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Provincial Lodge of Durham 2010

Over £3m raised

In the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Mayors of Durham and Sunderland and over 400 Freemasons and their partners, a celebration dinner has been held at Rainton Meadows, Houghton le Spring, to mark the end of a 5 year fundraising festival during which **£3,002,839** was raised for charity.

This money has been raised by Freemasons and their families in many interesting and enjoyable ways including country galas, sporting events, dinner dances, vehicle rallies, flower festivals, go-karting, concerts, family fun days, a plethora of sponsored events – golf, trekking, cycle rides, as well as donations from individual Freemasons.

Jonathan Spence, Deputy Grand Master of Freemasons in England and Wales, who as the principal guest travelled from London for the occasion said “this represents an average contribution of £430 for each Freemason in Durham which is a very good result in challenging economic times”.

The monies raised will be donated to the RMBI, a national charity that operates 17 care homes across England and Wales providing residential, nursing and dementia care to permanent residents as well as respite breaks, home improvement loans and holidays for those in need.

RMBI chief executive David Innes in announcing the amount raised said the average raised per Lodge was £13,247 and named the 3 Masonic Lodges donating the most money. Barnard Lodge No 1230 (meeting at Barnard Castle) raised £30,444; Surtees Lodge No 4593 (Shildon) raised £30,438 and Agricola Lodge No 7741 (Durham City) £68,361. He said “As a Lodge with only 48 members Agricola have averaged £1,424 per member, an outstanding achievement”.

To conclude the event the Provincial Grand Master, Eric Heaviside made presentations of Sunderland glass to the principal visitors and certificates to the Masters of the 3 Lodges raising the highest amounts.

The **11** South Shields Lodges raised **£137,492** with the highest total from **Hadrian Lodge No 1970** which raised **£25,486**. Details of all the South Shields contribution totals by Lodge and Chapter are available on the Provincial Website.

New Provincial Gazette launched

After 102 years of continuous production on a monthly basis it has been decided to modernise the Provincial Gazette, in appearance, content and distribution.

The current gazette is only despatched to those members who pay an annual fee to receive it. The New Gazette will be a quarterly publication, sent by post to the home address of all Durham Freemasons and copies distributed to external locations throughout the Province such as libraries & surgery waiting rooms.



A sample version of the New Gazette was produced to coincide with the 2010 RMBI Festival and distributed to all those departing from the festival banquet on 23rd September, with the festival total printed in the middle pages.

It is hoped the New Gazette will be of interest to friends and family of Freemasons as well as the wider public and a copy will be available to read or download from the Provincial Website.

It is envisaged that when the current Provincial Gazette is discontinued after the December 2010 edition, the Provincial website will expand in its role as a method of communicating events and information to Brethren.

Any articles for consideration of publication in the New Gazette or on the Provincial Website should be sent to news@pglldurham.org

Sixty Years in Freemasonry

Pictured below Ex Comp Robert Ridley Martin, 2ndGPrin receiving his 60 years certificate from Prov. Grand Superintendent, Norman Eric Heaviside on Thursday 16th September 2010.

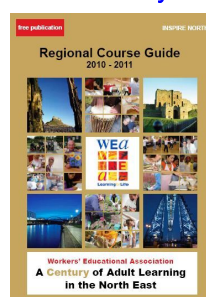
As most who know him will already know that Ex Comp Martin was a member of Tyne Dock Chapter 4218 until the amalgamation into Mariner Chapter 3217.



Congratulations from everyone Robert.

BEGINNERS SPANISH

10 Wednesdays from 22 September 2010



The first session of the Beginners' Spanish programme, Tutored by Ignacio Gonzalez, took place on Wednesday 22 September 2010. This is a new venture for the hall management committee and allows us to prove our worth in the Freemasonry in the Community arena, the

sessions are 2 hour long and last from 10.00 am to 12 noon, with fees ranging from £67 / £50 / £15 depending on personal circumstances.

Spanish is one of the most-used languages in the world, and it is one that is relatively easy for English speakers to master. If you want to learn enough Spanish to make your travels more enjoyable, or develop the basic Spanish language skills you already have, then this course in practical, spoken Spanish is designed to help you gain a fuller understanding of the language. Learn the alphabet, helpful phrases, how to cope in everyday situations, with a native Spanish speaking tutor.

Booklets from the Workers Educational Association who manage the course have been available in the bar area for the past couple of months., though it is not known if any member has joined the class.

FREEMASONS' HALL

OCTOBER 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				John Readhead Committee 1 Freemasons' Club Karate	2 Hadrian Lodge of Instruction	3
John Readhead 4 3217 Karate	Hadrian 1970 5	6	Tyne Dock 4218 7	Caer Urfa Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction Karate	8	10
St Hilda 240 11	12 Westoe Lodge of Instruction Karate	Caer Urfa 4345 13 Spanish Class Karate	St Lawrence 14 6042 (Installation)	Caer Urfa Lodge 15 Committee Freemasons' Club Karate	16 Lodge of Fellowship Committee	17 FHMC (10.30am)
St Lawrence 18 Rose Croix Karate	Lord Barnard 19 2305 (Installation)	St Hilda RAC 20 (Installation) Spanish Class	21 Karate	Hedworth Lodge of 22 Instruction Freemasons' Club Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction Karate	23 Tar's n' Tarts Social Trafalgar Day	St Lawrence Lodge 24 Practice (10.30am) Westoe Lodge Installation Practice
Westoe 4750 25 (Installation)	John Readhead 26 Lodge of Instruction Karate	Lodge of 27 Fellowship 9694 Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction Karate	Hedworth 2418 28	St. Hilda Lodge of 29 Instruction Freemasons' Club John Readhead Committee Karate	30	Caer Urfa Installation 31 Practice (3.00pm)

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
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