

History of Newbuildings Victoria LOL 1087

The Right Worshipful Master Alan Lindsay of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge Instituted Newbuildings Victoria LOL No. 1087 on 31st January 2003 in The Black Room of The Apprentice Boys of Derry Memorial Hall. This was a special meeting between No's 1 & 4 District.

The Officers Installed were

Worshipful Master – Wor Bro John Keys (Sen)

Deputy Master – Bro Kenneth Kincaid

Lay Chaplain – Bro Gary Wray

Secretary – Bro Colin Campbell

Treasurer – Bro Maurice Devenney

1st Committee – Bro John Burton

Newbuildings Victoria LOL No.1087 opened their first meeting on Thursday 20th February 2003 in The Orange Lodge Room of The Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall; Wor Bro John Keys (Sen) occupied the Worshipful Master's Chair.

June 2003 -Wor Bro Rev Ivan Dinsmore conducted their 1st Church Service in The Church Of Ireland Centre, Newbuildings during the service they dedicated new Long Sashes.

The City of Londonderry No.1 District kindly donated the Old Banner of Victoria LOL No.1087 which handed in there Warrant in September 2002; Newbuildings Victoria LOL No.1087 proudly carried this banner around Newbuildings for the 1st time to and from their Church Service lead by The Churchill Flute Band.

July 2003 -Wor Bro John Keys (Sen) lead the Lodge to their first 12th Celebrations, which started off with the morning parades in Culmore and Londonderry before processing to the main celebrations in Limavady. The Lodge fell in behind No.1 District and The Churchill Flute Band. The day finished off with the evening parades in Londonderry and Newbuildings.

June 2004 – Bro Kenneth Kincaid was presented with his Lecturer Certificate for The Orange and Purple Degrees.

June 2004 -Wor Bro Derek Boyd PM was presented with his 25-Year Jewel.

July 2004 – Newbuildings Victoria LOL No. 1087 held their 1st Battle Of The Somme Commemoration Parade and Service in Newbuildings Village where they invited The County of Tyrone Strabane District Lodges and The City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge which included No's 1 – 5 District's and the Ladies, Junior Boys and Girls along with locals bands from the area.

Both The Church Service and Battle of The Somme Commemoration has become Annual Events in Newbuildings Victoria LOL No. 1087 calendar of events.

During the year the Lodge supports other Orange Services and Parades throughout the Jurisdiction, and all Lodge Members would be turned out in their dark suits, long sashes, lodge ties and white gloves.

July 2005 – A New Banner was dedicated which depicted the scenes of The Exodus of Londonderry; during the early part of the troubles, Londonderry saw thousands of Protestants been put out of there homes in the West Bank of Londonderry. The reverse side has a picture of Queen Victoria. The New Banner win the Best Banner Completion sponsored by The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in 2005 in the Annual Grand's Awards.

During 2005 the City Grand Master had a Charity of The Year for The Foyle Hospice to which LOL No.1087 contributed towards this with Brethren taking part in sponsored walks, 13,000ft freefall skydive and other various fundraising events.

LOL No.1087 does a lot of fundraising not only for there own funds but also for other various charities and Non-Orange Organisations; they have supported the local churches in Newbuildings, Local Charities and The Fountain & Newbuildings Primary Schools.

January 2006 – Wor Bro Kenneth Kincaid was elected as Worshipful Master; Bro Robert Hamilton was elected as Deputy Master.

February 2006 -The Lodge moved their monthly meetings to The Church Of Ireland Centre, Newbuildings and to mark this occasion they hosted The City Of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge in April 2006.

June 2007 – Wor Bro Kenneth Kincaid lead the Lodge to The Carrickfergus Pageant to Commentate The Landing of King William, which they represented The City Of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge.

July 2007 -Bro Jack Allen was presented with his 50-Year Jewel

July 2008 -Wor Bro John Keys (Sen) PM was presented with his 25-Year Jewel

July 2008 – History was made in Newbuildings when for the first time in the history of Londonderry all the Loyal Orders marched side by side; The Orange Order, including The Royal Arch Purple Chapter, The Royal Black Preceptory and The Apprentice Boys Of Derry all took part in the Commemoration of The Battle Of The Somme.

July 2008 – The Lodge secured a contract with the newly formed band of The Pride Of The Orange And Blue Flute Band “Auld Boys” to lead them on the 12th July Celebrations. It was the first time that Newbuildings Victoria LOL No. 1087 marched out of Newbuildings Village on the 12th morning and they did this along with neighbouring Lodge Curryfree LOL No.1060 who where lead by The Pride Of The Orange And Blue Flute Band “Young Boys.”

Four Brethren from Bristol joined the ranks of The Lodge to take part in the 12th Celebrations in Coleraine.

Brethren within Newbuildings Victoria LOL No.1087 holds and has held various offices within The City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge and No.1 District. Offices include Assistant Deputy City Grand Secretary, District Master, Deputy District Master, District Lay Chaplain, District Secretary & District Lecturer. A few of the Brethren are trained as Senior Marshal's who assist The Chief Marshal of The City Of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge and The Apprentice Boys of Derry to steward Orange Parades, Apprentice Boys of Derry and Band Parades as well as Non – Loyal Order Events. These include (Foyle Hospice Fun Runs and Local Football Matches)

The Lodge ends the year off with a Children Christmas Party for members of the Brethren's Family and hold a Dinner Dance and are joined by Older Brethren of The Mitchelburne Parent Club of The Apprentice Boys of Derry.

Office Bearers for 2009:

Worshipful Master – Wor Bro Robert Hamilton

Deputy Master – Bro Steven Elder

Lay Chaplain – Bro Gary Middleton

Secretary – Wor Bro Colin Campbell

Treasurer – Bro Marshall Hay

1st Committee – Bro John Burton

The first 6 Years of the formation of Newbuildings Victoria LOL No. 1087 have raised almost £5,000 for local and national charities and local community organisations.

Jan 2009 - Wor Bro Robert Hamilton installed as new Worshipful Master.

July 2009 - The Lodge presented Bro Richard Kincaid with a cheque for £800 to go towards his trip to India as part of Habitat For Humanity NI. Bro Richard took part in Mission work to build houses in India.

July 2009 - The Lodge went to Rosstown for the first time to take part in the Co. Donegal 12th.

July 2009 - The Lodge took part in the 12th July Celebrations in Londonderry; as The City Of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge celebrated their 175th Anniversary.