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*Members of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes with Big Ted and some of his cousins, together with members of the TLC Committee, on the day before Summer Lodge.*

9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th July, 2013 all seems calm in Molesworth Street. Little do the hundreds of people passing Freemasons' Hall know that nerves are stretched to almost breaking point for a small number of 'those guys' in there. It is the day before Summer Lodge, Masons from all over Ireland and from much further afield are preparing to travel here to attend what has become one of the highlights of the annual Masonic Calendar, Summer Lodge being hosted by Philip Daley and the members of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes.

Meanwhile, somewhere to the east of London a very important contributor to the above meeting is making his way to Southend on Sea Airport in the back of a taxi belonging to W.Bro. Emlyn Carter. "Big Ted" as he has become affectionately known is about to do what he is best at, namely entertain those gathered at the

airport. He has a busy few hours ahead, he will meet and greet the crew of the Aer Arran plane that is about to embark on its journey to our fair land. His travelling companions, W.Bro. Ian Simpson and his lovely wife, Angela, are shown to their seats while Big Ted has a little cavorting to attend to with some members of the crew. Both Ian and Emlyn are members of Skillet and Trowel Lodge No. 981. When all settle in and safety checks are gone through, off they go and they are heading westward to Ireland. While Ian and Angela are regular visitors to Dublin, this is the first time that Big Ted has come over. Secretly he is thinking I might like to stay a little longer than this lot. When they touch down in Dublin, Big Ted is again up to some of his tricks, he manages to get into the cockpit with the pilot and even kicks the Captain out of his seat for a short time. Then it is time to leave his Aer Arran

friends and make his way through to the arrivals area. He is travelling on a carriage provided by the Dublin Airport Authority, powered by the strength of his travelling companion, Ian and as soon as the trio emerge through the arrivals door there is a somewhat informally dressed Philip Daley to greet them. A thought crosses his mind that Masonry here in Ireland may be a little different than it is on the island that he had just left. Morning suits and black ties etc.

After a pleasant journey from the airport to the city Big Ted is booked into Buswells Hotel, catching a brief glance of Freemasons' Hall as he arrived. He was somewhat distracted at this moment in that he was approached by yet another good looking lady, Mary Mitchell-O'Connor, TD. who welcomed him to our capital. After a brief chat and exchange of Facebook and Twitter addresses things seem to be looking good for Big Ted.

Across the road things are getting somewhat hectic, some of the more active members of the Metropolitan Board are beginning to set up for the events taking place the next day. The Dining Room takes on the appearance of a Party Zone, with helium filled balloons and Teddy Bears Picnic areas all set. The merchandise tables are all laid out and ready to be manned by some of the lady members of the staff at Freemasons' Hall under the guidance of Heather Gyles who is a very hard working member of the TLC Committee. Philip Daley is flying around and preparing for a final practice session to ensure



*Black Tie and Morning Suit? I'm delighted to be in Dublin.*

that all goes well when Summer Lodge is held the next day.

Wednesday, 17th July arrives. Big Ted takes his place with all his cousins in the Dining Room. Some of those attending Summer Lodge start to arrive and there is an air of great excitement about. Shortly after 10.30 a.m. a limousine pulls up outside Freemasons' Hall and Peter Lowndes, Patron of TLC England and Wales arrives. He also happens to be the Most Worshipful Pro-Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. He is accompanied by Sir Neill Thorne on this occasion but is visiting Dublin in his TLC capacity. He is met and welcomed by Most Worshipful Brother Eric Waller, Right Worshipful Brother Philip Daley, Right Worshipful Brother Richard Gray and other members of the TLC Committee in Ireland. He is then taken to a small pre-lunch reception where he meets with all the members of the TLC Committee here in Ireland and the Patron of TLC Ireland, Professor Patrick Plunkett who happens to be Worshipful Master of Trinity Lodge No. 357. The reception was followed by a beautiful lunch provided by Catherine and John.

Summer Lodge commenced at 2.30 p.m. The meeting itself was conducted very well and the Ritual on the day was as close to perfect as seen in recent times. No problems with the sun's destination were witnessed this year. It was very well attended with Brethren travelling from near and far to be there to witness the launch the TLC Project formally in Ireland. Just as the Worshipful Master was about to close the Lodge there was "an Alarm" and a member dressed as a Teddy Bear entered the Room. He saluted the Worshipful Master and took his place in the Lodge. As the Lodge was being closed this member stood and invited the Brethren assembled to accompany the Worshipful Master at a special Teddy Bears Picnic which was to take place downstairs coinciding with the official Launch of TLC Ireland.

M.W. Bro. Eric Waller spoke to all those present. He welcomed the representatives from the Dublin Hospitals who were attending and also other members of the public. Little Grace and Avagh were there with their mother Caroline, and they, together with a number of other



*Caroline, Grace and Avagh Armstrong-Patton*

children were made welcome. Grace and Avagh are the girls that feature on the TLC Promotional Brochure. Little Harry, the boy on the Brochure, was too small to attend.

Professor Patrick Plunkett addressed the gathering and went on to say that he was delighted to be involved and honoured to be Patron of the Project here in Ireland. He spoke from the perspective of the Medical and Nursing staff members in the Emergency Department. He said that the “Hospital Teddies” were being very well received in the hospitals here in Dublin, close on 1000 have been distributed at Our Lady’s Hospital, Crumlin, alone and the Project was being welcomed at Tallaght and Temple Street Hospitals also. He said that the Teddies were a great idea and that they far outstripped the traditional appeasement tool of a Lollipop. He went on to say that everywhere he mentioned the Project it was being welcomed with great enthusiasm.

Peter Lowndes addressed all by saying how proud he was to be present to see this wonderful idea being embraced here in Ireland. He thanked all concerned but made special mention of W. Bro. Ian Simpson who was the father of the original idea back in time. A huge amount of work goes into making this happen but it is all worth it when we receive feedback from the families of the children who are given the Teddies in the Emergency Departments. He mentioned that well over a million Teddies have been distributed in England and Wales to date. When that number reached 500,000 there was a celebratory get together and he said he was very

happy to meet with the first recipient of a Teddy. He was now a happy healthy teenager but still had his Teddy.

In concluding the formalities of the day M.W.Bro. Eric Waller said that he was very proud himself to be involved as Chairman of the TLC Organising Committee. He said that a great deal of success had been achieved as a result of the work done to date. He was extremely happy to relate that the Project was to be extended to Our Ladies Hospital, Drogheda in the coming days and throughout the country very shortly. Cork and Sligo Hospitals being targeted in the very near future. The project is planned to be launched throughout Northern Ireland in the Autumn.



*W.Bro. Ian Simpson, Skillet and Trowel No. 981 and R.W. Bro. Philip Daley Chairperson, Metropolitan Board of General Purposes. Both proud fathers of TLC.*

Formalities out of the way Big Ted met with a number of Committee Members and was “persuaded” to stay in Ireland for a few months to help us with further official launches throughout the country. I understand that his diary is rather full even at this early date and he looks forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

## **Project Update**

At the time of going to press the project has been launched in almost every area of the country. Teddies are now being distributed in the emergency departments of 20 hospitals and are being received with great enthusiasm by the staff members and the children who are receiving them.



# *The Military Lodge of Ireland No. 728*

**Meeting at Tailors Hall, Dublin Saturday, 19th May 2012**

There is a Chinese curse that says “*may you live in interesting times*” and there is no doubt that in the period Grand Lodge met in this hall, c. 1755 to 1818 there were certainly “*interesting times*”.

For a start, there was the United Irishmen rebellion of 1798; between 1803 and 1815 there was war between Britain and France, Britain and the USA, and France and Russia; there was the slightly less combative event of the unification of the two grand lodges in England; and the slightly more combative event of the Seton Secession.

Some events played out in this very hall, and some events were witnessed from this hall. Notwithstanding its general historical value, from a Masonic perspective the Tailors Hall is very important.

This lecture will try and put some context and explanation around the events described above.

## **The Napoleonic Wars**

The Napoleonic Wars were a series of wars declared against Napoleon's French Empire by opposing coalitions that ran from 1803 to 1815. Britain was a member of most of the coalitions during this time.

Between 1813 and 1815 Britain and USA were also at war in what is known as the “*War of 1812*”. The Americans declared war because of British blockades and their support for the native indians against American expansion. Its also probable that America wanted to annex parts of Canada owned by the British.

In 1812 France launched an ill-fated offensive against Russia.

There were also a number of less well-known wars including the Anglo-Russian war of 1807 to 1812, the Finnish War of 1808 to 1809 where Britain supported Sweden against Russia, and the Gunboat Wars of 1807 to 1814 where Britain

attacked Denmark-Norway (*known for the 2 Battles of Copenhagen*).

During this time an incident occurred between an Irish ship and a French warship, which caused Lodge 271 Limerick, and Rising Sun Lodge 952 both to take out articles in newspapers. These articles were subsequently cut out and pasted into the Grand Lodge minute books for the meeting on 4th March, 1813.

The story is as follows: Louis Marencourt, captain of the Privateer Le Furet, captured the Three Friends, a sloop out of Youghal under Captain James Campbell. On discovering Captain Campbell was a Brother Mason he released the Three Friends, its Captain and crew, and returned their cargo.

Louis Marencourt was commanding the Privateer Juliet when he was captured by the British Frigate Modeste and held as a Prisoner of War at Plymouth.

The two Lodges wanted to acknowledge the fraternal example of Captain Marencourt and requested that these sentiments be transmitted to Lodge 79 at Plymouth and on to the Captain.

Grand Lodge also took out a newspaper article as follows (*also pasted into the minute book*):

*The Grand Lodge of Ireland,  
HAVING taken into consideration the Masonic  
Conduct of Brother Louis Marencourt, late  
Captain of the Furet French privateer, and now  
a Prisoner of War, who had captured the sloop  
Three Friends, of which James Campbell was  
Master, whom on discovering to be a Brother  
Mason, he humanely restored to liberty and his  
country, and with disinterested generosity gave  
him back his ship and cargo.  
Resolved, that a Masonic Jewel be presented to  
Brother Louis Marencourt, to evince the high  
estimation and gratitude of the Grand Lodge of  
Ireland, for conduct so effectually exemplifying*

*the duties, and so truly illustrative of the benevolence the Craft emphatically inculcates. Resolved, That the Earl of Donoughmore be earnestly intreated to use in influence where it can most avail, to procure the liberation of Brother Marencourt, a measure which the Grand Lodge of Ireland confidently feel their beloved Grand Master will anxiously endeavour to effectuate, because none better than his Lordship can appreciate the value of Brother Marencourts conduct. Resolved, that the Hon. A Hely Hutchinson be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions to the Right Worshipful the Earl of Donoughmore.*

*Signed by Order,  
Robert Handcock, D D. Grand Sec.  
4th March, 1813*

## Unification of the Antients and Moderns

The Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717 at a meeting of four London Lodges at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern. 34 years later, in 1751 a group of predominantly Irish Masons in London, led by Laurence Dermott, claimed that the Grand Lodge of England had made innovations to the rules and ritual and had departed from the “*ancient landmarks*”. An example being the removal of both deacons from the ritual. Six lodges met and formed a rival Grand Lodge called “*The Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institutions.*”

For this reason they became known as the “*Antients*” and their formal rival the “*Moderns*”.

This situation lasted 58 years until 1809, when the rival Grand Lodges appointed Commissioners to negotiate an equitable union. The negotiations took four years and on 27 December 1813 a great ceremonial was held at Freemasons Hall, London, at which the two combined to form the United Grand Lodge of England.

There is a resolution in the Grand Lodge minutes supporting the unification at the meeting on 7th June 1810 which was most likely held in this room.

A Conference of the Three Mother Grand Lodges was held on 2nd July 1814 the resolutions from that meeting are written into the minutes of the Grand Lodge meeting held on the 1st December 1814 (*again, probably in this room*) where the famous resolution was recorded:

*“It is declared and pronounced that Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more viz: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason, including the supreme chapter of the Holy Royal Arch”*

## United Irishmen and the 1798 Rebellion

Theobald Wolfe Tone formed the Society of United Irishmen in Belfast in October 1791, with the Dublin branch formed in November that year. Their initial purpose was to effect parliamentary reform and to increase the rights of Catholics and Presbyterians in Ireland and were supporters of the Catholic Convention.

On December 2nd, 1792 the General Committee of the Catholics of Ireland, known as the Catholic Convention met here at Tailors Hall in what is known as the Back Lane Parliament. The purpose of the Catholic Convention was to demand the abolition of the remaining penal laws and to raise and forward a petition to the King in London. It was instrumental in the passing of the Catholic Relief Bill of 1793.

However, driven by the ideals of the French Revolution and moving towards open rebellion, the United Irishmen drew the ire of the authorities and on May 23rd, 1794, Tailors Hall was raided and papers seized.

Some notable Masons in the United Irishmen were James Napper Tandy, Archibald Hamilton Rowan, William McCracken, Henry Joy McCracken and Bartholomew Teeling

The inaugural meeting in Belfast was chaired by Sam McAteer, also a Freemason and numerous members of Lodge 257 were present.

Another famous Irishman of the time involved with the United Irishmen was Daniel O’Connell.

Although a member, he did not support the rebellion. He was initiated into Masonry in Lodge 189 Dublin in 1799. In 1808 Daniel O'Connell is the signature as Junior Council on a Chancery suit instituted by John Leech against Alexander Seton.

He was also noted as chairman of a committee appointed in June 1800 to enquire whether the Grand Master would continue in office for another year, due to a procedural mix-up by Deputy Grand Master Walter Wade.

## The Seton Affair

This is a rather complicated and extended affair. Alexander Seton was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary by Georges Darcy Irvine on 5th February, 1801. This was a position entitled to some fees and worth some £300 a year.

The Deputy Grand Secretary of the time also received the dues of the great majority of the country Lodges. Seton also decided there was considerable income in the revival of lapsed warrants, a practise forbidden by Grand Lodge. So Seton had access to considerable funds, and effectively set out to defraud Grand Lodge by creating a faction within Grand Lodge to support his aims.

Also at this time, many lodges were working the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees. Grand Lodge wanted to remove these degrees from the Lodges and create new bodies. Many of these Lodges were in the North and did not want to surrender their "*rights from time immemorial*". The concerns of the Northern Lodges were unfortunately ignored and the silence by Grand Lodge was taken as contempt.

On Thursday 5th June, 1806, a meeting of Grand Lodge here at Tailors Hall was attended by many country Lodges. The DGM closed the Lodge meeting at 1.30am and departed, but those remaining re-opened the Lodge, and effectively formed a rival or opposition Grand Lodge,

and recommended that Seton be re-appointed Deputy Grand Secretary.

Seton was eventually dismissed from office on 1st May 1806, and after the meeting waited for the Grand Treasurer John Boardman outside the Lodge Room and "*horsewhipped him in the presence of his brethren of the Grand Lodge*". Probably outside this room! On 2nd April 1807 not surprisingly, Seton was formally expelled from Masonry by Grand Lodge.

During this time there were effectively two Grand Lodges operating in Dublin and Grand Lodge was ousted from Tailors Lane and met instead at the Exhibition House, William Street.

On 17th September 1807, Grand Lodge received a message from the Grand Lodge of England (*Antients*) stating it would not support Seton's Opposition Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, Lord Donoughmore, had been ill for some time, and so had been unable to intervene in the dispute. Having friends on both sides, it was perhaps fortuitous that he could take time to reflect on the best approach to take. On the 26th March 1808 he wrote a letter to all Masters, Wardens and brethren calling for a reconciliation. The Grand Master specifically requested the meeting to happen here in Tailors Hall, perhaps mindful of the historic significance of having the reconciliation in the same venue as the disagreement.

On the 7th April 1808 the better elements of both sides convened here at Tailors Hall and reconciliation was effected. As part of this reconciliation Seton's expulsion was revoked.

Thanks to Seton, the minutes for Grand Lodge are missing between 1st October 1801 and 6th June 1806. There is an entry in the minutes for the meeting held on 2nd April 1812 again calling on Seton to return all books and document, which he never did.

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## ***Victory Lodge No. 478 in Cork***

By Trains, planes and automobiles, well, by train and automobile anyway, an intrepid group from Victory Lodge No. 478 recently made Lodge history by holding their first ever communication outside of Molesworth Street. The venue was the magnificent Lodge room in Tuckey Street, Cork city where the hospitality and welcome were readily given and warmly received.

The business at hand, an initiation to the Entered Apprentice Degree, was carried off smoothly without venturing into the arcane mysteries of the 'Munster Working'!

Worshipful Master Tim Murphy commanded proceedings in his usual authoritative manner, supported by officers of Cork City Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster.

There was time for a stroll through the 'English Market', just across the way from Tuckey Street.



*Some of those Brethren who attended the meeting in Tuckey Street Market during a visit to the English Market.*

## ***W.Bro. Ken McShane Receives his 60 Year Jewel***

Ken McShane is from Abbeyleix and joined Lodge 666 at 22 years old in 1952. He became Worshipful Master in 1970, Excellent King of RAC 245 in 1974 and served for many years as Almoner in Lodge 748, Wicklow in the 1990's. He was Excellent Chief of Great Chiefs Council in 1978.

From the 1950's to the 1970's he travelled around a great many of the country Lodges and can recall lots of interesting stories.

He is well know for his ability to tell funny stories and frequently has his Brethren in fits of laughter at the Festive Board.

He is a regular attendee in Lodge 728 and is always ready to take up any vacant office that needs filling and is invariably word perfect.



*WB Ken McShane receiving his 60 Year Jewel from the Deputy Grand Master Douglas Gray at the Lodge 728 (incorporating Lodge 666) Installation Dinner in 2013.*

## Jack Daley

I became a member of the Masonic Order in February 1967. Early in 1982 the late W.Bro. Bill Fogarty invited me to join the Tying Team in Molesworth Street. I settled in after a short time. I then began to enjoy tying, meeting Brethren visiting the Hall and meeting the Brethren from the Metropolitan Area.

As the years progressed, I started bringing Brethren and other people on tours of the Hall. These are very happy memories for me.

I would like thank all who contributed to my retirement present, a painting of No. 17 Molesworth Street, a special gavel, an antique fork (1900) and a cheque of considerable value. I will miss going into the Hall every day, but all good things must come to an end.

Once again a very big thank you to all concerned.



*Jack Daley, Head Tyler (Retired)*

## Trip to Portland, Maine, USA

The Metropolitan Board has received an invite from a group of Masons from Maine, U.S.A. who attended a Lodge in Molesworth Street 18 months ago, to visit their Lodge(s) and a “Shriners” meeting. Shriners are a branch of the order which support Children’s Hospitals throughout the States. Their aim is to raise money for this purpose.

The proposed date for this event is around mid October 2014. In order to find out if there is sufficient interest in organising such a trip, would anyone who would like to join in please contact [metromason@eircom.net](mailto:metromason@eircom.net).

Maine is supposed to be at its most beautiful in the “fall” (autumn to us) and there will be an opportunity to see the marvellous colours and sights this season brings. If we are going there,

it will probably be via Boston, where we will be able to fit in a visit to a Lodge in that City, which boasts a magnificent Masonic Temple and a love of the inhabitants of this Island.

This trip will be open to ALL Masons and their partners. It is envisaged it will last for 6 or 7 days, We will not be able to give a cost until December, as the airlines do not release tickets to the travel companies until then.

This will give you a good notice and a chance to save, there may well be a possibility of starting a “savings club” for those who would like to put a little away each month towards the cost.

Let the Board know if you are interested, so they can tell if it is a viable proposition. Further details will be circulated as soon as they come to hand.



## Lodge 2 Shooting Day

On the glorious sunny morning of Saturday 20th July, several members and their friends and relations met at the Hilltop Shooting Range, near Newtownmountkennedy. They were met by the Instructors and given very necessary safety instructions and were then taken to the rifle range to try their skills.

Peering into the distance it was just possible for these old eyes to see the target as a whole, but there were 20 little bulls-eyes on them. Fortunately the rifles had a thing to assist us in finding the target. So away we went, a few practice shots and then the real thing.

We obviously had a few who were expert at this sort of thing, the rest of us mere mortals kept squeezing the trigger (notice NOT pulling) and hoping a little hole appeared on the target in the far distance.



After all the scores were added up Ciaran Creagh (son of Kevin) was declared the winner.

From here we adjourned to the Archery range and with some wonderful skills which meant an arrow actually went into the target, found out that our WM Gerry Kinsella was the Robin Hood of Lodge Two.

Then as an extra treat as we had been so good, we were allowed on the pistol range. The targets here were a little closer so having had a little practice years ago I was able to put slightly more on the target than the others. Special mention must go to Stephen Mannion, who managed second in both shooting events. (Good try but no cigar).

Finally thanks to Kerry, Damien and Gareth and the rest of the staff at the Hilltop, it was wonderful and if you will have us, we shall be back next year to hone up those skills.

## Calling all Stewards of Charities

There will be a meeting in Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm. for all Stewards of Charity. There will be some information relating to the recording of Charitable Contributions, an explanation of what the Metropolitan Board is hoping to do, your

chance to discuss other ideas, join with other Lodges to present future events and avoid your event clashing with another Lodge's. This will benefit all of you so please make every effort to attend and if you cannot make it, arrange for another of your Brethren to take your place.

## Now in Stock Available from the Hall Porters' Desk

				
<i>Bow Tie</i>	<i>Neck Tie</i>	<i>Pin Badge</i>	<i>Large Bear 24"</i>	<i>Small Bear 10"</i>
€15	€15	€5	€25	€6

				
<i>The Sore leg Bear</i>	<i>The Wheelchair Bear</i>	<i>The Circular Pin</i>	<i>The Golden Bear</i>	<i>The Original TLC Bear</i>
€5	€5	€5	€5	€5





**Sunday 1st December**  
**Freemasons' Hall,**

**An adventure at Hogwarts for children aged 6 to 11**  
**Limited to 60 Places**

**For info or tickets contact:**  
**Bro. Gareth Walsh**  
**[Gareth@garethwalsh.ie](mailto:Gareth@garethwalsh.ie)**  
**087 9215462**

**CALLING ALL WIZARDS AND WITCHES - THE MINISTRY OF MAGIC NEEDS YOU!**  
 Something of great importance has gone missing at Hogwarts  
 and only the students have the power to solve the mystery.  
 Presented by the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes & The Green Committee

## To Hell and back with a Teddy Bear

In January 2014, members of Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 will participate in what is considered to be one of the toughest, both mentally and physically, endurance races in Ireland in an effort to raise funds for the TLC project.

The race is run over a specially designed course at Killruddery Estate, Bray, and Co. Wicklow and includes such treats as river crossing, mud lakes, and electric fences. The very names of the obstacles give a clue to the hardships to be endured; Hurdles of hell, Descent to doom, Avalanche of mud, shock of horror, Barbed wire crawl, river crossings and the awe inspiring live electric barrier

A video of previous races may be viewed on the hall monitor. Sponsorship cards have been distributed to all Lodge Secretaries. Full details of the event can be seen on [www.hellandback.ie](http://www.hellandback.ie).

The Brethren involved, Bros. Ken Geary, Daniel Ayotis and Declan Leonard have already started training. Each team member will carry a haversack of teddies over the course and these will be offered for sale to the participants. All funds raised will be given to the TLC Project and we ask that all members of the Order contribute to this worthy cause.

## Young Musician Competition 2013

The fourth 'Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year', Semi- Finals were held on Thursday, October 10th, and the Final on Saturday, October 12th, all at Freemasons' Hall. 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 - <i>Percussion</i>	David Keating - <i>Classical Guitar</i>	Denise Crowley - <i>Piano</i>	
The DIT Conservatory of Music & Drama, Dublin:			
Adam McDonagh <i>Piano</i>	Gavin Brennan <i>Saxophone</i>	Arash Kazemi-Nejad <i>Classical Guitar</i>	Anna Callanan <i>Piano</i>
The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Limerick:			
Elena Alekseeva - <i>Piano</i>		Denice Doyle - <i>Violin</i>	
The Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin:			
Deirdre Reddy <i>Violin</i>	Tamara Niekłudow <i>Piano</i>	Róisín Walters <i>Violin</i>	Jane Hackett <i>Violin</i>

The internationally renowned Jury of Séamus Crimmins, Werner Krenn, Rober Kulek, Maighread McCrann and Andrew Mogrelia under the chairmanship of Jane Carty, had the difficult job of deciding the ultimate winners.

First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize	Fourth Prize
Alex Petcu-Colan <i>Percussion</i>	Adam McDonagh <i>Piano</i>	Tamara Niekłudow <i>Piano</i>	Roísín Walters <i>Violin</i>
Brennan Prize Denise Crowley - <i>Piano</i>		John Vallery Memorial Prize Roísín Walters - <i>Violin</i>	

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 2014 will take place on Thursday, 9th and Saturday, 11th October 2014.



# Culture Night 2013

“Where are the edibles?” a young woman was enquiring of a startled Grand Secretary – yes, it’s Culture Night again, on the third Friday in September and the garrulous citizens are once more out in their droves.

I simply love this annual footfreebie, when Dublin flings open its doors allowing one and all to peek and pry, and in the manner of *Come Dine with Me*, ask rude questions and generally go where angels fear to tread.

And, the most extraordinary citizens do emerge for the evening, along with the perfectly normal of course, swing happily through the centre of our great city and make the evening a terrific and colourful occasion: I mean, even Molesworth Street, not the hippest thoroughfare in town, comes alive and generates a unique atmosphere on the night.

In our place, a lot of this is, of course, attributable to the sheer curiosity people feel about Freemasons’ Hall and means that at four o’clock, an hour before opening, a lengthy line of very patient Dubs clutching their Culture Night Guides, are all ready to go.

Rather like the formidable hairy Joneses’ in the Ospreys front row, we had a formidable pair of Tonys, but not at all hairy of course, to meet our visitors head-on at the front door, patrol all channels and guide the, once again, enormously curious and enthusiastic crowd safely through the portals and into the hands of our, as ever, patient staff and enthusiastic guides.

I’m always amazed at the sheer good humour of the staff in the course of this annual influx, and their great good humour infectiously spreads to their helpers – even the notoriously brittle Chairman galloped happily around the first floor directing the masses, without once losing his temper. Ditto the Grand Secretary,

mollified into pacifism it appeared, by the playing of the musicians – see below. Michael Curran, Ken Power and Derek Brennan added their weighty knowledge, where requested, the latter augmenting our doormen with a few well directed professional bellows of his own. As ever, our dignified elder statesman, Jack Daley led by example and was patience personified, in his usual station at the back of the Grand Lodge room.

Our Madame Curator, Rebecca Hayes somehow always manages to get the best out of this eclectic bunch and must be congratulated once again for her superb preparation and general marshalling of the staff.

As alluded to above, classical musicians, i.e. a string ensemble from the National Youth Orchestra, a new innovation this year, played their way through a most enjoyable couple of hours of tunes, well-known and otherwise, and this greatly added to the ambience.

I was, as ever, minding my own business when I encountered the young woman enquiring about ‘the edibles’. “Goodness me”, said the GS (or words to that effect) as he stalked off grimly to the staff kitchen. Loud words could be heard between himself and the Chairman as he encountered the latter happily ensconced therein, munching his way through the platter of staff sandwiches. “Come here you”, says I to the young woman and her pal, “have you been around the rooms yet?” “Oh yes, and they’re great”. “And where do you think you are, then?” says I. “The Doorway Gallery”, says she (sure enough, a perusal of the gallery’s entry in the guide book speaks of ‘the Edible Art gallery, nibble on a sculpture’ ‘scoff a cupcake’ etc.) It just goes to show that this great Hall of ours can, at times, be all things to all men – and women.



# Claret Jug Presentation

Summer Lodge is an opportunity for all Members of Metropolitan Lodges to brush up on their ritual during the midsummer period. The past summer was no exception but when Dalkey Lodge was 'ordered' to attend we began to wonder whether we had committed a mortal sin. Several 261 Members attended with, I must admit, a degree of trepidation!

However, when we were approaching the end of the Meeting my name, as Secretary of Dalkey Lodge, was called out by the Worshipful Master, RWB Philip Daley, to come forward to receive the Claret Jug on behalf of the Lodge chosen by the Metropolitan Board as the worthy holder for the year. Unfortunately the Jug, a marvellous piece of Irish silverware, was empty!

Joking apart, this is a wonderful honour for Dalkey Lodge and we will cherish our brief 'ownership' of this prestigious award and ensure it is displayed in a prominent position at all our meetings until it has to be returned for presentation to another chosen Metropolitan Lodge. Equally importantly is the impact this presentation will bear on the history of our Lodge – it will be recorded there with great pride.



One might ask: Why is Dalkey Lodge a Metropolitan Lodge when it meets outside the Molesworth Street premises? We are the only Metropolitan Lodge which does so but we can envisage others doing so in the future if the present growth in new recruits is maintained. Most things are possible if we all put our shoulders to the task ahead!

The photo was taken after the Summer Lodge Meeting and the Launch of the TLC Project was about to take place.

*John Hewitson*

## Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
426	Canadian - Slide Show	Tuesday	22nd Oct	19:00
Green Committee	"Eyes of the Mummy" Film Show	Saturday	26th Oct	19:00
Met Board	Stewards of Charity Meeting	Wednesday	30th Oct	19:00
Grand Lodge	Jack & Mac Flanders and Swann Tribute	Friday	2nd Nov	19:30
2	Whiskey Night	Friday	8th Nov	19:00
Green Committee	An Adventure at Hogwarts	Sunday	1st Dec	TBC
Grand Lodge	St. John's Day	Friday	27th Dec	Noon



**THE EYES OF THE MUMMY**

*The 1918 Classic Silent Film  
accompanied by Connor Gannon  
on the Organ in the ambiance of  
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FREE MASON'S HALL, MOLESWORTH STREET  
SATURDAY THE 26TH OF OCTOBER  
DOORS 7PM, FILM 8PM  
TICKETS €10!

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## *Advance Warning!*

*On Friday 8th November 2013 at 7pm Freemasons' Hall will be host to Lodge Two's Whiskey Night.*

Yes once again the firewater will be flowing and you can treat your taste buds by sampling several different types of the golden liquid.

This can all be done with a clear conscience because it is in aid of MASONIC CHARITIES.

Tell your friends, relatives, work-mates so they can join in the wonderful experience.

All Lodges will be circulated with further details soon. SEE YOU THERE

## Metropolitan Golf Outing

Rathfarnham

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Friday, 27th September 2013





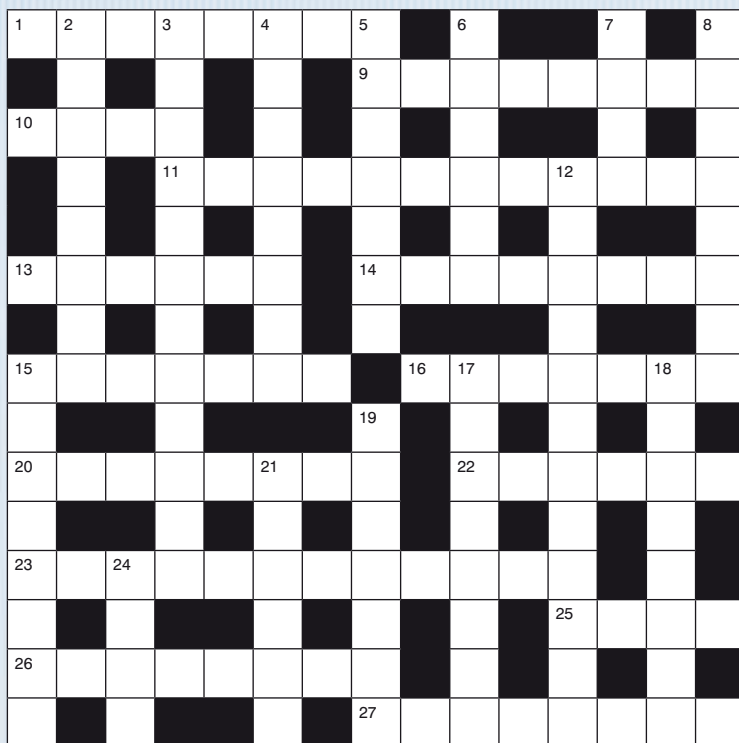
# Crossword Number 1 by "Beehive"

*Crossword Number 1 has been sent into us by a Member of one of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Area. He wishes to be known as Beehive.*

*It is hoped to include a crossword in all future issues of MetroMason.*

*Brethren are invited to send completed puzzles to:*

**The Editor,  
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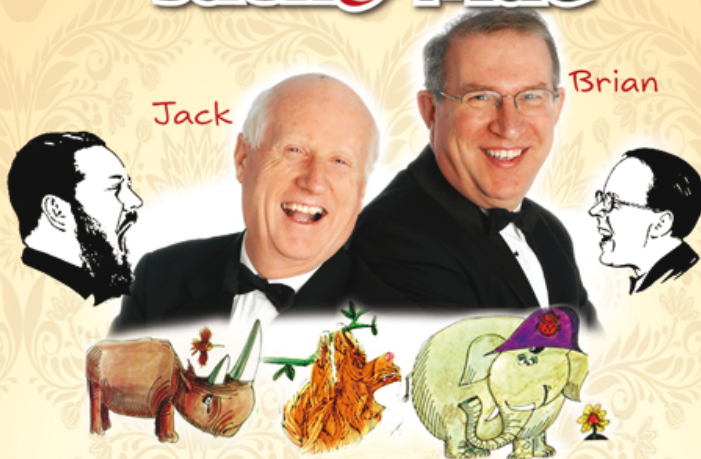
## Across

- 1 Dance to foil deacon's request. (8)
- 9 Suggestion that plainsong will do. (8)
- 10 Set designer for Bismarck. (4)
- 11 Charles's one time favourites get brickee's qualifications. (5,7)
- 13 Happen in autumn in America. (6)
- 14 A container, so bears breech. (8)
- 15 Time for canine hydrophobes. (3,4)
- 16 A leg bone, incidentally. (7)
- 20 "Set to music", Gran read out. (8)
- 22 Seal old academic symbol. (6)
- 23 Drag Queen to sex party (6,6)
- 25 Flower of Oxford. (4)
- 26 Neat girl plays the instrument. (8)
- 27 Defeatist backs stag to subsume bull, say. (8)

## Down

- 2 Non-u rogue tale about Mr Hyde, for example (5,3)
- 3 Take cart back to the country. Here? (8,4)
- 4 Cricket? Pile it on. (8)
- 5 One glad to settle in the West. (7)
- 6 Dead rhino in Spain. (6)
- 7 Hard drinking swimmer. (4)
- 8 Its press has resolution. (8)
- 12 Infer Igor's thrilling performance initially. Riotous finale. (4,2,6)
- 15 Drinks on board. (8)
- 17 Gray's weary ploughmen homeward bound, to 3? (8)
- 18 Pigeonhole; so regain chaos. (8)
- 19 E.L. James. Read her erotic content, and become a fan. (7)
- 21 Pot bound artist in such a band. (6)
- 24 Such a bleak picture in American cinema. (4)

# Jack & Mac



**Jack Morrissey (Baritone) & Brian McIvor (Bass and Piano).**

Collectively known as Jack and Mac they have been performing comic and satirical music for the past 20 years. Their shows including 'Love is the Strangest Thing' and 'Just a Song at Twilight' have had repeated sell-out successes in the John Field Room and elsewhere. This is their fourth visit to the John Field Room with 'A Flanders & Swann Tribute'. This gentle tribute to these two comic geniuses is a witty and uplifting show, which is in danger of becoming an annual event.

*Join us for a light-hearted look at the work of Flanders and Swann.*

 SATURDAY 

2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 7:30pm sharp

The Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin 2.

Tickets €15 Available from the Hall Porter's Desk  
(including glass of wine)

More information: [www.jacknmac.com](http://www.jacknmac.com) & YouTube.

**All proceeds in aid of TLC**