



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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GARRYOWEN MASONIC LODGE No 923

Quarterly Communication on Saturday 31 March



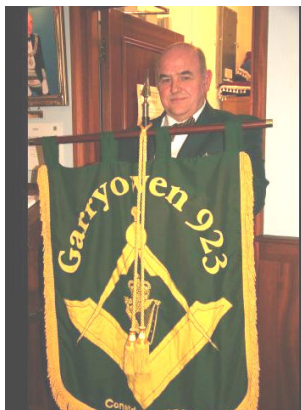
RW Bro Ken Porter (Provincial Assistant Grand Master), RW Bro John Dickson (Provincial Grand Master), W Bro John Burns (Worshipful Master), RW Bro Wilson Mark (Provincial Grand Master of Armagh) and W Bro Mervyn Robinson (Lodge Chaplain)

Photographs below reflect the evening's programme:

- (1) Provincial Grand Master is invited to take the chair by the Worshipful Master
- (2) Worshipful Master's Standard Bearer, W Bro David Rainey
- (3) W Bro James Keenan (Guest and Chairman of Larne & District Charity Committee) enjoys a pre-dinner aperitif with W Bro Billy Thompson (Lodge Chaplain)
- (4) W Bro Dr Norman Close (Guest) in conversation with Bro William Macfarlane (Member)
- (5) Lodge members Bro Malachy Haveron, W Bro Victor Craig and Bro John Letson exchange views at the Festive Board



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BELFAST MASONIC CHARITY FUND 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 150th anniversary of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund was celebrated with a formal dinner and dance in the Belfast City Hall on Friday 09 March.

The Charity's President, Chairman and Committee wish to thank all the Brethren, together with their wives and partners, who were present and who helped to make the evening such an outstanding success.

A total of 350 guests attended the event in the Great Hall, hosted by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Ruth Patterson. Among the guests were RW Bro Rodney McCurley (Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland), RW Bro John Dickson (Provincial Grand Master of Antrim), ME Comp Cyril Ferguson (District Grand King of Antrim) and ME Comp Kenneth Abernethy (District Grand King of Down). An apology was received from RW Bro Richard Gray (Provincial Grand Master of Down) who was unwell.

Thanks were expressed to the Belfast City Council for the use of the excellent venue and to their staff on duty, who provided guests with an excellent meal and service.

The Belfast Masonic Charity Fund was set up for the relief of poor and distressed masons or their families. No matter where they live, Brethren of every Masonic Lodge in the Province of Antrim, together with Brethren whose Lodge is in the Province of Down and meets within a six-mile radius of Belfast, are eligible to seek assistance from BMCF through their Lodge Almoners.



ABERCORN TEMPERANCE MASONIC LODGE No 149

The Provincial Grand Master presents W Bro J Clements (centre) with his 50 year certificate at the Installation Communication on 16 January.

Also included is the newly installed Worshipful Master, W Bro W Cupples

BROOMHEDGE MASONIC LODGE HAND OVER CHEQUES

On 24 March at Broomhedge Masonic Hall, the Officers and Brethren of **Broomhedge Star of the North Masonic Lodge No 335** presented cheques for £750 to Una Brennan, Principal of Parkview Special School, and David Hilland of Lisburn Assessment & Resource Centre.

Fund raising events, held during 2011 raised a total of £1500 and this some was divided between the two good causes, both based in Lisburn. The cheques were presented by the Immediate Past Master, W.Bro.T Willis who, as W.M in 2011, had nominated Parkview Special School and LARC as the charities to benefit from the proceeds of the fund raising.

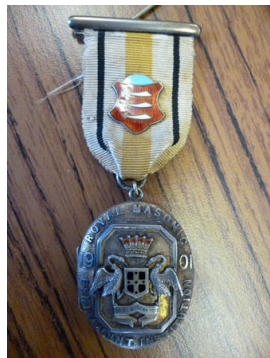


Una Brennan, Principal of Parkview Special School, accepting the cheque from W Bro Willis, with Lodge Officers and members looking on.

MASONIC GATHERING – *Pictures from an exhibition*

On Saturday 19 May a Masonic Gathering took place in church halls of High Street Presbyterian Church, Antrim. The event was organised by the Information and Support Committee and forty-seven lodges were represented.

On display was a comprehensive selection of Masonic memorabilia, provided mostly by RW Bro Basil French, W Bro Frank Elliott and W Bro Larry Tester. This display attracted much interest and consideration is being given to making the artefacts more accessible.



Top left – RW Bro Basil French with publications
Top right – W Bro Frank Elliott explains a point to RW Bro Bill Balmer (Provincial Assistant Grand Master)
Middle – A selection of jewels
Left – W Bro Elliott with the Provincial Grand Master

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In next month's Newsletter –

- *A full report on the Masonic Gathering*
- *Reports on other events and meetings*
- *A selection of photographs and commentaries*