



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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FAMILY TIES IN ANTRIM ROYAL LODGE 28



W.Bro Gareth Franklyn (seated centre) who was installed as Worshipful Master of Antrim Royal Masonic Lodge 28, is pictured with Officers and members in Antrim Masonic Hall, and below (left) with his father Trevor and brother Timothy. The newly installed WM is also pictured below with W Bro Walter McNeill to whom he presented a watch on behalf of the Lodge following his retirement as Treasurer after fourteen years service.



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ROUND AND ABOUT THE PROVINCE LAST AUTUMN

WHITEABBEY PAST MASTERS' LODGE No 993



W Bro Robbie Marshall (Treasurer) and W Bro Brian Torrens (Almoner) visiting the N I Children's Hospice with gifts of Toys and cash £258..... **and below, they did the same last year (2010), on that occasion with £150 and Xmas gifts**



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Antrim Masonic Lodge 593

At their October communication, Antrim Masonic Lodge 593 had a rather special presentation of a 50 year jewel. VW Bro Marshall Scott returned from New Zealand to the lodge he joined on the 08 November 1961. After serving in the UDR, Marshall took an opportunity to move to New Zealand in 1978, when a company was recruiting engineers to work in the man-made fibre industry. Wishing to continue in freemasonry he became a member of New Zealand Pacific Lodge 2, becoming WM of that lodge in 1983. Marshall was honoured by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1991 with the rank of Grand Steward and having a keen interest in ritual he was appointed Asst Grand Director of Ceremonies. In 2002 he was elevated to the position of District Grand Master.

On receiving his 50 year jewel from RW Bro Bill Balmer, Provincial Asst Grand Master, he insisted that his Masonic roots were firmly founded in Antrim. Asked if he could offer any words of wisdom for the future success of freemasonry, Marshall replied: ***"In New Zealand we decided to listen to what younger men wanted out of freemasonry – and we listened. We developed the order to reflect the modern times and now we are reaping the rewards."***

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Langford Masonic Lodge 616

At September's communication, Langford Masonic Lodge 616 in Crumlin received a visitation from brethren of Tyrawley Masonic Lodge 217, Mayo, in the province of North Connaught. The Worshipful Master of Tyrawley, W.Bro Keith Bain, was born and raised in Crumlin, living on the Main Street prior to relocating to Mayo. The Worshipful Master of Langford, W.Bro Brian Wells, said: ***"We are especially delighted to welcome our visitors as this is the first time a lodge from the Southern Provinces has been to Crumlin. The fact that the PGM of North Connaught came with them added significantly to the occasion ."*** The PGM of Antrim and the PGL Standard Bearer were also present for the evening's festivities.

Round and about the Province continued.....

CARY AND DUNLUCE CHARITY BREAKFAST

On a Saturday morning in November, eleven lodges from the Cary and Dunluce area were represented at a Charity Breakfast in the Bayview Hotel, Portballintrae. 177 breakfasts were served and, along with a ballot, the sum of £2,200 was raised. This was divided equally between the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and MacMillan Nurses.



W Bro Andy Bingham, then Chairman of Cary & Dunluce District Charity Committee, presents cheques to Marbeth Hedly (representing NI Children's Hospice) and to MacMillan Volunteers Barbara Logan and Anna White. Also pictured are RW Bro Dennis Millen (Provincial Deputy Grand Master) and W Bros Trevor Kane, Gardiner Kane and Alistair McKay (Treasurer).

St Columba's Temperance Lodge No 637 present a cheque to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice



RW Bro J Hughes (Steward of Charities), Bro A Barr (WM elect) Mr P McCabe (NI Children's Hospice), W Bro S Braden (Secretary) and W Bro J Buchanan (Worshipful Master)
The money was raised, with very welcome support from brethren of sister Lodges, mainly at a Charity Golf Day at Ballyclare Golf Club and a bag pack at ASDA Ballyclare.

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE No 128



RW Bro John Dickson, Provincial Grand Master, with other distinguished guests at the Installation communication on Saturday 18 February in the Glen Masonic Hall, Ligoniel.

RANDALSTOWN MASONIC LODGE No 598



The officers of Randalstown 598 with guests at their Installation communication in January. Provincial Grand Lodge was represented on this occasion by VW Bro Ivan Gillespie, Provincial Grand Secretary (second from right, front row).
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