



Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim

NEWSLETTER

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ROYAL LARNE LODGE No 615

Last year the Brethren of Royal Larne Masonic Lodge held an 80s Night and realised the sum of £700 for the local branch of the Alzheimer's Society.



Northern Ireland Hospice Appeal

The situation in mid-February – the Freemasons of **ANTRIM** have raised over £19,000 for the Hospice and Provincial Grand Lodge is confident that the final amount will be in excess of £20,000.

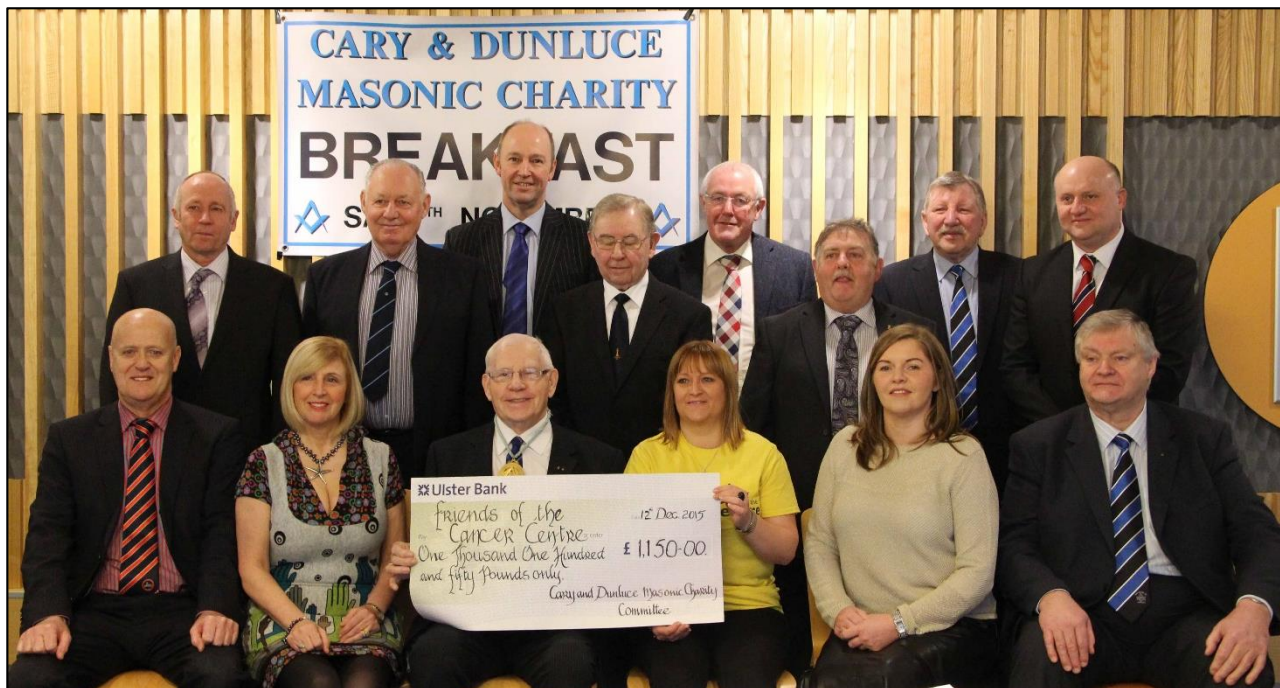
Thank you to all Lodges and Brethren who have contributed thus far.

The Hospice asked the question: ***Will the Freemasons of Ireland help us by funding the costs of equipping the bedrooms in the new Hospice?***

The answer is a resounding YES!!

CARY & DUNLUCE CHARITY COMMITTEE

Presentation of Cheque on 12 December, following Charity Breakfast



Friends of the Cancer Centre received £1150

50-year Jewel presented at St John's Masonic Lodge No 811, Lisburn



On 15 December, W Bro Fred Burns received his 50-year Jewel and Certificate from the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro John Dickson, in the presence of RW Bro Ivan Gillespie (Provincial Assistant Grand Master), Officers and Brethren of the Lodge.

PGM PRESENTS 60-YEAR BAR & CERTIFICATE



On 24 November the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro John Dickson, attended **Andrew Henderson Masonic Lodge No 512** in order to present a 60-year bar and jewel to W Bro Ken Gilmore, pictured here with the PGM and Worshipful Master, W Bro Stanley Henderson.

W Bro Gilmore was initiated into The Rev Samuel Cochrane Masonic Lodge No 413 on 05 December 1955, was passed on 05 March 1956 and raised on 04 June 1956. W Bro Gilmore affiliated to **Lodge 512** from Sidon Masonic Lodge No 275 on 27 March 1984. He was Worshipful Master of **Lodge 512** in 1992 and served as Secretary from 1993 to 1996.

W Bro Ken remains an active member of the Lodge: he rarely misses a Stated Communication or a meeting of the Board of Purposes. In addition, he is a strong supporter of Masonic Charities and plays a very active role at Lodge Festive Boards. He is also actively involved in the Social Club attached to Whiteabbey Masonic Centre.

The Brethren of the Province of Antrim extend their heartfelt sympathy to the **Most Worshipful the Grand Master** on the death of his wife. Words do not always come easily on occasions such as this, but we will remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

PRESENTATION TIME AT ABBEY LODGE 180



Abbey Masonic Lodge No 180 had the pleasure of receiving the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro David Lyness, at its January communication. He was presented with a cheque for **£330** in aid of the **NI Hospice appeal**. The Brethren of the Lodge had collected this donation following its annual charitable walk in memory of their esteemed Brother, W Bro Tommy Chambers who had sadly passed away in 2009. During his final days Tommy had received excellent care at the Hospice and because of this, and his son-in-law's own charitable work for the Hospice, it was good to have his son-in-law, W Bro John Mcilwaine, in attendance.

The lodge walk from Whiteabbey to Carrickfergus every year is always a great day out with fresh air and an Ulster Fry on the menu – but not necessarily in that order!!

During the presentation ceremony, RW Bro Lyness gave the lodge a succinct and informative update on the appeal and thanked the lodge for their donation, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren. Towards the end of the evening the Worshipful Master, W Bro Terry Moore, presented the Provincial Deputy Grand Master with a lodge tie and thanked

him for his attendance. In true 180 style the night finished with tea, cake and sandwiches downstairs in the lounge.

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