

Brother strides out to help disabled children

Up to the Challenge Kilimanjaro 2010

W Bro Duncan Turnbull of Westoe Lodge No. 4750 in his own words explains why he is preparing to go more than the 'extra mile' to raise funds for charity.

"I don't have a personal story of why I'm doing this other than it is something that has been eating at me since I watched comic relief doing it. By chance about 6 weeks after it had been on the TV I read in the local press that Children Today were looking for people to take part in a Kilimanjaro trek, so after some research into the charity I was shocked to find that the government did very little to assist disabled children in giving them the necessary equipment to develop - Children Today do this and also have a very quick turn round of 28 days on their applications so that the children have the benefits of their equipment very quickly.

I will be setting off on 17th September and returning on the 24th Sept.2010 I am looking to raise a minimum of £5,000 anyone looking to donate can do so by either phoning me on 07970829703 or they can go online to my justgiving web page and donate there ,they can also keep track of progress on:-

www.justgiving.com/duncanturnbull-kilimanjaro



I've started my training for the trek by climbing the Marsden Grotto steps 10 times at 3 times a week the photos show me at the top of the steps. Kilimanjaro is Africa's highest mountain at 19,340ft it is also the worlds highest trekking mountain the temperatures vary from tropical rain forest at the bottom to 15-20 degrees below freezing at the top. I will be doing various hill walks as well during the year

and bike riding, I need to be quite fit as there is the real possibility of altitude sickness as that can kick in at about 4,000ft

Please help me to raise the funds which will help the children be able to play and communicate with their friends which in turn will help them to develop and live a full life.

So please dig deep and donate now.

W Bro Duncan has also arranged a Charity Fund Raising Night at the Spice 1 Indian Restaurant, South Shields (See ticket below) and these are selling fast.

So if you want to both have a good time and contribute to a worthwhile then get in touch with Duncan as soon as possible via his email address below:-



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Children Today provides grants and funding for specially designed equipment that brings greater quality of life and independence to children with disabilities in the UK. It relies totally on voluntary donations they receive no help or funding from the government or social services, by donating to Children Today you are helping one of the thousands of disabled children and young people that are in desperate need of help and assistance.

W Bro Duncan had applied to the *Ingham Street Masonic Benevolent Association* set up by the Hall Management Committee for such charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may from time to time decide, within the area of South Shields, including the relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and other charitable purposes, or the benefit of the community in South Shields, but unfortunately recently learned from its Treasurer that its constitution prevents it donating to Duncan's fund raising - so all the more for the brethren within the hall to get on board and try and help!

DIABETES SERVICES RECEIVE A BOOST



SERVICES for diabetics in the borough have been given a cash boost.

Members of Westoe Lodge No. 4750, in South Shields, have donated £200 to the specialist diabetes team at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust. W Bro Fred Dunmore of Tyne Dock Lodge (pictured) and consultant diabetologist Dr Shaz Wahid have known each other for six years. W Bro Philip Heppell, Master of Westoe Lodge is a Type 2 diabetic and, although he is from Cramlington, Northumberland, he decided to donate the charity money he received on the night of his installation into the master's chair to a local good cause.

Dr Wahid said: *"The diabetes team at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust has developed a highly-rated service, with specialist clinics in hospital, and has worked closely with colleagues in the community to provide the best possible care. The team continue to appreciate support from its valued patients and their friends."*



"Voices Together" A Christmas Concert

Has been organised in support of the RMBI 2010 Festival to be held at St Hilda's Church, Market Square, South Shields on Friday 11th December 2009 commencing at 7pm. The concert will be performed by a local 15 strong 4part harmony group called "Voices Together" whose aims are to entertain and support local and national charities, and perform at other fundraising events.

Tickets are £5.00 each and can be obtained from John Hope 0191 4252031 or pay at the door on the night. Parking is free after 6pm in the new ASDA store car park, 100yards from the church.

FREEMASONS' HALL



DECEMBER 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Hadrian 1970	Wrekendike 2	Tyne Dock 4218 3	Caer Urfa Lodge Lodge of Instruction Karate		St Lawrence Lodge Instruction
John Readhead 3217 Karate		Caer Urfa 4345 5.30pm start Karate	St Lawrence 6042	Caer Urfa Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction Karate	Tyne Dock Social	FHMC (10.30am) Kids Xmas Party
St Hilda 240 (Installation) 5.30pm start Karate	Lord Barnard 2395	St Hilda RAC 16 Karate		Hedworth Lodge of Instruction Karate		
St Lawrence RC Karate						St Lawrence Lodge Practice (10.30am)
	Hedworth 2418 Karate					

KEY **BLUE** Craft **RED** Chapter **GREEN** Side/Higher Degrees **BROWN** Instruction/ Practice **BLACK** Meetings/ Events **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

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Day	Masonic Organisation	No.
1st Monday	John Readhead Lodge	3217
1st Tuesday	Hadrian Lodge	1970
1st Wednesday	Wrekendike Lodge - Installation	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 Preceptory	275
3rd Tuesday	Lord Barnard Lodge	2935
Last Thursday	Hedworth Lodge - Installation	2418

KIDS XMAS PARTY

Sunday 13th December 2009

Freemason's Hall

Tickets available from
W Bro Kenneth Urquhart Robson, PPrGReg,
email: kurobson@blueyonder.co.uk
Tel: (0191) 456 1538



HEDWORTH LODGE No. 2418
Masonic Hall, Ingham Street
South Shields.

December Meeting
on
Tuesday, 29th December 2009
6.30pm

Festive Board at 7.30pm Prompt



The Festive Board Will be Open to
Non-Masonic Male Guests

Harmony Will be Provided
by
Sarah Fenwick
(Accompanied by Leonard Brown)
Songs From The Shows
And Traditional Christmas Carols

Tickets £6.00

Ticket Contacts:
The W Master - E Dockway - 5361242
Treasurer - E W Hooper - 4540330 Secretary - G McDanielson - 5280695

Tickets not returned by Wednesday, 23rd December will be deemed sold

NEW MASTERS

Over the last month the Masonic world in South Shields celebrated the arrival of 2 new Masters tasked with the leadership and rejuvenation of their Lodges in particular and Freemasonry in general, and we wish them every success.



On Tuesday 3rd November Bro Gary Deans SWME was expertly installed into the Chair of King Solomon of Hadrian Lodge No. 1970 by W Bro Duncan Stephenson.

V W Bro Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, PGSwdB, Deputy Provincial Grand Master



represented the Provincial Grand Master

Hadrian Lodge were also blessed with a contingent of brethren from the Irish Constitution, with most pictured alongside the newly installed Master, his Wardens, Installing Officer W Bro Stephenson and V W Bro Wilson, DPGM.

The very well attended Festive Board were W Bro Wilson was again the recipient of further donations towards the RMBI festival which totalled £3103.50, he had already received from Installing Master Duncan a cheque from a Ceilidh and Ladies night of £543.00 raised during his year and then the new master W Bro Gary Deans presented a cheque for £1970.00 from the Lodge. And at the board he received cheques for £55.00 from the Lodge organist from his 'retirement' do; £80.00 from W Bro D S Dunn re sale of wallets; £100.00 from an envelope draw and £355.50 from the Charity Stewards monthly draw

On Wednesday 11th November 2009 at the second Craft Installation of the month



Bro Gary Paul Graham Wilson Senior Warden (Master Elect) was expertly installed into the Chair of King Solomon at The Caer Urfa Lodge No.4345 by W Bro Derek Francis



Wake at a well attended ceremony, with W Bro Norman Reekie, PPRGSwdB in attendance to represent the Provincial Grand Master.

After the installation business of this regular annual event was conducted the Lodge Officers for the year 2009/10 were appointed, and W Bro Reekie was presented with a cheque for £500 towards the Lodges contribution for the 2010 festival.

A celebratory banquet was held in the dining hall, were 70 brethren enjoyed good food and friendship. A toast to the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by the new Master W Bro Gary Paul Graham Wilson. The Secretary, W Bro Hadaway proposed the toast to the Worshipful Master and continued this unaccompanied with the Master's song, his accompanist somehow going AWOL. W Bro Naisby continued the toast this time to the Installing Master who now relieved sat back in the glow of Bro Naisby's praise.

The officers of the Lodge toast was given just as eloquently by W Bro Matty Wann, and Bro Derek Tyler and Bro Iain Duncan gave swift and heartfelt responses. The new Almoner Bro Trevor Lehman Robinson gave a heartfelt presentation of the current work of the Almoner, W Bro Hobson praised the work carried out by W Bro Allison including when the dynamic duo otherwise nicknamed Waldorf (W Bro Bob Turner) & Stattler roamed the streets caring for the brethren and widows of the Lodge, following which W Bro Wake presented 'Stattler' (W Bro Allison) with an engraved crystal decanter with suitable 'filler' in grateful thanks from the

brethren of the Lodge for his sterling work as Almoner, The Charity Steward continued his onslaught of encouraging the brethren to step up to the plate for Masonic Charities.

W Bro Duncan Turnbull of Westoe Lodge was asked to present on his quest of raising £5000 by trekking up the Himalayas on behalf of disabled children.

In a change from the usual W Bro David Scott Dunn of Hadrian Lodge responded to the toast to the visitors, this was continued by a plethora of gifts to the Master from the Master, W Bro Mitchell of the new Square & Compasses Lodge of Birkenhead; W Bro Michael Grover of Lodge Dolphin 911 of the Scottish Constitution came armed and ready with a Pandora's 'bag' of gifts not only for the Master but also for our 'pick me, pick me' Brother W Bro Norman Dunn.

As the evening wore on W Bro Mike McCabe gave a moving tribute to the late W Bro Richard (Tricky) Allison which was followed by a recording specially dedicated by its composer Bro Jonathon Starkey entitled Loss & Reflection, which he had played at the recent amalgamation ceremony of the new Lodge in Birkenhead.



With all the toasts and raffles complete the last toast of the evening was given by W Bro Ronald Armstrong Ferguson (Biggles) after which the brethren adjourned to the bar where the night was continued in song and friendship.

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.

Tyne Dock Lodge No.4218

Christmas Party 2009



Terry Slesser

International Star and direct from tour of Texas

Ticket £10

☀ Buffet, Late Bar, Raffle, Quiz, Bingo ☀

Saturday 12 December 2009

7.00pm till Midnight

Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

Contact any officer for tickets

Email: leslielovelock@btinternet.com



Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham

CUFFLINKS FOR SALE

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham have obtained a supply of Provincial Cufflinks which can be worn on both Masonic and non Masonic occasions

The cufflinks are a small replica of the Provincial Crest and come in a presentation case at a cost of only

£12 per pair

All profits from the sale of these cufflinks will be donated to the 2010 PGL Durham Festival for the RMBSI so they will make an ideal Christmas present at the same time as supporting a very worthwhile cause



For further information or to request visits to your Lodge with a supply please contact:

WBro Simon Atkinson

Tel: 0780 3183383 or

E-mail: simon@atkinsonwhite.co.uk

They are available now at Provincial Office or from the festival chairman Asst PGM Kenneth Howe and the vice chairmen Simon Atkinson and Phil Rann



For mail order please add £1 post and packing and send a cheque for

£13 to Provincial Office payable to 'Durham Benevolence Trading Ltd'

Please remember to include with payment your name and address



The initial supply is only 500 and demand is already heavy, so to avoid disappointment early request is recommended

IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TODAY

W Bro Dave Dunn has been looking through the record books and came across a joining member of Hadrian Lodge on 5th October 1897 who resided in Westoe, South Shields.

John Foster aged 35yrs a ships steward, was initiated, passed and raised on the same day, 24th November 1891, into Operative Lodge No 47, Dundee, on the role of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

He was proposed by WM Stewart and seconded by WM Cochran.

The records read:-

"It was intimated that Bro Joseph Ridgeway who had been duly entered as an Apprentice and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on the 20th October last, now craved to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The crave, being unanimously agreed to, Bro Ridgeway was raised accordingly.

A petition was also presented from John Foster, 18, Albany Street, Westoe, South Shields, duly proposed by Bro William Stewart and seconded by Bro Cochran craving to be admitted a member of the craft of this lodge, all fees having been paid, the crave was unanimously agreed to, and the candidate was duly entered in the Apprentice Degree, passed to that of the Fellow Craft, and thereafter raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. "

From various other minutes from the 1800's it was quite common to carry out 3 degrees on the same day, Bro Foster must have been serving on a ship berthed in Dundee at the time.



16 brethren have since made a visit to Operative Lodge No 47 in Dundee where we were made most welcome. Some are pictured above following their return from their visit and all looking in good heart



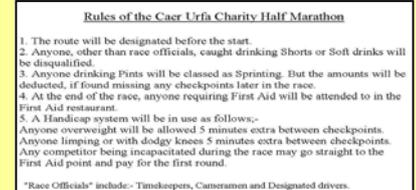
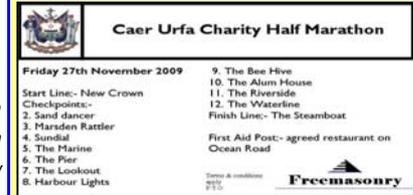
Our present Worshipful Master W Bro Gary Deans is pictured above with Rt WM Dave Sanderson Snr.

Band of Brothers (BoB)

A rather unique initiative was put forward by a couple of Brothers in Caer Urfa Lodge, the idea was to arrange social events for the members with the use of a BoB card, this being a card that detailed the event, time and date including a 'Sharkey' the person who was to ensure that everyone got home safe and well (designated driver etc).

The first event took place on the evening Friday 27th November 2009 which consisted of a half marathon with an entry fee of £3.

Nine brethren and two gentlemen turned up and were each given their rule card (see below).



Yes in the social tradition of Caer Urfa the half marathon was not of the usual affair. But served the purpose of raising £70 for charity as well as uniting the brethren in harmony of a convivial but responsible manner, both gentlemen were also extremely impressed with the night and both are part of the Lodges applications for membership.

An appeal to help a blind baby from Hebburn.

More than £13,000 has already been collected for the *Give Faith a Chance* appeal to raise cash for special play equipment and provide other help for Faith Dodds. Baby Faith was diagnosed with a condition called optic nerve hypoplasia after she was born blind earlier this year.

A cheeky calendar has been produced, after blushing regulars at the Clock pub in Hebburn stripped off to support the appeal. The calendar was printed by **Bro Carl Mowatt** of Caer Urfa Lodge who runs *Agrafica* at St Hilda Industrial Estate in South Shields said: *"We printed about 600 copies of the calendar, which is selling really well for £5 a time, and our company alone has sold more than 90 copies."* Anyone who would like to buy a copy through Bro Carl should call (07917) 121 646.



Alternatively, they can get one direct from the Clock in Victoria Road East. More than 20 businesses have sponsored the calendar, which features Clock landlord Norman Scott, rugby players, fitters, plumbers and others in various states of undress.

Baby Faith's parents, Michael Dodds and Kay Thompson, of Red House Road, Hebburn, say they have been *"overwhelmed"* by the response to the *Give Faith a Chance* appeal.