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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC LODGES**



Members of the Right Worshipful, The Grand Master's Lodge, presenting a cheque for €1500 to their newly chosen non-Masonic charity, Feileacain (Stillborn and Neo Natal Deaths Association of Ireland). Feileacain provides support to those who are about to, or have recently endured the loss of a new born or infant and is a completely voluntary organisation which operates nationwide.

A great many Lodges in the Metropolitan Area and indeed throughout the whole of Ireland carry out tremendous work for Charity. Oftentimes the beneficiaries of this great work are non Masonic Charities. The range of these Charities is vast and would boggle the mind if fully known. Local Branches as well as National Organisations benefit from this giving.

Grand Lodge has for some time been aware that many of our Lodges are supporting these needy Organisations in the local community and very much applaud this work, believing that it contributes to the understanding of, and greatly contributes to, the raising of the profile of Freemasonry as part of Society generally.

Occasionally our Great Order receives criticism for being perceived as an inward looking organisation with little or no recognition of this work. With this in mind Grand Lodge would like to understand the level of support being provided by our Lodges and would request that each Lodge in the Metropolitan Area advise Lionel Fifield, Metropolitan Steward of Charities, of any donations that they made to non-Masonic Charities during 2013. It is hoped to correlate these donations and establish exactly how much contribution Freemasons make to the local community.

The photograph, above, demonstrates some of this great work and the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes wishes to thank you the Brethren for all your magnificent efforts.

Lionel can be contacted at [stewardofcharities@metromason.ie](mailto:stewardofcharities@metromason.ie) or mobile 086 348 2784

# Summer Lodge 2014

As we go to press the sun is shining and there are rumblings of the start of Summer 2014. This of course tees up notice of the 16th Annual Summer Lodge which, this year, will take place on Wednesday, 16th July at 2.30 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting many old friends and some new ones too. All Masons are welcome to come along to this event and the Metropolitan Board would encourage you to attend this unique meeting. The Metropolitan Board of General Purposes is again sponsoring the event and complimentary refreshments will be provided following the meeting, providing an opportunity to catch up with your fellow Brethren. The meeting and the proceedings will be under the direction of the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, R.W. Bro. Philip Daley. During the meeting there will be a short Act of Remembrance commemorating the Centenary

of the First World War and all those who died during that horrific period of history.

Lunch will be available at 12.30 p.m. in Freemasons' Hall at a cost of €20 and tickets are available from the Hall Porters' office or any member of the Metropolitan Board.

The Claret Jug will be presented at the Meeting, to a Lodge, in the Metropolitan Area, that in the opinion of the Board has worked together as a team to enhance all aspects of Freemasonry within the Lodge. The criteria covers areas such as membership, new candidates, ritual and Degree work, charity giving and the social aspect including Festive Boards and visiting other Lodges. The Board encourages all Lodges to consider these criteria when planning their annual programme.

## Lodge 2

### Annual Target Shooting Day

Saturday 26th July 2014

An ideal opportunity for Brethren & friends to sample or hone their skills in the target & clay shooting disciplines.

**This event will also see the the launch of the Masonic Target Shooting Association.**

**Those interested please email [irishshooters.kerry@gmail.com](mailto:irishshooters.kerry@gmail.com)**

**Pre-booking is mandatory.**

## Travelling Maul Update

On Monday, 26th May the Maul which had been in the possession of Dalkey Lodge No. 261 was successfully captured and removed by a group of visitors from Caxton Lodge No. 511. Brethren are reminded that the Maul is available for the taking by any Lodge which puts together a team of at least four visitors.

**Caxton Lodge No. 511 meet on 3rd Friday of each month**

## *Carrick Manor - Joe Towell*

Joe was born in 1919 in Drumcondra, Dublin and in 1927 the family moved to Skerries. Joe went to Morgans school in Castleknock as a boarder, this is now part of the well known Kings Hospital School.

Joe's family background was in the clothing trade his father was a tailor whose premises were at 34, Upper O'Connell Street. So when Joe left school he went to work in the drapery trade working for the biggest wholesaler drapery firm, Ferrier Pollock, based in Powerscourt House, South William Street.

In 1942 Joe joined his brother to enlist in the RAF as part of an aircrew in Hornchurch, England to train as a pilot. From there he was sent to South Africa where he trained in EFTS on Tiger Moths, followed by SFTS in Kimberley where he flew Twin Engined Oxfords and he received his Wings in 1944 while there. He then went to Kimberley, in the Orange Free State, where he flew Dakota aircraft. He then returned to Harrogate in England where he volunteered to fly gliders to take troops to the Battle of Arnhem in 1944.

As the war in Europe was ending Joe was posted to India because of his flying skills. He travelled out to India in a Dakota flying to Malta then to Tel Aviv in Israel and on to Central India, for further glider training in American Gliders at squadron. However the squadron was short of equipment. Joe was then transferred to 62 squadron which was flying Dakota aircraft into Burma dropping supplies to the troops fighting to relieve Rangoon. This did not last too long as news of the Japanese surrender was soon announced and the war finally ended.

The war over, Joe decided to return to Ireland, with his flying experience and the opening up of Aer Lingus. With the development of civil air traffic he was asked if he would like to apply for a job with Aer Lingus. However by this time he had already been offered a job with Smyths of Ballbriggan, at that time a leading drapery firm,

this was a very good position and he also had a car. The woman of his life had by now appeared on the scene and life was going forward for Joe. In 1950 Joe married Dorothy Ferguson and they were to remain happily married for fifty two years until Dorothy died in 2002 and Joe then moved into Carrick Manor.

Prior to his marriage Joe was living in the Skerries area and he was a keen sportsman. Before the war he had played for the 1st team in Palmerston Rugby Club. So living in Skerries it was natural for him to join Skerries Golf Club.

When Smyths of Ballbriggan closed Joe obtained a number of textile agencies which he worked most successfully until he retired.

In the 1950s Joe and his wife and family moved to the south side of Dublin living in the Blackrock area and in 1956 Joe joined Foxrock Golf Club. Today he is one the longest members of that very distinguished club, although he does not play golf anymore he attends the club regularly to meet his friends.

Joe has had an active involvement with the Masonic Order, joining Lodge 429 in 1946 and then the Chapter followed by the Princes and then Great Priory. Lodge 429 became one of the member lodges of Unity Lodge 238 where Joe is still an active member, but because of his age he does not attend as many meetings as he would like.

Joe has two sons, one lives in the USA and works as an electrical engineer in the computer industry and the other son lives in England and works as an economist. Both sons are very good to Joe and are in regular touch with him.






We are very proud that Joe Towell is a resident of Carrick Manor and that the Order has provided him with the support that he requires at this stage to continue to live an independent life.

*Henry Irvine*

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# 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

## Jazz

### BRUNCH

COPPER COAST GEOPARK CENTRE, BUNMAHON, CO. WATERFORD

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014

CAXTON 511 ARE HOSTING A "JAZZ BRUNCH" ON JUNE 7TH , IN THE COPPER COAST GEOPARK CENTRE.

THE PROGRAMME WILL COMMENCE ABOUT NOON FOLLOWED BY AN INTERVAL FOR LUNCH; AND THE BALANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AFTER THE INTERVAL. THERE IS AN OPTION TO ATTEND A BRIEF LECTURE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE EX-CHURCH OF IRELAND BUILDING AND ITS ASSOCIATED 19TH CENTURY PRINTING SCHOOL, AS WELL AS A GUIDED TOUR OF THE 19TH CENTURY COPPER MINING HERITAGE OF THE DISTRICT.

### THE "RIVER LEE JAZZ BAND"

[WWW.RIVERLEEJAZZBAND.COM](http://WWW.RIVERLEEJAZZBAND.COM)

WILL PERFORM FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 3 HOURS.

**ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CAXTON CHARITABLE FUNDS.**

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL LODGE MEMBERS BOTH IN THE METROPOLITAN & PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS. HOWEVER AS CAPACITY IS LIMITED TO 75 PERSONS BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Price: €30  
PER ADULT  
(€10 PER CHILD OVER 4)  
TO INCLUDE

THE JAZZ PERFORMANCE.

BBQ LUNCH  
WITH A GLASS OF WINE

FREE ENTRY TO THE CENTRE  
AND EXHIBITION



**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:**  
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(JW - CAXTON 511)  
086-170-8920.

# *Constitution of D'Ireland Lodge No. 884*



*Constitution of France D'Ireland Lodge No. 884 Grand Lodge of Ireland DUBLIN Saturday 26th October 2013*

On the 26th October 2013 an historic event took place in the Grand Lodge Room. The Deputy Grand Master RW Bro Douglas Grey, RW Bro Michael Ward, RW Bro Selwyn Davies accompanied by members from the Metropolitan area constituted France D'Ireland Lodge No. 884, which will meet four times a year at Freemasons' Hall.

The brainchild of WBro Morgan McCreadie Lodge No. 884 is a French speaking Lodge operating under the Irish Constitution in the Metropolitan area. Some 40 Brethren and their wives made the journey from France to Dublin and were given a tour of the Hall before the Consecration ceremony.

WBro Pierre Jolivet and WBro McCreadie had spent considerable time translating our ritual

into French (which greatly confused the Tyler) and following the Consecration the WM, Jean-Claude Dorion, took the chair and the inaugural meeting was conducted in Peace, Love and Harmony.

Lodge No. 884 has met twice since its Consecration and initiated three candidates. RWBro Harvey Heavener, RWBro Paul Stewart, WBro Derek Brennan and WBro Pierre Jolivet have been in attendance at each communication lending their French speaking skills and assisting in the ceremonies.

We look forward to seeing the WM and Officers of Lodge No. 884 at the next communication of Grand Lodge and we are delighted to welcome them to the Metropolitan family.

## **MetroMason**

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# *A Busy Two Years at the Hall*

The event Calendar of the last two years has grown enormously reflecting our relationship with the day to day life in good aul Dublin. Children's concerts, choirs, indie musicians and conceptual art exhibitions are just a few of the events that have brought hundreds of curious, excited and occasionally sceptical visitors through our doors. The Grand Secretary, Rebecca Hayes, Morgan McCreadie and the staff at Freemasons' Hall have been run off their feet. All of these events are organised through the Office of the Grand Secretary and the staff at Freemasons' Hall pitch in and ensure everything runs smoothly. This has raised the public profile of Freemasonry enormously over the last two years and our 'regulars' now include members of the RIA, the RHA, students from DIT, Trinity and UCD who either perform here or book an annual tour; usually both. Just to give you a brief rundown.

## **2013**

The 2013 Season kicked off with Vyvienne Young returning to us for her 'String Collision' tour featuring the Balenescu Quartet. Once again the Grand Lodge Room was packed to its capacity and Vyvienne entertained us with her quirky and haunting melodies. The James Joyce choir also made their reappearance a couple of days later and brought with them many Joycean scholars who naturally had many Masonic questions for the staff on duty.

Le Cool contacted us in April of 2013 asking if they could screen some independent movies by up and coming young filmmakers. After long consultations with the Assistant to the Grand Secretary and assurances that there was no overt political content they screened five short pieces in the Grand Lodge Room, bringing with them a curious and arty crowd who kept the Assistant talking long into the evening.

## **Lecool.com**

Max Greenwood showcased his new album in May, blending soft jazz and funky beats for some of the music industry's top promoters. Max finished his evening with a short tribute to the staff at the Hall, explaining some of the opinions he had previously had of Freemasonry and how surprised he'd been at the openness and the

charitable work undertaken by the Order.

[www.maxgreenwood.com](http://www.maxgreenwood.com)

The Irish Songmakers Guild returned the following week, this time bringing with them the astounding Sharon Carty accompanied by Andreas Frese on piano. They provided the perfect Sunday lunchtime concert and there were many Brethren who came to see the show prior to a late (and long) luncheon at Buswells.

July and August saw performances by The Degani Ensemble, the Cantoiri Choir and the last two weeks of August were punctuated by treachery, plots and treason. It wasn't the Board of General Purposes AGM! This was a troupe of Elizabethan Mummers echoing from the Grand Lodge Room otherwise known as The Pageant Wagon Theatre Company rehearsing Friedrich Schillers classic *Mary Stuart*. Allegedly a Freemason himself Schiller, along with Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, helped to pioneer the movement now known as Weimar Classicism. The play ran for two weeks and received some excellent reviews.

Heritage week was again booked out and many extra tours were given to facilitate those who had been unable to get a place. As usual Freemasons' Hall was top of the list of popular buildings on Culture Night and the two weeks prior to the Young Musicians of The Year Competition were filled with a book launch and the PBFA annual book fair. For those of us old enough to remember Horselips the name Eammon Carr will always be synonymous with a certain flagrant style of drumming. Eammon launched his book of poetry 'Deidre Unforgiven' in the Library and this led to an interview in the Evening Herald with the Assistant to the Grand Secretary.

**So far in 2014 our 'Season' is kicking off to a fine start.**

In March we took part in the launch of the St Patricks Festival. The Banter event in the Grand Lodge Room was a huge success. The panel consisted of Denise Charlton from the Immigrant Council of Ireland, Colm O'Gorman, the Executive Director of Amnesty International, Sinead Gleeson from the Irish Times and they were all expertly hosted by Una Molloy. Comic

relief was provided by the irrepressible Paddy Cullivan. There was lively discussion on Ireland Past Present and Future and the following link will bring you to a video of the event.

[http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/events/event/banter\\_irish\\_identity\\_past\\_p](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/events/event/banter_irish_identity_past_p)

Later that month Julien Clancy hosted a Sounds Alive evening, where the medium of radio broadcasting was explored in great depth in the Grand Lodge Room. This is Juliens second time at the Hall and his events are always well attended. There was an impromptu tour at the end of the evening, much to the delight of the audience.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sounds-alive-presents-the-moth-tickets-10803003073>

No rest for the wicked. The following week saw the famous University Mace Debate, where students from all the Universities in Ireland competed for the cup. Much gesticulating and passionate diatribe was invoked and the winners went on to compete in the European finals.

In April Kate O'Dwyer from RTE ran an event in the aid of the SAOR charity, a body that helps young people to realise their ambitions by encouraging them to speak on subjects they are passionate about. The theme of the evening was 'Passion Talk', which may have given some of the Brethren who attended a false impression of what they were going to hear! Ten youngsters from the ages of 17-25 gave a short speech on a topic that they felt strongly about. The evening was attended by 150 people and our front of house and bar staff were run off their feet.

One of our newest members Dr Stephen Costello, director of the Logotherapy Institute held a series of psychology based lectures in the Grand Lodge Room on May the 5th. These explore the use of symbols in Jungian analysis and concentrated on dream interpretation.

In May the Hall echoed first to the sound of the Ulysses Chamber Choir who performed their annual concert here, and immediately after preparations began for a week of concerts by the Newpark Music School. The School held three concerts daily in the Grand Lodge, Mark and Donoughmore Rooms for their students. The finals were held on Saturday and hundreds of apprehensive young musicians and their even more nervous parents flooded the Hall. There were tears and tribulations, but every young

performer left with a prize. In the background the work of Grand Lodge continued unabated and earmuffs were issued to all staff.

As the youngsters of the Newpark School competed for their trophies the Royal Irish Academy of Music was rehearsing in the Princes Room. A site specific production of excerpts from the Magic Flute and Don Giovanni took place on the 19th and 20th May. The Hall lends itself well to this kind of creative endeavour and the rooms were transformed for the different scenes. This exceptional production used every single room in the building as the graduate students of the Academy showcased their choral and musical skills. The audience were welcomed with 'These Hallowed Halls' performed on the staircase, the stained glass window depicting Henry the Fifth gazing on in approval...we hope!

In the following weeks UCD will be holding a series of lectures and there are several potential concert bookings, not to mention Heritage Week and the odd art exhibition or two.. Keep your eye on our Facebook page & we look forward to seeing many of you over the summer break.

The staff at Freemasons' Hall deserve a round of applause. Not only do they deal with wandering visitors, broken staging and confused artists, but they also deal with their own hefty workloads. Every member of Grand Lodge staff at Molesworth Street has shown courtesy and kindness towards those they find wandering lost around the building. This is a fact that is not lost on our visitors and all of them comment on the wonderful reception they receive. Our front of house crew, Morgan, Paddy, Christina and the ladies in the front and back offices merit a hearty round of applause. The seven liberal arts and sciences have been well represented at Grand Lodge Ireland these last two summers. It is through the dedication and patience of the Grand Lodge staff that Freemasons' Hall Molesworth Street is fast becoming one of the most admired and respected houses in Dublin, continuing the historical link between Freemasonry, philosophy, music, theatre and art thereby raising the profile of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

# The Teddy Bears Journey

Our special teddies have an epic journey. They are born in a factory in China and when fully grown a blue, pink, yellow, green, red & purple hospital teddy are packed in a bag and sealed. 12 packs of 6 are packed in a large box ready to commence their long and exciting journey. I refer to them as special for these are the hospital teddies. Of course they have close relations that ultimately go on to be sold and provide much needed funding for the project to continue. These could be referred to as the worker teddies in bee keeping parlance.

They are loaded on to a truck for a short journey to the docks in China where they commence their long sea journey to Essex in the United Kingdom.

They arrive in the UK, fresh and ready for action from their long adventure at sea. Again, they board a truck and travel to PMS in Essex where they will stay for a short while waiting for a call from one of the many local distribution centres around the UK and Ireland.

When that call comes they are selected and loaded onto a truck and head off to the local distribution centres. In Ireland we have two distribution hubs, one in Dublin and one in Belfast and since the project commenced last year these have received almost 800 boxes representing 7,800 cubic feet.

The purists amongst us can convert that into Cubits if they wish.

There is a network of Brethren around the country who have taken on the very important role of Hospital Representative. These Hospital Representatives are the identifiable face of Freemasonry and take time to build relationships with the medical and administration staff in the

Emergency Departments of their local hospitals.

The teddies are then distributed to the Hospital Representatives by various means, such as empty trucks returning to Cork collect teddies on a regular basis, a number of couriers assist by delivering to the representatives at no charge to TLC and some of the representatives collect the teddies from the hub themselves. The ingenuity of the representatives knows no

bounds when it comes to getting teddies from the distribution hubs to the hospitals.

The hospital representatives distribute teddies to the various Emergency Departments when the hospitals contact them. Many keep a small stock in their own home ready to deliver at a moment's notice. The reps load a couple of boxes into their cars and head off to their local Children's Emergency Department, where teddy



**Stop Press: A little teddy tells me that there is a surprise birthday party planned for the Children's Hospital in Crumlin during July, but as it's a surprise, don't tell anybody!!**



gets to do the important job of befriending the children and helping them through what can be a very traumatic experience.

Storage space in hospitals is at a premium and they can only store a small quantity. However, it gives the reps an opportunity to meet with the medical and administration staff on a regular basis and build a lasting relationship.

On some occasions when visiting hospitals the reps get the opportunity to see teddy in action and the teddies work very hard indeed. It is fantastic to see a young child in distress raise a smile when teddy arrives and of course it has the added effect that Mum and Dad also smile. The medical staff have also expressed their delight with the calming effect that teddy brings to the Emergency Department.

To cap it off each teddy heads off home with its new found friend to assist the speedy recovery of

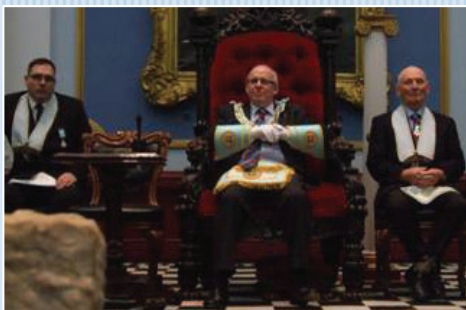


the children. The teddies are very grateful to all the Brethren and friends who are supporting the TLC project and want you to know that they get enormous satisfaction from the work that they do and are very grateful to the Freemasons of Ireland for funding the project.

The story would not end properly without a mention of the worker teddies. These are the ones that end up at Festive Boards, Barbeques and all sorts of Fundraising events. Their lives are very varied indeed. They can never really hope to give the immediate calming effect that their hospital cousins bring but hopefully will go on to be loved by their owners, young and old, who have, by their contribution made this project possible.



## Lux Dei April 2014 Meeting



(L-R) Bro. Paul Delaney, R.W. Bro. Philip Daley and Bro. George McKim.

The Lodge was delighted and honoured by the attendance of R.W. Bro. Philip Daley, as Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes, R.W. Bro. Daley is also the Worshipful Master of Lux Dei Lodge.

As the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes cannot attend every Lux Dei meeting an Acting Worshipful Master is appointed each year. W. Bro. Peadar O'Braoin

is the current acting Worshipful Master and he is enjoying his second consecutive year in the Chair. Since taking Office W. Bro. O'Braoin has invited a number of Brethren to speak at our meetings. Talks have covered a variety of subjects including archery, the samurai sword, CIE and the rail service, development of canal transport, and horology.

R.W. Bro. Daley updated the Brethren regarding the success of 'TLC' and the Metropolitan Board's progress in dealing with the outstanding Degrees in the Metropolitan Area.

R.W. Bro. Daley pointed out that Lux Dei provides an excellent opportunity for Brethren to enjoy an afternoon Lodge meeting and recommended that all Lodges make a special effort to remind their members, especially older Brethren, that all Brethren in the Irish constitution are members of Lux Dei. There are no additional charges or fees. W. Bro. O'Braoin who is a keen ritualist congratulated R.W. Bro. Daley on his excellent ritual and then the Brethren enjoyed a superb afternoon tea which was prepared by Catherine and John.

## New Contacts

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Hall Screen	<a href="mailto:hallscreen@metromason.ie">hallscreen@metromason.ie</a>
Website	<a href="mailto:web@metromason.ie">web@metromason.ie</a>

# *Our Silent Craftsman*

With the Masonic season nearly over it's time to put away the ritual book, send the suit to the dry cleaners and wonder where on earth you left your final Summons. Over the summer break the rooms will be re-lit, the furniture polished, garden weeded, ashtrays emptied, carpets deep cleaned and the covers on the dining room chairs washed. Lost jackets, umbrellas and shoes will be collected and left in the Tylers office awaiting collection and eventually recycling and Molesworth Street will eagerly await the return of the Brethren who will undo all this great work in about 45 seconds.

Whilst we all take for granted the fact that our Lodge, Chapter, Preceptory or Council Room is ready and prepared for nervous candidates and even more nervous conductors, I would ask you on your return to cast a good look at some of the unique pieces we have and wonder for a second how have they lasted so long?

In the Templars' Preceptory there is a Chair, carved in 1873 by Joseph Digges for Prince Albert Edward's visit to the opening of the Knights Templar Chapel. In our Mark Room we own some wonderful Overseers tables. Their origins may be lost in time, yet look carefully at the pictures that adorn our walls and you will see glimpses of them along with the tables from the Royal Arch and Princes Room. The Master and Wardens' chairs in Grand Lodge Room are flanked by pillars that represent three of the orders of Greek Architecture, (a Bourbon biscuit to the Mason who can name them and their Masonic relevance) and periodically these

get chipped and knocked around by those of us careless enough to drag them around the place, or accidentally bang them on the walls.

WBro Ramon Gillis has, periodically for the last ten years, quietly removed these pieces and lovingly restored them. There was a time when the back of Preceptors' Chair drooped so badly we thought we may have to remove it. The Corinthian pillar (that's half a biscuit to me) that flanks the Junior Warden's chair was so broken at its base that we feared it would have to be thrown away. WBro. Ramon repaired these and many other items last year. He has also repaired the Excellent King's table in the Royal Arch Room and restored the winch mechanism and trapdoor, making it safe for future Companions to descend in search of various secrets! The Wardens' tables in the Princes Room, the tables in the Mark Room and numerous other pieces in the building have all been delicately and carefully maintained. He was also the instigator of the great cleaning of the floors adventure of summer 2009 when himself, Derek Moffatt, John Haynes and occasionally the odd staff member spent the summer break in genuflection, scrubbing and cleaning the tiles that pave the floors of our Hall.

So next time you wish to move a table a few more inches to the right or left, or think that a pillar is obstructing your view, hesitate just a second before you drag and bounce it to your required destination and instead decide whether you would like it to last another one hundred and forty five years and move it gently, with the respect it deserves.

## **Lobby Information Screen**

The Lobby Information screen is available to all Lodges to advertise events and details should be sent to [hallscreen@metromason.ie](mailto:hallscreen@metromason.ie)

## *Class of Instruction - End of an Era*

It is safe to say that Leslie Sibbald is known to Masons young and old. He has over many years become synonymous with the Monday night Ritual Class. As leader of that Class he has been responsible for boosting levels of confidence and is behind many a lifelong friendship amongst his students.

The Metropolitan Board of General Purposes would like to express its gratitude to Leslie for the trojan work he has done and for his many years of service to the Masonic Order in general and the Craft Ritual Classes in particular. It would be neither right nor proper to allow him to slip away into retirement from this most valuable and important of tasks without recognising his

long and dedicated service to generations of Metropolitan Freemasons as he strove to improve their ritual skills.

Without his dedication and indeed enthusiasm in raising awareness of the importance of a firm grounding in the Ritual which is so integral to our Order, a great number of Brethren would have missed out on this essential part of Lodge work.

The Metropolitan Board on behalf of the many Brethren in the Metropolitan Area wish Leslie a long and happy retirement and thank him most sincerely for his extremely valuable contribution to Metropolitan Masonic Ritual.

## *Fellow Craft Degrees*

Because of the substantial number of candidates in the Metropolitan Area awaiting their Second or Fellow Craft Degree, the Metropolitan Board arranged a series of meetings on Saturday, 26th April 2014 to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on 16 candidates from the following Lodges

<b>Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>Leinster Lodge No. 141</b>	<b>Victoria Lodge No. 212</b>
<b>Clontarf Lodge No. 249</b>	<b>Fitzgibbon Lodge No. 331</b>	<b>Victory Lodge No. 478</b>
<b>Caxton Lodge No. 511</b>	<b>Garrison Lodge No. 730</b>	<b>Castletown Lodge No. 949</b>
<b>Skillet &amp; Trowel Lodge No. 981</b>		

The Board is indebted to the many Brethren, numbering over 120, that attended the various meetings throughout the day, for their assistance in filling the offices and participating in the Degree giving work. The event proved to be a great success and it is planned to hold a further day of meetings later in the year. If your Lodge has a number of Brethren awaiting their Fellow Craft Degree, please register your interest at [info@metromason.ie](mailto:info@metromason.ie)

## **Diary Dates at Freemasons' Hall**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Metropolitan BBQ	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>21st June</i>	<i>19:00</i>
Summer Lodge	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th July</i>	<i>14:30</i>



2014

# Ormonde Lodge 201

## The Second Annual Solstice Lodge Meeting

7:30pm Friday 20th June 2014

followed by Festive Board (€15pp)

### Symbols, Patterns and Practice: The Origins and Continuity of Solar Traditions in Irish Freemasonry



By

**W. Bro. Dr David J. Butler,**  
Provincial Grand Librarian & Archivist  
(Munster).

Author of 'Three Hundred Years of Freemasonry  
in Youghal' (2010) and 'Two Hundred & Seventy Five  
Years in Bandon' (2013)

## North Munster Masonic Centre.

Castle Street, King's Island, Limerick

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# Crossword No. 2 - Answers by "Beehive"

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## Across

- Connoisseur - one in the know, ship - on board. (15)
- Contrary vote - nay, I have - I've, taken initially - t. (7)
- 'Have a go' hero. (4,1,2)
- Is round pore over - con. (5)
- Self explanatory.* (9)
- Premise I'd *anagram.* (9)
- Chamber - room, *sounds like* - I hear. (5)
- Helmsman - cox(swain). (5)
- Above* suspicion. (9)
- Self explanatory.* (5,4)
- Number - song / carol. (5)
- One - i, neutral - n, certain - bound (to). (7)
- Open aga *anagram.* (7)
- Joint - knuckle, course (on menu). (7,8)

## Down

- Art - trick, classified information - confidence. (10,5)
- A robin I *anagram.* (7)
- Exceeds the limit - over, dances - steps (9)
- Keeps mouth shut - says o (nothing). (3-2)
- Code of conduct - ethics, *surrounding* first - ist. (9)
- Vicar - rev, up (at university). (3,2)
- Inlay he *anagram.* (7)
- Gray's Elegy* - The ploughman homeward plods his weary way. (10,5)
- Frenchman - m, is, to get a finger to - handle. (9)
- Uncordial *anagram.* (4,5)
- Nigerian - ibo (language) motor - car, university - u. (7)
- Is, true - real, upset tummy - ae (not ea) to i, Jaffa - Port in Israel. (7)
- Traffic & business *synonyms.* (5)
- Measure - dram, a. (5)

# Crossword Number 3 by "Beehive"

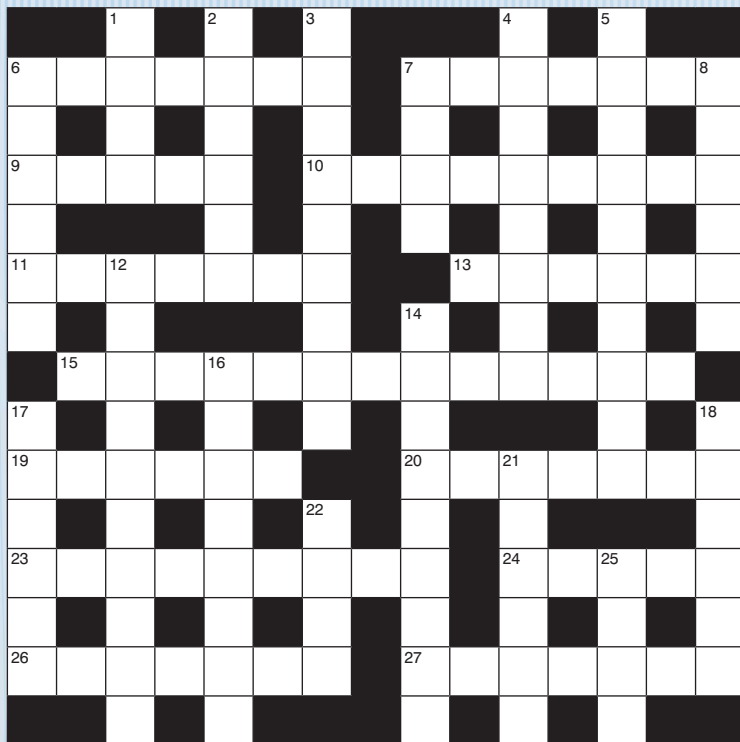
Crossword Number 3 has been sent into us by a Member of one of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Area. He wishes to be known as Beehive.

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Answers for this puzzle will appear in our next issue.



## Across

- 6 Flyer took off, I hear, carrying contagious virus. (4,3)
- 7 Three score get anniversary card. (7)
- 9 Ordinal taken back in unlimited number. (5)
- 10 Tense newspaper boss finished article. (9)
- 11 I am going with the boys to Wexford. Huge! (7)
- 13 Take Jason's golden jacket to the cleaners? (6)
- 15 Boxer, say, might find himself out of favour here. (2,3,8)
- 19 Monte Carlo or bust. Could be, - here! (6)
- 20 Wandered off with you once playing old instrument. (7)
- 23 Ate chopped garlic down to gristle. (9)
- 24 Ecstatic, say, to be on the trail. (5)
- 26 Flat out on the landing. (7)
- 27 Clean up the French and German with hesitation. (7)

## Down

- 1 Female singer in the Navy? (4)
- 2 Dog shows in Kabul? (6)
- 3 Assault shows the way to boost battery. (4,5)
- 4 Final defeat for ladies, say, taken to drink. Tense newspaper boss finished article. (8)
- 5 Muscovite crime and punishment authority. (10)
- 6 Sharp player on course in group with appeal. (6)
- 7 Rush to get jazz played back. (4)
- 8 Red dog milled to flour by shirker. (6)
- 12 Miner set on destruction course. (10)
- 14 Extreme delicacy required for walkabout on these? (9)
- 16 Had panic impeded those in race? (8)
- 17 In charge of ecstasy, on top - of the world, most likely! (6)
- 18 Top man, behind the times, say, rioted unsuccessfully. (6)
- 21 Unseemly content of giving potpourri squeeze. (6)
- 22 Windows programme to issue stamps by the sheet. (4)
- 25 Youngster in a whirl after pulling the plug. (4)



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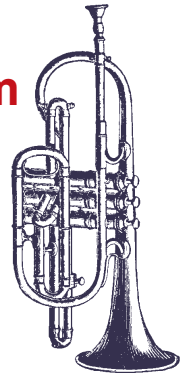
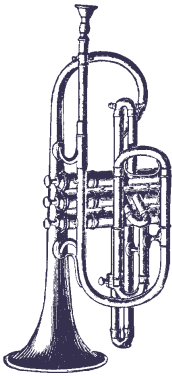
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