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Putting the best foot forward!

Tens of thousands of people enjoyed the annual Last Saturday demonstrations at five locations across Northern Ireland.

Approximately 17,000 members of the Institution took part in the demonstrations where 360 preceptories were on parade, accompanied by a similar number of bands.

The biggest demonstration was in Kilkeel, where

107 preceptories were on parade. There were also successful demonstrations in Banbridge, Newtownstewart, Portstewart and Lisburn. Large crowds turned out to enjoy the spectacle at all the locations. In Newtownstewart, 84 preceptories took part.

It was the first time since 2007 that all the Tyrone preceptories have taken part in one demonstration. This was to mark the 150th anniversary

of the formation of the County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter. Two districts from County Armagh also enjoyed the day in the Tyrone town.

The guest speaker was the Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr, who said it was undoubtedly one of the largest demonstrations of the year.

He said the numbers had been increased by the presence of members from Armagh, Cavan and Monaghan.

"This year marks an important milestone in the history of this county chapter and I am sure those who formed it all those years ago would never have envisaged so a successful day," he said.

"It has been a pleasure to come to this part of Tyrone and see so many people lined along the street and clearly enjoying the big event."

And the Sovereign Grand Master was full of praise for

all the work done by members of the Institution over the past year.

"We began this year with the sad news of the death of our former SGM Lord Molyneux," said Mr Farr.

"He would have been very proud of how much good work was done by members this year, both in our Christian outreach and our charity giving.

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Sir Knights from around the world attended the Imperial Grand Council in Cullybackey in June. The meeting was held in Cunningham Memorial Presbyterian Church Hall. Photo by Rowland White

Message from the Sovereign Grand Master



The summer of 2015 has been every bit as busy as we anticipated.

It has also been a very rewarding period for the Institution and all the work carried out by the Sir Knights.

The half-yearly meeting of the Grand Council took place in Cullybackey Presbyterian Church in June and was well attended by Sir Knights from all over the world. It was a wonderful occasion when we were able to share fellowship in the Reformed Faith.

The International Lecturers' Conference was held in Coleraine in September and this was another important event for the Institution.

Our parades this year were enjoyed

by tens of thousands of people. The annual Sham Fight at Scarva continues to grow in strength and a lot of people are involved in developing a unique day out for all the family. For those of you who have never been to the Sham Fight, I would really encourage you to come along in 2016. You will not be disappointed.

I had the pleasure of attending many parades and church services, all over Northern Ireland.

On the Last Saturday, I was able to enjoy the event in Newtownstewart when Tyrone really did put its best foot forward. An immense amount of planning had been done to mark the historic occasion – the 150th anniversary of the Institution in Tyrone.

It was a pleasure to take part in the procession as it made its way through the town, watched by thousands of people.

This year has been a successful one for the Institution but we cannot become complacent. We need to keep developing all aspects of our work. Our Christian outreach is central to everything we do and we must never lose sight of what is at our very core.

As we move forward, we give thanks for our Reformed Faith and hope that more people will come to know the teachings of the Holy Scripture.

Millar Farr
Sovereign Grand Master

The Mount Celebrate 50 Years



Members of The Mount RBP 289, Antrim, enjoying their 50th anniversary.

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Annalong celebrates 150 years



Most Wor. Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master presents 70 Year Jewels to Sir Knights Joe McKibbin and Robert Hamilton. Photos by Ingrid Perry.



Celebrating 150 years of RBP 34 at Annalong Orange Hall are L-R Sir Knights William Baillie WDM, John McKibbin Chap., Most Wor. Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Jeffrey McCullough Treas., Robert Gordon, Gerry Edgar DM and Billy Pue WM. Photos by Ingrid Perry



Officers pictured at the Arch in Annalong which has been changed to celebrate 150 years of RBP 34. Photos by Ingrid Perry.

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Ballymacarrett parade to mark VE Day

Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No4 held its annual district parade around East Belfast on Friday, 8th May, 2015 to mark the 70th Anniversary of VE Day.

Unfortunately the day saw very poor weather conditions but a reasonable turnout of Sir Knights alongside several bands still made the event a success.

The District has decided to adopt this anniversary as the date of its district parade from now on with next year's parade due to fall on Friday, 6th May, 2016.

Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No4 also rebranded its annual district service as a Protestant Martyrs service, moving the date to the first Sunday in May. The 2015 service took place on Sunday, 3rd May.

The Sunday afternoon saw a degree of sunshine which appeared just in time for the church parade. The turnout was reasonable and was led by the Albertbridge Accordion band which led the procession to Bloomfield Congregational Church.

Rev Frank Bennett gave a sermon

themed as Defenders of the Faith. This partly focused on Stephen as the first Christian Martyr and concluded with references to the Wigtown Martyrs.

This service was themed in remembrance of all Christian/Protestants Martyrs throughout history but with a particular emphasis on the Marian Martyrs of England in the 1500s, who were burnt alive, and the Scottish Covenanters of the 1600s. The date is loosely linked to the death of the two Margarets in Wigtown (Wigtown Martyrs) who were drowned on 11th May, 1685.

In addition to these parades, Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No4 Working Committee held a charity quiz in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall on Saturday, 25th April, 2015. It was a good night with Sir Knight Jim Crooks assisting as quiz master and Sir Knight Harry Whiteside opening the hall. Both Sir Knights deserve the thanks of the District Chapter which raised £200 for prostate cancer research. The District made this up to £300 taking part of the collection from its annual church service.



Photograph of Sir Knight Alex Kane with the RWDM, Officers and Sir Knights of The Lothians RBDC No.9 and Star of Edina RBP 728.

Longest serving knight honoured

District and preceptory officers from Lothian in Scotland visited the home of Sir Knight Alex Kane to present him with his Past District Master's Collarette, certificate and jewel. A fine buffet and refreshments were provided by the family members on the occasion.

Sir Knight Kane is the longest serving Sir Knight in RBP 728 and The Lothians RBDC No.9, having joined the Institution in the mid-1950s. He is one of the founding Sir Knights of the District Chapter which was officially opened on 13th June, 1958.

Sir Knight Kane has given stalwart service to the Institution and served as Worshipful Master of Star of Edina RBP 728 for many years and, until his recent ill health, was a regular attendee at preceptory meetings. At District level, Sir Knight Kane served as Deputy District Master for 17 years until he was elected Worshipful District Master in 2012. Due to ill health, Sir Knight Kane retired from office at the recent AGM of the District Chapter and was succeeded by his son, Sir Knight Harry Kane.

The RWDM, Officers and Sir Knights of the Lothians RBDC No.9 pay tribute to Sir Knight Alexander Kane for his loyal service to the Royal Black Institution in Edinburgh and the east of Scotland.



Sir Knight Alex Kane IPDM (front centre) has been recognised for his long service. He is pictured with (front row) Sir Knight Harry Kane RWDM and Sir Knight Cameron Thomson DDM. Back row (from left) Sir Knight Rev. Ray Williamson Chaplain, Sir Knight Shane Cameron Chief District Marshal, Sir Knight Scott A. Renwick District Registrar, Sir Knight Craig Boyd District FOC and WM RBP 728.

Sign up for Bannerfest

As part of their ongoing four year First World War remembrance programme, Killyman & District Cultural Group are planning a Banner Festival and Parade in Dungannon on Saturday, 18th June, 2016 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.



Northern Ireland Bannerfest 2016 will be a unique gathering and parade of banners, bannerettes, flags and standards from all over Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and further afield. The parade will be accompanied by selected bands to commemorate all those Loyal Sons of Ulster who served King and Country and those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Battle of the Somme.

NI Bannerfest 2016 is open to all Loyal Orders - The Royal Black Institution, Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland, Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, The Apprentice Boys of Derry and the colour

parties from marching bands widely associated with the Institutions.

Assembly will be at Lord Northland Memorial Park, Dungannon with a parade of the town.

Killyman & District Cultural Group is a committee under the remit of Killyman District LOL No1 and Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No1, County Tyrone. The group's aims are to promote, teach and enshrine the Protestant faith, heritage and culture.

Entry will be via a downloadable form and donations from the event will be made to local charities. Full event details and updates can be found on the website www.bannerfestni.co.uk

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Singing Martyrs' praise

The fittingly termed Martyrs Church in Paisley was the venue for the Gospel concert jointly hosted by the church and Rising Star of Paisley, Royal Black Preceptory 457.

The kirk is named in memory of James Algie and John Park both executed at Paisley on 3rd February 1685 for refusing to take the oath of Abjuration and laid down their lives for the cause of truth, they are now held in ever-honoured remembrance. The local Preceptory and the congregation have for a number of years work together on charitable outreach, fundraising and worship; however Saturday, 23rd May, was to prove the most audacious and most successful venture to date.

Including Sir Knights from across

Scotland, a large attendance welcomed Reverend William McCrea and the Calvary Trio to the church for over two hours of gospel praise. From the outset Reverend McCrea and the Calvary Trio had the audience singing and clapping along to old favourites and new. A highlight for many was when, at a request from Martyrs' Church Minister, Reverend Kenneth Mayne, William McRea sang solo 'I pledge allegiance to the Lamb' many a tear could be seen throughout the kirk from front pew to the rear.

RBP 457 and the Martyrs' Church Paisley look forward to a future together promoting the Reformed Christian faith happy in the knowledge of what has been achieved up until now.



Four Past Masters of RBP 457 with Reverend Kenneth Mayne and special guest, Reverend William McCrea, at the gospel concert.

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Reflections...



The Dad's Army of Israel

Reflections –
by Rev Ian McClean

Ever since I was a young boy I have always been fascinated with the account of how the 300 Israelites defeated 120,000 Midianites. But why it was the 300 who did not kneel that were chosen?

Some theories about watchfulness and readiness and refusing to kneel were offered, but to my mind they just didn't seem to fit in. Holding water in your hands isn't the natural way to drink. I just couldn't understand why all the soldiers didn't get down and drink from the stream, it always seemed so much easier, that is – until now!

Now that I have passed the threescore and ten years, if I get down on my hands and knees I have bother getting up again! That's it! God wanted Gideon to choose, not the fittest, but the least fit. Not the young, agile, athletic soldiers, but the arthritic geriatrics who, like myself would need a hand to get up from the floor – the Dad's Army of Israel! And that fits in with the whole passage – even with the whole of scripture.

God wanted to demonstrate to Israel, and to the world, that the salvation of Israel was to be brought about, not by human strategy or by the courage or skill or power of an army, but simply and solely by His own act through weak, fallible, unfit, even despised servants acting according to His own instructions. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit." Zechariah 4:6.

The salvation of Israel on that day is a living demonstration of what

the apostle Paul wrote almost 1,100 years later – "For it is by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8&9.

Our salvation is not obtained by anything we can do. Like Gideon's men, we are not fit to save ourselves, for we are all sinners – "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23.

But, as in Gideon's day, God has provided His own way of salvation. What is that way? He tells us, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

On the cross of Calvary, Jesus took the punishment for our sins. Our responsibility is to put our trust in Jesus. Again, as in Gideon's day, it may look utterly foolish to many, but it is His way. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." 1 Corinthians 1:18.

Toplady puts it clearly in the hymn which we so often sing:

*Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.*

How buying a tractor turned into a life-saving exercise

Sir Knight Jim Morton, PM of King David's Royal Knights RBP No. 443, in Primatial Royal Black District Chapter No. 4, has been hailed a hero after saving the life of a man who had become overcome by fumes during a farming accident in Canada.

Sir Knight Morton, originally from the Monaghan Road area of the city, has received an award from the Canadian Red Cross for using CPR to save the life of farmer, Nico Peeters.

On the day in question, Jim had travelled to Zurich Township to look at a tractor for sale but when he arrived at the property he knew something was wrong. He saw a foot sticking out through the hatch of a high moisture corn silo.

The foot belonged to the farm owner – Nico – who had gone into the hatch to investigate why corn had failed to come out. A build-up of gas from the fermentation of grain caused him to fall unconscious. Fortunately for Nico, Jim was on his way to look at the tractor that was for sale.



Hero Jim Morton and his family pictured at the presentation of the award from the Canadian Red Cross for saving the life of a man in Canada. The man whose life he saved, Nico, is on the left of the photograph with his wife and two daughters. Photo courtesy of CIHR-FM Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

He called the emergency services when he discovered Nico unconscious and pulled him from the hatch.

Jim started the tractor, reversed back, let him down onto the ground and then proceeded to do chest compressions and on about the sixth one, Nico started to breathe again.

Jim had received his CPR certificate from Red Cross 18 months

before the incident. Nico, a father of two young girls, claimed he would have been dead if Jim had missed the appointment to see the tractor.

Sir Knight Morton, along with his wife Daphne and two daughters and son, emigrated to the Woodstock area of Canada in 1999. He has made several trips back home since that time to be with family members and also join

with his fellow Sir Knights of RBP No.443 to demonstrate with them on the Last Saturday in August.

The current banner was unfurled by Jim's wife in 1984, when Sir Knight Morton was Worshipful Master of the Preceptory. RBP No. 443, encamped at Aghavilly, will celebrate its 70th Anniversary later this year.

Red Cross Night for Glenavy members

A Red Cross Degree night for Red Cross Volunteers RBP 286 Glenavy was held in The West Belfast Orange Hall, Shankill Road. They were guests of RBDC No 6 Belfast and Sons of Ulster RBP 375.

Sir Knights Richard Maitland and Jonathan Farrell received the Red Cross Degree along with Sir Knight James Stewart of RBP 375. The Lecturers were Sir Knights Stanley Bamford, George Taggart and Mervyn Bolton (Glenavy Lecture Class) and Sir Knights Sam Coulter and Tom Foster (Belfast No 6).

The Past Sovereign Grand Master, Most Wor. Sir Knight William Logan MBE gave an interesting talk on the history of the Royal Black Institution at the end of the meeting.



Glenavy RBP 286's Red Cross Night in West Belfast Orange Hall in March this year.

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A first for RBP 393



Members and guests of RBP 393, Encamped at the Birches, at their first monthly meeting at Brownlow House.

RBP 393, Encamped at the Birches, created a first in the preceptory's history when they held their first monthly meeting in Brownlow House, since their warrant was issued in 1884, Lurgan.

Altogether 40 members, including guests, travelled to Lurgan and had a most enjoyable meeting held in the Cushnie Room.

One item of special business conducted was the presentation of a 60 Year Bar to Worshipful Sir Knight Joe Verner. Worshipful Sir Knight Joe joined the Institution on 21st January, 1955 and since then has served the Royal Black Institution in an exemplary fashion. He has served in the Offices of this Preceptory at 1st Censor 1986-1987, Worshipful Master 1996-1998 and Treasurer from 1998 to date, all with distinction.

His Grandfather, Worshipful Sir Knight William J Verner, was one of the signatories on the Warrant of RBP 393, issued in May 1884.



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Installation of District Officers in Rathfriland



The installation of district officers took place at a meeting of Rathfriland RBDC No7 held in Closkelt Orange Hall. Rt. W. Sir Knt. Trevor Hawthorne, CGM assisted by Sir Knt. Colin Cunningham, DCGM elect, installed Sir Knt. Sammy Heenan as WDM and Sir Knt. Clifton Quinn as DDM. Front row, from left, are Sir Knt. Harold Henning, PDM, Sir Knt. Clifton Quinn, DDM, Rt. W. Sir Knt. Trevor Hawthorne, CGM, Sir Knt. Sammy Heenan, WDM, Sir Knt. Norman Dewart, Iveagh RBDC No1, Sir Knt. Colin Cunningham, DCGM elect. Back row District Officers and visiting Sir Knights who attended the installation.

New warrant issued in Donegal



The warrant of new preceptory - RBP 414 - being handed over to the first Worshipful Master, Sir Knight David Mahon, by the Worshipful District Master of South Donegal RBDC No3, Worshipful Sir Knight Thompson Anderson and the County Grand Master of County Fermanagh Grand Black Chapter, R.W. Sir Knight Robert Dane, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master. Also included are Sir Knights William Anderson, Chaplain RBP 414, John Trimble, Worshipful District Master, Enniskillen Royal Black District Chapter No1, Fred Crawford, County Grand Registrar, County Fermanagh Grand Black Chapter, David Perry, Deputy Master, RBP 414 and David R. Mahon, Registrar RBP 414.

Happy 90th birthday Herbert!



Sir Knight Herbert McDowell cutting the birthday cake presented to him by the Sir Knights of RBP 994 on his 90th birthday.

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Members pictured at a meeting of Killyman Temperance RBP 511 at Brownlow House to mark its 125th anniversary.

Killyman RBP 511 marks 125 years

Killyman Temperance RBP 511 celebrated its 125th anniversary by having a meeting in the Cushnie Room of Brownlow House.

SGM Sir Knight Millar Farr was present along with CGM Sir Knight William Abernethy and Sir Knights from sister preceptory, Killyman Shield of Faith RBP 35.

The preceptory was formed in June 1890. Its first WM was Sir Knight Rev EF Campbell, rector of Killyman Parish at that time. Sir Knight Rev Campbell was instrumental in setting up the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Orphan's Society which, to this day, continues to support widows

and orphans of the institution.

The first registrar was Sir Knight RD Greeves who held that office for almost 60 years. Sadly his grandson Sir Knight Eric Greeves was murdered leaving work in Armagh on 15th December 1972.

From the initial roll, two families remain until this day - that of Douglas and Gallagher. Sir Knight Thomas Douglas, a grand-nephew of original member Sir Knight George Douglas, is the present WM and he is assisted by Sir Knight Uel Eakin as DM.

Three members - Sir Knights David Blair, John Hadden and Neville Campbell - have given over 60 years of service.



Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr presenting a certificate of recognition to Will Patterson, who has stood down as Killyman district treasurer after 23 years of service.



Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr presenting a Past Master's certificate and jewel to Richard Emerson, who served as WDM of Killyman District for five years.

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Tributes to Lord Molyneux

Many tributes have paid to the life and work of Lord Molyneux, since his death a few months ago.

Special tributes were paid to the former Sovereign Grand Master of the Institution at the Imperial Grand Council, which was held in Cullybackey at the end of June.

His close friend, William Logan, the Past Imperial Sovereign Grand Master, described Lord Molyneux as a decent man.

"He was a true friend to so many of us here today and we all mourn his passing," said Mr Logan. "Jim, as he preferred to be known, had a total dedication to Ulster and the welfare of its people. This was evident from the long and unselfish service to the community for which he cared deeply."

"This commitment to others was founded in his strong, yet simple, Christian faith. Everyone with whom he came into contact was treated with the same level of respect and consideration, irrespective of their position or standing in the community."

"He was equally at ease in the House of Lords as he was in a meeting in a village hall anywhere in the country."

"His strong Christian commitment to help and support others was reinforced by the horrors he witnessed at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. He was among the first members of the British forces who entered and liberated that camp."

"It was an experience that stayed with him throughout his life."

"We in the Royal Black Institution are more than aware of the dedicated service he gave as our Sovereign Grand Master from 1971 until 1998. He was an inspirational leader and an example of all the best qualities of a true Christian Sir Knight."

Mr Logan said that Lord Molyneux's life of service to others, in the public and political sphere, was well documented.

His massive contribution to Ulster and to the British nation was publicly recognised when he was given a Knighthood in 1996 and then in 1997 he was elevated to the House of Lords.

"Whilst these honours were rightly conferred on him, Jim Molyneux remained true and loyal to his roots," went on Mr Logan. "As a proud Sir Knight in Diamond Star of Peace RBP 274, Encamped at Killead, he progressed through the Royal Black Institution resulting in his presiding over and guiding our Institution with great wisdom and vision for 27 years,

as our Sovereign Grand Master."

Also speaking at the Imperial Grand Council, Rev. William Hoey, Imperial Deputy Grand Chaplain, described Lord Molyneux as courteous, respectful, friendly, godly and God-fearing.

"He was one of the most unassuming and unchanging men I have ever known, both in nature and temperament," Rev. Hoey said.

And he continued, "The members of his family circle could testify to that, as could multitudes of others, from the various Loyal Orders or from the Houses of Parliament, not forgetting the many people, friends, neighbours and constituents that he cared about."

"I believe it was Jim's faith in God, and his commitment to the things of God that enabled him and spurred him on to do what he did in the service of his Master."

Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr said that Lord Molyneux had been SGM for 27 years.

"Those were difficult years for Northern Ireland and our Institution and he managed to steer a safe course through those troubled waters, which kept us clear of controversy or becoming embroiled in the hurly-burly of politics," he said.

"But there was more to him than just being SGM. He served in various offices at Preceptory and District level and he was County Grand Master of County Antrim Grand Black Chapter."

"He fitted all this into a busy schedule which saw him devote a considerable amount of time to his Church, St Catherine's, Killead which he seldom missed when he was in full health and when present he was to be found in the choir."

He was a man who gave a lifetime of service in many spheres of life.

"A quiet individual, efficient in all that he did, soft spoken but when he had something to say you heard it and you listened."

"My abiding memory is his ability to make those to whom he spoke feel they were the most important person in that room and the ability to make them feel totally at ease. This Institution has lost a wonderful leader, a true Sir Knight and each of us a true friend."

Speaking at a Memorial Service in Westminster, Lord Eames said the times in which Lord Molyneux exercised responsibility and political leadership were years of terrorism and suffering and the fracturing of the structures of normal society.

The Troubles were the tapestry



before which both acknowledgement and criticism of his political life must be measured. Ordinary political engagements were dominated by the violence that brought their own collective as well as personal cost.

"Physical danger stalked the lives of those who accepted public office at any level," said Lord Eames. "Anxiety for the safety of individual politicians and their families was widespread. Proposals for a better and just society were often a luxury when all that seemed to count was survival and the maintenance of cultural identity."

"Public opinion was suspicious of anything, no matter how well intended, that could be regarded as a sell-out of one community to another. Any leader who ignored such raw emotion did so at their peril. Caution was frequently the guiding principle. Just some of the context in which today we must judge the role of Jim Molyneux."

For him, basic unionism called for vehement and consistent defence of the Union between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. Anything which could be interpreted as a threat to that relationship was anathema.

"From that platform stemmed all his political outlook and from it stemmed his alliances and political relationships," Lord Eames continued. "Lord Molyneux led his party from 1979 to 1995 through the most difficult and tumultuous periods in the recent history of his province. He lived under genuine threat of physical attack and, in fact, survived two assassination attempts in one day in October 1982."

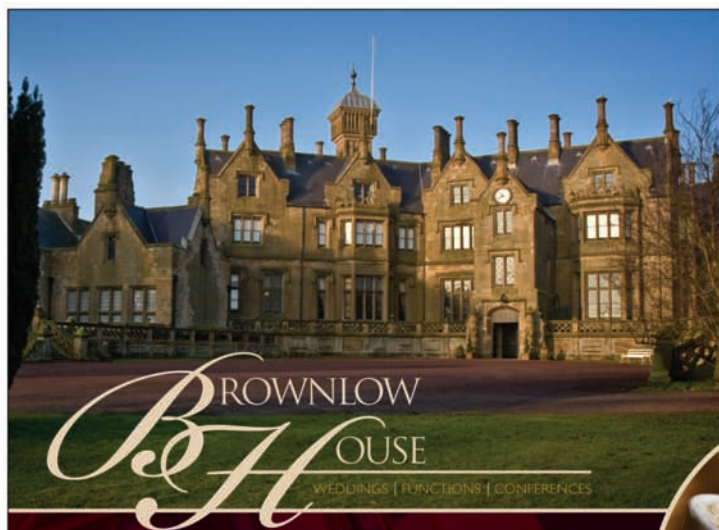
"In his declining years he continued to regard Westminster with reverence and respect. Until weakness overcame him he was rarely absent from his seat in the Lords. It is so appropriate that it is in the Palace of Westminster we remember the life of Jim Molyneux – his contributions to the province he genuinely loved and we remember his friendship."

"My friends you will each have your own memories and judgement of Jim Molyneux. Let our appreciation of his life and worth take account of the times in which he lived. Let our judgement remember the demands of that time and let our criticism and reservation be tinged with that knowledge and with mercy."

Timely presentation in Bangor



Members of Bangor District No.13 in North Down were on time to present a £700 cheque towards the restoration of Bangor Abbey clock which, after 180 years, has been cleaned and the mechanism fully automated. The Abbey, which is one of the most important Christian sites in Ireland, was founded by Saint Comgall around 558 but was burned in 1572. However, it was rebuilt by Sir James Hamilton between 1617 and 1623. The first Protestant minister in Bangor was Scotsman John Gibson who was appointed Dean of Down in 1609. Pictured presenting the cheque are (from left) Deane Brian Moller, Paul Shaw, Deputy District Master William Harris, Nigel Manley (all Ballykeel RBP 784), Canon Ronnie Nesbitt (Bangor Abbey), Worshipful District Master Norman Espie (Bangor RBP 542), David Doherty (Bangor RBP 1104) and Eric Turkington (RBP 542). Deane Moller began the appeal in memory of his late wife.



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Andy Allan, Founding member of 'AAVS' pictured with Rt. Wor. Sir Knight Trevor Hawthorne, County Grand Master, and Wor. Sir Knight Colin Cunningham, Deputy County Grand Master (elect).



Presenting a cheque to Andy Allen, AAVS are (from left) Sir Knight Phil Colmer, Deputy District Master, Sir Knight Nigel Bloomer, District Treasurer, Sir Knight Alan Brownlee, District Chaplin, Sir Knight James McKibbin, District Registrar and Sir Knight Fergus Woods, Wor. District Master.

Lecale support for Veterans

Lecale Royal Black District Chapter No.2 held their annual District Church service in Killyleagh in July.

The Sir Knights paraded to Killyleagh First Presbyterian Church led by Crossgar Young Defenders Flute Band where the service was conducted by Reverend H Higgins.

Accompanying the Sir Knights of Lecale was Andy Allen, a former soldier who had been seriously injured while serving in Afghanistan.

On their return to Killyleagh Orange Hall, cheque presentations were made to Andy Allan, founding member of the AA Veterans Support Charity. Based in Northern Ireland, the aim of the

charity is to make provision for help and support for veterans and their families.

On behalf of County Down Grand Black Chapter the Rt. Wor. Sir Knight Trevor Hawthorne, County Grand Master presented a cheque amounting to £1,000. Subsequently, Wor. District Master for Lecale, Sir Knight Fergus Woods, presented Andy with a further cheque for £400 on behalf of Lecale District.

In his address, Andy expressed his sincere gratitude for the unwavering support shown to 'AAVS' by the Royal Black Institution within County Down both at County and District level.



Lecale Royal Black Chapter No.2 presented a cheque for £1,000 to Andy Allen, founding member of AA Veterans Support Charity. In the photograph are back row (from left) District Chaplin, Alan Brownlee; District Registrar, James McKibbin; Worshipful County Grand Master, Trevor Hawthorne; County Grand Treasurer, Tom Smyth; Deputy County Grand Registrar, Colin Cunningham; and District Treasurer, Nigel Bloomer. Front row (from left) Worshipful District Master, Fergus Woods; Andy Allen, AA Veterans Support Charity; and Deputy District Master Phillip Colmer.

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Scripture quiz winners

The City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter '2015' Scripture Quiz presentation event was held in conjunction with the CGC 'Black Booklet' launch, in Belfast Orange Hall, Clifton Street, in the Arch Room in May.

Sir Knight Alan McIntosh, City Grand Treasurer and quiz convenor, presented the winners - Aaron Peden, JL0L33, and Sasha Erwin, Tyndale Reformed Church, and runner-up, McCauley Scott, Tyndale Reformed Church. They attended the presentation along with their parents/guardians.

Both winners each received a scripture shield, with their names inscribed, as well as a framed certificate of merit, a Bible and £25 prize money each. The runner up received a certificate of merit and a Bible.

The children were commended by Sir Knight Alan McIntosh for their achievements.



Wor Sir Knight William Hughes, PDM No3 RBDC, presents Wor Sir Knight and Brother John McMurran, Chairman of City of Belfast Loyal Orange Widows Fund, with a cheque for £150.



Wor Sir Knight Ed Spence, Booklet Convenor, presents the inaugural book to Deputy City Grand Master Wor Sir Knight Spencer Beattie.



Wor Sir Knight Eric Morrison, WDM No5 RBDC, presents Wor Sir Knight Mervyn Bishop, with a cheque for £150 for Lord Enniskillen Memorial Fund.



Wor Sir Knight Thomas Boyd, WDM No4 RBDC, presents Wor Sir Knight Ronald Walker, Chairman of City of Belfast Black Benvelont Fund, with a cheque from the proceeds of the annual services held by the City Grand Chapter.



Wor Sir Knight Alan McIntosh, Convenor of the Annual Scripture Quiz, presents the Aaron Peden with a shield, £25 prize money and an inscribed Bible for winning the Scripture Quiz.



Wor Sir Knight Alan McIntosh, Convenor of the Annual Scripture Quiz, presents Sasha Erwin with a shield, £25 prize money and an inscribed Bible for winning the Scripture Quiz.



Wor Sir Knight Alan McIntosh, Convenor of the Annual Scripture Quiz, presents the runner-up prize to McCauley Scott, along with an inscribed Bible.

Putting the best foot forward

Continued from Page 1

We raised a tremendous £85,000 for Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Bible Society and that money will make a big difference to people who need it.

"Our parades were also very well organised this year and our showpiece - the Sham Fight at Scarva - is now being recognised for the significant event that it has

become.

"We welcomed many visitors to our Imperial Grand Council in Cullybackey and members posed for a lovely photograph in the Presbyterian Church, appropriately with the Molyneux Mace in its rightful place in front of us.

"The institution is going from strength to strength and there is a vibrancy that is very exciting."

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Annual parade in Castlederg

Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No6 held their annual parade and anniversary service in Castlederg Methodist Church in August

The parade assembled in the Albert Street car-park in the command of Sir Knight Alastair Patterson and marched to the church led by the pipes and drums of Killen Pipe Band.

Rev Sam Livingstone, Minister of Castlederg Methodist Circuit, extended a warm welcome and conducted the service.

The scripture lessons were read by Sir Knight Jim Emery, Lay Chaplain of the district and Mr Livingstone and the offering for the Sovereign Grand Master's Charity Appeal was taken up by visiting County Fermanagh Sir Knights Addison Stevenson, Registrar of Tubrid Royal Marksman R.B.P. No.1235 and Sir Knight Elmer Johnston, a member of Pride of Drummully, RBP No.811.

At the conclusion of the service Sir Knight Harry Monteith, District Master, proposed the vote of thanks to all who made the arrangements for the service. The district standard bearer was Sir Knight Stevan Patterson. The organist was Mrs Vivien Clarke.

After the service the parade reformed and paraded the Main Street and dispersed in the car-park.

Designated Charity



From left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Stephen Foster, Imperial Deputy Grand Registrar, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Kenny Hull, County Antrim Deputy Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Rev. Tom Greer, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master, special guest Maud Kells, a Northern Ireland missionary who was shot and injured in the Democratic Republic of Congo and was flown home by Mission Aviation Fellowship, and George Arthur, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



From left, John Doherty, Bible Society, David Livingstone, Imperial grand treasurer, Robert H. Diffin, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Rev. William Anderson, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, William Scott, Armagh County Grand Master and Imperial Grand Registrar and Samuel Gardiner, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Joe Morton, Cavan County Deputy Grand Master, Henry Jordan, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Henry Latimer, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship and William Maguire. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



From left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Mervyn Reilly, Eric Mackarel, County Monaghan Grand Master, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, MAF, Esmond Graham and Bertie Latimer. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left: Brian Hunter, Jonathan Kerr, Sam Kerr, John Scott and Paul Shaw. Front row. John Doherty, Bible Society, Richard Moore, Robert Campbell, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, William Curry and Peter Craig. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



From left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Thomas Hefferon, City of Belfast Grand Master, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Rev. Martin Smyth, Imperial Deputy Grand Chaplain, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Christopher Cunningham and Alan McIntosh. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left, back row: John Doherty, Bible Society, Colin Cunningham, Allen Gamble, Mervyn Kernaghan and Lenny Patience. Front row, Trevor Hawthorne, County Down Grand Master, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Raymond Adams, Imperial Grand Chaplain and William Hobson. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph are from left, John Doherty, Bible Society, Noel Erskine, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Richard Emerson, Tyrone Deputy County Grand Master. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye

Appeal raises £85,000!

The Designated Charity Appeal has raised £85,000 to support two Christian charities working in war-torn South Sudan.

The Institution's 2014/15 charity appeal supported the Bible Society in Northern Ireland and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). The money will be used to send Bibles to Christians in South Sudan and bring humanitarian aid to remote communities.

Mission Aviation Fellowship is an international Christian aviation organisation, operating in 25 developing countries. Using dirt, grass and mountain airstrips, MAF provides a lifeline of essential medical care, food and water supplies, relief teams and church workers to some of the poorest people in the world.

The Bible Society in Northern Ireland works in partnership with its sister society in South Sudan as part of a worldwide fellowship that serves 200 countries, bringing Bibles to local people in their own language.

John Doherty has conveyed thanks on behalf of the Bible Society in Northern Ireland and the Bible Society of South Sudan for the gift from the Royal



The special guest at the presentation of the cheque was Cookstown missionary Maud Kells OBE. Maud experienced the support of MAF at first hand after being shot while working in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She was flown out of the country in a MAF plane and was delighted to be able to attend the presentation ceremony. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye

Black to support the Trauma Healing project that is being co-ordinated from Juba in South Sudan.

"The Bible Society has made a three-year commitment to this project which is providing an opportunity for

victims of violence to tell their story, study God's Word and receive a personal copy of the Bible for use in their family," he said. "This vital work in South Sudan could not be sustained without this help and both Societies are deeply

"This vital work in South Sudan could not be sustained without this help"

grateful."

Jeremy Abbott, Head of Partnership Development at MAF UK said they were delighted to receive donation from the Royal Black Institution.

"Without the ongoing support of individual donors and organisations such as the Royal Black Institution, we simply would not be able to maintain our life-transforming service to remote and impoverished communities in the developing world," he said.

"We are therefore very grateful for the hard work undertaken by the Royal Black Preceptories in raising this fantastic amount of money which will enable us to bring help, hope and the good news of the Gospel to this war-torn nation."



Pictured at the presentation of the cheque from the Grand Master's Appeal are from left, David Livingstone, Imperial Grand Treasurer, John Doherty, Bible Society, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship and William Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Robert Dane, Country Grand Master of Fermanagh, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Fred Crawford, Fermanagh County Grand Master. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left, back row, John Doherty, Bible Society, John Smyth, John Magowan and Robert Boyd. Front row, Trevor Hawthorne, County Down Grand Master, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Mervyn Proctor and Brian Hunter. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



In the photograph at the presentation of the cheque, are from left: John Doherty, Bible Society, Ivan Kelly, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master, William Knox, Imperial Deputy Grand Registrar, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Colin Davies, Mission Aviation, Gareth Campbell, Imperial Deputy Grand Treasurer, David Hay, Co Londonderry County Grand Master and Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye

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Unique spectacle of pageantry on parade in Scarva



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The Sham Fight at Scarva is firmly established as one of the major events on the Northern Ireland cultural and tourism calendar - and key public bodies are now supporting the event to make it an even bigger family friendly day out.

The annual clash between King William and King James and the massive procession through the beautiful village attracts between 80,000 and 100,000 people.

This year funding was secured from the Department of Trade and Enterprise/Tourism Northern Ireland, the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council and the Ulster Scots Agency.

The Enterprise, Trade and Investment Minister, Jonathan Bell, MLA, spoke at the launch of the event in Scarva on the evening of Thursday, June 18.

He said, "I welcome the opportunity to officially launch the Sham Fight at Scarva - the biggest one-day event at a single location in Northern Ireland. It is an amazing occasion packed with music and pageantry, a day the whole family can enjoy and an event that attracts tens of

thousands of spectators from near and far. The continued success of the event is a huge credit to the organisers and I am pleased that my department, through Tourism NI, has been able to support them this year."

The extra funding given to the organisers this year was used to provide more stewards who will help manage the massive crowds attending the Sham Fight.

The WM of RBP 1000, Sandy Heak, said, "We have been working very hard over the past few years to develop the Sham Fight. This year we have been able to secure extra funding from a range of bodies and that will definitely make our job a lot easier. I want to thank everyone who worked with us to get the funding and those bodies who have supported us."

The Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, Millar Farr, said, "The Sham Fight is a truly wonderful family occasion. As a Christian based organisation, the religious service is extremely important to our members. The procession to the field, through thousands of people lining the village streets, is a unique spectacle of music and pageantry."

"And the actual re-enactment of the famous battle always attracts attention. This is about history coming alive, to be enjoyed by everyone."

2015 RESOLUTIONS

FAITH RESOLUTION

As we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of VE Day, we remember with pride those who fought and died to bring peace to a troubled world.

As a Christ-centred and Bible-based organisation we remember the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary in giving His life to bring peace to troubled lives and a troubled world. In response to His amazing sacrifice we call upon the Sir Knights of the Royal Black Institution to remain committed to the teaching of the Bible and in particular Micah chapter 6 verse 8 - "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God".

We further encourage all Sir Knights to promote in their homes and communities the message of hope and peace that is found through trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

LOYALTY RESOLUTION

As Royal Black Sir Knights, we reaffirm our loyalty to our Sovereign Lady, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose reign continues to set a wonderful example of commitment and service in a difficult world.

This year the Royal Black Institution rejoices in the birth of Princess Charlotte. We pay tribute to her parents, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as they continue to be an example for family life.

Today we re-affirm our loyalty with enthusiasm - God Save the Queen!.

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION

This year marks the 325th anniversary of the Williamite Wars which changed the course of history in Europe. This laid the foundation for British democracy which, in the Act of Settlement, has provided a pattern for democracies worldwide.

As Royal Black Knights, we re-affirm our commitment to the principles and structures of democracy.

We are encouraged that the United Kingdom remains unchanged, but we must not become complacent. We call today on all our supporters and Governments to ensure the union of our four great countries continues to strengthen and flourish, for the benefit of all our people.

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VIP Reception Party at Scarva House. Rowland White/PressEye



Whitewater Pipe Band from Newtownhamilton. Rowland White/PressEye



RBP 1133 on parade at Scarva Day. Rowland White/PressEye



RBP No 402 proudly stepping out at Scarva. Rowland White/PressEye



Crowds flocking off the train from Portadown. Rowland White/PressEye



The Drummers who entertained a large crowd in the field. Rowland White/PressEye



Members of RBP 1000 and some of the re-enactors at the launch of this year's Sham Fight. Rowland White



Sandy Heak and Norman Whitten from RBP 1000 about to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Scarva. Rowland White/PressEye



Finance Minister Arlene Foster paid a visit to Scarva and met the Imperial Grand Black Master, Millar Farr. Rowland White/PressEye



William (John Adair) and James (Brian Johnston) get into action. Rowland White/PressEye



Aughnagurgan RBP 658. Rowland White/PressEye



Roughen Silver Band. Rowland White/PressEye



Ex-Stormont DRD Minister Danny Kennedy MLA beating the base drum for Tullyvalen Silver Band. Rowland White/PressEye



Visiting marchers. Rowland White/PressEye



RBP's 267 & 502 on Parade at Scarva. Rowland White/PressEye



The head of the County Fermanagh procession in Maguiresbridge in August. Photo by Mark Johnston.

Maguiresbridge hosts Fermanagh demonstration

Service and sacrifice were the themes of the speech delivered by the Sovereign Grand Master, Millar Farr, at the Fermanagh demonstration in Maguiresbridge in August.

Members of the Institution turned out in force for the event which saw a wonderful parade stream through this picturesque setting.

After appealing to members within the Institution to set a Christian example to young people who are presented with decreasing ethical and moral standards, the Grand Master spoke of forthcoming events where the core message coming through is of service and sacrifice.

He said, "By way of example, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, the day on which the conflict on this continent ended. This was only achieved by the service of men and women in the Armed Forces and the sacrifice was where many of them gave their lives to achieve that goal.



Braving the rain at the County Fermanagh demonstration. Photo by Mark Johnston.



Drumharvey Pipe Band on parade at the County Fermanagh demonstration in Maguiresbridge. Photo by Mark Johnston.

"Those people were found not wanting in the challenge they faced and by their actions they brought peace and stability to a troubled world.

"While this happened only 75 years ago we need to go back two thousand years to see where service

and sacrifice brought victory on an even larger scale. That victory was brought about by one man, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through his death on the Cross at Calvary.

"That was a victory over sin achieved by Jesus where,

because of his love for all, he took our sins from us so that if we believed and trusted in him we could have everlasting life. The benefit of that victory is there two thousand years later if we want to accept it and it too can bring peace to a troubled world and

to troubled people.

"Each one present here today has a duty and a moral responsibility to set an example for others to follow, so many more people can experience that peace through a life lived in accordance with God's wishes."



Sir Knights of Lisnaskea True Blues. Photo by Mark Johnston.

Annual parade in Bangor is another gro



Setting the right note for the Lurgan District parade in Bangor on July 14. Photo by Collette Dobson



Members of RBP 176 – one of the 12 preceptories on parade in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson



Eight bands joined the preceptories from Lurgan District for their annual parade in Bangor on July 14. Photo by Collette Dobson



Striding out – members of RBP 189 – on parade in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson



Lurgan District No. 2 on their annual parade in Bangor on July 14. Photo by Collette Dobson



There was plenty of good music for the spectators to enjoy at the July 14th Parade in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson

Bangor by Lurgan District Great success ...



Sir Knights from Lurgan District on their annual parade in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson

**...We do like to be
beside the seaside!**



Members of RBP 353 enjoying the sunshine in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson



Members of RBP 108 on parade in Bangor. Photo by Collette Dobson



A splash of colour from the bands which took part in the Bangor parade. Photo by Collette Dobson

MP Visits Brownlow House



The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, Ben Wallace MP, pictured during a visit to Brownlow House. Mr Wallace, a former soldier who served in Northern Ireland, is pictured with Billy Scott, Grand Registrar and Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master.



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THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- KILKEEL, NEWTOWNSTEWART, LISBURN & PORTSTEWART -



THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- KILKEEL -



Pride of the Hill, Rathfriland on parade.



RBP 34



Young and old stepped out in Kikeel!



RBP 290



The Skirl of the pipes was also on show.



Members of RBP 284 on parade

Photos by Collette Dobson



RBP 508



A Sword Bearer from RBP 208



Enjoying the parade in Kilkeel.



On parade in Kilkeel.

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- KILKEEL -



Banbridge District Chapter No. 6



RBP 451



County Down District Officers



RBP 95



Worshipful District Master of Mourne laying a wreath at the cenotaph.



RBP 208



District Officers paying their respects at the cenotaph.



Enjoying a well earned Ice Cream at the Kilkeel parade.

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- NEWTOWNSTEWART -



RBP 393. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



Standard Bearer for Killylea Young Defenders. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 82. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 264 with banner flying high. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 979. Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 393 Photo by Rowland White/Presseye

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- NEWTOWNSTEWART -



Through the Co Tyrone countryside. Photo by Rowland White/PressEye



Tom Hopps tuning up for Crozier Memorial. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 882. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



RBP 711. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye



Co Tyrone leading the way down Main Street. Photo by Rowland White/Presseye

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- LISBURN -

New banner for Beaconsfield Chosen Few RBP 14 gets its first 'Last Saturday' airing



Beaconsfield Chosen Few RBP No 14 pictured prior to giving their new banner it's first 'Last Saturday' airing at the County Antrim Grand Black Chapter Demonstration in Lisburn on Saturday 29th August. Included (front row) are Sir Knights - Tommy Cregan (Treasurer), Trevor Kirk (Deputy Master), Jeffrey Donaldson MP, Dicky Griffin (Worshipful Master), Maurice Kirkwood (Chaplain), Rodney Lockhart (Registrar) and Ronald Kelly (Foreman of Committee).



Beaconsfield Chosen Few RBP No 14 pictured giving their new banner it's first 'Last Saturday' airing at the County Antrim Grand Black Chapter Demonstration in Lisburn on Saturday 29th August.



Sir Knights Trevor Kirk (Deputy Master), Dicky Griffin (Worshipful Master) and Jeffrey Donaldson MP, members of Beaconsfield Chosen Few RBP No 14 pictured prior to giving their new banner it's first 'Last Saturday' airing at the County Antrim Grand Black Chapter Demonstration in Lisburn on Saturday 29th August.

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- LISBURN -



Ballymena Royal Black Chapter District No2 colour party on parade. GB3657D



Sir Knights John and Adrian Surgenor of RBP 1109 having a break during the Royal Black parade. GB3655D



Sir George White Memorial flute band on parade. GB3659D



Loyal Son's of William Ahoghill. GB3658D



Stephen Calderwood of Ballycraigy Auld Boy's with his son Saul. GB3654D



Fenagh accordion band pictured the Royal Black parade. GB3656D

THE LAST SATURDAY 2015

- PORTSTEWART -



Some of the Sir Knights of Coleraine LOL 212 from left: Christopher Steele, Edwin Irwin, Gareth Steele, Lenny McMullan, Thomas McCracken, Mark Callaghan, Mervyn Adams, James Irwin, Jim Steele, Alistair Rankin, Jeffrey Stirling, Drew Millan, Rev. Joseph Andrews, and Robert Hanna. wk36038mb



Gortagilly Flute Band, Moneymore's attractive standard bearers pictured at Saturday's Royal Black Demonstration in Portstewart, were Rachael Anderson, Diane Campbell, Chloe Lennox, Nicola Pickering and Melissa Pickering. wk36053mb



Sir Knights of Garvagh RBP 504 pictured at Saturday's Royal Black Demonstration in Portstewart are from left: Sir Knight Basil Moore, Sir Knight Jackie Forgrave, Sir Knight Robert Moore and Sir Knight Uel Dougherty. wk36059mb



Sir Knights of Ballywillan RBP 157 pictured waiting for the start of proceedings at Saturday's Royal Black Demonstration in Portstewart. wk36065mb

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Sir Knights of RBP 237 and 143 pictured during Saturday's Royal Black Institution Demonstration in Portstewart. wk36074mb



Rededication of 100-year-old Macosquin Hall

The Loyal Orders combined to celebrate the centenary of Macosquin Orange Hall in June.

Bro. Mark Kelly WDM welcomed lodges and preceptories to the village of Macosquin for the rededication of the Richardson Memorial Orange Hall, also the unfurling of new banners for Macosquin LOL 310 and Macosquin Smith's Defenders RBP 256. Reverend Cannon Michael Roemmele rededicated the Richardson Memorial Orange Hall to mark its centenary.

The two new banners were commissioned with local artist William Magowan of Garvagh.

Macosquin LOL 310 had their banner unfurled by Most Worshipful



Bro. Reverend Alistair Smyth PDGM and Bro. Ivan Kelly PCGM dedicating it.

Macosquin Smith's Defenders RBP 256 had their banner unfurled by Most Worshipful Sir Knight W.

Millar Farr SGM and Sir Knight George Blair PM dedicated it.

A vote of thanks was then expressed by Bro Darren Gaston WM/PDM LOL 310 to all and this was seconded by Sir Knight Kenneth Hutchinson WM RBP 256. After the ceremonies, Macosquin First Flute Band and Ballinteer Flute Band led all in a parade through the village.

The event was very well supported with Grand Lodge, Imperial Black, County and Districts of both Orders represented. There were also a large number of members present from local lodges and preceptories through to those from Ballymena, Ballymoney, Belfast, Castlerock, Coleraine, Garvagh, Kilrea, Limavady and Magherafelt.

Dedicated Sir Knight dies

It is with deepest regret that the RWM and Sir Knights of RBP 795 Dunfermline record the passing of Sir Knight and Bro Kenneth Bedborough on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at the age of 69.

A dedicated member, Kenny served with distinction in various offices and was a Past Master of RBP 795 and LOL 265. The funeral service was held in Cairneyhill Parish Church, the service being conducted by the Rev Alec Shuttleworth.

The Preceptory extends its condolences to his wife Jean, daughters Fiona, Hazel and Shona, and all the family.



The installation of officers of Primatial Royal Black District Chapter No 4. Front row (from left) Sir Knights Rev W Hoey, W H Scott I G Reg, Keith Foster DDM, M Farr SGM, G Wakenshaw D M W, Abernethy C G M County Tyrone and R Emerson D C M Co Tyrone. Back Row (from left) Sir Knights Rev J Batchelor D Chaplain, I Berry D Treas, S Beattie D Prus, D Livingstone I G Treas, D Scott D D Treas and D Brownlee D Reg

Media workshops hit the headlines

Media workshops have been held in 11 different locations for members of the Institution.

In 2014, workshops were held in Killyman, Ardstraw, Brownlow House and Enniskillen. This year they have been followed by similar evenings in Garvagh, Templepatrick, Comber, Banbridge, Newbliss (Co. Monaghan), Kilrea and Ballynafeigh in Belfast.

The workshops were conducted by Austin Hunter, Media Advisor to the Institution.

More than 200 members heard of the ways to positively engage with the media in all its forms and put out their message about the Institution's Christian and charitable outreach. Members were trained in writing news releases and ways to work best with journalists

and photographers.

It is anticipated that further workshops will be held in England and Scotland.

The Sovereign Grand Master, Millar Farr, said the workshops had been a big success.

"We want to work with the media to promote the work of the Institution," he said.

"There was clearly an appetite from within the organisation to learn some of the skills that were necessary. The turnout was very good in most areas and members reported that they had really enjoyed the evenings.

"It is vital to the future of the Institution that we learn to work with the media and get out the right message about what we do and what we stand for."



Kilrea



Newbliss



Templepatrick



Ballynafeigh



Banbridge



Comber



Garvagh

Launch of child protection policy

The Institution is adopting a policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

A committee has been set up to organise and provide training for selected Sir Knights at all levels of the Institution. It is anticipated this will begin in January 2016 and will be organised throughout counties, districts and preceptories.

Official notification will be forwarded to counties in due course.

The Sovereign Grand Master, Millar Farr, thanked the committee for their hard work.

"The protection of children and vulnerable adults is vital for any organisation," he said. "I know this committee has been working hard to draw up a proper policy that will ensure our institution is up to speed with all the relevant legislation and that members are trained."

"I cannot emphasise enough, just how important the work is. And I am sure there will also be a very good response to the training when it is organised throughout the institution."



The new committee that will be organising and providing training for selected Sir Knights in the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. Back row (from left) Wor. Sir Knt. Rev. Mark Watson, Co. Fermanagh; Wor. Sir Knt. Christopher Cunningham, City of Belfast; Sir Knt. Paul McCarroll, Co. Down; Sir Knt. John Richardson, Co. Armagh; and Wor. Sir Knt. Gareth Campbell, Co. Londonderry. Front row (from left) Wor. Sir Knt. David Morton, Co. Cavan; Wor. Sir Knt. Kenny Hull, Co. Antrim; Rt. Wor. Sir Knt. Ivan Kelly, Co. Londonderry; and Rt. Wor. Sir Knt. William Abernethy, Co. Tyrone. Missing from the photograph are Wor. Sir Knt. Trevor McBurney, Co. Down; Wor. Sir Knt. John Truel, Co. Monaghan, and Wor. Sir Knt. Scott Renwick, Scotland.



Grip Fast the Light make history

Grip Fast The Light RBP 54, Markethill, made history on 8th July, 2015, by becoming the first Royal Black Preceptory to hold an encampment in the Museum of Orange Heritage, at Sloan's House, Loughgall.

The members were honoured to have a number of visitors present, including Sir Knight Denis Watson, Chair of the Sloan's House Management Committee; Sir Knight Michael Thomas from Toronto; and Sir Knight William Copeland,

WDM of Markethill RBDC No 3.

During a tour of the museum, members were pleased to see their old banner on display, the only Black banner currently in the premises.

Before the meeting commenced, the WM Sir Knight Wm Andrew Spence, presented Sir Knight Watson with a set of mallets for use by visiting Lodges and preceptories holding meetings in the new museum, and these were dedicated by Sir Knight Jeremy McCullough,

Lay Chaplain.

During the proceedings, three new members were initiated into the Preceptory, again making history, as this is believed to be the first occasion Sir Knights have been initiated into the Royal Black Institution in the building.

At the conclusion of the evening, Sir Knight Watson presented RBP 54 with a special commemorative certificate to mark the occasion and all retired for supper to the Sloan's Coffee Shop.



RBP 54 old banner on display in the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House.

Long Service Medals



The presentation of a 66 year membership certificate to Sir Knight Matthew Totten and a 50 year jewel to Sir Knight George McCoubrey, who are members of First Co Down Temperance RBP No3, Ballynahinch RBDC No 5. L-R: Sir Knt. Robert Thornton, WM, Sir Knt. Mervyn Kernaghan, WDM of Ballynahinch RBDC No 5, Sir Knt. John Reid, Reg., Sir Knt. Matthew Totten, Sir Knt. George McCoubrey, Sir Knt. Thomas Smyth, Grand Treasurer, Co Down Royal Black Chapter, Sir Knt. Andrew Graham, DM and Sir Knt. John Smyth, PCM



Medals were presented to a number of people at the annual dinner of RBP77, Killyman District No1. In the photograph, from left, are : Richard Emerson WDM, James A Weir (50yrs), Robert E.Greenaway (40yrs), Samuel J.McKenzie (40 years). Robert J.McKenzie (40 years) and Desmond Bloomer DDM. Unable to be present were James Watt (50 years), Thomas Watt (50 years), and Harry Farmer (50 years).



The presentation of 50 year jewels at R.B.P. 768, Newtownards. In the photograph from left to right are: Sir Kt. Alex. McGimpsey.D.D.M. N/Ards Dist. No 11, Sir Kt. Moore Porter P.M., Mrs. Julia Bell receiving the jewel of her late husband Sir Kt. Campbell Bell P.M., Sir Kt. Tommy Dickson and Sir Kt. Robert Campbell W.D.M. N/Ards Dist. No. 11.



Sir. Knight Bertie Loane of Ballygawley RBP 281 receives his 70 year certificate from Rt. Wor County Grand Master for Tyrone Robert Abernethy, right, with Sir Knight David Allen WM of 281.



Three members of Mount Nebo RBP 548 Encamped at Belleek received their 40 year service medals at Scarva. They were: Sir Knight George Hamilton, Sir Knight Samuel McMullan and Sir Knight Brian Patterson. In the photograph, from left, are: Sir Knight Mark Patterson, Sir Knight Edgar Patterson PDM Banbridge District, Sir Knight George Hamilton, Sir Knight Samuel McMullan and Sir Knight Brian Patterson, Sir Knight Jim Steenson DDM Markethill District Sir Knight John Cartmill.



A 50 year medal being presented to Roy Parks, of RBP 353, from WM Adam Stevenson, left, and WDM Billy Corder.

Long Service Medals



Sir Knight Richard Wright of Erins Royal Standard RBP No. 30 receiving his 50 year medal from Portadown District Lecturer Sir Knight Robert Hobson.



Erin's First Royal Blues R.B.P. No 1 Presentation on 14th July 2015.

Left to Right: Sir Knight Richard Whitten receiving his Past Master Certificate from Deputy Master, Sir Knight Roy Gamble. Sir Knight Robert McMahon receiving an inscribed pen for his 35 years exemplary service as Preceptory Treasurer and Sir Knight George Hamilton receiving his 60 year Long Service Bar.

Long Service at Ochill

At a meeting in May, in Ochill Orange Hall, nine Sir Knights were presented with long service Jewels/ Bars who in total had 430 years service to the Institution.

Sir Knt. George Cuddy Worshipful Master welcomed 35 Sir Knights to the meeting especially Sir Knt. George Arthur A.S.G.M., Sir Knt Stephen Foster I.D.G. Reg., Sir Knt. Jack Hanna G.L. Co Antrim G.B.C., Sir Knt. Richard Reid G.Reg. Co.Tyrone G.B.C. and Sir Knt. George Courtenay RBP 511.

Sir Knt. Arthur A.S.G.M. presented the following:-

60 Year Bars to Sir Knights Harry Cuddy and Ivan Henderson.

50 Year Bars to Sir Knights William Abernethy C.G.M. Co. Tyrone G.B.C., Robert Abernethy and Raymond Martin.



Front row, from left, are: Raymond Martin D.M., Harry Cuddy, George Arthur A.S.G.M., Ivan Henderson and George Cuddy W.M.. Back row. Robert Abernethy, Alan Kee, William Richardson, Sidney Walker, Gordon Reilly and William Abernethy C.G.M. Co. Tyrone.

D.M

40 year Jewels to Sir Knights Alan Kee, William Richardson, Sidney Walker and Gordon Reilly.

Following the presentation the A.S.G.M. congratulated the

Sir Knights who had received Jewels/Bars and on behalf of the I.G.B.C. thanked them for their service to the Institution. The other visiting Sir Knights also brought greetings and good wishes.



Members of Garvetagh Guiding Star RBP No 76 who received 50 year service Jewels at a presentation in Garvetagh Orange Hall, Castlederg. The are Sir Knights Herbie Young, Thompson, Jim Emery, Robert Montgomery and William Montgomery. Also in the photograph are William Abernethy, County Grand Master Co Tyrone Royal Black Chapter, and Gerald Montgomery, Worshipful Master Garvetagh Guiding Star RBP No 76.



Garvetagh Guiding Star No 76 officers, members and guests who attended a presentation of 50 year service Jewels in Garvetagh Orange Hall, Castlederg.

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Installations



Macosquin Smith's Defenders RBP 256 Officers along with the installing team at their installation night on Monday 30th March 2015



Sir Knight William Campbell receiving his Past Masters certificate and Jewel from the WDM Sir Knight Ian McCafferty



ASGM Sir Knight Ivan Kelly presenting Sir Knight Cauley Moffatt of RBP 37 with a Long Service certificate that was given to him by the Knights of RBP 256.



There was a big turn out at Ulster R.B.P. 768 for the installation of Sir Kt. Andrew Creighton W.M. and Sir Kt. Nigel Edmondson D.M. Sir Kt. Robert Campbell W.D.M.N/Ards No 11 Dist. Sir Kt. Alex. McGimpsey D.D.M. N/Ards No. 11 Dist. performed the Installation ceremony.



The presentation of 50 year jewels at RBP 768, Newtownards. In the photograph (from left) are Sir Knight Alex McGimpsey.DDM Newtownards District No11, Sir Knight Moore Porter PM, Mrs Julia Bell receiving the jewel of her late husband Sir Knight Campbell Bell PM, Sir Knight Tommy Dickson and Sir Knight Robert Campbell WDM Newtownards District No11.

Installations

Installation of officers in Ballywillwill RBP No 3



Pictured at the Installation of Officers to Ballywillwill RBP No3 are (from left) Rt. W. Sir Kt. John Smyth, PCGM Sir Kt. Dessie Bennett, DDM, Sir Kt. David Scott, WM, Sir Kt. Rev. George Speers, Chaplain, Sir Kt. Brian McBride, Registrar, Sir Kt. Stephen McBride, PM. Also included in the photograph is Sir Kt. Charles McNeill, DDM, (back row, first left), members and visiting Brethren who attended the installation.



Sir Knight Charles McNeill DDM presenting Sir Knight Lee McBride with his Past Masters' certificate.



Pictured is a presentation of a Past Masters Certificate for the Late Sir Knight Cuthbert Managh to his son, Sir Knight Samuel Cuthbert – (from left) Sir Knights William Abernethy CGM, Samuel Managh, David Millar WDM, Eric Little DDM, Richardson Emerson DCGM and Alastair Stewart District Treasurer.

Past Master remembered at East Tyrone installation

A meeting of East Tyrone Royal Black Chapter No.5 was held in Kennedy's Orange Hall, Stewartstown to install the officers.

Sir Knight David Millar welcomed all present to the meeting and invited Sir Knight William Abernethy CGM to install the new officers, assisted by Sir Knights Richard Emerson DCGM and Will Patterson RBP 511.

Sir Knight David Millar RBP 231 was installed as Worshipful District Master and Sir Knight Eric Little RBP 599 was installed as Deputy District Master.

The CGM thanked the Officers and Sir Knights of East Tyrone

for giving him the honour of installing the Officers in his own District Chapter and brought greetings from County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter.

Sir Knight Millar thanked the Sir Knights of the District Chapter for the honour of being their District Master and also thanked the installing Officers. Sir Knight Little also returned thanks.

Sir Knight Millar then invited Sir Knight Richard Emerson DCGM to present the late Sir Knight Cuthbert Managh's Past Masters Certificate to his son Sir Knight Samuel Managh. Sir Knight Managh had been District Master from 2005 until he passed away in February 2015.



The members of RBP452, Lisburn, held their installation of officers at Dan Winter's Cottage.

OBITUARY

Cuthbert Managh

Cuthbert Managh, who died just a month short of his 76th birthday, was aptly summed up at a Royal Black Institution Memorial Service in Drumnakilly Parish Church as a man not big in stature but immense in presence.



Sir Knight Richard Reid, District Registrar of East Tyrone Royal Black Chapter No5, of which Cuthbert was Worshipful District Master, described him as a man with an outgoing and engaging personality with an ability to lead and delegate responsibility.

"He was a fine example of a responsible citizen with a deep Christian faith that set the principles he applied to his daily life," Sir Knight Reid told a capacity congregation of Sir Knights, friends and relations. "Sir Knight Cuthbert Managh delighted to see people prospering in their lives whether it be personal or business... a good neighbour always willing to help anyone in difficulty and unafraid of taking responsibility of leadership when required."

Richard said Cuthbert was interested in many aspects of life but had three main loves - his family, his church and the Royal Black and had been blessed with having Mae as a wife, friend, companion, soul mate, nurse and secretary.

He said the deep love that Mae and his family had for Cuthbert had been visibly manifest during his illness whether it was in hospital or in his home at Streefe Road, Drumnakilly Old Town, on the outskirts of Omagh.

"Cuthbert was a member of all the Loyal Orders but had a special affection for the Royal Black," Richard said.

He joined Brackey Bible and Crown Defenders over 50 years ago and had a huge commitment to the preceptory he described as 'a wee outpost' in East Tyrone.

He said Cuthbert was a highly esteemed member of the Royal Black Institution and his fellow Sir Knights and Brothers saluted his memory.

Cuthbert, the former postmaster and farmer and good neighbour, was known throughout the length and breadth of Northern Ireland for his work with his church and the Loyal Orders. His minister, the Rev Andy Heber, said at his funeral, the biggest in the history of the centuries-old parish church, that he had been held in high respect in the wider community.

He was a member and past officer of Brackey Bible and Crown Defenders Preceptory, Worshipful Master of East Tyrone Royal Black District Chapter, a member and former officer of Brackey LOL 165, the Royal Arch Purple, Sixmilecross, and a member of Beragh Apprentice boys Club and of the Ulster Unionist Party.

He was one of the mainstays of Drumnakilly Parish Church in which he was People's Church Warden for over 40 years, representing local interests at the highest lay levels in the Armagh Diocese. Cuthbert was also a noted local historian and often assisted people in tracing their families through personal knowledge and church records.

In 2008 he was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis but it was not until recent months that it began to affect him. Following a spell in Southwest Acute Hospital, Enniskillen, he received palliative care from his family and Marie Curie nurses until his death at his home.

He is survived by his wife Mae, daughters Alison, Carol, Yvonne, Elaine, Diana and Rachel and his son Samuel. He is also survived by his sisters Maureen, Eileen and Sylvia and brothers George, Sammy and Raymond.

Red Cross Presentations



Sir knights Wallace Douglas and Harry Glennie of Rising Sons of Moneyrea RBP 424 receiving their Red Cross certificates from Sir Knight John Scott, the WDM of Comber District No.10 and Sam Hoskins, the Deputy District Master.



Red Cross degree presented by District lecturer Jackie Fairburn to Aaron Connolly, Mark McMullan & Ian Weir. Also included in the photo is Worshipful Master Adam George, District Master Johnathan Kerr & Lecturer David Cleland



First Red Cross degree presented at Rising Sons of Liberty preceptory 998 for seven years. Back row David Cleland Lecturer Aaron Connolly, Mark McMullan, Ian Weir candidates Johnny Connolly Chaplain, Ian George DM. Front Row Jackie Fairburn District Lecturer, Adam George WM, Johnathan Kerr District Master, Sam Kerr District Treasurer



Twelve Sir Knights of Ballantine Heroes RBP No 94, Encamped at Killaloo, Londonderry, who received their Red Cross Certificates from Wor Sir Knight Ivan Kelly, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master. Pictured with the new Sir Knights are the Lecturers, Sir Knights David Colhoun, Victor Caldwell and George Hunter and the County Londonderry Grand Master, Wor. Sir Knight David Hay.

RBP 813 – 50 years of building bridges across the world

RBP 813 will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. It is the youngest preceptory within No 6 District in West Belfast Orange Hall.

The preceptory is fortunate enough to be in historical possession of the original and immaculately hand written letters, including the first formal approach dated March 11th, 1965, by the late Sir Knight Billy Spence, residing in Joseph Street, (nicknamed the Banjo, in the original, True Blue Lower Shankill, Hammer District) both sent to the then No 6 District Registrar, and now Past Sovereign Grand Master, Most Worshipful Sir Knight William Logan MBE.

A preliminary meeting, with the requisite Red Cross degree signatories, to the application, was held in West Belfast Orange Hall on July 4th, 1965 with the Officers of No 6 District, to outline the desire for affiliation and encampment in the historical Shankill Road building.

Once accepted the process then began to have a working warrant issued to the new preceptory for membership within the Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth.

After all the obligatory documentation, including the official naming certificate from the Imperial Grand Registrar, was further presented to a specially convened forum of the parent No 6 RBDC held on Wednesday, 28th July, 1965, and after a short adjournment of the District Chapter, the first officially constituted meeting of Prince Albert Temperance RBP No 813, was opened in the prescribed form and the first elected Preceptory Officers were initiated.

One week later - on Wednesday

4th August - the preceptory again opened in Ritual Form to initiate several more new candidates.

The Presiding Officer was Worshipful Sir Knight William Walker, Worshipful Master of No 6 Royal Black District Chapter, during that period, assisted by Worshipful Sir Knight Tommy Patton, his District Deputy Master. They were further helped by Sir Knights Lilley, Briggs and Emerson with the latter acting as stewards for the elections and subsequent installation of RBP 813's first Preceptory officers.

Those on the initial signatories to the warrant application were namely; Worshipful Master; Sir Knight Francis Curry; Deputy Master, David Whalley; Chaplain, James Spence; Registrar, William Spence; Treasurer, Bertram Spencer; Foreman of Committee, Edward McCallum; and assistants William Warwick and David Donaldson. After the installation of the first Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Frank Curry, the warrant of Prince Albert Temperance R.B.P. No. 813, was handed into his care.

The preceptory grew from this formation, and many new Sir Knights were both forthcoming from R.A.P.C. 1892, along with several others on transfer.

Unfortunately the Preceptory suffered its first sad blow, when on 13th April, 1970, Worshipful Sir Knight Frank Curry died after suffering a long illness. However his memory lives on RBP 813, as his name and signature are embraced in its inaugural warrant and minute, for posterity.

During the civil unrest of 1972, Prince Albert Temperance RBP 813 was to cement bonds of fraternal brotherhood with Hope of Airdrie

RBP 296, in Central Scotland and was invited to parade with them on their annual demonstration to Richmond Park, Glasgow, during the same year.

This long standing-friendship, which continues to this day, also led to the many families from troubled areas in the city being taken across to Scotland for free weekly holidays, into the homes and care of the 296 Preceptory members and their families. All this was paid for by fellow Sir Knights in Scotland.

The end of 1974 saw another sad blow for 813, when Worshipful Sir Knight Bertram Spencer died. Bertie had just completed 50 years as a member of the Orange Institution just prior to his death, and had been, since inception, Preceptory Treasurer.

In 1980, another founder member, and highly respected Registrar, Worshipful Sir Knight William (Billy) Spence, PM, died after leaving the February monthly meeting, of No 6 Royal Black District Chapter.

The Prince Albert Preceptory was initially the idea and proud prodigy of Sir Knight Billy, and he was forever in his parade position of Chief Marshall whenever 813 was 'on the road'. Such was the esteem held by all, that many hundreds of Sir Knights and Brethren, attended the Orange funeral, of Brother Sir Knight Billy, on 1st March, 1980.

In 2002 Worshipful Sir Knight Walter Ashe was elevated to the three-year term as Right Worshipful District Master of No 6 RBDC and, in so doing, truly demonstrated the confidence held, both in him as a person and the Prince Albert as a forthright preceptory, within the West Belfast Orange Hall encampment.

Within the past couple of years,

813 has also been the conduit for the rebirth of the Royal Black Institution throughout the United States of America; being responsible for progressing the initial membership of many ex-pat Orange Brethren long domiciled in America, into the preceptory, through to the sublime Degree of Red Cross in advance of the now four new warrants being instituted in the USA in May 2011.

Thus established, the USA Sir Knights were then transferred into the four individual preceptors which are representative of the four corners; north, south, east and west; of that vast country over the Atlantic.

In furtherance of that initial step, the process has now been completed and the previously dormant warrant of the Grand Black Chapter of the USA was re-constituted in August last year, which in itself has been no mean feat by all concerned within such a short period. And shortly after, another preceptory warrant was instituted in North Carolina with another one proposed for Las Vegas in the very near future.

In 2011 Worshipful Sir Knight Ed Spence was also chosen by the Sir Knights of the Samuel Frickleton VC Memorial RBP No. 1917 (Slamanan) to become one of its founder members when that new warrant was instituted within Airdrie & Coatbridge RBDC No 3 under the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland.

These events were perhaps something that everyone within RBP 813 was challenged with, through the stature of those Sir Knights who first took out the warrant those 50 years ago in 1965.



Notes from England & Scotland



New regalia is the Pride of Motherwell



Pride of Motherwell RBP 495 had the pleasure of dedicating new officers' regalia which had been donated by the WM, Sir Knight William Clelland.

On the same evening, Sir Knight Gordon Hill received his PM diploma and jewel and Sir Knight Alex Paterson received his Red Cross diploma. A special presentation was also made to Sir Knight Andy Bannerman for all the hard work he has done over the years for the preceptory. The Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Clelland, also thanked Sir Knight Rev Malcolm Anderson, Provincial Chaplain for the dedication of the new regalia.

Civic reception for Star of the North



The Worshipful Master, Sir Knight William Weir, and officers of the Star of the North RBP No.171 with Baillie Scanlon and officials from Glasgow City Council on the evening of their Civic Reception held in Glasgow City Chambers on 30th March, 2015 to mark the 150th anniversary of the formation of the preceptory.



Worshipful Master, Sir Knight William Weir, Officers and Sir Knights of the Star of the North RBP No.171 outside the Hughes Memorial Orange Hall Sandbank Street Glasgow on the occasion of 150th anniversary parade on 30th May, 2015.



The tour party at the Drumclog memorial site.

Scottish Reformation and Convenanters remembered

A guided tour of sites connected with the Scottish Reformation and Covenanters took place in April, organised by RBP 740.

The tour visited a number of sites throughout Lanarkshire and Ayrshire, including Glasgow Cathedral, Bothwell Bridge, Strathaven, Drumclog, and Sorn amongst many others.

The tour party included local Sir Knights, Orangemen and even a non-member; all alike were astounded to hear

the stories of the Covenanters, and of their unshakeable faith and commitment to the Word of God, even in the midst of unimaginable persecution.

RBP 740 extends thanks to Jimmy Fisher from Scottish Reformation Tours - www.reformationtours.org for making the tour so enlightening and eye-opening, and would highly recommend to any lodge, preceptory or club to contact them to arrange their own tour.



Sir Knight Ian Goldie (PM RBP 351, Holytown, Scotland) prior to laying a wreath on behalf of RBP 351 at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium that is dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown. Alongside him are (from left) Sir Knight Ian Goldie, Brother George Paterson and Sir Knight and Brother Dudley McGlade. All are members of Airdrie Victoria LOL 125 and Dudley is a member of Hope of Airdrie RBP 296.

Annual Divine service held in Cumnock

The Annual Divine Service of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland was held in the east Ayrshire town of Cumnock under the auspices of Ayrshire RBDC No.10.

The Provincial Grand Chapter received a very warm welcome into Old Cumnock Old Parish Church by the Minister Rev John Paterson, who preached a fine sermon entitled 'The Temple'.

A retiring collection for the church's charity - Dr. Graham's Home in Kalimpong - raised the excellent sum of £904.38.



At the Annual Divine Service of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland are (back row, from left) are Sir Knight Thomas Y. Bell (Grand Treasurer), Sir Knight Rev. Tom Greig (Grand Chaplain), Sir Knight Rev. Jason Lingiah (Deputy Grand Chaplain), Sir Knight Rev. Malcolm J. Anderson (Grand Chaplain) & Sir Knight Scott A. Renwick (Grand Registrar). Front row (from left) Sir Knight Henry Dunbar (MWGM Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland), Sir Knight James G. MacLean (Provincial Grand Master of Scotland), Rev John W. Paterson and Sir Knight William G. Hek (IPPGM Scotland/PASGM).



Notes from England & Scotland



The Sir Knights who attended the historic event in Doncaster to witness the inception of two new preceptories and the reconstitution of the Manchester and North East of England District Chapter No.4.

Reconstitution of Manchester and North East of England District Chapter No.4

Sir Knights from England, Scotland and Ireland gathered at Saint Peter's Church of England, Church Hall in Balby, Doncaster, South Yorkshire in March to witness the inception of two new preceptories and the reconstitution of the Manchester and North East of England District Chapter No.4, under the guidance of the District Master Sir Knight William Campbell IDGL.

Both the new preceptories were named in honour of former members of the Royal Black institution who gave great service during their lifetime but have now sadly passed on to higher service.

Sir Knight Reginald Chadwick took out the warrant for RBP 98



The officers of Stanley Lang Memorial RBP 98 (from left) Sir Knight Colin Campbell - 1st Censor; Sir Knight Peter Connell - Treasurer; Sir Knight Alan George Jeffrey - Deputy Master; Sir Knight Reginald Chadwick - Worshipful Master; Sir Knight Brodie William Tait - Pursuivant; Sir Knight Duncan Edwards - Chaplain; and Sir Knight Calum Scott - Registrar.

which will sit in Middleton, North Manchester and has taken the name 'Stanley Lang Memorial' in memory of Stan Lang who was a stalwart of

both the Orange and Black Institutions in Manchester.

RBP 1265, for which Sir Knight Alan Clements took out the warrant,

has taken the name of 'George William Disley Memorial in memory of George Disley, who also gave great service to both the Orange and Black Institutions, first in his native Merseyside and latter in Yorkshire.

Cromwell's Ironsides RBP 1143 from Doncaster complete the make-up of the re-constituted District.

Visitors included Sir Knight Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer; Sir Knight William J. Campbell, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master; Sir Knight William Clelland, Scottish Provincial Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knight Robert P. Brown, a member of the Province of Scotland Committee; and Sir Knights D. Bell and W. Bell from Hamilton Covenanters RBP 360 in Hamilton, Lanarkshire.



At the opening of the new Preceptory - Sir Knight George William Disley Memorial - in Doncaster encamped in Northallerton Orange Hall are (back row, from left) Sir Knights R.Armstrong, S.Warren, B.Wallace, S.Sheppard and A.Sheppard. Front Row, Treasurer S.Reid, Chaplain J.Mechan, WM A.Clements, DM A.Boyd, Registrar T.Kelly and Purs W.Sugden.

Morning Star RBP 160 Annual Thanksgiving Service in Lanarkshire

The Orange Hall Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland once again hosted the 16th Annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving hosted by Morning Star RBP 160.

The Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Matt Sime, on behalf of the Preceptory, was delighted to welcome The Rev May-Kane Logan of Airdrie Ebenezer Congregational Church and Shotts Church Choir.

A warm welcome was also extended to the PGM Sir Knight JG McLean, MWGM Sir Knight and Bro Henry Dunbar, WGM Sister Jean Logan, senior officers of both Orange



and Black Institutions and clergy from local churches, who came along to lend their support. There was also a large turnout of brothers and sisters from District 22 and Sir Knights from RBDC No.3.

The offering taken on the evening of the services raised £4,399 which has been donated back into the Church Session of the Minister, who conducted the service.

News from Canada



Officers of Eastern Ontario

The joint Red Cross degree of Toronto's The Temple RBP No292 (Ontario West GBC) and Kendal's Devitts RBP No398 (Eastern Ontario GBC) was conducted on Good Friday, 3rd April, 2015 in the Kendal Orange Hall.

This was the first time in the 100-year history of the Orange Hall's history that a Royal Black Degree ceremony had been held. Next year's degree will be hosted by Toronto.

Prior to the degree a dinner was served for those present, which was prepared by the members of the Ladies Orange and served by the juniors. Present were 20 Sir Knights, including the two candidates from Toronto, Joe Blake and John Thomas.

The meeting was called to order following the dinner by and the seat of the Worshipful Preceptor was given to Rt Wor Sir Knight Michael Thomas, the preceptor of The Temple, whose father was one of the candidates. Afterwards, the two Sir Knights were presented with regalia from their

private preceptory.

A NEW ERA IN EASTERN ONTARIO

The 139th Convocation of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario was held on 9th April, 2015 in Kingston, Ontario.

A good turnout of Sir Knights was present including representatives of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario West. They opened in due form with full ceremony at 9am and conducted the meeting in the Royal Gold degree. The meeting was conducted by Rt Wor Sir Knight Ron Shannon with many ideas put forward for the furtherance of Knighthood in the province.

At the election a new slate were elected and installed to lead the province. On the Friday along with the Provincial Orange a wreath was laid at the cenotaph. Elected to office were:

Provincial Grand Master - Ron Birtch
Deputy Provincial Grand Master - John Arksey
Chaplain - Ken Hall

Registrar - Russell Staye
Treasurer - Edgar Carman
Lecturer - Earl Sadler
Deputy Lecturer - Bev Cluff
Marshall - Terry Good
Immediate Past Grand Master - Ron Shannon

CONTINUATION IN ONTARIO WEST

The 139th Convocation of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West was held on Thursday April 23rd, 2015 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Sir Knights from across the province were in attendance including Rt Wor Sir Knight Mark Alexander, Past Provincial Grand Master of Eastern Ontario and current Provincial Orange Grand Master of Ontario East. Also present was a representative of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada in the form of the Grand Secretary, Sir Knight John Chalmers.

The officers were re-elected with Rt Wor Sir Knight Rev Dan MacDonald continuing as Provincial Grand Master. On the Friday along with the Provincial Orange



Officers of Ontario West with Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada and a Past Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West.



From left, Provincial Grand Registrar Rt Wor Sir Knight Michael Thomas and Provincial Grand Master Rt Wor Sir Knight Rev Dan MacDonald lay the wreath at the cenotaph.



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