonderry & Donegal



2nd Prize winner: Eddie McComb Lodge 679, Masonic Province of Antrim

Articles Wanted

The success or otherwise of this type of publication depends upon the quality and variety of articles it contains. "Grand Lodge News" is not solely for the promotion of Grand Lodge matters, rather it is there to serve Provincial Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges alike. 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 short and simple" and forward your articles (supported by a photograph or image) to:

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Installation of R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews as Provincial Grand Master of Down

A Stated Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down was held in the La Mon Hotel, on the outskirts of Belfast on Saturday 15th November 2014. Prior to the Communication, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley, the Deputy Grand Master, and Distinguished Brethren, including representatives from West Lancashire, the Isle of Man and New Zealand were guests of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Richard H Gray for lunch.

At the appointed hour Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and R.W.Bro. Gray invited R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley, the Deputy Grand Master to occupy the Chair and Invest and Install R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews as the seventeenth Provincial Grand Master, of the Province of Down.

In acknowledging the salute following his Installation, R.W.Bro. Matthews thanked the many Brethren for their attendance and paid particular reference to the Deputy

Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. Leslie J Nixon, Assistant Grand Master. He also reiterated the welcome given to visiting Provincial Grand Masters, their Deputies and Assistants, Grand Lodge Officers, and the many representatives from other Branches of the Order, 50 of whom were seated comfortably on the dais.

In concluding his remarks R.W.Bro. Matthews, on behalf of the Province of Down, thanked the Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master for his six years of successful stewardship, and undertook to uphold the fraternal relationship that had been forged with neighbouring Provinces during his tenure.

The new Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to Install R.W.Bro. John Clarke, as his Deputy, and having invested a new Provincial Instructor and three Honorary Provincial appointments, closed the Provincial Grand Lodge in Peace, Love and Harmony.



R.W.Bro's. Harold Henning; Ivan Boreland; Roger Matthews, P.G.M.; John Clarke and David Selby



Lodge St. David No. 903 Visit To Seoul, Korea November, 2014



Brethren of Lodge 903 and Lodge Han Yang No. 1048 S.C. following the communication.

Every year Lodge St. David No. 903 holds a Communication by dispensation away from their home base in Hong Kong. This year the Lodge visited Seoul, Korea, on the weekend of the 31st October to the 2nd December, 2014. Over the years, these visits have strengthened the ties between the Hong Kong Brethren and the Brethren in the countries visited. This year was no exception.

In Seoul Lodge 903 were hosted by the Brethren of Lodge Han Yang No. 1048 S.C. by permission of the District Grand Master for the Far East of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Lodge No. 1048 S.C. was consecrated in 1909. Lodge 903 had previously visited Seoul in 2005 when the current Worshipful Master of Lodge 903, W.Bro. Philip Wong, was initiated. This return to Seoul was, therefore, a very meaningful occasion for him.

The Brethren travelled to Seoul from Hong Kong over several days, but by Friday evening everyone was present in time for a welcome dinner of local food in Itaewon, the famous entertainment district of the city. It was Halloween, so the streets were lively. Following dinner the Brethren retired for a few glasses of cheer before turning in.

On Saturday the Lodge 903 Communication was held at the Seoul Club, where Lodge Han Yang No. 1048 S.C. have met for many years. During the Communication Bro. Eddie C. H. Ching was initiated, thus becoming the latest member of Lodge 903 to have been initiated outside Hong Kong.

The Communication was followed by a dinner enjoyed by the Brethren of both Lodges, during which souvenirs were exchanged.

The Brethren of Lodge 903 returned to Hong Kong on Sunday and are now looking forward to their overseas communication in 2015, wherever it may be held.

Terence Hicks
Provincial Grand Secretary - Far East



The Worshipful Master of Lodge 903, W.Bro. Philip Wong (right), and the Deputy Master of Lodge Han Yang No. 1048 S.C., Bro. Dennis Pugh, exchange souvenirs

Ovarian Cancer Research Appeal Cheque Presentation



Dr Mullan and Dr Buckley gave a guided tour of the Research Facilities as seen in the photograph aside. Helen Barnes the head of Fundraising Department explained how the monies raised would go such a long way in the early detection of this terrible disease which is known as the 'Silent Killer'.

All monies raised have not incurred any administration charges both at source and the research centre at QUB. The final total of monies raised **£43,455** and I would like to express my sincere thanks on behalf of my family.

Regards,
R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster

On Friday 31st October 2014 the final cheque in relation to the Ovarian Cancer Research Appeal in memory of the late Denise Brewster was presented to Dr Paul Mullan and Dr Niamh Buckley of Queens University Belfast Cancer Research Department. The cheque for £9,072.25 was the final amount raised by the Brethren of The Masonic Province of Down and other outside donations. Dr John Price, Consultant Oncologist, R.W.Bro. Richard Gray Provincial Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews Provincial Grand Master Designate, along with R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster and R.W.Bro. Sam Snodden were in attendance.



2014 Annual Ferris Cup Golf Competition

The 70th annual Ferris Cup Competition took place on Friday 4th July at Lisburn Golf Club and attracted 171 masonic golfers and their friends.

The wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors, although high scores in the stableford competition were at a premium.

As a result of the generosity of the sponsors, Lodges within the Province of Down and the competitors themselves, the post competition proceedings resulted in the presentation of two cheques for £1,500 each to Ovarian Cancer Research and the Northern Ireland Children to Lapland Trust.



R.W.Bro. Roger Matthews (Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Down) presents Bro. Michael Patmore with the Ferris Cup.



Mr David Bolas Winner of the inaugural Denise Brewster Perpetual trophy for Non-Masons.

What's in a Name?

Some will have seen a plaque on the wall below the clock in Freemasons' Hall, the plaque has the names of 15 former pupils of the Masonic Boys School listed as killed in the Great War.

Perhaps you have wondered who they were, where did they come from, what were their ages, where did they serve and die or perhaps you have never given them much thought.

All were at our school and have since lain for most of 100 years and perhaps with the passing of time have been forgotten. I decided to research each one and bring back at least recognition of who they were and the sacrifices they made. I will publish my research; meantime here are a few facts of interest.

Of them, one had immigrated to New Zealand. He came back to France with the Auckland Regiment and was killed in 1917. Five others left Ireland for a new life in Canada, enlisted in the Canadian Regiments and died in France. The rest, to a man, volunteered for service, mostly in 1914 and were killed in the mud of the trenches in France or the horrors of Gallipoli, with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Another, a Pilot (aged 22) with 45 Squadron Royal Flying Corps, was shot down and his body never recovered.

The brothers Lionel and Percy Carleton from Delvin, Co. Westmeath, left Ireland for Canada with their widowed mother Charlotte in 1914. They enlisted in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Lionel was killed in France in June 1916 aged 28. His brother Percy tragically was killed aged 26 in France on 10th November 1918, the last full day of the War.

Many Lodges have Rolls of Honour recording the men of 1914-1918, those who died and those who came home. In this Centenary year marking the start of The Great War, your Lodge might like to remember and pay tribute to those gallant men and the sacrifices they made.

Did you know that men about to go on active service in France or elsewhere or home on leave, often received all of their Degrees in one day? Athlone was a garrison town and Lodge 101 Athlone in an old Minute Book has records of such Degrees being given.

A little research is not difficult using a half a dozen websites and gives surprising results. Who knows, you may get a Candidate or two from descendents of those men.

*R.W.Bro. William Shortland
Past Provincial Grand Master
South Connaught*



Teddies day trip to Ballymena



On Saturday 21st October T.L.C. were invited to Ballymena Masonic Centre Open Day. The Lady Mayor of Ballymena Mrs Audrey Wales M.B.E. was welcomed by the Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Antrim R.W.Bro. David Lyness. We had a busy day and the Lady Mayor and P.D.G. Master were more than willing to help with the sales. Bro. Stephen

Moore was also hard at work while R.W.Bro. Sam Snodden received a cheque of £100.00 for T.L.C. from W.Bro. Thomas Page of Connor Lodge 189. The T.L.C. committee would like to thank the Committee of Ballymena Masonic Centre for their invitation and to everyone who supported T.L.C



Tweddie's Friendship Maul

The latest known location of the 'Tweddie's Maul' is as follows:



Host Lodge	Province	Date
St. Patrick's Lodge No. 77, Newry	Down	14/09/2013
Farmer's Friendship No. 978	Down	7/10/2013
Strathearn Masonic Lodge No. 680	Antrim	9/11/2013
Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 651	Antrim	22/02/2014
Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669	Antrim	28/04/2014
Morning Star Masonic Lodge No. 193	Down	Current

Tweddie's Maul: It's now time to move on - over to you Brethren!

Moneyrea Union Band No. 556 50 Years a Mason



R.W.Bro. John Clarke with W.Bro. Bertie Casey and the W. Master, W.Bro. Andrew McQuilken.

At the June 2014 Communication of Moneyrea Union Band Lodge No. 556, the Provincial Assistant Grand Master of Down, R.W.Bro. John C. Clarke was in attendance to

present a well-deserved 50 Year Membership Jewel to W.Bro. Robert (Bertie) Casey.

Bertie had continued the family tradition started by his father, the late W.Bro. Hugh Casey, who had received his 50 Year Jewel in September 1989. R.W.Bro. Clarke informed the Lodge of the many attributes that Bertie had demonstrated since becoming a Lodge Member and his worthwhile work in the Lodge before and after becoming W.M. in 1978. Bertie had continued his Masonic career in Moneyrea by joining the Royal Arch Chapter 556 and Council of Knight Masons No. 41, of which he had served as Scribe for many years.

A good attendance enjoyed the excellent and informative talk by R.W.Bro. Clarke on the many aspects of Bertie's life outside of Freemasonry and extended the heartfelt thanks of the Provincial Grand Master of Down for the dedication to Freemasonry in general but more so to 556 in particular, that Bertie had given. The Provincial Assistant Grand Master and Lodge Officers and Brethren retired for the usual Moneyrea Supper.

Malcolm Telford, Lodge Secretary

Skillet & Trowel Lodge No. 981



On Thursday 2nd October a group of Metropolitan Masons were seen to meet in Dublin Airport at the ungodly hour of 4 o'clock a.m., destination Manchester Airport, United Kingdom. After arriving in Manchester they embarked on a coach journey to Huddersfield where The Lodge of Harmony No. 275 were about to celebrate their 225th Anniversary. The Lodge meeting started at the unusual hour of 10.30 a.m., the Brethren of Lodge No. 275 together with many distinguished guests and visitors from throughout the Province of Yorkshire West Riding conducted the Anniversary Meeting. When the Lodge was closed and

the furnishings of the Lodge room were reassembled, The Members of Skillet & Trowel Lodge No. 981 together with some friends gave a wonderful exemplification of the First or Entered Apprentice Degree as performed in the Irish Constitution.

There followed a wonderful Festive Board at which the Worshipful Master of Lodge of Harmony No. 275, David Blunt spoke in glowing terms whilst praising and thanking all those who had attended, what to him was a very special meeting, from the Irish Constitution.

Banbridge District Widows' Afternoon Tea

Sunday 14th September 2014

At their last Annual General Meeting, the Down Masonic Widows' Fund launched an initiative designed to increase contact between Lodges and their widows in a social setting. R.W.Bro. Des Smyth, President of the Fund on behalf of the Trustees invited individual Districts within the Province to consider hosting Afternoon Tea Parties with the cost borne by the Fund.

Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee asked each of their 21 Lodges to invite Widows and a companion to such an event on Sunday 14th September 2014.

The day proved a great success with over 140 widows, companions and Lodge representatives taking tea in the Belmont Hotel, Banbridge.

R.W.Bro. Smyth commented "Each District within the Province have held, or are in the process of organising, Afternoons Teas and this event is the largest to date. I am delighted at the positive reaction from Lodges and widows; we know from feedback that they have been warmly received."

The Chairman of the Banbridge District Masonic Charity Committee, W.Bro. Bob Green thanked the Trustees and Officers of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund for their support and said "It is heart warming to see so many widows here today rekindling old acquaintances and friendships and I trust this will become a regular event in our Charity Committee's calendar".

W.Bro. Graham Walker, Assistant Secretary, B.D.M.C.C.



Some of the widows with their companions and Lodge Brethren



BDMCC Chairman, W.Bro. Bob Green sharing a joke with a couple of the widows and their companions



R.W.Bros. Des Smyth and Noel Sufferin, President and Secretary of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund taking tea with Lodge widows



BDMCC Chairman, W.Bro. Bob Green sharing a joke with a couple of the widows and their companions



Some of the widows with their companions and Lodge Brethren



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R.W.Bro. Robert Cupples, Events Secretary BDMCC, speaking to some of the widows



R.W.Bro. Des Smyth talking with Lodge widows

Ladies Afternoon Tea Party

A great time was had by all at the Ladies Vintage Tea Party in Magherally Masonic Hall.

The event was organised by the Ladies Committee to celebrate the 200th birthday of the Lodge and due to demand was held over two days. The hall was decorated with antique and vintage items including wedding dresses and christening robes.

Entertainment was provided by well known singer Trevor Kelly and ladies, Gwen Miskimmins and Phyllis McCreery recited humorous poems with a vintage theme.

The oldest member of the Lodge, Sydney Hopkins organised a super draw assisted by Alex Shields and George Cairns brought along his vintage car to drive the ladies around the area.

This Tea party was a roaring success and will be remembered for many years to come!



Alex Shields and Sydney Hopkins (91 years young!!)



Sydney Hopkins, Alex Shields, Claire Diamond and her daughter Tilly Rose Diamond, Gwen Miskimmins and Norma Shields.



Phyllis McCreery, Trevor Kelly and Jeanette Arlow

Tommy Honoured

At a recently held meeting of Grand Chapter, Ex. Companion Tommy Rafferty was presented with his 50th Anniversary Jewel.

This was a very proud moment for Tommy and his family and also for the members of his chapter (Royal Arch Chapter No. 53).

His fellow companions are very pleased that Ex. Companion Tommy Rafferty has been honoured with this Jewel and hope that he continues in good health.



Northern Ireland's Children to Lapland & Days to Remember

The aim of the Northern Ireland's Children to Lapland Trust is to fulfil the dreams of terminally ill, long term ill and deserving children, by taking them to see Santa at his home in Lapland. We are a Northern Irish charity which helps children throughout our Province, by giving them a day they and their families will never forget. Many of the children endure the burden of illness throughout their entire lives – a lifetime which is sadly too short. The children who travel with us are nominated by their hospitals and doctors, who see for themselves the kids' excitement grow as the day approaches. I hope this year even more children will benefit and that many individuals and companies will support us in our fund raising efforts”

- Jack Rodgers MBE, Chairman



R.W.Bro. Noel Drain (PGM Londonderry & Donegal) along with his Deputy R.W.Bro. Raymond Robinson presenting a cheque to W.Bro. Raymond Pollock (representative of the charity Children to Lapland) – sponsoring 2 children for the 2014 trip.



Calling all Old Campbellians!! The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 533



As the Honorary Secretary of The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge No. 533 and an Old Campbellian it has long been my wish, along with a few others, to establish a new Masonic Lodge for ex pupils of Campbell College, Belfast who are still active Freemasons within the Irish Constitution.

The constitution of such a Lodge currently has the sponsorship of The Queen's University of Belfast Masonic Lodge which contains a number of Old Campbellians.

If there are any Old Campbellians who are still active Freemasons and who wish to be involved in the formation of such a Lodge, or simply wish to express their interest in such a venture, I would be grateful if they would contact W.Bro. Graeme Kerr at gkmrics@btinternet.com or call me on 07808954060 so I can judge the level of interest and support that is out there.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Sincerely & Fraternally
W. Bro Graeme Kerr
Honorary Secretary QUB Lodge No 533*

World War One Commemoration

M.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, Grand Master, Heather Humphreys, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Major Sean Murphy, Chairman of the Republic of Ireland Branch of the Royal British Legion, Major General The O'Morchoe, President of the Republic of Ireland Branch of the Royal British Legion at the Annual Commemoration and Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Irish National War Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge in Dublin.

The occasion commemorated those Irish Men and Women from the island of Ireland and further afield, who lost their lives in WWI.



Castletown Masonic Lodge No. 949 Ypres Visit 2014

W.Bro. Terry E. Woods of First Volunteer Lodge of Ireland No. 620 together with Brethren of Masonic Lodge No. 949, Dundalk during a recent visit to Flanders Fields in Belgium to visit the grave of his grandfather who was taken prisoner during the First World War and died of his wounds on 31st March 1917, aged 32 years. He was Chief Officer of SS

Moscato which was torpedoed by two German U-boats off the East coast of England. He together with other crew members were taken as prisoners of war. Many of the group photographed below will return to this grave again on the 28th January 2016.



Harmony Lodge 586 Charity BBQ and Night at the Races

On Saturday 13th September 2014, Harmony Masonic Lodge 586 Enniskillen in the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh, held their annual Worshipful Master's BBQ and Night at the Races for Charity in the Masonic Hall Enniskillen.

It was one of the best Annual BBQ's for many a year. The Lodge last year were able to contribute £900 to the Horizon West Children's Hospice and £150 of teddies from TLC to the A & E at the South West Acute Hospital Enniskillen.

This year the Lodge contributed £1,000 from the W.M.'s BBQ to a Charity very close to the Lodge, Arthritis Research UK. On Friday 17th September 2014 the W. Master, W.Bro. David Eames, along with the Secretary, W.Bro. David Young, presented the Enniskillen Branch of Arthritis Research UK (Treasurer W.Bro. Harold Martin), with a Cheque for £1,000.



St. Brigid's Garden Wins National Award

St. Brigid's Community Garden in Stillorgan, which has been donating vegetables to the Carrick Manor Haven for the last two years, was awarded Second Prize in the RDS National Garden Competition at the prize-giving ceremony in September. They were narrowly beaten out of first place by a Garden in County Cork. The Garden has been supplying a selection of fresh vegetables to the Haven, including Tomatoes, Rhubarb, Onions, Lettuce, Beetroot, Broccoli, Runner Beans, Marrows and a wide variety of Herbs, during the last two summers.

The Garden is situated behind St. Brigid's National School in Stillorgan and is open most days between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and there are usually delicious free-range fresh eggs for sale along with a selection of plants and vegetables, (in season).

Irish Masonic Passport

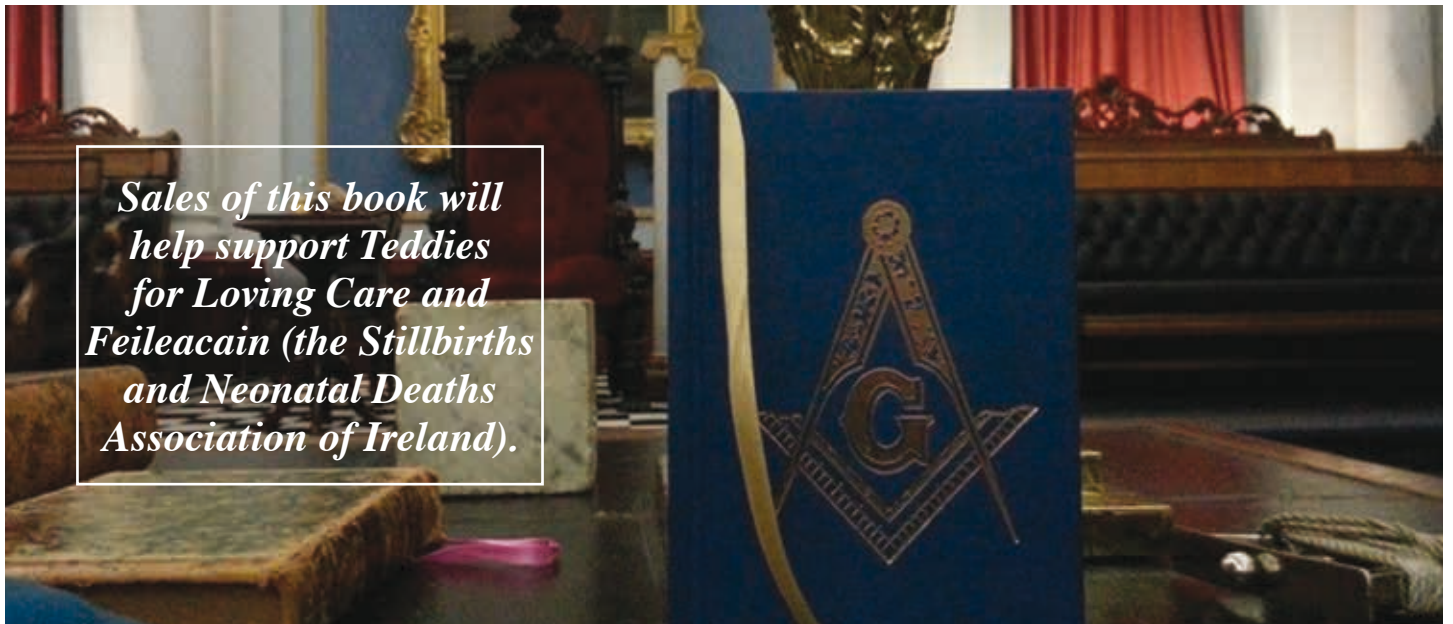
The Irish Masonic Passport has recently been released for sale. This high quality hardback will allow Brethren to keep a record of their travels to Lodges, both at home and overseas.

Crafted to the highest of standards, including a gold embossed Square and Compass, a gold page ribbon, thread sown linen paper and a dues card holder, this book will serve you for 300 visits throughout your masonic career.

Also included are sections for your personal details, your Lodge and Grand Lodge details, pages for your time spent in positions of office in your Lodge, your Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Masons Degrees, as well as pages for your Brethren to sign as a memoire.

This product is a high quality, beautifully crafted book which you will have for many years to come.

For more information please contact: Bro. Ruairi Gaynor - irishmasonicpassport@gmail.com or through The Right Worshipful Acting Master of The Grandmaster's Lodge



Sales of this book will help support Teddies for Loving Care and Feileacain (the Stillbirths and Neonatal Deaths Association of Ireland).

“Crafted with Love and Care, Upon the Level, by the Square”

Killinchy 624 Supports N.I. Hospice

Killinchy Union Star Masonic Lodge No. 624 held a Table Quiz earlier on this year in “McBride’s on the Square”, Comber with all proceeds raised for the benefit of N.I. Hospice. Before our November Communication a cheque for £500 was presented to Deirdre Melly, Community Fund Raiser of N.I. Hospice by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ivor Woods. The Lodge would like to thank Iris McBride of “McBride’s on the Square” of Comber for providing the premises free of charge and place on record our thanks to W.Bro. Hugh Robinson, Lodge Almoner who was the main organiser in arranging the event.



Travelling Mauls Meet at 981



R.W.Bro. Philip Daley, Chairman, Metropolitan Board – W.Bro. Gerry Kinsella, Worshipful Master, Skillet & Trowel Lodge No. 981 – W.Bro. Ian Watson, Province of Essex EC – W.Bro. Ian Simpson, Skillet & Trowel Lodge No. 981 introducing the Metropolitan Travelling Maul and the Province of Essex Travelling Maul.

The Travelling Maul designed to encourage and develop inter-Lodge visiting within the Metropolitan Area, and to develop and extend the fellowship of Freemasonry.

The Travelling Maul was kindly presented by R.W.Bro.

Selwyn Davies and in recognition of his kind gesture, the Travelling Maul commenced its journey in Dalkey Lodge No. 261 in January 2014 and is now in the possession of Caxton Lodge No. 511, awaiting capture.

Golf Dates for your 2015 Calendar

Competition	Venue	Date	Contact
PGL Londonderry & Donegal	Castlerock	30 th April	Raymond Aiken 077 394 19727 (M)
Captain Fyffe Salver - T&F	Killymoon 1.00pm	12 th May	Albert Warwick 028 8676 4187
Antrim Provincial Cup	Ballymena G. C.	15 th May	Robert Wilson 07813 682 234 (M)
Provincial Priors' Golf Society	Killymoon 9.30am - 1.30pm	26 th May	George M.J. Stewart 028 79 4 18 348 (H) 077 9322 3464 (M)
Mourne Cup - T&F	Newtownstewart	3 rd June	Harry Friar MBE 028 81 65 8237
Ferris Cup - Down	Lisburn G. C.	26 th June	Alan Ferris 028 9269 3625 (H) 07543967254 (M)
Armagh Cup - Armagh	Portadown	3 rd July	Bobby McDowell 28 3884 2630
Grand Master's Millennium Cup	Killymoon	28 th August	Noel Simpson 028 7082 3129 077 244 849 37 (M)

France D'Irlande Lodge No. 884



On Saturday the 18th October one of the Metropolitan area's newest Lodges met at Freemasons' Hall. It was time to don the beret, polish up on your French and above all break out the good wine and cheese as France D'Irlande No. 884 were with us for their Stated Communication.

Under the tireless administration of W.Bro. Michel Ducas, Lodge 884 had organised a full agenda for the day. They began at 11:00 a.m. with a demonstration of the E.A. Degree in the Scottish Rite in the Princes Room. The normal Lodge layout was altered, (which gave the Tyler palpitations), and all sorts of strange implements were brought in including bowls, earth and a few other things.

The meeting was well attended by Brethren from across the country. Five members of St. John's Lodge Belfast had

travelled down in the wee small hours, two Brethren from the Province of Munster joined them and members of Garrison Lodge 730, Leinster Lodge 141, Clontarf Lodge 249, Curragh Lodge 397, Victoria Lodge IV & GML joined them, accompanied by V.W.Bro. Paul Stewart from the Grand Lodge of Instruction who was quickly roped in as the exemplification's Candidate.

The Brethren finally emerged at 2 p.m. and there was wine and cheese awaiting them in the Library, which gave rise to a long pondered Masonic question: Why is there never enough cheese? Despite unloading nearly two suitcases of fromage there was not a scrap left after ten minutes.

Duly fortified the Lodge returned to the Princes Room where they were joined by their guests from Northern Ireland and Australia. Bro. Bernard Direiz was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the Lodge.

Our weary Brethren then emerged for a long supper at Buswells, which was attended by their guests. Younger members were then seen heading in the direction of Café En Seine and rumour has it that French Masonic songs were heard in Temple Bar in the wee small hours...

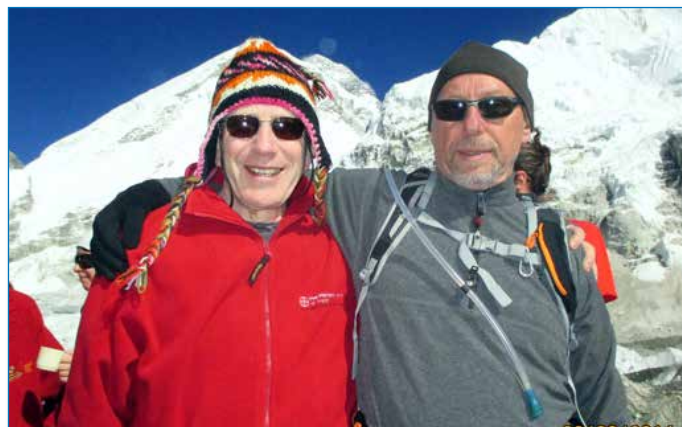
We look forward to seeing Lodge 884 at its next Stated Communication, when we can expect some more surprises. Any Brother is welcome to attend, particularly those who speak French, and Lodge 884 is always happy to welcome any visiting Brethren.

Brethren Scale The Heights

W.Bro. McBain and Bro. Robinson were members of a team of 20 who took part in an adventurous sponsored walk to Base Camp Everest to raise money for World Development and Relief Fund of the Methodist Church in Ireland. The team together raised over €36,000 for projects supported by the Church at home and in Nepal.

Shortly after the Brethren returned to Ireland, an unseasonal blizzard struck a party of trekkers on the Anapurna trail just west of Base Camp, with the loss of 39 lives.

Ed. By the way – a “little birdie” tells me that W.Bro. McBain is age 70, while Bro. Robinson is a mere 58!



W.Bro. Jim McBain [left] Secretary of Concord Masonic Lodge No. 332 Omagh with Bro. Nick Robinson, Senior Deacon, Tyre Masonic Lodge No. 724, Newtownards, above Base Camp in Nepal [altitude 18,000 ft] on 26th September 2014, with Mt. Everest in the background.