



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim NEWSLETTER

No 28 Late November 2015

LODGE OF ST JOHN 330, BALLYMONEY *Fundraising Event at Ballymoney Rugby Club*

The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Masonic Lodge No 330, Ballymoney held a fundraising event in Ballymoney Rugby Club on Friday 02 October. Over one hundred members and friends attended the function.

During the evening an auction and raffle were held: these were well supported with a total of over £2000 being raised. The money was divided between two local charities – MS Society and Chest Heart & Stroke – with each charity receiving a cheque for £1,000.

The **Lodge of St John 330** takes this opportunity to thank everyone who attended and with added thanks to sponsors and those who donated raffle prizes. The main sponsor - **P&O** - was especially kind and sincere appreciation is offered to them on behalf of the Lodge.

David Ramsay, Worshipful Master of 330, said: *We are delighted to have raised such a sum of money for two very worthy local charities, who do sterling work in our local community and throughout Northern Ireland. The support from Lodge members and friends was greatly appreciated and we are pleased to have hosted such a hugely successful evening.*

Food on the evening was provided by *Iris Edgar* from *Iris's Farmhouse Cuisine* and the music was played by *Bone Idol*.



Above: Worshipful Master W Bro David Ramsey with Mrs Pat Crossley & Mrs Janette Reid (Ballymoney & District Branch of MS) and Mrs Dianne McFadden & Mrs Wendy McCormick (NI Chest, Heart & Stroke)

Below: W Bro Ramsay & Charity Representatives with members of Lodge 330 and guests from their sister Lodge No 57, Ballymoney



Brethren and Guests enjoy the evening.....



Bro Robert Beattie (Junior Deacon of 330) with Guests from Kilrea Lodge No 16 and Vowferry Lodge No 17



W Bro Joe Bamford (Rep to Col) and Bro Andrew McNeill (Junior Warden), both from Lodge 330



Mr Joel McCluggage (P&O Ferries) presents a voucher (for a return crossing from Larne to Cairnryan) to W Bro Robert Currie (330)



W Bro David Millar (IPM 330) with guests William McNeill, and from Ballintoy Lodge (38) Harold Kerr

CARY & DUNLUCE CHARITY BREAKFAST

Original text & photographs by RW Bro Robert Bashford

The Report

Cary and Dunluce Charity Committee held their Annual Charity Breakfast on Saturday 07 November in the Coleraine Campus of The University of Ulster. Breakfasts were served from 7am until 10am.

This year's Chairman, W Bro Bertie Rice (Vowferry Lodge No 17), and his team catered for some 143 guests, including RW Bro Raymond Robinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Londonderry & Donegal, along with several senior Provincial Grand Lodge Officers from Antrim. We were delighted with the excellent food and facilities at the University of Ulster, based on the Cromore Road site in Coleraine. **£1,960** was raised on the day and the Committee are confident that the final figure will be over £2,000 once the remaining donations are received and added to the total.

This year our two selected charities were **Cystic Fibrosis NI** (North Coast Branch) and the **Friends of The Cancer Centre**. It may be of interest to learn a little about the effects of Cystic Fibrosis and indeed, a little about the good works that these charities do. In the case of Cystic Fibrosis, we learned that this is a life-shortening genetic condition which slowly destroys the lungs and digestive system; we also learned that you cannot catch Cystic Fibrosis, or develop it in later life. The only way to have CF is to inherit a copy of the faulty gene from both parents. The faulty gene is carried by one in twenty five people in the population, and if two carriers have a baby, there is a one in four chance that the baby will be infected. On reading these details about Cystic Fibrosis, you will be able to understand why this was one of the two charities for support this year.

W Bro Rice, on behalf of the Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee, records his thanks to all those Brethren, friends and family who gave up their Saturday morning in order to support the Annual Charity Breakfast. W Bro Rice also records his thanks to the caterers and their staff for the excellent spread that they provided. Indeed, if anyone left still hungry, they have only themselves to blame!!

The Breakfasters



More Breakfasters at Cary & Dunluce Charity Event.....

