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Hadrian Lodge



W Bro Denis Lascelles made his first visit as the Northern Area Assistant Provincial Grand Master to Hadrian Lodge No 1970 where he was warmly received.

He witnessed a second degree ceremony where Bro Peter Chapman was passed, and W Bro John Hope then explained about his work of raising funds for the 2010 festival and the Worshipful Master, W Bro John then presented a cheque for £328.50.

At the festive board the usual toasts were honoured and W Bro Lascelles spoke warmly regarding the friendship he has been shown and was sure that Hadrian will continue to prosper.



Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Denis Edward Lascelles alongside W Bro John G Watkins PPrAGDC (W Lancs), Master of Hadrian Lodge

A week later the Lodge held a successful ladies evening at the hall with 80 guests in attendance in the newly decorated banquet hall.

A three course meal was enjoyed with excellent service coupled with entertainment provided by Bro Peter Kelly of Lodge of Fellowship as the guests danced the night away.

Continuing with Hadrian Lodge, W Bro David Dunn is asking for volunteers to join the merry band of North East freemasons to the emerald isles next year.

There are two dates, the first being Wednesday 21st January 2009 which will be an installation at the Crumlin Road Masonic Hall, home of J Pim Thompson Masonic Lodge No. 349.

The second and later on in the year (if you survive the former) is to the 'Paddy Masters' night.



Happy and communicating happiness the 'Paddy Master' celebrations continue—with the bowler hatted brother in joyous pursuit of a wee drop of the Irish!

Which will be held in Belfast on Wednesday the 18th March 2009, this is a novel and very much tongue in cheek introduction to the delights of the Irish folklore masonry!

Any brother interested in either (or both) should contact W Bro Dave Dunn as early as possible in order to get cheap flights especially in these credit crunch times.

Wrekendike Lodge Ladies Evening

The Lodge will be holding a Ladies Evening at the Hedworth Hall on Friday 7th November, the evening starts at 7.30pm with a late licence, a number of tickets are still available.

Kids Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party supported by all the Lodges at the hall and hosted via the management committee will take place on Sunday 14th December 2008 starting from 1:00pm until 5:00pm.

Tickets are available from W Bro Don Scott and are priced £3.00.

The treats in store for the children are Santa's Grotto, disco, refreshment, presents, face painting and a magician.

Royal Arch Chapter Amalgamation

During September 2008 four South Shields Royal Arch Chapters held their last meetings under their existing Charters.

Three of the Chapters are closing and will be amalgamating with the 'Continuing Chapter' John Readhead No 3217 although the Amalgamated Chapter will be changing its name

The three Chapters closing are:

Tyne Dock Chapter No 4218, Consecrated in 1950. Lord Barnard Chapter No 2935 Consecrated in 1925 and Hedworth Chapter No 2418 Consecrated in 1912.

On their last night each Chapter held a special meeting with distinguished guests to celebrate the history and life of the Chapter and to surrender its Charter to a member of the Provincial Chapter Executive.

The Deputy Grand Superintendent attended at John Readhead; the Prov 3rd Grand Principal at Hedworth; and, the Prov 2nd Grand Principal at both Tyne Dock and Lord Barnard. All of these occasions were sincerely managed 'cum magna dignitate'

As from their last meeting each Companion became a member of the 'Continuing Chapter' and the last meeting of this Chapter in its guise of John Readhead Chapter will be held on Tuesday 11 November 2008

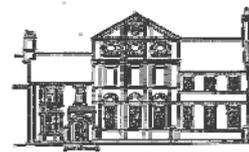
All companions are welcome. This again will be a special night celebrating the 'successful amalgamation' of the Chapters and looking forward to the Consecration of the new Royal Arch Chapter to be named The Mariner Chapter No 3217 in February 2009.

Grand Superintendent to Visit

The Grand Superintendent, together with a deputation of his Officers will be visiting Caer Urfa Chapter No. 4345 on Wednesday 26th November 2008.

The Chapter will be conducting an exaltation as part of their evening which will also include elections to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Principals chairs.

FREEMASONS' HALL



NOVEMBER 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					All Saints' Day	1 Hadrian Lodge of Instruction (10.30am) Caer Urfa Installation Practice (3.00pm) 2
John Readhead 3217 3	Hadrian 1970 (Installation) 4.30PM START 4	Wrekendike 6401 5	Tyne Dock 4218 6	Caer Urfa Lodge of Instruction 7		Caer Urfa Installation Practice (3.00pm) Remembrance Sunday 9
St. Hilda 240 10	John Readhead RAC 3217 (Amalgamating Chapters 1st Meeting) Remembrance Day 11	Caer Urfa 4345 (Installation) 5.30PM START 12		Caer Urfa Lodge Committee Prince of Wales Birthday Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction 14		FHMC (10.30am) 16
St Lawrence Preceptory Westoe Lodge of Instruction 17	Lord Barnard 2935 18 Arbeia OSM 296	Wouldhave Tyne Dock MMM 362 19		Rockcliffe RAM 362 Hedworth Lodge of Instruction 21		
Westoe 4750 24		Caer Urfa 4345 RAC Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction 26	Hedworth 2418 27	St. Hilda Lodge of Instruction 28		Hadrian Lodge of Instruction (10.30am) St. Andrew's Day 1st Sunday of Advent 2

KEY BLUE Craft RED Chapter GREEN Side/Higher Degrees BROWN Instruction/Practice BLACK Meetings PURPLE Karate

All events start at 7.00pm precisely unless otherwise stated - All Information Given In Good Faith - Please check in event of a visit

DECEMBER 2008 - pre-view			Masonic Organisation	No.	Masonic contingent to march in Sunderland's Remembrance Day Parade
Day	Masonic Organisation	No.			
1st Monday	John Readhead Lodge	3217			The Remembrance Day parade in Sunderland City is widely recognised as being the biggest and most inclusive event of its kind outside of London.
1st Tuesday	Hadrian Lodge	1970			As the event has developed many Freemasons have participated in the parade and have laid Masonic wreaths from both Queen Street and Burdon Road Masonic Halls. Last year as part of the Act of Remembrance W Bro Ted Hold, PPrJGW of Amity Lodge No 3193, in his capacity as Life President of the Sunderland Branch of the Parachute Regimental Association recited the first four verses of Lawrence Binyon's evocative poem "For the Fallen".
1st Wednesday	Wrekendike Lodge	6401			The parade co-ordinator is W Bro Arthur Lockyear, PM of Norman Lodge No 1334, who founded the parade organising group in the early 1990's
1st Thursday	Tyne Dock Lodge	4218			On Sunday 9 November 2008 there will be formal Masonic participation and the Provincial Grand Master wearing his chain of office will lay a wreath on behalf of all Freemasons in the Province of Durham. A Masonic contingent led by the Deputy PGM will then participate in the "march past"
2nd Monday	St. Hilda Lodge (Installation)	240			Any Durham Freemason wishing to march in the Masonic contingent should assemble at Burdon Road Masonic Hall by 0955hrs on Sunday 9 November for marshalling to the formal assembly point near the civic centre at 1000hrs Burdon Road Masonic Hall will be open for shelter from 0930hrs with complimentary tea and coffee supplied by the management committee.
2nd Wednesday	Caer Urfa Lodge	4345			After the parade the Masonic Hall is being used by Norman Ward and fellow veterans for refreshments. An invitation is extended to any Freemasons participating in the event to return to the Masonic Hall where they will be offered hot soup, sandwiches and refreshments.
2nd Thursday	St Lawrence Lodge	6402			The dress code for those marching as Freemasons is Morning Suit, (dark suit/overcoat if preferred), provincial tie and of course a poppy in the left lapel. Apart from the PGM, brethren are not to wear Masonic Regalia or Masonic jewels on this occasion. Service medals and accoutrements such as regimental berets may be worn. Acknowledgements to PGLD Website
3rd Monday	St Lawrence Rose Croix	293			
3rd Tuesday	Lord Barnard Lodge	2935			
<p>Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham</p> <p>The 2008 Provincial Promotions Meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 1st December 2008 in The Lancastrian Suite, Federation Brewery, Dunston.</p> <p>All Durham Brethren are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend the meeting. After the meeting a Banquet will be held at the same venue commencing at approximately 7.30pm. The dining cost is £24.00 and brethren are cordially invited to make application for ticket (s) by contacting their Lodge Secretary.</p>					

NEW MASTER'S

Over the last month the Masonic world in South Shields celebrated the arrival of 3 new Masters to continue the task of the rejuvenation of their Lodges in particular and Freemasonry in general, and we wish them every success.

On Thursday 9th October Bro Don Scott was expertly installed into the Chair of King Solomon by W Bro Neil Stephenson, PPrGStwd, IPM.



W Bro Don Scott,
Master, St. Lawrence Lodge No. 6042

W Bro Don is a quiet and thoughtful man who was originally a member of Gothic Lodge until its sad demise, which left him looking for a Lodge that would enable him to continue his Masonic career without pause.



W Bro Don Scott,
Seated with W Bro Gibson and W Bro Carney

Two other Lodges were always close to his heart, one being unable to accede to his desire of continuing the role he had in Gothic and St Lawrence being the luckier of

the two in being able to welcome such a man and a brother into their midst as a progressive officer and member.

W Bro John B Gibson, PGStdB, PPrJGW was present in his role of representing the Provincial Grand Master as was W Bro David George Carney, PAGDC, Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Then it was Lord Barnard Lodge's turn to change the man at the top with the eagerly awaited installation of Bro Lee Taylor., on Tuesday 21st October 2008.



W Bro Lee Taylor,
Lord Barnard Lodge No. 1970

Bro Lee is well know throughout the town both for the zeal he shows for Freemasonry but also his expertise in most matters of gas fitting, having presided over the recent refurbishment of the halls central heating system.



W Bro Lee Taylor, being congratulated
by W Bro George Clark, PSGD

So brethren, if you are feeling a little hot under the collar and it isn't due to some exertion of a Masonic nature then look no further then to Bro Lee; of course in the unlikely event that the system fails and you are feeling a little blue then again look no further than Bro Lee

Bro Lee was expertly installed into the Chair of King Solomon by the Installing Master, W Bro Norman Dunn and it was indeed a 'class act' and one that may be used as a benchmark for the coming years within the lodge.

W Bro George Clarke, PSGD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master was present in his role of representing the Provincial Grand Master, on this splendid occasion.

W Bro Lee's banquet was to say the least rather delightful having co-opted the wives and partners to act as waitresses as well as managing to fill the banqueting hall to its legal limit—which will probably be the reason behind the pensive look he has in the adjacent picture ! Or is it Bond.....

Then finally along came George, W Bro George Branch entered the fray once again to be installed in the Chair of King Solomon in his lodge Westoe No. 4750 on Monday 27th October 2008.



W Bro George Branch PPrGSwdB
Master, Westoe Lodge No. 4750

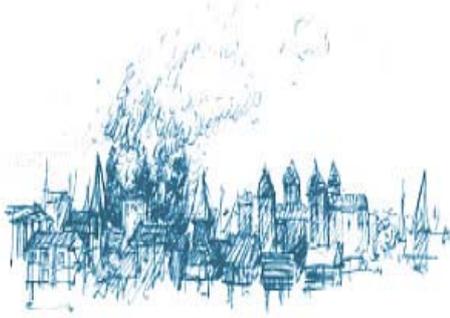
This is third time lucky for W Bro George having been Westoe's Worshipful Master on two previous occasions in 1978 and 1992 and the Lodge's Director of Ceremonies during the years.

W Bro Bernard Hope P.A.G.D.C. represented the Provincial Grand Master and witnessed a very well conducted installation ceremony.

It goes without saying that we wish all the newly installed Masters together with the officers and brethren of their Lodges every success and happiness in the year ahead.

BROTHER LIGHTFOOTE'S JOURNAL

The Recollections of an Eighteenth-Century Gentleman of the Craft



September 11th 1780

Feast of Saint Paphnutius

Weather: Tempestuous

Outlook: Grim

Dreadful and afflicting news...

There is great consternation in the Lightfoote household this day. A neighbour of mine, close both to my house and to my heart, has suffered a grievous attack.

He is a man of substance, a wealthy merchant, an importer of tobacco and a pillar of the community. I regard him as a brother, even though he isn't, either by blood or by bond. The point is this: early today two great storehouses that he owns, down by the Tower, were set alight and razed to the ground.

As if his precious leaf was not sufficient loss, a number, as yet unknown, of his workers perished in the conflagration, together with some of the volunteers who had turned out to fight the blaze which had been started, quite deliberately, by persons hurling burning torches through the upper windows. Dies irae!

This dreadful and afflicting news was brought to me as I sat with my almanac open before me, as is my wonted custom, on the completion of my morning ablutions. As my ears were assaulted by loud lamentations and calls to arms, my eyes fell upon the account of the life of Paphnutius, whose feast is celebrated on this unhappy day.

He spent some years under the tutelage of St. Anthony, whom, I recall, lived in a cave in the desert where he was oft visited by the devil himself. The pupil, subsequently, was tormented for his faith by the emperor Maximinus by being blinded in one eye and crippled in one leg and set to work in the mines.

One cannot but recall the state of the poor candidate, hoodwinked and slipshod, in a state of darkness, seeking after light. Old Paphnutius obviously found it, for, on his release, he returned to his flock and preached the gospel of redemption through love until the day he died.

I have digressed at length but with a pur-

pose: My friend, whose gold and red dappled Virginia had all gone up in smoke, together with a quantity of finest Louisiana Perique and those poor, innocent souls, was aflame with rage and burning with desire for revenge: all hue and cry and blood and thunder and - here's the rub - convinced that the perpetrators of this outrage were none other than those "damned masons" at their evil tricks again.

He'd somehow got it into his head that the burning of his tobacco was somehow linked to the pouring of all that tea into Boston Harbour, which was done, admittedly, by masons dressed up as savages. "Look what that led to!", quoth he.

What that led to, as I recall, was the establishment of the independence of the States of America, proclaimed in a splendid document, many of whose phrases will be strangely familiar to those who have managed to stay awake during the ceremony of installation, at least as far as the Address to the Brethren: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...

Now Lightfoote would never wish to appear disloyal - perish the thought! - but at the same time he can't help but harbour a sneaking regard for those brethren who took it upon themselves to throw off, with all due respect to His Gracious and Insane Majesty, the oppressor's yoke and to shoulder instead the challenge of forging a nation founded on the purest principles of brotherhood, with liberty and justice for all.

So, be George Washington and his fellows foul fiends or are they fighting to be free men - and free masons? It all depends on one's point of view.

Whatever one's point of view, it cannot be deemed acceptable to tar all masons, or members of any other minority, with the same broad and coarse-bristled brush. I'd defend the Craft with the steadfast determination of our late master, I like to think, but it cannot be denied that there are, ranged beneath our banners, persons

of ill repute and evil intent; they are few, to be sure, but they make mischief for all of us.

Lightfoote can only hope that he may prevail upon his belittled and bereaved friend to show wisdom, even in the extremity of his grief. King Solomon, wisest of rulers, did not, my brethren will recall, order the immediate execution of all the fellow crafts, nor yet the original conspirators, but rather sought out, discovered and arrested but three malefactors.

Even then, there was no summary retribution; they were brought back to Jerusalem for trial before being sentenced to that death the heinousness of their crimes aptly merited.

Let the lives of the saints and the wisdom of Solomon be our guide in these dark days.

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KIDS Christmas Party

Magician, Disco and Face Painting

Sunday 14th December 2008

At
Freemasons Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields.

Tickets £3.00

1:00 pm until 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments, Prizes and Presents

Freemasons Hall Management Committee