

# THE FREEMASON



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## Provincial Lodge of Durham 2009

On Saturday 27 June 2009, hundreds of Freemasons gathered at the Borough Hall, Hartlepool for the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

Five South Shields brethren received a promotion or honour. And it is with grateful thanks to most of them for sending in a picture of themselves in their Provincial Grand Lodge splendour.



And in order of rank we have; W Bro Brian John Naisby *Acting Provincial Junior Grand Deacon*, W Bro Brian is the Director of Ceremonies in Car Urfa Lodge No. 4345.



Next we have W Bro Tony Davey, *Acting Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary*.

W Bro Tony is a Past Master of St Hilda Lodge No. 240 and has worked tirelessly on a number of Provincial activities.

Following closely along the line is another St Hilda Lodge Past Master in the guise of W Bro Graham Bainbridge, *Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies*, W Bro Graham is Assistant Secretary of his Lodge.



Number four in the roll of South Shields Masonic honour is W Bro Leslie Lovelock, *Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies*, W Bro Les is Worshipful Master of Tyne Dock Lodge No 4218.



Last but not least is W Bro Lee Taylor, *Provincial Grand Steward*, Lee is the Worshipful Master of Lord Barnard Lodge No 2935.



## FREEMASONS' HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Roll out the "Red Carpet" a new Temple carpet has been fitted with considerable help from W Bro Phil Johnson (and son), W Bro Peter Octon, W Bro Norman Dunn and W Bro John Errington. (If I've missed anyone please forgive and forget).



The original checkered Masonic carpet has been inlayed to form a permanent fixture - no more tripping over it now!



Hold on that's not the last of the news - the Festive Board room has also been treated to new flooring - again with considerable assistance from brethren. The new flooring is a mix of high quality carpet tiles and lino with



the traditional inlaid square and compasses continuing.



# FREEMASONS' HALL



Ingham Street 1883

## SEPTEMBER 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Hadrian 1970	Wrekendike 6401	Tyne Dock 4218	Caer Urfa Lodge of Instruction	Leek Show	Leek Show
John Readhead 32177	Mariner RAC 3217	Caer Urfa 4345	St Michaels & All Angels R 891	Caer Urfa Lodge Committee		
St Hilda 240	Lord Barnard RAC 2935	Wouldhave Tyne Dock MMM 362		Rockcliffe RAM 362		FHMC (10.30am)
Westoe Lodge of Instruction	Arbeia OSM 296 (Installation)	Caer Urfa 4345 RAC	Hedworth 2418	St. Hilda Lodge of Instruction		St Lawrence Lodge Practice (10.30am)
Westoe 4750	John Readhead Lodge of Instruction	Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction	<p>THE REAL SECRET OF <b>FREEMASONRY</b> MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER</p>		<p><b>August Monthly Draw</b></p> <p>1st £5 No.192 I. Turnbull - Westoe 2nd £3 No. 51 M. Wann - Caer Urfa 3rd £2 No. 35 L. Birkenfield - St Hilda</p>	

**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

### OCTOBER 2009 - pre-view

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Day	Masonic Organisation	No.
1st Monday	John Readhead Lodge	3217
1st Tuesday	Hadrian Lodge	1970
1st Wednesday	Wrekendike Lodge	6401
1st Thursday	Tyne Dock Lodge	4218
2nd Monday	St. Hilda Lodge	240
2nd Wednesday	Caer Urfa Lodge	4345
2nd Thursday	St. Lawrence Lodge	6042
3rd Monday	St Lawrence Rose Croix	293
3rd Wednesday	St. Hilda Chapter	240
3rd Tuesday	Lord Barnard Lodge	2935
4th Wednesday	Lodge of Fellowship	9694
Last Monday	Westoe Lodge	4750
Last Thursday	Hedworth Lodge	2418

## Lord Barnard - Annual Ball

The Lodge will be holding their Annual Ball at the Quality Hotel, Boldon on Friday 18th September, the evening starts at 7.00pm with a late licence, tickets cost £25.

*Lord Barnard Lodge 2935*  
*W. Bro Lee Taylor Worshipful Master*



*Reception 7.00 p.m.      Banquet 7.30 p.m.*

### Annual Ball

*Quality Hotel, Boldon Business Park, Boldon, Sunderland.*  
*On Friday 18th September 2009*  
*Ticket £25.00*  
*Strictly Black Tie*  
*Tickets not returned by Friday 4th September 2009 will be deemed sold.*



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# Every Picture Tells a Story



Every picture tells a story and this is another chapter in the active community involvement by the Freemasons of South Shields. This is an annual event sponsored by members of the Craft prior to the summer recess of the residents of Oakley Gardens. It is the presentation of cups and medals to all of the children as a reward for their efforts in swimming pool activities over the past year and a timely reminder these awards can only be promoted and achieved by the assistances, care and persistence of dedicated staff. Pictured in the group are W Bro Jim Askew, W Bro Günther Keller, W Bro Gordon Finch and W Bro Jim L Capstick.  
**Special thanks to W Bro Capstick in 'acquiring' this photo from our local newspaper and providing the caption .Ed.**

## FIFTY YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF THE CRAFT

Mr John William Short was initiated into John Readhead Lodge No 3217 on 4th May 1959, Bro Short was passed on 7th September 1959 and raised on 7th March 1960. He was Worshipful Master of John Readhead in 1968. In 1978 W Bro John was honoured with the appointment of Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar and in 1987 was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden.

In the Royal Arch he was exalted into John Readhead Chapter in 1961 and installed in the Char of that Chapter in 1974. In 1981 he was appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch.

On 1st June 2009 the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Denis Edward Lascelles, attended John Readhead Lodge to present W Bro John with his 50th Anniversary Certificate. In doing so he congratulated W Bro John on the wonderful anniversary and thanked him for all that he had done in the Craft over the last 50 years and in particular as Secretary of John Readhead Lodge for a total of 25 years and wished him many more years of good health in which to continue to enjoy his Masonry and W Bro John responded suitably. At the Festive Board the Worshipful Master, W Bro Robert Mackins

proposed a toast to W Bro John, in reply to which the Brethren were treated to some fond reminiscences of his time in the Craft. The Brethren enjoyed a memorable evening for W Bro John and the Lodge.



W Bro John Hope and his wife Maureen are members of this group, which performs concerts and weddings in order to raise money for various charities.

So far we have given just short of £5000.

The site mentions only 3 large ones but to date they have donated to St.Clare's and St. Benedict's hospices, the Tearfund, Lesothu orphanages, Donna Clare Venture House, Thomas Russell Cancer Appeal, Children with Aids, Guide dogs for the Blind, India Connect as well as helping others with their fund raising.

This year they have done "4 Weddings

and a Funeral" and feel that they are filling a hole in the market as lots of churches do not have a choir these days and could also be of service to Masons and their families and at the same time raise money for both local and national charities.

If you would like to contact "Voices Together" then visit their website at:-

<http://www.voicestogether.co.uk/>

And click on the **Contact Us** button or have a chat with W Bro John the next time you see him.

## A Bit of Humour

A small Lodge has had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master asked the candidate what he most desired.

the candidate replied "a beer!"

At this juncture the WM, being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.

"OK", the candidate replied, "a lite beer!"



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham

### Raby Gala Final Total Announced

Since the Raby Gala on Saturday 4th July the organisers have been working flat out accounting for all costs and monies raised

At the centenary meeting of Rowlandson Lodge No 3360 last evening, the Provincial Grand Master was able to announce the final "profit" from the Gala is

**£70,751.88**

This is the largest amount of charity money ever raised by Durham Freemasons from a single event and all who contributed in any way, attending, exhibiting, supporting and organising the Gala are sincerely congratulated with special recognition to Gala Coordinator W Bro John Arthur and members of the Durham Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 9833

All of the funds raised will go to the Durham Provincial 2010 Festival target for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and this brings the current festival total to in excess of

**£2.4 million**

We are now well on the way to achieving £3m for the RMBI, please keep up the fund-raising momentum for the final 10 months of the festival.

### Provincial Gazette 2010

The Provincial Gazette has once again proved to be a very popular Masonic publication in 2009 and it is hoped that those who have subscribed may well wish to do so in 2010.

There is still a lot of Brethren who need to be introduced to "The Gazette" and every effort should be made to encourage them to become subscribers.



list their name and details for forwarding on to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The yearly subscription for this monthly publication is £9.00 payable by cheque to the 'Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham'. The Secretary will accept monies at any time however it has to be noted that receipt before Friday 18th December 2009 will ensure delivery of the January Gazette on time.

### Discussion Nights for Master Masons

The Masonic Training and Education Committee (MTEC) have arranged two discussion nights for Master Masons to take place in the North and West area of the Province on:

- Wednesday, 14th October 2009 at the Masonic Hall, Alexandra Road, Gateshead (North)
- Thursday, 22nd October 2009 at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham (West)

Both meetings will commence at 7.00pm with refreshments and tea/coffee available from 6.30pm.

An application form has been sent to every Lodge Secretary, which have to be completed and returned to the Provincial Office no later than Friday 9th October 2009.

Please note that Master Masons/Lodge Mentors can attend either of these meetings (if available) but if the cannot attend, two further discussions nights are being arranged to take place in the South and East area of the Province sometime in November. Details of these will be issued in due course.

### Raby Gala Grand Draw Results

Prize	Ticket	Name	Lodge
£5,000	22,967	Blank	Byerley
£1,000	14,820	Trevor Thompson (97)	Palatine
£500	11,111	D Hogarth	Penshaw
£500	34,506	James Halimund	<i>On the day</i>
£100	6,969	Mrs SM Grimshaw (6003)	Lodge of Unity
£100	1,375	JT Brown (4749)	Caradoc
£100	23,025	Blank	Byerley
£100	27,757	R Cowey (Gateshead)	Industry
£100	9,229	JRA - 6645	Eardulph
£20	665	Scot Taylor	Hall Leader G. Body
£20	31,505	CD Hornby - S/Shields	St Bede
£20	13,487	AA Moye	Stallingier
£20	4,702	T Leighton (4749)	Strathearn
£20	30,871	F Moss (8551)	Jarrow
£20	7,069	R Johnsey (6457)	Grange
£20	24,632	T Chaplow (6891)	Lodge of Benevolence
£20	32,077	John Hether?	Beacon
£20	9,599	Blank	Westoe
£20	31,659	N Dunn S/Shields	Lodge of Progress
			Lord Barnard

### Provincial Grand Ball

The 2009 Provincial Ball will be held on Saturday the 14th of November 2009 in the Lancastrian Suite at the Newcastle Federation Brewery, Dunston, Gateshead (off the A1 near the MetroCentre)

Once again this years dinner dance will be held in aid of the "2010 Durham Provincial Festival for the RMBI"

Please note. The Dinner Dance is a ticket only event and tickets must be order and paid for in advance. Dress is formal and attendance is open to all masons, their wives/partners, family and friends

Tickets for this event are now available @ £24 per person and they will include:

- A four course dinner
- Dancing to the music of: "Front Line" Band & Bro. Chris Small

The Schedule of events for the evening are as follows:

- 1830 - Bar Opens
- 1915 - Dinner Served
- 2030 - Dancing & Raffle
- 0000 - Bar Closes
- 0015 - Dancing Ends
- 0030 - Carriages

During the evening two raffles will be drawn: The first raffle is a Spirit Raffle (Bottles of Spirits & Wine for Prizes). Tickets for this raffle will be sold on the night only

The second raffle is a Money Raffle (Monetary Prizes). Tickets for this raffle will be on sale through your lodge later in the year. (If you are not a member of a lodge in Durham then please e-mail us for more information on how to obtain tickets.)

Following the success of the Festival Ball in November 2007 a cheque was presented to the Provincial Grand Master on the evening for a magnificent sum of £6500 towards the 2010 Festival

The 2008 Festival Ball took place on 15th November at 2008, again at the Lancastrian Suite, Dunston. This was even more successful than the previous year as during the evening the Provincial Grand Master was presented with a cheque towards the 2010 RMBI Festival for £7000

This year will be the last ball where proceeds will be donated to the 2010 festival; attendance is once again expected to be a sell out with over 100 guests having already confirmed tables

Please book early to avoid disappointment by contacting:

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or Martin Rankin  
Tel: 0191 4605667

### Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham Promotions Meeting

The promotions meeting Provincial Grand Lodge will be held 2009 will be held on Monday 30th November 2009 at the Rainton Meadows Arena, Houghton le Spring.

A Banquet will commence at the conclusion of the meeting which will be approximately 8.00pm at a cost of £24.00 and tickets can be sourced from W Bro D Bambrough.

Each Lodge Secretary has been sent a quantity of application forms and Brethren are requested to make contact with their Secretary who will be able to assist.

Every Lodge Secretary has a list of subscribers and it is highly recommended that Brethren make contact with their Secretary or indeed the Assistant Secretary who will gladly

## SOUTH SHIELDS MASONIC GOLF COMPETITION

The South Shields Masonic Golf Competition took place at South Shields Golf Club on Thursday 11th June 2009.

After a wet start the day brightened up and some good golf was enjoyed, so I was informed. Many thanks to all who took part. The winners of the competition were as follows:-

### The John Readhead Cup (South Shields Brethren)

**1st** Bro Steve Phillips, Hadrian Lodge **40pts**  
(Pictured below)



Bro Phillips receiving the trophy from last years winner W Bro Pentland.

**2nd** W Bro Duncan Pentland Hadrian Lodge **38pts**  
**3rd** Bro Michael Payne, Hadrian Lodge **35pts**

### Ellwood Potts Shield (Visiting Brethren)

Bro Chris Harvey, Amity Lodge No. 3139 **33pts**

### Ron Kitchingman Trophy (Guests)

Joe McGann **37pts**

The raffle was drawn producing the following winners:

1st prize	No 80	Bro J McGann
2nd prize	No 50	W Bro D S Dunn
3rd prize	No 33	W Bro R Knight

This was the first year that W Bro's Dunn and Pentland had run this competition and the sum of £255 was raised on the day for the 2010 festival.

The question for next year is... who will compete to take the cup away from Hadrian.?



Well this Hadrian brother won't be doing much golfing yet or will he? Spotted in the local newspaper is W Bro Gordon Finch



Under the Gazette's header

### *There's knee stopping Gordon now!*

We learned that the popular local freemason and South Tyneside councillor is back in action after getting a new knee.

W Bro Gordon Finch, had a replacement left knee fitted after suffering years of agony.

The 71-year-old said: "It was very painful. It kept collapsing on me and I couldn't put any weight on it.

"With wear and tear, the bones were rubbing against each other."

About six years ago, W Bro Finch had his right knee replaced, due to similar circumstances, but now the pensioner is up and running with his new leg joints.

He said: "I can bend my leg quite all right. I was walking the day after surgery, so it's gone very well."

## LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday 22nd July 2009, The Lodge of Fellowship No.9694 celebrated its 10th Anniversary. The Assistant provincial Grand Master W Bro Kenneth Edward Coatsworth Howe led a deputation of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers including W Bros W J Watson, ProvSGW, G G Gilbraith, acting as ProvJGW, G Rumford, ProvGSec, J A Dixon, ProvDGDC, G Jones as ProvDGDC, Rev'd G Harris, ProvAGChap together with the following Grand Officers, Dr. A M Davison, PPrGM, C S Barnett, PAProvGM, A Hall, J Nichol, G Murdoch and E Bilton.

Having opened the Lodge the Worshipful Master W Bro Paul Perkins was pleased to receive the Provincial Deputation and extended a warm greeting to the APMG W Bro



Howe which was followed by the Masonic salutations. The secretary then presented the following short history of the Lodge;

*"In 1998 a number of freemasons, who were also members of a Fellowship of the Services Mess, decided to create a daytime Lodge, which was to be called "The Lodge of Fellowship". Many meetings at South Shields and Provincial Office took place to smooth out any problems this may cause. It would meet in Hedworth Hall, with meetings on the second Wednesday in April (Installation), July, August and October.*

*One condition of the new Lodge was that a Grand Officer had to be amongst the founders and W. Bro. Waters was asked to become a founder and be the first Master.*

*28 masons agreed to be founders, not all FOS members, who were in Lodges in South Shields, Sunderland, Jarrow and Hebburn.*

*Early in 1999 the new Lodge was formulated, given the number 9694, and the consecration was arranged for the first Wednesday of July.*

*It was a splendid occasion with a full house at Hedworth Hall with the Provincial Consecrating Deputation being led by W Bro C.E Penna. Prov. A.G.M.*

*The first Principal Officers were Master, W Bro S. G. Waters. Secretary, W Bro W. K. Heron. Treasurer W Bro G. D. Taylor D. of C. W Bro F. Barnes. S.W. W Bro F.N. Fatkin and J.W. W Bro J. Hope.*

*Unfortunately, early in 2000 W Bro Heron who had been the mainstay of the organizing of the new Lodge died suddenly and W Bro Sharpe took over as Secretary.*

*In 2002 W Bro Hope replaced W Bro Barnes as D.of C. and in 2005 W Bro Finch took over as Treasurer from W Bro Taylor.*

*Strong links have been made with other daylight Lodges in Newcastle (Per Diem), Gateshead (Dunston St. Nicholas), Sunderland (Stallinger) Shirey Row (Achates) and Middlesbrough (Ashbrooke).*

*In 2007, due to the closure of Hedworth Masonic Hall, the Lodge moved to the present venue, Ingham Street, with the meetings being held on the fourth Wednesday of April, July, August and October.*

*In 1999 the Lodge started with 28 founders, in 2009 it now consists of 14 founders, 9 joining members and 5 initiates. Still 28 members, a statistic many Lodges would be proud of.*

*Although it is a small Lodge in numbers, it is well attended by brethren from Lodges, far and near, and hope that it will continue in the future."*

A presentation and explanation of the three Tracing Boards were expertly delivered by W Bro John Hope, PPrGReg (1st), W Bro Harry Watson, PPrJGW (2nd) and W Bro Malcolm H Fortune, PPrJGW (3rd).

The Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain Rev'd G Harris then delivered an oration. At the second time of rising the Worshipful Master presented a cheque for £969.40 to the APMG and W Bro Howe thanked the Brethren for their generous donation to the RMBI 2010 festival.



The Lodge closed, the Brethren retired to the Festive Board room for the 10th Anniversary Celebration Banquet where another cheque for £100 was presented to the APMG W Bro Howe by the Worshipful Master towards the 2010 festival being monies raised during the banquet. W Bro W J Watson ProvSGW proposed a toast on behalf of the visitors, which was duly responded to by the Worshipful Master - A very enjoyable event was had by all



# 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 purpose: My friend, whose gold and red dappled Virginia had all gone up in smoke, together with a quantity of finest Louisiana Peri-

que 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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## More Masonic Humour

A new initiate returns home to his wife who is naturally curious to know what went on. The conversation goes something like this.

She) Well how'd it go ?

He) Very well - most interesting

She) What did go on ?

He) I'm not really sure if I can tell you about it.

She) Well is there anything you \*can\* tell me ?

He) well it seems there are 3 classes of men in the Lodge -walkers, talkers and Holy men.

She) What do they do - if you can tell me ?

He) The walkers walked me around the lodge. The Talkers talked to me and to the walkers as I was led around ....

She) and the Holy men ? what of them ?

He) They seem to be a special class of men - all in dark blue and gold aprons and gauntlets. They just sit on the benches around the lodge with their heads in their hands chanting repeatedly - "Oh My God Oh My God !"

A ragged tramp stopped a Mason on his way home from the lodge and asked him for money for food.

"I'll do better than that!" said the Mason. "Come into the pub, and I'll buy you a drink!"

"Thank you!" said the beggar. "But I've never drunk and I never will!"

"Well, let me buy you some cigarettes then!" said the Mason.

"No, thanks!" said the tramp, "I've never smoked and I never will!"

"Okay", said the Mason. "Come back to the lodge with me and I'll see you get a meal!" "No, thanks", said the man. "I've never entered a Masonic Lodge and I never will!"

"Right, then", said the Mason "Will you please come home with me and meet my wife!"

"Why?" asked the tramp.

"Well", said the Mason. "I just want her to see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, or doesn't smoke and hasn't joined the Masons!"