

Provincial Priory of East Ulster.

Priors Report 2018.

The Provincial Priory of East Ulster had another Very Successful Year. All Three of our Conclaves were very well supported.

The Venues were The Masonic Hall Lisburn, High Street Presbyterian Church Hall Antrim, and St. Brides Parish Church Hall Kilbride Doagh.

Our February Conclave was held in The Lisburn Masonic hall. A Lunch was Held prior to the Conclave where some sixty Brethren sat down to Dine.

The main business of the Conclave was to install and Re invest the new Officers for 2018 to 2020. We had an excellent attendance and I thank all the Brethren for their Support.

Our May Conclave was held in High Street Presbyterian Church Hall Antrim. We again had an Excellent Attendance, and on that Occasion I had the Pleasure of installing our new Physician Dr. C Mc. Millan. And also to confer the Hon Past Rank of Past Prior Banner Bearer on Em. Sir Knight James B Wilson of Sir Charles Cameron Preceptory.

On Saturday 8th September we held our final Conclave of the year in St Brides Parish Church Hall Kilbride, A lunch was held Prior to the Conclave where sixty Brethren sat down to Dine.

We had the Pleasure of Welcoming our M. Em. & Supreme Grand master Robert G. Quigley G C T to the Conclave. The Grand Master Occupied the Chair , Signed the Minutes and addressed the Brethren.

I wish to thank the Brethren of Doagh Union Preceptory for acting as the hoast on this Occasion.

During the Month of May I, & the V. Em. Sub Prior Visited Em. Sir Knight David Mc Causland at his Home and presented him with his Certificate and Badge of Past Rank. David who is a member of Doagh Union Perceptory and is now in his late nineties and finds it difficult to get around.

The Provincial Priorities Golf Competition was again held at Killymoon Golf Club Cookstown on the 1st. June. Some fifty Golfers made up of Brethren and friends competed, the weather was a bit indifferent, nevertheless the day proved to be very successful and Profitable for the nominated Charities each receiving £2300. The Harold Mc Master Fund and The Nothern Ireland Air Ambulance. Both Charities were represented and received their Cheques.

I wish to thank V. Em. Neil Coey and his Committee for the Excellent work they do throughout the Year.

I would also thank all those who Sponsered, Supported, and made Donations to the Competition.

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Our Annual High Knight Templar Church Service was held in St.Brides Parish Kilbride on Sunday 14th October.

My best thanks go to Carnmoney Preceptory for all their Excellent Arrangments, to the Minister of the Church Canon Humphries for Conducting the Service and to V.Em. Sir Knight Rev. Kenneth Gamble for Delivering a most though Provoking address, our thanks also go to the Organist and the Choir for leading the praise and Providing the Music .

It was a wonderful church Service and i thank all who attended and for their Support. The Refreshments served afterwards was much appreciated by all.

All Three Classes of Instruction continue to Flourish. I am sure that all who attend any of the classes will benefit, which will go further to improve the standard of the ritual within our order.

My thanks go to all the class leaders for giving of their time and expert Knowledge of the Ritual.

I would thank The Great Register for Instruction & all the assistant Registrars for all their help and Guidance in ritual given to all our Preceptories.

To all the Permanent Officers of the of the Preceptories under my Jurisdiction in East Ulster for their hard work and attention in keeping their Preceptories running smoothly.

Once again as we Travelled all our 29 Preceptories in Response to their invitations, i was grateful for the warm welcome and fellowship extended to myself as Prior, my Sub Prior, and my Treasurer & Registrar.

It was noted that the standard of Ritual at Installations was most encouraging.

I congratulate those Officers in East Ulster Preceptories who received Their Grand Master Award.

There was also quite a number of Brethren who received 25 Year Jewels, 40 Year Bars. It was an Honour and a Privilege to be ask to Present many of these, all the recipients deserved their awards for their Service to their Preceptories and to the order of the Temple in general.

I am most fortunate in having an excellent team of Senior officers who all work very hard towards improving all aspect of the Provincial Priory of East Ulster.

I refer of course to the Sub Prior, The Treasurer, The Registrar and their Assistants, to the Prelates, The Marshalls, The Organists, and the Pursuivants.

I am Deeply indebted to them all for the giving of their time, their Commitment and Expertise to Provincial Priory.

My thanks to the Great Vice Chancellor Rt. Em. Sir Knight Mervyn Galbraith G C T for all help and advice during the year.

As 2018 draws to a close, it has been a very busy and enjoyable time for us all. We now look forward to 2019 and another successful Year.



Grand Master i would assure you of the full support of all the Brethren East Ulster for the Future as we have given in the past.

Brethren on behalf of myself, my Sub Prior, the Officers & Brethren of East Ulster I wish You and Your Families a very Happy Christmas a Peaceful, Prosperous and Healthy new Year.

SAMUEL D. Richardson.

PROVINCIAL PRIOR.