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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC LODGES

Happy New Year and welcome to Issue 25 of MetroMason. In 1998 Don Finlay and his editorial team laid the foundation stone for a Metropolitan Newsletter with the launch of the first issue of MetroMason. In 2002, I was delighted to follow in Don's footsteps and take over the mantle of Editor and hope that I have maintained the high standard he had achieved. Now, in 2010 I am delighted to announce that Ken Broughall has taken over as Editor and I know you will join with me in wishing him every success in his new role. Ken is an experienced Mason of many years and a member of many Dublin Lodges most notably a founder member of Skillet and Trowel Lodge No. 981 of which he is Secretary and we look forward to the new initiatives he will bring to MetroMason. You are invited and encouraged to send in material for inclusion in future issues to Ken Broughall, Editor MetroMason, Freemasons, Hall, Molesworth St, Dublin 2 or email metromason@eircom.net.

This year sees a full complement of Brethren elected to the Metropolitan Board and they are listed along with the various Lodges they represent. In addition the following Brethren have taken on additional responsibilities and I am grateful to them for their continued support.

Geoff Lovegrove - Deputy Chairman
Randall Robertson - Secretary
Joe Close - Treasurer
Kevin Spring - Metropolitan Steward of Charities
Les Sibbald - Metropolitan Almoner
Ken Broughall - Editor, MetroMason
Ken Roe & Jim Smith - Webmaster and Hall Screen

The Metropolitan Board will continue with the popular events such as Summer Lodge, BBQ and Concert and the dates of these events are listed elsewhere in this issue. A Secretaries Seminar is planned for 29th March and a subcommittee has been formed to look at suitable functions both fundraising and social for younger Brethren.

Communications are of the utmost importance and a strong team effort with the Lodges and the Board will play a major part in the continued success of Freemasonry in the Metropolitan Area. The Board look forward to working with the members in the Metropolitan Area. We welcome your views and please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board at any time.

Philip Daley, Chairman - Metropolitan Board

Board Member	Representing Lodges
Ken Broughall	Geraldine 171, Skillet & Trowel 981
Joe Close	Molesworth 611, Military 728
Philip Daley	Unity 238, St Cecilia 494, Lodge Ireland 2000
Peter Fellowes-McCully	Temple 6, Fidelity 125, Oracle 1003
Tom Fitzpatrick	Curragh Emerald 397, Dublin 500
John Heery	Israel 126, Minerva 214, Corinthian Commercial 245
Martin Lenihan	Acacia 225, Garrison 730
Geoff Lovegrove	GML, Leinster 141, Chetwode Crawley 395, Victory 478
Norman O'Galligan	Kingstown 510, The First Volunteer 620
Randall Robertson	Lodge No 2, Ruby 339, Duke of York 25, University 33
Ken Roe	Victoria 4, Emerald Isle 19, Orpheus 426,
Leslie Sibbald	Clontarf 249, Fitzgibbon 331
Jim Smith	Dalkey 261
Kevin Spring	Trinity 357, Caxton 511
Paul Stewart	
Neville Thompson	

Lux Diei Lodge – Meeting Since 1988

Celebrating their 21st Anniversary

At the March 1988 Communication of The Grand Lodge of Ireland approval was granted for the constitution of a Daylight Lodge for the Metropolitan Area to be called Lux Diei Lodge.

The inaugural meeting of Lux Diei Lodge took place on the 27th May 1988. At that historical meeting the Grand Secretary read an extract from the minutes of the March Communication of The Grand Lodge of Ireland. The extract read as follows: “The Board further considered the proposed constitution of a Daylight Lodge in the Metropolitan Area which had previously been discussed at the November meeting of the Board. After due consideration and considerable discussion, the Board recommended to Grand Lodge that a Daylight Lodge be constituted in the Metropolitan Area. Confirmed.”

The inaugural meeting of Lux Diei was attended by thirty eight Brethren. There were five apologies for non-attendance. The Worshipful Master said that if the inaugural

meeting was anything to judge, then Lux Diei Lodge was ensured certain success.

Today, Lux Diei is attended by Brethren who find it difficult due to evening work commitments or prefer not to travel in the evening to attend meetings. Visiting Brethren from our sister constitutions frequently attend Lux Diei meetings and at many meetings we have talented guest speakers, speaking on a variety of interesting subjects. Meetings are followed by optional light refreshments.

Please remember that Lux Diei Lodge is your Lodge and welcomes your support. Membership of Lux Diei is automatic for all members of the Irish Constitution of Freemasons. There are no additional fees or subscriptions. Lux Diei Lodge meets in the Grand Lodge Room of the fourth Friday of the month at 2.15 p.m. except June, July, August and December.

See You Soon At Lux Diei





2010 - Lodge Ireland 2000's 10th Anniversary Year



Did you know that Lodge Ireland 2000 - Ireland's only Internet Lodge will be 10 years old in June 2010 and what a special year it is turning out to be.

On the 2nd January this year the outgoing Master - W.Bro. S.D. McGrew - installed R.W.Bro. R.H. Gray (*Provincial Grand Master of Down*) as the Master for 2010 and R.W.Bro. Gray in turn invested the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, as his Junior Warden. This unique occasion took place in the Crawfordsburn Masonic Hall, Province of Down in the company of R.W.Bro. Philip Daley and 47 other Brethren. Afterwards the Brethren of the Lodge entertained their guests and ladies (80 in total) to a sumptuous buffet provided by Ms Pauline McMurray a past pupil of the Girl's School.

On 13th March the second of the Lodge's four physical meetings will take place in the Masonic Hall Donemana, the home of Lodge No. 256 which celebrates its 200th Anniversary this year.

On Saturday 5th June (5 days short of the actual 10th anniversary of the Constitution) the Lodge will meet in Molesworth Street and this Special Communication will be followed by a "black tie" dinner in the

Mount Herbert Hotel, Ballsbridge - all Brethren are most welcome to attend the communication in the Grand Lodge room (it's the Saturday after Grand Lodge's 3rd June communication) but Brethren and Ladies wishing to attend the Dinner in the evening must book their places and are asked to defer their own costs. If interested please contact richardh.gray@btinternet.com or williamclarke746@btinternet.com

The October communication will be held in the Masonic Hall, Athlone on Saturday 9th October.

The Lodge has a "roving" Warrant which allows it to meet anywhere in the island of Ireland. It has members all over the world - U.S.A., Canada, Brazil, Spain, Argentina, France, Abu Dhabi, England, Australia and Romania. It holds four "physical" meetings a year but Lodge Members also meet "electronically" each month in a secure "chat room" on the Lodge's WWW site. Non-members can access the public side of the Lodge WWW site at <http://ireland2000.org> - why not have a look - you might like to join us!

Richard H. Gray
Worshipful Master

History in the Making



On Friday 22nd January 2010 Lux Diei met at 2.15 p.m. for the Installation of the Worshipful Master and Officers. R.W.Bro. Philip Daley, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board took the chair and after the opening and usual business R.W.Bro. Philip installed his father, W.Bro. Jack Daley, Head Tyler in the chair. The large attendance included R.W.Bro. Michael Walker, Past Grand Secretary and R.W.Bro. Brian O'Byrne, Grand Lodge Representative at the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Skillet and Trowel Lodge No. 981

On the 2nd of December last, Skillet and Trowel Lodge No. 981, paid a visit to The Metropolitan Grand Stewards Lodge in Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London. The Metropolitan Grand Stewards Lodge is itself, a relatively young Lodge and carries the rather coincidental warrant number of 9812.

V.W.Bro. Peter Reynolds and V.W.Bro. Derrick Silver, both Metropolitan Assistant Grand Masters were present as we demonstrated the workings of an Entered Apprentice Degree, as it is known to us here in Ireland. In excess of 200 English Brethren watched, gob smacked and amazed as most had never seen an Irish degree before. After the meeting a great number of Brethren commented on how fascinated they were with regard to our “antics” at the door of the Lodge Room as the candidate was being presented. Apparently they had never witnessed anything like the numerous times we open the door and close it again while a report is given. It seems that they achieve the same objective, but they do it all in one go. Many Brethren also commented on how wonderful it was to hear the explanations given in a seemingly adlib and effortless manner. I am not sure if our conductor would agree that it was adlib as he spent many a lunch hour studying the exact



wording although it is gratifying to know that his work was received in a relaxed manner by the assembled audience.

After the meeting we retired to the famous Connaught Rooms, a fine dining facility next door to Freemasons Hall where we enjoyed a sumptuous Installation Dinner.

Skillet and Trowel Lodge No. 981 was constituted in March 2009 and this was our first official outing although the Lodge was originally conceived during a trip to Southend by a number of us who eventually decided to form a Lodge in an effort to continue the burst of Masonic fellowship which had manifested itself in Southend. In fact, so great was our experience that a number of brethren from Southend also joined in with the plan and along with many enthusiastic members at home, Lodge No. 981 was founded amidst a blaze of glory and a fanfare of excitement.

We have plans to visit Wales, Scotland, France and Estonia amongst others, although we may not always be demonstrating Irish ritual on these trips we will however be spreading the philosophy of Irish Freemasonry as far and wide as we can and doing so with great pride. Pride in what we have achieved thus far and pride in what we know we shall achieve in the future.

Ken Power

Views Expressed

Views expressed in MetroMason are those of the contributor and are not necessarily those of the Editor, Metropolitan Board or Grand Lodge.

Captain Alan Guest Trophy

A trophy, generously presented by W.Bro. Martin Lenihan, on behalf of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 which is to be known as the Captain Alan Guest Trophy, will be presented, annually at Summer Lodge, to the Metropolitan Lodge with the best attendance at the Metropolitan Craft Ritual classes during the preceding year.



Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and founder of the Alan Guest Ritual Class now known as the Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class. The classes which are open to all Brethren are held in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street and commence at 7.30 p.m. each Monday from October to April excluding Bank Holidays and the fifth Monday if it occurs in any month.

The trophy commemorates the memory of Captain Alan Guest a Past Master of

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Chetwode Crawley Lodge No. 395



(L-R) W.Bro's Ivor Moloney, Charles Reede, David Reede, Ronald Bates and Bernie Blood proudly wearing their newly presented jewels.

A Wonderful Achievement

On 2nd November 2009, Chetwode Crawley Lodge No. 395 held a dinner to honour Brethren of the Lodge for their unstinting service over many years. W.Bro. Charles Reede received a sixty year jewel and W.Bro's Ivor Moloney, Ronald Bates, Bernie Blood and David Reede fifty year jewels.

March Meeting of Grand Lodge and Visit to St. John's

Grand Lodge will meet in Cabra Castle, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan courtesy of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Meath on Saturday, 6th March 2010 at 3.00 p.m. A coach will be departing from Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 9.00 a.m. for Grand Lodge and will visit St. John's in Virginia on route. The visit to St. John's will afford an opportunity to view the facilities and coffee will be served before the onward journey to Kingscourt. It is hoped that many Brethren

will take the opportunity to visit St. John's and Grand Lodge. The cost of the coach will be €20 per head and lunch at Cabra Castle €30 per head. Please advise Philip Daley (contact details below) no later than 24th February 2010 if you require a seat on the coach and lunch booked on your behalf.

Further details available from Philip Daley +353 1 296 4622 or +353 87 205 7320 or email: metromason@eircom.net

Lonely Hall Computer seeks Content!

That caught your eye, didn't it?! You will have seen the large screen in the hallway in Molesworth Street many times as you enter for your Lodge or other meetings, and possibly even glanced at it on occasion. Sometimes it may display an item of interest to you, but many times you may have felt the information to be dated. Did you ever stop to think why that may be so?

However snazzy and modern this technology may look and sound, unfortunately it all hinges on content. Developers of modern websites know that dynamic and powerful content is what makes for a great site, rather than static material, and the same is true of our own Hall computer. The Hall computer is an invaluable resource not only for members of the Order, but also for the many members of the general public who use the Hall, or visit the Museum. The screen is high definition, and capable of not only presenting lists of forthcoming

events but also showing short video clips, photographs and even playing sound. Your recent events could be shown for all to see, or better still, a catchy advertisement for your forthcoming charity event, accompanied by suitable speech or music, could ensure a great turnout for your Lodge, and also present a professional and outward looking image to the public who use our Hall.

I exhort all secretaries, registrars and others to provide us with relevant content in good time and we will ensure that it is well presented and puts forward a great image of your Lodge and of the Order in general. If you can provide 'computer ready' content with video and audio clips then that is all the better. Please send all content to myself at ei4cp@ireland.com or to Ken Roe at Ken@bishopsvale.com. And comments are also welcome!

Jim Smith, MBGP

Diary Dates

NEW MEMBERS SEMINAR

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St.

Thursday 4th March 2010

SECRETARIES SEMINAR

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St.

Monday 29th March 2010

METROPOLITAN BOARD BBQ

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St.

Saturday 19th June 2010 at 7pm

SUMMER LODGE

Grand Lodge Room

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St.

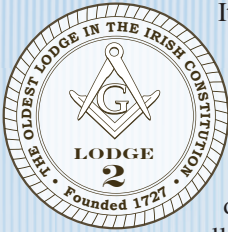
Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 3pm

METROPOLITAN CONCERT

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St

Saturday 30th October 2010 at 8pm

Lodge Two News



It is just before Christmas, the bus has just pulled up to the entrance to the St. Joseph' Nursing home, in Virginia, Co. Cavan, out of the bus, disembark nearly half, of all the children attending the local Billis National School, dressed in their blue and red uniforms. The boys and girls have come to sing carols, which will entertain the elderly residents. Some of the residents are delighted, to see



and hear the children, others are confused, but in a moment, the children break into their rendition of 'Silent Night' and 'Away in a Manger' and everyone knows that Christmas cannot be far away. This visit has been sponsored by Lodge Two from the Metropolitan Area, when all the singing has finished, and the crisps, popcorn and lemonade, then it's time to get on the bus. We will, with the help and assistance of the Headmistress, Children, Teachers and Parents of Billis National School be permitted to sponsor the event again, next Christmas 2010, thereby adding a really good moment for the residents.

John McCormack
Almoner Lodge Two

THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES **Barbeque & Raffle**

in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin on Saturday, 19th June 2010 at 7.00p.m.



ADULTS €20 (STEAK & WINE)
CHILDREN €5 (BURGER & SOFT DRINKS)

Proceeds in aid of Masonic Charities

Tickets available from the Hall Porters Office or any member of the Metropolitan Board

THE FINEST PREMIUM WHISKEYS FROM IRISH DISTILLERS,
COOLEY DISTILLERY AND THE CELTIC WHISKEY SHOP.



ALL BRETHREN AND NON-BRETHREN ARE WELCOME!

TICKET: €25

AVAILABLE FROM PORTER'S DESK
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY

Against All The Odds

Against all odds the Metropolitan Area once again came up trumps with a staggering €101,384 contributed to the main Masonic Charities for the year ended 31st December 2009. The beneficiaries were Victoria Jubilee €43,263, Welfare Fund €32,475, and Masonic Havens €25,646. Whilst the total for the year may be down 13% on 2008, it still represents a magnificent result given the current economic background.

It is interesting to note that 2009 was the 5th successive year that the Metropolitan Area Masonic donations were in six figures

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
€85,584	€109,222	€127,823	€137,902	€116,263	€101,384

2010 won't be any easier, let's once again do our best!

A meeting of Stewards of Charity will take place shortly once the annual accounts for each of the Charities become available.

On behalf of Masonic Benevolent Institutions and the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes a heartfelt thanks to all.

Kevin Spring Metropolitan Steward of Charities

*Ireland, oh Ireland, what have you done
For St. Patrick's works have all been undone
And our island has been desecrated by some
Oh please come back and take the snakes
from our tongue.*

*Saints and scholars, we can't claim no more
For the devil has come back to our door
For greed and corruption seems to be at the
core
And God does not exist in us any more.*

*All around our City people sit in a door
Begging for a cent, while we all have more
When will they learn, drugs and drink are
the big sore*

*What a pity our very wealthy cannot do a bit
more.*

*Until the time that we all realise more
That God's teaching we must not ignore
Love thine neighbour, yes him next door
And for the down and out we must all do
more.*

*So at this time when we all celebrate
Eating turkey and ham and feeling great
To remember that child born on this date
And to all the people of the world it is not
too late.*

Written by Sydney Ingram for the residents of Carrick Manor
and given to them at their Christmas dinner 2009.

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