

#### **Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim**

### NEWSLETTER

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#### INSTALLATION AT RANDALSTOWN



W.Bro Silbert Wilson (seated centre) who was installed as Worshipful Master of **Randalstown Masonic Lodge No 598** in January is pictured with R.W.Bro Bill Dyer (Provincial Assistant Grand Master) together with Lodge members, Provincial Officers and guests who attended the Installation Dinner in Randalstown Masonic Hall. Included are Bro Alan Millar (Senior Warden), Bro R. McCartney (Junior Warden), VW.Bro John Millar (Treasurer) and W Bro Brian Bonar (Director of Ceremonies)

\*\*Photograph by Pat McGuigan Photography, Randalstown\*\*

#### WAR MEMORIES REVIVED

Provincial Grand Lodge recently received a Past Master's Apron and some Jewels, returned from Mrs Pat Kerr who is the daughter of the late W Bro W.J Harbinson. W Bro Harbinson was a Past Master of **Rev Samuel Cochrane Masonic Lodge No 413**, whose warrant was returned in December 2003.

W Bro Harbinson was wounded in Crete during World War 2 and subsequently captured. He eventually finished up in Colditz Castle, where he turned the generator to give light so that the prisoners could build the glider for the escape bid.

Opposite is W Bro Harbinson's 50 year jewel (1946 – 1996) and on the final page of this Newsletter is a photograph of his apron.



## TEMPLE MASONIC LODGE No 51 mourns the passing of W Bro J H McCollum



W Bro John Harold Mc Collum (front centre) of Temple Masonic Lodge No 51 is seen here at the presentation of his 50 year jewel on 05 May 2010.

Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away.

W Bro Mc Collum joined Temple Masonic Lodge No 51 on 04 March 1959 and became a Master Mason in November of the same year. He first became **WM** in 1971 and then again in 1987 before taking on the role of Chaplain in 1995. At the behest of the members he took the chair again in 2000, the only man to have served as Worshipful Master three times in the history of the Lodge.

In recent years Harold had suffered from ill health and on 06 September 2012 he lost his fight against cancer, passing away peacefully in his sleep. He will be sadly missed by the members of the lodge.

Until our next merry meeting, Harold.

# Keeping it in the Family Three Generations at Crumlin Road

Freemasonry is, contrary to popular belief, very family orientated. We have many opportunities to include our extended family members in many of our social occasions - Ladies Nights, Installation Dinners and Lodge outings. Brothers often join the same Lodge (no pun intended), sons follow fathers and it is not unique for three generations or more to be members of our order, but it is rare enough to warrant mention.



On Friday 10 June 1988, Mr Brian Scott (Electronic Engineer) was initiated into **Edenderry** Masonic Lodge No 544 and was followed by his eldest son, Dr Glyn Owen Scott (Medical Practitioner) on Friday 11 May 1990 and then, three years later, by his youngest son Mr Gareth Scott (Civil Servant), on Friday 13 February 1993. Due to his dedication to his work Bro Dr. Glyn Scott, lifted his demit from the Lodge in 1995; both remaining members of the Scott family progressed steadily. Bro Brian Scott has served as Worshipful Master of Edenderry twice, eventually serving fifteen years as Secretary from 1998 to January 2013. Bro Gareth Scott has just been installed as Worshipful Master of 544 this year. Why so long you ask? After an absence from the Order for nearly ten years (though still a member) due to the pressures of private business and ill health, Bro Gareth Scott returned to his mother Lodge and also affiliated to Roselands Masonic Lodge No 693, where his father had been an affiliate member for a number of years (and also Worshipful Master). After only two years Bro Gareth Scott was elected as their Worshipful Master, an Office he held with great pleasure for two consecutive W Bro Gareth Scott then took over the office of Treasurer of Edenderry in 2012, sitting beside his Secretary father for a year before taking the Chair. W Bro Brian Scott has installed his son into the Chair for three consecutive years now, an accomplishment of which W Bro Gareth Scott is very proud.

But it was in October of 2012 that W Bro Gareth Scott, assisted by his father, and with special permission from the Grand Master, initiated the third generation of the Scott clan into Roselands No 693 - his son, Mr Michael Dalton Scott (aspiring musician). In January 2013, both father and grandfather passed Bro Michael Scott to the Second or Fellow Craft Degree, conferring the entire Degree themselves, much to the appreciation and praise of the Brethren at Roselands.

At the date of submission of this article, W Bro Brian Scott is Representative to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim Inspection Committee for Edenderry No 544 and Representative to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim Board of General Purposes for Roselands No 693, as well as a Trustee of the Crumlin Road Masonic Hall; W Bro Gareth Scott is Worshipful Master and Treasurer of Edenderry Masonic Lodge No. 544, and Worshipful Master of Roselands Masonic Lodge No. 693 (an overlap of only one month). When he leaves the chair of Roselands No 693 he will assume the office of Steward of Charities and Lodge Representative to the Belfast Masonic Charity Committee and District Charity Committee. As both Brethren also hold senior offices in other branches of the order, Bro. Michael Scott is currently wondering where his father and grandfather find the time and energy - one of our "secrets" that he, no doubt, will discover in time....

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The apron which belonged to W Bro W Harbinson, together with a close-up of the lodge crest.



The apron and jewel can be viewed In the museum in Provincial Masonic Hall.