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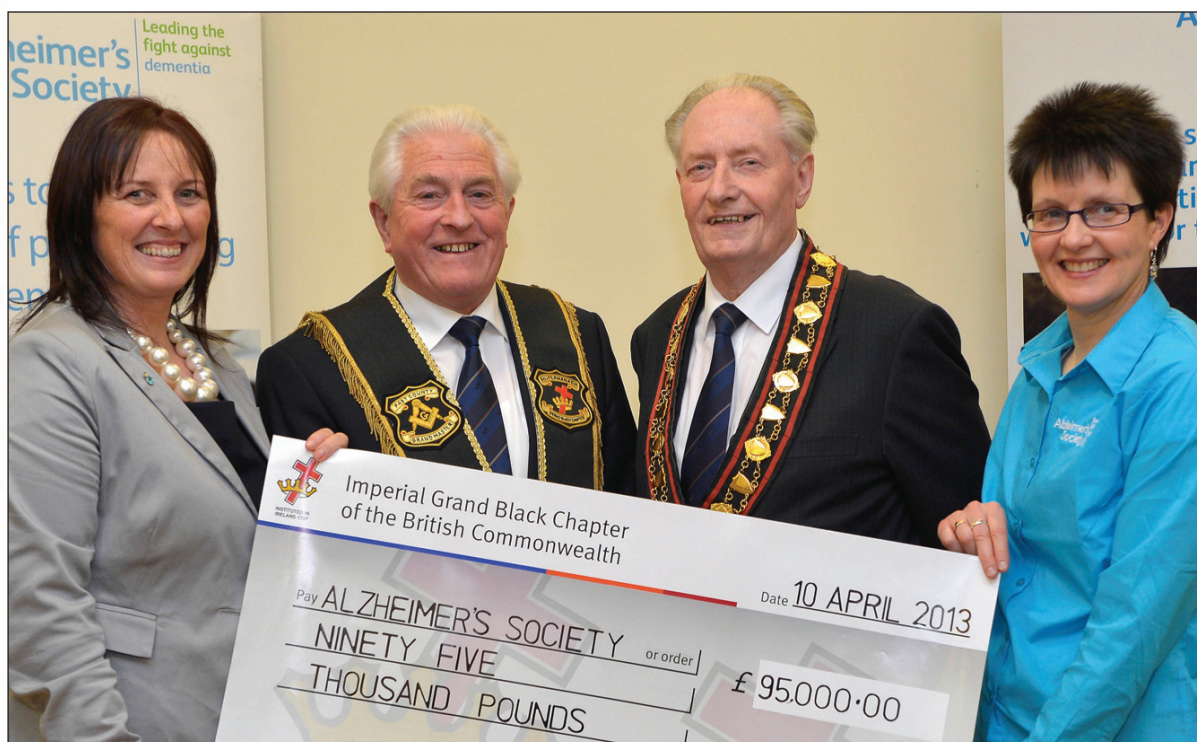
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£95,000 cheque to Alzheimer's Society

Right: Pictured at a cheque presentation to the Alzheimer's Society from the Royal Black Institution at a special evening at Brownlow House are, from left, Bernadine McCrory, Operations Director Alzheimer's Society; Sir Knt Hazlett Moore, Co. Fermanagh; Most Wor Sir Knt Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Thelma Abernethy, Alzheimer's Society. Photos and report on pages 4&5.RB85



MESSAGE FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

Sir Knights,

A WARM welcome to this the second edition of "The Black" magazine.

The first edition, published in October of last year, has received many favourable comments from members who wrote or emailed us here at Brownlow House.

Many thanks for your kind comments and once again congratulations to all involved in the production of "The Black".

As stated in the first publication, this is a magazine by the

Black for the Black. Your photographs and editorials are required and welcomed and our thanks go to the many who took the time to send in stories and photos to date.

Also, sincere thanks to all the businesses who advertised in these first two editions. Please give them your support. There have been other businesses who are keen to take out advertising, so the future of the magazine is very encouraging.

In this edition we once again feature all things "Royal Black" including presenta-

tions of long service medals and jewels, banner and bannerette unfurlings; concerts; cheque presentations; anniversaries; installations; new members and many more Preceptory happenings.

As Sovereign Grand Master it is both heartening and rewarding to see the great feedback to the magazine by you our members, proving that Preceptories are alive and well and thriving in their respective towns, villages and counties.

We look forward to many events as we

continue to move into 2013, the Scarva Sham Fight and Last Saturday Demonstrations among the highlights.

As well as the Scarva Sham Fight on July 13, Lurgan District will demonstrate in Bangor, County Down. On August 3 the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of England is due to demonstrate in Southport, while Co Fermanagh Grand Black Chapter will demonstrate in Lisnaskea. The Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland will demon-

strate in Renfrew on August 10.

This year the Black Saturday Demonstrations on August 31 are in Ballymoney; Dungannon; Newtownards; Banbridge; Ballyronan and Castlederg. More details are featured inside and look out for photos and reports in our October edition.

Sincere thanks to the many who sent best wishes following my spell in hospital at Christmas. Your kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

Lastly, thanks to all those who worked for

and supported our designated charity, the Alzheimer's Society. Details inside

Yours,

**Wor Sir Knight
Millar Farr,
Sovereign
Grand Master.**



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Rt Wor Sir Knt the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and guests at the "Take 5" launch. RB2

'Take 5' project launched by ASGM



Royal Black Institution members in attendance at the "Take 5" launch. RB3

AN exciting and innovative programme was launched at Brownlow House on Saturday, 19th January 2013.

Representatives of all nine jurisdictions throughout Ireland were represented at the "Take 5" launch.

The project is entitled "Take 5 - A New Look at Old Truths" and focuses on the "5 Solas" of the Reformation -

- Scripture Alone
- Christ Alone
- Grace Alone
- Faith Alone
- God's Glory Alone

The purpose and intention is to present the Biblical basis of the Reformed, Protestant faith to both members of the Royal Black Institution and the wider community.

Project includes exhibition displays, a DVD containing four short talks and information booklets setting out the core elements of the Reformed faith.

The project is the culmination of many months of prayerful work on behalf of the Royal Black Institution by its Chaplains' Committee, under the Chairmanship of Rt Wor

Sir Knt the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master.

The "Take 5" Project will be the focus of the Royal Black Institution's outreach and teaching over the coming years and will provide the pathway to celebrate the next project which is already in development. This is "LUTHER 500", planned for 2017 in conjunction with the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, which will celebrate and commemorate the influence and teaching of Martin Luther on the Protestant Reformation.

To book the "Take 5" Exhibition, please contact Royal Black Headquarters on 028 3832 2518.

Sir Knt Honour

CONGRATULATIONS to Sir Knt Peter Branker, "David's Chosen Few" RBP 555, Lower Iveagh District, who received the BEM in the New Year Honours List for services to young people, charity and to the community in Dromore, Co Down.

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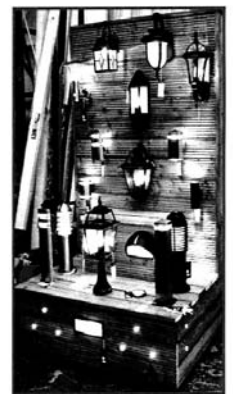
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Centenary dinner

AN anniversary dinner to mark the Centenary of the formation of Grosvenor Temperance RBP 855 No 3 Royal Black District Chapter, Sandy Row, Belfast was held in Sandy Row Orange Hall on Friday 2nd November, 2012, the actual anniversary date of the Preceptory.

The Worshipful Master, Sir Knt William Stewart, welcomed all Sir Knights, guests, family members and friends.

He gave a special welcome to Sir Knt William Mawhinney, Grand Master of the City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter; Sir Knt Brian Kerr, City Grand Registrar; Sir Knt Frank Quinn, WDM No 3 RBDC; Sir Knt Colin Berry, PDM, District Registrar; Bro Sam Elliott, WM Prince of Orange Temperance LOL 1922, whose brethren formed the Preceptory and Bro Kevin Patterson, LOL 1922 and secretary of Prince of Orange Flute Band entertainments committee, which continues to support the Preceptory financially every year.

Following fraternal greetings and responses and the singing of the Doxology, everyone enjoyed the anniversary dinner during which an anniversary cake, donated by Mrs Jean Whiteside and Miss Elaine Whiteside, wife and daughter of Sir Knt William Whiteside PM, was ceremoniously cut by the Worshipful Master.

£95,000 presented



Members of the Royal Black Institution from Co Tyrone pictured at the cheque presentation, from left, Bernadine McCrory, Operations Director Alzheimer's Society; Sir Knights Richard Reid; William Abernethy; Cuthbert Managh; Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Thelma Abernethy, Alzheimer's Society. RB79



Members of the Royal Black Institution at the cheque presentation in Brownlow House, Lurgan. RB80

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Members of the Royal Black Institution from Co. Down. In the picture, from left, are : Bernadine McCrory, Operations Director, Alzheimer's Society, Sir Knts Colin Reid, Andrew McRoberts, Sam McConnell, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, Carole Murray, Alzheimer's Society, and Sir Knt Trevor Hawthorne. RB81

A SPECIAL evening was held in The Cushnie Room, Brownlow House, Lurgan on Wednesday 10th April, when the Royal Black Institution presented a cheque for £95,000 to the Alzheimer's Society.

The Alzheimer's Society, which is leading the fight

against dementia, was the Institution's designated charity for 2012.

In addition to providing essential funds, it was an incredible opportunity to raise awareness of dementia.

At the special evening, held in the Royal Black Headquarters, Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial

Grand Treasurer, presented a cheque for £95,000 to four representatives from the Alzheimer's Society, Bernadine McCrory (Operations Director), Thelma Abernethy, Janet Plunkett and Carol Murray, who suitably replied.

Also present was the Sovereign

to Alzheimer's Society

Carol service

SIR Knights of Garvetagh "Guiding Star" RBP No 76, Castlederg, held their annual country-style Carol Service in Garvetagh Orange Hall on Sunday, 2nd December, 2012.

Sir Knight Aelfryn Young, the Worshipful Master of the Preceptory, welcomed all and invited Sir Knight William Montgomery, PASGM to conduct the service.

The Christmas story was once again revealed in the Scripture lessons.

The traditional carols were also sung to the accompaniment of Mrs Jeanette Lowry on the organ.



Senior office bearers of the Royal Black Institution at the presentation of a cheque for £95,000 to the Alzheimer's Society. In the picture from left are: Bernadine McCrory, Operations Director, Alzheimer's Society, William Scott, Grand Registrar, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, William Abernethy, Grand Treasurer, and Thelma Abernethy, Alzheimer's Society. RB82



Members of the Royal Black Institution from Belfast. In the picture, from left, are: Bernadine McCrory, Operations Director, Alzheimer's Society, Alan McIntosh, the Rev Martin Smyth, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Janet Plunkett, Alzheimer's Society. RB83



The team from the Alzheimer's Society who received a cheque for £95,000 from the Royal Black Institution, from left: Thelma Abernethy, Bernadine McCrory, Janet Plunkett and Carole Murray. RB84

Grand Master, Most Wor Sir Knt Millar Farr and invited guests, including representatives from a number of Royal Black District Chapters.

The presentation was followed by supper.

The donations received will enable the Society to develop a dementia friendly community

which will help people with dementia, their carers and families to gain information and personalised support.

A research project is also being undertaken by Queen's University, Belfast to study the care of nursing home residents with advanced dementia.

Since 2002, the Royal Black Institution has raised the magnificent sum of £513,000 for designated charities and counties, Preceptories and Sir Knights are to be commended and congratulated on such worthy and worthwhile efforts.

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'STAR' EVENT TO MARK



Above, Sir Knight David McKelvey, WM, cuts the 150th Anniversary Cake, right, (kindly donated by Isobel Hamilton). RB7/8



Above, Lady guests at the special 150th Anniversary. RB9

KING Solomon's Golden Star RBP 56, Ballynahinch celebrated its 150th Anniversary with a special evening held in Rockmount Golf Club.

The Preceptory, which is encamped in Ballynahinch, was formed in 1862 and is deserved of our heartiest congratulations on such a historic Anniversary.

The Warrant for RBP 56 was first issued to a Preceptory encamped at Magheraknock in 1846, but after lying dormant for some time it was re-issued to Sir Kt William Dodds of Ballynahinch in 1862. In the same year, at a meeting of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter in Wigan, Lancashire, permission was granted for the use of the name King Solomon's Golden Star. Thus 150 years ago last year, King Solomon's Golden Star RBP 56 encamped at Ballynahinch and has remained there ever since.

Initially the Preceptory met in the Flax Mill, on the site of the current Hamilton Fold, transferring in 1884 to the old Ballynahinch Orange Hall (now the Masonic Hall) and finally in 1932 to its current encampment, in the current Orange Hall.

In the early part of the last Century the Preceptory boasted 103 members and while no longer maintaining these high numbers, it still remains vibrant with over 50 Sir Knights.

Over the years the Preceptory has provided leadership throughout the Royal Black Institution, with the late Sir Knight James Carlisle serving as County Master and Sir

Knights William Brown, Jim Rolston and Wilbert Somerville all serving as District Master.

During the last 150 years the Preceptory has unfurled four banners, in 1906, 1935, 1962 and most recently in 1991. The current banner was unfurled by Mrs I Nelson and Dedicated by Rt Wor Sir Knight the Rev W Frame. The Biblical stories depicted on the current banner are "Moses at the Burning Bush" and a representation of "The Feast of Belshazzar".

Over the years the Preceptory has been served by many Sir Knights in the office of Worshipful Master, from the founding Master Sir Knight Dodds, to the current incumbent Sir Knight David McKelvey.

During their Anniversary year, the Preceptory was very proud to be invited and to take part in the Scarva Celebrations on 13th July, 2012. It was also rather appropriate that the County Demonstration was held in their home town of Ballynahinch.

In October the Sir Knights and guests gathered at the Rock Golf Club for a celebratory dinner and on this occasion over 400 years of service in the Royal Black Institution was recognised, with Sir Knights receiving, 40, 50 and 60 Year Jewels.

This has been a great year for the Preceptory and the Sir Knights of RBP 56 are proud to continue the great tradition of this historic Preceptory, who are proud of their heritage and proud of their history.

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150th ANNIVERSARY!



Officers, Sir Knights and guests at King Solomon's Golden Star RBP 56, Ballynahinch's 150th Anniversary celebration. RB6

During the evening, Long Service Medals were presented by the Worshipful Master of King Solomon's, Sir Knight David McKelvey to the following Sir Knights:

- * Sir Knight Norman Ritchie - 60 Year Medal.
- * Sir Knight William Hamilton PM - 60 Year Medal.
- * Sir Knight Andy Shilliday - 60 Year Medal.
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Part of the entertainment will be comedian Tom Patterson and the Guest Speaker is Sir Knight Bill McMurdo. Ticket £10. All Welcome.

For tickets or further information contact the Registrar, Sir Knight Allan Ferguson on 01236 605 349, 07950 289 288 or email: allan.f@blueyonder.co.uk.



Sir Knights of RBP 163 with their new banner. RB10

New banner unfurled at Dr Moutray Memorial RBP 163

A historic occasion in the history of Dr Moutray Memorial RBP 163, Aughnacloy took place with the Unfurling of a new banner for the preceptory.

The ceremony opened with the Worshipful Master of the preceptory welcoming everyone before handing over to the Chairman for the evening, Sir Knight Harold Erskine WDM.

address.

Greetings were then brought from the Imperial Grand Black Chapter by Sir Knight Robert Dane, ASGM; Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer and CGM Tyrone and Sir Knight William Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar.

After the offertory hymn (collectors Sir Knights R Gilchrist and R N Givan), a Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sir Knight Patton and seconded by the DM of Dr

Moutray Memorial, Sir Knight Mervyn Mulligan.

Sir Knight Cooper said Grace followed by the National Anthem.

The Sir Knights then assembled for a short parade behind the new banner, led by Ballinamallard accordion band.

Following the parade the Sir Knights, friends and family gathered in the hall where a delicious supper was served by the ladies of Ballynanny.

Sir Knight Erskine introduced the first hymn "Brightly gleams our banner" after which Rev Newell (formerly Minister of Ballynanny), opened in prayer.

Sir Knight the Rev Nick Cooper read a portion of scripture followed by a short message from Sir Knight David Todd RBP 163 (Church of Ireland Lay Reader).

The honour of Unfurling the new banner went to a long-serving member of the preceptory, Sir Knight Bertie Mulligan, assisted by Leah Maxwell and Sam Barratt.

The WDC Sir Knight the Rev Geoffrey Abraham was then asked to Dedicate the banner after which the ISGM Right Worshipful Millar Farr gave a short



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Sir Knight Bertie Mulligan being presented with scissors by Leah Maxwell and Sam Barratt. RB11

Scarva walk a wartime effort

IN the years between 1940 and 1945 there were no Orange or Black parades in Northern Ireland - or parades of any organisations apart from the military.

That is understandable, as there were more pressing matters for the nation, which in 1940-41 was fighting for its very existence.

Church services of the Loyal Orders were held, with the Orange brethren and Black Sir Knights assembling close to the church entrance and walking into the building.

That was the situation throughout Northern Ireland until 1945 when victory over Germany and Japan meant the restoration of the 12th July and Scarva Day parades.

But, in spite of the wartime restrictions, a few Sir Knights kept the Scarva parading tradition going throughout the years 1940-44.

Actually it wasn't a parade in the strict sense of the word, but rather a stroll through the village and the demesne as far as Scarvagh House by a few Sir Knights.

The men involved included leading members of the Institution including Sir Knight Alex Adair, of Portadown, Sir Knight Joshua Bell, also of Portadown and Sir Knight Alex Cushnie, of Lurgan.

The latter two Sir Knights were to be elected Imperial Grand Lecturer and Imperial Grand Registrar and were outstanding men in the Institution.

They worked as a great team and 50 years ago they flew to Canada to help the Royal Black Institution make some important changes to its Constitution.

It was a time of change in Canada, with a new flag and anthem being adopted and new challenges for all institutions in that great country, including the Orange and Black Institutions.

Thanks to the expertise of Sir Knights Bell and Cushnie, potential pitfalls were avoided

and necessary changes made to some laws and ordinances in the Canadian Royal Black Institution.

Both men received a great reception on their return to Northern Ireland, and were interviewed by members of the Press at Brownlow House.

But back to those war years, when Orange and Black parades did not take place during the years 1940-44.

Each "Thirteenth" during those four years, Sir Knights Adair, Bell and Cushnie made their way to Scarva each July 13, took a relaxed stroll and chatted about a whole range of items.

The stroll took them from the village, through the demesne and to Scarvagh House, where senior officers of the Royal Black Institution review the parade each July 13.

There was no suggestion of a formal parade or ceremony during those four years, but their stroll meant that the great tradition of Scarva each July 13 continued.

The Sir Knights involved did not seek any publicity and didn't broadcast what they did, but the word soon spread within the Institution and it became a legend among Sir Knights in the post-war years when the great parade resumed and thousands of Sir Knights paraded behind their banners and bands.

Nowadays, over 100,000 people pack the village and approaches to the Field, enjoying the magnificent spectacle of 5,000 Blackmen and some 80 bands.

It's perhaps timely to reflect on those barren years of 1940-44, when a few Sir Knights ensured in a quiet and dignified way, that the Scarva tradition would continue.

Timely indeed, because the present war in Afghanistan and the intermittent violence in several countries in the Middle East underlines the fact that peace can never be taken for granted.



Some of the Sir Knights of RBP 112 pictured at their Bannerette Unfurling. RB12

Sir Knights' proud history

IT WAS on 20th December, 1867 that seven Orange brethren met at 21 Frederick Street, Belfast with the sole objective of determining senior office-bearers for a proposed new Preceptory to be entitled Sentinel RBP No 112.

The Warrant was subsequently issued by the Imperial Grand Black Council on the 12th January 1868 and within a few months the Preceptory was able to boast a membership of 30 Sir Knights.

Frederick Street was to be the home of the Preceptory for 13 years until 1881, when the Sir Knights decided to move to the Orange Hall in College Street near the centre of Belfast.

When the Belfast Orange Hall was constructed in Clifton Street, the Preceptory moved into the new hall in 1885.

As many of the Sir Knights lived within the Donegall and Grosvenor Road areas, it was decided to move to rooms within Drew Memorial Church on the Grosvenor Road.

During one of the meetings in the Church Hall, the members decided to change the name of the Preceptory to Knights of St Patrick. When the National School Board took over use of the hall, the Preceptory was forced to move out and was fortunate to acquire a room in Mulhouse Mill across the road from the church. (The former Mulhouse site is now part of the Royal Victoria Hospital complex).

In 1897 the decision was made to return to Clifton Street Orange Hall where the Preceptory has been encamped ever since.

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Sir Knights from RBP 1238 Star of Bethlehem, Trillick, Enniskillen No 1 District, Co Fermanagh, who received their Red Cross Certificates. Front row, from left, Sir Knight Robert Crozier, Sir Knight Andrew Crawford, Sir Knight Leroy Mills, Sir Knight Ian Jameson, Sir Knight Richard Keys, Sir Knight Adam Duncan. Back row, from left, Chaplain Sir Knight Cyril Beattie, Worshipful Master Sir Knight Esmond Jameson, Deputy Master Sir Knight George Beattie, Sir Knight Jonathan Hunter, Sir Knight Aaron Duncan, Treasurer Sir Knight Jonathan Mills and Registrar Sir Knight Kenneth Duncan. Missing from the picture is Sir Knight Roy Crawford. RB15



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Imperial Grand Black Chapter Officers set out their stall on Covenant Day in Stormont, Belfast. Pictured are, from left, Wor Sir Knight R H Diffin, Co. Armagh Grand Registrar; Rt Wor Sir Knight G Arthur, Imperial Deputy Grand Master; Wor Sir Knight S Foster, Imperial Deputy Grand Registrar and Rt Wor Sir Knight W H Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar. RB16

Preceptory to transcribe Bible by hand

ON FRIDAY evening, 26th October, 2012, members of Banbridge Royal Black District Chapter No 6 began the arduous task of handwriting the King James version of the New Testament and Book of Psalms.

Sir Knight Paul Clydesdale, Deputy District Registrar, told "The Black": "The idea of a handwritten Bible came from a Sir Knight from Banbridge District and so we have been given the honour of launching this project.

"It is designed to demonstrate several points. The Royal Black Institution is a Christian organisation, whose aims include the promotion of the Biblical Reformed faith.



Participating in the Handwritten Bible project are, seated, Sir Knights, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master the Rev Nigel Reid and Co Down Grand Master Colin Whiteside. Standing Sir Knights, from left, Assistant District Registrar Paul Clydesdale; District Registrar Trevor Martin; Edgar Patterson WDM; David Simpson MP; District Lay Chaplain Alan Rogers; Deputy Imperial Grand Chaplain the Rev Norman Hutton and Imperial Grand Chaplain Raymond Adams. RB13

"Most people have a Bible in their home but maybe don't open it. By even completing one verse of God's Word, it might encourage them to open their Bible.

"Over the centuries, people transcribed the Bible by hand, probably sit-

ting by flickering candlelight and this project will celebrate their work. We might more fully appreciate what we owe to those, who down through our centuries copied the Holy Scriptures, so that it would be preserved for us now.

"We hope it will

create a unique legacy for future generations and will also help launch Banbridge District Chapter's year of celebrations, culminating in the Last Saturday in August Demonstration in the town this Summer."

A printer has been

employed for the project and sheets have been prepared for the task, with only one rule; that only black ink is used for consistency.

As the project was launched, the task of transcribing the Gospel of St Matthew then began

with Chapter One being undertaken by the Assistant Sovereign Grand Master, Sir Knight the Rev Nigel Reid.

District Chapters from across the county have also begun the task of transcribing the other Books of the New Testament.

It is hoped that when the project is completed this year, it will go on display throughout the county.

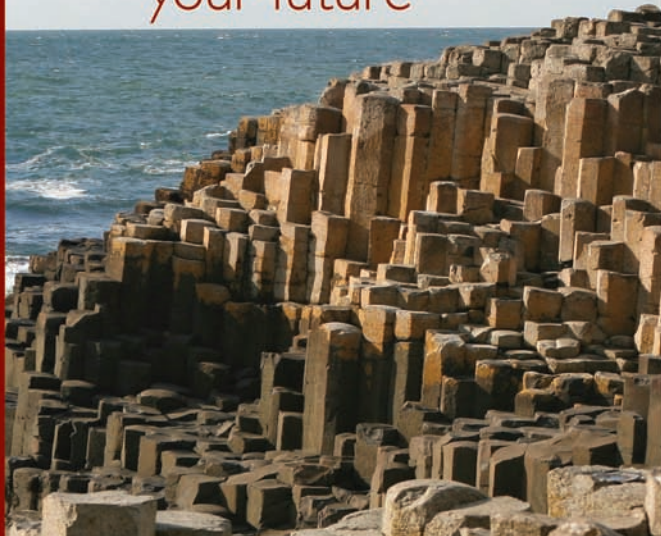
"We have 3,700 members across Co Down, so we are hoping a good percentage of those get involved and it is open to the general public as well," Sir Knight Clydesdale added.

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South Londonderry District No 4 proudly celebrates its Centenary

THIS year sees the 100th Anniversary of a District Chapter in the south of County Londonderry.

Records are very sketchy in relation to the history of the District in County Londonderry, but it was issued with a Warrant on the 10th June, 1913, taking the title of South Derry District No 5, with the first WDM being Sir Knight John Magill from Magherafelt and the Registrar being Sir Knight John McKeown from Knockloughrim.

A new Warrant was issued on 6th September, 1960 to Sir Knight Samuel Hazlett Porter with the District Chapter now being recognised as South Derry District No 4. The decision was taken in 2010 to ask the IGBC to rename the District as South Londonderry District No 4 and a new Warrant was issued to Sir Knight Hugh Stewart on the 20th May, 2011 with this name change coming into operation.

Currently there are 16 preceptories in the District encamped at Magherafelt, Killygullib, Moneymore, Tobermore, Curran, Bellaghy, Desertmartin, Kilrea, Lisnamorrow, Tamlaght O'Crilly, Boveedy, Knockloughrim, Culnady, Ballynenagh, Upperlands, and Maghera. It is the biggest District in the County of Londonderry with a membership of just over 800 Sir Knights.

The current WDM is Sir Knight David Montgomery, from Culnady and the Registrar is Sir Knight Stephen Fleming, from Desertmartin.

With the name change to South Londonderry, the District also took the decision, as part of its celebrations, to purchase new District Regalia and a new District Bannerette incorporating the name change. These will be Dedicated at the District Anniversary Parade Service on Sunday 18th August, to be hosted this year by the Desertmartin Preceptory.

To celebrate the Centenary of the District, a number of events will take place.

A Gospel Concert was held in Magherafelt High School on 22nd February to raise funds for the IGBC appeal. A number of local artists took part and the hall was well filled.

A cheque for £2,000 was presented to Sir Knight William Aberthnethy, IGBC Treasurer at the District Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers held in March in Magherafelt Orange Hall.

To mark the Centenary, a specially designed jewel has also been commissioned and will be available for the Sir Knights of the District to purchase and wear with pride.

An invite has been received to join with the Sir Knights at the Scarva Demonstration on 13th July, 2013 and currently plans are underway to attend and be part of this wonderful parade and spectacle.

To round off the Centenary celebrations, the Last Saturday demonstration this year will be held in the South of the County under the auspices of South Londonderry District No 4. This will be held on Saturday 31st August in the village of Ballyronan on the shores of Lough Neagh. Plans are currently well underway with the guest speaker the Imperial Sovereign Grand Master, Sir Knight Millar Farr. Congratulations to South Londonderry District on its 100th milestone!

Current District Officers:-
WDM - Sir Knight David Montgomery, Culnady.

DDM - Sir Knight Roland Caldwell, Bellaghy.

CHAPLAIN - Sir Knight the Rev Gareth Stewart, Maghera.

REGISTRAR, Sir Knight Stephen Fleming, Desertmartin.

TREASURER - Sir Knight Thomas Linton, Maghera.

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Double 50 Year milestone for Caleb's Royal Line RBP 291

LAST year's annual Last Saturday Demonstration brought a double 50 Year celebration to the Sir Knights of Caleb's Royal Line RBP 291, County Londonderry.

Before setting off for Portrush, the venue for the local Demonstration, Sir Knight Roland Caldwell (RBP 573) Deputy District Master of South Londonderry District No 4, presented, on behalf of the Preceptory, a 50 Year membership Jewel to their much respected and highly-esteemed member, Sir Knight Henry Fulton.

The year 1952 that Sir Knight Fulton joined, the



Sir Knight Roland Caldwell, Deputy District Master of South Londonderry District, presents a 50 Year Jewel to Sir Knight Henry Fulton. RB17

Preceptory also began a longstanding relationship between Caleb's Royal Line and Aughagaskin Pride of the North Flute Band. Since then the band has continuously led the Preceptory to the "Last Saturday" Demonstrations and Annual Devine parade services.

On a later occasion the Preceptory presented a certificate to the band marking their dedicated long service.

The Worshipful Master, Officers and members of the Preceptory offer their congratulations to Sir Knight Fulton and the band.

Around the Preceptories



Organisers of the Bloomhill RBP 1147 Gospel Concert in The Burnavon, Cookstown, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, Drew Robinson, pictured left and Paul Robinson, with compere the Rev Hugh Ross, centre. RB20



Joan Adams & Doreen Smith. RB21



Robert & Madeline Abernethy. RB22



Attending the Bloomhill RBP 1147 Gospel Concert, from left, Madge Porter, Winnie Oliver, Harry Martin and Eric Patterson. RB23

Bloomhill blazes trail with treats galore along way

BLOOMHILL RBP 1147 is encamped in the heart of Mid-Ulster (mid-way between Cookstown and Dungannon, close to the village of Newmills) and the Preceptory is affiliated to Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No 1.

The Preceptory in Bloomhill has been very pro-active in meeting the ideals of the Mission Statement of the Black Institution - the promotion of Christian and charitable outreach. For example, in 2008, they raised £3,500 and bought four flatscreen TVs for the isolation wards in Belfast City Hospital's Haematology Unit.

Bloomhill RBP 1147 plays a significant role in the life of the local community, regularly running Missions, concerts and social events and the Preceptory continually takes on new and exciting challenges as it offers more and more to the wider community.

The Preceptory organised Bloomhill Boot Camp and took 21 young people (11 males and 10 females, aged between 13-18 years old) to Clearsky Adventure Centre at Strangford. Two action-packed, fun-filled days coupled with active discussion on Christian values and the role of the Loyal Orders in today's world resulted in very positive feedback from the participants.

Representatives from Grand Lodge and the Imperial Black Institution answered some difficult but pertinent questions from the young people and engaged them in debate around issues such as why there is a need for the Black Institution, the role of women in the Loyal Orders and the meaning of the various symbols displayed by the Loyal Orders.

In 2009, a music group was

established from the Preceptory members and members of their accompanying band - Bloomhill Accordion Band. This music group is called "The 1147ers" and they have appeared in many Orange Halls, Church Halls and on stages such as the Burnavon Theatre Cookstown and the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen.

The 1147ers offer a variety of Ulster-Scots, Gospel, Irish and Country music and they often mix in stories, poems, sketches and their own compositions.

This five-piece group provides a package that is easy listening and mostly light hearted.

The guys would tell you that they are not professionals, but anyone who has heard them can vouch that they certainly put a lot of effort into their performances and people definitely enjoy what they do.

The Officers and members of Bloomhill RBP 1147 are to be commended on recently donating £1,000 towards this year's Grand Master's Appeal (Alzheimer's NI) and, in connection with that donation, they will be hosting a Gospel concert in the Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown on the 1st March 2013.

This was a sell-out event last year and this year's concert will feature Kathryn Mitchell, Simple Faith, Live Issue and the 1147ers and will be compered by "Pavarossi" (the Rev Hugh Ross).

With their foresight, energy and commitment, Bloomhill RBP 1147 are indeed blazing a trail that has gained strong support from the local community and can certainly boost the profile of the Loyal Orders.

Bloom-ing good concert!

BLOOMHILL RBP 1147, Newmills recently presented £1,000 to Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No 1 towards the Grand Master's appeal for the latest designated charity of the Black Institution, Alzheimer's NI.

In connection

with that donation to Alzheimer's NI, Bloomhill organised a Gospel Concert in the Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown on Friday 1st March.

This "Ministry through Music" featured Kathryn Mitchell, Simple Faith (quintet), Live Issue and Bloomhill's own

group The 1147ers.

Comperer for the night was Pavarossi (the Rev Hugh Ross).

This was a sell out event last year and this year's concert proved another memorable night.

Bloomhill Preceptory is to be commended on such a magnificent effort.

Around the Preceptories

Blackskull's fundraisers

BLACKSKULL "Star of Liberty" RBP 95 Co Down has been busy in its fundraising efforts.

The Preceptory held a very successful Sponsored Walk/Cycle, Coffee Morning and Table Quiz which, to date,

raised £3,474 for the Alzheimer's Society.

The Preceptory extends sincere thanks to all those who supported or helped in the organisation of the events.



Blackskull "Star of Liberty" RBP 95 Co Down held a very successful Sponsored Walk/Cycle, Coffee Morning and Table Quiz which to date raised £3,474 for the Alzheimer's Society. Pictured following the Table Quiz is Trevor Bell presenting the winning trophy to Richard Fleming. Included are Colin Bell and Joshua Weir, Richard's grandson. RB24



The Blackskull "Star of Liberty" RBP 95 Sponsored Walk/Cycle. RB25



The Blackskull Coffee Morning was well supported. RB26



Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31, County Tyrone, presents Chaplain Sir Knight Roy Irwin with his Past Master's Certificate. Pictured are, back row, from left, Sir Knight Adrian Black, DM RBP 31; Sir Knight Alastair Stewart, East Tyrone RBDC No 5 Treasurer and Sir Knight Trevor Mayne, Registrar RBP 31. Front row, from left, Sir Knight David Brimage, East Tyrone RBDC No 5 Lecturer; Sir Knight Alastair Brown, WM RBP 31; Sir Knight Roy Irwin, East Tyrone RBDC NO 5 Chaplain and Sir Knight David Miller, DDM. RB27

Donaghrisk Coffee Evening

DONAGHRISK Red Cross Knights RBP 31, East Tyrone District No 5, organised a Coffee Evening in Sandholes Presbyterian Church Hall on Friday 15th March.

Proceeds were in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and Preceptory funds.

The event was well supported.



Two new members have joined Johnston's Memorial RBP No 189, Lurgan. They are Neill and Andrew Harrison, who are pictured with their father, Stephen, and Officers. Congratulations and welcome to Neill and Andrew. RB28



Rt Wor Sir Knight Hazlett Moore of Tubrid "Royal Marksmen" RBP No 1235, Co Fermanagh, being presented with his Past County Grand Master's Certificate and Jewel by the Sovereign Grand Master, Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr. Included are the newly-installed County Grand Master, Rt Wor Sir Knight Robert Dane, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and Sir Knight David Graham, Deputy County Grand Master. RB29

Around the Preceptories



Covenant Centenary celebrated in Lurgan

DURING its last meeting, Lurgan Royal Black District Chapter No 2 unveiled a Commemorative Plaque celebrating the Centenary of the Ulster Covenant.

Concurrently, the Chapter also marked the completion of the refurbishment of its Chapter Room, including a beautiful framed print of HM The Queen, kindly donated by Sir Knight Victor Stewart, PDM.

Above: The Sir Knights of Lurgan RBDC No 2 marking the completion of the refurbishment of the Chapter Room. RB30

Below District Chaplain, the Rev WA Murphy, PDM; Sir Knt V Stewart, WDM; Sir Knt A Hudson and DDM and Sir Knt W Cordner are joined by Sir Knts V Simpson and G Quaille, District Lecturers, at the unveiling of the commemorative plaque celebrating the Centenary of the Ulster Covenant. RB32



Left: WDM, Sir Knt A Hudson, PDM; Sir Knt V Stewart, District Chaplain; the Rev WA Murphy and DDM and Sir Knt W Cordner admiring the framed print of HM The Queen. RB31

Portadown Preceptory with Methodist ethos

A PORTADOWN Royal Black Preceptory recently celebrated the 65th year of its formation.

Epworth Temperance RBP No 232, was formed in November 1947, and as the name would suggest, it has a strong Methodist tradition and ethos.

In the early years of its existence, most of the Sir Knights were Methodists, but today the Preceptory has members who belong to most of the Protestant denominations.

Epworth, one of 19 preceptories in Portadown District, has provided many leaders of civic

life in the town. Several members have held the office of Mayor of Portadown, including the late Sir Knight Robert J. Williamson.

Other prominent members have included two Town Clerks of Portadown and Craigavon, the late Sir Knights Ken Jones and William Robinson.

Among the Methodist ministers who have held office in Epworth RBP 232 have been the late Sir Knights the Rev Henry Holloway and Derek McMeekin.

Two outstanding Epworth

members were the brothers Sir Knights Joshua and Robert Bell.

They were outstanding lecturers and Sir Knight Joshua Bell held the high office of Imperial Grand Lecturer for many years.

Those who had the privilege of having their degrees conferred by the late Sir Knights Joshua and Bobby Bell rightly regarded it as a memorable experience.

A portrait of Sir Knight Joshua Bell adorns the room in Carleton Street Orange Hall in which RBP 232 holds its monthly meetings and which is used by

the District Chapter for important meetings.

Like many preceptories, Epworth has experienced highs and lows in membership down the years.

In the early decades there were 50-plus members. Today the membership is just over 20, but a number of new members have joined in recent years and the preceptory continues to play a key role in District affairs.

The present Worshipful Master is Sir Knight Timothy Irwin and his Deputy is Sir Knight Nigel Dawson.

Around the Preceptories

Officers elected

THE officers and Sir Knights of Largymore Star of the North RBP 198, Lisburn, held their Installation of Officers in the Cushnie Room in the Imperial Grand Black Chapter Headquarters, Brownlow House, Lurgan, Co Armagh.

The Worshipful Master of the Preceptory, Sir Knight Roy Lawrence, gave a warm welcome to the assembled members and especially to the visiting District Officers from Largymore RBD. No 9.

The Worshipful District Master Sir Knight Law presided over the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by the Deputy District Master Sir Knight Pedlow.

The following Sir Knights were duly installed:

Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Roy Lawrence.

Deputy Master, Sir Knight Gordon Dickson.

Chaplain, Sir Knight the Rev Gerry Sproule.

Lay Chaplain, Sir Knight James Martin.

Registrar, Sir Knight Edward Watterson.

Treasurer, Sir Knight Will Murdock.

1st Lecturer, Sir Knight Dennis Hall.

2nd Lecturer, Sir Knight Norman Hall.

1st Censor, Sir Knight Thomas Richardson.

2nd Censor Sir Knight Dennis Watson.

1st Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Alastair Hall.

2nd Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Ryan Donald.

Foreman of Committee, Sir Knight Stephen Reid.



Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No 9 district officers Sir Knights Stephen Law, District Master (left) and Kenny Gardner, District Treasurer (right) pictured with the Mayor of Lisburn, Alderman William Leatham and the Mayoress, Kathleen Leatham at a Gospel Concert in Hillhall Presbyterian Church Hall, Lisburn on Saturday 2nd February, hosted by Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No 9. Included, back row, are members of local country gospel band "Live Issue" who provided a great evening of entertainment and fellowship. RB33

Largymore RBDC No 9 hosts Gospel Concert

Right: Sir Knt Stephen Law, District Master of Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No 9, pictured presenting a cheque to the Mayor of Lisburn, Alderman William Leatham, in aid of his chosen charity, Stepping Stones. Looking on is Sir Knight Ron Pedlow, Deputy District Master. RB34



COUNTRY gospel band "Live Issue" provided a great evening of entertainment and fellowship at a Gospel Concert held in Hillhall Presbyterian Church Hall, Lisburn on Saturday 2nd February.

The event was hosted by Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No 9 and all proceeds will be donated to their nominated charities.

The special guests were the Mayor of Lisburn, Alderman William Leatham and the Mayoress, Kathleen Leatham.

During the evening, Sir Knight Stephen Law, District Master, presented a cheque to the Mayor in aid of his chosen charity, Stepping Stones.



Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No. 1 present a cheque for £5000 towards the Grand Masters Charity Appeal for the Alzheimer's Society. The sum was raised by the generosity of the Preceptories within the District and from the District Carol Services. Pictured, left to right, in the front row: Sir Knights Desmond Bloomer – Deputy District Master; Robert Abernethy – Grand Treasurer; Richard Emerson – Worshipful District Master; Barry Espie – District Registrar. Back Row: Stanley Morrow – District Lay Chaplain; Kenneth Montgomery – Assistant District Registrar; Simon Marshall – District Lay Chaplain; William Patterson – District Treasurer; David Emerson – Assistant District Treasurer. RB35

Long Service Presentations



Left: Pictured at the presentation of 30 Year Long Service Jewels and Certificates for Desertmartin "Knights of the Link and Chain" RBP 576, South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No.4, are, from left, Sir Knights John Kane, WM; Daniel Loughlin (30 Years Service); Winston Greer, (30 Years Service); David Barclay (30 Years Service); Harry Greer (30 Years Service); Roland Caldwell, DDM, South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No. 4; Andrew W Moore, DM and Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer. RB36

Desertmartin 'Knights of the Link and Chain' RBP 576 Long Service Jewels



Left: Pictured at the presentation of 40 Year Long Service Jewels and Certificates for Desertmartin "Knights of the Link and Chain" RBP 576, South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No.4, are, from left, Sir Knights John Kane, WM; James Brown (40 Years Service); Desmond Brown (40 Years Service); Walter Greer and Past CGM County Londonderry (40 Years Service); Roland Caldwell, DDM South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No.4; Andrew W. Moore, DM and Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer. RB37



Left: Pictured at the presentation of 55 Year Long Service Jewels and Certificates for Desertmartin "Knights of the Link and Chain" RBP 576, South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No.4, are, from left, Sir Knights Roland Caldwell, DDM South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No. 4; John Kane, WM; John J Kenning; (55 Years Service); Andrew W Moore, DM and Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer. RB38

Bellaghy RBP Long Service Jewels and Red Crosses



Pictured at a presentation of Long Service Jewels and Red Cross Certificates for Bellaghy Scarlett Line RBP 573, South Londonderry Royal Black District Chapter No 4, are, back row, from left, Sir Knights William A Evans, DM; William Campbell, PASGM; David Montgomery, WDM; Ivan Kelly, GM; Ian McCafferty, Imperial Grand Lecturer and Nigel Overend, WM. Front row, from left, Sir Knights William J Logan, MBE, PSGM; Raymond Fulton (50 Years Service); Robert A Overend MBE (60 Years Service); William Quigley (50 Years Service) and David McQuillan, Red Cross Certificate. RB39

Long-serving Sir Knights



District officers and Sir Knights of Cloughfin Royal Black Preceptory No 58, Sixmilecross, Co Tyrone, who attended a special night to mark long-standing membership by some members. RB42



Pictured are District Officers and members of Cloughfin Royal Black Preceptory RBP No 58, Sixmilecross, who attended a special evening to celebrate those with long-standing membership. Officers pictured, back row, from left, are Sir Knight Ronald Oldcroft, Treasurer; Sir Knight the Rev Alan Irwin, Chaplain; Sir Knight Robin Anderson, Registrar; Sir Knight William Hetherington, WM; senior member Sir Knight Jackie Clarke, Lecturer and Sir Knight Alan Gibson. Front row, from left, are senior member Sir Knight Tom Gibson, Sir Knight Norman Gibson who was presented with a 60 Year Bar; Sir Knight Gordon Adams, who also received a 60 Year Bar; Sir Knight Stanley McFarland, Omagh, WDM, who presented the Bars; Sir Knight Samuel John Gibson, who received a 70 Year Bar; Sir Knight Ivan McClements, Omagh, DDM and Sir Knight Bobby Gilchrist, Lecturer of Omagh District. Missing from the photograph are Sir Knight Norman Drummond, who received a 60 Year Jewel and Sir Knight Irwin Anderson, DM of Cloughfin RBP No 58. RB43



Two Sir Knights of Kinallen Temperance RBP No 1013, Ballynahinch District No 5 have, between them, a total of 143 years service. Pictured are Sir Knight Harry Biggerstaff, left, 69 years and Sir Knight James Elliott, Chaplain, 74 years. Both are to be commended on their many years of service to the Royal Black Institution. RB41



Members of Brackley RBP 343, Beragh, visited the home of Sir Knight Jim Dickson to present him with a 50 Year Jewel. Pictured at the presentation are, from left, Sir Knights Jim Slaine; Bobby Dickson; Jim Dickson; Cuthbert Mannagh, District Master of East Tyrone and Trevor Crawford, Deputy Master Brackley RBP 343. RB40

Long-serving Sir Knights



Sir Knight William Campbell, Worshipful Master of Macosquin "Smith's Defenders" RBP 256, County Londonderry, at the home of Preceptory member Sir Knight Jim Watson, where he was presented with his 50 Year Long Service Bar/Jewel. Sir Knight Watson was delighted to receive his Jewel. RB47



Sir Knights Will Crothers, Willie Pinkerton and Noel Pinkerton, of Lower Maze Scarlet Knights RBP No 124, Lisburn, proudly show their 25 Year Service Jewels. RB44



Sir Knight Richard Griffin of Beaconsfield Chosen Few RBP No 14, Lisburn, pictured receiving a 60 Year Service Jewel from Lagan Valley MP, Sir Knight Jeffrey Donaldson. RB45



Macosquin "Smith's Defenders" RBP 256, County Londonderry, pictured on the Black Saturday morning with some of the members who received Long Service Jewels/Bars at the Installation held earlier in the year. RB46



Pictured at the presentation of 50 Year Jewels to members of Aughalargue RBP 231, Stewartstown, County Tyrone, are, from left, Sir Knights Cuthbert Managh, Worshipful District Master East Tyrone RBDC; Fred Hughes, the Rev Dr Robert J Coulter, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master; Jim Abernethy and David Miller, Deputy District Master East Tyrone. Not included in the photograph is Sir Knight John Nethercote, who received a 60 Year Jewel. RB48



Members of Aughalargue RBP 231, Stewartstown, County Tyrone, who received 40 Year Jewels, front row, from left, Sir Knights Hughie Newell, George Clements, Stanley Junk, Andy Hardy. Back row, John Miller, Ramsey Stewart, Robert Miller and David Miller. Not included in the photograph were Sir Knights Eric McCrea, Victor McCrea and Brian Hamilton. RB49

Ballinamallard Crimson Heroes

Jewel and cheque presentations

Right: Ballinamallard Crimson Heroes, RBP 272, in County Fermanagh recently presented a large number of Jewels to its members who had served a minimum of 25 years.

Pictured are, front row, from left, Sir Knights, Robert Aiken (longest serving member with almost 69 Years); Gordon Lee (WM); Hazlit Moore (County Fermanagh Grand Master); David Black (District Master) and Noel Beattie (50 Years). Middle, Sir Knights, Vernon Hurst (DM); George Young (40 Years); Bertie Kerr (25 Years); Raymond Clendinning (30 Years); Oswald Thompson (25 Years); Alan Thompson (30 Years); Maynard Liddle (30 Years) and Victor McKenzie (30 Years). Back Row, Sir Knights, Howard McMorris (Chaplain, 25 Years); Basil Wallace (25 Years); Maurice Wallace (25 Years); Kenny Fisher (25 Years); Edwin Nixon (30 Years) and Roland Hurst (30 Years). RB50



Right: A cheque for The Alzheimer's Society in the amount of £1,000 was presented to Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer, on behalf of Ballinamallard Crimson Heroes RBP 272. This sum was raised from the sale of Diamond Jubilee pens and also a generous donation by Preceptory Chaplain, Sir Knight Howard McMorris, the proceeds of donations received in lieu of gifts on the occasion of his 25th Wedding anniversary. Pictured are Sir Knights, Howard McMorris; Cecil Brownlee (Deputy County Grand Lecturer); William Abernethy (Imperial Grand Treasurer); Gordon Lee (WM); Vernon Hurst (DM) and David Black (District Master). Thanks to Mrs Valerie McMorris for the photographs. RB51



Ballinamallard Crimson Heroes, RBP 272, in County Fermanagh presentation of medals to Sir Knights with a minimum of 25 years, Sir Knights Gordon Lee (WM); William Abernethy (Imperial Grand Treasurer); Robert Cranston (30 Years); James Egerton (40 Years); David Black (District Master) and Vernon Hurst (DM). RB52



'Knights Of Ulster' RBP 241 Long Service recognised

Sir Knights of "Knights Of Ulster" RBP 241, Co Armagh, who received 60 and 50 Year Long Service Bars at their Preceptory meeting on 16th January, 2013 held in Cloughan Orange Hall, The Bars were presented by the WDM, Sir Knight David Livingstone. Pictured are, seated, from left, Sir Knights Alec McDonald and George Lutton (60 Year Bars). Standing, from left, Sir Knights David Livingstone WDM; Jim Spratt DM; Graham Brown; Robin Scott; Robert Moore (50 Year Bars); William Hutchinson WM and Gordon Wakenshaw DDM. RB54

**Wor Sir Knight
Denis Rodgers,
WDM of
Summerisland
Royal Black District
Chapter No 6, pres-
ents Sir Knight
Herbert Anderson
with his Past
Master's Certificate,
to mark his retire-
ment after serving
for 26 years as
Worshipful Master
of Bethlehem's
Golden Star, RBP
502, encamped at
Derrylileagh, County
Armagh. RB55**



County Down Preceptory keeps the Faith

A COUNTY Down Preceptory believes in witnessing for the Christian faith in a variety of ways, including special meetings on the second Tuesday of every month.

Loughbrickland Black Evangelical Fellowship draws up a programme of special speakers and events, and this has proved very popular with Sir Knights and friends. Meetings are held in Derrydrummock Orange Hall and the speakers so far have included Pastor Brian Madden, and leading DUP politician Nelson McCausland, who gave a fascinat-

ing talk on the social impact of the Ulster Covenant.

Other speakers have included Mr David McConaghie, Mr Jim Stewart and Pastor Bill Dunn.

The Fellowship holds a Big Breakfast in Banbridge Orange Hall each January and coming events include a visit to Londonderry and a gospel concert.

The Sir Knights of Loughbrickland Black Evangelical Fellowship will be delighted to welcome visitors at their meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 8pm.

Forthcoming Events

Bannerette Unfurling RBP 730
Moyarget Gold Link & Chain
On: Friday 31st May 2013
At: 8.00pm
In: Moyarget Protestant Hall

Banner Unfurling RBP 76
Garvetagh Guiding Star
On: Friday 21st June 2013
At: 8.00pm
In: Garvetagh Orange Hall

Annual Sham Fight and
Demonstration
On: Saturday 13th July 2013
In: Scarva

Lurgan RBDC No. 2
On: Saturday 13th July 2013
In: Bangor, Co. Down

County Fermanagh Grand Black
Chapter Demonstration
On: Saturday 3rd August
2013
At: 1.00 pm
In: Lisnaskea

Provincial Grand Black Chapter of
England Demonstration
On: Saturday 3rd August
2013
At: 11.45 am
In: Southport

Banner Unfurling RBP 131 Mount
Carmel
On: Thursday 8th August 2013

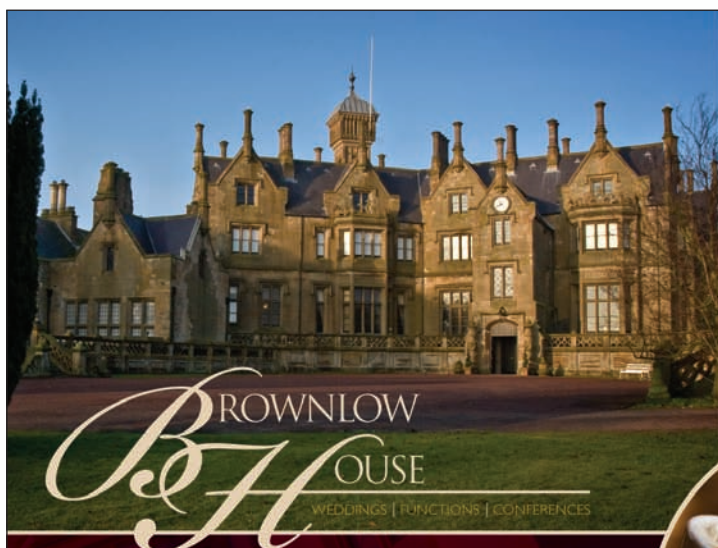
At: 7.30pm
In: Banbridge Orange Hall

Provincial Grand Black Chapter of
Scotland Demonstration
On: Saturday 10th August
2013
At: 11.00 am
In: Robertson Park,
Renfrew

Banner Unfurling RBP 1187
Young's Memorial
On: Friday 16th August 2013
In: Madden Parish Church

Black Saturday Demonstrations on
Saturday 31st August 2013
Ballymoney
Dungannon
Newtownards
Banbridge
Ballyronan
Castlederg

International Lecturers'
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On: Saturday 21st
September 2013
In: The Savoy Hotel,
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Cheque presentations



Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No 3 presented a cheque to Sir Knight William Scott, County Grand Master/Imperial Grand Registrar, for the Institution's Charity Appeal. Photo courtesy of Portadown Times. RB62



Left: At the Brackley Royal Black Preceptory Installation of Officers, Sir Knights presented a cheque for £500 to the Alzheimer's Society. The money was raised at a charity function at Brackley Orange Hall. Pictured in front row, from left, are Sir Knights Trevor Crawford, DM and Eric Donaghy, WM, presenting the cheque to Alastair Stewart, District Treasurer of East Tyrone No 5 and Ivan Frazer, Registrar, front row, right. Also pictured, centre, are Sir Knights Samuel Managh, Chaplain and David Swann, Treasurer. RB56



Wor Sir Knight George Arthur, County Antrim Grand Treasurer, presents Rt Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer, with a cheque for £3,000 towards the Alzheimer's Society. RB59



Strabane District Black Chapter No 2 has presented a cheque for £400 to the Royal Black Institution's designated charity 2012, the Alzheimer's Society. The presentation was made by Sir Knight Ian Donnell, WDM Strabane No 2 to Rt Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer, at a recent meeting of County Tyrone Black Chapter in Aghnacloy. The money was made up of proceeds from the 2012 Charity Cricket Match between the Orange and Black Districts in Strabane and a share of the collection at the Annual Church Service. Also pictured at the front are Sir Knight Derek McDermott DDM, Strabane No 2 and Rt Wor Sir Knight William Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar. Back Row, Sir Knight Stanley McFarland WDM, Omagh No4; Sir Knight Noel Erskine, Grand Treasurer, Co Tyrone; Sir Knight Richard Emerson DCGM, Co. Tyrone and Sir Knight Richard Reid Grand Registrar, Co Tyrone. RB60

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Cheque presentations



Above: Erin's First Royal Blues RBP No 1, Tandragee District, present a cheque for £700 to the Alzheimer's Society, the Royal Black Institution's designated charity. Sir Knight Timothy McClelland, WM is pictured making the presentation to Rt Wor Sir Knight William H Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar. RB61



Left: Sir Knights of Hillhall "Golden Star" RBP 1074, Co Down, making a cheque presentation to the Grand Treasurer. Pictured are, front row, from right to left, David Toole DM, Gareth McMullan WM, William Abernathy, Grand Treasurer and Noel Martin, Chaplain. Back row, Stephen Martin, Registrar. RB63



Carrickblacker "Guiding Star" RBP 503 Portadown Royal Black Chapter No 5 presented a cheque for £682 to the Mandeville Unit of Craigavon Area Hospital. The Mandeville Unit is the Specialist Cancer Unit in the Southern Area Trust. The money was raised at a Supper Dance organised by Sir Knight Harry Dawson and members of the Preceptory. Pictured at the presentation are, from left, Sir Knight David McAvoy, Nurse Hazel Wright, Staff Nurse Claire Connor and Sir Knight Harry Dawson. Sir Knight McAvoy and Sir Knight Dawson have both received treatment in the Mandeville Unit and continue to do so. RB64

Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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Lecturers' Certificates presented

Right: Sir Knights of Mourne RBP District No 8 received their Lecturer's Final Certificate.

Included are, front row, from left, Neil Cousins; Edward Graham; Newell Edgar and David McConnell. Back row, from left, David Keown, District Lecturer; Robert Newell, District Registrar; Harry Teggarty, District Chaplain; Robert George Graham, WDM; John Hanna; DDM; Reggie Annett; District Treasurer and William Shields, District Lecturer. Photo courtesy of Ingrid Perry. RB66



Charitable Sir Knights in Portadown

THE Sovereign Grand Master's stated current charity for the Institution to support is the Alzheimer's Society, worthy of the utmost support.

That charity received another financial boost thanks to a successful quiz held by Portadown District Royal Black Chapter.

The 19 preceptories of Portadown District were repre-

sented at the quiz held in Derrycarne Orange Hall, situated a short distance from the famous Drumcree area.

The event was hosted by Derrycarne RBP No 78 and a great night's fellowship resulted in a sizeable sum being raised for the Alzheimer's Society.

The Preceptory also handed over the proceeds of the refreshments sold during the evening for the worthy cause.

Sir Knight Robert Wallace, Portadown District Master, thanked the Sir Knights for their support and especially

Derrycarne RBP No 78.

The District Master, in calling for all members to support the Sovereign Grand Master, Sir Knight

Millar Farr, in his charitable fund-raising, revealed that Portadown District had already raised a substantial sum for the charity.

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Royal Black Reflections

'Give Me This Mountain'

EVERY nation has its forgotten heroes, and this is true of Old Testament history as well.

We readily think of men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, or David. But how often do we hear about a man named Caleb? When Caleb was eighty-five years old, he came to Joshua to claim his inheritance in the Promised Land. He said, "Now therefore give me this mountain." What an example Caleb is for us today!

When the nation of Israel neared the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 men into the land to spy it out.

The men came back with a glowing report of the riches in the land and even brought samples of the fruit. They had clusters of grapes so large that it took two men to carry them. But, sad to say, ten of the twelve men had absolutely no faith that God could give them the land. They saw only the walled cities and the giants who lived in them. However, two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, tried to convince the people that God was able to give them victory, but alas, the majority ruled, and the nation turned back into the wilderness. They wandered for forty years, until all of that unbelieving generation died - except for Moses, Joshua and Caleb.

God did lead His people into the Promised Land. Joshua led them across the Jordan River and into the land, and won victory after victory. Then it came time for the people to claim their share of the inheritance, and that was when Caleb said, "Give me this mountain." Caleb didn't ask for an easy place; he asked for a difficult place. The Bible tells us that this mountain was inhabited by a race of giants who lived in walled cities; but these obstacles didn't stop Caleb. He asked for the mountain, and by faith in God, he claimed that mountain and gave it to his family for generations to come.

What are some of the lessons we learn from this forgotten hero, Caleb? For one thing, we learn that the defeats of the others need not make us losers as well.

Because of the unbelief of the ten spies and the rest of Israel, Caleb had to wander in the wilderness for forty years, when he could

have been enjoying his inheritance. But Caleb didn't give up just because the majority was wrong. Caleb continued to trust God, knowing that one day he would claim his inheritance.

The more I think about Caleb, the more I appreciate him. He was certainly a man of faith; though the rest of the nation doubted God. Caleb believed God and was sure that one day he would get his promised reward. But there is a second lesson he teaches us; age is no barrier to making conquests for the Lord. Here was a man eighty-five years old! And he is asking for a mountain! Not just any mountain, but a mountain controlled by a tribe of great and mighty warriors. Eighty-five is a good age to settle down in some comfortable valley, but Caleb asked for a mountain.

Granted, Caleb was still in good health; and this means a lot. But Caleb's power came from his faith in God. He knew that God was able to overcome the enemy and give him his inheritance.

Caleb is a man who teaches us to look ahead and not back. When the nation of Israel finally did enter the Promised Land, Caleb could have sat down and pouted. He could have reminded the rulers that he had been in the minority - he had voted to enter the land - and had been right. He could have reviewed those forty years of wasted wandering and complained about them. But he didn't! Instead of looking back, Caleb looked ahead and claimed his mountain.

There is some value in looking back. Moses told the people to remember the way God had led them, and he warned them not to forget what God had done for them. In the Lord's Supper we look back to remember Christ and His death for us on the cross. But we also look ahead to the time when Christ will come again for His people. No, looking back in itself is not a sin. But when looking back keeps us from looking ahead, then we are disobeying God.

**Worship Sir Knight
the Rev Norman Hutton,
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A photograph from 1966 of the City of Londonderry and County Londonderry Grand Lodge Officers on parade. It is believed that the venue was in the Coleraine/Portrush/Portstewart area as the photographer's stamp is that of T Grimason & Co, who were based in Coleraine and Portrush. On the right of the photograph, carrying a sword, is the late Sir Knight Tommy Ferguson, who was a member of Fawney-Fort RBP No 143 and behind him is believed to be Sir Knight Bob Harte, who was a well-known Orangeman, Black Man and Apprentice Boy in Londonderry. Anyone who can identify anyone else in the photograph please email: wth1948@hotmail.co.uk or phone 0771 4989345 with the details. The photograph was kindly forwarded to "The Black" by Sir Knight William Houston, Treasurer of Fawney Fort RBP No 143. If you have an old Royal Black photograph, why not email it to "The Black" magazine along with a caption for publication. RB65



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Tributes

OBITUARY

Sir Knight Noel Crawford

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life of Noel Crawford was held in First Lisburn Presbyterian Church on Monday 15th October, 2012.

Noel was born on 12th December 1961 and died in Thompson House, Lisburn on Thursday 11th October at 50 years of age.

Sir Knight Crawford was a member of Lower Maze LOL 111 and served as Worshipful Master of Lower Maze Scarlet Knights RBP 124 and was always a familiar



Sir Knight Noel Crawford pictured in August 2010 when he was Worshipful Master. RB70

sight at parades in Lisburn.

Speaking of Noel's untimely passing, Sir Knight Colin Preen, District Registrar of Lisburn District Royal Black Chapter No 1 said: "Noel always gave of his best in his life."



The Memorial Plaque at Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda, erected in memory of Sir Knight Jim Wilkinson. RB68



Sir Knight Jim Wilkinson. RB69

Lecturer's legacy lives on at Kiwoko Hospital

MRS Noelle Wilkinson and family of the late Jim Wilkinson, Dromore, Co Down, would like to extend their appreciation to the many members of the Royal Black Institution who expressed their sympathy and support at the time of Jim's sudden

death; for visitations to the home, phone calls made, sympathy cards sent, the large number of members and those further afield for attending the funeral and generous donations made to Kiwoko Hospital Uganda.

A total of £3,300 was forwarded to the hospital, enabling their computer server and IT infrastructure to be replaced, providing a more stable and efficient platform for communication.

This was most appropriate as Jim was a great communicator, evident in his experience in Lecturing over many years and his enjoyment of interacting with fellow members.

An oxygen concentrator machine was also purchased and installed in the hospital ambulance, which is used to transfer severely sick patients to the National Referral Hospital in Kampala, the capital of Uganda.

Photos were kindly forwarded to the family showing the Memorial Plaque that has been erected in Jim's memory.

Tributes are paid to past District Master

TRIBUTES were paid to Mr James Symington, past District Master of Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No 5 at the quarterly meeting held in Brackagh Orange Hall.

Portadown District Master Sir Knight Robert Wallace, said Sir Knight Symington had given outstanding service to the Institution.

He had been a lecturer for many years, holding the office of County Grand Lecturer, as well as one of the senior lecturers in Portadown District.

Sir Knights observed a

Minute's Silence and sympathy was extended to Sir Knight Symington's wife and extended family.

The meeting was told that Portadown District had made steady progress during the year and there had been an increase in membership.

The meeting was also told that Portadown District had raised a substantial sum to be donated to the Sovereign Grand Master's annual appeal, this year's deserving cause being the Alzheimer's Society.

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Tributes

Room honours Sir Knight Joshua Bell in Portadown

A ROOM in the largest Orange hall in Portadown is to be named in memory of the late Sir Knight Joshua Bell, a distinguished officer in the Royal Black Institution.

Sir Knight Bell was Imperial Grand Treasurer of the Institution in the years 1954-78 and he rendered outstanding service to the Institution both at home and overseas.

Sir Knight Bell was a founder member of the Epworth Temperance RBP No 232, and the officers and Sir Knights of the Preceptory are delighted that the room in which many of the 19 preceptories in Portadown District meet will be known as "The Bell Room".

It is fitting that this should be the case, as Sir Knight Joshua Bell's brother, Robert Henry Bell, was also a member of RBP 232.

Both men were among the most accomplished Lecturers in the Black Institution and many Sir Knights have fond memories of being instructed in the Black Degrees by these two very talented men.

Sir Knight Bell, and his friend and senior Royal Black officer, Sir Knight Alex Cushnie, MBE, Imperial Grand Registrar, (1953-78), played a leading part in the re-construction of the Black Institution in Canada.

That was in 1960, when big changes were taking place in the Institution in British

America, which reflected changes taking place in the Canadian Black Institution.

Sir Knights Cushnie and Bell flew out to Canada in 1960 and spent a month in the Dominion, advising and assisting the Canadian officers in their vital work.

Their efforts and that of their Canadian Sir Knights proved successful and on their return to Northern Ireland, they told a Press conference in Brownlow House, Lurgan of their delight at how well everything had turned out.

This was confirmed in statements from Canadian Black Headquarters and the Dominion officers paid tribute to the great assistance received from Sir Knights Bell and Cushnie.

Sir Knights Joshua and Robert Bell were committed Christians, worshipping at Thomas Street Methodist Church in Portadown.

Sir Knight Joshua Bell's photograph will occupy a prominent place on the wall of "The Bell Room", which forms part of extensive improvements carried out to Carleton Street Orange Hall.

The Bell tradition is being carried on in Epworth Temperance RBP No 232, because Sir Knight Bobby Wright, a highly respected member of the Preceptory, is a nephew of Sir Knights Joshua and Robert Henry Bell.



Sir Knights attend Lecturers' Conference in Glasgow, Scotland

Sir Knights from Counties Armagh and Tyrone attended 69th International Lecturers' Conference at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, Glasgow. Pictured outside the Hall are Sir Knights W Emerson, K Montgomery, W Montgomery, G Wakenshaw, T Hopps, K Agnew, A Kirkland, S Potter, G Armstrong, S McIlldoon and J Clayton. RB53

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Sir Knights of Scotland

Special Degree Knights

SIR Knights from Samuel Frickleton VC Memorial RBP 1917 within Airdrie and Coatbridge District No 3 under the PGBC of Scotland have received their Red Cross Degree.

The Degree was carried out by PGBC of Scotland, Grand Lecturer Sir Knight Harry McColl and DGL Sir Knight James Sideserf.

Included with the 11 RBP 1917 Sir Knights was Sir Knight Jamie Wright of RBP 735.

Sir Knight Andrew Nelson RBP 1917, who is in photo, works in England and received his Red Cross in Liverpool.



Red Cross recipients, from left, Sir Knights Andrew Nelson, Ronald Campbell, Jamie Wright RBP 735, Alan Weir, James Kerr, Colin Vallance, Scott Buchanan, Len Kerr, Ewan Brannen, Ralph Campbell, Scott Murphy, Bill Scott and Jason Kerr. RB75



Sir Knights, recipients, Office Bearers, Lecturers and guests who attended the conferring of the Red Cross Degree at RBP 1917, standing, from left, Sir Knights A Ferguson, E Spence RBP 813 Belfast, Ron Campbell, Robert Keaney WM RBP 296, James Kerr, Jamie Murphy RBP 735, A Weir, Colin Vallance, A Nelson, E Brannen, Jason Kerr, Bill Scott, S Buchanan and J Burnett RBP 735. Seated, Wesley Adams RBP 457, H Dunbar RBP 296 (Grand Master Orange Lodge of Scotland), H McColl PGL of PGBC of Scotland, J Sideserf, DGL of PGBC of Scotland, Len Kerr and Ralph Campbell. RB76

Morning Star RBP Annual Service in Lanarkshire

THE Orange Hall Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland was filled once again to capacity for the 14th Annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving hosted by Morning Star RBP 160 on Sunday 24th February.

On the evening the Worshipful Master Sir Knight Matt Sime, on behalf of the Preceptory, was delighted to welcome The Rev Dr Ian McDonald of the Airdrie High Parish Church.

A warm welcome was also extended to the PGM Sir Knight J G Mclean and the MWGM Sir Knight and Bro Henry Dunbar and senior Officers of both Orange and Black Institutions, 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 origin of the



There was a large attendance at the 14th Annual Service of hosted by Morning Star RBP 160. RB74

Service began in February 2000, when the Preceptory wished to mark the Birth of our Saviour and the beginning of

the new Millennium. The service was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual event.

Thanks go to the

Past Master and Chaplain, Sir Knight Kenneth Whyte, who has organised the Service each year.

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Sir Knights of Scotland

Glasgow Preceptory takes part in Ulster League celebrations

TO celebrate and commemorate the Centenary of the signing of Ulster's Solemn League and Covenant, 12 Sir Knights from "Jonathan Harvey Memorial RBP 752", encamped in Glasgow, travelled to Ulster on 27th September 2012.

The first port-of-call was an enlightening and informative tour to the location of the Battle of the Boyne at the Boyne Heritage Centre.

On the Friday evening, WM Sir Knight D Jamieson led the Preceptory in a meeting in Dan Winter's Cottage, Loughgall, County Armagh, the ancestral birthplace of the Orange Order.

Sister Hilda Winters then gave a tour of the cottage, showing some of her family's documents relating to 1912

and the Ulster Covenant.

On the Saturday, the Sir Knights of RBP 752 joined many senior members of The Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland, along with tens of thousands of proud members of all Loyal Orders, in a walk from Sandy Row to Stormont, an occasion that will stay within the hearts and memories of all who participated.

On the Sunday, the Sir Knights headed to Ligoniel to pay homage to the three Scottish Soldiers' Memorial. They saw Loyalist murals in west and north Belfast and finally headed to Carrickfergus to visit the Castle where King William landed.

A weekend of history and celebration was enjoyed by all.



Sir Knights of Jonathan Harvey Memorial RBP 752, Glasgow visiting Dan Winter's Cottage in Loughgall, County Armagh. RB72.

At the monthly meeting of "Jonathan Harvey Memorial RBP 752", Glasgow, Scotland, Sir Knight John Burnside was presented with his 20 Year service medal. Sir Knight D Jamieson, WM, congratulated and thanked him for his continued loyalty and dedication to RBP 752.

On Sunday 14th October 2012, Sir Knight Graeme Cameron RBP 752 attended The British Shotokan Karate Championship in Oldham. Competing in the Male Senior Kata Section, hours of

training, hard work and an outstanding performance resulted in Sir Knight Cameron winning Silver, finishing second in Britain.

Congratulations from all to the young Sir Knight.

RBP 752 is sad to announce the death of Sir Knight

Thomas Shirley, who held the post of Worshipful Master from 1995-1998. He joined The Cameronian Regiment in 1949, serving in Spain, Italy, Hong Kong, Germany and Malaysia. He achieved the rank of NCO before his

National Service ended in 1951.

Sir Knight Shirley passed away in December 2012 after a long illness, and 50 years' service in the Loyal Institutions.

His PM collarette adorns the Bible at Preceptory meetings.



The Worshipful Master and Treasurer of RBP 411, Ayrshire, Scotland, presenting a cheque to a representative of North Ayrshire Cancer Care for £750.00, raised at a preceptory fundraiser held in Kilwinning Orange Hall on 11th November 2011. The money will help the members of North Ayrshire Cancer Care in the valuable work they do in transporting patients undergoing treatment in various hospitals in the west of Scotland. RB73



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Sir Knights of Scotland

Visit to Stormont enjoyed

THE Sir Knights of the "Rising Sons of Paisley", RBP 457, Glasgow, last year decided that they would support two charities, one being Erskine Hospital and the other the Alzheimer's Society.

Eight Sir Knights set off to Cumbrae for a sponsored cycle on a Saturday morning. Whilst not the warmest of days, the Sir Knights managed to complete what they had set out to do.

They also raised funds by holding a coffee morning and selling key rings and Bible markers and eventually managed to reach the £1,000 mark, with both charities receiving £500.

The cheque for the Alzheimer's Society was presented to Sir

Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, who accepted the cheque on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society.

The Sir Knights of the "Rising Sons of Paisley", RBP 457, Glasgow, have been travelling to Ulster for 20 years to meet up with our friends from RBP 768 in Donaghadee.

During their most recent visit to Northern Ireland and Donaghadee, the Sir Knights visited Stormont at the invitation of Sir Knight Sammy Gardiner MLA.

Sir Knight Gardiner gave all a tour that was second to none and treated the visitors to a beautiful meal to round off the evening.



Sir Knights of the "Rising Sons of Paisley", RBP 457, Glasgow, with Sir Knight Sammy Gardiner MLA in Stormont. RB77

Right: Some of the Sir Knights who took part in the sponsored cycle, from left, David Scott, Robert Thomson, Robert Burke, Andrew Carey, Alan Goody and Hamilton McCreadie. Not present in the photograph are Sir Knights Raymond Robertson, David McFadden and Jim McAulay, who completed the cycle earlier. RB78



Sir Knights of England



Sovereign Grand Master, Sir Knight Millar Farr, seated, with Sir Knight Steven Taylor to his right and Sir Knight Simon Bean, WM, William Haire Memorial RBP 589, Liverpool, to his left, at the Preceptory's annual Luncheon Dinner held in Southport. RB71

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Liverpool Preceptory Luncheon Dinner

DURING The Province of England Royal Black Celebrations 2012, William Haire Memorial RBP 589, Liverpool, a relatively small but growing Preceptory of 23 Sir Knights, hosted their annual three-course Luncheon Dinner at the Scarisbrick Hotel, Southport.

In attendance this year were 80 Sir Knights, partners, Orange and Protestant friends.

The Preceptory was also delighted to welcome its Guest of Honour, Most Worshipful Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, accompanied by Mrs Farr.

Other visiting Sir Knights included those from England, Scotland and Belfast, most notably, the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of England, Rt Worshipful Sir Knight Steven Taylor; Past

Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Sir Knight Albert Hindley and regular visitor from Paisley, Deputy Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Sir Knight Alan Goody.

The Dinner was a great success, which was enjoyed by all and epitomised the strength, friendship and unity of the Royal Black Institution across the United Kingdom.

Uganda work commended

AT the recent Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland awards dinner, Brother and Sir Knight Alan Goody PASGM received the accolade of Orangeman of the Year for his work with the Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda, supported by the Royal Black Institution.

The Grand Master, Bro Henry Dunbar, spoke very highly of the work by the Royal Black Institution and said it was a fitting reward for the effort put in by Bro and Sir Knt Goody.

Sir Knt and Bro Goody intimated that he felt it was a reward for all of the team and not just for himself and said it was one of the highlights of his life.



Sir Knight and Bro Goody receives his award from Most Wor Brother Henry Dunbar. RB18



Sir Knight & Bro Alan Goody, his wife Heather, Bro Andrew Muir, son-in-law and daughter Alison at the awards. RB19

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