

THE FREEMASON



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NEW MASTER

March saw a repeat performance when W Bro Leslie John Lovelock made it two years in a row and his third in total as Worshipful Master to continue the task of the rejuvenation of his Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general, and we wish him every success.



W Bro Leslie John Lovelock,
Master, Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218

On 5th March 2009 W Bro Lovelock, rose to the challenge of becoming Master of his Lodge Tyne Dock No. 4218. again, last year we gave an overview of his life prior to him joining masonry and it looks as though his army discipline and determination has had a deciding element in returning to the position he has held twice before, W Bro Les was a permanent member of staff based at the Territorial Army base at Frenchman's Fort, and in the 1990's W Bro Allan Collier and W Bro William Jeromson whilst attending many social functions at the fort began to get questions about the Craft from W Bro Les, and after a while he asked—and the rest is history! He has endeavoured to attend as many Lodges within the town as his work and time would allow.

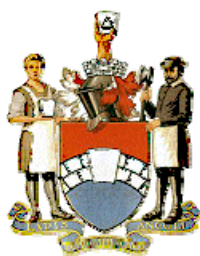
W Bro Les was installed by W Bro Thomas Taylor Turner another stalwart of Freemasonry in the town who carried out the ceremony of installation with admirable distinction.

Mark Master Masons

Wednesday the 18th of March saw the installation of Bro. Dave King into the Chair of Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 362. W. Bro Dave is a dedicated and enthusiastic South Shields mason and a member and secretary of the Provin-

cial's Grand Lodge's Freemasonry in the Community Committee. Obviously with such dedication his Mark Lodge can look forward to some excellent ritual during the next twelve months.

The Mark degree is the largest of the additional degrees, tracing its origins back to the mid 1750's. It is organised on the same style as the Craft, with A Grand and Provincial Lodges. The regalia for the Mark is similar to that of the craft and includes aprons, collars and jewels.



Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in London, the Library and Museum of Freemasonry displayed many unique documents and rarely seen objects relating to the early years of this Grand Lodge.

Mark Masonry developed from an ancient ceremony during which each craftsman selected for himself a private mark with which to designate his work and registered this mark with an appropriate authority. As with other Masonic organisations, its ceremonies centre on the story of the building of Solomon's Temple.

These ceremonies were first performed in 1769 and a separate governing body or Grand Lodge was established in 1856.

Mariner Chapter



South Shields welcomes new line ups within one of its newest Chapters namely, The Mariner Chapter No. 3219 which on



E Comp's C D Hornby, H, G M Stephenson Z
P N Stephenson J

Wednesday 10th March 2009 held its first and well attended Annual Convocation that saw E Comp. Graeme M Stephenson installed as 1st Principal by E Comp John Wilkinson, PPrGSN, E Comp Christopher D Hornby installed as 2nd Principal by E Comp Kenneth U Robson, ProvGPrinSoj and Comp Philip N Stephenson installed as 3rd Principal by E Comp Raymond T King, PGStdB; PPrGSN.



Officers of Mariner Chapter No. 3219
with Provincial Representatives

Representing the Provincial Grand Superintendent was E Comp Frederick A. P. Beales, PGStdB, PPr3rdGPrin, ProvGDC, accompanied by E Comp Reginald M Smith, ProvDGDC

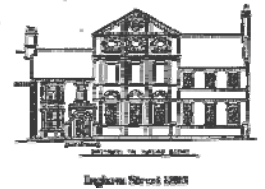


Talk about being spoiled for choice! In March's edition I put out a plea for a photo of M.W.S. Ken Robson's enthronement in St Lawrence RC Chapter 293, and like the story about waiting for a bus and four turn up so here is one of those that did.



The Representative was non-other than the Inspector General for Durham, V.III. Bro. Kenneth N Park and is pictured here with M.W.S. Ken Robson at the Festive Board.

FREEMASONS' HALL



APRIL 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Wrekendike 6401 KST	Tyne Dock 4218 KST	Caer Urfa Lodge Of Instruction KST	St Lawrence 6042 (St John Whiteinch Fraternal)	St Lawrence Lodge Practice (10.30am) Hadrian Lodge Of Instruction
John Readhead 32176 (Installation) KST	Hadrian 1970	Caer Urfa 4345 1st Degree KST	Caer Urfa Lodge Committee	Bank Holiday KMH	Caer Urfa 4345 Ladies Evening Sea Hotel	
Bank Holiday KMH	St Hilda 240 Westoe Lodge of Instruction	St Hilda RAC 24015 Wrekendike Lodge of Instruction	St Michaels & All Angels R 891 KST	Lord Barnard Lodge of Inst Mentoring Meeting 7.00pm KMH		FHMC (10.30am)
St Lawrence R 293	Lord Barnard 2935 KST	Fellowship 9694 (Installation 10.30am) KMH		St. Hilda Lodge of nstruction KMH Hedworth Lodge of Instruction	Lord Barnard Lodge 2935 "Charity Race Night" Pie & Pea supper included Ticket Price £6.00 7.00pm Till Midnight First Race 8.00pm Saturday 25th April 2009 Freemasons' Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields	
Westoe 4750 KST		Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction KMH	Hedworth 2418			

KEY BLUE Craft RED Chapter GREEN Side/Higher Degrees BROWN Instruction/ Practice BLACK Meetings PURPLE (Karate) KMH = Main Hall KST = Small Temple

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

MAY 2009 - pre-view

Day	Masonic Organisation	No.
1st Tuesday	Hadrian Lodge	1970
1st Wednesday	Wrekendike Lodge	6401
1st Thursday	Tyne Dock Lodge	4218
2nd Monday	St. Hilda Lodge	240
2nd Tuesday	Mariner Chapter	3217
2nd Wednesday	Caer Urfa Lodge	4345
2nd Thursday	St. Lawrence Lodge	6042
3rd Wednesday	Wouldhave Tyne Dock Mark	362
3rd Friday	Rockcliffe Royal Ark Mariner	362
4th Monday	St. Lawrence Preceptory	275
4th Tuesday	Caer Urfa Chapter	4345
Last Thursday	Hedworth Lodge	2418

Hadrian Lodge No. 1970

Céilidh

To be held on
Friday 22nd May 2009
Tickets :£8:00
pie/peas/mash
dancing and raffle.

Limited to 80 persons, tickets are going fast.



Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345

On Friday 8th May 2008, Caer Urfa Lodge will be holding their Annual Lodge of Instruction Night supper. This is an annual occasion when the Instruction Lodge opens its doors to visitors to view a re-enactment of a degree, the lodge dress is casual and no regalia is worn, afterwards there is a festive board with the usual Friday supper of "Wrekendike Stew n' Stottie".

The festive board is open to non masons, which enables brethren who may have potential candidates to bring them along to witness and join this part of a Masonic evening, this has in the past proven to be a good way to attract fit and proper gentlemen into the Craft, though the toasts delivered will be different - tickets with remittance of £5.00 available now.

Change of Date



St. Lawrence Lodge No. 6042 will hold its April meeting on **Saturday 4th April** which will see a fraternal visit from Scottish constitution brethren from Lodge St John Whiteinch.

Change of Date



Caer Urfa Royal Arch Chapter No. 4345 will bring forward its May convocation to **Tuesday 26th May 2009** by dispensation to avoid a clash meeting with the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting

Lord Barnard Lodge 2935



"Charity Race Night"

Pie & Pea supper included
Ticket Price £6.00
7.00pm Till Midnight
First Race 8.00pm

Saturday 25th April 2009
Freemasons Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields

Gavel Night

The Lord Barnard meeting, to be held on Tuesday 17th March 2009 it was decided by the Worshipful Master to hold a Gavel Night. This was in response to the interest expressed in Freemasonry by several non-masons, being friends and acquaintances of some of the Lord Barnard Brethren.



W Bro Lee Taylor, Master 2935

When the idea of a Gavel Night was first communicated it soon became apparent that a lot of wives also wished to attend. Very rapidly the number of tickets required reached 95.



It soon became clear that help was needed in order to accommodate such a number, fortunately, the members of Arbeia OSM, who had the use of the lodge room that night made the wonderful gesture of letting Lord Barnard Lodge use it and swap lodge rooms that night contributing greatly to the success of the evening.



The Lodge was opened at the usual time and shortly thereafter closed again our guests during this time were being served refreshments provided by the Worshipful Masters wife with one or two appreciated helpers, our charity steward volunteered to greet all visitors and ensured all questions regarding the evening were answered.

The Worshipful Master and Brethren remained clothed and in their places. The

Worshipful Master then asked all brethren to retire and greet their visitors to escort them into the Lodge room, on entry each of them was given an information pack, consisting of a summons and Provisional information regarding Freemasonry and the 2010 festival. The assembled ladies and gentlemen together with the Brethren provided a wonderful sight in the Lodge room.

The Master welcomed everyone, thanking them for coming to our meeting and expressed the hope that they would find the evening both interesting and enjoyable, he then introduced our guest speakers: W. Bro KEC Howe PSGD Assistant Provincial Grand Master and W. Bro Bernard Hope PAGDC.



W. Bro KEC Howe opened the proceedings with a very eloquent speech outlining the general aspects of Freemasonry.

He referred to some of its background and its perception as a force of good, not only for an individual but also to the community, he discussed the many projects and charities with which Freemasonry is involved and how these have helped both Freemasons and people in the community.



W. Bro Bernard Hope followed this with a interesting and informative explanation of the layout and furniture of the Lodge room. Each officer was asked to stand up as a description of his particular regalia and role in the Temple was given. The craftsmanship demonstrated by our two special guest speakers was warmly appreciated by all present. A short question and answer session followed, after which the Worshipful Master and Officers paraded out of the Lodge room.



We took our places at the festive board and enjoyed an excellent meal, ably served by our Stewards. The National Anthem was sung and the Toast to the Queen were given but as this was a different occasion not all of the usual toasts were given. However, the 10 o'clock toast was included as we thought that it would give the guests an illustration of our Fraternal Brotherhood.

Harmony was provided by W. Bro R Learmonth aka Rod the Rock direct from the U.S.A ("uther side of Ashington") who gave a brilliant performance with his own brand of humour!



During the evening the Worshipful Master presented the Assistant Provincial Grand Master with a generous cheque for £500 towards the 2010 festival.



W Bro Howe receiving the donation to the RMBI

W. Bro KEC Howe thanked Lord Barnard Lodge for this generous contribution and explained to our guests what the 2010 festival is all about. He also mentioned the Teddy Bear Scheme and how this greatly comforted sick children in local hospitals and that its ongoing support is greatly needed by all Lodges.



W Bro Hope and W Bro Howe holding their respective TLC teddies

CAER URFA SOCIAL EVENING

7TH MARCH 2009

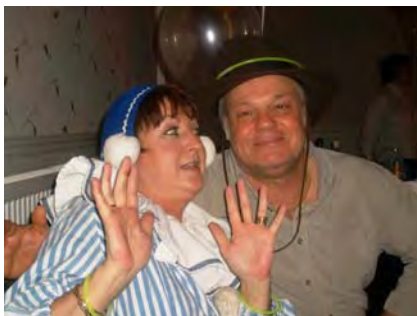
The social evening with the theme of a Mad March Hare (actually it really meant any fancy dress get up was allowed) took place on Saturday 7th March 2009 where over 60 people turned up to boogie on down in aid of the Worshipful Master's chosen charity "Cancer Connections." and RMBI.



The event raised over £250 for Cancer Connections and a further £250 will also be donated from Lodge funds,



this will mean that a cheque for £500 will be presented to the



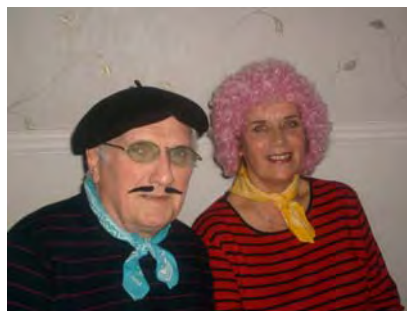
charities representatives at the now full Ladies evening in April.



The event, like last years was one of the most enjoyable ways possible of having fun whilst fleecing the pockets of the willing!



There were special prizes for the best get up and the pictures on this and other pages show some of the hopefuls.



Unfortunately the Editor had already



swung the vote of the judges and again walked away with best male

'walker' as it wasn't the outfit but the way he walked like a *stupefied* John Wayne winning a bottle of something?



Whilst the best female outfit was won by Helen the wife of our Asst D of C; W Bro Bill Malcolm seen here as Batman? With his Catwoman.



The evening over a last word from the Worshipful Master W Bro "Dangerous" - "you will note that as usual Caer Urfa lived up to its tradition of having fun and I would like to personally thank all that helped and participated in such a crackin' good night!"

WM—>



RABY GALA

Entry to the Raby Gala on 4th July will be by entry brochure with a cover price of £10 but for advance purchase the cost is only £5.

Twenty five of these have now been received individuals should make early request to the Lodge Charity Steward for a brochure. All brochure sales will be credited to the selling lodges 2010 Festival Target.

Events and activities already confirmed include:-

The Sealed Knot Society (Medieval village & battle display including interactive session for public & children), Brass Band, Hirdy Girdy, Great North Air Ambulance and other charity stalls

There will be a specially built sports arena for mini bikes etc

Morris & Sword Dancers, Shodai Ryu (samurai sword display) and other martial arts demonstrations, Male Voice Choir, Swing Band and other entertainers; Fire Safety display, Fairground Rides, Bungee Jumping, Energy Conservation, 4x4 experience, Falconry Display and the Provincial Museum

Over 60 Masonic lodges have agreed to provide stalls and attractions including:

coconut shies, bottle stalls,
tombolas, sponge throwing,
play your cards right,
tower game, regalia stall,
archery, air rifles,
children's craft toys,
golf bucket challenges,
souvenir mugs,
printed tee-shirts, mini railway,
book stalls, photo portraits,
climbing wall, laser shoot,
RNLI, white gloves stall,
Bric a brac, plants,
bouncy castles, go karts,
train rides, fell rescue,
face painting,
model aeroplanes

There will be a fully licensed bar, Hog Roast/pork sandwiches, cream teas, all day breakfasts, donuts, cakes, chips and burgers, soft drinks, tea and coffees, pan-cakes, a non alcoholic refreshment tent.

Plenty to keep you going all day!

In addition to this lot we have a full blown craft fair where local artisans are selling their various items as well as a display of lace making, and antique machines



Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham will be held at the Borough Hall, Hartlepool, on Wednesday 27th May 2009 at 4.00pm



A Luncheon will be held in the Mayfair, Seaton Carew, at 6.30pm. Applications for tickets, with remittance of £16.00 and S.A.E. (cheques made payable to 'Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham') be sent to W Bro D Bambrough, 5 Dudley Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 8HD.

Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held at the Borough Hall, Hartlepool, on Saturday 27th June 2009 at 10.30am



A Luncheon will be held in the Mayfair, Seaton Carew, at 2.00pm. Applications for tickets, with remittance of £18.00 and S.A.E. (cheques made payable to 'Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham') be sent to W Bro D Bambrough, 5 Dudley Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 8HD. No later than 1st June 2009.

South Shields Freemason's Hall Masonic Mentoring Meeting

A Mentoring meeting for Lodge Mentoring Coordinators and Mentors will be held on Friday 17th April 2009 starting 7.00PM.

The purpose of these seminars is to present the participants with the latest information on mentoring, enable you to raise any questions and issues with regard to mentoring, share good practice, support fellow Mentors and receive a report from the first mentoring Conference held at Grand Lodge on February 24th.

AND NOW BACK TO THE EMERALD ISLE



St Anne's Cathedral - Cathedral Church of Belfast Why visit??

It was here that strange things us befell

*I hardly know how to tell
A man from the revenue
At first I thought perhaps he knew
We hadn't paid corkage
But in my dotage
I had missed
He only wanted to be kissed
By the one who looked just like his Dad-*

*Michael Mullen, isn't that sad?
Dismissed, outside he laid an ambush*

*Waited on the focus of his crush
And planted a beauty on the "Old Man's cheek
The only kiss Mick's had all week.*

*Do the Irish call this fun?
More details from D S Dunn.
KH*



To see the Masonic pillar in the nave; base of pillar is decorated with 2nd Deg symbols.

**SOUTH SHIELDS
MASONIC GOLF COMPETITION**
South Shields Golf Club
Thursday 11th June 2009

The Annual John Readhead Golf Competition.

The tee is booked from 1.30pm 2.15pm. The competition will be played under Stableford Format, Max Handicap, price per person £10.00.

Details from W Bro Dave Dunn 07892243653 or W Bro Duncan Pentland 07767486355

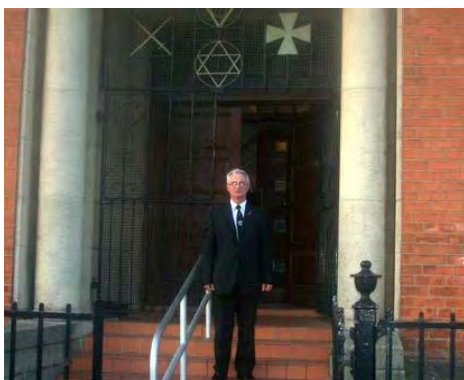
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Further Hazy Recollections of a Twenty first -Century Gentleman of the Craft

HADRIAN'S ANNUAL SOJOURN TO BELFAST

Belfast 18th March '08

On Wednesday 18th March 2009 the usual suspects from Hadrian Lodge 1970, W Bro's Dunn, Hind, Errington, Bonar together with Bro's Cowell, Hagan and White, along with Bro Wilson from Caer Urfa and W Bro Mullen of Athelstan and the new kids on the block, W Bro Stephenson WM of Hadrian, Bro Chapman newly raised MM of Hadrian, Bro Munroe of Hedworth and W Bro Nisbet of Argent Lodge, set off for the annual Paddy Masters Degree ceremony at J Pim Thompson Masonic Lodge 349 meeting at the Crumlin Road Masonic Hall.



Bro Peter Chapman outside
Crumlin Rd Masonic Hall

The day started off well with the flight being on time and a swift journey to our hotel courtesy, of W Bro's McCormick and Wright.

Then off to our favourite café for the famous Ulster Fry and the welcome greeting from the waitress's "has it been a year already"

Of course with it being the day after St Patricks Day, we had to celebrate with some of the real Guinness which went down well.



W Bro Dave Dunn
At the Bar in the Crown

Now we have been asking for some time to see an Irish Degree worked and we were not to be disappointed, a lodge nearby had had an influx of initiates and had asked J Pim Thompson if they would pass some of their initiates. This offer, of course, was readily accepted and THREE brethren were passed to the second degree in a way that made the English brethren gasp with awe.



W Bro Bill Nisbet in reflective mode?
"It doesn't get any better than this!"

At the festive board, the annual Paddy Master's Degree was conferred this time it was being witnessed by two Filipino's who had expressed an interest in joining freemasonry.



W Bro John Errington receives his Paddy Master degree - with a Filipino onlooker?

W Bro's Dave Henry, PM of Jim Thompson and W Bro John Errington of Hadrian Lodge were the victims for this year.



The Paddy Master and his entourage relaxing
with a cup of tea???

The next day saw a visit to the dry dock where the Titanic was built, and as the saying goes "it was ok when it left here".

Lunch was taken at the Crown public house which is now owned by the National Trust, this place has salons where you dine, ours, by chance, had the letter G on the stained glass door.

W Bro Stephenson, hungry as always, kept standing up and looking over the top of the door for the waitress, Bro Paul White immediately nicknames him W Bro Meerkat as that is what he looked like.

Just one other thing of note, and to

which I have been sworn to the strictest secrecy, was that Bro Andy Munroe took with him two left footed shoes, and wore them to the lodge, needless to say he is now known as Daniel Day Munroe.



Behind Alan & Peter the Crown Dining booths -
each having a farmhouse style 8 seater table

Here's to their visit in November.



Bro Alan charming the crowd and
tinkling the ivories

I should have included that Duncan together with Alan also provided harmony, but the photo of Duncan with the mic can also be adapted to "They now call me Alexander, WM Meerkat" Dave.



W Bro Stephenson lets rip and it
ain't karaoke!

THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER