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Provincial Lodge of Durham 2010

The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held at the 'Borough Hall, The Headlands, Hartlepool, on Saturday 26th June 2010. With 835 brethren seated, the Provincial Grand Lodge opened at 10:30am and an hour later and 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.



We have W Bro Michael Maxwell Hobson, *Acting Provincial Junior Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies*, W Bro Michael is the Treasurer of the Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345.

Alongside him we have W Bro Phil Hephell, *Provincial Grand Steward*, W Bro Phil is the Worshipful Master of Westoe Lodge No. 4750

And the good news didn't end there! Just as the Provincial Grand Secretary had completed his report of how many brethren had attended the meeting and how much was raised (£4065.00). The PGM had more news!

For many years the banqueting arrangements after every Provincial meeting of both Craft and Chapter have been diligently and expertly carried out by WBro David Bambrough and WBro Fred Beales.

Their duties on the day are usually assisted by the Provincial DC making arrangements for them to unobtrusively leave the formal meeting before it is closed to entail their early arrival at the dining venue and make final checks before the meal.

On this Saturday the new Provincial DC insisted they could not leave until the meeting was formally closed and as AOB was called their frustration was reaching boiling

point.

As a final item of "any other business" the Provincial Grand Master asked that Bro Beales and Bambrough were presented to him.

After they were escorted to the dais the PGM acknowledged the significant contribution that Fred and David have made to the success of many Provincial Meeting banquets including special meetings for the Installations of several PGM's. He also thanked them for producing certificates for newly appointed Provincial Officers and announced their immediate promotion to the rarely conferred and highest Provincial rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.



Pictured above (left to right) are WBro Fred Beales of Caer Urfa Lodge No 4343 (South Shields) and WBro David Bambrough of Lodge Stewart No 4261 (Seaham). All members of the Province are very grateful to Fred and David for all the work they do, and hopefully will continue to do in future, and extend to them congratulations on their promotion

Also promoted on the day was W Bro Tony Davey, *Acting Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary*.

W Bro Subash Pandit of Hedworth Lodge No 2418 received the rank of Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer whilst W Bro John Inskip of Westoe Lodge No 5750 pictured below also received the rank of Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.



John proudly showing off his colours!

At the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham Annual Convocation several South Shields Royal Arch Masons received appointments and promotions, pictured standing proudly here is E Comp John Hope of St Hilda RAC No.240 who received his first appointment in Prov. Grand Chapter of Past Provincial Grand Scribe N.



JOHN READHEAD LODGE

Monday 6th September 2010 - Provincial First Degree Demonstration Team.



The Provincial First Degree Presentation Team will be visiting the Lodge to give an explanation of the First Degree ceremony.

After opening and the initial Lodge business is complete the Lodge will be called off.

The First Degree will be worked by the John Readhead Officers together with four Narrators from the Provincial Team who will be positioned in the four corners of the Temple and at certain points during the ceremony will give an explanation of the ritual and words as the ceremony progresses.

We trust that as many Brethren as possible will be able to stay for the Festive Board and in order to assist our Caterer and to be able assess the number of Brethren requiring a meal, there will be Tickets available at £8.00 each.

If anyone wishes to attend and requires a meal please contact any Officer of the Lodge or the Lodge Secretary at John.readhead3217@yahoo.com

FREEMASONS' HALL

SEPTEMBER 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Wrekendike Lodge No. 6401 Final Meeting Karate	Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218 Karate	Caer Urfa Instruction Lodge Supper. John Readhead Committee Freemasons' Club Karate	Flower Show	Flower Show
John Readhead Lodge No. 3217 1st Degree PGLD Demo Team Karate	Hadrian Lodge No. 1970 3rd Degree	Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345 3rd & 2nd Degree 5.30pm start Karate	St. Michael & All Angels RC No. 891	Caer Urfa Lodge Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Karate	Private Party	
St Hilda Lodge No. 240 Karate		Wouldhave Tyne Dock Mark No. 362 Karate	Mariner RAC No. 3217 To Receive the Grand Superintendent / Exaltation	Rockcliffe RAM No. 362 Karate		FHMC (10.30am)
Westoe Lodge of Instruction Karate	Arbeia OSM No. 296 Installation	Caer Urfa RAC No. 4345 Exaltation	Lord Barnard Lodge No. 2395 1st Degree	St Hilda Lodge of Instruction Karate Freemasons' Club		
Westoe Lodge No. 4750 Karate	John Readhead Lodge of Instruction	Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction	Hedworth Lodge No. 2418			

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	Sep	
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	2nd Tue	Jan, Mar (Malta), May & Nov.	January
St. Lawrence Rose Croix No. 293	3rd Mon	Feb, Apr, (Malta), 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

Westoe Lodge's Ladies Night



Following in Caer Urfa Lodge's 'footsteps' Westoe held their event at the same venue of Hedworth Hall, this time the meal took considerably shorter to arrive and be served.

The evening's entertainment took off with a young band of teenagers led by Bro. Tony Errington's son Jack and what a performance they put in!



The second band older and 'wiser', named Big River proceeded to blast the lugs out of yours' sincerely and indeed anyone else close to them, but one had to admit they were good, real good!

A total of 3 raffles raised a combined total of £1,045.00 of which a third will go to local charities which will be decided at their next committee meeting in September.



Pictured above is the reigning Masters of the town and their ladies with W Bro Phil and his lady Mrs Elaine Icely.

The rest of the evening went extremely well, with much improved meal service.

The evening was made special for The Worshipful Master by the attendance of his whole family, who were very impressed at the evening and the format i.e. ladies song, the toasts and how people received him in general.

SOUTH SHIELDS GOLF COMPETITION.

The South Shields Golf Competition took place at the South Shields Golf Club on Thursday 3rd June 2010. 18 players took part on what



was a great day for golf.

The winner of the John Readhead Cup was Bryan Scott of St. Hilda Lodge with a score of 38pts.

The winner of the Ron Kitchingman Shield for non masons was John Maher with 39pts.

The Ellwood Potts Shield for masons outside of the town was not contested.

Raffle winners:-

No 117 Lee Surtees, Caer Urfa
No 126 John Maher
No 136 J. Mc Gregor
No 68 Alan Nichol, St. Lawrence
No 124 Michael Scott, John Readhead.

A sum of £261 was raised overall and many thanks to all who took part on the day and to those who supported



the event by buying raffle tickets.

Help the Heroes Coffee and Table Top Sale

I would just like to say a big thank you to the Hall Management for allowing me to use the hall for my Help for Heroes coffee and table top sale.

I Would especially like to thank Geoff Hadaway for giving me a guided tour of the kitchen, help and advice.

John Watkins who helped me with the tables and his wife who took the time and trouble to help, also Stewart and Janet Hamilton.



I was disappointed for Duncan Stephenson and his daughter, who put themselves out to attend with a stall for the Life Boats, and the other stall holders. Unfortunately I didn't pick a very good day as there was so many other activities on out and about.



But we made £150, which was sent off on the Monday to the Help the Heroes Charity.



As a foot note I would also like to thank David, my hubby, for putting up with the many bags of donations I was given.

Mrs Jane Trotter



Bro Trotter seems happy enough!

Lodge of Fellowship No. 9694

On Wednesday 28th July 2010, The APMG Denis Edward Lascelles, PSGD, visited Lodge of Fellowship and presented a 50years certificate to Bro George William Wade.



To mark the occasion Bro Wade gave a cheque to the APMG for a Masonic Charity of his choice..

George also presented a cheque to the WM, W Bro Malcolm Hall Fortune for a Lodge charity choice. In return the WM presented Bro Wade with a suitably inscribed drinking glass and a bottle of his favourite 'tipple'



Also during the meeting there was a moment of paying tribute to departed merit of Bro Joseph Hunter who died on Sunday 18th July and was cremated on Tuesday 27th July 2010.

The WM gave a cheque to the APMG in Bro Hunter's memory for the Durham Benevolent Fund.

To improve communications further 3 half year planners have been displayed in the hall, which provides at a glance of what is happening throughout the period July - December, one is displayed in the main entrance lobby, one at the entrance to the bar area and another within the passageway between the kitchen and bar entrance for the benefit of the catering and bar staff. These will be updated via the hall management committee.

Freemasons' Club gets a quick makeover

At the August hall management committee the state of the bar area was discussed and it was agreed that the room was in great need of a tidy up, after discussions Bro Stobbs proposed and Bro Trotter seconded that the (pink topped) bench seating and related ironwork underneath be removed so that the room is opened up, this was agreed unanimously.



The Secretary noted that Bro Robson was willing to decorate the room (and boy was he in for a shock), The Steward added that there were sufficient chairs to replace so that there would be very little cost, though the Secretary noted that leather Chesterfield style chairs would be good though recognised the costs. (not many present took any notice of his ramblings). Bro Summerson of Mowbray Lodge a frequent visitor of the Club had volunteered his services to shut off and remove the archaic finned radiators under the bench's, (though Bro Taylor ensured that ultimately this happened!).



The work would have to be carried out quickly because of use of the bar.



Well that was the scene setting, now reality kicks in when we said Bro Robson would do the decorating I don't think he realised just how little time he would have to do it (four days), this meant all the paper being stripped (walls and ceilings), prepared, re-papered and painted - luckily for him a couple of brethren were on hand to help (or hinder).

Bro Cromby had volunteered his services

to give a helping hand but it was more his foot that actually and inadvertently helped the project by standing on one of the decrepit pipe-work under the now removed 'pink' seating a sudden gush of filthy water spewed forth across the room—hitting Bro Robson who didn't know whether to run up or down the ladders he was on to get away from the deluge.

Thankfully Bro Taylor's plumber colleague arrived in the nick of time to shut off the water, the replacement of the now sodden carpet took up a pace all of its own, with Bro Norman Dunn getting the short straw to sort it out and fitted before the Wrekendike meeting.

This also meant that the bench seating purloined from the now disused part of the main temple could only be fitted once the carpet had, they also had to be carried down from upstairs which is where Bro Cromby, the Secretary and Bro Cowell came into their own as the terrifying trio of furniture removers. if you have seen the Laurel and Hardy film of the piano removal you will get the drift with Bro Cowell truly understanding just how heavy they were, as he was left underneath like a human version of a snail carrying his home into the bar area, though it has to be noted that Bro Dunn gave considerable assistance in the latter stages of this removal escapade, whilst the Secretary did his best to wind him up by chanting 'to me, to me'



as they progressed towards the room.

By now it was 3.30pm on the Wrekendike Wednesday and it was all hands to the pump so to speak to get the chairs and tables in, hang the curtains and also the numerous pictures and mirrors (I hate hanging pictures me!).



The rest is as they say history, and hopefully all will be pleased with the 'quick' makeover; though it has to be recognised that the fires are a bit naff as is the old lighting, as well as the door—but that's opinions for you.