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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC LODGES



The summer months can be a quiet time for Freemasonry as most Lodges take a well deserved break during June, July & August. To help alleviate the onset of withdrawal symptoms the Metropolitan Board will hold the 15th Annual Summer Lodge on Wednesday, 17th July 2013 at 2.30 p.m. This unique meeting attracts many Brethren from throughout the island of Ireland and further afield and has increased in popularity each year and we look forward to the continued support of the Brethren.

This year TLC will be officially launched. TLC, Teddies for Loving Care is a Charity for the benefit of sick children. Funds are raised within the Masonic Order to purchase Teddy Bears. These are provided to Hospital Emergency Departments, so that medical/nursing staff can give these, at their discretion, to children who are admitted in severe distress and where the staff feel that a Teddy to cuddle will help alleviate anxiety and assist them in their important work. The project is funded by Lodge and individual donations, and the sale of lapel/tie pins and teddies all of which will be available at Summer Lodge.

Many Lodges and individuals have already supported TLC with donations, fundraising events and sponsorship of my recent parachute jump with my daughter Megan. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your generous support that has assisted in no small way to the introduction of TLC.

A buffet lunch will be served prior to the meeting at a cost of €20 and tickets are available from the Porters Lodge at Freemasons' Hall. The Summer Lodge meeting will commence at 2.30 p.m. with the official launch of TLC following immediately after.

- 12.30 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 2.30 p.m. Summer Lodge
- 3.45 p.m. (approx) Teddy Bears' Picnic

If you are travelling to Summer Lodge and will be accompanied by your wife, they would be more than welcome to join us in the dining room for the official Launch and the following Teddy Bears' Picnic. However, to assist with catering we would be grateful if you could let us know if you will be attending the picnic by email to metromason@eircom.net or Randal Robertson at +353 (87) 255 1639.

This issue has been dedicated to Summer Lodge and TLC with articles covering Summer Lodge, Skydiving for TLC, Facebook, Twitter and Teddy in Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin, Dublin.

Philip Daley, Chairman Metropolitan Board of General Purposes

Skydive for TLC

I am quite sure that there were those that said so many times, "has Daley jumped yet?" The climatic conditions in the earlier part of this year dictated that "The Jump" had

to be postponed many times. Indeed I wondered if there was ever going to be another weekend with clear skies and without high speeds. wind Saturday, On 6th April 2013 we awoke to a beautiful morning with hardly a cloud in

the sky and not a puff of wind to be felt, we headed off to Clonbullogue Airfield, Edenderry, Co. Offaly for what was to be a most exciting adventure.

On arrival and following the mandatory paperwork we underwent a short introductory session we climbed into our jump suits and with some assistance we were harnessed up and told that these straps would attach us to our tandem masters.

With a great deal of trepidation and with adrenalin rushing Megan and I boarded the Pilatus Porter PC-6, a plane specially designed for skydiving with a full complement of 10 skydivers onboard. The engine started and we realised this is it, no going back now. Off we went down the runway and after fifteen fun filled minutes in the plane we had climbed to an altitude of 13,000ft., a staggering 2.25 miles from terra firma. Little comfort was felt in the realisation that we were strapped safely to our tandem masters. The pilot then cut the engine and the door opened, it was time to face what I realised was the craziest idea I had ever had

in my life. We heard someone shout "READY, SET, GO". Tempted to shout "NO" by way of immediate response, suddenly there was a rushing sound of wind. We left

the aircraft with our hearts thumping. Somewhere

high above me there

was a stomach that belonged to me. The wind rushed in and passed our ears as we accelerated to 'terminal velocity' at around 120mph,

experiencing the thrill of freefall over the most stunning of sceneries on the way

to 5,000ft when the tandem master opened the giant canopy. The rushing sensations gone and reunited with all of my organs, we could chat to our tandem master, and take the opportunity to control and steer the canopy.

Following a soft landing and the realisation that Megan, my daughter, was also safe, a smile came on our faces that I am told lasted for days. This was an experience that will stay with us for a life time and we look forward to repeating the experience.

It is hard to believe that the build up from the decision to jump many months ago is over, but what an exhilarating conclusion!

Over €5,000 has been received in sponsorship with all the proceeds being given to TLC I welcome the opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the many Brethren and friends who have contributed to the Skydive and to pay particular tribute to my daughter Megan who joined me in the Skydive and raised a considerable amount towards the project.



Deputy Grand Master and a Bar of Soap

Sir Charles Alexander Cameron. Companion of the Bath, born in Dublin in 1830, was probably of the most colourful senior Irish Freemasons of the Victorian era, a popular public figure, he was even mentioned by name in James Joyce's "Ulysses". He was initiated into the Lodge of Fidelity No. 125 on 22nd December 1858. his Profession was given as "Professor of Chemistry", he became Worshipful Master in 1862 and affiliated to Lodge No. 25 in 1866 where he subsequently served as long time Secretary. His Masonic achievements were impressive, they included being Deputy Grand Master from 1911 to 1920 and becoming a 33 Degree Mason, etc. His Portrait hangs in the

He held many prestigious appointments in the medical field, including, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. As Government Scientific Advisor in Criminal cases he gave evidence in the famous Phoenix Park Murders case of 1882. The introduction of Life Assurance and the availability of arsenic and strychnine often encouraged the premature demise of wealthy relatives, a crime which required his attention after he was appointed Public Analyst and Chief Medical Officer for Dublin.

Grand Lodge Room in Molesworth Street.

He was one of the great humanitarians of the 19th and 20th centuries. At a time when Dublin had one of the highest death rates of any city in Europe, he worked constantly to eradicate the many forms of disease rampant in the city

and the appalling conditions of slum dwellings. In 1885 he brought the Prince of Wales, later to become

King Edward VII to visit the slums in Golden Lane and in 1904 walked around Werburgh Street and Ross Road with the King to view reconstructed slum buildings.

In Victorian Dublin, the adulteration of food by unscrupulous tradesmen was a common occurrence. The additives included contaminated water & salt in milk, red lead, sand, plaster of

Paris, mercury in sweets, alum & sawdust in bread (alum & sawdust was used as a fire retardant in the construction of steel safes) the addition of water & narcotics in watered down beer to improve the illusion of satisfaction, etc., contaminated meat and fish was a major problem, (still is 150 years on when we have horse meat in our beef burgers). He condemned more than 161,132 hundredweights of diseased and unsound food and waged war on the slaughter houses in the inner city. He proved that the Oyster Beds in Clontarf were polluted with sewage and were causing outbreaks of Enteric Fever. He designed a special ambulance for conveying fever patients to hospital as they could not use public transport and provided free disinfection to all who attended at the city depot. He discouraged the holding of the traditional wakes where the deceased had succumbed to a contagious disease.

He was original and innovative in his quest to improve the health of Dublin's poor. Outbreaks

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of dysentery multiplied during the summer months, caused largely by the infection of food by flies. One year when the city was plagued by swarms of flies Sir Charles introduced a bounty on them, he paid the Dublin street urchins for the number of flies they caught and brought to him. He good humouredly tolerated the suggestions of the press who dared to suggest that the entrepreneurial urchins were breeding the flies and not actually catching them.



Recommended by Sir Charles Cameron C.B., M.D. SEE OUR EXHIBIT - SLIGO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The basic necessity of answering the call of nature was a major problem where a single outdoor toilet often served a number of large families. He encouraged personal hygiene by the beneficent use of soap. In 1912, a Dublin soap manufacturer jumped on the bandwagon by advertising in the newspapers, "THE FAVOURITE SOAP-DIXON & CO DUBLIN" RECOMMENDED BY SIR CHARLES CAMERON C.B., M.D.

One can imagine the good natured banter about flies and soap, that the Deputy Grand Master had to subsequently endure at festive boards when the wine and brandy was flowing freely, fortunately Sir Charles was endowed with an excellent sense of humour.

Edwin S. Handcock

Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall

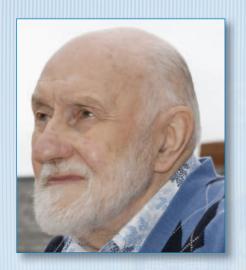
Lodge	Event	Day	Date	Time	Location
MBGP	B- B - Q	Saturday	15th June	19:00	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin
245	B- B - Q	Saturday	22nd June	19:00	Haven Hospice
249	B- B - Q	Saturday	22nd June	19:00	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin
MBGP	Summer Lodge	Wednesday	17th July	14:30	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin
2	Shooting Day	Saturday	20th July	10:00	Newtown M <mark>ount</mark> Kennedy
MBGP	Golf Outing	Friday	27th Sept.	13:00	Rathfarnham G.C.
426	Slide Show	Tuesday	22nd Oct	19:00	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin
Green Committee	Film Show	Saturday	26th Oct	19:00	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin
245	Ladies Night	Saturday	2nd Nov	19:00	Killiney Golf Club
2	Whiskey Night	Friday	8th Nov	19:00	Freemasons' Hall - Dublin

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Have you ever been to CANADA? see p15



Jack Daley Retires



I suppose a tribute to Jack Daley should come from all of us, but I'm pleased to be asked to offer my personal tribute on behalf of the Brethren.

Jack has been more than a friend and mentor to me – he has been a support and a foil for my sledge-hammer wit. He even tolerated the smoke laden atmosphere of the Tylers' Room, created by myself and the late Bill Fogarty, predecessor as Head Tyler.

To me, Jack represented a whole generation, one which had formed the backbone of Metropolitan

Freemasonry through the 20th century. I joined the Order some 20 years ago, and I was privileged to know many such Brethren through Jack. Quite a few of Jack's contemporaries rose to high rank in the Order: Bill Thompson, Past Great Seneschal; Danny Fincher, the late Past Grand King; Johnny Rowden, Grand Organist; along with Arthur Worrell, George Sheppard, and many others.

Jack literally introduced me to Freemasonry – he was Tyler of Kingstown Lodge No. 510 when I was initiated, and I still reflect that his words "one in darkness" may have been prophetic. I may add that Jack was, to my knowledge, the only incumbent Head Tyler who didn't display some pronounced eccentricities!

Having worked in various positions in many places, I can truthfully say that while working with Jack I looked forward to going to work. We worked well as a team – Twedledum and Tweedledee. After 31 years serving the Order, Jack is hanging up his gavel. But I look forward to enjoying his company and friendship for many years to come.

Morgan McCreadie Assistant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland

Teddy is in Crumlin Hospital



Teddy is making his presence known in the emergency department of Our Lady's Children's Hospital - Crumlin since April 12th and to date over 500 distressed children have been given a Teddy to help in their recovery. Hopefully the next major hospital to take Teddy will be Tallaght General Hospital and a swift roll-out to other emergency departments throughout the country will take place in the coming weeks.

The Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year 2013



Freemasons' Hall 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

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It was a Friday night, the 17th of May to be exact, there was a strange gathering of folk inside the former Masonic Girls School in Donnybrook, now known as the Bewlev's. You would have had to be there to see it. As you approached the door a couple of heavies gave you the once over, only allowing to enter those who looked the part.

Once inside the dimly lit room you could hear the melodic notes of the "Bugle Babes". As your eyes adjusted to the dark you could see them crooning out their songs. More than one guy stopped to stare and dream. Poor old "Mugsy" Meehan was smitten.

There was a swell of activity round the gaming tables. You got your chips from "Baby-face" Walsh-don't let those baby blues fool you, there is no meaner man in town. He was assisted by Sinead "Toots"

intended. his



The challenge was to see who could get the most out of their stash. It was mean, roulette and blackjack, being the choice. You would have to be good to beat those guys. I'll tell you now that by the end of the evening Jason "the viper" Palmer had cleaned out the bank and walked away with the prize.

You should have seen the dolls - boy those fellas know how to choose good-lookers! There was many an outfit that must have come straight from Bloomingdale's and looked swell on the models

wearing them. I just got to say that the Guys were well turned out to, the white ties and braces setting off the dark suits. It was just like a convention.

Did they know how to boogie? They sure did. When the evening grew late and the joint got livelier, the delightful "Bugles" gave way to the band. They did have time to grant the boys a photo opportunity before leaving.

Then we rocked the night away to wailing guitars and beat-belting drums, You should have seen the energy of those young mobsters.







dropped into the Liffey. The guy should have known better! Thanks to John "Bag-Man" Dunne for ensuring the props all worked safely!

Whilst the John Sweeny band got ready, great food was served. An entry ticket draw saw a lucky dude win one of those new I-pad things. I gave my wife an I-ron for Christmas and still can't figure out what the problem was! There was also a prize for buying one of the TLC bears.

At one table sat the Phil "the Don" Daley, safely back from his jump out of a chopper. In his case I believe the jump was voluntary but his enemies do not get the benefit of a chute. He was there to support the "Green committee" as they raised money for the TLC appeal and Crumlin Children's Hospital which I know is close to all of our hearts. With each person through the door, each spin of





the wheel and each turn of the cards the coffers swelled for these great causes.

Sadly as the clock chimed the midnight hour the proceedings began to wind down. Carriages collected the Guys and Dolls and conveyed them back to the smoke. You should have been there to see it.

Hope you come to the next one.

With apologies to Micky Spillane and his ilk.

Have you heard the roar of MAGARA FALLS? see p15





TLC and Social Media



Liking, Posting, Sharing, Commenting, Tweeting, Following! These are the magic power words of the Internet Domain. Over the past few years, a new method of social interaction has arisen. Driven by the development of the World Wide Web, and the enthusiasm of mainly computer-literate teenagers, this phenomenon is known as Social Media or Social Networking.

You probably know it better today as Facebook and Twitter. Or Pinterest. Or maybe even the beach-head casualties of Bebo and MySpace. You see the little "f" sign and "bird" signs on many websites, leaflets, posters, business cards, and TV and print adverts.

It started as a method for people to "keep in touch" (KIT); to put information about personal travel, work, life events and lifestyle so that their friends could see. Traditional Internet modes of communication such as electronic mail and file transfer didn't suit this kind of "KIT" need. It quickly spread from the domain of computer-literate teenagers to the general public, and as a more personal and direct way for organisations to engage with their customers.

When the TLC committee formed to begin the project, they decided that Social Media had to be harnessed as a key tool to inform the public of the work the charity is doing, to advertise and promote public relations.

The TLC committee formed a sub-committee, the E-Media Management Group (*E-MMG*) to manage both the Social Media presence of the Teddies for Loving Care project, and the website.

The E-MMG created a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Both are managed by Tweddie Bear (the TLC Tweeting Teddie).

We seeded the campaign by posting information on the existing Irish Masonic Facebook groups - Irish Masonic Network (1,079 members), Irish

Freemasons (352 members), Irish Widows Sons Masonic Biking Association (68 members), and the Council of Knight Masons (93 members) and asked the members to "share" the post i.e. to spread the word. And share they did! Just 14 days after launch The Facebook page has been seen by over 1,400 individuals in 20 countries. 60% are male with the biggest group in the 35 to 44 age group. 40% are female with the biggest group is in the 25 to 34 age bracket.

As we lead up to the launch of the TLC project on July 17th, Tweddie will be posting updates on the Facebook page (facebook. com/TLCAppealIreland) and also Tweeting on Twitter as @TweddieTLC with the hashtag #TLCAppeal (yes you might have to ask your kids or grandkids what this all means!)

As Freemasons, we sometimes view innovation with suspicion, indeed maintaining the "antient landmarks" is a key principle of our Order. But the 21st century exists in a world driven by instant digital communications, where our antient Brethren could not conceive how modern Brethren can easily converse across continents, languages and cultures extending the true spirit of Freemasonry. So we as a Masonic Charity embrace these new-fangled technologies!

Our website is being readied as we speak and watch for www.tlcappeal.ie to be online soon! Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Bro:. Eoin Meehan
E-Media Management Group



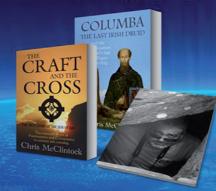
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L2 Beer Tasting

Lodge 2 (the Oldest Warranted Lodge) is having a busy 2013.

Owing to the resounding success of the Craft Beer Tasting in 2012 it was decided to hold a similar event, this year the theme was 'world beers'. The beers, glasses etc. were generously supplied by Gleesons (incorporating Gilbeys) www.gleesongroup.ie who were represented by Nigel Moran who also did Trojan work on the floor, the presentation was made by beer expert Tom Moore who gave freely of his time & expertise, sausages for soakage were supplied by Ed Hicks of Hicks Butchers who also donated a case of his extraordinary Bacon Jam. www.hicks.ie various raffle prizes were donated by the Brethren and friends. Approximately 60 people attended the event, mostly non-Mason's which gave further opportunity to showcase Freemasonry, a tour firstly being given by the more knowledgeable Brethren to those attending the Hall for the first time. More then €1200 was raised for the charities on the night, far more then expected, the Lodge 2 beer night is set to become a regular fixture.

Also lined up for 2013 is the Lodge 2 Shooting Fun Day scheduled for the 20th July, this will take place in Hilltop Shooting Club in Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, this will be the second opportunity for Brethren, friends & family (over 14) to test their skills with either rifles or shotguns and archery. Full details to be announced next week.

November 8th will see the Lodge 2 Whiskey Tasting Night in Molesworth Street, given the success of the World Beers this night is also expected to attract a lot of interest from both within and outside the order when examples of fine whiskeys will be presented, explained and (of course) thoroughly sampled.

Larry is King

He's the long reigning King of Dalkey And I'm not telling any old porkey He ruled the isle with great aplomb And loved his Subjects one by one

They elected him year by year And carried him in his sedan chair Through Dalkey town into the Castle King Larry he would stand no hassle

The throne was always just his size
The crown was placed above his eyes
His sceptre there for all to see
A right royal fellow would Larry be

His heart it was of pure gold
But wondrous tales he could unfold
For him life must be lived in full
No time wasting with stupid bull

At age 12 he joined the choir St Patrick's Dalkey he set on "fire" He served that church for 80 years What milestone such service bears

He served the "Blue" from '55 Keeping Lodge 583 alive In '91 to Dalkey Lodge he came To keep our eternal light aflame

But now dear Larry has left this shore
To join dear Betty for evermore
He left us with memories to cherish
Of his secret mission – life to
embellish

by John Hewitson

Dalkey Lodge 261 News



Bro. Norman Long, R.W.Bro. Ivor Moloney, W.Bro. John Finkel, W.Bro. Larry Wilmott and W.Bro. David Cuffe

W.Bro. Larry Wilmott

It is with great regret that Dalkey Lodge 261 has lost one of its real characters, Larry Wilmott, who passed to the Grand Lodge above, after a short illness, on 12th April 2013, in his 92nd year.

Larry was a wonderful and unique person, a super optimist, who continued to lead a full life despite his advancing years. He became a permanent resident in Our Lady's Manor, Dalkey, following the death of his dear wife Betty some years ago. He had medical care "on tap" in that there was nursing care around the clock whenever it was needed. He was so well known at "The Manor" and the Matron and Staff always spoke most highly of him. He was the last "King" of Dalkey where he had lived all his life.

Larry joined Lodge 583 on 9th March 1955 and graduated to the "Chair" in 1964. He affiliated to Dalkey 261 on 25th February 1991 and received his 50 year Jewel a few

years ago. He attended the Installation Dinner this year but was unable to be present at our March Stated Meeting due to illness – he was taken to Blackrock Hospital earlier that day.

Larry was one of the first to contribute financially towards the recent upgrading of the Dalkey Lodge Premises – such was his generosity. He always used the stair lift and perhaps we should call it the "Wilmott Lift"!

The funeral on 18th April in St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey – where he had served as a member of the choir since age 12 – was a real celebration of a wonderful life well lived. It was well attended which was a mark of his popularity in Dalkey and the Order. In fact Larry himself had prepared the Order of Service some years ago!

To his sister, Joyce (Orr) and brother-in-law, Harwill, and the extended family we extend our sincere condolences.

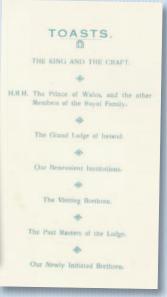
John Hewitson

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Victoria Lodge Centenary Celebration Dinner







The menu and seating plan for the Victoria Lodge Centenary Celebration Dinner which was held on 23rd January 1923.

As you can see nothing has changed in the Festive Board menu which we in Victoria Lodge IV enjoy today, but we are finding it very hard to

source the 1914 Moet & Chandon Dry Imperial not to mention the Thick Ox-Tail. We also have a slight change to the order of our Toasts.

> Sincerely & fraternally, W. Bro. Joe Byrne, Secretary.

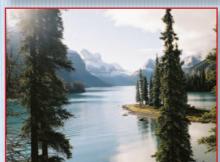




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