



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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LOOKING BACK TO LAST YEAR.....

Sir George Clark Memorial Masonic Lodge No 669

Last year Lodge 669 celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Special events included a visit to Freemasons' Hall in Molesworth Street and a celebration communication and dinner in Arthur Square Masonic Hall on Saturday 26 October, at which special guests were RW Bro Rodney McCurley, Assistant Grand Master, and representing the Province of Antrim, RW Bro Ken Porter, Provincial Assistant Grand Master.



Earlier in the year, at their Installation Communication, RW Bro Porter was photographed with the WM W Bro Jonathan Tarr and with the Lodge Officers.

AT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE IN NOVEMBER

- **Six new Provincial Grand Lodge Inspectors were invested:**

W Bro A Mason
W Bro C Glass
W Bro D Hynds
W Bro R Gilmour
W Bro R Millar
W Bro T McGarey

Ark Masonic Lodge No 10
Doagh Union Masonic Lodge No 317
Royal Blue Masonic Lodge No 414
Patrick Masonic Lodge No 493
Magheramorne Masonic Lodge No 514
Clotworthy Masonic Lodge No 593

TLC – Teddies for Loving Care

The Tweddy Friendship Maul

W Bro Bruce Bruce Kirk, Secretary of Strathearn Masonic Lodge No 680, reported on Tuesday 12 November:

As part of the Launch for the **TLC Appeal**, a **Tweddy Friendship Maul** was commissioned by way of a fundraising device. Up until last week-end this **Maul** resided in the Province of Down in the care of St Patrick's Masonic Lodge No 77, Newry, and then with the Farmers' Friendship Masonic Lodge No 978, Ballylesson.

On Saturday past (09 Nov) a group of Strathearn Masonic Lodge 680 marauders, got out their passports and travelled to Co Down to attend the meeting of Lodge 978 in the shadow of the Giant's Ring at Edenderry, with a view to capturing the aforementioned **Maul**. By all accounts, our Worshipful Master, accompanied by VW Bro Ivan Gillespie, W Bro John Fyfe and W Bro David Girvin were well received and peace, love and harmony prevailed.



However, having paid over some 'golden' pound coins as bullion in exchange for the **TLC Maul** we are pleased to advise all comers that we are now the first 'Host' Lodge in the Province of Antrim (north of the Lagan) and we will now have to prepare to receive friendly advances from other Lodges!! What about a Lodge from the Province of Armagh, or Tyrone & Fermanagh, or Londonderry & Donegal coming to Lisburn on the Third Thursday to assist in the raising of funds for **Teddies for Loving Care??**

For further information about the Tweddy Friendship Maul, visit the website:

www.irish-freemasons.org

AT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE IN NOVEMBER

- One new Provincial Grand Lodge Instructor was invested:

W Bro M Arbuthnot Fern Masonic Lodge No 999

RETIREMENT OF RW Bro BILL DYER

Provincial Assistant Grand Master



RW Bro Bill Dyer retired last year. At the September Communication of Provincial Grand Lodge he formally surrendered his Chain of Office and accepted his Past Officer's regalia. Tributes were given by a number of senior brethren and Bill replied appropriately, receiving a standing ovation. On 05 November senior officers past and present, some accompanied by their wives, attended a presentation ceremony and meal in Dunmurry Golf Club.



PRESENTATION OF 50-YEAR JEWEL



On the evening of Tuesday 10 December, the WM of Connor Masonic Lodge 189, W Bro Michael Johnston, welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro John Dickson, and over ninety other Brethren to a special Communication to present a 50-year Jewel to RW Bro Fergus Jamison, or Fergie as he is well known. Before presenting the Jewel, the PGM spoke eloquently of RW Bro Jamison's 50 years of service to the Order and the many and varied positions he has held, some for a long number of years.

RW Bro Fergie replied, thanking the Lodge and the PGM. Fergie then asked the Brethren to be upstanding to remember a great personal friend, W Bro Spence, who had joined the order the same day as himself, but unfortunately had passed to the Grand Lodge above just last year.

The PGM thanked the Lodge Secretary, W Bro Neil McVeigh and the Brethren of the Lodge for organising the event, adding that the large number of Brethren attending the presentation was an indication of the high esteem in which Fergie is held, not only in Lodge 189, but also in the wider North Antrim area. After the presentation the Brethren were treated to a very generous buffet supper, with a wee bit of craic and refreshments.

