



## Third Distinct Knock

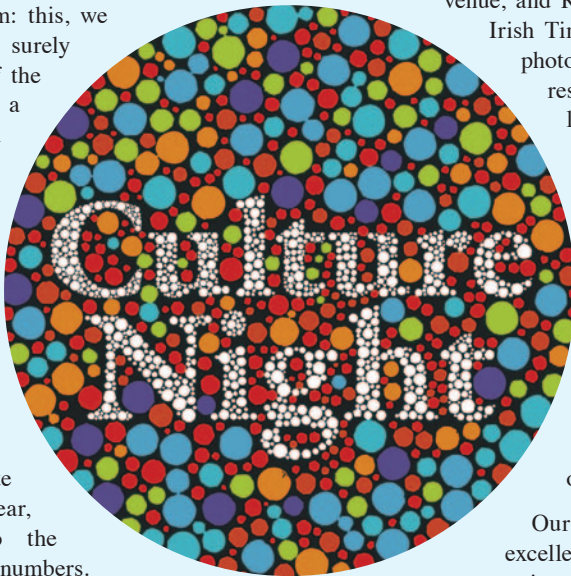
Before our participation in the annual Culture Night event, this year, we devised a cunning plan - we would use the self-same guides in the rooms as last time and, the ace up our sleeves, both Ken Broughall and you-know-who in the Museum: this, we thought, would surely throw the Dubs off the scent and lead to a quieter night than on the two previous occasions.

Not a bit of it - Dublin's denizens are made of far sterner stuff and indeed threw us off the scent by instantly queuing in the opposite direction to last year, and pouring into the Hall in even greater numbers. Our security men, led again by Tony Harris, had a roller coaster of a night, stopping/starting, counting, cajoling and generally manoeuvring the crowd around the, often packed, building. We managed therefore, to allow in far more than usual, even though once again, towards the close (10 p.m.) we had to wake up the Grand Secretary, as ever pretending to work in his office, and get him to march out

onto the street and turn away a large number of expectant visitors - a job he seems to revel in.

The media were quickly on the scene, as word travelled instantly of the popularity of the venue, and RTE filmed and The Irish Times interviewed and photographed; the latter resulting in a terrific large photo of the Grand Lodge room appearing in the paper the next day. A number of local radio stations, and RTE itself, are planning to do follow-up articles and/or pieces on the Order as a result of this huge interest.

Our guides once again excelled themselves, managing to field all questions and queries politely over the complete period of five and a half hours, interspersed with minimal breaks. Take a bow once more, our tireless talkers Morgan, Daniel and Keith, supplemented as last year by our elder statesman Jack D. (father of) and the new kid on the block, Michael Curran. Add in the loquacious Ken B. holding court, as said, in the Museum,



assisted by Philip D. (son of) and we had about as formidable a team as it is possible to muster. Indeed, the number of repeat visitors from last year is perfect testament to the expertise of our guides.

The Hall Curator, Rebecca and our front staff, the as ever formidable Cristina and Paddy, supplemented this year by the energetic Janice Griffin, confirmed that the crowd was considerably larger than last time; thus Alison Moffatt, our new girl on the block, patrolling the top floor received a baptism of fire as the crowds surged about the landing and Christian Nanni (500) was professionalism incarnate, supervising the first floor and ensuring that herself and the guides upstairs weren't swamped.

As a beady-eyed, and non-contributing observer of these evenings, I have to say that they are

extraordinarily well organised by Ms. Hayes and her terrific colleagues, and the visitors are genuinely interested and very curious - and, importantly, the good-will emanating from the public towards the fraternity for the opening of the building is simply incalculable.

The questions from our visitors were, as ever, diverse in the extreme, ranging from the knowledgeably clever to the ridiculously bizarre; however - nothing quite prepared the Grand Secretary, on one of his infrequent forays from the office, being accosted by a smartly dressed young man enquiring politely if we, the Masons, were part of the world-wide zionist conspiracy?

He's not the better of that one yet!

*W.Bro. Jonathan Doe*

## *Dalkey 261 News*



The photo shows some of the excellent Lodge seating obtained during September and which has certainly enhanced the Lodgeroom. This will provide comfortable seating for those attending Lodge in future and bears no comparison to the hard bench seating used in the past.

The Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to the Dublin Hebrew Congregation who generously donated the seats to us through one of our most senior Brethren, R.W.Bro. Selwyn Davies. A plaque will be placed in the Lodgeroom to mark the

occasion. We also wish to thank W.Bro. David Mitchell whose carpentry skills were put to good use in adapting the chairs (which are in bench format) to fit snugly into the Lodgeroom.

W.Bro. Bruce Burgess, also a member of Dalkey 261, arranged the transportation from Terenure to Dalkey and the crane service needed to access the Lodge (on the first floor) via one of the large street windows – quite a task to lift some 56 seats (in 12 benches) without one iota of damage. Our thanks to Bruce and his most able team for all their hard work.

We are proud to be able to welcome Lodges from the Metropolitan Area – Lodge 238 in September, Lodge 141 on 10th October and the Chapter of Research on 13th October. We hope to see more Lodges coming here in the months ahead so please do not hesitate to contact us – if only to see our upgraded premises!

*John Hewitson.*

## *Vision for the future*

The Metropolitan Board in its present format of 15 members elected by the Lodges in the Metropolitan Area has many achievements to celebrate since its inception during the 1990's. It is important to look to and plan for the future. The Metropolitan Board took a decision to focus their energies and resources into a "Vision for the Future". The drive was towards improving the quality of governance within the Metropolitan Area, our programme, our efficiency, our communications and most importantly of all, the quality of experience of Brethren who actively participate in Freemasonry in the Metropolitan Area.

We live in a changing world, not always for the better; however in 2012 our aspirations will be, and are different from bygone years. We have many younger men joining Freemasonry and we must provide an interesting programme, never losing sight of our Masonic principles and ensuring that the Order thrives well into the future.

The Metropolitan Boards Development Plan "Vision for the Future" will assist with implementing and managing change effectively. We cannot achieve all that we want today, but with the support of the Metropolitan Board, Grand Lodge and the Brethren in the Metropolitan Area over the lifetime of the Plan we can prioritise and focus on the future to achieve our objective.

The success of an effective development plan must involve all stakeholders, however we must never lose sight that we are a volunteer led organisation with many people giving of their valuable time and talents for the benefits of the Order and its members. We must find a balance as we engage with all the stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the Plan.

The aims of our "Vision for the Future" are many and varied and have been accommodated under five headings:

- **Communication / Public Relations**
- **Governance**
- **Membership**
- **Ritual**
- **Social**

The Metropolitan Board looks forward to working with the Brethren and Lodges in the Metropolitan Area as we work together in providing a sustainable organisation for the future. We would welcome your comments and your thoughts on our "Vision for the Future", so please feel free to contact the Chairman or any member of the Metropolitan Board.

*Philip Daley, Chairman*

## **Biker Outing**

The Green Committee wish to extend their thanks to Brothers Jeremiah O'Connor Lodge 748 Wicklow, James Woolmington Lodge 877 Arklow, Stuart McBain Lodge 49 Greystones, & John Hewitson Lodge 261 Dalkey, who kindly

offered to open their respective lodge rooms to the masonic bikers in May. Unfortunately the event did not go ahead due to a lack of bikers on the day, however the efforts of these brethren is most appreciated.

# Summer Lodge

The 14th Annual Summer Lodge took place in the Grand Lodge Room, Molesworth Street on Wednesday 18th July with 180 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 Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Eric Waller, Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey and Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Rodney McCurley.

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.

The Worshipful Master announced to the brethren that the Lodge winning the Claret Jug for 2012 was Corinthian Commercial Lodge No. 245 and said that R.W.Bro. Douglas Grey, the Deputy Grand Master would present the trophy to W.Bro. Daniel Stanford, the Master of Lodge 245. W.Bro. Stanford in accepting the Claret Jug on behalf of his Lodge from the Deputy Grand Master said that the driving force behind Lodge 245s achievement was the huge effort put in by his predecessor W.Bro. Trevor King in motivating the brethren of the Lodge and he thanked W.Bro. King for his sterling work.

This Capt. Alan Guest Trophy commemorates the memory of Capt. Alan Guest, a Past Master of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and the

founder of the Alan Guest Ritual Class now known as the Metropolitan Craft Ritual Class. The Trophy is presented to the Metropolitan Lodge with the best attendance at the Craft Ritual Classes during the preceding year. This year the qualifying Lodge is Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 and the W. Master said that the Assistant Grand Master would present the Trophy to W.Bro. Kenneth Ruddock of Lodge No. 730 in the unavoidable absence of the actual Master, W.Bro. Peadar O'Broin. W.Bro. Ruddock in accepting the award said he was very pleased to receive the Trophy on behalf of Lodge No. 730 and said that the lodge would not be offended if another Metropolitan Lodge were to win the Trophy next year.

This year's guest speaker, W.Bro. Patrick Wilkins entertained the brethren at some length with a dissertation on the origins and history of the "firing glass". Although firing glasses are not used in the Irish Masonic Constitution it seems that they originated in Continental Europe in the 1720 to 1730 period and found their way into use by the Scottish, York, Bristol and Sussex Rite Lodges prior to the founding of the United Grand Lodge of England. Most if not all English Lodges use firing glasses at their Festive Boards today.

Following the meeting the Brethren retired to partake of the complimentary refreshments.

The Metropolitan Board are indebted to the many Brethren from around the world that attend Summer Lodge and we look forward to seeing many more next year when the meeting will take place on Wednesday, 17th July 2013 at the earlier time of 2.30 p.m. Don't say that you were not told in plenty of time.

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# A Touch of Magic

## O.W.L Exam Preparation Course

Learn the craft of wizardry at the esteemed college which taught the famous Harry Potter.

The Metropolitan Board of General Purposes in conjunction with Hogwart's School of Witchcraft & Wizardry presents an intense course in Magic and Sorcery.

**Date:** Sunday the 2nd of December 2012

**Venue:** Meet at 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin for transport to Hogwart's School of Witchcraft & Wizardry

**Cost:** €10 per student

**Order of the Day:** Ollivander's Shop, Diagon Alley – students will visit the shop to find the wand which chooses them.

Sorting Ceremony – each student will be assigned to their house according to the wishes of the venerable sorting hat. The houses of Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff will all be represented.

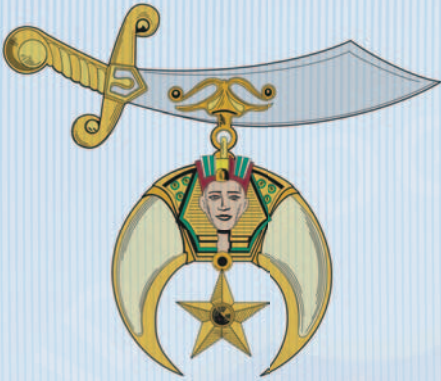
Students will then attend each of the following classes in their respective house group:

- Potions Class – a practical workshop on the mixing of the Felix Felicis, the potion of luck.
- Ancient Ruins Class – a primer on the arcane skill of deciphering the runes and puzzles of ages past.
- Defence Against the Dark Arts Class – not for the faint of heart; terrors of the night await in this class room...
- Divination Class – what will we gleam from the tea leaves?

**Presentation of O.W.L. (Ordinary Wizarding Level) Certificates** – students will be tested at the end of each class, and upon successful completion of the course shall be presented with a scroll of certification.

This promises to be a day of magic and delight for 7 to 12 year olds, but early booking is essential. Interest has been high, and places are extremely limited. Applications from sons, daughters, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces & nephews are all most welcome. Each child shall receive a personalised letter from Hogwarts, and these shall be sent out during the months of September and October. To register your interest please contact Bro. Gareth Walsh on 087 9215462 or at [Gareth@garethwalsh.ie](mailto:Gareth@garethwalsh.ie).

## All Shriners Are Masons, Not All Masons Are Shriners



The SHRINERS or, as they were originally known, “*The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine*” were founded in 1870 in New York city by two Masons, Dr. Walter Fleming and William J Florence, a well-known actor.

The original purpose seemed to have been to provide an organisation for Masons to have fun. It also catered to the American tendency to “dress-up”. However the Masonic principles of Charity, Tolerance and Truth have always been promoted together with great emphasis on “Gentlemanly Behaviour”. It has always been a requirement that only Master Masons in good standing can be members of the Shriners so perhaps it was an attempt to provide an escape from the strictures of conventional Freemasonry that the Shriners were set up.

By 1875 the membership had only reached 43 however, the following year Walter Fleming and William Florence were involved in the creation of a legend which was allegedly derived from the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This had been founded in Mecca around 1698 with links to many Orders and Societies throughout Arabia. Subsequent investigations by scholars have failed to verify the existence of many of the Organisations mentioned in the legend,

however it proved to be a turning point in the fortunes of the Shriners. By 1878 there were 425 members and 10 years later this figure had reached 7210. By the Imperial Session, held in 1900 in Washington D.C., the membership had reached 55000.

The Jewel of the Order is a crescent formed of any substance, the most valuable being the claws of a real tiger joined at the base in gold, one side depicting the sphinx and the other a pyramid, urn and star with the motto” Strength and Fury”. The most distinguishing emblem is the red Fez with the badge of Scimitar and Crescent and the name of the wearer’s Temple (the term Temple is used in place of Lodge).

The Shriners traditionally revelled in various pranks and shenanigans together with a great deal of drinking. This cast the Organisation into such disrepute that, by the early years of the twentieth century, some American Grand Lodges seriously considered following the lead of the Grand Lodge of England and suspending any Mason who became a member of the Shriners. However, at the 1920 convention, a decision was reached that the Shriner Organisation would devote some of its energies to charitable works, specifically to funding a Children’s Hospital that would be open to any child under 14, of any race or creed whose parents could not afford to pay for medical care and who, in the opinion of the medical profession, was likely to benefit from



such care. The first hospital opened in 1922 in Louisiana.

To-day the Order operates a total of 22 hospitals in North America, Canada and Mexico with a budget of over \$5 billion (down from a peak of \$10.2 in 2006 due to a weakening economy.) Children accepted for treatment become part of the Shriner hospital system until their 18th, or sometimes, their 21st birthday eligible for both inpatient and outpatient treatment for all facets of their disability. The treatment area nowadays covers a wide range of paediatric, orthopaedics and neurological conditions that affect ambulation and movement.

The sole qualification for entry to the hospitals still remains-----inability to pay.

The Shriners can rightly claim to be one of the world's greatest philanthropic societies.

**Shriner facts:** *Membership of almost 500,000*

**Shriner Temples:** *191 spread over North America, Canada, Mexico and Panama*

**First Temple:** *Mecca Temple, which was founded in New York City in 1872*

**Purpose of Shriner hospitals:**

- (1) *TREATMENT; to save children's lives and restore their bodies to the highest level of usefulness.*
- (2) *RESEARCH; to conduct research into orthopaedic and burn care.*
- (3) *EDUCATION; to train physicians and other medical professionals in the treatment of orthopaedic disabilities and burn injuries.*

How much does treatment cost? All care and services provided at Shriner hospitals are totally without charge to the patient and family

Where does the money come from? Gifts, bequests, income from an endowment fund, fund-raising events and the annual assessment paid by every Shiner

How many children have been treated at the 22 Shriner hospitals; over 770,000

**This Halloween, the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes Presents:**

Saturday the 27th of October  
Doors 7pm, Film 7.30pm  
Tickets €10  
Contact: Bro. Gareth Walsh  
gareth@garethwalsh.ie  
087 9215462

**Nosferatu**  
Symphonie des Grauens

The 1922 Black & White film comes to Freemasons' Hall

In many Constitutions, Freemasonry may swell its numbers by providing an attractive social milieu. Irish Freemasonry largely lacks this social cachet, in many ways due to the Grand Lodge Law which forbids the formation of Class Lodges, comprising Brethren all one profession or social class. This, I suggest, has been one of the enduring strengths of the Irish Craft: that we meet on the Level, and part on the Square.

In marking November as Missing Members Month, it is likely that many a Treasurer will prick up his ears. This, however, is not the purpose of the exercise. It is rather to prick the conscience of each Brother. The Brother who fails to attend, or ceases to attend, is often a victim of the indifference of his Brethren. Their indifference may be merely self-centred, in that their interest in Freemasonry is in meeting with a regular and exclusive group of friends. Indifference may even be a fear that the Brother may require some sort of help. How many Brethren are content to be seen as Freemasons as long they do not have to DO anything? They do not want to learn ritual; they do not want to take Office; they do not want to undertake any useful function – particularly that of Almoner, where they could become aware of a Brother in real need.

Fraternity, benevolence are the hallmarks of a Freemason. The outward sign of our Order is the Regalia, which is Meaningless without the Ritual which separates us from social organizations. Regrettable. The Missing Brother Amongst Us has often missed the entire point of Freemasonry – or his Lodge has failed to impart to him the ethos of the Order – by poor ritual which is treated as a joke; by speaking ill of the absent Brother; by failure to perceive any requirement for a Masonic hierarchy, either in Lodge or as Grand Lodge. This Missing Brother will be disappointed to find that Freemasonry is not a dining club, or a professionally useful

network. Such a Missing Brother may well seek to adapt his Lodge to his purposes, rather than adopting the “cheerful submission” mentioned in his Obligations.

Sadly, these are the true Missing Brethren – those who are amongst us, but apart from us; who have joined an honourable society but who do not really want to associate with us, but rather with a select group of friends. I confess to supporting a conservative attitude towards Candidates, in ensuring that the putative Brother is someone I would not hesitate to have in my own sitting room. I diverge from the conservative in believing the Candidate should be provided with all information which will enable him to make a thoughtful decision before joining the Order, rather than joining through curiosity, or through improper pressure from a relative or friend.

Instead of seeking the Brother who fails to attend through indifference, we ought to seek the indifference within, to ensure that each new Brother feels he is a member, not merely of his Lodge but also of the greater Masonic Order. The Initiate, as well as feeling welcome, should feel a sense of obligation to uphold the honour of the Order, as well as enjoying the privilege of Membership. He should feel that belonging to a Lodge is an end in itself, rather than entry to an exclusive dining club or social set. The Brother who is selective about his friends within the Masonic Order rejects the ethos of Freemasonry, and provides the foundation for an indifference which deters the non-attending Brother.

How many of us are Missing Brethren? How many of us are content to visit Freemasons’ Hall for social reasons, to dine afterwards at a restaurant or club, rather than completing the Masonic Function by breaking bread with our Brethren? How many of us are the missing and indifferent Brethren. Perhaps this November, for Missing Members month, we should ask ourselves if we are part of, or apart from many of our Brethren.



## I'M THE GUY

*I'm the guy who asked to join your Masonic Lodge.*

*I'm your Brother who has gone through all Three Degrees of Masonry and paid my dues.*

*I'm your Brother who stood up in front of you and promised to assist when called upon.*

*I'm your Brother who came to the meetings but whom no one paid any attention. I tried to be friendly and interact, but everyone had their own friends to talk to and sit beside. I sat down several times, but none of my Brothers paid any attention to me.*

*I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a project or help out, but no one took me seriously when I volunteered. I missed some meetings because I was sick. No one asked me at the next one where I had been.*

*It seems it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not. So for the next meeting I decided to stay home with my family and watch television. The following meeting I attended, and again, no one asked me where I had been or how I was. I'm a good guy, a good family man, one who loves his community and his country.*

*You know who else I am?*

*I'm your Brother - the Brother who never came back.*

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# The Emerald Isle Lodge No. XIX

(Late 88th Connaught  
Rangers)



Formerly of Lahore,  
Pakistan.

Worshipful Master:  
W.Bro. Colin Walker.

Secretary: V.W.Bro.  
Terence Read.



Emerald Isle Lodge No. XIX will host a talk by W.Bro. Roeinton Khambatta, former District Grand Master of Pakistan (UGLE), at their meeting on Thursday 1st November at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin. The meeting starts at 5.30 pm and is followed by a supper. The subject of the talk is "Habibullah Khan of Afghanistan – Man, Amir and Freemason."

## W.Bro. Roeinton Khambatta

W.Bro. Roeinton Khambatta was made a Mason in Lodge Zoroaster under the Scottish Constitution. Later, he joined Lodge Faith No. 2438, the Lodge of his father and grandfather, in the English Constitution; and, still later became a member of the Irish Constitution by joining Emerald Isle Lodge No. XIX.

Having served as District Grand Director of Ceremonies, District Grand Senior Warden, and Deputy District Grand Master, he was installed as District Grand Master (English Constitution) in 1970, as well as Grand Superintendent of the District of Pakistan. He held these offices until he resigned in 1976 after Freemasonry had been made illegal by the Government of Pakistan.

Having taken up residence in England, he continued to practise as a Consultant

All Brethren will be very welcome at what should be a fascinating account of an extraordinary piece of Masonic history set within the context of the time.

If possible, please inform the Lodge Secretary, V.W.Bro. Terence Read – by mobile (086-813-8530) or e-mail [terence.read@googlemail.com](mailto:terence.read@googlemail.com) – of your attendance so we have an idea of catering numbers.

Cardiologist for many years until his retirement in 1994. He served as Provincial Grand Warden of Hertfordshire, and was also appointed Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden in Worcestershire and Suffolk.

He has been the Prestonian Lecturer for 2007, taking as his subject: "The Grand Secretaries 1813-1980".

On March 14th, 2012, he was presented with the prestigious Order of Service to Masonry, on behalf of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

W.Bro. Khambatta is the third Prestonian Lecturer to have kindly agreed to give a talk to this Lodge, and the second who is also a member of our Lodge. The subject of his talk and a brief synopsis of it follows.

## “Habibullah khan of Afghanistan – Man, Amir, and Freemason”

The paper starts by dealing with some preliminary notes on Masonry and Afghanistan. It continues with the accession of Amir Habibullah to the throne in that country; his difficult relations with the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzopn; things changed with Lord Minto becoming Viceroy; Habibullah was invited to India – his reactions are noted.

His surprising request to Sir Henry MacMahon that he wished to become a Mason; the difficult

arrangements were taken in hand; Habibullah stayed on for some time after his initiation, passing and raising in one long evening in Calcutta.

When the Great War broke out, Habibullah remained loyal to the British Crown and did not, according to MacMahon, entertain the blandishments of the Germans. This is discussed further.

Soon after, he was assassinated by his brother(?), having got the Mullahs to issue fanatic statements against Habibullah. So ended the life of – probably – the only Afghan Mason.

## Catering & Bar Survey

The Festive Board plays an important role in Freemasonry and it is essential that we have available to us a catering and bar service that provides good value for money, excellent service and the type of festive environment that we would be proud of.

The Metropolitan Board is undertaking an evaluation of the bar and catering service provided and seeking the views of the members on the services currently provided and their suggestions for the future.

The consultation process includes Aramark (formerly Campbell Catering), the members from the Metropolitan area and the wider membership throughout the country in all branches of the order who use the facilities at Freemasons' Hall in Molesworth Street.

The evaluation process will take the form of a short survey that is available on the Metropolitan website [www.mbgp.org](http://www.mbgp.org) or a printed version available at Freemasons' Hall. A copy of the printed version has been distributed to those who receive MetroMason by post.

Please help us and complete the survey. If you complete the printed version, please send to Catering Survey, Freemasons' Hall, 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2 or leave at the Hall Porters Office at Freemasons' Hall. The closing date for receipt of the survey is Friday, 30th November 2012.

Metropolitan Board Catering & Bar Service Survey

1. How often do you use the bar facilities?

- Once a week or more often
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month
- Every 2-3 months
- 2-3 times a year
- Do not use at all

If you do not use the bar facilities, we would appreciate your reasons why not.

2. How often do you use the catering facilities?

- Once a week or more often
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month
- Every 2-3 months
- 2-3 times a year
- Do not use at all

If you do not use the catering facilities at, we would appreciate your reasons why not.

3. How many courses are required for supper?

- Starter, Main Course, Tea & Coffee
- Main Course, Tea & Coffee
- Main Course, Dessert, Tea & Coffee
- Main Course, Dessert, Tea & Coffee
- Starter, Tea & Coffee
- Dessert, Tea & Coffee
- Cold Buffet, Tea & Coffee

Other suggestions would be welcome.

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## Metropolitan Golf Outing

The Metropolitan Board held its inaugural golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club on Friday, 28th September. In spite of a paucity of golfers due in no small measure to conflicting events organised by Metropolitan area Lodges.

12 hardy folk braved a few showers in an otherwise splendid autumn day and enjoyed a stress-free round of golf, which was played over 15 holes. First prize was won by Ken Broughall with a score of 25 Stableford points. Runner-up was Alex Tighe with a score of 25 Stableford points. Winner of the first 7 holes was Ivan

Ginnelly with 12 points and the winner of the last 8 holes was Hugh St Leger with 13 points.

Following the golf, a total of 28 Brethren and their guests enjoyed an excellent hot buffet provided by Brian Swords and his team. I can only conclude from the disparity in numbers between golfers and diners, that Masons think of their stomachs more than anything else.

The date of the 2013 Metropolitan outing will be 27th September 2013 at Rathfarnham Golf Club when it is hoped that Lodges will refrain from holding conflicting events.

## Victoria Lodge IV Golf Outing

Victoria Lodge IV held its 99th Golf Outing and Dinner on Saturday the 9th of June. As this is one of our main fund - raiser we did hope for a good attendance.

Thirty-six Brethren, their Ladies and Guests arrived and made for a grand night of good food, wine, and fun.

Our Senior Chef Bro. Ronnie Griffin prepared the excellent food, ably assisted by the Junior Chef Bro. Florin Andreiu and Chief Bottle Washer Bro. Andrew Gerety. This fine body of men were under the control of the front of house matre'd Bro. Jamal Sharif.

There was a lot of wine testing going on. I was informed it had something to do with health and safety! The sommelier W.Bro. Haydn Lewis had to repair up the mountains for wineglasses, and of course more wine testing was now required to test the glasses.

The floor staff played a blinder. Bro. Keith Stent, and Bro. Devan Hughes served all the tables without dropping one plate. This was all the

more surprising, as they too had to test the wine.

All agreed the meal was excellent which consisted of the following;

Braised Wicklow Beef, or Spicy Kildare Chicken, Bailey Cream Cake or Kish Chocolate Cake, A Selection of Irish Cheese, Blue Yellow White, and some Runny Stuff.

All above was served with a vintage Port, well! it did come from the last century.

A monster raffle was then held under the control of that well known raconteur W.Bro. Peter Burkhardt, and a lot of prizes changed hands. W.Bro. Peter then started the now famous Auction.

Victoria Lodge IV unique Indoor Golf Tournament, was cancelled due to a highly polished floor.

The night proved to be a great success and over €1700 was collected.

*J.C. Byrne Secretary, Victoria Lodge IV.*

# 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 11th, and the Final on Saturday October 13th, 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 Tuesday, October 16th.

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:**

Alex Petcu-Colan, Percussion  
David Kenny, Viola  
Caoimhe de Paor, Recorder  
Hugh Murray, Violin

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

Valdis Porkelsdóttir, Trumpet  
Claire O'Donnell, Concert Harp  
Gavin Brennan, Saxophone  
Julian Pusca, Pan-Flute

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

David Szabó, Piano  
Bálint Váray, Violin

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

Naoise O'Briain, Flute  
Katie Kavanagh, Classical Accordion  
Roísín Walters, Violin  
Teodor Radu, Piano

The internationally renowned Jury of Michel Camatte, Hilary Coates, Séamus Crimmins, Carole Dawn Reinhart, and Alasdair Tait under the chairmanship of 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 2013 will take place on Thursday 10th and Saturday 12th October 2013.

**First Prize**  
**Julian Pusca**

*Pan-Flute*

**Second Prize**  
**Roísín Walters**

*Violin*

**Third Prize**  
**Alex Petcu-Colan**

*Percussion*

**Fourth Prize**  
**Bálint Váray**

*Violin*

**Brennan Prize**  
**Julian Pusca**

*Pan-Flute*

**John Vallery Memorial Prize**  
**Roísín Walters**

*Violin*

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# Sounds of Christmas

**Adults €15**  
**Children Free**

*Freemasons' Hall*  
*Molesworth Street*  
*Saturday 15th December*  
*at 7.30pm*



Compered by  
*Mary Kennedy*

*Featuring*

*Sacred*  
sounds

*& Grand Organist,*  
*John Rowden*

## *Fitzgibbon Lodge 331*



Fitzgibbon Lodge 331 recently held their Annual Golf Outing at Blackbush Golf Club in Dunshaughlin. The event was attended by 17 lodge members and friends. The weather was mixed, that's nothing new, however an enjoyable



day was had by all. The event was won by W.Bro. Albert Bell. Photos show 1. The group who attended on the day, and 2. W. Master Dave Garrett (right) presenting the winner's trophy to W.Bro. Albert Bell.

## *Stillorgan Community Garden helps Carrickmanor*



Some months ago the Management Committee of Carrickanor were told that the cost of vegetables had risen and was now quite a serious figure in the accounts. One of the committee with connections to the Stillorgan Community Garden offered to try and help. As a result there has been a basket of fresh organically grown vegetables delivered to Monkstown every week during the summer and very occasionally some very fresh, newlaid free range eggs.

The Community Garden was started in 2009 by Caroline Jolley originally to assist “special

needs” children. Now it has become an additional part of St. Brigid's National School and is manned by Caroline and her team of volunteers. Assisted, of course, by the children of the school, any of them having their own allotted plots. In addition to the flowers and vegetables grown in the garden there is a very varied flock of hens and over the years there have been many different sorts of animals, including Guinea pigs, rabbits and pigs. All of which provided great pleasure for the children (and some very tasty sausages!!)

# FAREWELL TO RICHVIEW

This is an account of the last 13 years of the Masonic Boy's School in Clonskeagh, written by Gerald Hill a former pupil of the School.

While a greater number of Boys are being educated today by the Masonic Order, the Masonic Boys School holds an important place in Irish Freemasonry and was a visible face of Masonic Charity.

The book will be of interest to all Old Boys, long serving members of the Order and for those who have joined the Order since 1980.

The cost of the book is €20 plus postage and packaging and all profits will go to a Masonic Charity.

It is a story worth reading, to purchase a copy please contact Albert Bell

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Provincial Grand Masters  
**Dinner & Dance**  
To Be Held  
*Radisson Hotel, Sligo*  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 pm



## Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall

Saturday, 27th October 2012

**A screening of Nosferatu**

*Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 7.30 p.m.*

Sunday, 2nd December 2012.

**Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.**

*Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street*

Saturday, 15th Dec 2012

**Sounds of Christmas**

*Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 7.30 p.m.*

Thursday, 27th December 2012

**Installation Communication of Grand Lodge**

*Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 7.30 p.m.*

Saturday, 15th June 2013

**Metropolitan BBQ**

*Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 7.00 p.m.*

Wednesday, 17th July 2013

**Metropolitan Summer Lodge**

*Freemasons' Hall, Dublin at 2.30 p.m.*