



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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50-Year Jewel for Moyarget Member

Report by RW Bro Robert Bashford

We, in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, mark long and distinguished service to our Order with the presentation of a Golden Jubilee Certificate on completion of some 50 years' service. This is accompanied by a 50-year service star which is usually inscribed with the name and details of the recipient. This Jewel and Certificate mark a significant milestone in the Masonic Career of a Brother and is greatly treasured by its recipients. Further awards follow for Brethren who reach their 60th year of service, 65th year of service and 70th year of service.

In my Mother Lodge, **Moyarget 280**, one of our longest serving members, **W Bro Ernie Shields** has now given some 50 years' service to our Lodge, the Province of Antrim and the Irish Constitution as a whole. Ernie received his Entered Apprentice degree on 15 February 1965, and went on to play his part in the life of our Lodge. Sadly, Ernie has not been enjoying the best of health in recent times, so a number of us went to visit him in the Bohill Care Home where we had the great pleasure to present him with his jewel and certificate – and as you can see, he was delighted with same.



W Bro Gordon Chestnutt (Lodge Almoner) and W Bro Sam Matthews (Director of Ceremonies) making the Presentation to W Bro Ernie Shields in March.

PARKGATE LODGE SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITY



RW Bro David Lyness, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, is pictured presenting a cheque for **£700** on behalf of Parkgate Masonic Lodge No 776, to Joan Hamilton, Chairperson of the **Antrim Borough MS Support Group**. Looking on is W Bro Ernie Fleming (centre), Immediate Past Master of Parkgate who nominated the Antrim MS Support Group as his chosen charity during his Term of Office last year. Also pictured are W Bro Victor Campbell (Lodge Treasurer) together with Group members John Coulter (Secretary), Ronnie Steele (Treasurer) and John Brown. The presentation took place in the Antrim Day Centre during the Group's monthly meeting in March.

Photograph and text by Pat McGuigan Photography, Randalstown

90th ANNIVERSARY OF CLOTWORTHY MASONIC LODGE



W Bro W Seymour (centre), Worshipful Master of **Clotworthy Masonic Lodge No 593**, pictured with Lodge Officers and Brethren who attended the Special Communication in Antrim Masonic Hall on Thursday 16 April, to mark the 90th anniversary of their Lodge. They are pictured here with special guest, RW Bro John Dixon, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim.

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INVESTITURE AT OLIVE MASONIC LODGE 467



On Monday 09 March there was a large turnout of Brethren at Doagh Masonic Hall to witness **W Bro Sammy Rodney** being invested as Past Provincial Grand Lodge Steward. W Bro Sammy had been unable to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge Installation Communication on 28 February, so the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro John Dickson, asked RW Bro Jack Dunlop (Provincial Assistant Grand Master) to visit Doagh and carry out the investiture in Sammy's own Lodge.

W Bro Rodney has been a member of **Olive 467** since 1953 and has been Worshipful Master on two occasions, the second time in 2008 when he was 83 years old.

The PAGM invested W Bro Rodney in a dignified and friendly manner, and said how pleased he was to see him receive this honour. He also referred to the high esteem in which W Bro Sammy is held, not only in his own Lodge but in other branches of the Order.

In his response W Bro Sammy thanked the Lodge for the gift of the regalia and stated how pleased and honoured he was to have received this award, particularly from RW Bro Dunlop. He was looking forward to wearing his regalia and representing the Lodge at future meetings. *(Not bad for someone who is 91 !!!)*



On resuming his seat, W Bro Rodney received a standing ovation. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Brethren made their way downstairs to the Festive Board where a most enjoyable evening was had by all. The top photograph shows the PAGM and W Bro Rodney with the WM of Olive 467, W Bro S Leitch; and in the lower photograph with VW Bro Basil Elliott, Past Provincial Grand Deacon.

Photographs and text from W Bro Winston Blair

The new **Charities Application Form** is now available to download from the PGL Website – go to the **Charities** section.

The PGLA Booklet on **Masonic Etiquette** is available to download from the **.NET** section of the website.

REDHALL ANNUAL CHARITY BREAKFAST

On Monday 06 April an excellent turnout of Brethren, friends and family supported the Annual Charity Breakfast hosted by **Redhall Masonic Lodge No 260** in the sunny surroundings of their Lodge Room in Ballycarry. The proceeds from the Breakfast were donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Below are some of those who supported the event.



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