

Lodge 669 Newsletter

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Sir George Clark Memorial Masonic Lodge No. 669

Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

April 2013



The Lodge which was first constituted on Saturday 23rd April 1938 will celebrate their 75th Anniversary during 2013.

Plans are in progress to make the year a memorable one, commencing with the Stated Communication to be held on Saturday 27th April in the Leighton Lodge Room, Freemasons' hall Arthur Square Belfast.

Details for the evening have yet to be finalized and will be made available as soon as possible. It is **confirmed** that we will be joined by R. W. Bro. Rodney L Mc Curley, Assistant Grand Master.

Launch of New Look Lodge 669 Website

Thanks to a lot of hard work behind the scenes by Bro. Jorge Garcia and W. Bro. Brian McBride, our Lodge website has been totally transformed to bring us into a new era.

The new look website which has many additional features, contains much of the same content which was present on the original site plus more.

The New Look website went Live late on Thursday 21st February. The site can be found at: www.lodge669ic.org.

The aim is to have a totally up to date interactive communication tool for the Lodge and this can only be achieved through everyone becoming familiar with the new site.

If you haven't yet done so please take time to peruse the site, your comments will be welcomed.

We hope that everyone will agree that the result is a credit to the two Brethren involved and the high standards surpass those of many other sites.

Festive Board to be held in the Morning Star, Belfast after our March Stated Communication



Our Festive Board following the March Stated Communication will be held at the excellent steak restaurant "the Morning Star", Pottinger's, Entry, off Anne Street Belfast. Menu details ranging from £17.00 - £26.00 depending on your choice have been distributed to all in the Circular for the meeting.

The Secretary must confirm numbers with the Morning Star by 9th March.

It is essential that Brethren contact the Secretary **NOT LATER than Friday 8th March** with their choice of menu. It is hoped that as many Brethren as possible will support this event.

Family Breakfast Morning
Saturday 20th April 9.00am-12.30pm



Arthur Square Charity Committee will be hosting their Family Breakfast morning at Eglington Presbyterian Church, Ballysillan Road, Belfast BT14 8HG.

The cost will be £5/per person or £10/ for a Family (2 Adults + 2 Children). Brethren are asked to give their full support to this event and relay this information to Family and friends.

Children's Day
Saturday 20th April 2013 1.00pm-3.00pm

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sir George Clark Masonic Memorial Lodge, we have arranged a Children's day event to be held in the Grove Wellbeing Centre, York Road, Belfast, BT15 3HF. This is for the members of the Lodge, their Children and Grandchildren.

We have 30 spaces for Children. It is essential that numbers are confirmed as soon as possible so that provision can be made for the party and party bags etc. The following Brethren have kindly agreed to coordinate the event on the day:

- Bro. Bal Madrid, Bro. Fred Presbitero, Bro. Romeo Godines & Bro. Benjamin Barga.

Children will be supervised during the event and it is hoped that all attending will have an enjoyable time.

Visit to Grand Lodge of Ireland
Molesworth Street Dublin 25th May 2013

Our May 2013 Stated Communication will be in Freemasons' Hall, Grand Lodge of Ireland, Molesworth Street Dublin on Saturday 25th May 2013. The arrangements are set out below:

- Travel by train Leaving Belfast Central Station at 8.00am, and returning to Belfast leaving Dublin Station at 7.00pm. Return ticket cost per person still to be confirmed. Over 65's travel Free using their concessionary pass.
- A tour of Freemason's Hall is arranged for 11.00am, Bar facility will be open for anyone not taking the tour.
- Stated Communication Starts 12.00 Noon.
- Dining in Private Function Room at [Buswells Hotel](#), Molesworth Street, from 3.00-5.00pm.
Menu: Chicken in a Basket @ £12.00 per person.



Please note that all family, visitors and Non-Masonic guests are welcome to join us for the day and can join the tour of Grand Lodge and also join us in Buswells Hotel for the meal.

Ladies Night Friday 18th October 2013
To be held in Whiteabbey Masonic Centre



The Annual Ladies Night will be held in Whiteabbey Masonic Centre, Monkstown Avenue, Newtownabbey, on Friday 18th October 2013.

A Committee is being put in place to co-ordinate arrangements for this event and further details including tickets will become available soon.

Christmas Festive Board Event Saturday 14th December 2013
To be held in Morning Star Belfast

It is planned to hold our December Festive Board event at the Morning Star, Pottinger's Entry Belfast immediately after our December Communication on Saturday 14th December. This event is open to visitors and Non Masonic Guests.



This event will be along similar lines to our March event with a similar Menu choice etc. ranging from £17.00 -£26.00 depending on your choice, details have already been distributed to all. A deposit for the December event is required by the Morning Star of £10.00 per person and this must be paid before the end of March.

A Committee is being set up to coordinate this event and all those interested in supporting it should contact either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary by the March Stated Communication with the appropriate deposit.

Because I'm a Mason.
(Author Unknown)

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town, "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment". Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!". The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason".

Do You Just Belong?...

Are you an active member the kind that would be missed
or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,
or do you stay at home and moan both long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help the lodge along or are you satisfied
to be the kind to "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick
or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?
There is quite a program scheduled that means success if done
and it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend your meetings regularly and help with hand and heart.
Do not be just a member, but take an active part!
Think this over, Brother... are we right or are we wrong?
Are YOU an active member? Or do you - Just Belong...?

Stated Communication Dates During 2013

March Saturday 23rd
April Saturday 27th
May Saturday 25th (Dublin)
September Saturday 28th
October Saturday 26th
November Saturday 23rd
December Saturday 14th

Future Issues

Don't forget Brethren all contributions for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter will be gratefully received and considered. We look to you as our reporters in the field so to speak, to keep us advised on items of interest which you feel may be shared amongst our members, such as visits you have or are planning to make to other Lodges. Information on Charity work, or special events also appreciated.

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