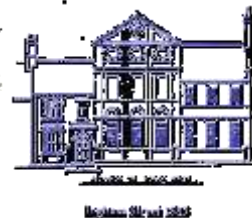


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NEW MASTER

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



On Wednesday 3rd February W Bro Michael McTavy SWME was expertly installed into the Chair of King Solomon of Wrekendike Lodge No. 6401 by W Bro John W P Haynes PM, PPrAGDC

W Bro Geoff Whiteman PGSwdb represented the Provincial Grand Master and ably accompanied by his acting ProvDC W Bro Lee Taylor, PPrGStwd.



On 4th March 2009 W Bro Trevor Charles Murray, PPrGSwdb, again rose to the challenge of becoming Master of his Lodge Tyne Dock No. 4218.

The Installing Officer being W Bro Les Lovelock performing an effective and commendable installation.

Masonic Mourning M W Bro Lord Cornwallis

Following the death of the Past Pro Grand Master on 6th March 2010 we are in a period of Masonic Mourning which shall consist of the printing of an 'In Memoriam' notice on the next summons issued for a Lodge meeting or Royal Arch convocation; and that the members of each Lodge and Chapter shall stand in memory of Lord Cornwallis at its next meeting or convocation immediately after the Lodge or Chapter has opened and before any business is transacted

Rt Hon Lord Cornwallis, OBE, DL

The death on 6 March of Lord Cornwallis breaks a chain of more than one hundred years of continuous distinguished service to Freemasonry by the Cornwallis family

Fiennes Neil Wykham, 3rd Baron Cornwallis was born in 1921, educated at Eton and served in the Coldstream Guards during the Second World War. As a Farmer of extensive orchards he served on major committees in the House of Lords and the European Commission protecting the interests of fruit growers and small businesses in general, for which he received his OBE. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Kent in 1976.

He was initiated in Douglas Lodge No. 1725, Maidstone in 1954 and was Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Kent in 1962 and Senior Grand Warden in 1963. An interest in charity took him to the former Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which he was Chairman 1966 – 1972.

In 1971 he was appointed Assistant Grand Master. Shortly after, the Bagnall Committee was set up to make a fundamental review of Masonic Charity. On its report being accepted he was asked by the Grand Master to chair the Grand Master's Committee to implement the major changes which resulted in the reorganisation of the Charities into their present form, no mean feat.

In 1976 he became Deputy Grand Master and Second Grand Principal and in 1982 succeeded the late Lord Cadogan as Pro Grand Master and Pro First Grand Principal, serving for ten years.

His period as Pro Grand Master was not an easy one. Public perceptions of the Craft, political interference, major enquiries into the compatibility of Freemasonry and Christianity by the Methodist and Anglican Churches and the problems of the former Royal Masonic Hospital took up a great deal of his time. He gave real support to the then new policy of openness (not popular at that time) and lived to see it begin to bear fruit.

After his retirement in 1992 he continued to serve on the Grand Master's Council and his experience and wise counsel were much appreciated by his successors.

MARK MASONS

Wednesday the 17th of March saw the installation of Bro. Tony Davey into the Chair of Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 362. W. Bro Tony is a



dedicated and enthusiastic South Shields mason and the Mark Lodge can look forward to good year ahead.



Likewise at the St Lawrence Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1093 Bro. Phil Stephenson was installed into its chair the following evening.

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. 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.

FREEMASONS' HALL



APRIL 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218 3rd Degree	2 Freemasons' Club Karate	3 St Lawrence 6042 Practice (10.30am) Hadrian Lodge 1970 LOI Freemasons' Club 12—3.00pm	4
EASTER	5 Hadrian Lodge No. 1970 1st Degree	6 Wrekendike Lodge No 6401 2nd Degree Karate	7 St Lawrence Lodge No. 6042 3rd Degree	8 Caer Urfa Lodge Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Karate	10	11 Freemasons' Club 12—3.00pm
St Hilda Lodge No. 240 Karate	12 Westoe Lodge of Instruction & Committee	13 Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345 3rd & 2nd Degree Karate	14 St. Michael & All Angels Rose Croix 891	15 Caer Urfa Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Karate	16	17 FHMC (10.30am) Freemasons' Club 12—3.00pm
St. Lawrence Rose Croix 293 Westoe Lodge Rehearsal & Committee Karate	19 Lord Barnard Lodge No. 2395 3rd Degree Hadrian Lodge Committee	20 St Hilda RAC No. 4345 Wrekendike Lodge of Instruction Karate	21	22 Hedworth Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Karate	23 Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345 St Georges' Night 7.00pm Start Fellowship Practice	24 Freemasons' Club 12—3.00pm
Westoe Lodge No. 4750 Karate	26	27 Lodge of Fellowship No 9694 (Installation) Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction & Committee Karate	28 Hedworth Lodge No. 2418 1st Degree	29 St Hilda Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Karate	30	

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

Day and months of meetings of Masonic Organisations at Freemason's Hall

ORGANISATION	DAY	MONTHS	INSTALLATION
John Readhead Lodge No. 3217	1st Mon	Feb, Mar, Apr , Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	April
Hadrian Lodge No. 1970	1st Tue	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	November
Wrekendike Lodge No. 6401	1st Wed	Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	February
Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218	1st Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	March
St Hilda Lodge No. 240	2nd Mon	All	December
Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345	2nd Wed	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	November
St Lawrence Lodge No. 6042	2nd Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Oct, Dec.	October
Lord Barnard Lodge No. 2935	3rd Tue	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Jun, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	October
Hedworth Lodge No. 2418	Last Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	February
Lodge of Fellowship No. 9694	4th Wed *	Apr , Jul, Aug & Oct (10.30am)*	April
Westoe Lodge No. 4750	Last Mon	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr , May, Sep, Oct, Nov.	October
Mariner Royal Arch Chapter No. 3217	2nd Tue	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
St Hilda Royal Arch Chapter No. 240	3rd Wed	Feb, Apr , Oct & Dec.	October
Caer Royal Arch Chapter No. 4345	4th Wed	Jan, Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	January
Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge No. 362 of Mark Master Masons	3rd Wed	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
St. Lawrence Lodge No. 1093 of Mark Master Masons	3rd Thu in Mar, 4th Mon in Jun & 2nd Thurs in Nov		March
Rockcliffe Lodge No. 362 of Royal Arch Mariners	3rd Fri	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
St. Lawrence Preceptory No. 275	3rd Mon	Jan, Mar (Malta), May & Nov.	January
St. Lawrence Rose Croix No. 293	3rd Mon	Feb, Apr , Oct & Dec.	February
St. Michael & All Angels Rose Croix No. 891	3rd Thu *	Feb, Apr , Jun, & 2nd Thu* in Sep.	February
Arbeia Conclave No. 296 of the Order of the Secret Monitor	3rd Tue	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	September

A St Patrick's Sojourn



With some of the usual suspects and new entrants on this trip - W Bro's Dave Dunn, Duncan Pentland, Gary Deans, Duncan Stephenson, Keith Hind and Ian Bonar. Bro's Kenny Hiles, Andy Ford, Peter Chapman, Paul White,



Alan Cowell, Shaun Hagan, Martin Williams and John Sutherland all Hadrian. then W Bro's Geoff Hadaway, Gary Wilson, Norman Dunn of Caer Urfa and W Bro's Bill Nisbet, Glenn Kelly. Bro's



Steve Foster and Kevin Newton of Argent Lodge and bringing up the rear Bro Andy Munroe of Hedworth Lodge, they set off for the annual Paddy Masters Degree ceremony at J Pim Thompson Masonic Lodge 349 meeting at the Crumlin Road Masonic Hall.



The day started off well with the flight be-

ing on time and for some a swift journey to our hotel courtesy, of W Bro's McCormick and Wright (we went to the wrong hotel). Then off to a 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.



This was to be an evening with a difference alright with our Master along with three other brethren being installed as Paddy Master's in what can only be described as a rather unusual ceremony—the night, the singing the eating and drinking and the laughing brought home just how good a place we were then in.



The following day the group scattered about Belfast to get souvenirs soak up the atmosphere and ale! Eventually meeting back at the hotel with most travelling in the mini bus - did you know? That a mini bus filled to the brim crawls up a hill in 1st gear? And then hurtles down the other side terrifying the life out of its passengers as they view the beautiful sights of the Belfast country side and pass signs saying 'Check your brakes'



Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham

Four Mentoring Workshops will be held at the following venues -

- * Gateshead Masonic Hall on Monday 29th March
- * Stockton Masonic Hall on Wednesday 14th April
- * Chester-le-Street Hall on Monday 19th April
- * Durham Masonic Hall on Wednesday 28th April

Each workshop will last from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and will be led by the Provincial Grand Mentor, WBro Keith Robinson.

The workshops will be of great interest to Lodge Mentoring Co-ordinators, Lodge Mentors and anyone interested in becoming a Lodge Mentor. The evening will consist of an update on mentoring activities, enhancing listening skills, looking at where we are as Lodges and as a Province. re. mentoring and exploring ways to further develop mentoring.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2010 Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting will be held at the Borough Hall, Headland, Hartlepool on Saturday 26th June 2010 commencing at 10.30am punctually

The presiding officer will be

**RtW Bro Norman Eric Heaviside,
Provincial Grand Master**

At this meeting, formal and administrative business of the Province will be conducted followed by the appointment and investiture of the Durham Provincial Officers for the year 2010/11

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and other Members of Provincial Grand Lodge are summoned to attend. If present Officers are unable to do so they should email the Provincial Grand Secretary to that effect pgl@pgldurham.org

All Master Masons are invited to attend. Brethren must be seated in their places by 10.15am. Tea will be available at the venue from 9.30am Full dress regalia and white gloves are worn in Provincial Grand Lodge. Private Lodge Masters and Wardens should wear the collar and jewel of their rank and Durham Provincial tie.

Luncheon at a cost of £20 per head will be held in the Mayfair, Seaton Carew at 2pm. A cheque made payable to "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham" and enclosing an SAE should be sent to WBro D Bambrough, 5 Dudley Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 8HD no later than 1st June 2009

All members of Masonic Lodges in Durham Province are encouraged to attend this meeting, there is no cost and no requirement to stay for lunch. On previous occasions about 1,000 Durham Freemasons have attended the Annual Meeting and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance again this year



Texas Lodge of Research

On Saturday 13th March 2010 a new Study Group of the Texas Lodge of Research, was inaugurated at Chester le Street Masonic Hall. This is the first such group to be formed in the UK. The inauguration was very well attended including all 25 founders of the Branch and over 70 visitors at the festive board.



The Group will act as a 'self help' circle of Freemasons engaged in the research and discussion of Masonic topics, both historical and esoteric. It is anticipated they will present at least one completed research paper each year to the Lodge in Texas.



The leader of the group (to add to the fun encouraged within the group is called a Marshall and wears a Stetson) cannot hold the chairman's position unless he has first had a research paper accepted by the "Mother" Lodge in Texas.

The qualification of membership requires every brother must be at least a Master Mason in "good standing" within a Craft Lodge, but above all the Group epitomises the phrase oft used by the Provincial Grand Master of Durham ~ "Brethren enjoy your Masonry".

Following the meeting the festive board, which will always have a Texan theme, was a



splendid affair with many of those present wholeheartedly embracing the relaxed Texan ideals. Each course of the meal had a Texan theme, with the usual ribs, and those Texas cowboy beans made famous by Mel Brookes in Blazing Saddles.



Entertainment was provided by Country and Western group TEXICANA giving that country music flair expected in Texas.

This unique excuse for Masons their wives and other non-masonic guests to get together and have a "ho-down" was welcomed and enjoyed immensely by all present. The study group is using its unique style to show non masonic visitors how enjoyable it is to be members of the fraternity, so encouraging new members for craft Lodges in the Province of Durham.

So what does this have to do with South Shields masons one may? ask well in the grand tradition of enjoying oneself and learning something new 4 of the founding members are members of Caer Urfa Lodge, another is from Lord Barnard Lodge and another is a 'honorary' member of Caer Urfa Lodge but actually a fully paid up member of Mowbray Lodge namely Bro Bob Summerson. Pictured below is the Caer Urfa brethren (in the hats) + Bob.



The other Shields Brother John Davidson being not only a founding member but also the 'Ramrod' of the club (bit like a DofC but with a heck of a lot more humour - no insult intended to our excellent Lodge DofC's but this self help circle is not a Lodge - though we are all now-Texas Masons')



The next meeting is on July 3rd 2010 at Chester le Street Masonic Hall – and judging by the popularity of the inauguration meeting, anyone wanting to attend will need to buy tickets VERY early indeed.

Westoe Lodge No 4750



On Saturday 6th March commencing at 5pm a demonstration of the Scottish 3rd Degree was performed by Lodge Hope Bridge Castle No 827. to a packed house and what a night it turned out to be not only did it raise money for charity through raffles but the bar saw more than a healthy rise in takings so much so that the club the following afternoon ran out of beer!

They sure can have a good time our Scottish brethren both in their dedication to their ritual and also to their promotion of being happy and communicating happiness to others!

CAER URFA LODGE No 4345

On Saturday 24th April commencing at 7pm Caer Urfa will be promoting their patriotic fervour in the guise of a celebration evening for our patron saint St George - tickets are on sale and selling well at £10 each with proceeds going to **HELP for HEROES**.



So if you want to have a good time, with good friends in our hall for a great cause whilst celebrating our 'Englishness' then see one of the officers for your ticket - but remember they are selling fast and you may be disappointed.

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