



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim

NEWSLETTER

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TOWER of LEBANON Lodge No 169

Visit to Dublin

At 8.00am on a damp Saturday 07 September, the first batch of travellers were picked up in Carrickfergus for the visit of **Lodge169** to Molesworth Street. Two further pickups were made at Yorkgate and at Sprucefield, and by 8.50 the coach was fully loaded and off to Newry Masonic Hall. Thirty-five members and guests were on board whilst a few others had opted to travel by Enterprise and meet us for the Stated Communication.

The staff at Newry had agreed to provide breakfast and bar facilities. Lodge rooms were also left open for those wishing to view them. Cherith, the hall caterer, served a generous Ulster Fry with tea & coffee. Having suitably refreshed ourselves we boarded the bus for Dublin, making a quick stop at one of the service stations en route!

Arriving in a busy Dublin we made our way to Molesworth Street where we were pleased to re-acquaint ourselves with W Bro Keith Stent who provided his usual informative and entertaining tour of the main rooms comprising Freemasons' Hall, with plenty of photo opportunities for our newer members to pose in the various Chairs. Keith assisted us later by performing the duties of Outside Tyler during our meeting.

At 2.00pm we opened the Lodge. For the first time we enjoyed the music from the Organ with W Bro McIlwaine at the console. Having welcomed Provincial Officers from Antrim and Down, W Bro Douglas Taylor (Worshipful Master) prepared the team for the Entered Apprentice Degree to be given to Jonathan McIlwaine.

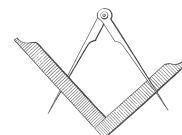
A number of Brethren took part in the Degree: W Bros William McKeown, John McIlwaine (Father of the Candidate), David Openshaw, Leighton John & Douglas Taylor; Bros Stuart Melville & Cuthbert Arutura. It was a splendid degree given in the Grand Lodge Room, culminating in W Bro David Openshaw reciting the "Toast to the Lambskin".

Following a Charity Collection the WM offered thanks to all who had helped make the day a great success, not failing to mention the coach driver, Newry caterers and W Bro Stent.

Visitors from seven Lodges were saluted, after which the Lodge was closed. The Temporary Warrant was rescued from its frame and signed by those attending. This would later be handed to the WM as a memento.

Following welcome refreshment we boarded the bus at 4.45pm and returned to Newry. Here the caterer served a Roast Turkey dinner and dessert. Final thanks being offered and refreshments partaken, we returned to the coach and made our merry way home calling the same points to drop off passengers. It had indeed been a busy, but eventful and memorable day.

W Bro Peter Leach
Secretary



Another Charity benefits from the generosity of Antrim Masons.

TRAINING SESSION IN USE OF DEFIBRILLATOR

Following the acquisition of a defibrillator by Provincial Grand Lodge, four brethren have been trained to use it in the event of a medical emergency. The training session took place in provincial Masonic Hall last month and was led by W Bro Jason Woods, assisted by W Bro David Allen. Those receiving training were RW Bro Ken Porter, VW Bros Brian Carson & Ivan Gillespie and W Bro Noel Smyth.



RW Bro Porter & VW Bro Carson pay attention.....as W Bro Woods explains a point.



Left, W Bro Smyth examines the defibrillator with W Bro Allen (far left) and VW Bro Gillespie.

The defibrillator will be accessible at all future meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, Boards of General Purposes and any associated meetings or events. The device will be available for use by other users of the hall, providing that a trained person is present. There will be a further training session later this year and if you are interested in attending please contact Rosemary in the Provincial Office.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTRIM

Meeting in Lisburn Masonic Centre on Monday 30 September

This Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge was tinged with sadness as it marked the end of RW Bro Bill Dyer's term of office as Provincial Assistant Grand Master. Tributes were paid by RW Bro John Dickson PGM, RW Bro Dennis Millen Past PDGM and W Bro Raymond Fullerton PGL Inspector. RW Bro Dyer surrendered his chain of office to the PGM, receiving in return his collar and jewel of past rank. RW Bro Robert Thompson Past PGM presented him with his certificate of past rank and added his own tribute to mark the occasion. RW Bro Dyer then addressed the Brethren, following which he received a standing ovation.