

The *South Shields* Freemason

Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.

WINTER
2011



Remembrance Sunday

South Shields Masons pay their respects



W Bro Ken Short, Worshipful Master of St Hilda Lodge No. 240

Remembrance Sunday saw South Shields Masons join in with the South Shields Armistice Parade for the first time in their history.

All 10 of our Craft Lodges from the town were represented, including five reigning Masters. W Bro Ken Short the Worshipful Master of St Hilda Lodge No. 240, the oldest Craft Lodge in South Shields laid the wreath at the cenotaph with the thought that a different Master will lay it each year in Lodge numerical

order.

The event was a great success for all those who participated and indeed for Freemasonry in the Community in General and was rounded off with a reception at the Town Hall for all those who had attended.

Next year is the turn of Hadrian Lodge No 1970 to lay the wreath, let us hope the attendance can grow and continue to show Freemasonry's respect to the fallen, for years to come.



Provincial Promotions Meeting

Wednesday 30 November 2011

The 2011 meeting and party was held on Wednesday 30th November at Rainton Meadows Arena, Houghton-le-Spring.

Rt. W. Bro. Norman Eric Heaviside, Provincial Grand Master presided and opened Provincial Grand Lodge at 6pm assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens Craig Steele and Tony Raine with over 400 Brethren present.

The 60 Brethren promoted in Provincial Grand Lodge and able to be present which included W. Bro Tom Turner of Tyne Dock Lodge who was promoted to PPrJGW, and W. Bro. Geoff Hadaway of Caer Urfa Lodge who was promoted to PPrGReg, were individually congratulated by the PGM, W. Bro Mick Hobson of Caer Urfa Lodge who was unable to be present was promoted to PPrGSwdB, Provincial Grand Lodge was 'called off' and several guests were received.

These included Matt Howell of 'Youth at Risk', a charitable project in Sunderland funded by a £30,000 grant from the Freemasons Grand Charity.

Anne Miller & Sarah Goldie of MacMillan Cancer Support and Anna Kirk & Charlotte Flowers of Marie Curie Cancer Care, each received a grant of £5,000 from the Freemasons Grand Charity and Durham Freemasons Benevolent Fund.

Mrs Pauline Carney, the widow of Past Asst P.G.M. David G Carney also made a donation of £2,000 on behalf of Jarrow and Hebburn Freemasons to MacMillan, in memory of David who died in August. An ardent Newcastle supporter Pauline, in tribute to her husband who was a stalwart Sunderland supporter, attended elegantly attired in red and white!

The meeting resumed and The Provincial Grand Master addressed the meeting during which he announced the appointment of W. Bro. Dr Tony Gibson as East Area Information Officer and the future retirement of V. W. Bro. Prof D K Wilson from his position as Deputy PGM.

A collection taken in aid of the Royal College of Surgeons 2013 appeal raised (after gift aid) over £1,900.

Prior to closing Provincial Grand Lodge the PGM asked that W. Bro. George Wayman Dixon and W. Bro. Peter Southern Hodgson be escorted to the dais. After giving a resume of the significant contribution these 2 Brethren had made to Freemasonry he proceeded to promote them to the highest possible Provincial rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden.

Following the meeting a Christmas banquet was held at the same venue where over 250 Brethren were joined by the guests from the various charities.

December Events

Ingham Street Grown Up's Christmas Party

Saturday 10th December
7.00 pm till Late

Masonic Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields
All Welcome — Ladies, Wives,
Girlfriends, Non-Masons

Ticket Price £10
Dress Code — Smart Casual

**STEW'S HOT WAX
DISCO**

**Festive Buffet
Late Bar
Raffle, Quiz, Bingo**

Sponsored by Tyne Dock Lodge
See Lodge Officers for Tickets

South Shields Freemasons' Presents

Kids Christmas Party 2011

Food Disco Santa
Face painting Games

When: Sunday 18th December 2011
Time: 1pm - 5pm
Tickets: £3
Where: Freemasons' Hall

For more information & tickets
W Bro Norman Dunn, Caer Urfa Mob: 07970594404
W Bro Michael McTavvy, Fellowship Mob: 07890699086
W Bro Don Scott, St Lawrence Mob: 07806092470

Donations of Tombola prizes would be very gratefully accepted

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Events@Freemasons' Hall in December			Tyne Dock 4218 1	2	3	4
				Keep Fit	Private Party Hoola Class	Hadrian Lodge of Instruction Freemasons' Club
John Readhead 5 3217 (3rd degree)	Hadrian 1970 6 (1st degree)	St Lawrence Lodge of Instruction 7	St Lawrence 8 6042 (1st Degree)	Caer Urfa 9 Lodge of Instruction	10	11
Keep Fit	Karate	Spanish Class (am)	Karate	Keep Fit Freemasons' Club	Karate	Freemasons' Club
St Hilda 240 12 (Installation)	13	Caer Urfa 4345 14 (2nd degree)	Finchale Knights 15 Templar Priests No.3	Caer Urfa Lodge 16 Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction	17	18
Keep Fit	Karate	Spanish Class (am)	Karate	Keep Fit Freemasons' Club	Karate	EHMC (10.30am) Kids Xmas Party Freemasons' Club
St Lawrence 19 Rose Croix	Lord Barnard 20 2305	St Hilda RAC 21	22	Hedworth Lodge of Instruction 23	24	25
Keep Fit	Karate	Spanish Class (am)	Karate	Keep Fit Freemasons' Club	Karate	Freemasons' Club
26	John Readhead 27 Lodge of Instruction and Committee	28	Hedworth 2418 29	St. Hilda Lodge of Instruction 30	31	
Keep Fit	Karate	Tyne Dock Lodge of Instruction	Karate	Keep Fit Freemasons' Club	Karate	
					New Years Opening	

Westoe get a new Master



At their 86th annual Installation, Representing the Provincial Grand Master was W. Bro. William Blackburn PPrSGW with his DC being W. Bro. Sidney James Watson PPrGStwd.

A donation was made of £500 to the Durham Masonic Charity for Girls and Boys and £200 for the Durham Benevolence fund. Bro Darren Gransbury was then installed by W Bro Phil Heppell. The working tools were given by W. Bro. Phil Heppell with the addresses by W. Bro. Duncan Turnbull, W. Bro. Harry Watson and W. Bro. Michael Green in that order.

At the festive board the Masters song was expertly delivered by W. Bro. Bill Malcolm who was ably assisted by Bro. Alan Cowell.

A new Master at Hadrian Lodge

On Tuesday 1st November 2011 Duncan Thomas Pentland was installed into the chair of Hadrian Lodge No 1970 by W Bro Glenn Hutchison, assisted by W Bro's David Scott Dunn, John Watkins, Gary Deans and Capt Jeffrey Dickinson.

The temple was very full and although the original Representative of the R W Prov. Grand Master, Peter Creswell Birtwistle had to cancel at the last minute, W Bro J Bryan Scott was only too happy to take his place.

At the festive board, the new WM was supported by several brethren from Lodge Ugie, Aberdeenshire, where he was the R W Master, together with nine brethren from Belfast.

The Festive board was full to capacity and W Bro Dave Dunn when giving the toast to the new WM referred to his new parlour which he had opened with his partner Mia. (re-homing stray cats) which had a lot of the brethren smiling.

After the festive board was over, W Bro Neil Ritchie, Prov. Organist, Province of Antrim entertained the many brethren who had stayed until the earlier hours of the morning.



Bill takes the Chair at St Lawrence



On 13th October 2011 W. Bro. William Malcolm was installed as Master of St Lawrence Lodge 6042 by W. Bro Peter Maughan.

V. W. Bro. Denovan K Wilson was in attendance representing the Provincial Grand Master accompanied by his D of C W. Bro Andrew Dixon and many other Provincial Brethren, also in attendance were brethren from St John Whiteinch Lodge in Glasgow including their Master Rt. W. Bro. William Fraser and the depute Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow Rt. W. Bro John Mclean during the ceremony W. Bro. Malcolm presented V. W. Bro. Wilson with two cheques, one for Durham Benevolence and one for the TLC Teddies.

Later, 114 brethren enjoyed a fine meal at the festive board, formal proceedings concluded at 10pm which is usual St Lawrence custom after which Brethren retired to the bar to further cement fraternal friendship.



Caer Urfa welcomes their new Master

Freemasons from within and without of the town gathered on Wednesday 8th November 2011 to witness and celebrate the Installation of Caer Urfa's 90th Worshipful Master.

Bro. Stephen Callahan, Senior Warden - Master Elect was expertly installed by W. Bro. Norman Dunn, PM PPrGReg at a very well attended ceremony, with W. Bro. Geoffrey Whiteman, PGStB, PPrJGW in attendance to represent the Provincial Grand Master.

After the installation business of this regular annual event was conducted the Lodge Officers for the year 2011/12 were appointed, and W. Bro. Whiteman was presented with a cheque towards the Lodges contribution for the Benevolent fund.

A celebratory banquet was held in the dining hall, where 101 brethren enjoyed good food and friendship.

With all the toasts and raffles nearly complete Bro Phil 'now then, now then' Brown stood up and started crucifying the Welsh National anthem, saved only by the Master joining in with the right words—well it was in 'phonetic welsh' that Bro Brown was trying to sing!. 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 and harmony.



The Freemasons' Club



The weekly opening of the Club bar, where members and guests can enjoy a social drink and bar snacks in good company, comfortable surroundings with like minded people, while the frenetic world outside sails by.....

At a time when membership in community groups is on a decline, our numbers are growing "We are the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world, we are founded on high moral standards and ethical values—the old-fashioned core values of honesty, integrity, justice. We also have a philanthropic side. In other words, we try to help people in need not only within the fraternity but without,"

We are 'The Freemasons' contributing to the progressive and peaceful emancipation of human beings beyond any particular religion or political ideology.

The making of a Freemason.

It's not just about the friends you have, your status in life, or the money in your pocket, Its the love you have in your heart for your fellow man that makes you who you are.

If you are like this then you are on the way to being a Freemason.

Remember 2B1 just Ask 1

There is also a buskers night, so bring your toys, we've an amp and a mike...combined with the Sunday evening opening of the bar, relax in comfortable, safe and secluded surroundings and enjoy an evening amongst friends and family. The hall band **"The House-Masons"** have debuted at Tyne Dock Lodge, and will be busking up at Caer Urfa and Lord Barnard this month, so if you want a slice of different harmony then come along ☺



Ex-Shields Freemason takes the Chair



Master of that Lodge and it was a delight for W. Bro. David Scott Dunn to be asked to present Bro. Eric to the installing master.

The meeting was attended by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, W Bro Peter Hodcroft.

In attendance from South Shields were W. Bro. Ian Bonar, Bro's Alan Cowell, Peter Chapman, Kenny Hiles from Hadrian Lodge and Bro. Geoff Cromby from Caer Urfa Lodge, all of who were made most welcome and again had a truly enjoyable Masonic evening.

Bro. Eric Taylor Gray was initiated into Hadrian Lodge No 1970 on 7th October 1997 passed on 2nd December 1997 and raised to the sublime degree of a MM on 3rd February 1998.

Bro. Eric quickly made his way onto the ladder of the Lodge and reached the position of JW before he was transferred to Derby for work reasons.

Bro. Eric quickly found a lodge in Derby, the Unity Lodge No 4821 and there also he was quick to take office.

On Friday 14th October 2011 Bro. Eric was installed as Worshipful



50 Years in the Craft



On Tuesday 6th December 2011, at the regular meeting of Hadrian Lodge No 1970, W. Bro. Jim Askew PPGSwdB was presented with a certificate to mark his 50yrs in Freemasonry by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. David Sanders Hay.

W. Bro. Askew was initiated on the 5th December 1961, passed on 3rd April 1962 and raised on 5th February 1963. Jim was WM in 1970.

He was lodge Treasurer for a number of years.

At the festive board Jim was presented with a decanter and a bottle of whisky to go with it. Jim presented the APGM with two cheques one for the relief chest and one for the TLC teddies, a cause close to his heart.