



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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GRAND MASTER ELECT AT TEMPLEPATRICK

The Grand Master Elect, RW Bro Douglas Grey, attended the October Communication of St Paul's Masonic Lodge No 160 to present a 70-year Platinum Certificate to W Bro Robert (Bobby) Bingham. After the meeting the Brethren retired to the Templeton Hotel for a Festive Board where they were joined by family members and friends.



Above Grand Master Elect relaxes with
W Bro Andrew Hunter, Worshipful Master

Below: W Bro Bobby Bingham with his
daughter, Shirley



NEW PAGM – *FIRST OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT*



On his first official engagement as **Provincial Assistant Grand Master**, RW Bro Ivan Gillespie visited **Lisburn Masonic Lodge No 811** on Tuesday 21 October to present a 50-year jewel and Certificate to **W Bro John Belshaw**.

RW Bro Gillespie is pictured with W Bro Belshaw; and below, both are joined by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge.



Next month's Newsletter will include.....

- *Cary & Dunluce Charity Breakfast*
- *Provincial Grand Lodge Service of Remembrance*
- *Presentation of Cheque by Olderfleet Masonic Lodge No 501*
- *Trip to Cornwall by Brethren from Ark, Tower of Lebanon & Shaftesbury Masonic Lodges*

BUSHMILLS ROYAL BLUE MASONIC LODGE No 414

Over the weekend 19 to 21 September, the village of Bushmills hosted the **Bushmills Salmon and Whiskey Festival**, an occasion of great merriment and relaxation for all present. As you would expect, we had fresh salmon from the River Bush, and mature whiskey from the barrels of the Bushmills Distillery. Add in a goodly crowd, an Ulster Scots dancing competition, a variety of street stalls and children's amusements and top the lot off with beautiful sunshine - and you have the perfect recipe for an enjoyable afternoon.



As usual, our Brethren in Bushmills took advantage of the occasion and threw their doors open to welcome any remaining curious members of the general public, who had not previously visited their Hall. They opened the doors at 1.00pm and remained open to about 4.30pm, during which time, they received a steady flow of visitors.



Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No 414 is celebrating its **two hundred and fiftieth anniversary** this year and its current Master, W Bro Nicholas Dallat, has set out a busy series of events to mark the occasion. He has also prepared an interesting fact sheet on the history of the Lodge, and this was available for visitors to take away and read at their leisure. Once again local Masons participate as part of society, not apart from Society. We wish W Bro Nicholas continued success in this most significant commemoration, and hope that the remainder of his year is equally memorable

RW Bro Bashford and W Bro Dallat relax in Bushmills Masonic Hall.

Photographs and original text by RW Bro R Bashford.

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GRAND LODGE meets in ROSEMARY STREET

Grand Lodge held its October Communication on Saturday 04 in the Provincial Masonic Hall, 15 Rosemary Street. The meeting was preceded by a well-attended lunch and you may recognise some of those who were present both for refreshment and labour.



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