



Masonic support for Scouts

Richard Lee (Group Scout Leader) Scout Josh Burrows, Assistant Provincial Grand Master Leon Tax, Explorer Scout Emma Barnes, Eric Picton (Chairman of the S.F.G.) and John Barnes (chairman of the group executive).



More than 100 guests and civic dignitaries met for the official opening of a new £120,000 Scout Centre project in Kirkham. During 2008 West Lancashire Freemasons contributed £1,500 from the Community Fund and representatives from the South Fylde Group gathered in the kitchen to present a plaque to Scout leaders to celebrate the financial support given to help equip this part of the new building. Leon Tax, Assistant Provincial Grand Master said: "The Scouting movement is a very important part of our local community and we are thrilled to be supporting them as they transform their facilities. We wish them every success".



To All The Brethren & Their Families

South Fylde Masons lay wreaths

Freemasons from Poulton-Le-Fylde and St Annes joined the uniformed groups and civic parties to lay wreaths at the two Cenotaphs. Masons in Poulton processed together, led by Leon Tax, Assistant Provincial Grand Master. In St Annes the 14 members were led in the procession by David Randerson, Group Vice-Chairman (pictured below). It is intended that the Group will be in attendance at future remembrance Sunday parades.



50 Years of Service To The Craft



W.Bro. Eric Bingham PPrSGW

Eric Bingham centre, is pictured with Assistant Provincial Grand Master Leon Tax and Eric Picton, Chairman of the South Fylde Group.

Pictured below at the celebration meeting are Terry Hudson, Jack Aldous and Leon Tax.

W.Bro. Jack Aldous PPrSGD



W.Bro. Brian Wright PSGD, PAGM

Pictured, left to right, are: Malcolm Worsley, David McCormick, Peter Saunders, Peter Hosker, Brian Wright, Colin Wright, Terry Hudson, Leon Tax, Eric Picton

You can read their full stories on the Provincial website



Only 18 months Remaining

With just 18 months remaining of the 2010 Festival our Regional Charity Steward, W.Bro. Ted Rhodes PAGDC, expressed his grateful thanks for the tremendous effort so far from the South Fylde Group of Lodges and Chapters and the Group Charity Steward W.Bro. Peter Robinson PPrSGD. He hopes that support continues and anyone who has not made a personal commitment will consider doing so and that the Lodges and Chapters will rally behind their respective Charity Stewards with as many fund-raising events over the remaining period of the Festival.



WE NEED YOUR INPUT

We need to hear from all the Lodges and Chapters with information and pictures about what is happening both at your meetings and also your social events. Help to swell your numbers!

Please send details to:
tcurtis@tiscali.co.uk or
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Pacegger's Mummers at The Foxhall



'The Pace Egg or Mummers' play is one of the most traditional ceremonies left in this country and although few places have performers now, there are still groups keeping the custom alive today. Usually performed between All Souls (31st October) and Easter, it is thought that the plays had their roots in ancient mystical rites. In later years, 1600 onwards, they tended to be performed in order to collect money or gifts, including food. The St James Pace Eggers are a group of people who perform these traditional plays at Easter, outside their local church, St James, in Stalmine. At the recent Foxhall Lodge Olde English Nite they were joined in their performance by Bro Geoff Etheridge (Worshipful Master), Bro Derek Lewthwaite (JW), WBro Dave McKee (IPM Kirkham Lodge), Bro William Routledge (Foxhall Lodge), Bro Keith Slater (Foxhall Lodge) and Bro John Greenwood (Foxhall Lodge). The night was thoroughly enjoyed by the 71 Gentlemen and Brethren who attended and helped raise £3550 by their generosity.'

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W.Bro. Harold Coope PPrJGW

Poulton-le-Fylde Lodge on 8th December 2008

W.Bro. Vernon Tattersall PPrGReg

Ansdell Lodge on 21st January 2009

FYLDE MASONIC CAROL SERVICE

Hosted by the Chapters of the Fylde at
St Chads Church Poulton le Fylde
SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2008 at 3pm

Ansdell Lodge 3607 - Family Christmas Meeting - Wednesday 17th December 2008 6.30pm.
Contact Secretary W.Bro. Roger Kirk, Tel: 723752 or Email: rbk123@talktalk.net for details.

Quadrant Chapter is Grand Patron

More than 50 Companions witnessed a splendid ceremony of Installation in St Annes-on-Sea at Quadrant Chapter when Bob Avery was installed as the new First Principal in the presence of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Norman Thomas who was representing the Grand Superintendent.



Pictured are: Festival Chairman Stuart Thornber, Terry Hudson, MEZ Bob Avery presenting the cheque to Norman Thomas, Eric Picton (South Fylde Group Chairman) and Group Charity Steward Peter Robinson.

To mark this happy occasion the Chapter presented Norman with a further donation to the 2010 Festival of £600 bringing the Chapter up to Grand Patron status for the appeal. Many changes in officers took place on the day. Notable amongst these was the retirement from office of Barry Shaw after six years of service as Scribe E, and the MEZ and the companions expressed their grateful thanks to Barry for the meticulous way he had run the affairs of the Chapter over this period. A wonderful occasion was brought to a close with a delightful festive board during which a "Westhoughton" style raffle quickly raised some £175 for the new Almoner's Fund.

QUADRANT LODGE - "Ladies and Gentlemen to Dine" Thursday, 4th December 2008. Non-Masonic Guests and Ladies are requested to arrive by 6:30pm for pre dinner drinks prior to a short talk in the Lodge room @ 7:00pm by W. Bro. Geoffrey Alan Lee, Provincial Grand Secretary. Dinner will follow at 7:45pm. Cost - £15.00 Secretary - Leon Gaskell Woolfold, 23 The Belfry, Lytham St Annes. FY8 4NW Tel: 01253 795629. Mobile: 07714 342504. Email: leon@leon-gaskell.co.uk

149th GRAND FESTIVAL & BALL - Friday 13th March 2009

Open to ALL BRETHREN - Contact your Lodge Secretary for details

PROCLAMATION AT FAIRHAVEN BRINGS FURTHER FUNDING FOR 2010

Some 50 Brethren witnessed a slightly different slant over the usual Installation fare when Bro. Chris Metcalfe was proclaimed as Worshipful Master of Fairhaven Lodge for the second consecutive year in the presence of the Chairman of the 2010 Festival W. Bro Stuart Thornber the Representative of the Provincial Grand Master, and to the delight of all present following a shortened ceremony presented him with a further magnificent donation of £1500 to the 2010 Festival. The Lodge is at the very forefront of support for 2010 already being a Gold Patron and this further funding raises their total giving to the appeal to a wonderful £18,700 pledged and raised.

A delightful festive board followed and was rounded off with the now familiar "Westhoughton" style raffle which raised £140 to be split between the Almoners Fund and Masonic Charities.



Chris Metcalfe is pictured presenting the cheque to the festival chairman Stuart Thornber watched by South Fylde Vice-chairman David Randerson and Peter Robinson (Group Charity Steward).

Marina Lodge No 6928 Installation



W Bro S. W. Knowles pictured with A.P.G.M. W Bro Leon D Tax congratulating him on attaining the Chair of King Solomon. The Lodge Raised £1455 for Masonic and Non-Masonic Charities and the Installation was a great success. Well done to all the installing Officers and The Brethren of Marina Lodge for such a memorable Installation.

MERESIDE LODGE SOCIAL

Mereside Lodge 6360 based at the Masonic Hall in Poulton are having a fun social event at the Great Fortune House in Cleveleys on Saturday Dec 13th 6:30pm start. Choose what you want from the menu for that course. Enjoy excellent food. Repeat until ready for next course. Keep going until you run out of courses or your belly explodes! Contact: Derek Grainger 01253 882 772

Mereside Lodge - 6360

Sorry I can't make it
 Count us as there's ____ of us
 I've included a cheque made out to Derek Grainger for _____
Please pop the attendees names on the back of this form

CHINESE BANQUET

THE GREAT FORTUNE HOUSE
1001 CHINESE ROAD WEST
CLEVELEYS FY5 6G
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 6.30PM

SOUPS
STARTERS
CRISPY DUCK
MAINS
RAFFLE

Eat what you want
As much as you want
Try as many or as few of the dishes on the menu as you want
All included at
ONLY £16.50

Derek Grainger - 01253-882 772
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2009 MASONIC GOLF COMPETITION

St. Annes Old Links - Wednesday 24th June 2009
Details from Golf Secretary - Leon Gaskell
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Email: leon@leon-gaskell.co.uk



John Gallagher, presents the cheque for £400 to Assistant Provincial Grand Master Leon Tax watched by David Randerson, Vice-Chairman of the South Fylde Group and Festival Chairman Stuart Thornber.

Ansdell Lodge celebrates with Grand Patronage of 2010

More than 50 Masons witnessed a double celebration at Ansdell Lodge in the South Fylde Group with the Installation of John Gallagher as the new WM in the presence of Assistant Provincial Grand Master Leon Tax. During the proceedings a further cheque for £400 was handed over to the principal guest, which raised the lodge to Grand Patron status for the 2010 Festival, and it gave Festival Chairman Stuart Thornber much pride and pleasure in this his Mother Lodge to ask the Assistant Provincial Grand Master to present a Grand Patron Certificate to the Worshipful Master. Many changes of lodge officers took place at the meeting. Notable amongst these was the retirement from office by John Porter who had held the post of Director of Ceremonies with great credit for the past nine years, and still active in his Masonry he was appointed the new Almoner of the lodge.