

GROUP DINNER

The South Fylde Group Dinner took place on Thursday 26th February at The Palace, St. Annes with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W. Bro. Brian Gillbanks PGswdB as the principle guest.

With over 70 present including Masters, IPM s, MEZ s and IPZ s as well as other Craft and Royal Arch masons, the evening began with a reception of tea and biscuits followed by a question and answer session in the Lodge Room. Topics covered included, the future of Masonic Halls, Amalgamation, Mentoring and promoting Freemasonry further in the community.

At the Festive Board the DepPGM praised the Group Chairman W.Bro. Eric Picton PJGD for his 18 years of service to the Group. After the toast to the Group by the PrSGW W.Bro. Gareth Jones, the Chairman responded with a rousing speech to the assembled brethren.



Left to right: PrSGW Gareth Jones, Vice-Chairman David Randerson, APGM's Peter Elmore, DepPGM Brian Gillbanks, APGM Leon Tax, Chairman Eric Picton and PrJGW David Winder

Group Chairman to retire



W.Bro. Eric Picton PJGD has announced that he is to retire as Group Chairman at the May Provincial meeting. The RW Provincial Grand Master Peter John Hosker has been pleased to invite W.Bro. David Randerson PPrJGW to be the new Group Chairman and W.Bro. Ian Ward PPrJGW to be Vice Chairman. W.Bro. Mark Qualter PPrGStwd will be the new Group Secretary.

Provincial Honours

Congratulations

To all the Brethren who are to receive their first appointments or to be promoted in both Craft and Chapter at the Provincial Meetings this year

ACTING RANK

W.Bro. Jason Crosland PrJGD

W.Bro. Arthur Lea PrGStwd

PAST RANK

W.Bro. Keith Bennett PPrSGD

W.Bro. Antony Curtis PPrSGD

W.Bro. Bill Gosling PPrSGD

W.Bro. Christopher Holland PPrSGD

W.Bro. Brian Howarth PPrSGD

W.Bro. Vaughan Ashton PPrJGD

W.Bro. Jeffrey Horsefield PPrJGD

W.Bro. Clive Littlewood PPrJGD

W.Bro. Alan Mitchell PPrJGD

W.Bro. Michael Notman PPrJGD

W.Bro. Thomas Pyke PPrJGD

W.Bro. Len Wiseman PPrJGD

W.Bro. Martin Hampson PPrAGDC

W.Bro. John Hyland PPrAGSwdB

W.Bro. Paul Minton PPrAGSwdB

PROMOTIONS

W.Bro. Dennis Tofts PPrSGW

W.Bro. Tony Alderton PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. Allan Clarke PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. Bruce Clements PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. Peter Gratrix PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. John Topping PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. Peter Wolstenholme PPrGSuptWrks

W.Bro. Ray Boardman PPrDGsuptWrks

W.Bro. Kenneth Hickson PPrDGsuptWrks

W.Bro. Khine Lynn PPrSGD

ACTING RANK

E.Comp. John Laughton PrPGSoj

E.Comp. Roger Walker PrGStwd

PAST RANK

E.Comp. Arthur Botterill PPrAGDC

PROMOTIONS

E.Comp. Joe Wheatley PPrGSN

E.Comp. John Moss PPrGSwdB

E.Comp. Ray Boardman PPrDepGSwdB

E.Comp. Michael Taylor PPrAGSoj

Re-appointment in Craft & Chapter

W.Bro. Stuart John Thornber PAGDC

PrGChyStwd

50 Years of Service To The Craft



W.Bro. Vernon Tattersall PPrGReg (York N & ER)

After Vernon received a special commemorative certificate to mark his golden anniversary he presented the Ansdell Lodge with a new Worshipful Master's apron.

Pictured are, left to right: Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Jon Clipsham, David Randerson (Vice-Chairman of the South Fylde Group), the WM John Gallagher, Vernon Tattersall and Assistant Provincial Grand Master Leon Tax.

You can read the full story on the Provincial website

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Monday 11th May 2009
and
Tuesday 27th October 2009
both to be held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday 22nd April
at the Guild Hall, Preston

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

We need to hear from all the Lodges and Chapters with information and pictures about what is happening at your meetings and your social events.

Help to swell your numbers!

Please send details to:
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or tcurtis@tiscali.co.uk

Tithebarn Installation No 8446



Bro R. Nicol was installed as W.M. Of Tithebarn Lodge on Wednesday 21st Jan 09, pictured here with W.Bro. Jack Coates. Tithebarn presented cheques for a total of £1100 to the Scouts Association, 2010 Festival, RNLI & Collegiate High School. Well Done!

Kirkham Installation No 6615



W.Bro. David Crossley was installed as W.M. of Kirkham Lodge for the second time on the 28th January 09. Pictured here with W.Bro. Chris Hamilton, Kirkham raised £1000 for charity going to the 2010 Festival and The Air Ambulance.

On Friday the 9th January at Poulton Le Fylde. The Poulton Lecture Team gave a demonstration of the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree Lecture at Baines Lodge No7844. The Team consisting of Bros Alex Thomlinson, Ryan Modlin, Paul Leaper & Ian Thornton led by W Bro Dennis Tofts provided a superb lecture to the brethren which was well and warmly received by all. If your Lodge would like the Team to perform at your Lodge, contact W Bro Tofts who will be most happy to arrange it.

What A Team!



**A message from the Group
Charity Steward W.Bro.
Peter Robinson.**

Brethren, something to look forward to:- fresh air in your lungs and exercise to get rid of the aches and pains of the awful winter!!! Dairies out and make a note that this year's Group Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday 3rd, May, 2009, setting off from The Fairhaven Hotel, Marine Drive, Lytham St Annes at 11.00am. The route this year will leave the Hotel car park and head to the windmill at Lytham. The return route will take us through Lytham's Witch Wood and back to the Fairhaven Hotel a distance of approximately 10 kilometres. This year the walk will incorporate a Treasure Hunt with prizes to be presented to the winners in the bar of the Fairhaven Hotel. We hope this will be a FUN DAY with members, their partner, family and friends taking part.

Sponsorship forms have been forwarded to your Lodge/Chapter Charity Steward and more are available from me.

Tel. 01253 729977. Email: peterrobinson22@btinternet.com

I must stress that, like last year, monies raised by brethren will be attributed to their lodge or chapter and NOT to the Group.

For those not wishing to walk there are many areas where you can assist, by monitoring and policing the course, all help will be greatly appreciated. As I said a group event for a fun day for all the family. See you there !!!

Landmark's 500th Meeting



On Thursday the 5th of February 2009, forty brethren attended Landmark Lodge 7273 to celebrate their 500th meeting. W. Bro. Colin Moxey PAGDC gave an address about the history of lodge Warrants in general and of Landmark's Warrant in particular. The meeting was followed by an Olde England Nite social board with live entertainment from Penny Black. The magnificent sum of exactly £500 was raised for Masonic Charities a large amount of which was earmarked for the 2010 Festival. *Pictured is the WM Dave Curwen making the draw for the raffle prizes, being scrutinised by the Director of Ceremonies Norman Prue. The lecturer W.Bro. Colin Moxey is sat next to the WM.*

Dennis Legacy

When W.Bro. Dennis Partington PPrJGW passed to the Grand Lodge above his widow Betty gave to the Ansdell Lodge Secretary W.Bro. Roger Kirk a box of jewels Dennis had been given over many years in Freemasonry. W.Bro. David Randerson suggested that the jewels may have some value and monies raised could be given to charity in Dennis name. With the assistance of W.Bro. Ian Robertson PAGDC the majority of the jewels were sold on Ebay and including Gift Aid raised an incredible £384.00 for Trinity Hospice and £384.00 for the 2010 Festival.

MASTERS

Are you enjoying visiting as Master of your Lodge?
Lodges meeting at The Palace, St. Annes and at Poulton Masonic Hall would be delighted to welcome Masters from other Lodges within the Group so contact your Secretary for contact details and build some lasting friendships!

A Presentation on Royal Arch Masonry

TO BE GIVEN IN THE ANSDELL LODGE 3607
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS PROVINCE

Wednesday 18th March at 6.30pm

An ideal opportunity for those not yet members of a Chapter to find out about the Royal Arch - The Completion of Freemasonry

Welcome
To The
Completion
Of
Antient
Freemasonry

The Royal Arch

To Book Your Place
Contact the Lodge Secretary W.Bro. Roger Kirk on
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