



# Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim NEWSLETTER

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## CARY & DUNLUCE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE

## *Fifth Annual Charity Breakfast*

The 5th charity breakfast hosted by **Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee** took place on Saturday 9 November 2013 at the Bayview hotel, Portballintrae, to raise much needed funds for **Multiple Sclerosis NI** and **Alzheimer's Society NI**.

Between 7am and 10am the hotel served over 210 breakfasts! After the breakfast a raffle was held with some very worthwhile and 'timely' prizes being awarded!

Our committee chairman – W Bro Derek Parkhill of Ballymoney Lodge 57 thanked everyone who came along and supported the event, together with the hotel and staff for providing the excellent facilities.

On Saturday 14 December 2013 representatives from both the **Multiple Sclerosis Society** and the **Alzheimer's Society** assembled in the Bayview Hotel, along with several committee members, to be presented with their cheques. WBro Parkhill presented each charity with a cheque for **£1,300**

Representatives from the **Alzheimer's Society** (Sharon Neely & Ann Marie Morrow) and from the **Multiple Sclerosis Society** (Mrs Pat Crossley and Mrs Daphne Bustard) thanked everyone who had attended and supported the breakfast, and expressed their sincere appreciation for the donations received. The monies raised would be staying in the North Antrim area to help and assist those who needed it.



### FRONT ROW

Miss Sharon Neely  
(**Alzheimer's NI**)

W Bro Derek Parkhill  
(Chairman)

Ms Anne-Marie  
Morrow  
(**Alzheimer's NI**)

Mrs Diane McKay

**BACK ROW** W Bros Gardiner Kane, Robert Stirling, Alistair McKay, Trevor Kane,  
Gordon Chestnutt and Andrew Bingham



**FRONT ROW**

Mrs Pat Crossley  
*(MS Soc NI)*

Mrs Diane McKay

W Bro Derek Parkhill  
(Chairman)

Mrs Daphne Bustard  
*(MS Soc NI)*.

**BACK ROW** W Bros Gardiner Kane, Robert Stirling, Alistair McKay, Trevor Kane, Gordon Chestnutt and Andrew Bingham

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**BROOMHEDGE MASONIC LODGE HAND OVER CHARITY CHEQUE**



On the 26 February the Officers and Brethren of **Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No 335** presented a cheque to Nigel Kearney from *Helping Hand* Charity at Broomhedge Masonic Hall. Fund raising events held during 2013, raised a total sum of **£1,400**. This amount in a Cheque was presented by the Immediate Past Master, W Bro Derek McKnight, who as WM in 2013 had nominated *Helping Hand* as his charity to receive the proceeds of the events. *Helping Hand* charity was established to support the immediate needs of children and their parents at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children through the provision of the best equipment and the funding of research.



Nigel Kearney from *Helping Hand* receives the cheque whilst Lodge members look on.

# 50-year Jewel at Corinthian Masonic Lodge No 340

## *W Bro Thomas James Nesbitt MBE*

At the Installation Meeting of **Corinthian Masonic Lodge 340** on 19 February, W Bro Thomas James Nesbitt MBE was presented with his 50 year jewel and certificate by the Provincial Deputy Grand Master R W Bro David Lyness.

Jimmy, as he is affectionately known, first joined **Lodge 682** in January 1964 and later affiliated to **Lodge 340** in 1973. He has been Worshipful Master of 340 three times - in 1977, 1998 and in 2012, the Lodge's Centenary year.

In his address to Jimmy, RW Bro Lyness reminisced about some old times starting with the 11th Boys Brigade, through playing football with Crusaders, to a long and very distinguished career in the RUC where he was given the MBE in recognition of his courage and success in combating terrorism.



Below, RW Bro Lyness and W Bro Nesbitt are photographed with RW Bro J Patterson and W Bros R Scott, E Baillie, I Burch and N Ritchie



# IRISH LODGE OF RESEARCH CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED YEARS



**Members and Guests assembling for the Centenary Communication in Molesworth Street**

On Saturday 08 February 2014 the **Irish Lodge of Research** celebrated its formation one hundred years ago, with a series of events held in the Grand Lodge Room at 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin.

The day began with presentations on various aspects of The Grand Lodge of the Antients and Laurence Dermott, their Grand Secretary who came to London from Dublin in the 1740's. Our first speaker, W Bro Dr Richard Berman, set out clearly and succinctly his views on the origins of The Antients, with due credit to the influence of Ireland and the London Irish on the development and growth of Freemasonry in the 18th century.

Our second speaker, W Bro John Belton, is a regular visitor to both **The Irish Lodge of Research** and The Grand Lodge of Ireland. John is an accomplished Masonic Researcher, and on this occasion he spoke at length on The English Masonic Union of 1813.

As this was our Installation meeting, W Bro Stephen A Arnold was presented in due form and installed as Master of **The Irish Lodge of Research** for the year 2014. As is his right, he presented a summary of a paper on the history and development of the site at 17-19 Molesworth Street, as it slowly evolved into the headquarters building of all five branches of The Masonic Order in Ireland. From the snippets presented it was quite clear that this will be a fascinating paper and will be of great interest to all, once it is finally published in our Transactions.

**Pictured is W Bro Stephen A Arnold, with piper  
W Bro Jim Halliday and the outgoing Master,  
W Bro Harry Thompson**

*Photographs and original text by RW Bro Robert Bashford*

