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## The Provincial Grand Master Dedicates the Loyal Wye Temple

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In 2012 the Loyal Wye Lodge No.1807, had three problems to consider - a large number of the Brethren of the Lodge becoming elderly, - a lack of new Initiates to build on and the final straw - their building was beginning to crumble and was becoming unsafe, with such a great amount of refurbishing being required, at a cost which would be so excessive, that they would not have sufficient financial resources, to make it a practicable proposition.

After much soul searching and discussion, it was decided that the only answer was to sell their present building and move on, as the Brethren were determined that The Loyal Wye, established in 1879, would still survive and be handed on to future generations

Meanwhile, the Lodge had made arrangements to meet on a temporary basis in the Greyhound, in Builth Wells, and a

proposal was put to them for a joint venture with the owner of the Coach House, which seemed to be the answer to their prayers, and plans were made for them to become leaseholders.

However at the 11th hour, they found themselves facing a further problem, that they now had to buy the Freehold, which with the cost of construction of the new Temple and building, left a shortfall of some £90,000.00.

There seemed to be no answer to being able to resolve this financial problem, until out of the blue, a Member of the Lodge, who wishes to remain anonymous, made the generous offer to buy the Freehold on behalf of the Lodge, which meant they were back on track at last.

The remaining finance was raised by pledges from Members and the rest is history. Happily the Y Dalaith was also able to help with a Donation to this worthy cause, see page 23 of Issue 59 September 2015.

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W. M. of Loyal Wye Lodge, W.Bro. Clive Alexander, S.W. Bro. Geoffrey Wilkes and J.W. W.Bro. Richard Thomas with the P.G.M. R.W.Bro. Gareth Jones and the Dedication Team, in the new Temple.

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