



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

No 29 December 2015

125 years for Thomas Valentine Lodge XXI

Thomas Valentine Masonic Lodge No XXI celebrated 125 years on Wednesday 14 October in Crumlin Road Masonic Centre.



The meeting was well attended, including representatives from other Lodges in the Provinces of Antrim and Down.

RW Bro Robert Bashford, who was in attendance gave a presentation relevant to the history of the Lodge and provided these photographs.

For full details of his address, and access to a gallery of photographs visit

www.irishfreemasonry.com



Whiteabbey Masonic Centre Remembrance Group

“Remembering our fallen Masonic Brothers and Heroes since 1914”

A unique Remembrance Day Service, conducted by Rev Campbell B Dixon MA MBE, was held in the Whiteabbey Masonic Centre on 11 November 2015. This Act of Remembrance focused on the two World Wars and the part played by Freemasons. We remembered those whose lives, in wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We remembered in particular all those from Masonic Orders who have paid the supreme sacrifice and those who carry, or have carried, the scars of war for our liberty and freedom.

- The Act of Remembrance was spoken by Lt Col Harry Walker.
- The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler Corporal Philip Whiteside.
- The *Kohima Epitaph* and *In Flanders Fields* were said by Lt Col Walker.
- Ecclesiastes 3 vv1 – 8 were read by Helen Brooker.
- Matthew 5 vv1 – 12 were read by Ewell Crookes MBE.
- An inspiring address was given by Rev Campbell Dixon.
- The service concluded with the Lord’s Prayer, the National Anthem and the Blessing.
- Lt Col Walker acted as Master of Ceremonies and the Organist was Dr Norman Close.

After Dinner speakers were The Worshipful the Mayor of Antrim & Newtownabbey, Alderman Thomas Hogg, and Dr Ian Adamson OBE who spoke on the Masonic Holocaust. We were delighted to have with us the Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, accompanied by his Deputy and the Provincial Grand Secretary: we thank them wholeheartedly for their support.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for our 2015 charity, and we are pleased to report an outcome of £792. Our sincere thanks go to all who supported this event and who so kindly donated; and a special thanks to Whiteabbey Lodge of Past Masters No 993, without whom we simply could not have founded this group.

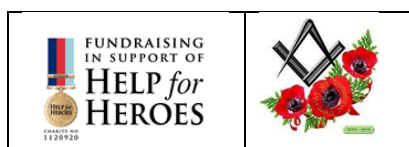
Photographs & original text from Geoff Houston, Honorary Secretary



RW Bro D Lyness (Provincial Deputy Grand Master), J Lofthouse (Chairman) & RW Bro J Dickson (Provincial Grand Master)



J Lofthouse (Chairman), Alderman T Hogg (Mayor) & Dr Ian Adamson OBE



LARNE & DISTRICT CHARITY COMMITTEE

Carol Service in 1st Cairncastle Presbyterian Church

Larne & District Charity Committee held their annual Carol Service on Thursday 10 December at 7.30pm in 1st Cairncastle Presbyterian Church. The service was conducted by the Minister, Rev Fiona Forbes, and well attended by Freemasons, families and friends. RW Bro Norman Carmichael presided at the organ and special music was provided by the Harlandic Male Voice Choir. Familiar carols were sung and the lessons were read by members from the various branches of Freemasonry represented in the Charity Committee. The collection realised over £800, which was shared equally by the Church for congregational purposes and by the Charity Committee for onward transmission to a Masonic Charity. At the conclusion of the service seasonal refreshments were served in the adjacent church hall.



Photographs and original text by RW Bro Robert Bashford. For a full account of the service, together with additional photographs, please visit www.irishfreemasonry.com

ROYAL LARNE LODGE No 615 VISIT DUBLIN



Members of **Royal Larne Lodge No 615** who held their November Communication in Dublin



Worshipful Master, W Bro Alan McKeown occupies the Chair in Molesworth Street Hall and welcomes to the Communication a visitor from Brazil, Bro Carlos Lemanski.