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Worsening Weather Stops Events

Promotions Meeting

With regard to the above and the unfortunate cancellation on Monday due to the weather, please note that the meeting has now been rearranged for Friday 7th January 2011. It is to be held at Rainton Meadows Arena and times are to remain the same (6.00pm meeting start and 8.00pm for the banquet).

Please note that with regard to the banquet, those who had indicated to dine on the 29th November will be automatically carried forward to 7th January. If anyone does not wish to dine on 7th January, they need to contact Provincial Office as soon as possible.

CANCELLATION OF PROVINCIAL CAROL SERVICE

Whilst the Cathedral is only usually made available to us for a Provincial Service about every 3 years, we will request to hold another Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham Carol service in 2011.

The PGM and his executive are very sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment this decision has caused but the health and safety of Brethren and their families & friends are of great importance to us.

This decision follows the cancellation of all Provincial Craft and Chapter deputations this week, the continued unprecedented winter conditions and adverse weather forecasts for the next 36 hours.

Provincial office has been made aware that many meetings of Lodges and Chapters are cancelled or will only be opened and closed without any after proceedings and it is recommended brethren make contact with Lodge Secretaries before setting out to attend any Masonic meeting.

All Freemasons who have spare time are encouraged to think about any brother, widow, friend or neighbour who may be alone or need assistance during this period and make contact wherever possible.

Hopefully the weather will change by next week and Brethren will still be able to attend local Masonic Carol services which have become established as annual events.

Durham Provincial Charities have made an award of £250 to the 23rd Scout Group, Biddick Hall, South Shields. The above photograph shows Durham Benevolence trustee WBro Bob Stobbs when he visited the scouts to present the cheque last month. It is the intention of the Group Scout leader to use the Freemasons grant to purchase equipment to enhance scouting activity during the Christmas period.



Masonic Regalia and Items

W Bro Dave Dunn has been buying himself building up a sizeable and varied stock of items for sale from the Freemasons' Club.

So if you are looking for a new set of cufflinks, tie, gloves or items of regalia of any Masonic degree then W Bro Dave is the man to see.

Brethren will also be happy to hear that Bro Mowatt has also joined in the operation by producing custom Masonic China Mugs for sale at the princely sum of £4.50, with orders taken either from behind the bar or by contacting Bro Carl via email at carl@agrafica.co.uk.

The first batch of his bespoke china mugs were snapped up by his own Lodge members and the pictures show they are well worth the price, (an equivalent version is available at ASDA for £7.99 if you provide the images/text).



Each mug has the two working Masons on leaving the other side to have either text or an image applied, the examples shown are that of the Caer Urfa Lodge emblem.

THE FREEMASON'S CLUB

PRESENTS

THE RETURN OF THE

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



In year 2001 came the idea of an 'impromptu' party for brethren and family to enjoy the closing stages of the year and welcome in the new.

Nine years later that idea has been dusted down and returns via the efforts of members of the Freemasons' Club and more particularly Bro Joe Barron of St Lawrence Lodge and Bro Alan Cowell our very own Steward.

A4 sized tickets (so the owners don't lose em) priced at £1 per adult are available from the bar, with party goers bringing their own food and if they want a particular tune played let Joe know, proceeds will go to the Blue Lamp Foundation.

KIDS XMAS PARTY

Sunday 12th December 2010
Freemason's Hall

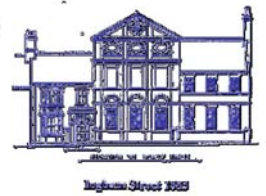


Tickets available from
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email

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FREEMASONS' HALL

DECEMBER 2010



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Tyne Dock 4218 Karate	2	3 Caer Urfa Lodge Lodge of Instruction Karate	4	5 St Lawrence Lodge Instruction
John Readhead 6 3217 Karate	Hadrian 1970 1st Degree	7 Caer Urfa 4345 2nd Degree Karate	8 St Lawrence 6042 1st Degree	9 Caer Urfa Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction Karate	10 Tyne Dock Social	11 Kids Xmas Party
St Hilda 240 (Installation) 5.30pm start	13 St Lawrence Preceptory 275 Karate	14 St Hilda RAC Karate	15	16 Hedworth Lodge of Instruction Karate	17	18 FHMC (10.30am) 19
St Lawrence RC 293 Karate	20 Lord Barnard 2395	21	22	23	24	25 St Lawrence Lodge Practice (10.30am) 26
27 Karate	28	29	30 Hedworth 2418	31 New Years Eve Party		

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

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 2nd November W Bro Gary Deans expertly installed Bro Glen Hutchinson SWME into the Chair of King Solomon of Hadrian Lodge No. 1970.

W Bro Thomas Edward Henderson, PAGDC., PPrJGW 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.



The very well attended and harmonious



Festive Board followed the formal affairs of the Installation work in the Lodge Room and the pictures paint the picture very well indeed



On Wednesday 10th November 2010 at the second Craft Installation of the month



Freemasons from within and without of the town gathered on Wednesday 10th November 2010 to witness and celebrate the Installation of Caer Uffa's 89th Worshipful Master.

Bro Derek Tyler, Senior Warden - Master Elect was expertly installed by W Bro Gary Paul Graham Wilson at a well attended ceremony, with W Bro Richard Tait, PPrGSwdB representing 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.

A celebratory banquet was held in the dining hall, where 90 brethren enjoyed good food and friendship. A toast to the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by the new Master WBro

Derek Tyler. W Bro Dunn proposed the toast to the Worshipful Master and this was continued by W Bro Hadaway accompanied by W Bro Tallentire with the Master's song.



W Bro Mitchell of the new Square & Compasses Lodge of Birkenhead seen above with Bro Geoff Cromby and W Bro Michael Grover of Lodge Dolphin 911 of the Scottish Constitution pictured below left, came armed and ready with gifts for the Master.



With all the toasts and raffles complete the last toast of the evening was given by W Bro Derek Wake after which the brethren adjourned to the bar where the night was continued in friendship.



The new WM was making a rather laborious speech which had gone on for about 30 minutes, all of a sudden an empty bottle came out of the dining area aimed towards him, but missed and struck the Secretary square on the forehead, as he started to slide off his chair he was heard to say "someone hit me again I can still hear him"

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.

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