



Congratulations go out to our Senior Warden, Bro. Jonathan Tarr, and to his wife Janet, on the birth of their new Baby: Jacob James Tarr. Jacob weighed in at 7lbs 15oz at 12.39pm on 4th May 2012.

Both Janet and Jacob are doing well and in good health.

**Our next meeting of Lodge 669 is Saturday 26th May 2012, at 6:30pm**

For all Lodge 669 Meeting Dates in 2012: <http://www.lodge669ic.org/meetings.htm>

If you are a Lodge 669 member, we expect to see you at our meetings.

Having joined our Lodge, we are keen to see you participate in its activities.

As a visitor, we look forward to welcoming you to one - or more, of our meetings.



**Titanic Centenary Events 13th-14th April 2012**

To mark and commemorate the Titanic disaster, Sir George Clark Memorial Lodge No. 669, in conjunction with Belfast Lodge 651, and Tower of Lebanon Lodge No.169 hosted a Titanic First Class Passenger dinner and dance at Stormont Parliament Buildings on Friday 13th April. All proceeds (over £3,000) went to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Pictures: <http://saramarsden.com/titanic/index.php>



This was followed on Saturday 14th April 2012, by a Titanic Centenary Masonic meeting, in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim Lodge Room, 15 Rosemary Street, Belfast.

Master Masons from Sir George Clark Memorial 669, Tower of Lebanon 169, and Belfast 651, conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree in the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, two Grand Lodge of Ireland Officers, two Assistant Provincial Grand Officers, and many visiting Brethren from English, Scottish, and Irish Constitution Lodges  
There was a collection for Masonic charities.

On Saturday evening 14th April, it was an informal 3rd Class Passenger Buffet and Céilidh  
This event was held in Freemasons' Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast.

Music was provided by the Titanic Ulster Scots Group with a "Caller" in the band who helped get us dancing. A raffle was organised in the interval, and Bro. Tura Artura gave a magnificent exhibition of Irish dancing with an African twist!

All proceeds from the Saturday events went to Masonic Charity.

The overall total raised for charity during the weekend of events exceeded £5,000.00

Congratulations to all who took part, and gave so generously.  
It was certainly " A Weekend to Remember"

Lodge 669 Guestbook Link: <http://www.e-guestbooks.com/view/Lodge669>

Lodge 669 Website: <http://www.lodge669ic.org>

Container Shipment despatched 10th February 2012



Feb. 2012: Brethren of Lodge 669 and other Irish Freemasons filled a twenty foot container of clothing and toys donated by Brethren and their families from several Irish Provinces. They say many hands make light work, don't believe it, but it was completed in just over 2 hours. The container destined for the flood stricken Philippines islands, arrived in Manila early April 2012, and distribution of the clothing and toys was arranged by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

RW Bro John Dickson, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim has offered his full support to an appeal by Antrim Freemasons to help in the latest flood calamity which has devastated the Philippines. The appeal is also supported by M.W.Bro. George Dunlop, Grand Master of M.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland. Financial donations to the appeal have been received from Lodges and individuals throughout Ireland.

**Message from the Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Philippines:**

“Bro. Bal Madrid, I acknowledge your text message about the 20 footer container you are sending, of used clothing for the relief of our people and our brothers affected by the severe flooding due to typhoon Sendong. This aid will go a long long way. The Grand Master and the officers of the MW GL of the PHL appreciate very much the help you and other brothers of that jurisdiction extended to our kababayan (fellow countrymen) and the Masonic families. Please extend to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, St George Clark Mem Lodge no 669 and other Lodges who donated our outmost thanks”. (MW Juanito P Abergas, G.Master)

Dates For Your Diary

**Saturday 22nd September:** Our September Communication in Grand Lodge of Ireland, Freemason’s Hall, Molesworth St. Dublin. Further details later.

**Friday 12th October 2012:** The Annual Ladies Night has been booked to be held in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. Cost £28.00 per person.

Presentation of a set of Working Tools by W. Bro. Brien McBirney PPAGDC (Middlesex)



W. Bro. Brien McBirney presents Lodge 669 with a set of Working Tools, in memory of his wife Ann McBirney who died after a long battle with cancer.

Bro. Brien and his wife Ann were involved from the very beginning of the **LauraLynn** Children's Hospice, in Dublin, the first ever Children's Hospice in the Republic of Ireland, by raising awareness of the charity, and fundraising.

Message from Jane Flynn - Fundraising & Marketing, Children's Sunshine Home & LauraLynn House:  
May 2012: The Founder of LauraLynn House: Jane McKenna asked me to send you an update on the progress of LauraLynn House - Ireland's First Children's Hospice. In Dublin back in 2006 on the steps of Grand Lodge, Molesworth St, Brien McBirney and others Freemasons gave us a kind donation.

LauraLynn House - Ireland's First Children's Hospice was officially opened in September 2011 by Ireland's President Mary McAleese. With over 1,400 children with life-limiting conditions and over 300 child deaths a year, a Children's Hospice (45 in UK!) was desperately needed.

However as we've no state funding, support from fundraisers like yourselves is vital!

Already since September 2011, LauraLynn House has cared for 83 families.

LauraLynn House is located on the lovely grounds of the Children's Sunshine Home in Leopardstown, Co Dublin. We provides home-support, respite and end of life care, to children and families of children, with life-limiting conditions. It's not a sad place it is a place for living. It is a place of fun and laughter, enjoyment, love and support especially when they need it most. It's about choices and support for the family. While we cannot change a child's diagnosis, we can change the quality of a child's life and their families.

LauralLynn House received £200,000 from Irish Freemasons in 2011

Please find below the links to our 2 short video's. **Click on the Titles to View:**

- **The recent opening of LauraLynn House** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwLI-SLkrMM>
- **Inside LL House** <http://www.youtube.com/user/dakphotography?blend=7&ob=5#p/u/2/s1sz5BYu-EQ>

As Jane McKenna always says, it is about "Putting Life into a Child's Day, not Days in a Child's Life".  
Thank You!

**Information & Fellowship Day** Saturday 19th May 2012

A morning of information and good fellowship hosted by PGL Antrim.

Presentations include:

History of Freemasonry, Rosemary Street update, Getting and retaining members, Data Protection Act and Lodges, Charity information, Launch Grand Lodge book for prospective members.

Venue: High Street Presbyterian Church Hall. Steeple Road. Antrim BT41 1AF.

Commencing at 10.00 am, estimated finishing time 1.00pm

This Newsletter needs contributions from all the Brethren of Lodge 669

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