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Pictured at the launch of the Institution's 2016 Charity Appeal which will raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support are (from left) David Livingstone, Grand Treasurer; Emma Ewings, Fundraising Manager; Ruth Thompson, Development Manager; Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master; Lisa McGrogan, Area Fundraising Manager; and William Scott, Grand Registrar.

WE ARE MACMILLAN.

Macmillan Cancer Support will be the Institution's designated charity this year.

The official announcement was made at an event in Brownlow House, attended by senior officers in the Institution and representatives of Macmillan. Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, said he was delighted the institution would be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support as the charity for 2016.

"They do invaluable work in our community, usually at the most difficult of times and we will be working very hard over the coming months to give them important financial support," he said.

"Our members have a strong track record in raising money for a range of charities. In fact we have raised over half a million pounds in the last decade. So we are hopeful that Macmillan Cancer will benefit from the efforts of

our members and supporters.

"This is a charity that makes a difference and we will do everything we can to help them in their work."

Ruth Thompson, NI Macmillan

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Development Manager, said they were very pleased to launch the new fundraising partnership with the Institution.

"Together, we hope to raise £60,000 to pay for a local aftercare scheme for

prostate cancer patients over the next two years. The telephone review system will be run by a Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist so that patients continue to receive specialised cancer care and support after their treatment ends," she said.

"There are currently more than 6,000 men living with prostate cancer in Northern Ireland. We know that the Royal Black Institution will help us raise awareness of the specialist support Macmillan provides to ensure that people with cancer get the help they need.

"No one in Northern Ireland should face cancer alone.

"It is hoped that Macmillan Cancer will have a team of collectors at the Sham fight in Scarva this year and all proceeds raised on that day will go to the Institution's appeal fund.

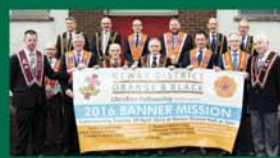
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Looking Back...



Pictured are the Officers of Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No 1 taken about 60 years ago. From left, Sir Knight Harry Mackay, District Treasurer; Sir Knight William J Hall, JP, WDM; Sir Knight Canon Dermot Griffiths, District Chaplain; Sir Knight Hugh J Bennett, JP, DDM; and Sir Knight John A Frizelle, District Registrar. The photo was kindly supplied by Sir Knight Harold Bennett, RBP 1168

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Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master of Mount Horeb R.B.P.170, was presented with a Worshipful Master's Chair, presented by Sir Knt. David Hutchinson, R.B.P.638 and Sir Knt. Ian Hutchinson R.B.P.638 and Family, during the 150th Anniversary Dinner of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170, in the presence of special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, and in Memory of Sir Knt. Lyle Hutchinson, Past District Master, Rathfriland Royal Black Chapter No.7 and Past Master of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170. See pages 24 & 25 for more pictures. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513308.



Message from the Sovereign Grand Master

Each new year brings new challenges and 2016 will be no different.

We have a packed calendar already and the members of the Royal Black Institution will be incredibly busy over the coming months.

We have embarked on what we hope will be a productive association with Macmillan Cancer Support, as our designated charity for the coming year.

The people who work for this very well-known charity provide a service that is special. They help countless people and their families at a time when they most need that help.

Sadly, most of us have had some experience – either directly or through family ties – of the dreaded disease, cancer.

This is our opportunity to make a difference by supporting Macmillan Cancer and I know that we will not be found wanting. I would ask everyone to give generously to help the charity.

We have our usual events this year, such as the Sham Fight and the Last Saturday demonstrations. Foremost in our minds, however, will be the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme and the supreme sacrifice made by so many, including members of the Institution. We will have an opportunity to remember those who died on the battlefields of France. It is right and proper that we should never forget their sacrifice.

There will be many other events this year as well and we look forward to the Grand Council in Cavan in June and the International Lecturer's Conference in Liverpool in September.

Once again we are expecting visitors from overseas and it is always good to meet Sir Knights from around the world.

We are a strong global organisation with Christian and charitable outreach and I wish you all a prosperous and peaceful year as we celebrate our heritage.

Millar Farr

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS MAGAZINE:

Autumn 2016 Edition Deadline for reports/photos (ie anything other than Black Saturday) is **19 August, 2016.**

Deadline is for Black Saturday coverage is **2 September, 2016.**

Forthcoming Events



April 9 IGBC Prayer Breakfast at 10am in Brownlow House, Lurgan
Please supply names to HQ prior to the event

Newry District Orange & Black Christian Fellowship 2016 Banner Mission:

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| April 10 | Newry District Hall at 3pm |
| April 11 | Donaghmore Orange Hall at 7.45pm |
| April 12 | Commons Orange Hall at 7.45pm |
| April 13 | Ryan Presbyterian Church Hall at 7.45pm |
| April 14 | Bessbrook Orange Hall at 7.45pm |
| April 15 | Warrenpoint Orange Hall at 7.45pm |
| April 17 | Newry District Hall at 3pm |
| May 1 | Ballymacarrett R.B.D.C. No. 4, Belfast Annual Protestant Martyrs Service to Calvary Baptist Church (leaving Templemore Avenue at 2.30pm) |
| June 18 | Grand Council – Cloverhill Orange Hall, Cavan |
| July 1 | 100th anniversary of Battle of the Somme - 7th annual parade held in Slamannan Starts 7pm from Slamannan Church, Service being conducted by Rev Henry L Williamson |
| July 5 | Knights of the Star & Garter R.B.P. 212 – 60th Anniversary Divine Service in New Row Presbyterian Church, Coleraine. Parade leaves Coleraine Orange Hall, Union Street at 6pm for Service at 6.30pm. |
| July 13 | Sham Fight – Scarva
Lurgan R.B.D.C. No. 2 parade in Bangor |
| July 29 | Ahoghill R.B.P. 173 Banner Unfurling at Ahoghill District Orange Hall at 7.30pm |
| July 30 | Mountjoy R.B.P. 240 Banner Unfurling at Ross Orange Hall, Moorfields, Ballymena at 2pm |
| August 6 | Provincial Grand Black Chapter of England – Southport
County Fermanagh Grand Black Chapter – Enniskillen |
| August 7 | Eldon R.B.P. 33 – 150th Anniversary Service in Aghabog Parish Church, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan at 3.30pm (parade prior to commencement of service) |
| August 13 | Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland – Glasgow |
| August 25 | Desertmartin Knights of the Link & Chain R.B.P. 576 – Banner Unfurling (venue and time to be arranged) |
| August 27 | Co. Antrim Grand Black Chapter – Ballymena
Summerisland/Primatial Dists/South & East Tyrone – Loughgall
City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter – Portadown
Co. Down Grand Black Chapter – Lisburn
Co. Londonderry Grand Black Chapter – Raphoe
North & West Tyrone – Castlederg |
| Sept 17 | International Lecturer's Conference – Devonshire House Hotel, Liverpool |
| Oct 16 | Star of Liverpool R.B.P. 92 – 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Church Service in Peoples Church, Shaw Street, Liverpool |

John Doherty, Bible Society, Northern Ireland, explains how donations for last year's designated charities are helping to heal the deep wounds of conflict...

Bibles are making a big difference in South Sudan

Here in Northern Ireland we frequently hear of the term 'Dealing with the Past', but in South Sudan, the local Bible Society has been using a novel and most effective technique to do this very thing.

Many people, who have suffered from the extensive bloodshed during and following the civil war, have been helped to share their distressing stories and, through the study of the scriptures, find healing. Providing Bibles for people who have never owned one has been a priority and the Bible Society in Northern Ireland has been able to meet this need using the grant from the Royal Black Designated Charity Appeal.

Partnership has been key to the success of this 'Trauma Healing' project.

Rev Edward Kajivora, Executive Secretary of the Bible Society of South Sudan, has excellent relations with local communities.

He explained, "Working through the churches and with the chiefs worked so well as it becomes easy to organise and assemble people for training in rural areas."

The Bible Society has been training workshop facilitators in local villages over a large part of the Western Equatoria province. Each facilitator creates a caring environment in which people of all ages can come to share their personal encounters with the



Two participants from the Western Equatoria State who have benefitted from the Trauma Healing Project - Rebeka Dagbindie (left), pictured at an indoor workshop and Yodita Mapunga, in front of the thatched area used as a workshop venue.

violence and death among relatives and neighbours.

Through study of the scriptures that they receive, each person can discover the salvation of the gospel and be released from the heavy burdens that some of them have carried for many years. These are emotional occasions as everyone in the group can empathise with the horrific experiences that are described.

Looking at photographs of dozens of participants, I have been struck by the solemn appearance of many of them. There are few smiles and I shudder to think of the memories that each person still carries. The testimonies

that we have heard speak volubly of the change in their lives and of their coming to terms with the loss and the hurt that they have experienced.

The link with the Mission Aviation Fellowship has provided an important new option for the transportation of Bibles to South Sudan – a challenge that is not unique to Rev Edward Kajivora and South Sudan. So many countries lack the kind of road infrastructure that we take for granted and the transportation of Bibles is a constant challenge.

The most recent reports from Edward Kajivora in October and November 2015 have celebrated the

progress that has been made in the Trauma work and underlined the challenges in delivering the project.

As many as 50,000 people have received help and healing from attending workshops and church volunteers are continuing to be trained in remote areas, especially in villages where the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) had killed and abducted many people.

About 15,000 of the workshop attendees have been affected by recent fighting and so the benefits from this project have been acutely felt. The free distribution of Bibles, made possible by the support of the Royal Black, has been key to the success of the project and BSNI has used the wonderful grant of £42,500 to support an initial investment of £55,000 into South Sudan's Trauma Healing Project for 2014-16. That represents a lot of Bibles!

Edward's most recent update underlines the challenges being faced.

"Please remember our country in your prayers. Things are getting worse almost every day; it is only by grace that we, the local people, are surviving. Many believe if there will be no peace, the country will collapse early next year. Many shops are closing because there is no money to buy their goods. Our living God is our hope."

It is good that, together, we have been able to provide encouragement at such a time and impact many lives for the growth of the Kingdom.



Special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, presents Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master of Mount Horeb, R.B.P.170 and Sir Knt. Mark Elliott, Deputy Master, R.B.P. 170, with an inscribed Holy Bible, to mark the 150th Anniversary of R.B.P.170, on behalf of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter. See pages 24 & 25 for more pictures. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513306.

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Newry Orange and Black Districts organise Banner Mission

Banners play a very important role within the Loyal Orders. The paintings on the banners portray the history and teaching of the Reformed faith. The Biblical basis and Christ Centred teaching of the Loyal Orders is very evident when they are on parade as many banners contain colourful paintings of great Biblical characters and events that are very challenging and thought provoking.

To highlight and promote the message of the Bible, the members of Newry Orange and Black District are planning a special week of meetings in a 'Banner Mission' from Sunday 10th April to Sunday 17th April. Each evening a painting from a banner within Newry Orange and Black Districts will be the subject of the sermon. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Sunday 10th April at 3pm Newry District Hall
- Monday 11th April at 7.45pm in Donaghmore Orange Hall
- Tuesday 12th April at 7.45pm in Commons Orange Hall
- Wednesday 13th April at 7.45pm in Ryans Presbyterian Church Hall
- Thursday 14th April at 7.45pm in Bessbrook Orange Hall
- Friday 15th April at 7.45pm in Warrenpoint Orange Hall
- Sunday 17th April at 3pm Newry District Hall

There will be community praise and special singers each evening where everyone will receive a warm welcome.

For further details contact 07736272623 or e-mail newrydistrict@gmail.com

County Down Last Saturday raises £7,000 for charity

Thousands of people came to Kilkeel for last year's County Down 'Last Saturday' demonstration and thousands of pounds were raised for good causes in the process.

The town played host to the largest Last Saturday parade in Northern Ireland, with bands and members of the Royal Black Institution travelling from across County Down to take part.

There were an estimated 107 individual preceptories and close to 100 bands, not to mention thousands of onlookers enjoying the colourful spectacle and high quality music from a wide range of marching bands.

As well as striving to deliver a well organised family day out, host district Mourne Royal Black District Chapter No 8, were determined to raise as much money as possible for charity.

Thanks to a lot of planning and hard work, they passed both self-imposed tests with flying colours.

More than £7,000 was raised for good causes - one of the highest amounts raised at a Last Saturday demonstration in County Down in many years.

Cheques were handed over to the recipients at a special presentation in Ballyvea Orange Hall. Three charities, Southern Area Hospice Services, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Mourne Stimulus each received a cheque for £1,000. A cheque for £2,700 was presented to Inspired Hope Uganda.

Cheques were also presented to the New Beginnings Charitable Trust, the Mandeville Unit at Craigavon Area Hospital, the Presbyterian Church Mission Board of Ireland and

Irish Church Mission.

Further donations were made to Keith Parke and Campbell Mulvenny, who are currently studying for the Presbyterian ministry.

The money was raised through the sale of commemorative booklets and badges, the proceeds from car parks and also collections that were held on the day.

The Worshipful District Master of Mourne Royal Black District Chapter No 8, Worshipful Sir Knight William Baillie, spoke of his delight that so much money was raised.

"Many people who perhaps aren't familiar with Last Saturday probably don't realise that this charitable element is such an important part of the day," he said. "It means an enormous amount to all our members in Mourne Royal Black Chapter No 8 to have reached this outstanding total."

"We know that so much good will come from this fundraising and that so many will benefit as a result of the generosity of all those who gave us their support in Kilkeel on 'Black Saturday'."

"As a District we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this exceptional total possible."

Mourne Royal Black District Chapter No 8 is the largest district in County Down and one of its preceptories, Elijah's Chosen Few RBP 208, with 276 members, enjoys the accolade of being the largest preceptory in the world.

The Royal Black Institution is alive and well in Mourne and its members are clearly up there with the best when it comes to raising money for charity.



These young bandmen enjoyed the Last Saturday in Kilkeel. Photo by Colette Dobson



RBP 290 enjoying the parade in Kilkeel. Photo by Collette Dobson



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Degree conducted by Canadian visitor



Degree of Gold Crown was conducted by visiting Sir Knight Michael Thomas from Canada on Sir Knights David Knox and Jordan Barr, assisted by District Lecturers Sir Knights Jackie Fairburn, Robin Fairburn and David Cleland at Ravara's Rising Sons of Liberty, RBP 998.



Long service medals were presented to Sir Knight Robert Barr (60 years) and Sir Knight Jim Gibson (50 years) by WM Adam George and District Lecturer Jackie Fairburn. Missing from the photo is Sir Knight Wilbert George, who has been awarded a 50 years's medal.



Representatives of preceptories from Tandragee District No.1 presenting cheques to Stephen Guy, the Northern Ireland co-ordinator of SANDS (Still Birth and Neonatal Death) charity.

Songs of Praise in aid of SANDS

Since 2003, the preceptories from Tandragee District No.1 Encamped in Gilford have held a Songs of Praise in Tullylish Parish Church on the Last Sunday in February each year.

The collections from these services have been in support of the Sovereign Grand Master's appeal and in alternate years for a number of charities. From 2003 until 2014 the two preceptories involved have been First Royals of Co. Down RBO No. 18 and Gilford True Blues RBP No. 66 and the amount raised have totalled £6,344.

In 2015, Sons of Ulster RBP No.1012 Encamped at Ballymacallen joined with RBP 18 in running the service and in 2015 the Charity selected was SANDS - Still Birth and Neonatal Death Charity.

SANDS support anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby before, during or shortly after birth. They offer emotional support and information for parents, grandparents, siblings, children, families and friends, health professionals and others. They also provide memory boxes so that families can keep safely mementoes for the lost baby

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Officers of Church View Seagoe RBP 110 after the dedication of new officers' collarettes at the annual district church service in St Marks Parish Church, Portadown. Back row (from left) Scott Livingston (Reg), Jason Hall (Chap), Nigel Magee (Trea). Front row Matthew Potts (WM), Canon Jim Campbell, and Brian Winton (DM).



The harvest scene with the Lily of the Valley Banner RBP 727.



William Abernethy, Chairperson, and Jennifer Mullan, Vice Chairperson of the Ochill Cultural Group, looking at the flower arrangement representing the Royal Black Institution to mark the 60th anniversary of Ochill Orange Hall.

Ochill Orange Hall is blooming marvellous

The 60th anniversary of Ochill Orange Hall was celebrated with a Flower Festival and Memorabilia Exhibition in September.

The Brethren were honoured with the presence of 8th Earl Castle Stewart accompanied by Countess Castle Stewart DL Co Tyrone who opened the exhibition.

The flower arrangements were designed by Mrs Eunice Cuddy, assisted by the Ochill Flower Arranging Group and Mrs Joy Hazelton.

On display were two old banners, one depicting 'The 36th Ulster at the Battle of the Somme', presented to the lodge in 1923 by 7th Earl Castle Stewart in memory of his two brothers who gave their lives in World War 1 and the other depicting the 'Normandy Landing' presented in 1954 by the 7th Earl Castle Stewart in memory of his two sons killed in action during World War 2.

On the stage was a display of musical instruments such as a flute and brass side drum from the band of the early 1900's, two William Johnston Lambeg Drums and past

uniforms worn by the Bro David Cuddy Memorial Accordion Band.

Medals on display beside the Memorial Tablet in Memory of Sir Knight Hugh Martin, who was murdered by terrorists in 1972, included those awarded to Leslie Bell, Moneymore, who survived the Battle of the Somme together with the medals awarded to three brethren who survived World War 2 – Harold Abernethy DFC, who completed 77 missions over Germany, Robert Watson who lay three days in a morgue before being taken to hospital and Charles Reilly taken as a POW at Arnheim and escaped.

Surrounded by flowers was the key presented to Sir William McCleery, GM of the GOLI, on 3rd September, 1955 to officially open the hall. The key was found in an antique shop and purchased by the late Bro Tom Cromie, Rathfriland, for 10p and returned to the lodge.

The cultural group would like to thank all who supported the Flower Festival and Memorabilia exhibition to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the hall.

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'Your Country Needs YOU' as a Good Soldier of Christ

*Reflections by
Rev Roger McElnea,
Newtownstewart and Gortin
Presbyterian Churches,
C.O. Monaghan Grand Chaplin*

In this centennial year of the Battle of the Somme, we have been reminded of the many recruiting posters of the First World War. For me the one that stands out from all the rest is the image of the British War Minister Lord Kitchener's index finger unsettlingly aimed at the viewer with those four words, "Your Country Needs You".

This poster proved to be effective in evoking patriotism whilst Kitchener's hand gesture was equally provocative in its directness.

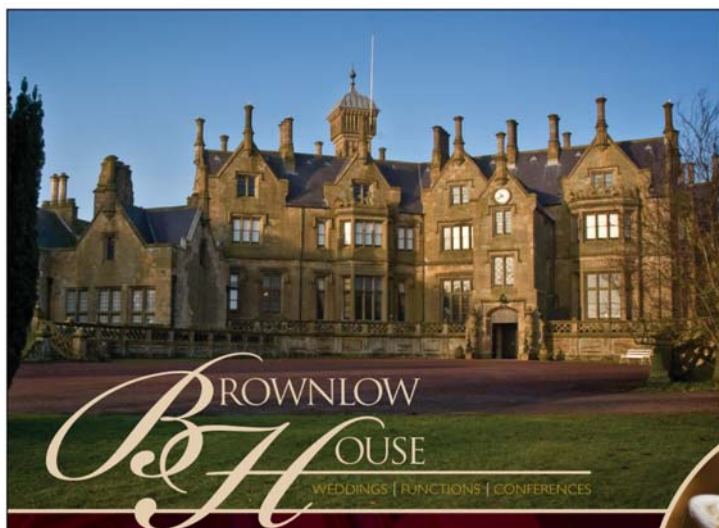
Pointing is individualistic and, still, one hundred years later, 'Your Country Needs You', albeit, in a slightly different context. No matter what jurisdiction of our Institution you live, you are required to make your stand for the Christian faith as never before.

Paul in his second letter to Timothy, chapter two writes an encouragement to us, as we endeavour to stand firm in our faith on the foundation of Christ alone. Indeed, Lord Kitchener's call to defend our country was almost as emphatic as Paul's call when he calls all who claim Christ are to stand firm. 'You then', is a very pointed command which calls for a response, especially to the four scenarios set out in the following verses.

1. The Teacher v2: As an organisation, we

are good at passing on our tradition to the next generation. Moreover, as one reflects on God's word, Paul commands us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to this present generation - ensuring that there is a faith to pass to the next generation. So, what are we passing to the next generation? Are we maintaining the Gospel truth?

2. The Soldier v3-4: As followers of Jesus, we are at war on His behalf. The Christian life is not a call to an easy life. Therefore, although, we will often be disappointed in ourselves, we shall never be disappointed in the one we serve. God has given His shield of salvation to His soldier. The good soldier of Christ is to focus on serving Christ.
3. The Athlete v.5: The athlete competes according to the rules. As Christians, we are competitors. We are not competing against other believers, but against our own desires. Therefore, how often do we find ourselves attempting to justify what makes us feel good rather than what pleases our heavenly Father?
4. The Farmer v.6: Paul likens the follower of Jesus to the work of the farmer who seldom sees immediate reward for his labour; yet, there is the anticipation of a reward. Similarly, our Lord Jesus has promised the reward of heaven, and all of its glory, to those who hold fast to His Son Jesus.



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Therefore, may we, as Royal Black Knights, serve our Lord with the anticipation of Heaven in our heart as we compete according to the rules to be Good Soldiers and pass on to the next generations the Gospel truth.

We serve our country best when we serve our risen Lord first.

2 Timothy 2:1-6 states 'You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.'

'No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.' (The ESV Bible 2001)



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Sir Knights Jason (Left) and Ryan (Right) Ferry from Aughintoiber Pipe Band pictured after their performance at the Bloomhill Burns Night with Highland Dancer Emma Barr.

Bloomhill Olive Branch of Peace hae meat and can eat

Bloomhill Olive Branch of Peace RBP 1147 held a very successful Burn's Night in Tullanisken Parish Church Hall on Friday 5th February where the Church Hall was packed to capacity.

Shortly after 8pm the haggis was ceremonially piped in by the Preceptory Chaplain, Sir Knight Ryan Ferry which followed the traditional address of the haggis by Stewart Buchanan, who had travelled from Burt, County Donegal. A delicious supper of stew, followed by desserts, was served by Mrs Sandra Robinson, Garden Deli.

After the supper, Eric Patterson chaired the proceedings for the remainder of the evening which saw performances from Aughintoiber Pipes and Drums, Emma Barr, a Highland Dancer from Saintfield, Co Down, and Bloomhill's RBP 1147's very own Men in Black and 1147ers.

The proceedings were brought to a close by Rev William Anderson and by the Worshipful Master Sir Knight Paul Robinson. The Worshipful Master, Officers and Sir Knights of the Preceptory would like to thank all those who supported the event in any way which made the evening a resounding success.



Sir Knight Jason Ferry pictured with Stewart Buchanan before the traditional 'Addressing of the Haggis' at Bloomhill's Burns Night celebrations.



A portrait of Robbie Burns.



Killyman & District Cultural Group, as part of an ongoing four year programme of WWI Centenary events, will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme this year with a Bannerfest to be held in in Dungannon, County Tyrone, on Saturday 18th June.

Killyman & District Cultural Group is a committee under the remit of Killyman District LOL No.1 and Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No.1, County Tyrone. The group's aims are to promote, teach and enshrine our Protestant faith, heritage and culture.

Bannerfest 2016 will be a province-wide gathering of the stunning banners, bannerettes, standards and flags from our Glorious Institutions. Bannerfest will include the many wonderful and colourful banners and standards and flags from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland, Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, the Royal Black Institution, The Apprentice Boys of Derry and Colour Parties from marching bands widely associated with the various Institutions.

The Committee have already produced a Great War Centenary Bannerette in 2014 that attends all Orange District parades and events. Another exciting venture is a book due for publication late Spring en-

titled 'For King and Country - The Service of Dungannon and District in the Great War 1914-1916'. This book, the first in a set of three, follows the involvement of locals who fought and died in the war up to the Battle of the Somme. The next volume will cover the period after the Somme to the end of the WWI and the final volume will document the return home, the formation of Northern Ireland and beyond.

Wor. Bro. Kenneth Montgomery, District Master of Killyman District LOL No.1, Co. Tyrone and Chair of the Cultural Group said, "Bannerfest 2016 is a unique event and a fitting tribute to our relatives and all who served their King and Country during a terrible and bloody war.

"All of you will know the part our countrymen played in the war and, in particular, the heavy loss of life and courageous and heroic deeds at the Battle of the Somme. Our committee is pleased to have the official support from the heads of the main Loyal Orders and we invite all Loyal Order Colours to mass and parade in Dungannon where you, your family and friends will be warmly welcomed as we gather with pride to remember."

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Clones RBDC No 1 remember Sir Knight Robert Jordan

On Sunday, 5th December, 2015, Clones RBDC No 1 Co Monaghan held a Memorial Service for their highly esteemed Deputy Master, the late Sir Knight Robert

Jordan who tragically died in a farming accident in August aged just 45 years old.

The service was held in St Andrew's Parish Church Scotthouse, the church Robert regularly attended, with the Ven Helene T Steed taking the service and Sir Knight Ian Jordan giving a tribute to his late brother. The County Chapter Choir sang two pieces and Pipe Major Leslie Soden played two tributes.

Robert's lifetime of service to the Loyal Orders began when, at 10 years old, he joined the newly formed lodge band of Coragarry LOL 280. Robert rarely, if ever, missed a band or lodge function or outing until his untimely death. He joined LOL 280 in October 1986 receiving his Arch Purple Degree the following spring and joining 'Madden's Own RBP 151 in May 1988.

Robert completed his degrees receiving his Red Cross Degree in February 1992. Robert was to serve the preceptory in various offices, being WM for two years and Registrar for over 10 years. Robert was particularly pleased when the preceptory purchased and unfurled a new banner in 2014, a big achievement for a small

preceptory of 16 members.

Robert served as DDM on two occasions. He was a great support for the last five candidates who travelled in the District attaining their Red Cross Degree in May. He led the district to the Fermanagh Twelfth of August demonstration in Maguiresbridge on August 1st.

Sadly, his last outing with the District was the Annual Divine Parade Service to Coragarry Free Presbyterian Church on August 16th, with his funeral taking place in St Andrew's Parish Church Scotthouse the following Sunday.

The Sir Knights of the District and County gave Robert a Guard of Honour in the graveyard with his fellow lodge and preceptory members carrying and Leslie piping his remains through Scotthouse village. His funeral was the biggest seen in the village showing the high respect he was held by the whole community.

Robert possessed all the characteristics of a Royal Black Sir Knight, rooted in a deep Christian Faith and always willing to help when needed. Coupled with his quiet presence and modesty, this made Robert an excellent Sir Knight who will be dearly missed.

Robert's family wish to express their thanks to the District Chapter for holding the service for Robert, and for all the help and support during this difficult time.

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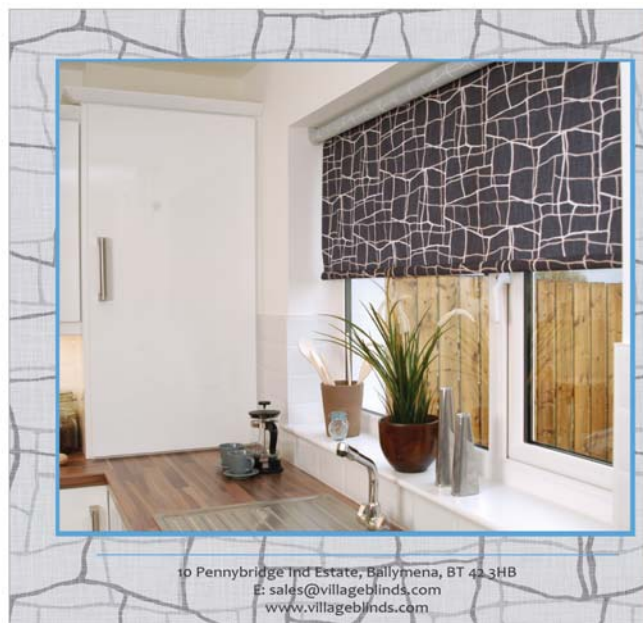
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John Ballard P.M. P.D.M Registrar talks about the very different banner of Conlig Village Star RBP 632...

How unique is that banner in your Preceptory room?

As they are made specifically for an individual preceptory, banners are unique; announcing its name, depicting various Biblical scenes and stating where the preceptory is from.

But while being unique in this respect, they are mostly very similar in size, shape and design and it is not until the banner is within reading distance that the message can be read and the preceptory identified. Standing in the assembly or demonstration field it is an almost impossible task to pick out an individual banner from among the many in close proximity.

The banner of Conlig Village Star RBP 632 (Newtownards District No 11) stands unique even in this respect.

At their inaugural meeting in Conlig Orange Hall on Tuesday 29th June, 1948, the list of equipment and accoutrements needed for the efficient functioning of the preceptory appeared to be endless.

Not least among these was the requirement to

have a preceptory banner.

Britain was recovering from the devastation and cost of the Second World War, rationing was still in place and materials were in very short supply. For the new

preceptory in the village of Conlig, with very limited financial resources, this was a very big challenge. In September of 1948 the preceptory sought and obtained the permission of Newtownards District Chapter to issue the members with collecting cards to raise funds to purchase their banner.

By the December meeting the Sir Knights had raised enough money to put down a deposit of £20 and place an order for their new banner. Unfortunately the minutes reveal nothing about the discussions and decisions regarding the banner and there is no record of with whom or when the order for the banner was placed, but we know that Tutill in Chesham in England painted it.

By June 1949 all of the collecting cards had been returned, raising a total of £92:11s:6d, allowing the preceptory to pay the balance due on the banner of

£55:10s (total cost of banner £75:10s) and receive it for unfurling on 30th July 1949 and on parade for the first time in Lisburn on the last Saturday in August in 1949.

Traditional material such as silk being unavailable, the banner is made of two sections of canvas stitched together. Measuring 6 feet 6 inches (1.68 meters) high and 7 feet 6 inches (2.29 meters) wide, it has a very distinctive shape, being slightly landscape rather than the traditional portrait shape.

The banner is heavier than most and can be difficult to carry, particularly in wet and windy weather, when the entrance to fields is narrow or where the passage of the parade is restricted by spectators.

Typically, banners last perhaps 20 to 25 years and being on display for one day in the year, getting little more than the equivalent of three weeks out of the life of a banner makes them extremely expensive items. Having had this banner now for 66 years the Sir Knights of Conlig Village Star RBP 632 consider that they have got, and are expecting, to get very good service from it for some years yet.

The Sir Knights of Conlig Village Star RBP 632 would like to know if their banner as unique as they think it is. Do you have a banner with an interesting story to tell? If so, let us know and we will run your banner's history in a future issue. Email info@royalblack.org



Sir Knights from Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31 on parade for the first time.

Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights unfurl new banner

The Sir Knights of Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31 have unveiled a beautiful new banner.

The unfurling was carried out by Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr in front of Desertcreat Parish Church Hall, near Cookstown, on 6 June 2015 in front of Sir Knights from the Preceptory, District Officers and guests, with Sir Knight Alistair Brown, WM of Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31 describing it as a "very honourable and proud moment."

He added, "It is hard to believe that a year has slipped past from when we had first discussed the condition

of our old banner and placing the order for our new one. Any Preceptory who has recently got a new banner knows that it takes a lot hard work in planning for a new banner and organising this special dedication."

In his thanks, Sir Knight Brown thanks the members of Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31 as well as Sovereign Grand Master Sir Knight Millar Farr; Assisting Sovereign Grand Master Sir Knight Ivan Kelly; Imperial Deputy Grand Master Sir Knight Rev William Anderson; County Grand Master Sir Knight William Abernethy and County Officers; Worshipful District Master Sir Knight

David Miller and District Officers; Sir Knight Rev David Murphy, District Chaplain; visiting Sir Knights; the local bands who attended the special dedication event and local people who supported the Preceptory.

Sir Knight Brown also provided a history of some of the previous banner dedications by Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31.

The previous banner was unfurled in Tullyhogue on 28th July, 1989. The late Sir Knight Sam Loughrin was the then Worshipful Master and Sir Knight Rev David Murphy Conducted the opening Prayer and scripture reading. The dedication was carried

out by Rev Mallon before the late Mrs Violet Parke had the honour of unfurling the banner.

He indicated that records also showed a previous banner unfurling on 21st August, 1966 in the afternoon in Desertcreat Parish Church. Sir Knight David Parke was the Worshipful Master and Rev Colthrust carried out done the dedication. Sir Knight Thomas McAleavey, who is still a member of RBP 31, and Sir Knight James Anderson were the Banner Carriers. Now, nearly 50 years, the members of Donaghrisk Red Cross Knights RBP 31 have a new banner to parade in front of them.



Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr addressing the crowd at the banner unfurling.



Both sides of the new banner.



Sir Knight William Abernethy addressing the gathering.



Sandholes Accordion Band



Part of the parade which took place after the unfurling.

Rain fails to dampen 150th anniversary parade

Members of the Royal Black Institution from the six districts in County Tyrone assembled in huge numbers despite incessant torrential rain in Dungannon.

The service and parade was organised to commemorate the 150th anniversary of County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter having been founded in 1865.

The parade assembled in Brook Street and headed by Deputy County Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Stevan Patterson, County and Imperial officers, the procession paraded through the town, pausing at the town's War Memorial where Rt.W. Sir Knight William Abernethy laid a wreath and Dungannon Silver Band played 'Abide with Me'. The church services were held simultaneously at 4.00pm in St Anne's Parish Church and Dungannon Presbyterian Church.

Rev Alan Thompson, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, extended a warm welcome to everyone and invited Sir Knight Rev David Reid, Deputy County Grand Chaplain, to conduct the service.

The scripture lessons were read by Sir Knight Richard Emerson, Deputy Grand Master and Sir Knight James Emery, County Lay Chaplain and the 'Men in Black' Choir RBP No.1147 sang two anthems 'Nearer my God' and 'I have a Shepherd'.

The service in St Anne's was conducted by the rector, Archdeacon Andrew Forster while Sir Knight Alan Irwin, County Grand Chaplain, led the prayers.

The scripture lessons at the other service were read by Sir Knight Abernethy and Sir Knight Bobby Dickson, County Lay Chaplain and the 'Lily of the Valley Choir RBP No.727 rendered two anthems 'Standing on the solid rock' and 'Jesus shall lead me'.

County and District officers received the offering at both services, which was for charity.

Afterwards, the procession reformed in the continuous downpour and other bands taking part includes Tamlaghtmore, Greystone and Bawn silver bands.

Sir Knight Richard Reid, County Registrar, who made the arrangements said that, despite the terrible weather, everything went ahead as planned.

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The officers of No.4 District present a cheque to No.3 Junior Orange District for the Children's Hospice - Ryan McDowell, Chairman of No.4 District Working Committee; Harry Whiteside, District Master Ballymacarrett Junior LOL No.3; Tam Boyd, District Master Royal Black District Chapter No.4; and Fred McKee Deputy District Master, pictured at a meeting of Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No.4.

Quiz night answers charity call for Children's Hospice

No.4 District officers recently presented a cheque for £250 to No.3 Junior Orange District towards their charity appeal for the Children's Hospice. This appeal is running for around 12 months over 2015/2016.

The £250 was raised during a quiz night in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall on the Albertbridge Road and will go towards the amount raised by the East Belfast Junior Orange District towards the Junior Orange Association's appeal.

The £250 for the Children's Hospice was presented to the Junior Orange District at its annual carol service in December. In addition to various carols being sung, a soloist sang additional carols with several Junior Orangemen from the various Junior Lodges in East Belfast reciting appropriate bible readings and Jonathan Brown, LOL 747, giving a children's sermon.

As with previous years a large number of presents were collected and donated to the Belfast City Mission to pass on to needy families.

Belfast Sir Knights set for annual parades

No.4 Royal Black District Chapter Belfast will hold its annual Protestant Martyrs Service on Sunday 1st May 2016 leaving Templemore Avenue at 2.30pm. It is going to Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Jackie King being the preacher.

No.4 Royal Black District Chapter Belfast will have its annual VE Day parade around East Belfast on Friday 13th May 2016 leaving Templemore Avenue at 7.30pm.

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Support for Southern Area Hospice



Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No. 3 have presented the collection from their Christmas Carol Service to the Southern Area Hospice. The service was held in Richhill Methodist Church in December and the Epilogue was given by Rev David Somerville, Rector of Richhill Parish Church. Pictured (from left) are Sir Knight Roger Gardiner, Dep Dist Treas; Sir Knight Jim Steenson, DDM; Mrs Anne Dalzell, Southern Area Hospice; Sir Knight William Copeland, WDM; Sir Knight Samuel Courtney, Dist Reg; and Sir Knight Ivan Ross, Dist Treas. Representatives of the various Preceptories in the District are in the back row.



Sir Knights of Pride of Richhill RBP 133 have presented a cheque for £200 to the Southern Area Hospice representative Mrs Ann Dalzell. In the photograph with Mrs Dalzell are Sir Knights Edmond Pillow, David Smith, Gilbert Pierson and Donald Burnett.



Members of Skeogh RBP 1072 presenting a cheque for £250 to Marie Curie, the proceeds from the annual Black service.



William Prescott receiving a cheque for £300 from Stephen Kennedy, WM of Cleenish Pride of Erin RBP 483 and officers of the preceptor, in aid of Macmillan Cancer.



The members of Sir Knight RH Bell Memorial RBP 267 Kilmoriarty, Portadown District presented a cheque for £450 to the Alzheimer's Society. Pictured (from left) are Sir Knight Cecil Allen, Chaplain; Sir Knight Leslie Geary, Registrar; Ms Heather Von Loggerenberg, Alzheimer's Society; Sir Knight Raymond Walker, Deputy District Master; Sir Knight Kyle Branyan, Worshipful Master; and Sir Knight Richard Dunlop, Deputy Master.



The presentation of a cheque for £400 cheque, raised by Tassagh Temple of Royalty, RBP 82, to Marie Cancer Care. In the photograph are (back row, from left) Sir Knights Robert Johnston, James Johnston, David Crozier, Stephen Herron and Stanley McCarten. Front row, David Brownlee, Registrar; Alex Patterson, Treasurer; Mrs Fiona Reddick, Marie Curie; John Herron, WM and Ronald Watt, Chaplain.

Long Service Medals



Sir Knights enjoying a meeting of Ballymacarrett Royal Black District Chapter No.4 (East Belfast), during which Sir Knight Billy Todd (Deputy District Treasurer) was presented with his 60 years' service medal by the District Master Sir Knight Tam Boyd. The night also included a visitor from Canada who presented the District Chapter with an authorised version of the Bible as a gift. Rt Wor Sir Knight Michael Thomas Provincial, Grand Registrar of Ontario West and Grand Censor of Grand Black Chapter of British America (second from right in the front row) presented the chapter with a Bible as a gift.



Sir Knight Ivan Kelly, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master, presenting Sir Knight Warren Elgin with his Past Master's Certificate.



Sir Knight Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master, presenting 50-year long service medals to Sir Knight Robbie Campbell and Sir Knight Tommy Torrens and a 25-year service medal to Sir Knight Derek Rankin, at Kilrea Knights of the Bann RBP 586.

Long Service Medals



At the December meeting of Ballyboley RBP 334, Sir Knight Roy Turner received a glass plaque from the Worshipful District Master of Ballyclare RBDC No 6, Sir Knight Nigel Thompson. The WDM made the presentation on behalf of the County Antrim Grand Black Chapter, in recognition of Sir Knight Turner's 22 years' service as Deputy Treasurer for Co Antrim. Included in the picture are Sir Knight William-John Strange, District Treasurer, Ballyclare RBDC No 6; Sir Knight Roy Turner; Sir Knight Nigel Thompson, Worshipful District Master, Ballyclare RBDC No 6; and Sir Knight Andy Jenkins, Worshipful Master, Ballyboley RBP 334.



Sir Knight Brian Courtney, Chaplain of Epworth Temperance RBP 232 Portadown, receives his 60-year service bar from Sir Knight Robert Wallace, the Worshipful District Master of Portadown Royal Black Chapter No 6 at the preceptory meeting in November 2015. Sir Knight Courtney has been a faithful and hard working member of RBP 232 over the last six decades



Batt's Golden Star RBP 116 presented Long Service Medals to four Sir Knights in recognition of their service to the Institution who, between them, have over 150 years' service. Making the presentation is the Worshipful District Master of Largymore Royal Black District Chapter No.9, Worshipful Sir Knight Ronald Pedlow, who presented 50-year medals to Sir Knight Peter Donaldson and Sir Knight Bertie Stewart and 25-year medals to Sir Knight Hugh Moulds (not in picture) and Sir Knight Paul McCarroll. The Worshipful Master of RBP116 is also pictured.



The year 2015 was a momentous one for RBP 393, encamped at The Birches from Summerisland RBDC No. 6, with 50 years' service medals presented to four members. In the photograph are three of the Sir Knights proudly displaying their medals - from left are Worshipful Sir Knight Eddie Forbes - Chaplain, Worshipful Sir Knight Philip Currie - Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Willie Neill, Sir Knight Bertie Neill, Sir Knight Derek Odgers and Worshipful Sir Knight Stewart Brennan - Deputy Master. Missing is Sir Knight Tommy Lawson who was unavailable for the photograph.

To get your Perceptory's Long Service Medals featured in the next edition of 'The Royal Black' email info@royalblack.org

Mount Horeb RBP 170 celebrate



Special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, with Officers of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170 including from front row left, Sir Knight David Irvine, Worshipful Master, Sir Knt. Jack Watson, Chaplain and Sir Knt. Mark Elliott, Deputy Master. Middle Row from left, Sir Knt. Maurice Donaldson Treasurer, Sir Knt. Rodney Magennis, Chaplain, Sir Knt. Pastor Roy Graham Chaplain, Sir Knt. Samuel McRoberts, Registrar and Sir Knt. Alec McClimonds, Committee Member. Back row from left, Sir Knt. Samuel Walker, Committee member, Sir Knt. Barry Patterson, Committee member, Sir Knt. Keith Nelson, Pursuivant, Sir Knt. Sloane McClurg, Standard Bearer, Sir Knt. William Walsh, Foreman of Committee. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513309.



Past Master Sir Knt. William Walsh, Mount Horeb R.B.P.170, was presented with a Past Master's Certificate and Jewel by special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, at the 150th Anniversary Dinner. Looking on is Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master, Mount Horeb R.B.P.170. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513307.



Special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, cuts the cake at 150th Anniversary Dinner of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170, as Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master and Sir Knt. Mark Elliott, Deputy Master look on. © Photo: Gary Gardiner.

their 150th anniversary 1865-2015



Special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, with Sir Knight Harold Henning, Worshipful District Master, Sir Knight David Irvine, Worshipful Master and Sir Knt. Samuel Heenan, Deputy District Master and Past Masters of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170 including, Sir Knt. Samuel Walker, Sir Knt. Jim Nelson, Sir Knt. William Walsh, Sir Knt. Joseph Waddell, Sir Knt. William Jackson and Sir Knt. Alec McClimonds. Centre Row from left, Sir Knt. Samuel McRoberts, Sir Knt. David Moffatt, Sir Knt. Richard Magennis, Sir Knt. Barry Patterson, and Sir Knt. Ivor Walsh, attended the 150th Anniversary Dinner held in 2nd and 3rd Rathfriland Presbyterian Church Hall. © Photo: Gary Gardiner.



Special guest, Most Worshipful Sir Knight, Millar Farr, Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, with Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master of Mount Horeb, R.B.P.170 and Sir Knt. Mark Eillott, Deputy Master, R.B.P. 170 and the Ceremonial Mace of the Royal Black Institution, The Molyneux Mace, which took pride of place, at the 150th Anniversary Dinner of Mount Horeb R.B.P.170. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513305.



Sir Knt. David Irvine, Worshipful Master of R.B.P.170 and Sir Knt. Mark Eillott, Deputy Master, make a cheque presentation of £405 to Mr Ivan Johnston, a member the 'Project Romania' Team. Proceeds were raised from a Retiring Offering taken up during the Mount Horeb R.B.P. 170, 150th Anniversary Dinner. The team from 2nd and 3rd Rathfriland Presbyterian Churches, led by the Reverend Seamus Burke, will be travelling to Romania for ten days commencing on the 1st of July 2015. © Photo: Gary Gardiner. C1513304.

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New County Down Grand Master installed



The new County Down Grand Master, Sir Knight Brian Hunter was installed in Comber Orange Hall. The MWSGM, Most Worshipful Sir Knight Millar Farr conducted the installation of Officers assisted by Sir Knight Kenny Hull, C.G.M. of Co Antrim. Front row (from left) Sir Knight Trevor McBurney, Co Reg., Sir Knight Colin Cinningham, DCGM; Most Worshipful Sir Knight Milla Farr, SGM; Sir Knight Brian Hunter, CGM; Sir Knight Raymond Adams, CGC; Sir Knight Thomas Smyth, CGT; and Sir Knight Paul McCarroll, DCGT. The back row includes other County Officers and visiting Sir Knights who attended the installation.

Youngs Memorial RBP 1187 marks 90 years with visit to Brownlow House

Youngs Memorial RBP 1187, encamped at Drumacranver, celebrated their 90th Anniversary of the preceptory at Brownlow House, the headquarters of the Royal Black Institution, on Thursday 19th November, 2015.

The guest of honour was the Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr, accompanied by the County Grand Master of County Tyrone Sir Knight William Abernethy.

The Right Worshipful Master Sir Knight

James Hawthorne welcomed all Sir Knights and District Officers of Primatial District on such a special occasion of the preceptory's history from 1925-2015.

Four 40-year long service medals were presented by Sovereign Grand Master Millar Farr to Sir Knight William Monaghan, Sir Knight William Hopps, Sir Knight William Oliver and Sir Knight Brian Morton.

Following the evening of celebration, supper was served to all after singing the National Anthem.



Rev Dr William Malcolmson reads a passage from the Holy Bible at the reconstitution and rededication of the Lecture Class for Belfast No 6 Royal Black District Chapter at West Belfast Orange Hall in September. Looking on are Sir Knights Les Black, Gary Wells, Thomas Foster, Sam Coulter and William Humphrey MLA, Chairman of the West Belfast Orange Hall Management Committee. This Bible was previously presented to the RBDC Lecture Class in 1937.

Garvetagh keep it country!

Garvetagh 'Guiding Star' RBP No.76 held their annual country style service of lessons and carols in Garvetagh Orange Hall on Sunday, 13th December, 2015.

Members and friends on arrival were welcomed by Christmas music in the foyer and many admired the old style lighting with hurricane and tilly lamps.

Sir Knight Gerald Montgomery, the Worshipful Master of the preceptory welcomed everyone and invited Sir Knight William Montgomery, Imperial Deputy Grand Master to conduct the service.

Rev. Robert Orr, Minister of First Castledearg and Killeter Presbyterian Churches, opened the service with prayer followed by the lessons and carols.

The lessons were read by Sir Knights Andrew Johnston, Herbert Young, James Emery, James Young, Ronald Porter, Robert Keatley, John Lowry, Stevan Bogle, and Alastair Patterson.

The carols sung by the congregation were accompanied by the organist Mrs Jeanette Lowry and Sir Knights Albert and Alan Keatley on the accordions, who are members of the Preceptory.

The offering, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, which is the Sovereign Grand Master's charity, was taken up by Sir Knight Thompson Young and Sir Knight Richard Hamilton.

The closing prayer was by Mrs Alison Orr and Sir Knight Gerald Montgomery proposed a vote of thanks and invited everyone to supper served by the ladies.



District Chapter Officers of Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No 3 (seated) with Sir Knights from the Preceptories at the first ever District meeting at the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House, Loughgall.

History made by Markethill District

Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No 3 became the first District to hold a meeting in the new Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House, Loughgall, when they held the quarterly meeting there in September.

Before the meeting, the Sir Knights were given a tour of the recently opened museum by Sir Knight Roger Gardiner PDM, Deputy District Treasurer. He

referred to the fact that he and another Past District Master, Sir Knight Jim Copeland, were Directors of Co Armagh Community Development Committee Ltd, which runs the facility. Both have been very much involved in getting the new museum established.

Sir Knight William Copeland WDM congratulated all involved with the historic building and encouraged the Sir Knights to return with their families

and friends to view the many interesting exhibits. He was particularly pleased to see the District Chapter's previous bannerette on display on the second floor corridor.

Sir Knight Gardiner presented the WDM with a special certificate to commemorate the first District Chapter meeting and all then retired to Sloan's Coffee Shop for supper.

The Chosen Few of the Olive Leaf chose their officers



The installation of officers for The Chosen Few of the Olive Leaf RBP No 619 was held in Upper Crossgare Orange Hall, Ballynahinch RBDC No 5. The installation was carried out by the Rt. W. Sir Knight Trevor Hawthorne, CGM of Down, assisted by W. Sir Knight Mervyn Kernaghan, WDM of Ballynahinch RBDC No 5.



Notes from England & Scotland



Degrees of success at Scottish Lecturers' Conference

The Scottish Lecturers' Conference was held in the Britannia Orange Hall, Greenock.

The Worshipful District Master of Hunt Chamber RBDC No.2 (Greenock & Port Glasgow) Sir Knight William Gilmour opened the conference and extended a warm welcome to the Provincial Grand Master of Scotland Sir Knight James G. MacLean, PGBC, District and Preceptory Officers to Greenock.

The Provincial Grand Lecturer Sir Knight James Sideserf, in his capacity as chairman of the conference, welcomed an excellent attendance of Sir Knights despite the poor weather.

Degrees, exemplified to a very high standard, were as follows:

- RBDC No.11 Royal Mark
- RBDC No.8 Gold Star & Garter
- RBDC No.7 Royal Green

Sir Knight Ian Girvan, Deputy Provincial Grand Lecturer, proposed a vote of thanks to the RWDM, Officers and Sir Knights of RBDC No.2 for organising the venue and catering for the conference.



Pictured at Scottish Lecturers' Conference are (from left) Scott A. Renwick (Grand Registrar); Ian Girvan (Deputy Provincial Grand Lecturer); James G. MacLean (Provincial Grand Master); James Sideserf (Provincial Grand Lecturer); and Thomas Y. Bell (Provincial Grand Treasurer).



Ian Girvan (Deputy Provincial Grand Lecturer); William Love (D.D.M Govan R.B.D.C No.7); James G. MacLean (Provincial Grand Master); James Sideserf (Provincial Grand Lecturer) and Thomas Y. Bell (Provincial Grand Treasurer) at the Scottish Lecturers' Conference.



Sir Knights Angus Ward PM; Alex Thomson, and Joe Dunbar, PM Reg RBP 118 Glasgow, making a presentation for £250 to Broomlee Special Needs School in Possilpark, Glasgow. The preceptory also presented chocolates and biscuits to the children, teachers and staff.



The Worshipful Master, Sir Knight Dale Hall, Officers and Sir Knights of Bon Accord RBP 150 at their Annual General Meeting in February 2016. Also in the photograph are the RWDM Sir Knight Harry Kane; Provincial Grand Master of Scotland RW Sir Knight James G. MacLean; and Grand Registrar, Sir Knight Scott A. Renwick PM.



The current officers of RBP 92 (from left) Sir Knight Albert Hindley I.D.G.M; Sir Knight Steven Taylor, Registrar; Sir Knight Don McKinlay, Deputy Master; Sir Knight Paul Taylor, WM of RBP 92; Sir Knight William Taylor, Chaplain and Sir. Knight Trevor Cubbon, Treasurer.

150th anniversary of Star of Liverpool

The Sir Knights of the Star of Liverpool R.B.P 92 in the Province of England encamped at the Provincial Headquarters Everton Road (Liverpool) are currently celebrating their 150th anniversary year.

RBP 92 is one of the oldest preceptories in England and currently has 19 members, with new members joining over the next few months.

Fundraising events will take place throughout the year, with the proceeds helping to restore their original Bible presented with the warrant on 15th October, 2016 the exact date that the warrant was issued.

The preceptory will be hosting a formal dinner on the exact anniversary

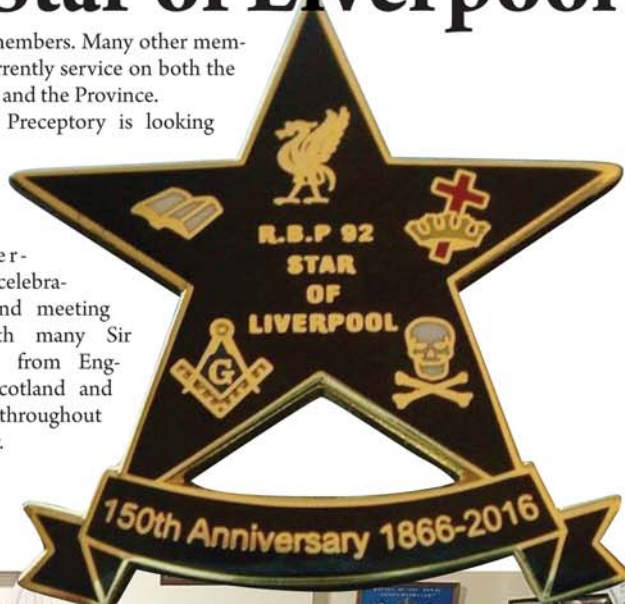
and a thanksgiving church service will take place the following day. This will be followed by a social evening continuing the celebrations of this momentous occasion.

A commemorative badge has been produced for the occasion and is available for sale.

The preceptory has a proud tradition of having many senior officers within its ranks including the present Provincial Grand Master of England, Sir Knight Steven Taylor and the immediate Past Grand Master, Sir Knight Albert Hindley IDGM; the current Deputy Grand Master of England Sir Knight Kevin McRitchie and the immediate Past Grand Registrar Sir Knight Paul Taylor who are all

active members. Many other members currently service on both the District and the Province.

The Preceptory is looking forward to the anniversary celebrations and meeting up with many Sir Knights from England, Scotland and Ulster throughout the year.



Officers and members of RBP 92 who are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.

Red Cross Presentations



At a meeting of First County Down Temperance RBP No.3 in Ballynahinch Orange Hall, five Sir Knights received their Red Cross Certificates presented by the Worshipful Bro. Brian Hunter, DCGM. Front row (from left to right) are the Sir Knights who received their Red Cross certificates - Mark Edgar, Steven Conaty, Richard Edgar, Clive McKelvey and Andrew Pyper. Back row, Sir Knights Trevor McKelvey, WM; William Brown, Lecturer; Wilbert Somerville, Lecturer; Brian Hunter, DCGM; and William Williamson, Lecturer.



Two new Sir Knights at Bush RBP No.4 have received their Red Cross certificate. The certificates were presented by the WM and DM of the Preceptory. Pictured (from left) are WM Sir Knight Trevor Falloon; Sir Knight Gary Boyd; Sir Knight Adam Graham and DM Sir Knight Henry Newell.

Spanning the generations



Sir Knights of Drummond Faith Defenders, RBP426, met to see Sir Knight Gary McFarland go through his Red Cross Degree. On the same evening his grandfather, Sir Knight Ben McFarland, received his 70-year bar. Pictured standing behind them are Sir Knight Richard Emerson, Deputy County Grand Master, who was one of the Lecturers and Sir Knight William Anderson, Imperial Deputy Grand Master, who presented his father-in-law with his 70-year bar.



Three generations from Elijah's Chosen Few RBP 208, on the Last Saturday in Kilkeel. They are Richard Nicholson, his son Martin and his grandson Richard.

To get your Perceptory's Red Cross Presentations featured in the next edition of 'The Royal Black' email info@royalblack.org

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