



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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Crumlin Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No 140

Lodge 140 held its Installation Communication in February in Crumlin Masonic Hall and on that occasion Bro Phillip Swann was installed as Worshipful Master. Pictured below are members and guest who were present. Amongst the guests in the front row with the new WM are VW Bro John Crawford (Provincial Grand Treasurer), VW Bro Ivan Gillespie (Provincial Grand Secretary) and W Bro Rodney Mairs (Director of Ceremonies). Behind the WM is W Bro James McClurg who was the Installing Officer.



Below, W Bro Swann poses with four brethren who have all been the recipients of Provincial Honours: W Bro Rodney Mairs with his brother W Bro Girvan Mairs and W Bro George Brown with his brother W Bro Joe Brown. *Photographs by Pat McGuigan Photography, Randalstown*



60 YEARS A FREEMASON

A night of history and celebration was enjoyed by **Cairncastle Masonic Lodge 788** at their stated communication in January. W Bro Tommy Bell was presented with a certificate to mark his membership of the Masonic Order.

RW Bro John Dickson, who made the presentation, said it was always a great pleasure to be part of such an evening and even more so in being asked to honour the brother personally. Tommy joined **Cairncastle** on 23 January 1953, became WM in 1966 and was awarded his 50 year Jewel on 19 January 2003. Expressing gratitude to Tommy for his many years of dedicated service to the Order, the PGM added that **Cairncastle** had been blessed with a good share of brethren who gave so much time to Freemasonry in general.

In particular he highlighted VW Bro Sam Brennan who had been PGL Director of Ceremonies and W Bro Alan Tweed who had been a long serving secretary of the lodge.

Tommy thanked the PGM for his kind words and indicated his delight at W Bro Tweed being present as he had served as Tommy's Junior Warden.

Report by W Bro Michael Holden

PRESENTATION OF 50-YEAR JEWEL

At their Stated Communication on 05 April, **Royal Larne Masonic Lodge No 615** paid tribute to W Bro William (Billy) Clarke on his fifty years in Freemasonry. Billy was initiated into Cairncastle Lodge No 788 and in the following year he emigrated to Australia, where he affiliated to a local lodge. He eventually returned to N Ireland and joined **Royal Larne** in 1997. He progressed through the offices and was WM in 2012.

PAGM RW Bro Ken Porter presented W Bro Clarke with his jewel and recounted key memories from a long and distinguished career in radio communications and electronics. He started work as an apprentice radio engineer at the Pye Factory in Larne and moved to the Royal Naval Air Yard at Sydenham. Later he worked for an American Geophysical Survey Company and after that on Oil Installations around the world. Despite his global travels he enjoyed a happy family life (and still does!) with his wife and three children (now grown up).

In conclusion, RW Bro Porter stated that he considered it a privilege to have been invited to make the presentation and to join with W Bro Clarke and the Brethren of **Royal Larne** on this special occasion.

Andrew Henderson Masonic Lodge No 512



Presentation of 50-year Jewel to W Bro Roy Smyth – full story next month

PARKGATE MASONIC LODGE No 776



Parkgate Masonic Lodge held their Installation Communication on Friday 01 March and all present agreed that it had been an excellent evening from start to finish, from the opening ceremony to the final toast at the conclusion of the Festive Board.

The new WM, W Bro Brendan Tweed, stands with RW Bro David Lyness (Provincial Deputy Grand Master – and a member of Parkgate) and W Bro Roy Lamont (Senior Deacon and Installing officer). Below, the Officers of the Lodge pose for the camera.



Clotworthy Masonic Lodge No 593

Earlier this year, at the annual Installation Communication, Bro Jason Woods was installed as Worshipful Master by W Bro David McCausland. On this special occasion, Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by VW Bro Ivan Gillespie, Provincial Grand Secretary.

CARNLOUGH MASONIC LODGE No 216

Presentation of 50-year Jewel at Installation Communication

W Bro Robert W McKay was WM of **Carnlough 216** in 1995. This year the Officers of the Lodge remained the same as last year so that W Bro McKay could serve as WM in his 50th year as a Freemason – and he was duly installed on Saturday 02 March.

Right, RW Bro Rodney McCurley (Assistant Grand Master), W Bro McKay, RW Bro Ken Porter (Provincial Assistant Grand Master) and VW Bro Raymond Mark (Past Inspector for Lodge 216).

Below, Officers and Guests line up for the camera before proceeding to the Londonderry Arms for the Festive Board.



Corinthian Masonic Lodge No 340

On Wednesday 20th March 2013 Bro James Easton was presented with his 50 year Jewel and Certificate by the Worshipful Master V W Bro Philip Hobson. What made the occasion so special and unique was that it was exactly 50 years to the day when James was initiated into the Lodge. On Wednesday 20th March 1963 Bro Easton received his first degree. His proposer was none other than a certain Jimmy Gillespie, a name that will be very familiar to all our Musical Brethren.