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Haass meets Institution



US diplomat Dr Richard Haass meeting Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution. Also in the picture are, from left, Sir Knight the Rev Canon Will Murphy, Grand Chaplain of the Institution; Wor Sir Knt William Scott, Grand Registrar; Meghan O'Sullivan, Independent Vice Chairman of the Panel of Parties of the NI Executive and Sir Knight the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master of the Institution. RB

SENIOR members of the Royal Black Institution met US diplomat Richard Haass and his team on Wednesday morning, 18th September.

Dr Haass visited the Province in September in an effort to overcome the obstacles to peace and stability.

He chaired inter-party talks in Belfast on parades, flags and the past-issues and met

various political parties and groups.

The Royal Black delegation consisted of Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master; Wor Sir Knight William Scott, Grand Registrar; Sir

Knight the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and Sir Knight Canon Will Murphy, Grand Chaplain.

The delegation gave Dr Haass an outline discussion paper on issues

associated with parading, flags and legacy.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

A spokesman for the Royal Black described the meeting as "very worthwhile and constructive".

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Pictured right, The postcard from HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, pictured with their baby son, HRH George Alexander Louis, Prince of Cambridge RB2



Royal couple thanks Institution for good wishes on the birth of HRH Prince George

THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have extended thanks to the Royal Black Institution, after it congratulated Prince William and Kate on the birth of the Heir to the Throne, HRH Prince George.

In a letter to the Duke and Duchess, Wor Sir Knight William H Scott, Imperial Grand Registrar stated:

"Your Royal Highnesses, I write on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Royal Black Institution to congratulate Your Royal Highnesses on the birth of your baby son, HRH George Alexander Louis, Prince of Cambridge.

"We in this Institution, as loyal subjects of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, are delighted with the news of the safe arrival of this newest member of Her Royal House and it is our prayer that he may always know health and strength, growing up to uphold and defend the place in all our hearts which our Sovereign Lady the Queen has established through a lifetime of devoted service to our nation.

"We pray that you may all know the blessing of God as you go forward together.

"Yours sincerely,
William. H. Scott
Imperial Grand Registrar."

A postcard from the Duke and Duchess featuring the Royal couple with their new baby, was, in turn, received by the Royal

Black Institution.

The reverse of the picture postcard read:

"The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were most touched that you took the trouble to write as you did on the occasion of the birth of their son, Prince George.

"Their Royal Highnesses have been overwhelmed by all the wonderful messages they have received and send you their warmest thanks and best wishes.

"HRH Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge, 22nd July, 2013"

Members of the Royal Black Institution also marked the birth of Prince George, Heir to the Throne, through their Resolutions at Last Saturday demonstrations throughout Northern Ireland.

Included in the Resolutions were congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen on the 60th Anniversary of her Coronation this year and also congratulations to HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their baby son, HRH George Alexander Louis, Prince of Cambridge.

The Resolution on Loyalty, which was read at all six Royal Black venues, rejoiced in the birth of the Heir to the Throne and expressed good wishes to the family of the latest addition to the Monarchy, Prince George.

Message from SGM...

**Sir Knights,
IT has been another busy and successful year for the Royal Black Institution.**

In addition to the Scarva and Last Saturday parades, the Institution has been very active as it continues to help others through its charity work.

The Institution reached a significant milestone in 2013 when it broke through the half a million pounds mark in raising money for charities.

The money was raised by members of the Institution since 2002 and went to six charities, two in Africa and the rest locally based.

The latest cheque, for £95,000 was presented to the Alzheimer's Society at a special function in the Royal Black Headquarters in Brownlow House, Lurgan.

Myself, along with other members of the Institution, met US diplomat Richard Haass and his team in September, when he visited the Province to take part in peace talks.

Our delegation gave Dr Haass an outline discussion paper on issues associated with parading, flags and legacy.

The Institution also marked Londonderry's UK City of Culture status this year with a Service in

the Maiden City last month.

Royal Black dignitaries and Sir Knights took part in the Londonderry Procession and Take Five Service, which was held in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church, Londonderry.

It was a wonderful opportunity for us to express our Christian outreach through worship, as well as expressing our charitable outreach.

Preceptories and Sir Knights have been heavily engaged in a large variety of Royal Black events and my sincere thanks are extended for your continued help and support. Many of these events are contained within the pages of this issue of "The Black" magazine.

My thanks go to all the advertisers in this the third edition of "The Black" and also to those advertisers who advertised in previous issues.

Once again, we are indebted to all those who have submitted stories and photos for this issue of "The Black".

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SOVEREIGN GRAND
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Sir Knights raise £513,000 for six designated charities

THE Royal Black Institution reached a significant milestone in its work for charity when it broke through the half a million pounds mark in raising money. A total of £513,000 was raised by members of the Institution since 2002 and went to six charities, two in Africa and the rest locally based.

The Sovereign Grand Master Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr told "The Black" magazine: "We began the Royal Black Charity Appeal in 2002 and a wide range of fundraising events have been held over the past 10 years to help us break through the half a million pounds mark.

"It really has been a magnificent effort and I want to thank every single person in the Institution who contributed to all these wonderful causes."

The six designated charities to benefit are:-

Chest Heart & Stroke

In 2002 the first Charity to be supported was the Chest Heart &

Stroke Association and the Sir Knights donated £66,000, which was used by the Charity to make people aware of the problems associated with Heart and Chest Disease.

Action MS

In 2004 Action MS was the chosen charity and a cheque for £80,000 was presented to them, which allowed them to employ Dr Paula Cunnea at Queen's University, Belfast to examine aspects of blood vessel pathology in MS. Using state-of-the art technologies and complex software programmes, they identified 21 up-regulated genes involved in blood vessel disruption.

A further study using advanced microscopic techniques confirmed that these genes of interest are up-regulated and therefore of potential importance in MS. This information has been forwarded to international MS research for further studies.

None of this would have been possible without the gift of tissue samples received from people who

died with MS and the financial assistance received from the Royal Black Institution.

Open Doors

The charity supported in 2006 was Bible-based with the Institution aiding Open Doors with their work in Southern Sudan. Sir Knight the Rev Robert Boyd (Chaplain East Tyrone RBDC) accompanied a representative from Open Doors to identify a project.

It was agreed that a new multi-purpose training centre to be known as "The Emmanuel Christian Centre" (ECTC) should be set up in Goli in Southern Sudan.

The ECTC is a full Bible College facilitating all denominations and offers the most affordable theological training in Southern Sudan. It is also known for its interdenominational character.

It costs £720.00 to train a pastor for 16 weeks.

There is a clinic staffed by four people dealing with 20-30 people with malaria, typhoid, respiratory problems and skin infections. Treatment is free.

The school has 50 children aged 4-16 who take a Cambridge Certificate, which is equivalent to GCSE in the UK.

The new on site farm now provides food for the students and it is hoped that farming will lead to self reliance.

£90,000 was donated by the Sir Knights, which facilitated all these projects.

Diabetes Research

During the Autumn of 2007, health services were very concerned about the number of young people with diabetes, hence the charity chosen for 2008 was Diabetes Research UK and NI.

The project chosen was to evaluate the effectiveness of a Structured Diabetes Education (SDE) programme about diet and insulin management for adolescents with Type 1 diabetes. A total of £77,000 was raised.

A total of 135 adolescents aged between 13 -19 years from seven hospitals in Northern Ireland took part.

Seventy were allocated the SDE programme and 65 continued to have usual diabetes care over a 24 month period. Those on the SDE programme had an improved quality of life as they were able to match insulin with carbohydrates and thus engage in greater dietary freedom without weight gain.

A modified version of the SDE programme is now running at eight centres, the five Trusts in Northern Ireland and in the three border

counties funded by Co-operation and Working Together(CAWT).

There are eight diabetes nurse specialists and eight diabetes dietitians employed on the delivery of the programme.

Kiwoko Hospital

The Charity chosen for 2010 was the Kiwoko Hospital in the Luwero district of Uganda. Their motto is "We Treat Jesus Heals".

It was decided to send a "Work Party" to undertake work at the hospital as well as giving financial support.

£90,000 was raised by the Preceptories and the 15 members of the team raised £15,000 as well as raising the cost of their travel. The £105,000 donated allowed the hospital to undertake the following:-

Build two bungalows for senior staff and doctors; translate the Christianity Explored course into the languages of Runyoro and Rutoro, which has provided vital Christian ministry resources for the proclamation of the gospel and subsidise patient treatment.

The Work Party helped with the building work, mechanical work on hospital vehicles, rewiring the complete hospital and fitting solar panels. This work has significantly improved the hospital infrastructure.

Alzheimer's Society

The Alzheimer's Society, which is leading the fight against dementia, was the Institution's designated charity for 2012.

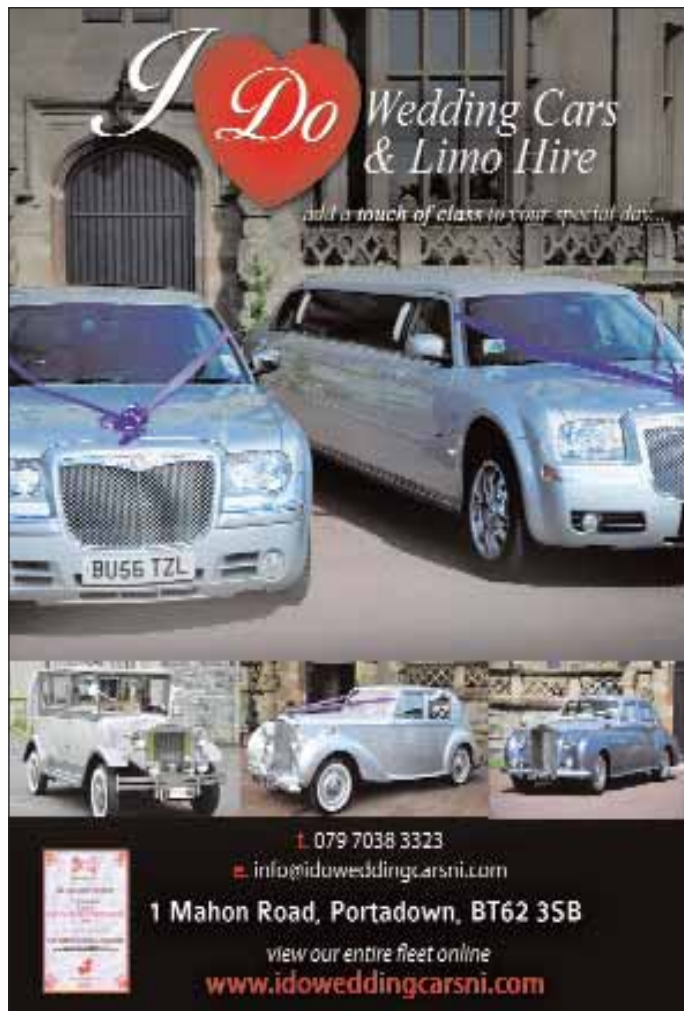
In addition to providing essential funds, it was an incredible opportunity to raise awareness of dementia.

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.

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.

The Royal Black Institution, Preceptories and Sir Knights are all to be commended on such valuable and worthwhile efforts as the Institution continues its charitable work.



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Presentations to Imperial Grand Treasurer

TYRONE Sir Knight William Abernethy has stepped down as Imperial Grand Treasurer of the Royal Black Institution, a position he has held for 15 years.

When you consider that Sir Knight Abernethy also served as Deputy Imperial Grand Treasurer for the previous five years, it adds up to 20 years faithful service to the Institution.

That service was recognised at the recent half-yearly meeting of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter in Newbliss, County Monaghan, where Sir Knight Abernethy was presented with a framed photograph of Brownlow House, Lurgan, the World Headquarters of the Royal Black Institution, along with the thanks of the Institution.

Making the presentation was Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, who extended sincere thanks to Wor Sir Knight Abernethy for his excellent service as Imperial Grand Treasurer.

Also present for the very special occasion were Sir Knights Robert Dane, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master; Colin Whiteside, Deputy Grand Treasurer; David Livingstone, the new Imperial Grand Treasurer (Eglish) and Deputy County Grand Master of Primatial District, Armagh; Andy McRoberts, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and Eric Mackrel, County Grand Master, Co Monaghan.

Reflecting on his 20 years as Deputy and Imperial Grand Treasurer, Wor Sir Knight Abernethy said: "The Rev William Anderson, a Loughgall Sir Knight, proposed me to the position of Deputy Imperial Grand Treasurer in 1993. I held that position for five

years before being appointed Imperial Grand Treasurer in 1998.

"It was a great honour for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out the various duties associated with the position."

The Imperial Grand Treasurer's position involves looking and administering the returns of Preceptories at District and County level; no easy task, but one which Sir Knight Abernethy has carried out with great diligence.

Continued Sir Knight Abernethy: "In 2000 the Institution achieved Charitable Status which allowed income tax relief and then in 2002 the Institution launched its charity appeal, which has to date raised £513,000 for a wide number of designated charities."

While he may be stepping down as Imperial Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Abernethy is still very much involved in the inner workings of the Royal Black Institution; his many positions reading like a "who's who" of the Royal Black.

Sir Knight Abernethy joined Ochill "Lily of the Valley" RBP No 727, Stewartstown in East Tyrone District No 5 in August 1965, following in the footsteps of his uncle, Sir Knight Ernest Abernethy, who was Registrar of Ochill for 50 years (1938-98). That family office longevity was continued with Sir Knight Abernethy serving as Treasurer of Ochill for 30 years (1968-98).

His father, Sir Knight Alwyn Abernethy was Assistant Treasurer of Killyman Temperance RBP No 511 and he once told William: "If you're going to be in something, then be IN it."

Those were words he would always remember... and follow.

And follow it he did! After serving as Treasurer of Ochill from 1968-98, Sir Knight Abernethy was Lecturer from 1976 until the present day.

He was Lay Chaplain of East Tyrone District No 5 from the 1970s to 1989; Deputy District Master of East Tyrone District from 1989-2003; Assistant Treasurer of East Tyrone District from 2005-2013; County Grand Master of Ceremonies up to 1988; County Grand Registrar from 1988-1998; Deputy County Grand Master from 2008-2012 and County Grand Master from 2012, a position he still holds.

In addition Sir Knight Abernethy was Assistant Sovereign Grand Master from 1997-1999; Member of the Finance Committee; Imperial Deputy Grand Treasurer from 1993-1998 and Imperial Grand Treasurer from 1998-2013.

Added Sir Knight Abernethy: "What I particularly enjoyed and was very proud of, were the contacts I have made and continue to make within the Royal Black

Institution. Also, I have been very honoured and lucky to receive invitations to Royal Black events and functions which has been most enjoyable.

"I have received tremendous support in my position as Imperial Grand Treasurer for which I am most thankful. But meeting members of the Institution was and continues to be the most enjoyable part for me personally and I would like to wish my successor,

Wor Sir Knight David Livingstone, Eglish, every best wish. The position of Imperial Grand Treasurer could not be placed in better hands."

Sir Knight Abernethy's brother, Robert, is also very much involved in the Loyal Orders, holding the positions of District Secretary of the Stewartstown Orange District and Assistant Grand Secretary of the Orange Institution.



Pictured at a special presentation to Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, third from left, outgoing Imperial Grand Treasurer, are, from left, Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Sir Knights Robert Dane, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master; Colin Whiteside, Deputy Grand Treasurer; David Livingstone, the new Imperial Grand Treasurer (Eglish) and Deputy County Grand Master of Primatial District, Armagh; Andy McRoberts, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and Eric Mackrel, County Grand Master, Co Monaghan. RB3



Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy with the framed photograph of Brownlow House. RB4

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Church services

Pomeroy

POMEROY "Rising Star" Royal Black Preceptory No 259, Co Tyrone, held their Annual Parade and Religious Service in Pomeroy Presbyterian Church.

The Sir Knights from the District and further afield assembled at Dungannon Crossroads and marched to and from the Church headed by Tyrooney Accordion Band.

The Rev Lindsay conducted the Service and delivered a very appropriate Address to a well-filled Church.

Alison Gilkinson was organist and the choir led the singing of well known hymns.

The offering was taken up by Sir Knights in aid of LEMOOS.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, Worshipful District Master of East Tyrone Royal Black District Chapter No 5, Sir Knight Cuthbert Managh, expressed words of appreciation to all who helped in the evening's proceedings.

Sir Knight Wayne Benson WM of RBP No 259 thanked Sir Knights and the Band for making the event so successful when dispersing at the crossroads.

Aughnacloy

THE Annual District Service of Aughnacloy Royal Black District

Chapter No 3 was held in Ballygawley Presbyterian Church.

Sir Knights assembled at the roundabout and marched to and from the church, headed by Loughans Accordion Band and Standard Bearers, Sir Knights, Quinton Bell, Ryan Bell and Robert Leitch, all members of Crilly RBP No 359.

The Service was conducted by Sir Knight Bro Nick Cooper, Chaplain Dundrod RBP No 194, who preached an appropriate Address. All joined in the well-known hymns and the organist was Rebecca Donaldson.

Praise Group members of Clogher RBP No 800 sang two pieces, Sir Knights Leslie Allen, Clive Allen, Andrew Mulligan, Robert Mulligan and George Smiton.

The Scripture lesson was read by Sir Knight John McCrory, Deputy District Master.

The collection was taken up by Sir Knights Robert Gilchrist, District Lecturer, Omagh District No 4; Stanley Morrow, Past Registrar, Bennett Memorial Temperance RBP No 1168; David Armstrong, Drummond "Faith Defenders" RBP No 426 and Alan Campbell, Aughnacloy RBP No 49. Sir Knight Harold Erskine, District Master, at the close of the Service extended thanks.

Royal Black marks UK City of Culture at special Service in Londonderry

THE ROYAL Black Institution marked Londonderry's UK City of Culture status this year with a Parade and Service in the Maiden City on 15th September.

A large number of Preceptories took part in a parade through the city culminating in a "Take Five Service" which was held in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church.

The event was held to mark the Royal Black Institution's contribution to Londonderry as UK City of Culture 2013.

The parade and service also served to highlight the work of the Royal Black Institution and in particular the Institution's "Take 5" project, an exciting and innovative programme which was launched at Brownlow House, Lurgan, World Headquarters of the Royal Black Institution, in January.

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

- Scripture Alone
- Christ Alone



Sir Knights on parade in Londonderry, UK City of Culture. RB6

- 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.

The "Take 5" Project will be the focus of the Royal Black Institution's outreach and teaching over the coming years.

Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church was filled to capacity, with Sir Knights taking part in the very uplifting service.

A DVD of the event will be available to purchase at Royal Black Headquarters, Brownlow House, Lurgan.



Royal Black dignitaries and Sir Knights taking part in the Londonderry Procession and Take Five Service which was held in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church, Londonderry on 15th September. RB5

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Sir Knight receives Arctic Star honour

SIR Knight William Docherty, Past Master, has been a member of the Rising Star of Mid Lanark RBP No 484, Scotland, for over 60 years and recently celebrated his 93rd birthday.

There was a double cause for celebration when, out of the blue, Sir Knight Docherty received the Arctic Star Medal for his part in the Arctic Convoy aid mission to Russia during World War II, a trip which Winston Churchill described as "the worst journey in the world".

The Arctic Star is a campaign medal of the United Kingdom, awarded for service in World War II.

The medal is awarded for any length of service above the Arctic Circle by members of the British Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy.

The Arctic Star is a retrospective award, coming nearly 70 years after the end of World War II, being announced in late 2012.

The Arctic Star was formally approved by The Queen and began production in early 2013.

Sir Knight Docherty told "The Black": "I was glad to receive the Medal, even if it has taken over 70 years to gain recognition.

"I was on the HMT 'Northern Wave'. We sailed from Pollock Dock in Belfast for Reykjavik in Iceland. We picked up the convoy about 50 miles outside Reykjavik and then travelled on to Murmansk. That was my first trip.

"On my second trip, again we left



Sir Knight William Docherty with his Arctic Star Medal, right and Long Service Medal. RB9

from Pollock Dock, heading for Loch Ewe in the north of Scotland and then to Murmansk.

"Prior to going home, we travelled to Pollyanna, the Russian base, for some repair work. This took place in December and I remember how I had to chip ice from the boat to keep afloat in the deadly Arctic waters, whilst keeping an eye out for German U boats."

Sir Knight Docherty is one of the few surviving sailors from the Arctic Convoy and has previously received a medal from the Russian government for his service.

The members of RBP 484 are very proud of Sir Knight Docherty.

Afghanistan Army Medal



Sir Knight Mark Adair, "Knights of the Golden Crown" RBP No 994, Magherally, Banbridge District No 6, and Alyson congratulate son Ben on receiving his Army Medal following his homecoming from Afghanistan. Ben was in Afghanistan for a six-month tour from September, 2012 to April, 2013. Medals were presented at Taunton, Somerset, England, by HRH the Duke of Kent and Taunton Council dignitaries were also present. The Commanding Officer 40 Commando Royal Marines, Lieutenant Colonel Matt J A Jackson, gave a speech and a parade took place through the town. Ben has also served in Somalia, off the coast of Libya and the Gulf, as well as training in USA. He passed out on 28th October, 2010. RB10

Forthcoming Events

Rathfriland Orange and Black Districts

On: Sunday 27th October, 2013,
at 3pm
Martin Luther and the Reformation
— Mr Jack Greenald

Monday 28th October, 2013, at 8pm
Scripture Alone — the Rev Nigel Reid

Tuesday 29th October, 2013, at 8pm
Grace Alone — the Rev John Noble

Wednesday 30th October, 2013, at 8pm
Faith Alone — the Rev David Reid

Thursday 31st October, 2013, at 8pm
Christ Alone — the Rev William Anderson

Friday 1st November, 2013, at 8pm
God's Glory Alone — Mr Raymond Adams

All meetings to be held in Rathfriland High School
Everyone welcome

175th Anniversary Service and Parade,
Erin's First Royal Blues, RBP No 1,

Tandragee District, Co. Armagh
On: Sunday 24th November, 2013

At: 3.00 p.m.
In: Ballymore Parish Church, Tandragee
Sir Knights to assemble at Tandragee District Hall at 2.30pm.
Everyone welcome.

Rathfriland Royal Black District Chapter No 7
Annual Carol Service
On: Sunday 1st December, 2013
At: 3.15pm.
In: Ballyrone Orange Hall
Everyone welcome

RBP No 18 and RBP No 66 - Gilford
Annual Songs of Praise Service
On: Sunday 23rd February, 2014
At: 7.30 pm
In: Tullylish Parish Church (off the main Gilford to Banbridge Road).
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Scarva Sham Fight

MEMBERS of the Royal Black Institution from all over Northern Ireland attended the annual Sham Fight at Scarva on Saturday, 13th July.

The Sham fight at Scarva is one of the biggest cultural events in the Northern Ireland calendar and 100,000 people converged on the Co. Down village.

The annual clash between King William and King James and the massive procession through the beautiful village is now firmly established as a major tourist attraction.

In recent years the then Northern Ireland Secretary of State, Owen Patterson, the Tourism Minister Arlene Foster and senior representatives from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Tourism Ireland attended and continue to attend the event to see the spectacle for themselves.

The Sovereign Grand Master, Millar Farr, told "The Black" magazine: "The Sham Fight is now firmly established on the Summer calendar for Northern Ireland.

"It is a wonderful event, organised by a local group of dedicated people, who ensure that the tens of thousands of spectators and the people taking part, can enjoy the day.

"There is no other event quite like the Sham Fight. It is without doubt the biggest one day event, at a single location, in Northern Ireland. Every year we have between 80,000 and 100,000 people who want to celebrate their culture."

Tourism Minister Arlene Foster said: "The Sham Fight is unique and as it attracts up to 100,000 visitors annually, it is one of the largest tourism events in Northern Ireland. This year we are hosting the UK City of Culture 2013 celebrations and events such as this provide fresh and interesting things for tourists to do."

The Scarva procession left the assembly field on the Gilford Road. Eighty Preceptories of the Royal



The packed Demonstration Field. RB12 Photos courtesy of Mr John Kelly.



Most Worshipful Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master addresses the large gathering in Scarva. RB14



Grand Black Chapter of Armagh Colour Party pictured heading up the parade. RB13



King William and King James pictured with all the people who took part in Scarva. RB15

Black took part in the procession, joined by a wide range of bands to suit all tastes.

Earlier in the day, members of Scarva Royal Black Preceptory laid a wreath at the village memorial to local members of the security forces who were murdered in the Troubles.

The organisation of the Sham Fight is the responsibility

of Royal Black Preceptory 1000, who work painstakingly to ensure that everything goes according to plan.

Each year there are 3,000 members of the Royal Black Institution on parade, accompanied by about 80 bands.

King William was played by John Adair and King James by Colin Cairns, both members of

RBP 1000.

At the top of the field where the fight was staged, is the chestnut tree where King William tied his horse on the way to the Battle of the Boyne and where his troops rested.

A religious service was held, when the main speaker was the Sovereign Grand Master, Most Wor Sir Knt Millar Farr.

attracts 100,000!



From left, Sir Knts John Smyth (Past County Grand Master), Samuel McConnell (Imperial Deputy Grand Master) and Mervyn Proctor (County Grand Standard Bearer). RB17



Sir Knights William Robinson, Norman Whitten and John Walker. RB16



Ready for their annual clash: King William (John Adair) and King James (Colin Cairns) get ready for their annual clash at Sham Fight, an annual re-enactment of the Battle of the Boyne of 1690, which was held at Scarva on Saturday 13th July. RB18



The large crowd at Portadown Train Station queuing for the train to Scarva for the annual Sham Fight Demonstration. RB11. Photo courtesy of Mr John Kelly.

Portadown Blackmen let train take the strain!

SIR Knights of Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No 5 and the many accompanying band members and friends made the short journey from Portadown to Scarva by train on Saturday 13th July.

The venue was of course the annual Sham Fight Demonstration at Scarva, where thousands of people packed the

small Co Down village for what has been described as the biggest cultural event of the year.

Throughout a busy day, Sir Knight Alan Burns (District Registrar of Portadown RBDC No 5) and Gerry McAtarsney (NIR Route Manager) were in charge of the transport arrangements by train from Portadown Railway Station

to Scarva Train Station with each train packed to capacity.

On a blistering hot day, the option of travelling in an air-conditioned train as opposed to travelling by car and sitting in long queues of traffic perhaps put a whole new meaning to Translink's marketing slogan - "Let the train take the strain!" And it certainly did!

Sir Knights' Long Service recognised



Sir Knt Victor Patterson, PM, Golden Star Temperance RBP No 979, Castlecaulfield, Co Tyrone, was presented with his 50 Year Jewel at the Annual Installation and Encampment of the Preceptory. Pictured are, back row, from left, Sir Knts Alan Jardine (Treasurer); Keith Ferguson (Registrar); Desmond Bloomer (DDM); Will Patterson (Deputy Treas) and Maxi Trimble (Chaplain). Front row, Sir Knts Barry McLean (WM), Victor Patterson and David Gilchrist (DM). RB22



Sir Knt James Artt, Lisnamorrow Sons of Joshua RBP No 637, Magherafelt South Londonderry District No 4, has been presented with his 50 Year Jewel. Included in the photograph are Sir Knt David Montgomery, WDM South Londonderry District No 4; Sir Knt Ivan Kelly, Londonderry County Grand Master; Sir Knt Ivan Hardy, DM Lisnamorrow RBP 637; Most Wor Sir Knt Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Sir Knt William Watterson, WM Lisnamorrow RBP 637. RB23



Two 50 Year Jewel presentations were made at the Election of Officers of Ahoghill RBP No 173, Ballymena RBDC No 2. Rt Wor Sir Knight the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master (right), presents Sir Knight Roy Gillespie (far left) and Sir Knight Norman Mellon with their Jewels. RB25



Long Service Medals have been presented to Sir Knights of Morning Star RBP 399, Lurgan RBDC No 2 at Brownlow House. The presentation was made by Sir Knt Alan Hudson, WDM of Lurgan RBDC No 2 and Sir Knt William Corder, DDM. Pictured are Sir Knt Mark Gordon, WM and Sir Knt Greig Stewart, DM with members of RBP No 399. RB26



Ballinamallard "Crimson Heroes" RBP No 272, County Fermanagh, presented a large number of medals to its members who had served a minimum of 25 years. Pictured at the presentation are:- Front Row (from left) - Sir Knights, Robert Aiken (longest serving member with almost 69 Years service); Gordon Lee (WM); Hazlett 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 Clendenning (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). RB20



Ballinamallard "Crimson Heroes" RBP No 272, County Fermanagh, presented Long Service Medals to a number of Sir Knights. Pictured are 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). RB21



Above: pictured at a presentation of Long Service Medals in Donemana Orange Hall, Co Tyrone, are, back row, from left, Sir Knight Richard Reid, Sir Knight Andrew Deans (30 Year Medal), Sir Knight Allan Bresland (30 Year Medal), Sir Knight George Thompson (30 Year Medal), Sir Knight James Witherow (30 Year Medal) and Grand Treasurer, Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy. RB24

THERE is a story told about a man who had a guilty conscience, and such was his guilt that it prompted him to send a letter to the Inland Revenue.

The letter said: 'I haven't been able to sleep because last year, when I filled out my income tax returns, I deliberately misrepresented my income. As a result I am now enclosing a cheque for £100.'

The letter had a PS at the bottom that said: "...and if I still can't sleep, I'll send you the rest."

Now it's commendable that the man confessed his wrongdoing, but his half-hearted restitution showed the shallowness of his regret. His confession was prompted by his desire for personal peace, not by remorse for a moral transgression. He was half-hearted, he was lukewarm and he was not fully committed to making things right and to doing things the way they should be done.

In our service for the Lord, we are not to be like that. God doesn't want us to be like that; rather, He wants us to be like Caleb, an Old Testament character who was wholeheartedly committed to Him.

There are a number of things that can be noted about Caleb which should challenge us in our service for the Lord. In Numbers 14:24 it says: "But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit that follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to and his descendants will inherit it." Further, in Numbers 31:11-12 we read: "Because they have not followed me wholeheartedly...not one of the men twenty years old or more will see the land I promised on oath to Abraham... not one except Caleb and Joshua, for they followed the Lord wholeheartedly."

The same sentiment is expressed in

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Deuteronomy 1:36 as in verses 8, 9, and 14 of Joshua 14.

So here we come across a man who followed the Lord, faithfully, wholly and fully and who never lowered his standards. Are we like Caleb in this respect or are we at times and maybe often, half-hearted in our love for God and in our obedience to Him?

Moses, in Numbers 14:24 speaks of Caleb's wholehearted service for the Lord and this is significant because it indicates to us that Caleb lived a life of godliness that was noticed by others. What this, I think, says to us is that if we are wholly following the Lord, we not only know it in our own hearts, but those around us whom we meet daily will know it as well.

And this is important for us to note because what other people see in us and notice about the way we do things and how we approach certain situations may well be the very thing that will bring them closer to Christ or also, sadly, drive them further away from Him.

As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to be people of integrity. We are to be upright and honest, choosing a good name above riches; in a world that is seeking quite the opposite.

In Proverbs 22:1 it says: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches."

In a poll of business executives carried out by one of our leading agencies in this field, it was discovered that 80 per cent of those questioned admitted to driving while under the influence of alcohol. Thirty-five per cent stated that

they overstated their tax deductions; 75% confessed to taking work supplies for their own personal use and 78% used the company phone for personal long distance calls.

The Lord, however, desires that His people act in a different way, for if we claim to be His and name the name of Christ, then we are always to do that which is right and to speak the truth. Psalm 15:2 says that the man or woman of God "should walk uprightly, work righteousness and speak the truth in his heart".

Integrity pleases God and when, in our daily living, we please God, then we will be blessed in our souls. A good name is truly a priceless possession and so our prayer should be:

Help me, dear Lord, to be honest and true,
In all that I say and in all that I do;
Give me courage to do what is right,
To bring to the world a glimpse of your light.
There is only one kind of life that really glorifies God and that is the life that is wholeheartedly given over to Him.

In Leviticus 10:3 God says: "By those who come near me, I must be regarded as Holy and before all the people I must be glorified."

This verse, among many in scripture, reminds us that God is Holy and that He expects us to be Holy too and to glorify Him in all that we do. Angels in the presence of God call to one another: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty..." (Revelation 4:8).

That too should be our call as well, as we seek to "live for Christ" as born-again believers, so that in ALL things God may be glorified.

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Pictured, from left, Harold Erskine, WDM Aughnacloy District; the Rev Cooper; Grace Cuddy & John McCrory, DDM Aughnacloy District. RB36

Kiwoko night in Aughnacloy

DR Grace Cuddy, Dungannon, under invite from Aughnacloy Royal Black District Chapter, provided an information evening on Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda, where she completed her six-week medical elective last Summer.

The event was held in Ballynanny Methodist Church Hall, where Grace showed photographs of the staff accommodation built by the team from the Royal Black Institution who had visited Kiwoko

the previous Summer.

She also illustrated how the money raised supported and was appreciated by the staff and patients.

Dr Cuddy gave an insight on how the hospital functions; how the local population lives; highlighted the invaluable Christian service the hospital provides to the local community and reinforced the hospital motto "We treat, Jesus heals".

RB parades

Lurgan Sir Knights enjoy day by the sea



Sir Knights taking a break in Bangor. RB27



A colourful parade through Bangor town. RB28



Lurgan RBDC No 2 Standard Bearer. RB29

LURGAN Royal Black District Chapter No 2's 12 preceptories were in Bangor for a parade on 13th July.

Sir Knights were also joined by members from Comber and Newtownards Districts for the parade by the sea.

The traditional family day saw members of the Institution parade the short route through the town, led by Corcain Flute Band.

The morning parade set from Castle Park Avenue and made its way around the town

before dispersing at noon.

A long leisurely lunch was enjoyed, as well as a walk around the "pickie pool", accompanied with a well-deserved ice cream before the return parade in the afternoon.

The relaxed seaside atmosphere ensured a great day out for all participants and spectators.

Bands participating included Corcain, Kilmore, Craigavon Protestant Boys Broxburn, Allistraw and Armidale.

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Royal Black Institution parades



Councillor Allan Rainey on parade. RB30



Above: Moybrone Pipe Band leads the procession through the main street of Lisnaskea to the Demonstration Field. RB35

Left: bands and preceptories from Co Donegal make their way along the route to the Demonstration Field in Lisnaskea. RB33



Cooling off after the parade through Lisnaskea are Sir Knights William McElroy, Norman Woods and James Armstrong, from RBP 1018. RB31

Thousands attend Lisnaskea parade

SEVERAL thousand members of the Royal Black Institution from County Fermanagh and the Republic's border counties took part in the traditional August parade in Lisnaskea on Saturday 3rd August.

More than 40 preceptories and bands from the Lakeland country and from Counties Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan stepped out for the popular parade.

The ranks were further swelled by other preceptories

and Sir Knights from throughout Northern Ireland.

In attendance was Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master and Wor Sir Knight William Scott, Grand Registrar, who gave the Address.



Sir Knights Robinson Crawford RBP 128 and John Hall RBP 549, both South Donegal, enjoying the parade in Lisnaskea. RB34

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Cheque presentations



Sir Knight Edgar Patterson, WM Banbridge District No 6, presents a cheque for £5,610 on behalf of Banbridge District Chapter, to Rt Wor Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, County Down Grand Master, towards the Imperial Grand Black Chapter Charity Appeal. RB37



Sir Knight Lee McBride WM, left, on behalf of Ballywillwill RBP 6, Castlewellan, County Down, hands over a cheque to Preceptory member Sir Knight Christopher Brown, who recently qualified as a teacher. He embarked on a five-week trip to help with Missionary work with the "Fields of Life", which included teaching at a Primary School in Uganda. RB39



Sir Knight W Campbell, WM "Star of Erin" RBP No 284, Dromara, presents a cheque to Ald William Leatheam, Mayor of Lisburn, towards his charity, "Stepping Stones". RB42



Sir Knt Everett Browne, Portadown RBDC No 5, receives a cheque for £300 for the Alzheimer's Society from Sir Knt Kyle Branyan, WM Sir Knight RH Bell Memorial RBP No 267, raised through a Church Service and a Carol Service. RB43



Wor Sir Knight Kenneth McCahon, WM RBP 435, makes a presentation from the joint Annual Service of RBP No 435, RBP No 508 and RBP No 994, in aid of the Charity Appeal, to Rt Wor Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, CGM, assisted by Wor Sir Knight Samuel Smyth, WM RBP No 508 and Wor Sir Knight Edgar Patterson, WDM Banbridge District No 6. RB38



Sir Knight Paul Clydesdale, representing Loughbrickland Evangelical Black Fellowship, presents the Worshipful Master of King Solomon's "Rising Star" RBP No 402, Loughbrickland, Sir Knight William Moorhead with a cheque in aid of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter's Charity Appeal, Alzheimer's Society. RB41



Ballinamallard "Crimson Heroes" RBP No 272, County Fermanagh have presented a cheque for £1,000 to The Alzheimers Society. The cheque was presented to wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer. 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. RB45



Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No 5 recently presented a cheque for £3805.72 to the Grand Master's appeal The Alzheimers Society. Pictured, front left, Sir Knight Everett Browne District Treasurer and Mrs Carole Murray, Dementia Support Worker Craigavon and Banbridge Area for The Alzheimers Society, Back row, from left, Sir Knight Robert Wallace, Worshipful District Master; Sir Knight Marshall Murray, Support Worker with The Alzheimers Society Worshipful Sir Knight William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer. RB44



Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No 1 present a cheque for £5,000 towards the Grand Master's 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 are Sir Knights, from left, front row, Desmond Bloomer, Deputy District Master; William Abernethy, Grand Treasurer; Richard Emerson, Worshipful District Master and Barry Espie, District Registrar. Back row, from left, Stanley Morrow, District Lay Chaplain; Kenneth Montgomery, Assistant District Registrar; Simon Marshall, District Lay Chaplain; William Patterson, District Treasurer and David Emerson, Assistant District Treasurer. RB40

Geneva & the Reformation

ANYONE connected to the loyal orders with an interest in the early Reformers should take a visit to the historic city of Geneva.

Once called the Protestant Rome, Geneva is situated in the heart of Europe with good transport connections from the UK.

Not only is Geneva a stunning city; it is rich in Reformation history, providing a number of places of interest for tourists seeking information on the works that form the Protestant religion.

On the hill that dominates the old town, Saint Peter's Cathedral is a stunning illustration of the authority that Geneva had on the Protestant world. The Cathedral is best known as the adopted home church of John Calvin, one of the Protestant Reformation mentors.

John Calvin's chair may be viewed within the



Sir Knight Alan Goody IDGM at the Reformation Wall in Geneva. RB19

church. Inside, the Cathedral has the largest set of Romanesque and Gothic architecture in Switzerland, while the windows (identical to those of the Renaissance, which are in the Museum of Art and History) date back to the restoration of the 19th Century.

Polychrome decorations of the Middle Ages, however, disappeared at the time of the Reformation. From 1535, the Mass was abolished in Geneva and the Cathedral was assigned to

Protestant worship.

The Church took the name Temple of Saint Pierre, which remains the official name today. The teaching and worship continues to the original essence of the Calvinist spirituality, heeding to the word; not to the image. After the separation of Church and state in 1907, the building became the property of the Protestant Church of Geneva.

In April 2005, the International Museum of the Reformation opened its

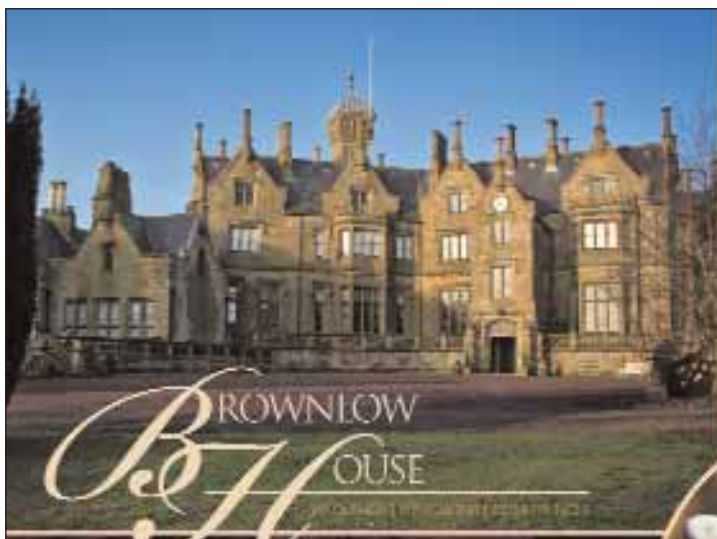
doors at the Maison Mallet next to Cathedral de St Pierre (St Peter's Cathedral).

The exact location is no accident as it was on this very site on 21st May, 1556 the Reformation was proclaimed.

The museum paints a comprehensive picture of the Reformation from its origins to the present day. A few hours are required to give you time to take in all information.

In the grounds of the University of Geneva

stands the International Monument to the Reformation (the Reformation Wall). Stretching for 100 metres, the wall depicts numerous Protestant figures from across Europe, including the 1689 presentation of the Bill of Rights (Declaration of Rights) to King William of Orange by the English Parliament. At the centre of the Monument, four 5metre tall statues of Calvinism's main protagonists are depicted - William Farel, John Calvin, Theodore Beza and John Knox. Left and right of the central statues are 3 metre tall statues of key figures, from across Europe, of the Protestant Reformation, including England's Oliver Cromwell. Along the Wall, to either side of the central statues, is engraved the motto of both the Reformation and Geneva: Post Tenebras Lux (After darkness Light).



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Officers and Sir Knights of Ballyoglagh RBP No 486 in Ballymoney. RB47

Ballymoney

EIGHTY preceptories took part in the demonstration in Ballymoney.

The demonstration was last held in Ballymoney in 2006.

The parade assembled at the showgrounds and paraded via North Road, High Street, Main Street, Meetinghouse Street, Garryduff Road to the Joey Dunlop Centre.

The preceptories came from six districts - Lisburn, Ballymena, Antrim, Larne, Ballymoney and Ballyclare.

There were 79 bands and almost 6,000 members of the Royal Black Institution on parade.

The platform proceedings were under the Chairman, Sir Knight David Hargy.

The service of worship was conducted by Sir Knight the Rev Robert Campbell, County Grand Chaplain of Antrim and the main address was by Sir Knight the Rev Nigel Reid, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master.



A packed Main Street in the sunshine for the County Antrim RBP parade in Ballymoney. RB48



Sir Knight Joe Gaston of Dunloy RBP. RB51



Lydia and Adam with Rasharkin RBP 989 in Ballymoney. RB46



Sir Knight Mark McLaughlin of the "Chosen Few" RBP Ballymoney. RB50



Getting the best vantage from the balcony of the Royal British in Ballymoney for the parade. RB49

Ballyronan

THE leader of the Royal Black Institution, Most Worshipful Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, was the guest speaker at the South Londonderry parade.

The demonstration in Ballyronan featured 35 preceptories representing Districts in Raphoe, South Londonderry, City of Londonderry and Coleraine.

The parade was last held in Ballyronan in 1988.

Thirty bands accompanied the parade, which began at mid-day and went via Shore Road, Main Street and the Coagh Road.

The platform proceedings in the Demonstration Field were Chaired by Wor Sir Knight Ivan Kelly, County Grand Master of Londonderry.

It was a special day for the host South Londonderry District No 4 which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.



Sovereign Grand Master Most Worshipful Sir Knight Millar Farr at the head of the parade in Ballyronan. The event was organised by County Londonderry Grand Black Chapter and was hosted by South Derry No 4 District and Lisnamorrow RBP 637. The Sovereign Grand Master gave the Address. RB52



Sir Knight Ian McCullough Registrar of Moneymore Golden Knights RPB313 in Ballyronan. RB54



Officers of South Londonderry District Number 4 on parade in Ballyronan. RB53



In tune at the Last Saturday in Ballyronan. RB56



William Hutchinson from Desertmartin greets Catherine Hutchinson during a break in the parade in Ballyronan. RB55



Sir Knights of Ballynenagh RPB 1112 Moneymore make their way to the field at Ballyronan. RB57



Parading in picturesque Banbridge. RB60

Banbridge

THE biggest demonstration of the day was in Banbridge where up to 7,000 members of the Royal Black Institution were on parade.

A total of 112 preceptories and 110 bands took part in the

procession.

The districts represented were Lower Iveagh, Lecale, Castlewellan, Newry, Banbridge, Rathfriland, Mourne, Largymore, Comber, Newtownards, Saintfield,

Bangor and Ballynahinch.

A crowd of approximately 50,000 turned out to line the route of the parade, which was last held in Banbridge in 2000.

The main procession moved off at mid-day via Dromore Road, Dromore Street, Church Square, Bridge Street, Newry Street and Newry Road to Adery's Lane.

The platform proceedings, which took the form of a religious service, were Chaired by Wor Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, County Grand Master, Down.



Drum Major Colin Ward of Skeogh Flute Band. RB59



Sir Knights of Rising Star RBP 402 lead the way. RB58



Sir Knights Charlie McNeill, Amos Cromwell, Alister Steven and Victor Morrow of Castlewellan RBP No 15 in Banbridge. RB63



Sir Knight Leonard Annett from RBP 208, Kilkeel. RB61



Sir Knight Jim McDowell of RBP 424 Comber and "Trixie". RB62



Three generations, Billy, Jonathan and Nicole Maxwell. RB64

THE Last Saturday demonstration was held in the Tyrone town of Castlederg for the first time since 2009.

There were approximately 1,200 members of the Royal Black Institution on parade, in 28 preceptories and accompanied by the same number of bands.

The parade started at 1pm and made its way to the Demonstration Field via Castlegore Road, Main Street, William Street, Lower Strabane Road to Castlegore.

The return parade, started at 4pm, and went via Castlegore Road, Main Street, the Diamond, Main Street and Castlegore Road.

The districts on parade were Castlederg, Strabane, Omagh, Tubrid, Address, Moyne and Laghey, Co Fermanagh.

The platform proceedings began at 2.30pm and the Chairman was Wor Sir Knight Harry Monteith, District Master of Castlederg.

The service of worship was conducted by Rt Wor Sir Knight the Rev Rodger McElnea, County Monaghan Grand Chaplain Elect.



Officers and members of Mountjoy Burning Bush RBP 220, including 92-year-old, Hugh McCutcheon, front row, third from right, who has been a member of the preceptory for 64 years, pictured in the assembly field at Castlederg. RB69



Ninety-six-year-old Andrew McAleer, Dervaghroy Sons of David RBP 405, who has been taking part in Royal Black Institution parades for nearly 80 years, pictured in the assembly field at Castlederg. RB65



Above: Sir Knights Joe Keys and Bert Davis, Omagh Olive Leaf RBP 185, in the field at Castlederg. RB66



The County Tyrone bannerette leads the head of the parade along the Castlegore Road during the Royal Black Institution 'Last Saturday' parade in Castlederg. RB67

Below: members of the Pride of the Derg Flute Band, Castlederg, carry the "Help for Heroes" charity banner during the Royal Black Institution 'Last Saturday' parade in Castlederg. Band members also wore 'Help for Heroes' t-shirts on Saturday in support of the charity. RB68



Joe Crozier, left, deputy master of Seskinore Knights of the Golden City RBP 304, presents 20 years' long service medals to Keith and Andrew Mitchell, prior to the Royal Black Institution 'Last Saturday' parade in Castlederg. RB70



Gathering for the platform proceedings in Lord Northland Memorial Park. RB76



Magheraglass Flute Band and Sir Knights of Magheraglass RBP No 599 make their way to the Demonstration Field in Dungannon. RB73



Hello there! Sir Knights RBP No 343. RB72



Churchill Silver band leads the procession through Dungannon. RB71

Dungannon

SIXTY preceptories and a similar number of bands took part in the demonstration in Dungannon.

The parade began at 12 noon and paraded via Lord Northland Memorial Park, around Dungannon town and back to the park.

The districts represented were from the Republic of Ireland, Fermanagh, Primatial, Summerisland, Killyman, Aughnacloy and East Tyrone.

Around 5,000 members of the Royal Black Institution were on parade.

The platform pro-

ceedings in "The Field" took the form of a religious service, Chaired by Wor Sir Knight Richard Emerson, Deputy County Grand Master of Tyrone.

The address was given by Sir Knight the Rev William Anderson, Imperial Deputy Grand Master.

Other senior members of the Institution taking part were Wor Sir Knight William Scott, Grand Registrar, Wor Sir Knight David Livingstone, Grand Treasurer and Wor Sir Knight William Abernethy, County Tyrone Grand Master.



Sir Knights Wilbert Dallas, Junior Armstrong, Joel Armstrong and Alver McKeown enjoying a cuppa after their walk. RB74



Enjoying a break Sir Knights Norman McFarland, Clement Cuthbertson, Jackie Haslett and Ashley McFarland waiting for the sandwiches! RB75



Members from Ards "Chosen Few" RBP No 290 at the Last Saturday in Newtownards. RB77

Newtownards

THE City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter demonstration was held in Newtownards. It was last held there in 1989.

A drumhead service was held at 11.30am in the Londonderry Playing Fields when the Belfast City Grand Master William Mawhinney was the principal speaker.

The parade moved off after the short service and the procession route made its way on to the Portaferry Road, Court Square, Court Street, Old Cross Street, High Street, Mill Street, Frederick Street, Regent Street, Frances Street, Georges Street, Portaferry Road, where the parade finished before the roundabout.

A short Act of Remembrance took place at the War Memorial at Court Square followed by the laying of a wreath.

Sixty preceptories were on parade, including 2,300 members of the Institution. They were accompanied by 33 bands.



Members from the Rev Thomas McIlwrath Memorial RBP No 606, Newtownards. RB78



Above: drummers from the Sons of Ulster Flute Band, Newtownards. RB81



RBP No 307 Sir Knights, Davy Marshall, Rab McCartney, Gary Boyce, Simon Boyce and Paul Armstrong. RB79



Right, Sir Knights of the Rev William Wright Memorial, RBP No 1022, Newtownards. RB80

Royal Black Banner Unfurlings



Derrycreevy "Golden Knights" RBP No 991 and guests at the Unveiling and Dedication of their new banner on 15th August. RB85



Little Chloe Millar (daughter of the Deputy Master), presents Muriel Irwin with a bouquet of flowers after she Unfurled the new banner for Derrycreevy Golden Knights RBP No 991. RB86

New banner for Tyrone Preceptory

DERRYCREEVY RBP No 991, Killyman District No 1, Unfurled a new banner on Thursday evening 15th August, 2013.

Despite the rain showers it did not deter the spirits of all who attended to give their support.

Sir Knight the Rev David Reid led in prayer and

gave the Address.

The new banner was Unfurled by Muriel Irwin and Dedicated by the Sir Knight the Rev Reid.

Following the Address, Chloe Millar, daughter of the Deputy Master, presented Muriel with a beautiful arrangement of flowers.

The appeal was made by Wor Sir Knight Richard Emerson, Killyman District Master.

Derryfubble Accordion Band led the music for the hymn singing.

At the conclusion, everyone enjoyed a lovely supper.



Right: Sir Knights of Blackhill RBP 71 and guests with their new Preceptory banner. RB83

Coleraine Preceptory new banner

BLACKHILL Golden Star RBP No 71, Coleraine No 1 District, Unfurled and Dedicated their new banner on Thursday the 8th August 2013.

It is only the Preceptories third banner since the Second World War, the last being Unfurled in 1976.

The Warrant of the Golden Star No 71 was transferred

from Ballygawley County Londonderry in 1924 to Blackhill and the Preceptory is still going strong with 39 members on record.

Sir Knight Derek O'Neill, RWM, welcomed all and handed the proceedings over to Rt Worshipful Sir Knight Jeffrey Stirling, DDM Coleraine No 1 District as

Chairman.

The banner was Unfurled by Rt Worshipful Sir Knight Ivan Kelly, CGM and the Dedication Prayer and sermon was conducted by Rt Worshipful Sir Knight the Rev JJ Andrews, Grand Chaplain and District Chaplain.

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Royal Black Banner Unfurlings



Above: pictured at the Unfurling and Dedication of a new banner for "Grip Fast The Light" RBP No 54, Markethill, are, from left, standing, Sir Knt Roger Gardiner, Registrar; (seated), Sir Knt James Spence, Past Master; Sir Knt Tom McBirney, Worshipful District Master; Sir Knt David McCullough, Past Master; Sir Knt Wm Andrew Spence, Worshipful Master; Sir Knt Ronald Cassells, Deputy Master; Sir Knt Ronnie Carson, Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland; Sir Knt Rev William Bingham, Chaplain; (Standing right): Sir Knt Jeremy McCullough, Lay-Chaplain. RB8

Markethill Preceptory banner unfurling for Scarva parade

"GRIP Fast The Light" RBP No 54, Markethill, Unfurled a new banner on the 13th July morning, before going to Scarva for the Annual Demonstration.

The ceremony was held outside the Orange Hall and the banner was Unfurled by Sir Knight David McCullough and Sir Knight James Spence, both

respected Past Masters of the Preceptory.

Sir Knt the Rev William Bingham, Chaplain, Dedicated the new banner.



A proud occasion for Young's Memorial RBP No 1187 as they Unfurled and Dedicate their new banner in St John's Church, Madden, Co Armagh on Friday 16th August, 2013. (Preceptory pic on page 24). RB82

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1st John Chapter 1
verses 8 & 9*

Royal Black Banner Unfurlings

Garvetagh 'Guiding Star' banner



Right: Officers and members of Garvetagh Guiding Star RBP No 76 pictured following the unfurling ceremony and dedication of their new banner in Garvetagh Orange Hall. RB87



Aelfryn Young, left, Garvetagh Guiding Star RBP 76 Worshipful Master, presents a gift to Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, following the Unfurling and Dedication of their new banner. RB90

MEMBERS of Garvetagh "Guiding Star" RBP No 76, Castlederg District No 6 marked a milestone in their history at a special ceremony in Garvetagh Orange Hall, where they assembled for the Unfurling and Dedication of a new banner.

Sir Knight Aelfryn Young, the Worshipful Master of the preceptory, welcomed the special guests, visitors and local members to this special occasion.

The Chairman was Sir Knight William Montgomery, Past Assistant Sovereign Grand Master and former County Grand Master.

The new banner, the fourth since the preceptory was founded in 1920, was Unfurled by the Sovereign Grand Master, Most Wor Sir Knight Millar Farr and Dedicated by Sir Knight Orr.

Depicted on the new banner are the Biblical scenes of "The journey of the Wise Men" and "Abraham and Isaac".



Left: Officers and guests of Garvetagh Guiding Star RBP No 76 pictured following the Unfurling and Dedication of their new banner in Garvetagh Orange Hall. RB89



Young's Memorial RBP 1187 Madden, Primatial RBDC No 4, Co Armagh, pictured at the Last Saturday Demonstration with their recently unfurled new banner. RB91

Tributes

Sir Knight David Matchett

SIR Knight David Matchett, who sadly died earlier this year following a long courageous battle with cancer, was remembered on the Last Saturday when the Deputy Mayor of Craigavon, Councillor Colin McCusker, presented a Council Coat of Arms in his memory to the late Sir Knight Matchett's Preceptory, "Olive Branch" RBP No 393, The Birches.

Commenting on the occasion, Cllr McCusker said: "David Matchett was a true friend and supporter of my late father, Harold, in the 70s and 80s and consequently had a huge influence on me and my career in politics."

"I have been walking with RBP No 393 as a guest for a num-



David Matchett

ber of years now and it was David who invited me to walk with his Preceptory.

"I will forever be indebted to David for all his support to me and my family and I wanted to remember him in a way that was fitting."

"David encouraged me to pursue a career in politics and had followed my progress with interest and I am proud to have been able to present the Borough Coat of Arms to RBP No 393 in his memory."

Nigel Matchett, son of the late David stated: "When Colin asked me and the

family if he could make this presentation in memory of my Dad, I was delighted.

"My father loved this Preceptory and Clantlew Orange Hall. He was a member for over 50 years and had been delighted when Colin became a Craigavon Councillor."

"In 2015 the Borough of Craigavon will cease to exist and we are happy to have this small piece of history in our hall that perpetuates the memory of my Dad."

Worshipful Master, Tom Hewitt commented: "As the Master of RBP 393 it is always a privilege to receive presentations. David was a stalwart of this Preceptory who worked quietly in the background on behalf of all the Sir Knights. It's lovely to have his memory marked in this special way."

Sir Knight Verdin Graham PM

IT was with great sadness that the Sir Knights of Waringsford Golden Star RBP 51, Lower Iveagh District No 1, said farewell to their friend, Sir Knight Verdin Graham PM, who passed away on 23rd May, 2013.

Verdin began his life within the Loyal Orders circle when he joined Aughnaskeagh Flute band in the early 1950s and was a founder member when the band changed to become a silver band in 1955.

Verdin gave a lot of his time and support as an expression of his love for the silver band and continued to practice and, if possible, play with the band until a short time prior to his passing.

Verdin joined LOL 1030 in the late 1950s and later



Verdin Graham PM

became a Lecturer. He also became a District Lecturer in Lower Iveagh Royal Arch Purple Chapter.

In August 1983, Verdin joined Waringsford Golden Star RBP No 51, where he again showed his dedication and devotion, receiving the Red Cross Degree a year later. Verdin became Worshipful Master in 1998, serving until 2000. Such was his devotion to the Preceptory and the respect he had earned within the membership, that he was again elected Worshipful Master in 2006, serving for another two years, the only Sir Knight

ever to have been Worshipful Master on two occasions within the history of the Preceptory. Throughout his time within the Preceptory Verdin seldom missed a meeting or any other event associated with the Preceptory and was always ready to give guidance to the younger members. Verdin's active participation within the Preceptory showed that he truly was a member and did not just belong.

A large number of family, friends and associates from within the Orange and Black Institutions, as well as the silver band fraternity, attended his funeral in First Dromara Presbyterian Church, where the praise was led by Aughnaskeagh Silver Band, which included some guest musicians.

Sir Knight remembered



Mrs Lila Hobson with Sir Knt D McDowell, DM Blackskull Star of Liberty RBP 95, Sir Knt W Hobson, brother of the late Sir Knt Leonard Hobson and Sir Knt J McCullagh, WM RBP 95 at the presentation of a table cloth and banner straps in memory of Sir Knight Hobson. RB105



Table cloth and banner straps have been presented to Blackskull Star of Liberty RBP 95, Lower Iveagh No 1, Co Down, in memory of the late Sir Knt Leonard Hobson. Pictured are Sir Knights J McCullagh, WM; M McKinley, WDM; W Hobson, PDM and D McDowell, DM. RB106



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Church Services

Killyman

KILLYMAN Royal Black District No 1 held their annual Black Service in Tullaniskan Parish Church, Newmills, with a large turnout of Sir Knights and visitors.

The parade, led by Bloomhill Accordion band and Newmills Silver Band, formed at Augharan Road and paraded through the village to the Church.

The Rector, the Rev William Anderson, Imperial Deputy Grand Master, based his Address on the 5 Solas of the Reformation.

Wor Sir Knight Richard Emerson, WDM, thanked all who took part. Following the service, the parade formed at the church gates and paraded back to Augharan Road.

Portadown

SENIOR officers of the Royal Black Institution were among those who took part in the annual Portadown District Chapter parade and church service.

They included the Imperial Grand Registrar, and County Armagh Grand Master, Sir Knight William H Scott and his deputy, Sir Knight David Livingstone.

The parade was led by Portadown District officers, including Sir Knight Robert Wallace, District Master.

The preacher was the Rev Dr David Clements, minister of Edenderry Methodist Church.

Vinecash Service

RH BELL Memorial RBP No 267, which sits at Kilmoriarty Orange Hall, on the western outskirts of Portadown, held its Annual Service.

The event inaugurated an Annual Service just after the Second World War, held in Vinecash Presbyterian Church and although attendances have not been as high in recent years as previous times, the event is still considered important in the County Armagh Black calendar.

Kilmoriarty RBP No 267 sits in a restored Orange Hall, which was re-opened recently and this is a facility greatly welcomed by the preceptory and its sister Orange lodge.

The preacher at the service was Sir Knight the Rev Dr Warren Porter.

Castlederg

CASTLEDERG District Royal Black Chapter No 6 held their Annual Anniversary Service and parade to Derg Parish Church.

Prior to the service the parade assembled in the Albert Street car park under the command of Sir Knight Harry Monteith, District Master.

Garvetagh Pipe Band led the large procession, including visiting members from Omagh and County Fermanagh.

The lessons were read by Sir Knights Monteith and James Emery, Lay Chaplain of County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter and the offering was in aid of the LEMOOS.

Lecale

LECALE Royal Black Chapter No 2 held its Annual District Service in Tyrella, Church of Ireland, Downpatrick.

The service was conducted by Mrs Freda Adair, Diocesan Lay Reader. District officers, accompanied by the Worshipful County Grand Master, Wor Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, were escorted to and from the Church by the William Johnston Memorial Accordion Band, Ballykilbeg.

Mourne

SIR Knights of Mourne District Royal Black Chapter No 8 and guests took part in their Annual Parade and Church Service to Kilhome Parish Church, Annalong. The service was conducted by the Rev Bill Press, Rector of the Church.



First Royals of County Down RBP No 18 and Gifford True Blues RBP No 66 presented cheques of £230 each to Dr Robert Logan for Gifford Health Centre, being the collection from their Annual Songs of Praise Service held in Tullylish Parish Church earlier in the year. RB119



Long Service Jewels and Bars are presented for RBP No 54, Markethill Sir Knights. RB122

Long Service recognised

"Grip Fast The Light" RBP No 54, Markethill District No 3, recently marked the long service of five Sir Knights with the presentation of a Jewel and Bars.

The presentations were made by Sir Knt Tom McBirney, WDM Markethill RBDC No 3 to Sir Knt Roland Sterritt (40 Year Jewel); Sir Knt Edsel Muldrew (50 Year Bar); Sir Knt Evan Marshall (50 Year Bar); Sir Knt Sammy Aston (50 Year Bar) and Sir Knt Tommy Wallace (50 Year Bar).

RBP No 54 has a strong friendship with Blackleys Volunteers RBP No 22, Muckamore and four of their Sir Knights were present on the evening. The two Preceptories regularly attend each other's meetings.

House clearance Minute Book of

A LOST Minute Book belonging to a County Down District has been uncovered during a house clearance.

Worshipful Sir Knight Colin Cunningham of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No 1 was presented with the Minute Book by Virginia Doloughan Maguire, daughter of the late Worshipful Sir Knight John Doloughan, who was a Past District Master of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No 1.

Sir Knight Doloughan was a founder member of "David's Chosen Few" RBP 555 and interestingly enough the per-

son responsible for proposing Sir Knight Cunningham for membership of LOL No 31

The Minutes were found when Virginia's late brother's house was being cleared by his partner, Wilma, who was good enough to pass them on to Virginia.

The Minutes show a record of the meetings of the Sir Knights of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No 1 from 1924 to 1957.

Still in good condition although with a few pages missing, they record many interesting events and details of the times.

Right, Worshipful Sir Knight Colin Cunningham of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No 1 being presented with the District Minute Book by Virginia Doloughan Maguire, daughter of the late Worshipful Sir Knight John Doloughan, who was a Past District Master of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No 1. RB8

October, 2013

THE annual "Relief of Derry" Service was held in Christ Church Parish, Lisburn on Sunday afternoon 4th August.

The parade and service was hosted by Largymore

'Relief' Service

Royal Black District Chapter No 9 in conjunction with Lisburn Royal Black District Chapter No 1 and local Apprentice Boys

The Black

of Derry, No Surrender Clubs.

The service was conducted by the senior minister of Christ Church Parish, the Rev John Pickering, former Rector of Drumcree.

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The Rev John Pickering (Christ Church Rector); Sir Knight the Rev Gerry Sproule (County Chaplain); Wor Sir Knight Sidney Wilson (Past County Grand Master) and Sir Knight Robert Moore (Largymore Star of Down RBP No 198) at the annual "Relief of Derry" service in Lisburn. RB121



Left: Wor Sir Knight Robert Wallace, Worshipful District Master Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No 5, centre, presents 50 Year Jewels to Sir Knight Joe Neill RBP 78, left and Sir Knight Arnold Hatch RBP 78 in Derrycarne Orange Hall, Portadown. Both Sir Knights have recently completed 50 Years Service in the Royal Black Institution. RB123



From left, Sir Knight Adam Stevenson, WM King David's Morning Star RBP 353, Lurgan RBDC No 2, presenting a 50 Year Jewel to Sir Knight Jim Gillespie, while Sir Knight Norman Warnock is presented with his 50 Year Jewel by Sir Knight Robert Turkington, DM. The presentations took place in Derryadd Orange Hall. RB120



Sir Knight Everett Browne, District Treasurer, Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No 5, receives a cheque for £550 towards The Alzheimer's Society from Sir Knight Simon McAllister, Registrar of Hiram's "Chosen Few" RBP No 592 Portadown District. RB124

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Installations



Bennett Memorial Temperance, Carricklongfield RBP No 1168, Aughnacloy, at its Election of Officers at Brownlow House. RB94



Pictured at the Installation of Sir Knt Harold Henning as WDM at a meeting of Rathfriland RBDC No 7 in Drumlough Orange Hall, from left, Sir Knt Pastor Roy Graham, District Chaplain; Sir Knt Harold Henning, WDM; Sir Kt Colin Whiteside, CGM; Sir Knt Sammy Heenan, DDM; Sir Knt Trevor Hawthorne, DCGM and Sir Knt Joe Moorhead, PWDM. RB96



Three Past District Masters of Rathfriland RBDC No 7, from left, Sir Knt Aubrey Stewart; Sir Knt John Quinn and Sir Knt Joe Moorhead. They are all members of RBP 1237. RB98

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Pictured at the presentation of a Past District Master's Certificate for Rathfriland RBDC No 7 are, from left, Sir Knt Harold Henning, WDM; Sir Knt Colin Whiteside, CGM; Sir Knt Joe Moorhead, PDM and Sir Knt Sammy Heenan, DDM. RB97



Pictured at the Installation of District Officers of Castlewella RBDC No 3 are, back row, Sir Knt John McBride, PDM; Sir Knt John Smyth, PDM; Sir Knt Desmond Bennett, District Chaplain and Sir Knt Andrew McClure, District Registrar. Front row, Sir Knt Charles McNeill, DDM and Sir Knt David Perry, WDM. RB95

Red Crosses



Above: Sir Knights of Clough Sons of Joseph RBP No 1044, Downpatrick, pictured with visiting Sir Knights, County and District Officers and Lecturers at Clough Orange Hall. Three candidates from Clough Sons of Joseph RBP 1044 received their Red Cross Certificates, Sir Knights Robin Watson, Mark Connor and Alan Lewis. Pictured are, front row, seated, from left, Sir Knight Nigel Bloomer, District Master; Sir Knight Robin Watson; Sir Knight Mark Connor; Sir Knight Alan Lewis and Sir Knight Samuel Hobson, County Flag Bearer. RB100



Red Cross Certificates have been presented to five new members of Dr Cooke Memorial RBP No 1138, Maghera. Pictured are, front row, Sir Knights Noel Linton; Gavin Selfridge; Jason Selfridge, WM; Paul White; Andrew Crooks and William Suffern. Back row, Sir Knights Ian McCullough, Lecturer; Jonathan Armour, DM and John Purdy, Lecturer. RB101



Sir Knight Chris Chambers St Saviour's RBP No 217 is pictured receiving his Red Cross Certificate from Sir Knight Robert Hobson, Portadown District Lecturer and also a member of RBP No 217. Included in the picture are Preceptory Officers. RB102



From left, Sir Knights Samuel Stevenson, Lewis Potts and Graham Ritche, members of Bethlehem's Golden Star RBP 502 Derrylileagh, Birches, receive their Red Cross Certificates from Wor Sir Knight Denis Rodgers, Worshipful District Master of Summerisland Royal Black District Chapter No 6. RB99

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Sir Knights news

Oldest Preceptory in Institution celebrates 175th Anniversary

THIS year sees the 175th Anniversary of the oldest Preceptory in the Royal Black Institution, Erin's First Royal Blues RBP No 1.

The oldest Preceptory in Tandragee District, County Armagh, can trace its Warrant back to 9th November 1838, when 27 men attended the opening meeting in the now demolished Manchester Hall, Cornmarket Street, Tandragee. Their Official Warrant was issued on 14th September, 1846.

The records show a hand painted triangle shaped picture with "Grand Black" printed along the edges and inscribed in the centre of the triangle, "Orange Lodge No. 1st". Below that is written the date of 9th November, 1838.

The inaugural Worshipful Master was Sir Knight George Whitten, with Deputy Master Sir Knight James Hudson.

On 30th December 1883, the Preceptory was given permission to assume the title of "Erin's First Royal Blues".

In 1988 the Preceptory celebrated 150 years with over 800 Sir Knights on parade, accompanied by three bands, filling two churches and church halls.

To celebrate the latest milestone in its history, the Preceptory intends to hold a Dinner/Dance to incorporate a "Black Ball" on Friday 22nd November, 2013 in Tandragee District Orange Hall, music by "Stonewall" and a Church Service on Sunday 24th November 2013 in Ballymore Parish Church Tandragee at 3pm. Assemble Tandragee District Orange Scarva Road at 2.30pm. The special speaker will be Rt Wor Sir Knight Nigel JE Reid.

Sir Knights, families and friends are more than welcome on this auspicious occasion.

JIVT launch

THE Institution was represented at the recent launch in the Long Gallery, Stormont of a new organisation working on behalf of victims.

Its full title is "Justice for Innocent Victims of Terrorism" (JIVT) and its aim is to provide support and advice to those victims who wish to seek redress or obtain further information through the legal process.

Further information can be obtained from its website: www.jivt.co.uk or through contact by e-mail at: info@jivt.co.uk; by telephone at: 028 3884 1079 or by post at: Pathways to Justice Project, Unit 7 & 8, Tdi House, 90-96 Market Street, Tandragee, CRAIGAVON, BT62 2BW.



Lurgan RBDC No 2 named and officially opened its newly refurbished Chapter room, now "The Lutton Room", in recognition of over 60 years dedicated service of Sir Knight Samuel Lutton, IDGM, within Lurgan district. The tribute to Sir Knight Lutton reflects many years of service not only to his Preceptory and District, but also at County and Imperial level, as well as his many years service on the Irish Lecturing Board. Pictured at the opening ceremony with Sir Knight Lutton are Sir Knt Scott and Sir Knt Livingstone, CGM and DCGM of Co Armagh and Lurgan District officers. Sir Knt Lutton's grandson, Sir Knt Keith Lutton, District Treasurer, LRBDC No 2, pictured extreme right, assisted with the cutting of the Ceremonial Ribbon. RB92

Another milestone for RBP 1147

YET again the Sir Knights in Bloomhill RBP 1147 Co Tyrone have surpassed themselves.

Sunday 25th August saw the Killyman Black District Parade and Service to Tullaniskin Parish Church, Newmills and a totally packed congregation were treated to the debut performance of the recently formed "Men in Black" male voice choir.

The 11 choir members are all members of Bloomhill RBP 1147. The unique sound and the blend of voices was so moving and inspiring that a number of those present gave the group a standing ovation.

Many people have since commented on the talent and foresight of the Bloomhill Preceptory as they continually deliver new and exciting activities for the local community.

Bloomhill's easy-listening music group "The 1147ers" continues to promote the Preceptory, performing at events all over the country. Their next big event was at the Black Parade and Service in Londonderry on 15th September.

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140th Anniversary

"HOPE of Airdrie" RBP No 296 Scotland celebrated their 140th Anniversary on Saturday 9th March, 2013 with a Re-dedication Service conducted by Sir Knight the Rev Malcolm Anderson, Provincial Grand Black Chaplain.

A parade around the town followed and the celebration rounded off with a buffet.

Largest Preceptory

Sir Knight Robert Keeney, Worshipful Master of Hope of Airdrie RBP 296, Scotland, had the pleasure of collecting the shield for the "Largest increase in membership" and "Largest Preceptory in Scotland" at the Relief of Derry Celebration in Renfrew, Scotland. Making the presentation was Sir Knight JG McLean, Provincial Grand Master of Scotland.

105 Years Service!

TWO Sir Knights relatives from Comber No 10 District have received special Long Service Jewels.

Sir Knight Terence Curry and his cousin Sir Knight William Curry between them have 105 years service in the same Comber RBP No 688 Preceptory. Sir Knight Terence Curry has 50 Years Service and Sir Knight William Curry 55 Years Service.

Jewels awarded

WDM of Summerisland Royal Black District Chapter No 6 Sir Knight Denis Rodgers recently presented 50 Year Long Service Medals to Sir Knights Cecil Minish and Tommy Glenn, both members of Bethlehem's "Golden Star" RBP 502, Derrylileagh, Birches.

'Golden' Service

Sir Knight Samuel Gray, a member of Bethlehem's "Golden Star" No RBP502, Derrylileagh Birches, has received a 60 Year Long Service Medal.

The special Medal was presented by Sir Knight Denis Rodgers, WDM of Summerisland Royal Black District Chapter No 6.

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Around the preceptories



Guests at the Biannual Conference of Lecturers held in Ballynahinch Orange Hall. RB107

Biannual Conference of Lecturers in Co Down

COUNTY Down Grand Black Chapter met in Ballynahinch Orange Hall for its biannual Conference of Lecturers.

The conference was opened by the County Grand Master, Right Worshipful Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master Worshipful Sir Knight Trevor Hawthorne.

The County Grand Master welcomed all present especially the Imperial Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Sir Knight Ian McCafferty and the members of the Examining Board. Also welcomed were Sir Knights from County Antrim, Right

Worshipful Sir Knight George Arthurs IDGM and Worshipful Sir Knight Stephen Foster, DGR.

Having carried out the opening business, the County Grand Master handed over the control of the conference to the County Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Sir knight Sidney Wilson, assisted by the Deputy County Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Sir Knight Herbie Hawthorne.

Lecturers from Ballynahinch District No 5 then exemplified the Degrees of Royal Mark, Royal Gold and Red Cross. On completion of each degree

the Examining Board reported any errors which must be noted were very few and congratulated all the Lecturers on the manner they had carried out the relevant duties.

At the completion of the Red Cross Degree The County Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful Sir Knight the Rev Gerald Sproule commended those conferring the Degrees.

Having returned control of the conference back to the County Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Sir Knight Sidney Wilson reported that after 46

years he was standing down as Secretary to the Conference.

The County Grand Master thanked him for his dedicated service over 46 years and asked for nominations for this important job. With only one nomination, it was agreed that Worshipful Sir Knight Trevor McBurney, County Grand Registrar, would take on this office.

The Conference was closed and those in attendance enjoyed an excellent dinner arranged by the Sir Knights of Ballynahinch district.

Below: Pictured at the Election of Officers for Tamlaghtmore "Guiding Star" RBP No 653, Cookstown are, front row, from left, Sir Knights Harold Donnelly, DM; William Abernethy, Imperial Grand Treasurer; Robert Lennox, WM and Cuthbert Managh, District Master, East Tyrone RBDC No 5. Back row, from left, Sir Knights Jim Donaghy, Treasurer; Wallace Kennedy, Chaplain and Harold McKenzie, Registrar. RB108



Pictured proudly together are Sir Knights of Reaghan "Chosen Few" RBP No 1101, Omagh District No 4 and members of Reaghan Pipe Band, which heads the Preceptory. RB109



Wor Sir Knight Colin Whiteside, County Grand Master, presenting Sir Knight Ivan Woods, Banbridge RBDC No 6, with his Lecturer's Certificate. RB103



Sir Knight William Ogilby, left, of Bethlehem's Golden Star RBP No 502, Derrylileagh, Birches, receives his Past Master's Certificate from Sir Knight Denis Rodgers, WDM of Summerisland RBDC No 6. RB104



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Another busy and productive year for the Royal Black Institution

THE birth of Prince George was marked at all six demonstrations held by the Royal Black Institution on the Last Saturday of August.

The resolution on Loyalty, read at all the venues, rejoiced in the birth of the Heir to the Throne and expressed good wishes to his family.

The Royal Black Institution held parades in six locations across Northern Ireland on Saturday, August 31.

Approximately 18,000 members of the Institution, from

400 preceptories, paraded in Banbridge, Ballymoney, Newtownards, Dungannon, Castlederg and Ballyronan.

It has been a busy year for the Institution with numerous parades, the launch of a special project - Take Five - taking a fresh look at the Reformation and another very successful Sham Fight in Scarva.

The Institution also reached a significant milestone in its work for charity when it broke through the half a million pounds mark in raising

money.

The money was raised by members of the Institution since 2002 and went to six charities, two in Africa and the rest locally based.

The Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr told "The Black": "It has been a very busy year for the institution. The Sham Fight at Scarva was yet again a magnificent event. There really is nothing else like it in the Northern Ireland calendar. We had numerous parades throughout Northern Ireland and wider afield and I am extremely

pleased with the response to our Take 5 project.

"It is essential as we seek to promote our principles and beliefs, that we ourselves are grounded in the truths which we encourage others to accept. The Five Solas of the Reformation are a clear statement of the core teachings of the scripture and the gospel of Jesus Christ. These are the basis of all that we do and teach within the institution and the wider community.

"We were also delighted to be associated with the Alzheimer's Society and promote the excellent work they are doing. One in

three people over the age of 65 will die with dementia.

"As a Christian-based organization, it is very important to us that we are able to help people in this society and in other countries.

"The response from our members right across Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and further afield was tremendous."

Continued the Sovereign Grand Master: "We began the Royal Black Charity Appeal in 2002 and a wide range of fund raising events have been held over the past 10 years to help us break through the half a million

pounds mark.

"It really has been a magnificent effort and I want to thank every single person in the Institution who contributed to all these wonderful causes.

"We know from the charities that the money raised has made a real difference to the lives of many people and that is the most important thing of all.

"The Last Saturday demonstrations at the six venues across Northern Ireland proved a great day out for the Institution with tens of thousands of spectators enjoying the Royal Black spectacle."

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22 April 2013

Dear Sovereign Grand Master

It is with huge delight that I write to thank you for the amazing support and fundraising activities of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter throughout 2012 that have resulted in your incredible donation of £95,000. This is an incredible donation which will have huge impact on people with dementia, their families and carers.

The money raised will support the two projects selected by the Imperial Grand Black Chapter:

1. a one year project that will enable growth in understanding of dementia and support of people with dementia within their communities. Focusing on early diagnosis, carer support, information and awareness training to community groups, local businesses and the public sector; this project will help empower people with dementia to live well within the community.
2. A two year research project: Care of nursing home residents with advanced dementia, lead by Dr Carole Parsons, Queen's University Belfast. This vital research aims to fully evaluate exactly which drugs are given to care home residents, and whether these are appropriate. The results will be essential for evaluating new interventions, and supporting care home staff through new care recommendations.

In addition to funding these vital projects the relationship with the Imperial Grand Black Chapter has been instrumental in allowing Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Scotland to reach families through its extensive membership network in NI, England, Scotland and Ireland. This has allowed the Society to provide information and services to a rural population who are commonly isolated from support.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Bernadine McCrory, Director of NI and Thelma Abernethy, Area Manager NI, please pass on our thanks to everyone who contributed to make this relationship such a great success which will leave an incredible lasting legacy of understanding and support for people with dementia.

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Sir Knights of Scotland and England

Run for charity

SIR Knight Jim Cook of Hamilton Covenanters Memorial RBP No 360, within Motherwell RBDC 6 in the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland, recently completed the Scottish 10k run on behalf of the charity Livestrong.

Sir Knight Cook is the Scottish representative of the charity and as a cancer survivor he believes it is essential to continue the work to help eradicate the disease. Sir Knight Cook has to date raised over £300 for this charitable venture with hopefully a lot more to follow as the Sir Knight also intends to participate in a three peaks challenge to raise funds for the testicular cancer charity "Check'em lads".



Sir Knight Cook and friends after the charity run. RB113



Bellshill's Chosen Few RBP No 475 members and visitors from Glenavy Red Cross Volunteers RBP No 286 before taking part in a parade in Bellshill on 10th August 2013. Bellshill is situated between Glasgow and Edinburgh and the Preceptory belongs to the Airdrie and Coatbridge District No.3 of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland. RB115



The Royal Black Institution's "Take Five" Exhibition visited The Lothians RBDC No 9's District Chapter meeting in Scotland. There was also a Royal Arch Purple Degree and booklets were handed out to around 80 Sir Knights. The Lothians' Grand Trustees and Chaplains will be looking at future dates to take the exhibition on the road. Pictured are District Officers and the Past Grand Master. RB116



Rising Star of Mid Lanark RBP No 484, Scotland, undertook a charity bike challenge and donated the money to Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust. The Trust looks after the volunteer drivers who take cancer patients to and from hospital. Pictured is Sir Knight Stuart Dougan, WM presenting the cheque for £350 to a representative from the charity. Included are Sir Knights of RBP No 484. RB114

Nine Sir Knights are initiated & receive Royal Scarlet Degree

NINE new members were initiated into the Royal Black Institution and also received the Royal Scarlet Degree at a meeting of the South of England District Chapter held in Central London.

The meeting was attended by the Provincial Grand

Master of England, Wor Sir Knt S Taylor; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor Sir Knt K McRitchie; the Provincial Grand Lecturer, Wor Sir Knt D Ward and the Imperial Grand Lecturer, Wor Sir Knt W Campbell.

The Degree work for the degrees

was undertaken in exemplary form by three trainee lecturers, who then received permission from the Imperial and Provincial Grand Lecturers to confer these Degrees in the District Chapter.



Right: Sir Knight Wayne, WM, D Cram and Officers of William Carmichael Memorial RBP No 735 (The Lothians RBDC No 9) with their new Bannerette on 27th August, 2013. RB117

Open Air Worship

AN Open Air Worship has been hosted by the PGBC Scotland in Renfrew.

The platform proceedings were chaired by the Provincial Grand Master, Wor Sir Knight James McLean.

The Resolution of

Faith was spoken on by Right Worshipful Sir Knight Alan Goody, IDGM, using the five solas as his theme.

The Resolution of Loyalty was read by Wor Sir Knight Thomas Bell, PG Treasurer.

The Resolution

on the Constitution was spoken on by Wor Sir Knight Henry Dunbar, Grand Master Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland, who the importance of the people of Scotland to support the union of the United Kingdom.

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Down Memory Lane

Twenty five years ago (1988) two Sir Knights of Killyman RBP No 511, Bob Blair (Dungannon) and Neville Gallagher (Grange, Dungannon) were presented with 50 Year Long Service Medals. Included were from left, back, George Hughes WM, Jim McFarland WDM and Ivan Flanagan. Do you have any old Royal Black photos? Email them to "The Black" magazine, info@royalblack.org. RB118

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