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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC LODGES**

# LEINSTER LODGE 141



Lodge 141 is one of the oldest Lodges in the Metropolitan Area having been in continuous working since 1834. It is a very active Lodge and is particularly unusual in that it has an exceptional number of Grand Lodge Officers on its roll, including the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Almoner and several others.

The Lodge opened its busy Spring Season with the Installation of Geoff Lovegrove in the Chair to celebrate his fiftieth year as a member and then continued with a busy schedule which included Ballots for Candidates and Affiliates, an Emergency Meeting in May with 2 First Degrees and then the annual Floating Lodge Meeting on the Canal Boat 70M on the Shannon, (at which a Ballot was held). The Ritual, as usual, was excellent even if the clothing was slightly casual! This was followed by the traditional Barbecue, (On dry land). In addition to all of this, as part of the regular programme of visiting other Lodges, in April, 141 visited the Prince of Wales Lodge 222 in Greystones for a most interesting meeting.

The Season ended with an excellent Barbecue night in St. Brigid's Parochial Centre in Stillorgan attended by 40 Brethren, their friends and some of the Lodge widows, which raised nearly €1,000 for the Charities.

# OBITUARY

## **R.W. Bro. Leslie Victor Johnston** **Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master** **Died 26th August 2011**



R.W. Bro. Leslie Johnston was a man and a Mason who embraced the highest ideals of our Order and exemplified the ideal characteristics of a truly committed member. He was a wonderful and pleasant brother, who executed his duties as R.W. Assistant Grand Master with dedication and always gave of his best. He was born in Dublin and was adopted by an ideal family, who cared for him as a blood relative and afforded him valuable guidance in his educational path, expertly given by his adopted mother who was a qualified school teacher.

After Dublin, the family moved to Co. Cavan where Leslie continued his education at Royal School, Cavan, from which he ultimately attended Queens University. Having gained a degree and various diplomas in Social Welfare, with a strong emphasis on needy children, he followed this path during his working life and reached the apex of his ambitions in this regard. He was appointed as County High Sheriff of Armagh by HRH Queen Elizabeth for the year 2005, an honour which he justly deserved for his work and dedication to Social Services.

Leslie's prime responsibility as Assistant Grand Master was the oversight of our Masonic Charities, a task which he performed with tremendous knowledge and vigour. This fitted in well with his previous knowledge of Social Welfare to which he gave his all. Our Masonic Order in Ireland owes so much to Leslie and many of us will surely treasure the friendly relationship we had with him, which greatly strengthened the personal attachment and admiration in which he was held.

Leslie applied himself with professional skill and ability, always striving to reach the highest standard of perfection and willing to take on any task which he was delegated. He will be missed in many ways and I have no doubt that he is now in the presence of the God whom he loved and adored and through Him will find the comfort and joy which he undoubtedly deserves.

To his wife Florence and family, I tender our deepest sympathy, trusting that time and faith will soften the severe loss which they have sustained.

*Grand Master*

# SUMMER LODGE

The 13th Annual Summer Lodge took place in the Grand Lodge Room, Molesworth Street on Wednesday 20th July with 170 Brethren present for a very enjoyable afternoon.

R.W.Bro. Philip Daley, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board welcomed the many distinguished Brethren, representing Freemasonry in Ireland and in particular the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey.

During the afternoon the Claret Jug and the Captain Alan Guest Trophy were presented. The Claret Jug is presented to a Lodge in the Metropolitan area that in the opinion of the Board has worked together as a team to enhance all aspects of the Lodge. The criteria covers areas such as membership, new candidates, ritual and degree work, charity giving and the social aspect including festive boards and visiting other Lodges. This year the recipient of the Claret Jug is Ruby Lodge No. 339.

The Captain Alan Guest trophy commemorates the memory of Captain Alan Guest a Past Master of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and founder of the Alan Guest Ritual Class now known as the Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class. The trophy is presented to a Metropolitan Lodge with the best attendance at the Metropolitan Craft Ritual classes during the preceding year. This year the Lodge with the best attendance at the Metropolitan Craft Ritual class was Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730.



*W.Bro. Allen Leeson - Bro. Gareth Walsh - R.W.Bro. Philip Daley - Jane McKenna - R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey - Bro Eoin Meehan - Bro. Luke Walsh*



*R.W.Bro. Philip Daley - W.Bro. Connie Carter - R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey*

When the meeting closed we were delighted to receive an excellent and informative presentation on "Are there really WOMEN Masons?" - a short talk by Worshipful Brother Connie Carter, of Nore Light Lodge No 35, Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons, about the establishment of Women's Freemasonry in England and why she believes all Masons should be working together. It was a pleasure to welcome Connie and to learn something of the history of Women in Freemasonry.

We were honoured that Jane McKenna of Laura Lynn was present to receive a cheque for €5,500 toward the LauraLynn Hospice Foundation. The proceeds were as a result of the very successful Freemasons Masquerade Ball held in the Thomas Prior Hall at Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge during May.

Following the above the Brethren retired to complimentary refreshments. Once again, this was an amazing display of the caterer's art prepared by our very own and very talented W.Bro. Tim Murphy and his band of willing helpers.

A wonderful afternoon, good ritual, good speakers, good festive board, good charity and most importantly good fellowship. What more could we ask for.

Next year this event will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2012. Don't say that you were not told in plenty of time.

# GML – Not Lost In Translation!



While it may not be unusual for overseas brethren to visit Irish Lodges, a group of 22 French Masons had a pleasant surprise or two when they visited Grand Master's Lodge in May. A feature of the Stated Communication that evening was a paper entitled 'Making Darkness Visible' which examined the hidden significances of the instruction of the First Degree, based on the writings of noted Masonic academic Walter Leslie Wilmshurst.

GML's R.W. Acting Senior Warden Tony Ennis, who researched the material over many months

before writing the paper, delivered it in English while a Paris domiciled member of the Lodge, Patrick McCann, delighted the French by simultaneously translating it fluently into their native language.

After the meeting, the Frenchmen enjoyed a bilingual tour of Freemasons' Hall, with Patrick McCann, Tony Ennis (who also lives in France) and Oracle Lodge guest Pierre Jolivet translating the explanations of GML's R.W. Acting Secretary Tony Browne.

At the Festive Board, GML's R.W. Acting Master Stephen McKee made a considerable impression on the visitors from Province Toulouse/Pyrenees by welcoming them 'en Francais'. A rousing rendition of 'La Marseillaise' led by Bob Hackett, the Rt. W. Senior Grand Warden who attended the meeting, was also greeted with great enthusiasm.

The donation of jars of locally made, superior quality foie gras to the officers of GML was just one example of the French visitors' appreciation for a worthwhile trip to Dublin.

## SIMON MORGAN & HIS ORCHESTRA

MUSICAL DIRECTOR - DAVID WRAY

See one of Ireland's finest Baritones, Simon Morgan, perform original arrangements of songs with versions inspired by the lush orchestral sounds of the 1930's, and 1940's Hollywood. Classics include "I'll be Seeing You", "Shenandoah", "Blue Skies", "Where or When", "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", and "In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning"; Don't miss this opportunity to see Simon on the launch of his first solo orchestral Album, entitled "I'll be Seeing you".

**Ticket Prices: €20, €25, €30**

**10% discounts for groups of 10 or more,  
also friends of the National Concert Hall.**

**No Booking Fees Apply**

**Thursday 24th November**

8pm @ The National Concert Hall

Tel: 01 417000. Online Booking: [nch.ie](http://nch.ie)



# The Haven is Hot

Due to the persistence of the Chairman and the Management Committee, the residents of Carrickmanor Haven in Monkstown will be snug and warm this winter regardless of what dire weather the Met Office has forecast.

The 25 year old heating system in the Manor had been giving trouble for some time and even though a considerable amount of money had been spent on it in recent years it could not be said to be reliable and was extremely costly to run. So it was decided to pursue the course of replacing it. The Chairman first enlisted the assistance of W.Br.

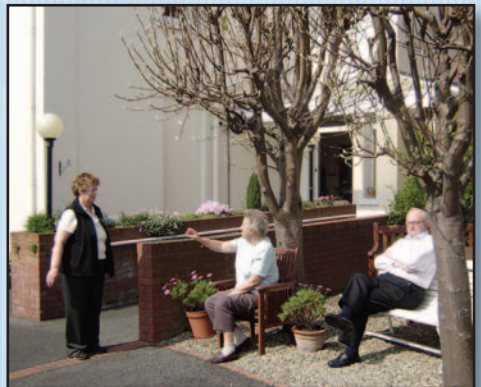


John Haynes who brought in an expert Heating Consultant, W.Br.Deryk Morris. The problem was not a simple one as the boilers have to provide hot water and heating to Main House, the Bungalows and also the apartments. A specialist firm of heating contractors was called in and it produced a plan which was agreed by all, but the difficulty was, that quite naturally, it was going to be very expensive. Eventually the Board agreed that the work was absolutely essential and work commenced in August. This was carried out with great speed and efficiency and in no time at all the old boiler room, which resembled the engine room of a ship, was transformed to something more like the flight deck of a space ship, with

two gleaming compact modern boilers and banks of electronic controls, valves and switches.

The net result of this will hopefully be that for at least the next 10 years there should be no doubts whatever about the reliability of the system and in that time it will have easily repaid the cost by it's very much increased efficiency.

So the present residents and indeed those coming in the future can be assured of their comfort at all times. On this note it is worth remembering that there are still a couple of apartments vacant for anyone lucky enough to get them.



# The Emerald Isle Lodge No.XIX



(Late 88th Connaught Rangers)

Formerly of Lahore, Pakistan.

Worshipful Master:  
W Bro Colin Walker.  
Secretary: VW Bro Terence Read,

In 1907, Lodge XIX was constituted with a travelling warrant to be the Masonic Lodge of the 88th Connaught Rangers Regt. From the start it had an eventful history. Preparations for its birth were carefully nurtured in Leinster Lodge 131, under the guidance of Bandmaster Keely, in Mullingar as the Regiment was stationed there. The Warrant was granted in March 1907 but the Regiment was promptly ordered to India. It stopped in Malta for a year of acclimatisation before proceeding to India, and the Lodge was going in Malta in April 1907 by the English District Grand Master at the request of the GLI.

Over the following years the Lodge met in several stations in India. When the Regiment was disbanded after the First World War, Grand Lodge allowed the Lodge to continue as a civil Lodge with a change of name and based in its current station. It thus became Emerald Isle Lodge No. XIX, Lahore. The Lodge survived the partition of India despite its members being both sides of the new border and soon it was initiating enthusiastic Pakistani members.

Problems arose with the Government of Pakistan trying to restrict Freemasonry in the 1970s. Finally, the Martial Law administration of General Zia Ul-Haq tried to ban Freemasonry. When the Courts repeatedly found in favour of the Freemasons, the regime finally resorted to banning Freemasonry under a Martial Law Regulation and seized the fine Freemasons' Hall in Lahore and the assets of Lodges in 1983.

Emerald Isle XIX went into darkness, together with other Lodges of the English and Scottish Constitutions. The Freemasons never gave up

and the case for allowing freedom of association as a basic human right is still being contested in the Lahore High Court over 30 years later.

Early in the 1990s, the Lodge petitioned Grand Lodge for a duplicate warrant and permission to work in Ireland until such time as the light of Freemasonry could once more shine in the land of Pakistan.

The GLI readily agreed, and Lord Donegal having just retired as Grand Master was very willing to take the Chair of King Solomon for the Lodge's first ever time working in Ireland. This he did in recognition of the bravery of the Pakistani Brethren who had stood up in the courts to defend the honour and practice of Freemasonry. Thus the Lodge has found a home in Dublin since 1993, during which time our membership has grown to over 80, with Brethren living in 8 different countries and being adherents of five different faiths.

The Lodge acknowledges the very generous and understanding support of Grand Lodge in this move, and values very much the wonderful support of Brethren here in Ireland, nearly all of whom are affiliates from other Lodges.

During the time in Ireland, the Lodge has kept active in support of Pakistan, encouraging the Brethren there and supporting local charities. At the same time it has sought to explore and connect with its history in the Connaught Rangers as well as its roving years with a Travelling Warrant on the Indian sub-continent.

The picture shows the old Masonic Hall in Lodge Road, Lahore, built in 1859. In the days of the Raj processions took place between the Hall and the Church on St. John's Day. Rudyard Kipling was initiated in Lodge Hope & Perseverance No. 782 EC here in 1886. The Hall was damaged by the earthquake of 4th April 1905 and finally abandoned in 1917 when the new Masonic Hall was built, in which the Emerald Isle Lodge No. XIX met during its time in Lahore.

*Terence Read, Secretary, XIX*

# The Prestonian Lecturer for 2009

W. Bro. Dr. John Stephen Wade was born in Edinburgh in 1947, but moved to Leeds when his father was appointed lecturer at the University there. He was educated at High Storrs Grammar School Sheffield and the University of Durham where he read Classics. Following a 20-year career as a Classics teacher in Sheffield, during which time he wrote a thesis on Philip of Macedon for his MA degree, he transferred his Classics teaching to Further Education and then on to Higher Education at the University of Sheffield, where he finished his full-time career as Teaching Fellow in Latin and Greek. Having taken early retirement in 2005, John Wade continues to teach Latin to postgraduate students at the University, to assist in the Centre for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternity in the Humanities Research Institute, and early in 2009 was awarded his PhD for a thesis on the Latin writings of the Tudor martyrologist, John Foxe.

Bro. John Wade was initiated into Fellowship Lodge No. 4069 in 1981 and exalted into Fellowship Royal Arch Chapter No. 4069 in 1985. He was installed as Master of Fellowship Lodge in 1991 and was the founding Master of Amadeus Lodge No. 9359 in 1994. He is a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in both Yorkshire West Riding and Derbyshire, and a Past Provincial Grand Registrar in the Royal Arch, as well as a Past Sovereign in the Rose Croix. In the Mark degree, Bro. Wade was the acting Provincial Grand Registrar for the Province of Derbyshire



during 2009. A Past Sovereign in the Red Cross of Constantine, he is currently a Past Divisional Steward, as well as being an active member of a number of other orders. From 2003-2005 he was President of the Sheffield Masonic Study

Circle. Having been elected a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 2005, he was Secretary of the Lodge for 2008 – 9 and was installed as Master for 2009-10 Bro. Wade also manages to find time to be a member of

Lodges in Scotland (where he is a Past Master of Lodge Hope of Kurrachee, No. 337, S.C.), Ireland, Italy (where he is currently the Master of Loggia Santa Cecilia No. 180, R.G.L.I.) and the United States (where in September 2009 he was appointed to the rank of Honorary Grand Lecturer in the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey), and to be the musical director of the Sheffield and District Masonic Choir which he founded in 1991.

## The Prestonian Lecture for 2009

### **GO AND DO THOU LIKEWISE:** *English Masonic Processions from the 18th to the 20th Centuries.*

In this paper Bro. John Wade looks at Masonic processions, which were a regular occurrence in many parts of England from the first quarter of the Eighteenth century to the immediate pre-second world war period in the late 1930s. Very few have occurred in the last seventy-five years. This paper asks why Freemasons have retreated from public space during this period, have, perhaps, become nervous about the public

perception of them, or, perhaps, are embarrassed about themselves. The lecture surveys public processions of Masons over two centuries and examines the association of civic, ecclesiastical and Masonic bodies in public ceremonies of foundation stone laying, the dedication of completed buildings and other occasions for public thanksgiving. Bro. Wade argues that as Freemasonry moves further into the twenty-first century, it needs to be more proactive about its civic identity. He feels that for the man in the street Freemasons should be demonstrating that they have an association with the community,

and that they are not a secret society or private members' club – though they do have their private space. Bro. Wade suggests that Freemasons explore the possibility for a return of some of these public activities. He considers that as far as the public image of Freemasonry is concerned, it has lost that civic association it has had for hundreds of years. Its forefathers among the leaders of both the civic and ecclesiastical authorities appreciated the symbolic importance of the presence of the Masons on these major occasions for the community.

## New Members' Committee

In times past, the most usual path to membership of Freemasonry in Ireland has been through family or work connections. An Uncle, Father or Colleague would be a member and would be able to provide information and background knowledge about the Order to a prospective candidate. In a similar way, because of the close relationship, the background and character of the potential candidate would be known to the member thus providing a level of comfort that he would fit in to our Order.

Times have changed. We now have relatively large numbers of men (and indeed women) contacting the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges through email and the various web-sites as well as those calling to Freemasons' Hall to enquire about membership. These are generally people with an enormous interest in the Order but no contact with anyone known to them who is a member. This gives rise to problems on both sides. The interested party has probably read widely about Freemasonry, and as we all know, is therefore likely to have some pretty wild ideas about what we do. There has been no formal structure to provide education to potential candidates about the reality of Irish Freemasonry. On the other side, the order is faced with someone who has 'come in off the street' and has no knowledge of that person's background or whether he is likely to fit in.

In order to address these issues, a committee has been set up, under the authority of the Grand Secretary's office, whose remit is to build structures to educate and assess these applicants and to enable the smooth admission of those who prove suitable while dealing sensitively and appropriately with those who do not.

It should be emphasized that the committee is the first point of contact for potential candidates with no Masonic connections from around the country and not the Dublin Metropolitan area.

It also needs to be clear that this process does not 'poach' candidates from Lodges. If at any time we find that one of our potential candidates has a connection with a Lodge, he will be immediately referred to that Lodge.

The committee is continuing to refine the processes for evaluating candidates. Once we have assigned a candidate, a letter is sent to the Lodge Secretary giving details of the potential member. We would expect that several members of the Lodge would want to meet him before he is proposed and seconded. We ask that Secretaries reply and let us know how the candidate is progressing or if the Lodge feels that he may not be suitable.

*Peter Fellows-McCully  
Chair, New Members' Committee*



# LauraLynn House Opens

On behalf of LauraLynn, Brendan and I would like to thank, most graciously, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons and all the Brethren dispersed throughout the many Lodges for their wonderful support in making our dream come true.

I am delighted to say that on Tuesday, 27th September, LauraLynn House was officially opened by the President of Ireland, Mary Mc Aleese – a very precious and special day for all involved. We were delighted to have Richard

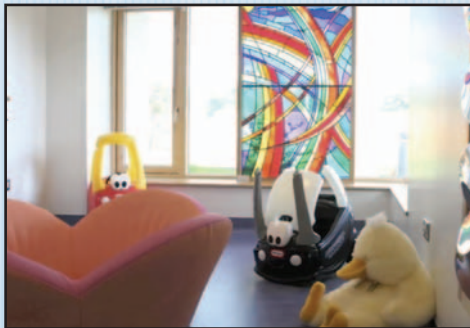


Ensor, Grand Treasurer, and Philip Daley, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, present with us on the occasion.

The support that the Freemasons have given, by way of fundraising, will help make a great difference to the success of the Hospice Project. Because of the illnesses and early deaths of our own daughters, Laura & Lynn, we know

firsthand how important it is that seriously ill children and their families be given the respite and support which is vital in easing their burden. It will bring much needed comfort, care and respite to many sick children and their families.

LauraLynn House itself is part of The Children's Sunshine Home at Leopardstown Rd, Foxrock. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you all, and we would indeed be truly grateful if



you continue to remember LauraLynn House in the future, as we now face our greatest challenge, the annual running costs.

*Warmest regards to all,  
Jane Mc Kenna*



## Lodge 2

Lodge 2 was delighted to have a very large number of visitors from overseas at its recent meeting. 19 Brethren from various Lodges in the United Grand Lodge of England attended together with 3 Irish Constitution Brethren from the Republic of Mauritius, who were visiting Dublin.

*The photograph opposite shows W.Br. Ken Roe, Lodge Secretary and the Worshipful Master being presented with gifts from W.Bro. Patrick Lan Hing Po, W.Bro. Arvind Prithipaul and W.Bro. Yogesh Singh.*



## Lodge Agenda

Lodge 2's December meeting will include a visit from W.B Chris McClintock, Past Master of Lodge No 754 Coleraine. Chris will be giving a talk on his book "*The Craft and the Cross*". The talk will take the form of a powerpoint presentation lasting about 40 minutes followed by questions and answers.

The book itself is on the "*Common origins of Freemasonry and Christianity in ancient sun worship*" and looks at the present day rituals and symbols in Freemasonry and the possible origins of these rituals going back over four thousand years to the Bronze age. Chris's own web site [www.thecraftandthecross.com](http://www.thecraftandthecross.com) gives a good insight into his findings and includes a video lecture which can be viewed online.

## Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall

Tuesday, 27th December, 2011 at 12.00  
noon followed by lunch

**Installation Communication of Grand Lodge**  
*Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall,  
Molesworth Street*

Monday, 30th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

**Metropolitan Masters & Wardens Seminar**  
*Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street*

Saturday, 16th June, 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

**Metropolitan Board BBQ**  
*Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street*

Wednesday, 18th July, 2012 at 3.00 p.m.

**Summer Lodge**  
*Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall,  
Molesworth Street*

# Royal Arch Masonry in Ireland

Did you know that once you have been a Master Mason for one year you can ask to join a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons? No? Many seem unaware of this fact but there is a whole new experience awaiting the Master Mason on his 'next step' in freemasonry. So what is Royal Arch Masonry?

Like Craft Masonry, the origins of Royal Arch Masonry are lost in time. The first known reference to the Royal Arch anywhere in the world, relates to Youghal, Co. Cork. *Faulkner's Dublin Journal 10-14 January, 1743* 'reported that Youghal Lodge No. 21 celebrated St. John's day with a parade in which the Royal Arch was carried by two Excellent Masters'.

It is widely recognised that Royal Arch Masonry was first established as an organised body in Ireland. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland is the governing body over all Royal Arch Chapters in Ireland and its jurisdictions Overseas and its most senior member is the Most Excellent and Supreme Grand King. Presently, this office is held by Most Excellent Companion Michael J. Ward and when he travels he is recognised by all other Grand Royal Arch bodies as the most senior Royal Arch Mason anywhere.

Today's Royal Arch Masonry has inherited a rich and highly symbolic form of ritual that continues the allegorical story of the Temple. While the legendary basis of Craft Masonry is the building of the first Temple of Solomon, Royal Arch Masonry is concerned with the repairs to that Temple. Knight Masonry follows Royal Arch in Irish Freemasonry and considers the building of the second Temple. This is also open to Master Masons of at least two years standing.

When a Master Mason joins a Royal Arch Chapter he is first introduced to a Lodge of Mark Master Masons where he receives the Mark Master Mason Degree. A two-part Degree, it builds on the Fellowcraft of Craft Masonry and prepares the candidate for his Royal Arch Degree. This Degree, once composed of three separate parts based around the three veils, is today given in two parts. The candidate represents a worker who, while engaged in the

repairs of the Temple, discovers previously and intentionally concealed secrets of the three Legendary Grand Masters of the Master Mason Degree. The rest you can discover yourself but sufficed to say the ceremony is packed with symbolism, allegory and pageantry. It will keep the enquiring mind busy for many years.

Once through the Royal Arch Degree a member is referred to as Companion and once passed the Chair, Excellent Companion. The term Companion is a very old expression. Among the ancient stonemasons of the Middle East it meant one who had 'mastered the use of the compasses'. In France it is still used today to denote a member of the operative masons guilds.

In the Royal Arch, the equivalent of a Lodge is a Chapter. The Chapter is ruled over by three principle Officers collectively called the Excellent King and Council and consisting of the Excellent King, the High Priest and the Chief Scribe. Other officers of a Chapter include the Superintendent of the Tabernacle, the Royal Arch Captain, Captains of the Veils and the Janitor to name a few.

Metropolitan Masons are fortunate in the highly stylised room used for meetings of Royal Arch Chapters. It's highly dramatic decor and architecture, however, has little to do with the Royal Arch itself. Instead it is an exhibit of the Egyptomania that, during the mid 19th century, was widespread in Western Europe. Having said that, it does lend a certain atmosphere to the proceedings of any Chapter meeting within. Of particular note are the twelve heads, including the two sphinxes, representing the twelve ancient tribes of Israel.

So, if you are interested in advancing to become a Royal Arch Mason, and a Mark Master Mason, just ask someone you know who is already one.

*Excellent Companion Paul Kenny, Past King of Royal Arch Chapter Minerva 214, Dublin.*

# Surveillance Report & Debriefing

~~TOP SECRET~~

Information Classification: Internal Confidential  
Operative: ██████████  
Subject: The Green Committee  
Distribution: Metropolitan List

██████████ has been engaged in ██████████  
undercover operations focused on the reconnoitre of the entity known as  
The Green Committee. Information on the mark has been very scarce, yet  
it is known that they were responsible for ██████████, commonly referred to  
as the Freemasons Masquerade Ball 2011 which occurred in May. Through  
diligent efforts, ██████████ has uncovered their agenda as:

## To run events which:

1. Encourage the integration of newer and more experienced brethren of the Order
2. Raise funds for charity; both Masonic and external
3. Promote the Order to non members
4. ██████████

Very early intelligence reports that fiendish plans are being hatched to arrange airsoft, ██████████ and biker outings in the near future. There have also been whispers in certain circles of Vampires and Wizards within the hall on Molesworth Street. Could these be code words for a new Event? Surveillance is ongoing, and further intelligence will be reported as it comes to light...

Communications Ends

~~EYES ONLY~~

# Culture Night in the Capital

As it did last year and with equal success, Freemasons' Hall threw open its doors on Friday 23rd September, for the annual Culture Night event which took place throughout the city, and country generally.

Again we found the early, professional, visitors galloping up the stairs and careering around the building long before our scheduled five o'clock start. We also appeared in a short piece on R.T.E.'s Six-One News that evening which featured the Assistant to the Grand Secretary (Morgan, to you and me).

When we officially got going we had a couple of aces up our sleeves in Tony Harris and Danny Feehan, Brethren from Dalkey Lodge 261. Both specialist doormen, they proved simply indispensable, politely shepherding the large crowd, which queued down Molesworth and onto Kildare Street, and easing it gently and evenly around the building. Their expertise meant a much more comfortable experience for all concerned and we are indebted to them for their outstanding work.

Naturally, we had our resident experts from last year - the quite inexhaustible Keith Stent, Daniel Stanford and Morgan McCreadie. They were reinforced and augmented on this occasion by Michael Curran who took up station in the Preceptory Room, Jack Daley, father of you-know-who; and Ken Broughall, willing substitute for you-know-who, in the Museum. Ken, in fact, instantly built up a popular fan base

of his own, which had to be moved along by an irate Grand Secretary (woken up by the noisy horde) as it increased in size and threatened to block the ground floor. The Chairman will have to get back to his post next year unless he wants his thunder stolen again!



Such was the attraction of the venue that, as last time, the guides only managed to snatch minimal breaks, if at all, before the doors closed at ten and Rebecca Hayes, our outstanding coordinator, estimated the crowd to be every bit as large as in the previous year - a view supported by Cristina and Paddy, the redoubtable Front of House pairing. According to Temple Bar Cultural Trust, the overall organiser of the event, twitter feed would strongly suggest that the Hall was one of the great successes, of a very successful evening.

An event like this is, of course, simply invaluable for showing off our beautiful Victorian Hall to Dublin's citizens who were, in turn, hugely complimentary about it and the guides. Voluminous thanks and congratulations to all our guys and girls and let me conclude with a symbolic anecdote of the event: Jack's wife and daughter came in to collect him at an agreed time in the evening, and were still waiting for him over an hour later, as he attempted to extract himself from his hugely curious and attentive audience.

*Roll on next year.*

*W. Bro. Jonathan Doe*

## *A tribute to the late W.B. Geoffrey Phillips*

On 4th August 2011 Dalkey Lodge 261 sadly lost one of its most dedicated and loyal members, W.B. Geoffrey Phillips, who was in the wonderful care of Bloomfield Nursing Home for the past two years.

W.B. Geoffrey joined Phoenix Lodge 460 in 1959 and became W.M. of the Lodge in 1969 - the Lodge's Golden Jubilee year. In 1961 he was appointed a Life Governor of the Masonic Boys' School. Geoffrey also joined the higher levels of the Order. In 1988 he affiliated to Dalkey 261, his Mother Lodge having closed. By 2003 he had already become W.M. of 261 and thereafter he continued to serve the Lodge in the onerous position of Secretary such was his desire to continue to serve the Order as best he could.

Geoffrey was born on 19th April 1925 in the small town of Wanne-Eickel in the coal mining area of the Ruhr valley, Germany, the only child of his father, David a butcher, and his mother, Recha. As a schoolboy, during the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party, he was subject to constant jeering, punching, kicking and being spat at on his way to and from school. Even some of the teachers encouraged physical violence against Jewish pupils; no matter how bright they were some of their teachers ensured they would fail or barely pass their exams. At the same time, step by step, his and other Jewish parents had

everything taken from them by the Nazis, their livelihood, possessions, freedom and, finally, life itself. Geoffrey's schooldays were traumatic.

In late 1938 at the tender age of 13½ he was sent on one of the "Kinder Transports" to England and escaped the death camps where his parents and other relatives perished. Initially he was taken to a hostel in Bradford with other Jewish children where they had to learn a new language, English, and work in the local woollen mills. Geoffrey was the first to become fluent and was always chosen as their spokesman. By 1943, at age 18, he had joined a Scottish Signals Division of the Seaforth Highland Regiment where he was renowned for being the "only Yiddish Yorkshire Tyke from Germany to wear a Scottish Kilt". After the war he returned to work in Bradford where he met and, on 29th March 1949, married Phyllis who was to become his lifelong love.

On reaching his late 70's Geoffrey decided to pursue a University education! He enrolled at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge on a course in Christian Jewish Relations and, three years later, his family attended his Conferral at the ripe old age of 80. His Tutor remarked "your Dad has been an inspiration to us all". Geoffrey was the oldest student at the University.

*John Hewitson, Secretary 261*

## **Ritual Class**

Worshipful Masters, Lodge Secretaries and Directors of Ceremonies, please note and announce The Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class will recommence on the first Monday of October at 7.30pm

Brethren are invited to attend, particularly any entering Office for the first time, in order to

maintain the standard of ritual and ceremonial within their Lodges.

This informal ritual class meets each Monday except when it falls on a bank holiday or on the fifth Monday in any month.

Enquiries to V.W.Bro. Les Sibbald (01-8373412)

# Irish Freemasons Young Musician



There has already been excellent public and press reaction to the second 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year', which held its Semi-Finals on Thursday,

October 6th, and the Final on Saturday October 8th, all at Freemasons Hall. There have been many broadcast interviews with our Patrons, or Competitors, on various radio stations, and numerous newspaper articles have been published. A recording of the final was broadcast on RTÉ lyric fm on Monday, October 10th.

The fourteen semi-finalists chosen by Irish Music Colleges from their third-level students are over a broad spectrum and the participating Colleges are represented as follows:

**The CIT Cork School of Music:**

*Louise Sheehan, Flute*  
*David Kenny, Viola*  
*David Keating, Classical Guitar*  
*Caoimhe de Paor, Recorder*

**The DIT Conservatory of Music & Drama, Dublin:**

*Morgan Buckley, Classical Guitar*  
*Deirdre Reddy, Violin*  
*Darren Hatch, Saxophone*  
*Maria Greenan, Piano*

**The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Limerick:**

*Ádám Scheck, Double Bass*  
*Elaine Kenny, Viola*

**The Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin:**

*Soo-Jung Ann, Piano*  
*Leonie Bluett, Clarinet*  
*Alexander Bernstein, Piano*  
*Evin Kelly, Classical Accordion*

The internationally renowned Jury of Maighr ad McCrann, S amus Crimmins, Paolo Grazi, Ranko Markovic and Robin Stapleton under the chairmanship of Dublin's own Jane Carty, had the difficult job of deciding the ultimate winners.

This competition is a major high-profile event for the Order, and attracting a great deal of outside interest, and we look forward to your continued support. The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2012 will take place on Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th October 2012.



**First Prize**

**Alexander Bernstein**

*Piano*

**Second Prize**

**Evin Kelly**

*Classical Accordion*

**Third Prize**

**David Keating**

*Classical Guitar*

**Fourth Prize**

**Leonie Bluett**

*Clarinet*

**Brennan Prize**

**Evin Kelly**

*Classical Accordion*

**John Vallery Memorial Prize**

**David Keating**

*Classical Guitar*

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# Claret Jug Winners 2011

The Claret Jug is presented to a Lodge in the Metropolitan area that in the opinion of the Board has worked together as a team to enhance all aspects of the Lodge. The criteria covers areas such as membership, new candidates, ritual and degree work, charity giving and the social aspect including festive boards and visiting Lodges.

*This is Ruby Lodges centenary year and the occasion was marked with the striking of a jewel to commemorate the last 100 years. The history of the Lodge has also been revised and updated with the original warrant granted in 1759 the same year as Arthur Guinness.*



*Worshipful Master Vincent O'Hara proudly displays the jug flanked on his left by W. Bro Secretary Derek Salmon and R.W.Bro Sydney Graham.*

## Dalkey Masonic Lodge No 261

### TENANT/CARETAKER REQUIRED

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We have recently completed a major upgrading/restoration programme in our premises at 9 Castle Street, Dalkey which has a prime location in this lovely coastal town in south east Dublin County. The domestic part of the premises comprise living room, fully fitted and tiled kitchen, toilet and under stairs storage on the ground floor & bathroom and bedroom on the first floor. Both the bedroom and living room will be furnished.

We are looking for a tenant/caretaker from December 2011 on a medium to long term basis and invite enquiries from anyone wishing to move to a cosy "pad" in Dalkey town provided they are prepared to look after the caretaking aspect of the Lodge and Dining Room in exchange for a reduction in their rent.

*Interested persons, both Masonic and non-masonic, should write to the Secretary, Lodge 261, Ravello, Castle Park, Monkstown, Co. Dublin – email [johnhew@tinet.ie](mailto:johnhew@tinet.ie) or text 086-8431329 by not later than 15.11.2011 giving details of their C.V. All enquiries will be acknowledged.*

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