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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC LODGES

Each year tends to go faster than the previous one. It is that time again when I must say a word of welcome to the new members of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes. I am delighted to greet Derek Brennan, Carter Fly and Paul Gillen to the Board. You are

all very welcome and I look forward to working together over the coming months. I am saddened to have to say farewell to Kevin Creagh, Peadar O'Braoin, Reg Richards, Jim Smith and Tom Fitzpatrick who have stood down as members.

The Metropolitan Board Members 2014 and their allocated Lodges

Board Members	Representing Lodges
Derek Brennan	Emerald Isle 19, Fitzgibbon 331, France & d'Ireland 884
Ken Broughall	Lodge No. 2 & Skillet & Trowel 981
Joseph Byrne	GML, Victoria 4, Trinity College 357 & Metropolitan Ritual Class
Philip Daley	Unity 238, St Cecilia 494, Lodge Ireland 2000 & Lux Diei
Lionel Fifield	University 33, Corinthian Commercial 245 & Caxton 511
Carter Fly	Fidelity 125, Ruby 339 & Curragh Emerald 397
Paul Gillen	Acacia 225, Orpheus 426 & Garrison 730
Geoff Lovegrove	Leinster 141, Dalkey 261 & Military 728
Andrew Lyall	Duke of York 25
Norman O'Galligan	Clontarf 249, Chetwode Crawley 395 & Victory 478
Randall Robertson	Kingstown 510 & The First Volunteer 620
Denis Whelan	Dublin 500, Molesworth 611 & Oracle 1003
Terry Woods	Temple 6, Israel 126

The Metropolitan Board continues to work with its Development Plan "Vision for the Future" and has recently identified the areas that it will concentrate on during 2014 covering Communications, Public Relations, Governance, Membership, Ritual and the Social aspect of Freemasonry.

This year we are placing great emphases on providing events and activities for all the members of the Order, such as the Annual Summer Barbeque, an event which is supported by members and their families each year and serves to provide the Charities with much needed funds, Summer Lodge which will be held on Wednesday, 16th of July this year has been supported each year by members who travel from all areas of the Country, Concerts, Motivational



Seminars, Lodge Officers Seminars, a Mens' Health Evening is being planned to be given for the benefit of members, young and old and details of this event will be forthcoming in the near future, Movie Nights, Children's Events and a Murder Mystery Evening to name but a few. We know that these events will not appeal to everyone, but we are confident that every member will find a selection of these events and activities that they will enjoy and urge you to encourage other members of your Lodge and friends to attend. These events will be advertised and promoted here in MetroMason, on the Metropolitan website, by email, on the lobby information screen, with handouts, correspondence to Lodge Secretaries and through the Lodge Representatives.

On behalf of the Board I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Area for their encouragement and support. It would be impossible to record individual thanks to the many who have given of their time and talents, the Board wishes to place on record its appreciation and thanks to the many who have assisted during the past year.

No committee runs by itself and we are fortunate on the Board to have many talented people and I would take this opportunity to say thank you to them for their continued support, encouragement and commitment. In addition, I am deeply indebted to the following Brethren for undertaking additional responsibilities.

Geoff Lovegrove	Deputy Chairman
Randall Robertson	Secretary
Andrew Lyall	Treasurer
Derek Brennan	Metropolitan Almoner
Lionel Fifield	Metropolitan Steward of Charities
Ken Broughall	Editor, MetroMason, Web Site and Hall Screen
Gareth Walsh	The Green Committee

The Metropolitan Board continues to place priority importance on improving communications with Lodges and Brethren. This is a vital part of the continued growth and success of Freemasonry and we encourage everyone to play their part in building a strong team in Lodges, the Metropolitan Area and throughout Freemasonry in general.

The overall plan includes the continued development of MetroMason, Lodge Visitation, the Metropolitan Website, the Metropolitan email database and the Lobby Information Screen.

Metropolitan Website

The Metropolitan website is being redeveloped at the moment and will be re-launched at the Worshipful Master and Secretaries Seminar on Monday, 31st March 2014. We hope to make it more accessible and interesting to the members and their Lodges.

MetroMason

Over the last sixteen years this magazine has played a part in improving communication within the Metropolitan area. We are always delighted to receive articles of interest and photographs for inclusion and we welcome your contributions. Please submit articles, etc., to metromason@eircom.net or ken@staybro.com

Lobby Information Screen

The Lobby Information screen will be again available shortly following a lengthy sabbatical. Rewiring and updating of the computer that acts as a server to this is in progress at the moment. This facility will be available to all Lodges to advertise events and details should be sent to metromason@eircom.net or call 087 205 7320.

I am delighted to announce the introduction of the Metropolitan Area Travelling Maul. The object of the Travelling Maul is to encourage and develop inter Lodge visitation within the Metropolitan Area, and to develop and extend the fellowship of Freemasonry.

The Travelling Maul was kindly presented by



R.W.Bro. Selwyn Davies and in recognition of his kind gesture, the Travelling Maul has commenced its journey by being presented to Dalkey Lodge No. 261 on Monday, 13th January 2014.

The rules of the Travelling Maul and the suggested wording to be used during the capture of the Maul have been circulated to all Lodge Secretaries and the Metropolitan Board wish all Metropolitan Lodges every success in the capture of the Travelling Maul.

Missing member's month, November 2013, was deemed, by many, to have been a success with reports from Lodges that a number of lapsed brethren were encouraged to return and attend their Lodge meetings. However, it was felt that November was not the best time of year for such an initiative, with dark evenings and inclement weather to contend with. It has been agreed that we will use the month of March for Missing Members Month this year and details will be with Lodges over the coming days.

The Metropolitan Board is indebted to W.Bro. Tom Farrell for proving an evening with Nigel Newman, a motivational speaker, who will be taking us through Dr. Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats on Thursday, 13th February at

4.00 p.m. in the Grand Lodge Room. This is an excellent opportunity for decision makers, business people and professionals to attend a seminar, developing management tools for building the innovative organisation. All the proceeds from the event will go to The Teddies for Loving Care Project. Full details of this event are advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Monday, 31st March will see all Metropolitan Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries coming together for a seminar covering various topics that will assist them in the good management and development of their Lodges. Details will be distributed directly to all Worshipful Masters and Secretaries. Please put the date in your diary now.

The Metropolitan Area has been very fortunate with the number of new members joining, many who have passed through the New Members Committee. This has resulted in a backlog of degrees in many Lodges and the Metropolitan Board will host 4 Lodge meetings on Saturday, 26th April 2014, with two meetings in the morning and two meetings in the afternoon, three candidates for the Fellow Craft Degree will be raised at each meeting. If you have any candidates requiring the Fellow Craft Degree or any members of your Lodge that may wish to take part in giving these Degrees, please let your Lodge Representative know as soon as possible.

The last year has seen the retirement of my father, V.W.Bro. Jack Daley from his position as Head Tyler. His successor, W.Bro. Keith Stent, has been appointed by Grand Lodge and we on the Board wish him well.

The Metropolitan Board is here to support you, the Lodges and the Brethren in the Metropolitan Area and we serve as a part of a continual learning process with a vision for strong successful Lodges growing and sharing together. We welcome your views and suggestions and please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board at any time.

*Philip Daley,
Chairman – Metropolitan Board*

The Stillorgan Players support TLC

The long established amateur Drama Group, Stillorgan Players, were one of the first to raise funds for TLC when they raised nearly €500 by selling Teddies at their Pantomime in January last year. Now they are offering a night of their next production to aid the fund.

The show will be "All the way back" by the Dublin playwright, Bernard Farrell. It is a very funny play set in an upperclass residential area in Dublin's Southside, when the ever practical Sheila Ryan decides on a course of action to boost the family's depleted income to support the big household and keep up appearances as her husband, Brendan, a redundant executive has been out of work for eighteen months.

It ran for an extended run in The Abbey when it was first written in 1985 and the topic is just as relevant today.



The 'Players' are staging the show during the third week in March and are offering the Wednesday night takings to TLC. For this to be a success it will need the full support of Metropolitan Brethren and those attending are assured an enjoyable night which should raise at least a €1,000 for the fund. So note of the date, Wednesday 19th March.

Tickets at €12 will be available from the Hall Porter or Geoff Lovegrove Ph: 087-2545090.

For further details about the play and the 'Players' go to www.stillorganplayers.com.

An Evening with Nigel Newman

Management Tools for Building the Innovative Organisation

In the Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall,
Molesworth Street, Dublin 2
on Thursday 13th February at 4.00 pm

Please Register your attendance
by emailing metromason@eircom.net

**Tickets
€25
Each**

In aid of TLC Teddies for Loving Care
Event is sponsored by Edward de Bono Foundation



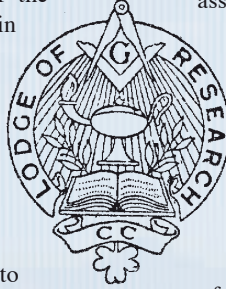
The Irish Lodge of Research No. 200 I.C.

Was Constituted under the direct control of The Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1914. It was established to promote research into the origins, antiquities, history, symbols and ceremonies of the Irish Freemasonry and present same, in the form of papers, to the Lodge and its membership.

The decision to form this Lodge was taken by a number of Irish Masonic researchers, who were active in Quatuor Coronati and saw the necessity of having a similar body in the Irish Constitution, dedicated to researching and recording the origins, antiquities, history, symbols and ceremonies of the Irish Constitution.

In the past one hundred years research has been carried out in a broad based manner investigating, researching, recording and publishing some

twenty seven volumes of Masonic Transactions, which look into and record many diverse artefacts, traditions, histories and ceremonies associated with Irish Freemasonry around the globe.



We are now about to celebrate our one hundredth anniversary on Saturday the 8th February 2014, when the work of this Lodge will be acknowledged by The Most Worshipful The Grand Master and his team from The Grand Lodge of Ireland. There will be a morning Symposium, an afternoon installation and an evening banquet, all open to visitors.

Please contact our Assistant Secretary South – Wor Bro Tom Fitzpatrick for further details. Email: darkfire2005@eircom.net

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

Carrick Manor

Carrick Manor, Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

Carrick Manor is a small retirement complex in Monkstown. It is situated close to shops, churches, bus routes and near the Dart train line. It is close to the sea and Dun Laoghaire harbour.

The complex is surrounded by beautiful gardens which are maintained by the residents with the aid of a professional gardener.

Each person has their own front door and they are free to come and go as they please.

The complex has been refurbished to a high standard over the last few years. A new house manager, Geraldine Mulligan, was appointed in July who has built around her a strong team to provide excellent care for the residents and a wonderful midday meal every day for the residents.

We also offer a visiting dining facilities for other retired Masons and their wives or widows who might like the company when they are alone, the charge is €10.00, and this must be booked in advance with the house manager phone 01 284 1686.

We have recently introduced the availability of "Guest" accommodation for visiting friends or relations at the cost of €35.00 per night.

The aim of Carrick manor is to provide sheltered accommodation and support for couples or single people. They will receive the support of the community of Carrick Manor. There is a large dining room where the midday meal is served and there is also a large sitting room in the main house. The residents are always free to leave and retire to their private accommodation when they like.



Living in Carrick Manor removes the worries of insurance, maintaining the property and garden, the alarms and intruders. There is no dread of going home to a dark empty house.

This allows you the freedom to visit friends and to invite friends to visit you, to go away on holidays, and to pursue your other interests like bridge, golf, music and the arts.

We are very grateful to all the Masons who joined us on 14th November to view the complex and see and understand the service that is provided. We also wish to thank them for their generous support as without this none of this work could have been completed.

The main improvements which will be carried out in the near future to install a chairlift to the apartments on the upper floor of the new wing, fit new back doors to the bungalows to improve the insulation and reduce heat loss.

We still have accommodation available in three studio apartments which cost €1,100.00 per month.

Any brother who would like to visit Carrick Manor would be most welcome to do so if they ring the house manager phone 01 284 1686.

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Lodge No. 2 Jazz Night

On Friday 10th January 2013 Lodge Two held a Jazz, Wine and Cheese night in Molesworth Street, as a fund raiser. The idea was to finance part of a training course for a Dublin para medic.

The event was a great success. The music supplied by Declan went down well. The drink, which was donated by Searson's Wine Merchants helped down by a good variety of cheese.

We would like to thank all of those who donated raffle prizes and those who bought the tickets. The amount for the Course was raised and there was sufficient left over for the treasurer to earmark a further €350 for Masonic Charities.

A great night, we look forward to their next event.



Lodge No. 2 Installation

W.Bro. Lionel Fifield together with R.W. Bro. Selwyn Davies and the Officers of Lodge 2 for the coming year.



Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall

<i>Event</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
An Evening with Nigel Newman	Thursday	13th February	19:00
Worshipful Masters & Secretaries Seminar	Monday	31st March	19:30
Fellow Craft Degree Day	Saturday	26th April	-
Metropolitan BBQ	Saturday	21st June	19:00
Summer Lodge	Wednesday	16th July	14:30

Floating Lodge Meetings Scuppered

The news is that R.W. Bro. Geoff Lovegrove has sold his share in the canal boat 70m, (they don't like being called barges). This unfortunately means that although there have been about a dozen such meetings in the last eight years, there will be no more. The first of these took place in 2005 and how this came about is quite interesting. Geoff and his brother Dick bought the 70M in 1994, in very poor condition and spent the next four years turning it back to the Shannon in 2000 and after a very short time the GML and Leinster Lodge No. 141 were using it for summer cruises on the river. These were usually followed by a barbecue and a visit to a Lodge meeting either in Mohill or Birr. After one of these excursions the members of Lodge No. 141 asked whether they could hold their meeting on board. So enquiries were made and the next year Michael Walker, (the then Grand Secretary) duly issued a Temporary Warrant. So, on a fine May morning the Brethren assembled on the jetty in Portumna and Henry Robinson presented the boat with the a pennant with the 'Square and Compass', he had bought in Australia, which was promptly hauled to the masthead.



After a pleasant cruise on a very peaceful Lough Derg it was decided to open the Lodge at 6 o'clock in the middle of the lake. At the appointed hour, the Lodge room was prepared and regalia donned, when someone notice a hire boat behaving in a most peculiar manner. One minute it was heading towards the river, the next towards the harbor and then coming straight towards the 70M. As it got closer, a shout was heard, "What flag is that?". This was answered by "What do you think it is?" the reply was, "It looks very Masonic to us". "What do you know about Freemasonry?" At this a series of salutes and words came across the water. The Secretary of Lodge No. 141 called,

"Would you like to go to a Lodge Meeting?"

Pause, then "Yes, Where?", "Here"; "When?"

"Now, put your trousers on!"

(The tourist was wearing swimming togs).

The hire boat came alongside and three men boarded. They explained that they were Members of a Blackpool Lodge on a fishing holiday. They were duly examined and welcomed into the

Lodge. After this delay the Meeting was opened, the opening ode sung and a surprising amount of business carried out. However that wasn't the only delay because half-way through the meeting a shadow fell across the boat and it was discovered that the 'Shannon Princess', a very large passenger craft was alongside. The Secretary hastily removing his regalia rushed on deck



between Lodge No. 141 and the Blackpool Lodge.

Following this, other Lodges enjoyed the unusual venue and during the eight years at least seven Grand Lodge Officers took part in the ceremonies. No degrees were ever given but three ballots and several candidate proposals took place on the water.

to assure them that everything was alright. It turned out that the Princess had been berthed in Terryglass when the captain saw the 70M apparently broken down in the middle of the lake and came to the rescue. It was wondered whether the passengers and crew saw the three candles burning on the altar!

The meeting closed with the hymn and the 70M made its way back to the berth with the hire boat still tied beside it. Then followed the usual very convivial barbecue. The outcome of all this was a long lasting friendship that was built up



But now it seems the floating Lodges have come to an end, unless some other similar vessel becomes available.



Children's Christmas Themed Party

The children and grandchildren of members of the Order were treated to another wonderful event in Molesworth Street just before Christmas. The following, which is an extract from the headmaster's report to the directors of the building explains what happened.

Headmaster's Report

On Sunday 1st December 2013, 81 pupils attended our event, only to discover that the Orb of Ouroboros had been stolen. As you will all know it is from this, which is kept securely locked in my office, that the power of the tutors in the school is obtained.

Its absence caused a loss of our abilities and it was necessary to rely on our young charges to assist in discovering the lost item. They were divided into their houses and then into smaller groups. Then, having given them words of encouragement, we were joined by the Man from the Ministry.

These gallant young boys and girls had to undergo battles, puzzles, and face venomous creatures in their attempt to recover the source of our power. They struggled for some time before the hiding place was discovered. It is through the efforts of these youngsters that the orb was saved.

Dumbledore, Headmaster

Once again a heartfelt thanks must go to the Green committee and all those who assisted on the day (and in the weeks before) in making this day a very special one. Several parents were asked to assist as the numbers, initially estimated at 40, went over the limit and we needed more help to guide the children round the building safely.

I feel a special thanks should go to Eoin Meehan (the man from the Ministry) who designed the game and spent many hours working out the finer details, including having the organ playing some very eerie music, without an organist.

Photographs were taken of all the participants receiving their Certificates which many of the parents bought as a memento.

Although not aimed at being a fundraising event, €500 was raised for the TLC fund.

Since that day I have been thanked by many of the parents who tell how much their children enjoyed the event and how they hope the Green committee will do something similar next year...OK Gareth over to you.



Lodge of Fidelity No. 125



Lodge of Fidelity No. 125 presents Masonic TLC Teddy to The President of Ireland.

In 2012 the Lodge of Fidelity 125 celebrated their 175th Anniversary. Their celebrations culminated in an historical invitation to attend a Garden Party hosted by President Michael D. Higgins and his Wife Sabrina Higgins at Aras An Uachtarain on Saturday 8th July 2013. Security and operational requirements limited the size of the group to eight Brethren. The Lodge had an historical connection with the Aras, then the Vice Regal Lodge, during the Victorian Era.

The Worshipful Master Paul Maguire, carrying a Masonic TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) Teddy and seven Brethren of the Lodge, Jimmy Gibson, George Anton, Dave Costello, Jack Gallagher, George Stroughair, Eamonn Rheinich and Ferose Bhasi, had a private audience with the President and Sabina Higgins in the Main House.

The Worshipful Master presented the President with the Masonic TLC Teddy. The Brethren were pleasantly surprised when Sabina Higgins announced that she knew about the Teddies and she informed the President all about the aims, aspirations and purpose of the Teddies for Loving Care Charity and the Masonic involvement in same.

Worshipful Brother George Anton then acquainted the President with the Lodge's connection with the Aras when it was the

Vice Regal Lodge, during the reign of Queen Victoria. Sir Charles A. Cameron C.B., M.D, Chief Medical Officer and Public Analyst for the City of Dublin, was initiated into the Lodge of Fidelity 125 in 1858, affiliated to Lodge 25 in 1866 and was subsequently made an Honorary Member of 125;-

- (1) The Phoenix Park Murders;- Worshipful Brother Charles Cameron, in his capacity of Public Analyst examined the surgical knives suspected of having been used by "The Invincibles" in the murders of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas Henry Burke on the road outside and within view of the Vice Regal Lodge, now the Aras, on 6th May 1882. He gave expert evidence at the trial and described the presence of blood on them.
- (2) Knighthood;- On the 24th May 1885, Queen Victoria's Birthday, Worshipful Brother Charles Cameron received his Knighthood at the Vice Regal Lodge from His Excellency Earl Spencer the Viceroy, at the request of the Queen.
- (3) Medical Visit and Serious Injury;- On 10th June 1910, Sir Charles attended at the Vice Regal Lodge in relation to disinfection procedures following a case of Diphtheria in the Lodge. While returning home in an outside car, the horse fell at the top of Parliament Street, he was thrown out onto the street and received multiple injuries, including fractures.

The Brethren then joined other guests for sumptuous buffet refreshments in the Hyde Room, followed by musical entertainment in a marquee in the gardens. The President addressed the assembled guests at the end of the entertainment. A guided tour of the formal rooms of the Aras brought the visit to a conclusion.

So, what about Teddy, well he has taken up residence in the palatial splendour of the Aras.

Edwin Handcock.

Freemasons Support Research into the Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer

After the close of the Province of Down's Stated Communication on Saturday 1st February a unique event was initiated by the Provincial Grand Master. R.W.Bro. Gray began by addressing the 600 Brethren present as follows :-

"Over a year ago the P.G.L. of Down was approached by R.W.Bro. Brewster with the request that they consider a very special fund raising proposal under very exceptional circumstances. After careful consideration the Province gave R.W.Bro. Brewster permission to launch the "Ovarian Cancer Appeal Fund" to Lodges within the Masonic Province of Down.

The Lodges in the Province really took this appeal to their hearts and with R.W.Bro. Brewster's endless work and encouragement have supported the appeal in many ways.

The initial plan was to ask the Brethren of Down to give just one pound per month for 12 months but over the course of the year the appeal crystallised into many and various fundraising projects.

The Appeal even spread beyond the Province of Down with several Lodges in the Province of Antrim donating to the fund. Indeed the Grand Council in Dublin donated the collection raised at the last Grand Council meeting in Dublin - another £500."

R.W.Bro. Brewster then addressed the Brethren as follows :-

"Brethren when my wife was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer Dr Price, who tended to Denise during her illness, had explained the need for funding to attain an early detection of this type of cancer and as a result I felt the Order could help in a small but meaningful way to raise monies to help the research which is ongoing.

Little did Denise or I think that this idea would take on a life of its own with the unbelievable response of those members of the Order who went beyond the suggested request. Within one week a close friend arrived at the house with a Cheque for £1,100 which had been raised at his Preceptory. Needless to say Denise could not believe that anyone would or could donate that amount for the appeal in her name.

Having been involved in Masonic Charities over the years I have never been so proud to be a

member of this fine Order as over the last year.

All this effort brought back to me a saying from a President of the U.S.A over 50 years ago in which he said :-

"Ask not what your Country can do for you, but what you can do for your Country"

and I say to all members of our Order.

"Ask not what Masonry can do for you, but what you can do for Masonry."

You have proved that we do reach out to the public and have done so for many years.

From my family, Denise, and myself a humble and heartfelt thank you for your support for this appeal."

R.W.Bro. Gray then, on behalf of the Masonic Province of Down and that of the Brewster family, handed over to Dr Price the largest single sum of money ever raised for one cause within the Province - a cheque to the value of £34,382 with the sincere wish that it would enable Dr Price and his team to expedite their objective developing a test for the early diagnosis of Ovarian Cancer.

Dr Price then responded by thanking the Brethren for the magnificent cheque, he detailed some of the research they were undertaking and assured those present that every pound of the donation would be used to fund this most important research project.



Photo showing the cheque presentation by R.W.Bro. Barry Brewster, the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Richard H. Gray and R.W.Bro. Samuel Snodden to Dr John Price.

To Hell and Back with a Teddy

Brother Ken Geary, Dublin Garrison Lodge No. 730 with some of his colleagues completing the Hell and Back Challenge on Sunday, 2nd February 2014. The proceeds were for TLC and a full report will appear in the next issue of MetroMason.



Three Recipients of the 50 Year Jewel



This photo opposite was taken at Lodge No. 245 Corinthian Commercial's Installation night.

Three recipients of a 50 Year Jewel

W. Bro. Denzil Tipping

W. Bro. Cecil Hill

W. Bro. Alfie Malley

(2 were presented on the night.)

Also in picture is the DGM and their 50th WM Johnathon McDade

The Grand Master

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother George Dunlop is currently undergoing a series of investigations in order to gain an accurate picture of his current state of health. Under the circumstances and in the best interests of Grand Lodge, pending the outcome of those investigations he will stand aside from discharging a number of the duties associated with his role.

The Grand Master will keep the situation under review over the coming months and he hopes to be in a position by the middle of the year to make a fully informed decision about whether or not to remain in office, taking into consideration the guidance of his medical advisers.

On behalf of the Brethren in the Metropolitan Area we wish the Grand Master a speedy recovery to good health.

Crossword No. 1 - Answers

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Across

- Pas - dance, foil - sword (8)
- Plain - overt, song - One (A Chorus Line) (8)
- Teo Otto, theatrical set designer (4)
- The Three Degrees, Prince Charles's favourite band, Brickies - Masons (5,7)
- Fall - American word for autumn (6)
- A-can-thus, Bears Breech horticultural name for acanthus (8)
- 3rd July to 11th August, days when dogs suffer fear of water acc to legend (3,4)
- A, leg -prop, os - bone (7)
- Gran read anagram (8)
- OB - Old Boy, Symbol - sign, obsign means to seal (6)
- gender - sex, party - bender (6,6)
- River Isis flows through Oxford (4)
- Neat girl anagram (8)
- DEER (stag) reversed containing SIGN (Taurus the Bull) (8)

Down

- Anagram of rogue minus u & tale; Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde (5,3)
- Cart - dray, backwards = yard, to Country (8,4)
- Over Play. Pile it on - exaggerate (8)
- One glad anagram (7)
- Rhino synonym for money, once used in Spain (6)
- Tope - to drink hard, and a shark (swimmer) (4)
- Its press anagram (8)
- Infer Igor's t & p anagram; Igor Stravinsky's Ballet caused a riot when first performed (4,2,6)
- Self explanatory (8)
- Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard, "plods his weary way", slang for policemen (8)
- so regain anagram (8)
- Re (ad her er) otic (7)
- Gage -marijuana binding artist - RA, garage band - unsophisticated rock group (6)
- Film Noir - Hollywood term (4)

Crossword Number 2 by "Beehive"

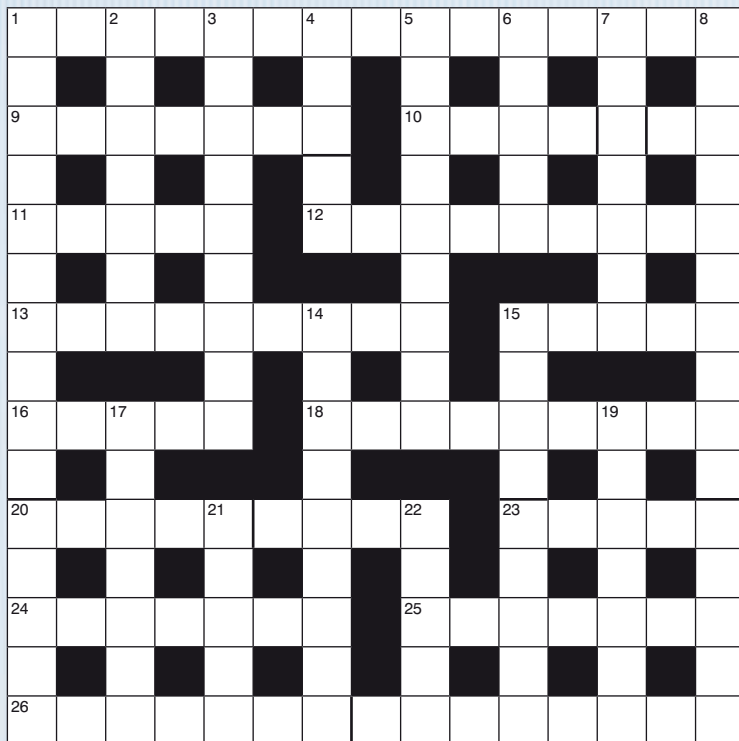
Crossword Number 2 has been sent into us by a Member of one of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Area. He wishes to be known as Beehive.

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

Brethren are invited to send completed puzzles to:

**The Editor,
Metro Mason,
c/o Freemasons' Hall,
17 Molesworth Street.**

Answers for this puzzle will appear in our next issue.



Across

- 1 Aesthetic skill of one in the know on board. (15)
- 9 Contrary vote I have taken initially in innocence. (7)
- 10 Plucky hero might take a shot. (4,1,2)
- 11 Is about to pore over figures in church. (5)
- 12 Homing in on tenancy agreement. (9)
- 13 Premise I'd mobilised for the protection of animals. (9)
- 15 Discharge from chamber, I hear. (5)
- 16 Helmsman, on the radio, announces rulers of the roost. (5)
- 18 Above which the finger no longer points. (9)
- 20 Fortune teller has deal on the table. (5,4)
- 23 Number of Christmas singers? (5)
- 24 One neutral certain to be coming back. (7)
- 25 Open aga anyway for the most heat and height. (7)
- 26 Rap joint on course to put the lights out? (7,8)

Down

- 1 The art of getting classified information? (10,5)
- 2 A robin I found injured in Africa. (7)
- 3 Exceeds the limit and dances too much. (9)
- 4 Keeps mouth shut, but still has authority. (3-2)
- 5 Code of conduct covering first of sticklers. (9)
- 6 Get ready to start career, as vicar at university. (3,2)
- 7 Inlay he assembled with glassy appearance. (7)
- 8 Gray's weary plodder dining out? (10,5)
- 14 Frenchman is to get a finger to only to fumble. (9)
- 15 Uncordial deluge threatens to affect parade. (4,5)
- 17 Nigerian follows motor to university, - as one of the herd? (7)
- 19 Is true with upset tummy to one from Jaffa. (7)
- 21 Traffic business. (5)
- 22 Measure a T V production, perhaps. (5)

Appeal for Book Donations

Caxton Lodge No. 511 is running a book sale to raise funds for Masonic and non Masonic charities.

We are asking for donations of pre-read books.

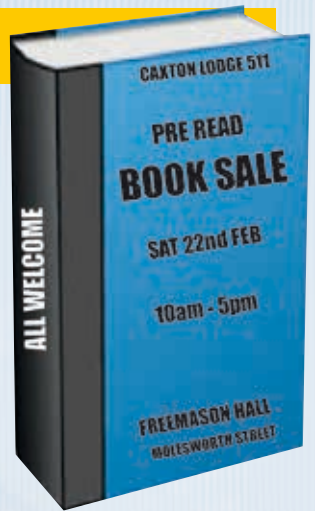
There is no storage available in the hall before the event so please contact David Morrison Ph 0862568405 or email daveecs@yahoo.co.uk if you have books to donate.

To be held in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street

on Sat 22/02/2014, 10.00 am til 5.00 pm

Open to the Public

All welcome.



Childrens Paediatric Emergency Department wins Prize

It is with great delight that we report that the Childrens Paediatric Emergency Department, Tallaght Hospital, were Prize winners for the innovation shown by two of their nurses at Christmas time. During a visit to the Hospital, to deliver Teddies, I noticed that the entrance to the Department was festooned with a number of beautiful Christmas trees. These trees were fully decorated with TLC Teddies. The image was beautiful and on enquiring who had decorated the trees I was told that Nurse Niamh Kerrigan together with Nurse Alana Bowers had taken on the task.

The Hospital authorities were so impressed by the display that the Department was awarded a Prize for Best Festive Display in the Hospital. Well done to all concerned and it is a measure of how well The Project itself is being received in Tallaght Hospital.

Indeed the Project is dispersed throughout the entire Country at the moment with 31 out a possible 34 now being serviced by local Freemasons. Promotion of the Project through Newspaper articles together with Radio Interviews, etc., is happening on a regular basis and the Project is being greeted by Nursing,

Medical staff and members of the general public in a very positive way. I am very happy to say that as of today 15,000 TLC Teddies have been distributed to the Hospitals.

