

Brigade Council Summary 2013

Brigade Council met in Belfast as part of the celebrations marking the 125th anniversary of the founding of the 1st Irish Company.

On the Friday evening a Civic Reception was hosted by the Deputy Lord Mayor in City Hall. The Brigade President presented KGVI certificates to those who had completed this year's course and a President's Commendation to Ben Carlisle of 1st Saintfield. At the reception, guests were entertained by the musical skills of Drew and Mark Vincent of 43rd Belfast.

On the Saturday delegates took part in workshops on PR, Recruitment and Support Services.

Brigade Council assembled at 1.00pm when opening worship was conducted by Rev'd Roy Cooper, Chaplain Northern Ireland District. As is customary a Message of Loyal Greetings had been sent to our Patron. Council stood to receive Her Majesty's reply.

Rev'd Trevor McCormick, on behalf of the Northern Ireland Region, welcomed members of Council and Lord Griffiths replied thanking those who had worked to put the event together. Council stood in silence to remember those who had died during the year. The President presented a review of the year highlighting the work done in Companies and Mr Clifford Bygrave, Brigade Treasurer presented the accounts for the financial year.

There then followed the statutory business of Council the results of which are reported below. Following this, Mr Alistair Burrow, Brigade Vice President, made a presentation regarding the Brigade Development Plan agreed for the next five years concentrating on Growth, Quality and Voice. There was then an opportunity to thank Mr Chris Row who was stepping down as Brigade Vice President and Chair of the Executive. Chris was invited to become an Honorary Vice President in recognition of his service to the Brigade. Before Council concluded with worship, members were invited to the Brigade Conference in Glasgow in September 2014 which will incorporate the Annual Meetings.

There was no formal programme in the evening and delegates either made their way home or enjoyed the entertainment of Belfast.

On Sunday morning Worship was held at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, home of 1st Irish Company. The Service was broadcast live on radio.

Thanks are expressed to all those who contributed to the arrangements for Council.

Statutory Business of Brigade Council

The Annual Capitation Fees for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 sessions were set as follows:

Category		Fee
Annual Company registration fee		£130
Fee per young person		£12.50
Officer fee	Company Officers	£26.00
	(second officer at the same address)	£21.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£26.00
	Officers in receipt of state retirement pension	£20.00
	Officers in full time education or training	£20.00
Helper Fee		£12.50

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £27.00

The maximum fee that a Company may pay in respect of young people is £1,500

Whiting and Partners were reappointed as auditors of The Boys' Brigade

The Brigade Office Bearers were appointed for the 2013/14 session:

President:	Rev'd The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Vice Presidents	Mr T W P Donaldson
	Mr A S Burrow
	M J Smith
Treasurer	C Bygrave
Chaplain	The Very Rev'd A McLellan CBE

Changes were made to the Brigade Council procedure rules to permit proposers of motions to accept an amendment prior to the meeting.

The motion in the name of the Belfast Battalion regarding work with under fours was lost.