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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MUNSTER

*Merry
Christmas*

We are really living in a small world after all...

Writes Bro. Julien Dufresne

My name is **Julien Dufresne**, and I am a French man living in Ireland since fifteen years. I also have the pleasure to be a member of the lodge St Fin Barre's 8 in Cork and I wanted to share a story that happened to me while visiting another lodge this year, to show what visiting another lodge can bring to your life.

Back in June, I was invited to join a meeting organised by Loge France d'Irlande (Lodge 884) who are normally based in Dublin, but who had a ceremony organised in Cork. The ceremony took place in Tuckey Street on June 18th, 2022 and it was a formidable experience for me, as it was my first time assisting to a lodge meeting in my mother tongue. I even had to actively participate in the ceremony, which was a very interesting experience and I felt a little bit bad for my Irish brethren present who did not fully understand French.

The ceremony was followed by a state of the art dinner, where Irish dishes and products were offered to our guests. During this dinner, I had the chance to be seating close to two of my compatriots, **Abdu Sene** and **Eric Mazinge**, and to my surprise they were both from around a place called Chartres, in the centre of France, where my own grand-parents were from.

After few glasses of French wine, and few more delicious dishes, while speaking with Abdu, we realised that he actually knew both my grand parents, and that his own father was part of the same lodge as my grand father in Chartres, the lodge Marceau.

My Grand-Father's name was **Pierre Entwistle**, and he was an entrepreneur in France, owning a company taking tours of the old Chartres city centre in horse-drawn carriages.

I knew that he was a freemason because my parents told me so and because I remember seeing freemason signs in his house, such as in



Bro. Julien Dufresne St. Fin Barre's Lodge Bo 8 pictured with Bro. Abdu Sene and Bro. Eric Mazinge of Loge 884.

the fireplace, when I was younger.

My grand-father and Abdu's father had apparently been very close and Abdu remembered Pierre being at their house very often.

This moment was so astonishing for me: being in Ireland and meeting someone who knew my grandfather that I lost many years ago, that it brought a lot of memories back to me.

I then had to leave the dinner to go back home, returning to my wife who was taking care of our one month-old baby at the time, but before that, I made sure to exchange my contact details with the wonderful members of this lodge, and especially with Abdu, who happened to be such a kind person, a great story teller and who brought back a glimpse of the past to me. I hope I will soon be able to visit this lodge in Dublin and also would like to offer my deepest condolences to all the members of this lodge as they recently lost, in a tragic accident, their **WM André Dementes**.

To conclude, I would like to encourage all brethren to visit other lodges, as you never know what these meetings can bring you. We are really living in a small world after all...

Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster

Freemasons' Hall, 27 Tuckey Street, Cork.



"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", The words of Keats come to mind as I pen these words in late Autumn ahead of the deadline for the Christmas edition of our Provincial newsletter, The Plumblin. Ordinarily I would be welcoming Brethren back to labour after what is traditionally the fallow season in our masonic calendar. 2022 has proved the exception however and the Province has been a hive of activity throughout the Summer months as many Lodges have taken the opportunity to confer degrees or simply host social events in anticipation of their return to meetings in September. Continuing in the apiarian vein 'summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.' and throughout the newsletter I hope you enjoy reading about the myriad goings on in the various Lodges during June, July and August. I renew the grateful thanks of the Province to our editor-in-chief, **W. Bro. Vincent O'Donovan**, for the time and dedication he devotes to producing such a high-class publication, we are the envy of many Provinces throughout the Constitution. Work continues apace on preparatory work for the proposed extension to our Provincial Headquarters in Tuckey St. and I extend my thanks to those whose expertise and diligence have brought us to where we are today. As I mentioned in my address to Provincial Grand Lodge in October we have received a significant setback in our quest for funding from Molesworth Street but a setback is just what it is. We will trim our sails to this particular wind and plans are in place to resubmit an amended application to Grand Lodge. In the meantime we must look closer to home where more than a little creativity will be required as we seek to raise the funds we so badly need. The call will go out to every single member of the Province, as well as our wider masonic family here in Munster, to

contribute in any way they can, financially and otherwise. I also mentioned in October that already I have been heartened, and indeed humbled, by the approach of a number of Brethren, many of riper years it has to be said, with offers of significant sums of money by way of donation, living bequests, bonds and loans and we will look at ways in which we can process these in the months ahead. As many of you know the Supper Room has been renamed in grateful recognition of the generous bequest from **Bro. Bill Magahy** and when the extension is completed we will also find a way to honour the name of **W. Bro. Frank Harley** who remembered the Province so generously in his will. One fundraising idea that seems to have caught the imagination is that of tiles, blue on the 1st. floor of the new extension, red on the 3rd. floor, which brethren can purchase and have inscribed with their name and Lodge/Chapter. Lodges, Chapters and indeed families, might also consider purchasing one in memory of a deceased Brother or Companion.

In late Spring the invite went out to those Brethren in the Province in receipt of 50, 60 and 70 year jewels to join me for a lunch in Tuckey Street with a Daylight meeting, hosted by Lodge 68, Youghal, in the Lodge Room afterwards. I am delighted to say that over 30 'senior' Masons were able to attend on the day and the sense of fun and camaraderie was very much in evidence as old comrades, many of whom hadn't met in years and in some cases decades, reacquainted and reminisced. The notes and letters of thanks and gratitude following the lunch reaffirm the value of such events and I plan on making this a permanent fixture in the Provincial calendar. In contrast, by the time you read this I hope that the evening in November for newly initiated, passed and raised Brethren in the Province,

along with those new to Royal Arch, will have gone off successfully. This, together with the lunch for longer serving members of the Order, is part of the 3 R's initiative (Recruit, Retain and Retrieve) which I hope will foster closer ties amongst the 13 Lodges and 8 Chapters in Munster. I am pleased to report that the Provincial Grand Inspector designate, **W. Bro. Pat Evans**, will have special responsibility for the 3 R's reporting into **R.W. Bro. Malcolm Tyrrell**, Provincial Assistant Grand Master. As I wrote in last year's Plumbline the calibre of men in the Province at the moment, both young and old, is exceptional and we must harness these forces to provide worthwhile and meaningful

Freemasonry as we face into exciting and challenging times.

I sign off wishing you, your families and those closest to you a happy, healthy and peaceful Festive Season.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,



Derek Dunne
PGM



PGM R.W Derek Dunne pictured with the two newest members in the province Bro. Anthony Harrington Meade, Lodge 27 and Bro. Colm Kelleher, Lodge 27 at the Munster social in Tuckey Street recently. Pic Adrian O' Herlihy

Forget Me Not

Writes R.W. Bro Alan Campbell

The above picture will be instantly recognised as Forget me not. It is also known as Scorpion Grass and it's official name is Myosotis which comes from ancient Greek and means mouse's ear, which the leaves were thought to resemble.

Leaving aside the alternative names, how, you may wonder did it get the strange name of Forget me not? Well, according to legend, while God was naming all the plants, one tiny plant that was still unnamed, called out to Him, "Forget me not, O Lord". In response, God named the plant with the same words, Forget me not. In reality, the plant dies away completely in winter and could be taken to be dead, but oh no, forget me not, for in spring it comes up again, fresh & green.

The little flower has become a very popular lapel pin for many Masons, worldwide. It is not an actual Masonic symbol but never the less it has become the very recognisable sign that the wearer is a Mason.

Let's just consider for a moment why this has become the case.

The Forget me not symbolises true love & respect. When you give someone these little flowers it represents a promise that you will always remember them and will keep them in your thoughts.

In 1933, the Nazis passed The Enabling Act which dissolved all Masonic Lodges in Germany, confiscated all their property and banned members from joining the Nazi Party. A year later it was ruled that soldiers, officers & civilian personnel could not be Masons. Some Freemasons became prisoners in concentration camps. This situation continued into the second World War years and was spread into other countries which came under German control, such as Belgium, France, the Netherlands etc.

The Nazis charges against Freemasonry were that it was linked to Communism, the international press & the Jewish population.

In 1934, members of one of Germany's pre war Grand Lodges, Grand Lodge of the Sun, began to, very bravely, wear little lapel badges of the Forget me not instead of the square and compasses as a secret mark of identity The symbolism was of course, that like the little flower

which died away completely in winter only to emerge again in spring so Freemasonry wasn't dead, just sleeping awaiting a time to safely return to life.

As the war progressed and more people were imprisoned in the camps, Masons took to plucking the wild Forget me not flowers and wearing it to let fellow

Masons know and to give some hope and comradeship to each other.

It seems that in some camps, both in Europe and in the Far East, some Masons, perhaps made known to each other by the Forget me not, actually succeeded in holding meetings. They cut out the symbols from flattened old bully beef cans and generally made do with what they could find around the place.

Some years ago in a little paper issued by the Irish Lodge of Research no 200 the following extract from the diary of a **Bro. Wylie** was published. I'm sure they won't mind my reproducing it here. It illustrates the Forget me not theme.

"The peace and tranquillity of those meetings stood out in great contrast against the turmoil and irritations of the day. Although it was very hot and most of the time all of us were in rags, ill, hungry, tired and dirty yet it was possible during those meetings; almost completely to forget the normal conditions of our lives as prisoners of war.

To sit quietly among proven friends and listen to the Ceremonies took one's thoughts very far from a prison camp and lifted the mind above the reach of petty annoyances, restored one's balance and demonstrated the possibility of the victory of mind over matter, a very important factor at such a time"

I think that is a very moving testimony from a survivor of man's inhumanity to man.

After the war, in 1947, The Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Germany and a little pin in the shape of the Forget me Not was adopted to honour those Masons who had survived the horrors of the Nazi era. In the years since it has become a badge worn by Masons from all corners of the world to remember those who suffered just because they were good men and Masons.

When I wear this little pin I like to also remember all the Brethren, good friends who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during my time as a Mason.



Munster Foreign Representatives at the Grand Lodge of Ireland & Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland: III

• Some Historical Insights: Foreign Reps III •

Writes **W. Bro. David J. Butler**,
with **Rebecca Hayes**, Archivist, Grand Lodge

The evolution of foreign representation at the Grand Lodge of Ireland (and from our Grand Lodge to myriad foreign constitutions) has evolved over a longer period than many readers may realise. While there is no one registry of holders of the office of foreign representative for either branch of the Order, some sources – printed and manuscript – do exist which, with a little difficulty, allow the creation of a comprehensive record of Munster office holders. I am most grateful to **Rebecca Hayes**, archivist and curator of The Grand Lodge of Ireland and my co-researcher in this article, without whose ready assistance, this third part in the series would have been very much diminished.

The *Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland*, as far back as 1872-73, lists foreign representatives immediately after its calendar of Grand Officers. This is fortunate, as no other registry or record appears to have been maintained until the second half of the twentieth century. In order to successfully research these printed lists, one needs to be familiar with the principal names in each successive generation of provincial notables, assisted considerably in those early days by the remarkably long tenure of the office holders in these days prior to the ten-year guide or rule. While representation was likely always kept up with the 'Home Constitutions' of England and Scotland, the establishment – and maintenance – of representation from (and at) constitutions further afield was more a development of the second half of the nineteenth century, and subsequently. Some early ground rules are revealed in the Rough Minute Book of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, dated 3 May 1859, noted 'The Board are of opinion that the communication to Foreign Grand Lodges be made through their Representatives (if any) provided such Representatives be resident in Dublin'.

By 1899, the matter of Foreign Representatives grew a formal Address to a meeting of Grand Lodge:

Five foreign Grand Lodges have during the year obtained recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ireland: *The Grand Lodge of Oregon*, to the representation of which our Brother, **James M'Connell**, of Belfast, has been appointed. You all know what a zealous, hard-working Mason James M'Connell has been, and how he has always interested himself most largely in the support of our Masonic Girls' School. *South Carolina*, to the representation of which a Past Master of a Dublin Lodge, our Brother **Dr Thomas Purcell**, one of the hardest working members of the Craft, has been appointed. *Frankfort-on-the-Maine, New Zealand, and Western Virginia*, have also been recognised during the year by our Grand Lodge. No appointments have yet been made as regards these Grand Lodges, and therefore it will be the duty next year of the Brother who may fill this chair to tell you something about the Brethren who by that time shall have been selected for these appointments.

It could be at times that formal communication was established but that gaps in the representation occurred between tenures and this appears to have been a feature of the early years, as also the changing allocation of foreign representative positions by Grand Lodge to Irish Provincial Grand Lodges. However, for close to a century and beyond in places, this representation has remained unchanged, though occasionally strengthened with additional seats, as has occurred twice with Munster: in 2002 (Poland) and 2020 (China and Monaco). The lion's share of seats remained particularly associated with the [Dublin] Metropolitan district in the Irish Constitution and a minute of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes from just over a century ago is most revealing in this regard:

3 May 1920 – Suggested allocation of Foreign Collars – Antrim twelve; Down nine; Londonderry three; Armagh, Tyrone, Munster two each; North Connaught, South Connaught, Meath, North Munster, Midland Counties, Wicklow and Wexford and South Eastern Counties, one each – total thirty-seven & Dublin – thirty-six.

In my most recent article in this series (Part II, May 2021, dealing with our three established Craft foreign representative seats, following on from our two newly acquired in Part I, December 2020), I listed past holders of the offices, as best known at the time of writing. I am pleased to report that, in collaboration with Rebecca Hayes, a complete listing is now possible, not only in the Craft, but also in the Royal Arch – and furthermore, earlier foreign constitution representation at the Grand Lodge of Ireland by Munster representatives, in the later nineteenth and early twentieth century, has been uncovered, through extensive research of the *Annual Calendars* and *Directories* of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

It is remarkable to note that it was only in 1987, following new regulations which came into effect in 1988, that prompted the creation of the Foreign Representatives Registry in the Craft and in the Royal Arch, that was in use up until 2017:

Grand Representatives at Grand Lodge: Both the Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes have drawn up new regulations governing the appointment of Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

One stresses that the office is active, conferring the responsibility of attending Grand Lodge to represent the sister Grand Lodge to which the office bearer is accredited. Failure to attend Grand Lodge on at least two occasions in each year will mean the holder becoming ineligible to continue in office.

A further restriction on holding the office is that a Brother's period of office as a Grand Lodge representative will not exceed ten years, but thereafter he will still retain the courtesy title of 'Right Worshipful'.

Brethren currently holding rank as a Grand Lodge representative shall for the purpose of the 10-year rule be deemed to hold their appointments as and from 1st January 1988, and thus the full 10-year period will be available to all Representatives present and future unless they fail to make the minimum attendance in any one year when they automatically lose their office.

The Foreign Representatives listing in the *Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland* and of the *Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland* has, together with selective minutes and extracts, proved invaluable to our research and have been responsible for revealing that the original

foreign constitutions associated with Munster were not New South Wales and Alpina of Switzerland as previous thought – which have been linked with us since 1915 and 1931 respectively – but rather such far flung constitutions as Nevada and Egypt!

R. W. Bro. Henry S. Noblett, a past master of the First Lodge of Ireland and prominent member of all branches of the Order meeting in Cork, was Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt for twenty-two years, from 1891 until 1912 (d. 1913). Noblett was also a member of a metropolitan lodge (Lodge 4, Dublin) and was succeeded in the representation of Egypt by **George C. May** of Lodge 27 Dublin, thus ending Munster's earliest known foreign representation.

Our province of Munster also held the seat representing the Grand Lodge of Nevada from 1900 until 1913, when the holder was **R.W. Bro. Francis Sargent**, who about the same time became the first Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in Munster, North Munster, and South-eastern Counties (prior to the establishment of District Grand Chapter of Munster in 1914).

Sargent was initiated in Youghal Lodge 68 and also affiliated to all branches of the Order in Cork city; he was featured with a photo and extensive entry in *Cork at the turn of the twentieth century*, a photo reproduced for the District Grand Chapter portrait gallery on the uppermost staircase in Freemasons' Hall, Cork.

Sargent died in office – both as Royal Arch Grand Superintendent and Foreign Representative for Nevada late in 1913 and the latter position remained unfilled during 1914. He was succeeded in the position by one **John Monserrat Quinn**, in 1915, a member of a Dublin lodge, with Munster being instead allocated the New South Wales representation for the first time. Sargent was the sole Munster holder of the Nevada seat, being preceded by **Lavens M. Ewart**, a member in Belfast.

Thus, Munster has had a continuous presence in the foreign representative ranks at Grand Lodge since 1891; from 1900 until 1912 holding the seats for Egypt and Nevada simultaneously. The loss of both stalwart Right Worshipful brethren within the year 1912-13, led to a brief hiatus in our representation until the 1915 linking of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, which has continued across eleven holders of the seat and for over a century to the present time. It would be a further fifteen years before Munster regained a second representative seat, in our 1931 linkage with the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, over ninety years ago.

Chronology Of Succession Of Munster Foreign Representatives:

The Grand Lodge of Egypt
1891-1912 Henry S. Noblett

The Grand Lodge of Nevada
1900-13 Francis Sargent

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory (1915 -)
1915-33 Samuel D. Budd
1934-57 N. Henry Hobart, M.D.
1959-69 Percy W. Newenham
1969-79 John H.R. Kelly
1979-83 J. Keith Carroll
1983-88 William H. Black
1989-99 Douglas Wakefield
2000-03 John G. Whittaker
2004-13 Edward H.W. Newenham
2014-18 Kenneth H. O'Galligan
2019- Robin E.W. Newenham

The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland (1931 -)
1931-36 Robert Walker, B.E.
1937-69 Herbert M. Robinson
1969-79 John MacLeod Pratt
1979-88 T. George Stoney
1989-99 C. Edward Fleury
1999-2011 Leslie K. Dawson
2011-14 T.P. Benson McDowell
2014-19 Edward J. Rea
2019- Brian C. Johnson

The National Grand Lodge of Poland (2002 -)
2002-15 Capt. Gordon A. Thompson
2016- William F. Baker

The Grand Lodge of China (2020 -)
2020- Nigel H.H. Chillingworth

The National Regular Grand Lodge of the Principality of Monaco (2020 -)
2020- Hubert J. Sweetnam

In a manner similar to their Craft foreign representative counterparts at The Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Royal Arch governing body, The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland developed a network of foreign consti-

tution recognition, particularly during the second half of the twentieth century. In the same way, Ireland is recognised – and recognises – in the form of appointments carrying the title of Most Excellent Companion during and following the completion of the term in office. Unlike the Craft, which brought in a ten-year rule from 1988 across all Grand (and Provincial Grand) offices, this is a more gradual and recent application in the Royal Arch.

The District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Munster, constituted in 1914, received its earliest foreign representative seat in 1959, being that of the Canadian Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, a connection that has continued over sixty years and seven successive representatives. Twenty years later, in 1979, the Grand Chapter of Kansas was added to the Munster representation and, five years later, the Grand Chapter of Minnesota completed our three seats complement to date.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Of Saskatchewan (1959 -)

1959-66 Robert Brown
1967-82 William J. Harrington
1983-89 Capt. Percy R. Perks
1990-2000 Douglas L. White
2001-10 Revd Edwin W. Hunter
2011-15 Richard C.R. Treacy
2016- Noel E. Bishop

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Of Kansas (1979 -)

1979-92 Philip E. Willis
1993-2019 Capt. Gordon A. Thompson
2020- Edward J. Rea

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Of Minnesota (1984 -)

1984-98 Douglas Wakefield
1999-2008 Edwin Vincent
2009-20 J. Barry Jenkins
2021 - Malcolm P. Tyrrell

Harmony Lodge 555- Mucic Miscellany Makes A Welcome Return

Report by W.Bro. David J Butler

The annual music miscellany hosted by Harmony Lodge 555 returned on 25th November for the first time since 2019. The twelfth in the series, it featured a selection of quality youth and adult choir ensembles as well as soloists. The evening commenced with a wine and

canapés reception and the musical contributions were punctuated by a large and diverse raffle. Upwards of €2,250 was raised for the charities, including the Samaritans and Cork Penny Dinners, and the Cork International Choral Festival, which provided many marketing supports, such that the event was filled to capacity and much enjoyed by all who attended.



Close Shave For PGM



: PGM R.W Derek Dunne pictured with Bro. Derek Moynan & W. Bro. Tom Wyper of Movember Committee pictured before the great shave off.

Writes Bro Derek Moynan

As Movember drew to a close, we had to try and collate all the monies raised and to arrange a shave off of the well-manicured facial hair.

Tom Wyper coaxed and cajoled brethren participating in Movember to send him the totals as it was like a state secret trying to extract this information. When we were short of the €10K on the last day of the month he turned into an master auctioneer to ensure we made the magic total to ensure the PGM lost his whiskers, it was a close run thing, Malcom an apprentice in the making!!!

Also, a big call out to **Reg** from Karizma Turkish Barbers on Oliver Plunkett Street who came down to do the shaving on the night free of charge.

Well done to the First Lodge of Ireland who contributed €4875 from two members, you're responsible for 50% of the PGM beard removal, he will be having words with you personally.

We had a great evening in Tuckey Street for the shave off, attendance was poor due to it been mid-week and a poor night weather wise, but we had enough people in attendance to witness the PGM losing his beard after 6 years and to

mark the occasion.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Movember this year and to all the brethren who sponsored them in their endeavours, all your families must be delighted to see the back of the hairy caterpillar from your upper lip.

Thank you to all the members of the green committee for all their help to make the night happen.



"it's all for a good cause."

Prince Masons Chapter No 1 Cork

Writes Rev E. W. Hunter

Prince Masons, or to give its fuller title, Prince Rose Croix Masons. Who are they, what are they, where are they? Just three of the many questions often asked.

Who: Well, they are members of the eighteenth degree of the Antient and Accepted Rite for Ireland. The Antient and Accepted Rite covers the whole thirty three degrees as we know them in Irish Freemasonry, but with the exception of the first three degrees which are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Not all the Thirty-Three Degrees are worked in Ireland as we just don't have sufficient numbers, but their system runs alongside our more familiar pattern of Lodge and Chapter degrees. This is also the case in the UK where certain selected members are exemplified perhaps once a year by selected UK teams for those qualified to see them in spite of the greater population and numbers of UK members.

Where: Locally Cork being the home of the Number 1's, having Lodge No 1, Chapter No 1, were "pipped at the post" by Sharavogue Council working in Tullamore for the No. 1 Council, but we got a 1 having been granted Council No 10. We in Cork are also home to High Knights Templar Preceptory No 1 and Prince Masons Chapter No 1.

The Cork Princes Chapter is based in Tuckey Street and we are one of three Princes Chapters in the south of Ireland, the others being in Limerick and Longford. These three are part of the total of twenty seven chapters, with seven based in Dublin and the remaining seventeen, with one South African exception, based in Northern Ireland.

When: By purchasing the annual calendar issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, a most useful and informative item, one gets the list of all Prince Masons Chapters, where and when they meet, the officers for the year and members. The Cork Chapters meets four times a year presided over by the Most Wise Sovereign, three meetings preceding a meeting of the Cork preceptory on the same evening and the fourth a separate meeting as it is the annual Installation meeting, to which Grand Officers and two or three members of the other southern chapters are invited, a



magnificent evening usually. Unlike the Craft (Blue) Lodges and the Royal Arch Chapters (Red), which have a local governance system in Province and District each with its own distinctive set of officers, the Prince Masons Chapters are governed centrally from Dublin by a Grand Chapter, presided over by a Most Excellent President a Vice President and a set of officers. This is similar to the Preceptories with central government also in the form of Great Priory. However, it must be stressed that despite all of the titles and smaller Dublin meetings, there is nothing more important than the Blue Lodge without which nothing else can exist no matter what level.

How: Membership of a chapter is restricted to a maximum of thirty three members, no more, and vacancies are not automatic, vacancies are only declared after a resignation or the passing of a member, and only after due and careful consideration. Unlike Lodge and Chapter membership which can be requested, any questioning of members regarding how one gets in is regarded by the rules as canvassing and automatically excludes that person from membership. There is no automatic right to membership, it is by invitation only and then only after a lengthy process of approval at several levels at any one of which the name can fail. A name mentioned is never revealed to that person on pain of fines, admonition or even expulsion, until the Venerable Secretary is instructed to write to the successful candidate by higher authority. All vacancies are filled from membership of the High Knight Templar Preceptory.

This is similar to the Preceptory membership system but more stages from start to finish can take up to or over a year. No one knows if they are being considered at any time.

What: What do they do; well they meet like any other section of freemasons with their own ritual of opening and closing, minutes, correspondence, ballot, (if due), annual selection of officers and charity collection. We are always aware that our thirty three members along with the thirty three members of the other Princes Chapters are the picking ground for what are called the Higher degrees, (perhaps progressive would be a better name, only higher in number starting at twenty eight).

Social Event For Newly Initiated, Passed And Raised Brethren And Companions Recently Advanced In R.A.C. At The Freemasons' Hall, Tuckey Street, Cork

By Bro. Terence Murphy (190).

Consistent with his commitment to the "Three 'R's Initiative" (Recruit, Retain, Retrieve), the **Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Derek Dunne** invited newly initiated, passed and raised Brethren from Lodges throughout the province to a social evening, at Freemasons' Hall in Tuckey Street, Cork on Friday the 18th of November.

The tone of the evening was one of informality, where Brethren at the preliminary stages of their Masonic journey had an opportunity to interact socially with their peers from other Lodges and other branches of the Order, creating an opportunity for Brethren who have recently joined the Order to socialize and, sow the seeds for greater interaction between members of different Lodges in the Province going forward.

The evening started off with a meet and greet drinks reception in the Main Lodge Room. While conversation flowed happily, this soon changed to gasps of amazement and applause when a magician arranged by **Rt W Bro Derek** entertained the guests and hosts with series of totally amazing tricks.

Although the magician's magic had to stop for a splendid buffet dinner in the Magahy Room, the magic of the evening continued late into the night, forging many new bonds of friendship and fraternity amongst the newly initiated brethren. Soon telephone numbers were being exchanged and Brethren were planning to attend each other meetings, so Rt. W. Bro. Dunne's and his group of hosts who assisted can be truly proud of their efforts. These will surely bear fruit long into the future for all those who attended.

All Pictues Adrian O'Herlihy Photography



Magician, Liam Sheehan, entertaining members.



From left, Leslie Deane, Lodge 95 ; Ian Aherne, Lodge 3 and Marcus Calvert, Lodge 27.



From left, Anthony Meade, Lodge 27 ; Andy McCormack, Lodge 27 and Aidan McDonald, Lodge 27.



From left, Colin Shine, Lodge 234 ; Derek Dunne PGM ; Jim Forde, Lodge 234 and Ryan Fitzgerald, Lodge 27.



From left, Malcolm Tyrell, Lodge 27 and Roland Newenham, Lodge 1.



Liam Sheehan , Magician with Robin Newenham.



Newly initiated, passed and raised Brethren from different Munster Lodges pictured with R.W. Bro Derek Dunne PGM and M.E Robin Newenham DGK

Bequests And Gifts

Writes W Bro. David Williams

In the May 2022 edition of the Plumblin **W. Bro. David J. Butler** discussed the recent valuable bequests to the Order in Munster from **Bro. Magahy** of the Third Lodge of Ireland and from **Bro. Frank Harley** of Neptune Lodge, Cobh.

The Order has benefited greatly over the years from lifetime gifts from brethren as well as bequests in wills. The wonderful restoration of the supper room now renamed "the McGagahy Room" will benefit the membership of Cork lodges for decades to come, and which would not have been possible but for the bequest from Bro. Magahy.

Since the receipt of these bequests a number of queries have been made by members wishing to make bequests to their Lodge or to the Order and to the various Masonic charities.

Anyone making a will and wishing to make a contribution to their Lodge or to the province should discuss this with their solicitor. If the member or

their solicitor requires more information on the suggested wording of the bequest, or to which body the bequest should be made, they may contact two legal brethren namely **W. Bro. David Williams** and **W. Bro. Richard Irwin**.

Bequests, gifts or legacies as they are sometimes called may be subject to Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT), as the Order is not of itself a registered charity. There are well known charities, some Masonic, which the Order supports.

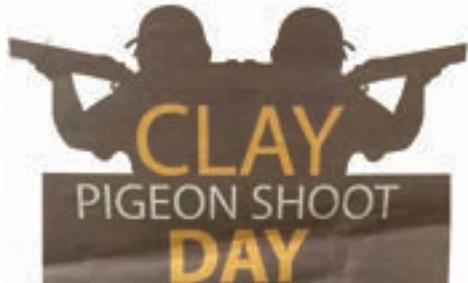
The Provincial Lodge of Munster is currently endeavouring to raise finance for the extension and lift project, and is currently investigating ways in which donations and legacies can be applied towards this project in the most tax efficient manner.

Both David Williams and Richard Irwin have agreed with Provincial Grand Lodge that they will not charge a fee to a member who wishes to make a will, in which he leaves a bequest either to their own Lodge or to Provincial Grand Lodge.

Shamrock Lodge 27 Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot

Writes WB. Martin Brennan.

On the Saturday the 1st of October Shamrock Lodge No 27 held our Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at the Lazydog Shooting in Ballylanders County Limerick. We Had a great attendance with approximately 20 Brethren and their partners for the novice shoot. We also had the competitive 100 bird shoot which was won by **Ian O'Sullivan**, with an amazing score of 95, followed very closely by **Brian O'Sullivan**, Ian's father with a score of 94; obviously the young dog was teaching the old dog some new tricks and in 3rd Place was **Andy Kralikas** with a score of 89! The Paddy Wharton Cup for the highest scoring Mason was won by **Arron Patton** of Lodge 67 with a score of 66. The BBQ was a great success with everyone being fed and enjoying the atmosphere! There was spot prizes galore. I would like to thank everyone who con-



tributed spot prizes, for those who won, well done. With over €600 being raised for charity, a great time was had by all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Ray and Mary Samson** for hosting our event. They have supported our event over the last number of years. I for one greatly appreciate this. Lodge 27 will have to up our game for next year to win back the Paddy Wharton Cup.

Act of Remembrance

Wednesday, 9th November, 2022
In The Grand Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin

Writes W.B Kevin Ryan

In keeping with what has now become traditional, a delegation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster travelled to Dublin, to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure our freedom. Taking part, along with representatives from all parts of Ireland, representing all branches of the Masonic Order, were members of the

Royal British Legion, with Standards from the Royal British Legion on parade. The Act of Remembrance included a wreath laying ceremony, led by the Grand Master and the Heads of the Orders. Ms. Belinda Olden created a magnificent wreath of fresh blooms, which Rt. W. Bro. Derek Dunne laid on behalf of the Brethren of the Right Worshipful, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster.



Left to Right: R.W. Edwin Hunter; R.W. Malcolm Tyrrell; R.W. Derek Dunne (Provincial Grand Master, Munster); V.W. Andrew Davin; R.W. Charles Olden; W.B. Kevin Ryan.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Long Wait Is Over!

Writes Bro. Ryan Fitzgerald

Shortly after emerging from almost 2 years of dormancy following Covid 19, some long awaited initiations took place mixed with brethren being Passed and Raised. On Saturday, 28th of May, Shamrock Lodge 27 held an emergency meeting. As promised, a unique & memorable event was delivered on the day. Two brethren were Raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The morning began at 10.30 am with the Raising of **Brother Ryan Fitzgerald** to the Third Degree of Master Mason, lodge was then called off for refreshment, and then subsequently called back to labour in the afternoon for the Raising of Brother **Stefano Marcolongo** to the Third Degree of Master Mason. Both degrees were conferred by **WB Aidan McDonald** in a superb manner and enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. Lunch was catered for in the dining hall, which was also filled with an air of excitement and merriment by a good many members of 27 and visitors enjoying the day.

For some the day lasted well into the evening as much catching up was had. It was a long time waiting, however as they say, it's not the destination, but rather the journey. The excitement, antipa-



Bro. Ryan Fitzgerald Shamrock Lodge 27 pictured receiving his Master Mason Certificate from his W.M Fraser Sim.

tion, nervousness all balled up inside just prior to making this step is all very much worthwhile. I personally, after coming out the other side, feel more enlightened, although I know more journeys are still ahead. We are all part of the whole and I look forward to watching my fellow brethren take the same steps, squarely and uprightly.



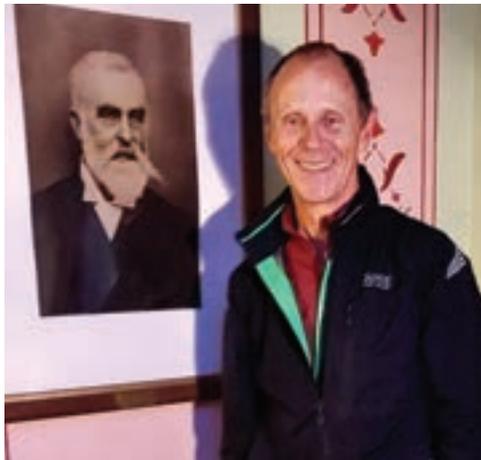
Seven of the PGM's attending the 150th. Anniversary of The Province of Wicklow & Wexford in Gorey on 12th. November.

L-R : R.W. Bro's John McLernon (Antrim), Derek Dunne (Munster), Cecil Wellwood (Midland Counties), Raymond Robinson (Londonderry & Donegal), David Valentine (Wicklow & Wexford), Johnny Woods (Tyrone & Fermanagh), Russell Waller (Meath).

A Serendipitous Encounter In Skibbereen

Report by W. Bro. Denis O'Driscoll
Fifteen Lodge of Ireland

On a rainy Saturday afternoon in November, a retired 66-year-old Canadian on a cycling holiday in Ireland had a problem with his bike. On making enquiries locally he was directed to Skibbereen's well-known establishment- *Roycroft Cycles*. Having identified and fixed the problem with typically efficiency, W. Bro. Dick Roycroft proceeded to apply the gentle art of west Cork interrogation and learnt that the Canadian, **Kelvin Carey**, had come to visit Skibbereen as his great-grandfather and grandfather had both hailed from the town. His great-grandfather turned out to be **W. Bro. Richard Carey**, whose photograph adorns the east wall of L15's Lodge room. Bro. Dick gave me a call and Kelvin was delighted to accompany us to visit the Lodge room at Mardyke and get his photograph taken by the portrait and sit in The Chair his great-grandfather last occupied as Worshipful Master in 1875. He recalled having visited the lodge room in the 1960s when he was a small boy with his father. On that occasion he remembers **V. W. Bro. John Wolfe** had shown them around. Kelvin's great-grandfather, **W. Bro. Richard Carey** (WM 1874/5) has the unsurpassed distinction of serving as Lodge treasurer for some 35 years; he was educated at Fermoy College and went on to hold the position of branch manager of the Munster Banking Company in Skibbereen; he married **Kathleen Hill**, a daughter of **William Hill** of Cork's Architectural dynasty. Richard's four sons were all members of L15. One of Richard's sons, **William Labarte (WL) Carey** (initiated in L15 in 1903), was Kelvin's grandfather. Kelvin's father, **Langer Carey** (*check notes* yes, that's his name!) was secretary for decades of Lodge *Erin Go Bragh* (No 370 Irish Constitution) in Johannesburg. Kelvin graduated from the University of Witwatersrand and moved with his young family from South Africa to Vancouver, British Columbia in the 1980s and worked as a



Kelvin Carey pictured with a portrait of his great-grandfather
W. Bro. Richard Carey in the Lodge room in Skibbereen recently.

consulting civil engineer in the water and wastewater sector. Having retired ("wrapped up my career"), he set off on his life's ambition to cycle across the world. He has cycled from Nova Scotia in the North all the way down to Patagonia at the tip of South America. He has cycled across India and Pakistan. He is now, at the time of publication, cycling around England visiting family and old school friends. He will winter in Portugal where his daughter lives. We gave him a complimentary copy of our "*200 years of Freemasonry in Skibbereen & District*" which featured his great-grandfather. Two hours later, exhausted from a barrage of questions from W. Bro. Dick and myself, Kelvin retired to **Ger Carey's** (No relation!) *Horse & Hounds* hostelry for a well-earned pint of plain. Next day he was going to cycle down to Creagh, Baltimore to visit his great-grandfather's grave. Kelvin is a gentleman and a truly inspirational character who his great-grandfather would have been truly proud of. Any Brethren thinking about wrapping up their careers and setting retirement goals might take note!

NEPTUNE 190 LODGE NEWS

French Visit and Charity BBQ

June 18th 2022



Gaia Globe" in Cobh Cathedral.



PGM W. Bro. Derek Dunne, W. Bro Vincent O' Donovan, WM André Demante (RIP) and officers of France - d'Irlande Lodge 884, W.M. Bro. Walter Mahony, and officers and members of Neptune Lodge 190, Cobh pictured with newly raised brother Terence Murphy (190).

Report by W.M. Bro. Walter Mahony

On Saturday June 18th Neptune Lodge 190, Cobh had the honour of hosting a contingent of brethren from the France - d'Irlande Lodge 884 based in Dublin who witnessed the raising of our brother **Terence Murphy** to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

During their visit, our French brethren accompanied by the PGM **W. Bro. Derek Dunne** and **W. Bro Vincent O'Donovan** had the opportunity to visit the "Gaia Globe" in Cobh Cathedral. The Globe, inspiration of artist **Luke Jerram** and brought to Cobh by the owners of Belvelly Castle, had previously visited Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and London prior to its arrival at the Cathedral.

Following the degree, Neptune Lodge hosted a BBQ at the Rushbrooke Lawn Tennis Club and Croquet, Ireland's oldest Tennis Club. At least two of the signatories of the Tennis Club are Past Provincial Grand Masters of Munster. Music for the event was provided by our very own EA **Brother Brian O'Glanby** whilst the BBQ was overseen by **Bro. Mark Carillo**. Mark's daughter gave the crowd a fantastic violin

performance and the day ended with a traditional sing-song.

In all over 1500 euros was raised in charity to be split between Cobd Hospital and the VJ fund.

On Sunday August 21st at 10am Neptune Lodge 190 hosted a charity hike in Gougane Barra organised by **Bro. Mark Carrillo**.

The event was well attended by Brethren of the Munster Province as well as family, friends and candidates (some of whom were recently initiated in a double EA degree in Kings Terrace, Cobh on October 26th.

The weather was fantastic and a great morning was had by all, especially the wife and sister of our brother SW who powered on and left us all lagging behind having finished the hike by the time the majority had only reached the viewing point high above.



The Travelling Maul - West to East

By **WM. Bro Fraser Sim.**

November remains a great month to visit our country Lodges. This was my recent experience in visiting the Fifteenth Lodge of Ireland in Skibbereen for their November 2022 Meeting. As the current Worshipful Master of Shamrock Lodge No.27 with an appetite to visit all our Provincial Lodges, I set off with **W.Bro. Kevin Ryan** as well as **W.Bro. Vincent O'Donovan**. It was great to see in action **W.Bro's Robert Acton** and **Robert Maxwell** of Lodge 234 also making the journey West.

Having received **Pat Evans**, Worshipful Master of Fifteenth Lodge at our earlier May meeting, I saw it only fitting that I visit this very special meeting room on Townsend Street, Skibbereen. The main feature of the night was the Raising of

Bro Michael Hegarty to the Sublime Degree. On this occasion, I did not envisage claiming the Travelling Maul. This came as a surprise opportunity following the excellent Degree that we had just witnessed. It was a great pleasure to receive the maul on behalf of Lodge 27 from the WM of Lodge 15.

On the way home **Kevin Ryan** was sure to remind me that this was the second time since 2018 that Lodge no.27 had taken the Travelling Maul from Lodge 15. On that particular occasion Bro. Ryan had carried it off single handedly! The Travelling Maul remains a wonderful incentive to encourage Visiting which is now in its fourth year of touring the Province. I look forward to passing the Maul on to our guests at a subsequent meeting.



Pictured at the meeting of the Fifteen Lodge of Ireland were **W.Bro. Kevin Ryan**, **W. Bro. Vincent O Donovan**, **W. Bro Fraser Sim** **W.M. Shamrock** Lodge No.27, newly raised **Bro. Michael Hegarty**, Fifteen Lodge of Ireland in Skibbereen recently.

Mourne preceptory No.1

Knights Templar:

A brief Introduction

Report by V. M Davy Walls

When you hear the name the Knights Templar, we may picture the Middle Eastern Cade Da Be faa el he The Da Vinci code- which many people have read and perhaps seen the TV Series. However this fascinating organisation were very much part of European society in the 12th and 13th century with houses, called preceptories, in most kingdoms in Medieval Europe. After the Norman Invasion of Ireland the Templars became a part of Norman society here for nearly 150 years. However like their counterparts across Europe the Templars in Ireland were ruthlessly suppressed amidst bizarre allegations between 1308 and 1310.



The Mourne Preceptory of High Knights Templar and Masonic Knights of Malta was established at Cork in 1838. It met at 31 Maylor Street the premises owned by St Paick Ldge N. 8, hee ma he ldge ad al ach chae eed a tenants in common until the end of 1925, where-upon it transferred to Freemasons Hall, 25-27 Tuckey Street, Cork its present venue. For a period, from 1877 until 1913, there was a second Templar meeting in Cork ci, beaig he ame Shad Pece; i al me a 31 Mal See (1877- 79), before transferring to Feema Hall 27 Tuckey Street (1880-1913).

Several Encampments of Knights Templar are known to have taken place in County Cork during the first half of the nineteenth century, as at Clonakilty (No. 385), Youghal (No. 68), and in a number of city lodges.

Nme bk hae bee ied ab he Temla,

I am indebted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster for their permission to access the information which I have retrieved and should you wish to get further information please go to: munsterfreemason.com/appendant-bodies/order-of-the-temple/. You will enjoy.

I received this information from V.W. Ted Rea V.W. Davy Walls

A Short History of the Third Lodge of Ireland

The first confirmed reference to the 3rd Lodge is that it was working in the Bull's Head tavern in Ormond Street in Dublin in 1732. It moved to Dame Street in Dublin in 1744 and for some reason the warrant was erased in 1801.

At the request of the Provincial Grand Master of Munster a **Doctor Westropp** to the Grand Master of Ireland **Lord Donaghmore** the warrant was reissued on the 6th of April 1808. On his instructions the warrant was delivered by the General Secretary **John Cuthbert** to **Captain John Travers** who was to be the new Worshipful Master of the Third Lodge.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster on 31st May 1808 Captain Travers was installed as Worshipful Master of the Third Lodge of Ireland by the Provincial Grand Master Dr. Westropp. **Brother Richard Bagley** was installed as Senior Warden and **Brother George Noblett** was installed as Junior Warden. They were authorised to hold Lodge meetings in Cork City. For reasons unknown the Lodge did not meet until May 1810. Where this meeting was held is not recorded.

From 1816, the Lodge met at the Crown Tavern in the vicinity of the South Gate Bridge. Gradually regalia was acquired, some being donated and some old regalia being cleaned and refurbished. In 1819, a master's jewel was donated by the Senior Warden and new aprons were purchased.

In June 1822, the Third Lodge had moved to a new Lodge room in the Chamber of Commerce Hotel. By 1877 the Lodge had moved to Maylor Street, where it rented a room from Lodge No. 8 at seven pounds and ten shillings a half year. Despite problems over the rent and conditions, the Lodge stayed at Maylor Street until 1922 when all the city Lodges agreed to move to our present premises in Tuckey Street. The Lodge has had a long nautical association. Many of the early membership were in the navy and mer-



Stuart Musgrave Snr and the officers and members of the 3rd Lodge of Ireland.

chant navy. One prominent name was **Captain Richard Roberts** who was in command of the SS Sirius, the first ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam power. He was initiated into the Third Lodge on the 2nd September 1836. Many of our present members are keen yachtsmen.

Frederick Honan, who was initiated into the Third Lodge in 1842, was a member of the family after whom the Honan chapel in UCC is named, He died at sea in 1843.

The Junior Warden's chair in the Lodge room was originally presented to the Third Lodge by **Right Worshipful Brother G.A.Cocker** of Lodge 25 when that Lodge was dissolved in 1864. It is in constant use and was recently refurbished in memory of our late **Brother Timothy Kelleher**.

In 1908 a jewel was issued to celebrate the centenary of the Lodge and a musical evening was held. A similar jewel was issued in 2008 to celebrate the bicentenary.

Two past Provincial Grand Masters were members of the Third Lodge of Ireland. They were **RWBro Francis Brewitt** in the 1960's and **RWBro Edward Fleury** in the 1990's. The present deputy PGM is **RWBro Stuart Brownlow** also of the Third Lodge of Ireland.

The above history of the Third Lodge of Ireland has been condensed from research undertaken by the late **W.Bro Dermot Burns** in 2008.

Culture Night in Youghal - and a Visiting Celebrity!

David J. Butler writes ...



This year, we held our second in-person Youghal Culture Night open evening. Our first occasion, held in 2019, had been a great success, with 100 members of the public visiting over the course of a few hours. In 2020 and 2021, we had a pre-recorded virtual tour presentation, and it was fantastic to be able to return in person this year, on 23

September last. Seven members of the lodge acted as stewards and tour guides, while approximately 100 visitors were shown over the meeting rooms and museum.

Two days prior to Culture Night, I was contacted by Fiona King, on behalf of her teenage son, Danny, who as a performing member of *Ceolthas Ceoilteoiri Eireann*, would be unable to visit our Hall, owing to a clash of his performance with our opening hours. A compromise was entered into: that the family would visit our Hall and meet with



our brethren just prior to our regular September meeting on Wednesday 21st. Imagine our surprise when the duo turned out to be a trio, including celebrity Adam King of RTE Late Late Show 'virtual hug' fame. The boys were given visitor pins and some information literature by W. Bro. Brendan Cronin, W.M., and

photographs were taken, during which Adam was placed in the historic chair of the lodge. The visit was greatly enjoyed by all.

Summer Royal Arch Convocation at Youghal

David J. Butler writes ...



On 11th June last, an historic occasion took place at Freemasons' Hall, Youghal, by dispensation of District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Munster, specifically, a double advancement to the degree of Mark Master Mason (Bros. Glasnovic and Grillo E Lima), pictured

above following the degree conferral, followed by a triple exaltation to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The visitor conferring officer for the Mark degree was W. Bro. Fraser Sim of Concord R.A.C. 71 Cork, who kindly travelled to Youghal to act as Senior Deacon for the double advancement.

Following a refreshment recess, the degree of Royal Arch Mason (Bros. Dias, Glasnovic and Grillo E Lima) was conferred on the three candidates by our director of ceremonies, M.E. Companion Edwin W. Hunter, PDGK, following which the companions gathered in historic robes and regalia for a group photograph.



The evening was rounded off by a splendid festive board at the private dining room in The Youghal Golf Club, to which partners and prospective members were welcomed.

Shamrock Lodge On The Run

Writes Bro. Andy Mc Cormack

The 2022 Marathon – 5th June 2022

The Cork City Marathon has become a staple of the charitable calendar for Shamrock Lodge 27 and it was again undertaken by an intrepid team of lodge members who were primed to cover the hard yards. It was the 4th year the event had representation from Shamrock 27 and the first since Covid broke normality temporarily. The conditions might have been damp but the spirits certainly weren't on the 5th of June 2022. Five hours, eleven minutes and 24 seconds is all it takes for a team to travel 42.2 kilometres. The team could have nearly run to Buttevant if running in a straight line but the course was laid out in such a way as the hills of Cork city were to pose the challenge. Along the way, the team were greeted by plenty of well-wishers, some offering a clap and a cheer, some offering a Twix

and a beer. What was more welcome though at the end of each runner's leg was the face of the next in line to trot and the promise of a seat in an establishment which sold refreshments. Success couldn't be marked though by the finishing the race but in the generosity of those who supported the cause. A fantastic 1,400 Euros was raised for the chosen charities. A huge thank you again for all those who supported the team from the pavements and from their homes. The benefactors of this event are Médecins Sans Frontières who have been actively aiding those in need worldwide and closer to home My Canine Companion. Both worthy charities and always worth running, sometimes jogging at a slow pace or walking around Cork City in the rain. The team were just fortunate that the day and event itself, though gruelling, was a pleasure to take part in.



Bro. Alex Jackson, Bro. Ryan Fitzgerld, Bro. Safano Marcolongo, R.W. Bro Derek Dunne and Bro. Andrew McCormack taking part in the Cork City Marathon.

Life In The Fast Lane

By **W. Bro, Tom Wyper**

Starting from his home in West Cork, W. Bro of 84 Bandon, **Tom Wyper** rode East to Bandon until he met up with his fellow brethren; **Bro. David O'Sullivan** from Lodge 68, **Bro. Adriano Jose da Silva** from Lodge 555 & **Bro. Craig Setterfield** from

Lodge 68. The burn to the Sheep's Head was underway.

The weather was bright, sunny and dry, the perfect combination for a long weekend spin. Once on the road out of Bandon, the brethren headed West along the Wild Atlantic Way through the beautiful "twists" of west Cork, the first stop, to see the whale carcass on display at Killbrittain, a short stop then on through to Clonakilty.

After "Clon" we headed northwest to Leap, then on to Skibbereen for a well-deserved coffee.

Through Ballydehob on to Schull for some lunch in the fabulous bar/restaurant called Hackett's, there we devoured a lunch fit for a king.

Comfortably meandering over to our "hogs" we once again set of west on the R592 to the Alter Wedge Tomb, a 4000-year-old Megalithic Tomb between Schull and Goleen, a beautiful spot to stop, stretch our legs and learn a little from ancient times. On again the R591 to Durrus, Ahakista & Kilcrohane, finally at The Sheep's Head. Once there it was late in the afternoon, and we surprisingly voted to walk down to the Light house. 2km there and the same 2km back which was all uphill struggle, in full motorcycle attire.

To say we were puffed, was an understatement, the tearoom was closing but Bernie looked after us with An cup an tae. Half of the brethren voiced their opinion afterwards that it would not be a good idea to walk down to the lighthouse, and the other half were of the opinion we hadn't rode this far for not to go down for some pictures. For those who have never been, it is a strenuous walk, but a worthwhile walk as can be seen in our pictures.

W. Bro. Ian Sexton from 1st lodge of Ireland & **W.**



The group visting Fifteenth Lodge of Ireland Skibbereen.

Bro. Ron Mills from Star of the West Lodge 130, unfortunately could not make this trip, they have a wealth of knowledge of all things motorbikes! Both brethren were sadly missed, but over the previous few months, the six of us have travelled together to many lodges in the province for a visit, such as the Original Hibernian Lodge 95 formally of Cashel, Kinsale 234, Bandon 84, Youghal 68, Skibbereen 15, Star of the West 130 & Grand Lodge No.1 formally of Mitchelstown which was established in 1732.

Motor biking & Masonic obligations are very closely linked, they share a fraternity, brotherly love, respect and comradery. Munster Masonic Bikers are as we are currently known for now, are hoping to grow and possibly start our own charter one day, so we are looking for masonic brethren of all levels who also have a passion for motorbiking to come and join us. If you have any interest, please reach out to **W. Bro. Tom Wyper** of Antient Bandon Lodge 84 or **Bro. David O'Sullivan**, of Youghal Lodge 68.



Pictured inside Antient Bandon Lodge No 84.

Hibernian Loge 95 Installation 2022

Writes W. Bro David O' Leary

After missing our installation night in 2021, we were able to organise our installation night on the 26th March 2022.

It was very apparent that significant efforts and practice were put into the occasion. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and many officers from the province were in attendance and spoke highly of our workings and the installation dinner.

Thirty-six brethren and guests were in attendance, many representing lodges from all over the province of Munster. All enjoyed dinner

with options of lamb, salmon or vegetarian. Hibernian 95 were lucky that our dinner secretary, who is French did an excellent job of pairing fine wines and also organising a fantastic evening

As per the tradition of Hibernian 95, the newly installed Master visited the graves of former Worshipful Masters from our lodge the following day. This was to lay the centrepieces flower arrangements from the installation dinner on the graves to honour their memories.

Thanks to all who helped organise, prepare, and those who joined us in Peace, Love and Harmony to make it a memorable event.



W.M Derek Molloy & R.W. Bro Derek Dunne PGM, officers, brethren, and visitors at the installation Dinner in March 2022



R.W. Bro Derek Dunne pictured with the sitting W. M's of Munster..



The P. G. M. presents The McCully Cup to W. Bros. Butler, (Sec.), Peters (Rep., B. G. P.) and Brown (S. of C.), all of Youghal Lodge 68, the lodge which raised the most per capita charity in the province of Munster during 2021 (achieved via Youghal lodge accounts, largely as a result of a highly successful online whiskey tasting and raffle in aid of Cork Penny Dinners).

Victory Lodge 478 visit to Lodge 234 Kinsale

Writes W. Bro. Tim Murphy

As far as I am concerned 478 is my mother lodge so, when it was proposed that they visit Kinsale this year I was over the moon. Victory make a point each year of having a lodge meeting in the masonic provinces.

Victory ask our PGM Derek to be allowed to hold a meeting in Kinsale, also asking 234, a temporary warrant was issued by GHQ, and that was the easy part.

So 3rd Saturday in July was chosen, a setting for a bar-b-cue was requested, so

St Catherine's Centre was proposed as being suitable and available, I might add work was still ongoing in its refurbishment. No suitable accommodation for the traveling party so 3rd Saturday

in June was chosen.

A very big thanks to all involved in St Catherine's for making the venue available on the day. The event was an adventure in the not quite finished establishment, nobody noticed after a short time,

Victory is a very busy lodge and the members never miss a opportunity to given a degree. The Lodge opened as a normal (not as done in the Province of Munster) on the first degree and the proceeded up to the second to the third level, to give the degree. As ever it was a first class degree given by VWB John, everyone was very pleased and saluted accordingly, looking forward to their next visit. In the past Lodge XIX and 478 visited Tuckey Street and I nwas in the chair of 478 and Junior Warden in XIX



W. Bro. Pat Evans, W.M. 15th. Lodge of Ireland receiving the McCully Cup from R.W Bro. Derek Dunne. Picture: Adrian O Herlihy



M, E Comp. Guy St Leger following SGRAC installation as Grand High Priest recently.



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