



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Patrick Lodge 493 present Regalia to W Bro Roy Gilmour who was appointed as a Prov. Grand Lodge Inspector last year and was invested in November**



**VW Bro David Henderson** (PGL Director of Ceremonies), **W Bro Nigel McClintock** (WM), **W Bro Roy Gilmour** (PGL Inspector), **W Bro Hugh Millar** (PGL Inspector for Lodge 493) & **W Bro Brian Russell** (Past PJD of PGL Oxfordshire, who has now affiliated to Lodge 493)

**THE PROVINCE OF ANTRIM IN NUMBERS**

**5909** *The number of Masons in the Province*

**173** *The number of Lodges in the Province*

**40** *The number of Masonic Halls & Centres in the Province*

# *FROM THE ARCHIVES.....Feb 2013.....*

## **Provincial Assistant Grand Master makes THREE Presentations at Olive Masonic Lodge No 467**

**Olive Masonic Lodge No 467** held its Installation of Officers in the Masonic Hall, Doagh, on Saturday 09 February 2013. Provincial Assistant Grand Master RW Bro J O Dunlop was a very welcome guest at the meeting. After the new Worshipful Master had been installed and he, in turn, had installed, invested and proclaimed his Officers, the PAGM was invited by the WM to make three presentations on behalf of the Lodge:

- To **W Bro R W Dunlop**, a decanter and six glasses, to mark his retirement as Secretary after fourteen years of service
- To **W Bro S Rodney**, his 60-year Certificate
- To **Bro D McCalmont**, the newest member of 467, with his Master Mason Certificate



*Right Worshipful  
Brother Jack O Dunlop  
with W Bro R W Dunlop;*

*Below left with W Bro S  
Rodney*

*Below right with Bro D  
McCalmont*



*The WM, W Bro Winston Blair, thanked the PAGM for his participation in the presentations and said how much the recipients had enjoyed receiving their awards from him. After the meeting closed, the Brethren and their guests made the short journey to McConnell's of Doagh where an excellent meal was enjoyed by all.*

## TIME *for* REFLECTION

As you are reading this it is fair to assume that you are one of the many who accessed the Newsletter through the Provincial web site. However, did you take time to look through the other pages on offer as well?

The Province of Antrim has had a web presence for some time, although it is only in recent years that more use has been made of the facilities available on line. The original pages were updated and enhanced a few years ago, and further pages were developed to broaden the scope and range of information provided.

Included on site now are:

- ❖ **Diary Page**
- ❖ **Listing of current Officers**
- ❖ **Various history pages**
- ❖ **A Links page to other useful sites** - Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodges and Lodges generally.
- ❖ **A section where every hall in the Province has a listing with at least one photograph.** (The basic work for this section originated from RW Brother Bill Balmer.)
- ❖ **A page on the Luke Mural**, with excellent photographs of the painting.

All pages are “works in progress” and are updated regularly.

It is hoped, with the assistance of the Lodges and the Lodge of Research, to improve the site and provide more useful information and resources. We plan to include a short slideshow for each hall in order to showcase features and amenities. We would welcome information, photographs, contact details – and possibly how halls are used by local communities.

The Diary and Newsletter sections are always in need of information showing events upcoming and articles telling others about them. We depend on the Lodges to provide that input and have their major events publicised. The Masonic Order is keen to show that it works for the good of all and is not the closed organisation as is sometimes depicted.

Perhaps your Lodge is thinking about developing your own web site. We offer some advice to assist you.

So why not re-visit the PGL site and see if there is some way you or your Lodge can assist in the improvement of the site and help us show to the world the many positive aspects of Freemasonry.

*W Bro Peter Leach*

***Shane's Castle Masonic Lodge No 539 is the latest Lodge to develop a web site. You can access this through the Links Page on the PGLA Web Site.***

# Installation at Patrick Masonic Lodge No 493



The annual Installation of Officers was held on Saturday 25 January in Broughshane Masonic Hall, when the lodge was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. John Dickson. The photograph shows the Provincial Grand Master with the Worshipful Master, W Bro John McCaughey (centre) and the Installing Officer, W Bro John Johnston (2nd from right) along with the lodge officers. W Bro McCaughey's late father was a member of Patrick Masonic Lodge for more than 60 years. John had previously served as Worshipful Master back in 1982 in Lodge 394, which unfortunately returned its warrant in 2008. He affiliated to Lodge 493 at that time. Considering that there were several other masonic functions taking place in the area on the same day there was an excellent attendance, and an enjoyable day was had by all both at the Installation meeting and the festive board which followed.



## THE PROVINCE OF ANTRIM IN NUMBERS

<b>47</b>	<i>The number of Lodges meeting in Arthur Square</i>
<b>21</b>	<i>The number of Lodges with websites linked to PGLA</i>
<b>7</b>	<i>The number of Charity Committees in the Province</i>