

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2020

I hope you all had a very good and blessed Christmas and may this coming year be a good one.

MEMORIAL BOOK - DECEMBER 2019

1993 Mgr George Lennard – National Chaplain

2001 Joseph O'Connor – Vice President

2001 Michael Williams – Vice President

2005 Gabrielle Daye

2007 Florence Gleeson

2008 Jim Brown

2011 Peggy Marshall

2016 Frank Finlay CBE

JOHN WHITE

I am very sorry to let you know that **John White**, who was a very close friend of **Siobhan Murphy**, died on the night before the Annual Dinner. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Siobhan** at this sad time. May **John** rest in peace. Please remember him in your prayers.

PAST EVENT

The Annual Dinner proved to be a resounding success and everyone appeared to be having a great time. This year, as you will know from previous newsletters, we held this at the CAA. Their renovations proved to be well worth the wait. The bar was extended, there is now a lift (which takes two at a time), the food was excellent and their staff were well prepared and very professional. It was a pleasure to have **Michael Gannon** with his wife and daughter with us. **Michael** was very involved with the Northern Branch a few years ago. Our guest of honour was **Finty Williams**, the daughter of **Dame Judi Dench** and the late **Michael Williams** who was one of our Vice Presidents. She

spoke very movingly about him and said she would like to share the best piece of advice he had given her. “We live in a time where there is division and we are encouraged to look for differences between people. We are encouraged to look for, and comment on, things that we do not understand. My father would be the first person to say – “the lines all meet off the page” .

ADDENDUM

Our late National Chaplain, Canon John McDonald, and Michael Slater visited **Michael** when he was very ill to present him with the Knighthood of the Order of St Gregory. He was so happy to see them and to receive this honour. Sadly, he died the following day. May he rest in peace.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting – 29 January 2020

The AGM will be held at the CAA on the above date commencing at 7.30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Thank you.

HOMELESSNESS

This will take place on 12 February commencing at 7 p.m. (see attachment). Please do come if you can as a lot of hard work has gone into this event and it is also for a VERY good cause.

STUDENTS EVENING

The Students Evening will be held at the CAA on 18 February. This is for third year students of acknowledged Drama Schools only and not for members of CaAPA. Please do NOT turn up on the night (unless you are helping and those who are will already know) as there will not be any room. The winner of the Sir Alec Guinness Award will also be announced at this event.