



# The District Wire



The Newsletter of the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus

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**“Keeping Members in Touch”**

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## **Annual Communication**

The Annual Communication was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Masonic Centre, Jerusalem Street, Limassol, when the District was honoured by the presence of the Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. Nigel Brown and the Deputy Grand Master of Greece, R.W.Bro. Vassilogeorgis. A White Table Dinner followed at the Kanika Pantheon Hotel.

### **District Grand Lodge**

Below is the District Grand Lodge Administration for 2012/13 with V.W.Bro. Brown on the left of the front row with R.W.Bro. Vassilogeorgis at the right.



### **Address by the District Grand Master**

“Distinguished Visitors and Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus. It is a special occasion today, as we have the Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. Nigel Brown visiting us; whom I will invite to say a few words to you later. Also we are honoured by the Deputy Grand Master of Greece, R.W.Bro. Vassilogeorgis. I am confident that they will enjoy the warmth of our hospitality.

This year has seen the growth of the District with two Lodges being Consecrated. Allegoria, and just recently Lakeside, and I welcome both these new Lodges to the District. I hope that they will contribute to the growth of Freemasonry in the District of Cyprus.

I am delighted to say that Grand Lodge is extremely pleased with the running of the District. If not, then the Grand Secretary will soon let us know! We continued this past year in the same financial situation as before. I do not need to remind you that we must keep a constant watch on our Lodge expenses, but even more on the welfare of those Brethren less fortunate.

The Mentor scheme, set up by Grand Lodge, is now operational in nearly all our Lodges. You will be hearing

a lot more about this in the coming year. Brethren, the office of a Lodge Mentor is important and I have asked W.Bro. Rob Cowin to oversee it on behalf of the District. I would like to thank all those who have assisted in raising funds for the District Charities. I would now like to see the same effort put into raising funds for the Masonic Samaritan Fund to enable us to make a worthwhile contribution on behalf of the Lodges and the District. Once again we were fortunate in having the Band of the Royal Air Force to play at a Concert in Paphos. This year we will be able to hold another Concert, which will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at the same venue. Our thanks go to W.Bro. Roy Newman for his considerable efforts in making the last Concert a great success; as well as those members of Agapinor and Dionysos Lodges for their support and assistance. I think we had more publicity than ever before the Concert, and it showed in the numbers attending. I am sure, Brethren, you will support W.Bro. William Mills in this year’s event. Remember Brethren, this is the biggest fund raiser for Charity in the District, and without it we could not support the local charities as we do.

I would like to thank W.Bro. Leandros Zachariades, as President of the Board of General Purposes, and his Committee for their recommendations and advice over the past year. He has conducted the Committee meetings very ably and a considerable amount of business has been transacted.

Again, I have been very well served by those acting officers appointed for the year. My thanks go to my Deputy, V.W.Bro. Eric Williams and my Assistant, W.Bro. Andrew Theocharous, for their support and I take this opportunity to thank all the District Officers for the manner in which they have supported both me and the District of Cyprus in the past twelve months. To all those I have invested or re-appointed this year, I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Appointment and promotion to District rank is a sign of the efforts you have put into Freemasonry in the Lodges and District; please continue to do so. I look forward to another year and hope that it will prove interesting and beneficial to all.”

### **Summary of Address by the Grand Secretary**

The Grand Secretary thanked the District for its kind invitation and congratulated the District Grand Master on the turnout for the Communication. He was particularly pleased that the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece was in attendance.

He stated that these were interesting and exciting times for Freemasonry and that Grand Lodge was working very hard to ensure the continued future of Freemasonry. To this end he mentioned:

- The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grand Lodge in 2017, which will be the greatest celebration of Freemasonry ever known! Both Provinces and Districts will be involved in the celebrations

- Communication with regard to Freemasonry – i.e. the need to communicate freely with family and friends and talk openly about Freemasonry. Issues such as: What is Freemasonry? What is it about and how should we respond to these questions by highlighting integrity, fairness and tolerance

- Similarly looking at queries from the media and press – we must remove the “myths” to ensure Freemasonry is not viewed negatively.

- The role of the District Mentor is a step in the right direction – helping new initiates and encouraging talking to friends and family

He stressed the importance of bringing quality candidates into Freemasonry and stressed that we should enjoy our Freemasonry

He concluded by saying “well done, nice to meet you all and that he was very proud of the District of Cyprus. Keep it up”.

### ***Summary of Address by the Deputy Grand Master of Greece***

R.W.Bro. Vassilogeorgis extended greetings from the Grand Master of Greece. He reiterated the Grand Secretary’s words concerning openness in Freemasonry and said that society needs to get to know us by the example we set, which is what is being attempted in Greece. He extended his personal best wishes to both the Grand Secretary and to the District Grand Master and to the District of Cyprus.

He then presented the District Grand Master with a copy of the emblem of the Grand Lodge of Greece and thanked the District Grand Master for the invitation and for the hospitality received.

The District Grand Master thanked the Deputy Grand Master of Greece and informed him that the gift would be placed at the District Office.

### ***District Grand Chapter***

The Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter was held prior to the Annual Communication when the District Grand Chapter Officers were invested by the Grand Superintendent who gave the following address:

“Companions, I have much pleasure in welcoming you all to this our Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the District of Cyprus. I am very encouraged by the number of Companions present today. It is a great pleasure to have with us today E.Comp. Nigel Brown the Grand Scribe E from Supreme Grand Chapter who will address our meeting later this afternoon. I extend a very warm

welcome to our visitors and hope that they have a very enjoyable stay with us.

I congratulate the Companions I have invested this afternoon and I wish them a very enjoyable year. Honours are earned and are not only for the work you have already done in the District or your Chapter but are recognition for the continuation of the work in the future and I look forward to seeing you at our Chapter meetings.

I am very pleased with the number of new Exaltees which most of the Chapters have been able to attract with a number of Chapters performing double ceremonies. I trust that now we have a representative in each Craft Lodge this pattern will continue, as it is important that the Brethren take the next step in Antient Freemasonry by joining the Royal Arch.

There are many Royal Arch Companions who reside in our District, who are members of one of our Craft Lodges, who are Royal Arch Companions, but have not as yet joined a Chapter in the District. I urge you to encourage them to join a Chapter in the District so that they may continue to enjoy this beautiful degree.

In accordance with Grand Chapter recommendations we should encourage more participation in our ceremonies by sharing the work where appropriate, especially the Principal Sojourners work and the Lectures. I would again request all Principals to join Cyprus Principals’ Chapter to share their experiences with like minded Companions. This Chapter was consecrated to encourage discussion and to learn more about the Holy Royal Arch and we are looking into ways of making the meetings more interesting.

All Chapters in the District have been visited by myself or my Deputy together with the District Grand Principals and other District Officers. These visits have proved to be very useful and the reception received from the Companions was most encouraging.

I am pleased to hear that the Administration of the District is running smoothly and I thank my District Grand Scribe E and all Chapter Scribe E’s for their continued support in this respect.

My Deputy, E.Comp. Eric Williams has made a number of visits during the year both Official and Unofficial and I thank him for his support.

E.Comp. Rob Cowin, President of the Committee of General Purposes, has carried out his duties in an excellent manner and I also thank him.

I would also like to thank E.Comp. Andreas Vorkas for his support during his period of office as Second District Grand Principal and I am looking forward to working with his successor E.Comp. Gerry Goldsack, who as you know has been the District Grand Scribe E for the past five years.

The Acting District Officers during the year have visited the Chapters and discharged their responsibilities in an exemplary manor and I wish to record my thanks for their support to myself and the District. Companions I am sure that we shall all continue to enjoy our Royal

Arch Masonry during the coming year and I urge you to continue to support your Chapters.

I have been approached by many of our Greek speaking Companions to consecrate a new Chapter which will work in the Greek language. This Chapter would be attached to Allegoria Lodge and would meet in the John Percy White Temple in Limassol. I have asked my Deputy to speak with the Companions to ascertain the numbers interested in becoming Founder members.

Companions enjoy the rest of the day and I hope that I will see many of you at the Festive Board this evening. Thank you."

Below is the Grand Scribe E, E.Comp. Nigel Brown, with the District Grand Chapter Administration for 2012/13.



### **Grand Secretary's Visit to the District Office**

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012, the Grand Secretary visited the District's Office and he is shown here (2<sup>nd</sup> left) with (left to right) W.Bro. Rob Cowin, W.Bro. Bob Humphries and V.W.Bro. Williams.



### **Meet W.Bro. Bob Humphries, District Grand Secretary**

W.Bro. Bob Humphries was born in Broseley, Shropshire, in 1946. Following school he joined the Army as a Junior Leader in May 1961. He spent 40 years in the Army serving in Malaya, Australia, Mauritius, Cyprus, Germany, Northern Ireland (where he did 13 operational tours) and the UK. He retired from the Army in February 2001 as a Major but has not completely cut his links with the military as he now undertakes voluntary work in Episkopi Station as Events Coordinator for the various events provided for the Military serving there.



Bob was first introduced into Freemasonry by W.Bro. Rob Cowin PGJD, PDepDistGM in 2000 and was Initiated in Apollo

Lodge on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2000. In 2001 he was invited to take on the position of Chief Steward of the Lodge and in 2004 he was made Senior Deacon, becoming the Master in January 2006.

In January 2007, Bob was offered the office of Secretary of the Lodge which he gladly accepted. In May of that year he was appointed District Assistant Grand Secretary by the District Grand Master. January 2011 saw Bob give up the reins as Secretary of Apollo Lodge and in May this year he was appointed District Grand Secretary.

He is married to Diane and has two children, Karen who teaches in Cairo and Stephen who works for Sky TV in Plymouth.

### **District Regalia Officer**

The Cyprus District Regalia Officer is W.Bro. George Convey. He is responsible for ordering regalia for Brethren in Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Master Mason Lodges, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and any other Regalia or Lodge Banners. His current stock includes: 2012 edition of UGLE Book of Constitutions, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (only), 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (only) and Full Emulation Ritual (pocket edition) Rituals, Inner Workings (pocket edition), RAC Rituals, Craft and RAC Aprons, White Gloves (small, medium & large, with or without S&C), RAC Breast Jewels, Ties & Bow Ties..

If you have a requirement, please contact W.Bro. Convey in good time at [regalia@cyprus-freemasons.org.cy](mailto:regalia@cyprus-freemasons.org.cy)

### **Grand Charity Concert**



The District Grand Lodge of Cyprus sponsored the ninth "Annual Charity Band Concert" which was held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June in Paphos Castle Square in front of an audience of 1450. The Band of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, England, directed by its Musical Director, Squadron Leader Chris Weldon and Bandmaster Warrant Officer Gary Stevens displayed their talents with a varied programme of classic military band music, coupled with "Sing Sing Swing" musical & vocal pieces, which proved most popular with the audience. In addition, the trumpeters played from the battlements of the Castle Keep during



the Evening Hymn & Sunset. The event culminated in the playing and community singing of Pomp & Circumstance No. 1 and for closure The Royal Air Force



March Past.

The Royal Air Force Bands have a long tradition of playing to audiences in Cyprus, having been present on the island over many years, freely giving their time for charitable causes. Likewise, there is a long and close association with the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus. Apart from visiting Cyprus, the band has visited Canada, Germany, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, USA, Falkland Islands, Poland, Hungary and Israel. We look forward, with hope, to another visit in 2013.

These yearly charitable band concerts are the single largest charity drive of the Cyprus Masonic year. Last year the band concert raised €12,000. Part was presented to "The Alzheimer's Association" and part to "The Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society". During the concert a cheque for €1,000 was presented to Mr. Tom Handley, Chairman of the Paphos Support Group and Dr Maria Stuttaford of the Akrotiri Support Group by the District Grand Master (adjacent picture).



The proceeds from this year's concert go to "Cancer Patients Support Group, Paphos" and to "Open Arms TPMH (The Princess Mary's Hospital) Support Group, Akrotiri". W.Bro. Trevor Lace is here seen presenting a cheque for €6,000 to Tom, Chairman of the "Cancer Patients Support

Group, Paphos".

During the year, many charities benefit from fund raising events from island-wide individual Masonic Lodges. The Children's Ward of the Archbishop Makarios Hospital, Nicosia, The St Georges Home for Children with Special Needs, Larnaca, Teddies for sick children and the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit of The Archbishop Makarios Hospital, Nicosia, to mention just a few.

We are indebted to the Mayor and Municipality of Paphos, The Department of Antiquities, Nicosia, the Chief of Police and his Officers, Paphos, The Harbour Master and Staff of the Port Authorities and the Keo Company, all of whom have assisted us in completing another worthy fund raising event.

An album of all the pictures from the Grand Charity Concert may be viewed at:

<http://cyprus-freemasons.org.cy/BenovelenceandCharity/bandconcert.html>

## Gift by Dionysos Lodge

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, Brethren of Dionysos Lodge No. 9716 arranged for the purchase and installation of two specialised monitors in the Paediatric Surgery Unit of the Makarios Hospital in Nicosia, the sum of €2,000 being donated from W.Bro. John Churchman's Master's List from when he was WM of the Lodge.



**W.Bro. Dr. Efthymios Tsivitanides**, Paediatric Surgeon of the Makarios Hospital wrote: *"Thanks to the kind and noble sentiments of you and of the Brethren of Dionysos Lodge No. 9716, our staff in the Paediatric Surgery Clinic will have the means to do their job in a more safe and accurate way.*

*Be sure that this equipment will be used for the benefit of the sick children of this island."*

Please send your articles and pictures (small jpeg please) of charity events or special occasions for inclusion in The District Wire to the Editor, W.Bro. Peter Baldwin - [thedistrictwire@gmail.com](mailto:thedistrictwire@gmail.com)

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## The Masonic Golf Tournament

A good day was had on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Masonic Golf Tournament held at the scenic Happy Valley Golf Course in Episkopi. In all there were 66 competitors, with Masonic entrants from Lord Kitchener (1), Apollo (12), Agapinor (2), Peace & Harmony (1) plus an entrant from Scotland.

Grateful thanks are due to the following Lodges for their monetary support: Lord Kitchener, Othello, Apollo, Agapinor, Cyprus Masters, Dionysos, Peace & Harmony and from Othello Chapter and Kition Mark Lodge. The substantial donations from Fraser Mackinlay and deVere Group were also very much appreciated.

We were delighted to receive prizes from Secret Valley Golf Club, Minthis Hills Golf Resort, Aphrodite Golf Club, Elea Golf Club, Vikla Golf Club, Korineum Golf Club (Northern Cyprus), Chilly's, Kanika Pantheon Hotel, Kapetanos Hotel, Atlantica Miramare Hotel, Curium Gallery, Griffin Golf, the Sunshine Restaurant at Curium and from several Brethren of Apollo Lodge. Many thanks are due to all.

A group of volunteers from Apollo Lodge assisted with the catering at halfway house, selling raffle tickets and with the raffle and subsequent auction, laying of tables etc. W.Bro. Cowin presented the prizes in his usual impressive way.



With the assistance of the Sponsors and donations, the sum

of €2,500 was raised which was shared equally between SSAFA Cyprus Branch and the District Board of Benevolence for subsequent donation to the Neo-Natal Unit at the Archbishop Makarios III Hospital in Nicosia. The accompanying pictures show W.Bro. George Convey presenting cheques to Mrs Tina Graham, SSAFA Chairman, and W.Bro. Brian Brown, President of the District Board of Benevolence.



An album of all the pictures from the Golf Tournament may be viewed at:

<http://cyprus-freemasons.org.cy/BenevolenceandCharity/golf.html>

## Opening of St. George's Home

On 25<sup>th</sup> May, the new St. George's Home for Children with Disabilities, Larnaca, was officially opened by the President of the Republic, here pictured with W.Bro. John Searle of Lord Kitchener Lodge and W.Bro. Peter van de



Pol, PDistSGW.

After the opening the President expressed his grateful thanks to Lord Kitchener Lodge and to the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus for their support for the

Children's Home over the past 10 years as started by W. Bro. John Searle and continued by Lord Kitchener Lodge. This included a major donation to purchase A/C Units, Beds, special lighting equipment for the Therapy Room and Dining Room Furniture from the Lord Kitchener Lodge Centenary Appeal and the major 'industrial' washing machines and dryers donated when W. Bro Peter van de Pol was District Grand Charity Steward and presented by the District Grand Master at a special Ceremony.

## From our own DGDC

*Are you up to date?*

### Installation Night at a Provincial Lodge

I made a visit to a Lodge last year  
It was their Installation.

The Secretary spoke loud and clear  
When he read the Regulations.

But as we listened to those Charges.  
They were not quite as intended  
Because the book he used that night.  
Had never been amended!!

### Ancient Charge No. 11:

Before 1986/87 the Charge read:

*You admit that it is not in the power of any Man or Body of Men to make innovation in the Body of Masonry.*

From 1986 /87 it reads:

*You admit that it is not in the power of any Man or Body of Men to make any **Alteration or Innovation in the Body of Masonry without the consent first obtained of the Grand Lodge.***

### Immediate Past Master:

At a Provincial Lodge Installation Meeting the Director of Ceremonies requested the following: "*Worshipful Master the Immediate Past Master is unfortunately absent this evening, is it your wish to Invest him at a later Meeting?*" The Worshipful Master replied that it was.

Unfortunately this is incorrect. If the Immediate Past Master is absent on Installation night he cannot be invested at a later date. He will, at the next Meeting he attends, be allowed to wear his Past Masters Collar. This is a ruling contained within the little booklet that is issued with every new copy of the Book of Constitutions and is entitled "*Information for the Guidance of Members of the Craft*", the latest edition being 2011 (see page 11 / 12 Board of Installed Masters, Definition of)

It is therefore important that we all keep our Books of Constitutions and the booklet "*Information for the Guidance of Members of the Craft*" up to date or better still buy a new one every two years. Since the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813 there have been 38 publications of the Book of Constitutions, the latest edition being 2012.

Did you know that the Emulation Ritual Book is also regularly updated and the latest amended version is the 12<sup>th</sup> edition. For Taylor's Working the latest edition is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 1991 (with extended Rubric 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2000). Have you got yours?

### Question:

As the Lodge Director of Ceremonies you see four Brothers sitting together, they are all wearing Installed Masters Aprons, but no Collars. Only one is the current Master of a Lodge, so who are the other three? Answer in the next "From our own DGDC".

### Useful Masonic Links:

[cyprus-freemasons.org.cy](http://cyprus-freemasons.org.cy): The official website of the District of Cyprus. Contains details of all Lodges and Chapters in the District, meeting dates, social calendar, education material and useful contact addresses.

[www.ugle.org.uk](http://www.ugle.org.uk): The official website of the United Grand Lodge of England. Contains amongst other things reports of Quarterly Communications, addresses by rulers of the Craft, a pdf file of the complete Book of Constitutions, and information on the Masonic charities.

[www.freemasonrytoday.com](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com): The official publication of UGLE which contains news about Freemasonry in the UK and overseas, many articles related to Freemasonry, a book review section, and an interesting letters column.

[www.gl-bfg.com](http://www.gl-bfg.com): Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany.

## The Future of Freemasonry

"The Future of Freemasonry" report is the first ever independent study conducted by a non-Masonic body and was commissioned as part of the build-up to the United Grand Lodge of England's tercentenary in 2017. Produced by the highly respected Social Issues Research Centre (SIRC), an independent, non-profit organisation based in Oxford, which conducts research on social and lifestyle issues, socio-cultural trends and provides insight into human behaviour and social relations, the report suggests that, contrary to some misleading commentary, Freemasonry actually demonstrates genuine openness and transparency and it concludes that it is arguably more relevant today than ever before. The Report can be read at:

[www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/item/511-future-of-freemasonry-study-is-published](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/item/511-future-of-freemasonry-study-is-published)

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl Kitchener of Khartoum DL, TD

R.W.Bro. Earl Kitchener, who was an Honorary Member of Lord Kitchener Lodge No. 3402, was Called to the Grand Lodge Above on 16 December 2011 aged 92. Major Henry Herbert Kitchener, 3rd Earl Kitchener DL, TD, was born on 24th February 1919 and was the son of Captain Henry Franklin Chevallier Kitchener, Viscount Broome, the only son of Henry Kitchener, 2nd Earl Kitchener. His great-uncle was the renowned military commander Herbert Kitchener, 1st Earl Kitchener. With his death, and to his profound regret, the title "Earl Kitchener" dies.

**ADMIT ONE**  
**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH**  
**WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
THE 3<sup>RD</sup> EARL KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM DL, TD  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Noon

ENTRANCE: Canon Andrew Tremlett  
WEST DOOR from 11.20 am Rector

*Ticket holders are requested to be seated by 11.45 am*

THE USE OF PRIVATE CAMERAS, VIDEO OR SOUND RECORDING EQUIPMENT IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH

We are grateful to W.Bro. Redvers who copied to us this invitation to the Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Life of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl Kitchener.

## Lord Kitchener Lodge

We are also very grateful to W.Bro. Redvers for forwarding the accompanying historical document dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1913 on the Dedication of the Masonic Temple in the District Grand Lodge of Egypt and the Sudan in which is an early description of Lord Kitchener Lodge.



## MEMORIAL

### HISTORY OF LORD KITCHENER LODGE No. 3402.

(Supplied by Wor. Bro. Tucker).

This lodge was formed to meet exceptional requirements of Military and Naval Brethren in Egypt in 1909.

A Lodge called the "United Service" existed in the Egyptian Constitution, but Lodges working under this banner existed only in Egypt. Thus a service-brother had to join another constitution on leaving Egypt if he wished to keep up his Masonic connection. Moreover any Masonic rank that he might have obtained would not be recognised by an English, Irish or Scotch Lodge.

These reasons were mainly the cause of a number of Military Brethren presenting a Petition for the foundation of a Service Lodge under the English Constitution to be called the "Lord Kitchener" Lodge.

On the recommendation of the District Grand Master the Warrant was issued.

The Lodge was consecrated by Wor. Bro. Langley D.D.G.M. on the 17th Nov. 1909. Worshipful Bro. Wilson being installed first W. M. by Wor. Bro. Tucker who was appointed 1st I.P.M.

The exceptional lines upon which it was intended the Lodge should be conducted were as follows:—

1. Only serving and retired members of the British Army and Navy should be eligible for Initiation or joining

2. That the Office of W. M. should be held alternately by commissioned and non-commissioned Officers, and as far as possible an equal number of each should hold the other Offices.

3. That in choosing the Officers, the Masonic seniority of a brother should be considered as of greater weight than seniority of membership of the Lodge. Thus a zealous brother (who by reason of frequent changes of Station could scarcely hope to obtain the Mastership of a Civil Lodge), might bring into the Lodge and receive due consideration for his previous Masonic Rank.

The reasons advanced for the formation of this Lodge have been amply justified by the results of four years work. Notwithstanding the many difficulties which must occur in having such a floating membership, since its consecration

68 have been initiated, and  
113 have joined.

The present membership is 97.

The Lodge is a Life Governor of both the R.M.I. for Girls and R.M.I. for Boys, and has a sum of money invested as a reserve.

It is surely in the fitness of things that the Master's Chair, this year, is filled by W. Bro. Fitzgerald who is so closely associated with the Illustrious Brother whose name the Lodge is permitted to bear.

## Bellapais Lodge Farewells

**W.Bro. Ken Price**, PDJGD, PPrGStB (Wales)

On 26<sup>th</sup> March this year, Brethren of Bellapais Lodge No. 9847 and their wives gathered together at Morelli's Restaurant near Kyrenia to bid farewell to W.Bro. Ken Price and his wife Marion, prior to their return to the UK. Ken worked hard as a member of the Steering

Committee prior to Consecration, by the District Grand Master, of the Lodge on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Indeed, he was thrilled to have been Installed as the Founding Master of the Lodge and, since Installing his successor, has assisted in the work of the Lodge as and when required. He is also very well known in the District, having been a regular visitor to most of the Craft Lodges, travelling all over the island of Cyprus from his residence seven miles east of Kyrenia.

Ken has lived in Cyprus for the last eleven years and has enjoyed every minute. "Marion and I have had a great time here." He told The Wire. "We have made some wonderful friends and the beautiful memories will stay with us for as long as we live."

The couple, who had formerly been Restaurateurs in France, are to return and retire to the Port Talbot area of South Wales, where previously Ken had been a Traffic Cop patrolling the M4 Motorway. He reports that he is to re-join his old Lodges in the area. "Of course I will miss Cyprus and the dear friends and Brethren of the Bellapais Lodge - and these Fraternal Friendships will continue, but it is fair to say that I'm looking forward to meeting up on the square with my old buddies in Wales".



At the private Reception Lunch at Morelli's, the current Master of Bellapais Lodge, W.Bro. Les Evans, PPrGStdB, presented Ken and Marion with a stunning water colour painting of Bellapais Abbey by local artist Liz Graydon, a most appropriate leaving gift, as it will remind them not only of the beautiful island of Cyprus, but also of the Lodge where Ken played such an important role.

#### Bro. Terry Carter

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the Deputy District Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Eric Williams, PGSwdB, accompanied by his wife Loretta, was present at a luncheon held at a restaurant near Kyrenia, to present a parting gift to Bro. Terry Carter and his wife Sheila prior to their return to their home in Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Forty-six members and Masonic friends of Bellapais Lodge No. 9847, together with spouses and partners had gathered to wish Bon Voyage to Terry, who was a Founder Member of Bellapais Lodge, serving as Almoner since its Consecration in 2009.

In his presentation speech, V.W.Bro. Eric paid tribute to Bro. Terry for his voluntary work in the Northern part of Cyprus, where he was singularly responsible for setting up the 112 Emergency and Ambulance Services where previously there had been virtually none!

Prior to arriving in Cyprus, by invitation in 2001, Terry had been the Head of the Thames Valley Emergency and Rescue Teams based at RAF Upper Heyford in North Oxfordshire. He was an Oxfordshire Freemason having been Raised in Weyland Lodge No. 6507 in December

1978. He reported that he had already re-joined his "Mother Lodge", whilst remaining a Country Member of Bellapais Lodge.

Responding to the presentation (also an original painting of Bellapais Abbey in acrylic but by local artist Kate Fensome), Terry thanked the Deputy District Grand Master for his kind and gracious address and all the Brethren



for being present and for the "...very welcome and appropriate gift which will sit very well in our lounge."

His parting words "I shall return", were well received and greeted with a prolonged round of applause in recognition of this worthy Mason, who has devoted most of his life to the care and safety of mankind, seeking no personal recognition or reward. As our Deputy District Grand Master reminded the gathering "We are urged to practice outside the Lodge that which we are taught within the Lodge; Terry Carter affords us a wonderful example of this glorious Masonic principle."

### News from England

W.Bro. Terry Yates sent us the accompanying pictures from last year's Hampton Court Flower Show which are self explanatory.



At the end of the show this Garden will be taken back and recreated at the LOROS Hospice in Leicester with the support and kind generosity of the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland

### Why President McKinley became a Mason

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well!" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry, I will take some of it for myself."