



# Lancaster & District Group of Lodges and Chapters NEWSLETTER

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## Lune Lodge Give £6239.70 To Charity



W. Bro Barry Jameson W. Bro Ernie Townley W. Bro Jim Wilson

The 3<sup>rd</sup> March saw the end of W. Bro Garry Wright's year in office as Master of Lune Lodge and the start of a new term in office for W. Bro Ernie Townley P.Pr A.G.D.C. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Acting Senior Warden of the Province W. Bro Barry Jameson, as the representative of the Provincial Grand Master, and a good turn out of masons made for an excellent afternoon and evening.

The ceremony in lodge showed the growing strength of Lune lodge. The working tools were all delivered by junior brethren, Bro Paul Mason did the First Degree, Bro Sean Hughes did the Second Degree and Bro Mark Oliver did the Third Degree, and they placed Bro Keith Goudie in the Senior Wardens Chair and Bro Derek Hughes in that of The Senior Warden. The proceedings went very well and one of the highlights was the flawless delivery of the address to the Master by W. Bro Norman Jarvis.

The lodge presented a cheque of £500 to W. Bro Jameson for the 2010 festival, and announced a very impressive list of donations to other charities. In his year as Master the IPM W. Bro Garry Wright had proved a very popular and highly visible mason and not just because of his height. W. Bro Garry despite living in Glossop which is 90 miles away attended many other lodges, their Ladies Evenings and their socials. He was also very active in raising money for charity, doing a sponsored walk from Preston to Kendal. The end result was the following list of donations:

Action For M.E. £350.00: Air Ambulance £250.00: Marilyn Houlton M.N.D. Research Trust: Rowley Court Masonic Hall £500.00: R.L.I Children's Ward £200.00: Prostate Cancer £4189.70, and the £500.00 to the 2010 Festival. This gives the incredible total of £6239.70.

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# The A.P.G.M. At Carnforth Installation



W.Bro Ian Lonsdale took the chair of Carnforth Lodge on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March. He did so in front of a packed lodge room of nearly 120 masons and in the presence of our own Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro Phil Garndner. W.Bro Ian was installed by W.Bro Jim Wilson (not the Group Chairman though he was there and it is his Lodge). W.Bro Jim was completing a second and very successful year as Master of the Carnforth Lodge, he was first installed in the chair way back in March 1969.

W.Bro Gardner must have been impressed with the high standard of the proceedings, as well as the attendance. W.Bro Lonsdale installed as his Wardens, the father and son team of Michael and Lee Stephenson, W.Bro Michael is on his second time round and if all goes to plan will have the rare pleasure of placing his son in the chair in 2012. W.Bro Ian Lonsdale is a Past Master of Lancaster Castle Lodge, and his experience showed through, both in the ceremony and at the festive board where he proved both eloquent and amusing. The festive board was held at the County Hotel and was very good indeed, those present were in an unbelievably generous mood as the raffle raised £535 and when added to the Charity collection of £448 gave the incredible total of NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE POUND for charity. The perfect end to a very good day.

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# The Chairman's Message

## *Brethren*

During March I attended the second Chairmen's Meeting of the current Masonic Season, where we meet with the Provincial Grand Master his Deputy the Provincial Secretary and the Deputy Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, the meetings are held to exchange ideas and to bring Group Chairmen up to date with matters arising in the Province. We received the presentation given a few weeks earlier to Masonic Hall Chairmen, where I was delighted to find all our Halls were represented and I do thank Hall Chairmen and Directors for giving up their time to attend that meeting, it would be nice to think that some of our Halls who have projects in the pipeline would take advantage of the expertise on offer.

We also held our own Group Meeting at the end of the month where various topics were discussed and I hope that when Group Rep's receive their copy of the minutes they will bring all relevant matters to the attention of their Lodges and Chapters. This meeting followed a slightly different formula in that we did not receive reports from our Group Golf, Bowling and Clay Pigeon Reps these will be given at the next meeting which will be our business meeting when we will also receive the Group Accounts, hopefully at the March meeting we will receive a presentation from one of the Group Executive on their role within the Group and I thank W.Bro Trevor Horn and W.Bro Nigel Parrish for the talk on the roles of Group Membership Officer and Group Mentoring Support Officer, both these roles are extremely important if Freemasonry is to move forward and succeed and I do thank them both for their enthusiasm and the amount of time they both put into their work. I have also been asked to form a working party to look into the possibility of a University Lodge within the Group and I intend to have a blend of experience and youth looking into it in order that we may fully understand any problems and difficulties students and staff might have in being members of such a Lodge, I have asked our Group Membership Officer Trevor Horn to chair the working party and I would ask that if any members of our Lodges have experience with University Lodges or any constructive points to put forward they communicate directly with Trevor.

At the April Meeting of the Morecambe Fellowship which will be held at the Bare Village Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2-15 Elaine Hanson who is an RMBI Care Advisor will be giving a talk about her work, this meeting would be of particular interest to Lodge Almoners or anyone involved in the Care System and if anyone would like to attend contact the Chairman Frank Hadwen on 01524 415319 to let him know.

The 20<sup>th</sup> April will be the last time monies can be paid in to support the 2010 Festival which concludes at Provincial Grand Lodge on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, so if any Lodge or Chapter still has monies to donate make sure they reach our Group Charity Steward Barry Robinson by that date.

Brethren I look forward to seeing all those who are to be Invested or Promoted in Provincial Grand Chapter and congratulate them all, continue to support your Lodge and Group events but above all enjoy your Freemasonry.

## Lancaster & District News Letter Circulation Passes 400

The Lancaster and District News Letter is now emailed to well over 400 brethren.

If you want to publicise the activities of your Lodge or Chapter contact Jim Hamilton at [JS\\_C\\_Hamilton@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:JS_C_Hamilton@dsl.pipex.com)



## SUPREME ORDER OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH VALE CHAPTER NO. 5256

Vale Royal Arch Chapter, a Chapter for Installed Principals of Chapters meeting primarily within the Furness and South Lakeland and Lancaster and District Masonic Groups. The Chapter meets twice per year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in May and the last Wednesday in August [Installation], at different Masonic venues around the bay. Our aim is twofold - Firstly to increase knowledge and enjoyment of the Royal Arch by inviting 'first class' speakers to attend our May meetings - Secondly to cement and enjoy good companionship and good friendship in promoting the Royal Arch in both Groups.

All Installed Principals are eligible to join us, the Fees are minimal and maximum Enjoyment is our aim.

All other Companions are welcome as visitors either at the Installation or the May meeting.

**DO NOT MISS THIS DATE FOR YOUR DIARY !**

### “NEW REFLECTIONS ON THE ROYAL ARCH”

A very interesting and informative talk by the celebrated speaker, author  
and unprecedented fountain of Masonic knowledge

**E.Comp. Rev. Neville Barker-Cryer, PGSoj.**

**Thursday 6th May 2010**

7.00pm at the Masonic Hall, Derby Street, Morecambe.

Come and join us as a member or a visitor and broaden your knowledge of the Royal Arch – Contact the Chapter  
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Bob Manning The Reception Desk

## W.Bro Palmer At The RLI

W.Bro Bob Palmer of Lune Lodge has been a volunteer at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary for over 11 years. W.Bro Bob is the first face many visitors to the hospital see as he mans one of the four reception desks. He is part of a small army of volunteers upon whom the National Health Service depend, at the RLI there are around 200. Bob mans either Medical Desk 1 or Medical desk 2 on Tuesdays Thursdays and Fridays, quite a commitment but one he says brings him much satisfaction and enjoyment. His group are always looking for help so if you feel that this is something you would like to be involved in contact Judith Deft, Patient & Public Involvement Lead on 01539 795476 / email: [contact@mbht.nhs.uk](mailto:contact@mbht.nhs.uk)

# Garstang Lodge Installation



W. Bro Jonathan Clipsham Bro John Lindsay W Bro Frank Horn W. Bro Jim

Garstang Lodge No 6633 held their Installation at the Masonic Hall Garstang on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It had been intended that the Principal Guest would be the Assistant Provincial Grand Master with responsibility for the Chorley and Leyland Groups, W. Bro Frank Wilkinson P.S.G.D. but as some may know circumstances have forced him to relinquish his post, and made it impossible for him to attend. W. Bro Wilkinson was replaced by another Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro J.R. Clipsham, and he proved to be an excellent replacement. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro John Barnes was unavailable to take charge at the installation so his role as Installing Master was filled by

W. Bro Bill Williamson and he placed Bro John Lindsay into the chair of St John in an excellent ceremony. W. Bro Williamson was very ably assisted in the work by the Immediate Past Master W Bro Frank Horn. The lodge presented W. Bro Clipsham with a cheque for £2010 towards the 2010 Festival. In addition the lodge had donated £250 to The British Heart Foundation and £250 to The Stroke Association.

# Morecambe Chapter Installation



E. Comp Dunn With The Three Principals

At the Installation of the Morecambe Chapter E. Comp. Paul Craddock accomplished the rare feat of being the First Principal of Two Chapters at the same time. He did how ever need a letter of dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master to allow him to do it. E. Comp Paul was also the First Principal of The Heysham Chapter and did not come out of the chair until March 11th., as the

Morecambe Chapter Installation was on the 1<sup>st</sup> March that meant an overlap of ten days.

The chapter was honoured by the presence of E. Comp. Alan Dunn, PGStdB. Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principal and he saw E. Comp placed in the First Principals chair by E. Comp David Malcolm. With E. Comp Geoffrey Wilman going to Second Principal and E. Comp Keith Atkinson going to Third Principal. The chapter presented E. Comp Dunn with a cheque for £400 for the 2010 Festival taking the total donated by the Chapter to an impressive £2000 and making the Chapter a Gold Patron.

The raffle at the festive board brought in £260, and the Principals song was sung by E. Comp Freddie Fox in his own inimitable style.



E. Comp Paul Craddock Receives The Gold Patron Certificate From E. Comp Barry Robinson