



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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Doagh Masons attend Kilbride Primary School Sports Day



**W Bro G Cummings, R W Bro Jack Dunlop (PAGM), W Bro Clive Cooper, Mr Currie (Headmaster),
W Bro Delwyn McMullan, Bro Leith Burgess & W Bro Leslie Lewis**

Representatives of Doagh Union Masonic Lodge visited Kilbride Primary School sports day where they presented a cheque for £250.00 to contribute to the running of the school's sports day. This initiative was started three years ago when it was identified that the increasing costs of running sports days could lead to cancellation of what is an important day in the school calendar, especially for the children and parents.

The Lodge decided that they would help sponsor the three local schools, Doagh, Tildarg & Kilbride and by so doing would help them to integrate with community life in the area. Three of the Brethren present had been pupils at the school - Bro Leith Burgess who started at the school in 1947, W Bro Delwyn McMullan and W Bro Clive Cooper. Bro Leith Burgess reminisced that his first teacher at the school had been the well-known local and famous author Florence Mary McDowell who wrote *Other days around me*.

The Provincial Assistant Grand Master, R W Bro Jack Dunlop, a member of Doagh Lodge thanked Mr Currie (Headmaster) and pupils for the warmth of their welcome and said that although it had taken lodge members over 100 years to get from Doagh to Kilbride with their gift, he promised they would return as soon as possible.

Mr Currie thanked the Lodge for this much needed funding and the parents and children also showed their appreciation. The children seemed to know it had been Brother Burgess's birthday the previous day and sang happy birthday to him.....

FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL at WOODLAND MASONIC LODGE



Bro John Blevings (left) receives his 50-year jewel and certificate from WM W Bro Harold White at the April Communication in Derrriaghy Masonic Hall.

Bro Blevings was initiated into Cherryville Masonic Lodge on 06 April 1963, received his 2nd degree on 04 May 1963 and his 3rd on 01 June 1963.

He affiliated to Woodland Masonic Lodge No 803 on 15 March 1968. He was elected a life Governor of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund in 1978.

UNION MASONIC LODGE No 1008, PORTRUSH

Formed in 1813 and celebrating their 200th anniversary this year



Photograph by Paul Davis Photography

BELFAST MASONIC LODGE No 651 VISITS DUBLIN

Members of the **Belfast Masonic Lodge No 651** left their usual abode in Arthur Square to visit Grand Lodge in Dublin on Saturday 14 September. They travelled, via breakfast in Newry Masonic Hall, to Grand Lodge in Molesworth Street. They were greeted and hosted by W.Bro Keith Stent (Tyler) and given the tour by Daniel. As they had a number of non-masonic travellers with them, including a few prospective candidates and brethren visiting for the first time, the tour was well received.

During the Lodge communication in the Grand Lodge room, Seamus McBride received his first degree. W.Bro L R McGrath conducted and received, and the degree was completed by Bros Andy Little and Sean McKinney. Bro Jovahn Tacbas from Military Lodge 728 (Dublin) visited the lodge and he was warmly received.

It was back to Newry for dinner with Bojangles Caterers - and the recommendations of other brethren lived up to expectations.. All in all a great day was enjoyed by all the travellers - *who want to make it an annual event.*

On the right the Worshipful Master, W Bro Conor Moore congratulates Bro Seamus McBride on receiving his first degree, and below the Brethren pose for the camera.



PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
visits
FERN MASONIC LODGE No 999

The PGM, RW Bro John Dickson, was guest at the Installation Communication of **Fern Masonic Lodge No 999** on 02 March in the Whiteabbey Masonic Centre.

The PGM is pictured (right) with the WM, W Bro Michael Arbutnot and (below) with members of the Lodge.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- ❖ *RW Bro Robert Bashford recently addressed the Ballyclare Historical Society on the subject, [Freemasonry in the Six Mile Valley](#). The meeting took place in the Old Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Ballyclare.*
- ❖ *A number of Brethren attended a training session in Provincial Masonic Hall on the use of the defibrillator. This took place on 23 September and means that there will be a qualified brother in attendance at future meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes.*
- ❖ *The Provincial Grand Master has appointed W Bro David Dowe to succeed RW Bro Bill Dyer as Provincial Assistant Grand Master.*