



Ancient & Accepted Rite District of North East Lancashire



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Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for the District of North East Lancashire. We intend to make this a regular feature for sharing news and information with Brethren in the District and beyond, and encouraging feedback on any subjects which interest and/or concern you.

Message from the Inspector General



I am delighted to have been appointed by the Supreme Council as the Inspector General for North East Lancashire to succeed V.:Ill.:Bro David Hawkins, 33^o following his retirement at the end of June 2015.

It is a great honour and privilege to be following in David's footsteps; his contribution to the Order in general and to North East Lancashire in particular has been outstanding; 18 years as District Recorder and 15 years as Inspector General – a grand total of 33 years' service, which is indeed highly symbolic!

David has been very helpful to me in the practicalities of 'handing over the reins' and along with V.:Ill.:Bro Royce Batters from South East Lancashire, has been a great mentor and guide, and I hope this happy arrangement will continue for many years to come.

I have been greatly touched by the warmth of the reception I have received during my visits to Chapters since my appointment and am very much looking forward to getting to know as many of the members in the District as possible in the coming months.

As I said in my address when I was Installed as Inspector General by the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander on 24th November 2015, the future is in our hands; we need to keep talking, and I find that every time I talk to Craft Masons about our wonderful Order, there is a spark of interest and it is up to all of us to kindle those sparks into flames and encourage fellow Masons to join our Chapters.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

V.:Ill.:Bro. David J Biggs, 33^o
Inspector General for North East Lancashire

Does your Chapter have an event, news, or other information you would like to publicise in a future edition? Send details, with suitable images if applicable, to: rosecroix.nelancs@outlook.com

Events in the District: September – December 2015

30/09/2015	William Horrocks Chapter No.603	Demonstration of The First Point
02/10/2015	Canon Francis Paton-Williams Chapter No.781	Enthronement of E&P Bro Alan Astin
10/10/2015	Bethel Chapter No.290	Perfection of E&P Bro Keith Benson
17/10/2015	Accrington Chapter No.364	Demonstration of The Second Point, followed by the Enthronement of E&P Bro Ian Ogden
19/10/2015	Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter No.1073	Proclamation of Ill. : Bro Giuseppe Cavaleri, 30° as MWS
20/10/2015	Bury Chapter No.435	Enthronement of Ill. : Bro Ken Laidlaw, 30°
22/10/2015	Emmanuel Chapter No.447	Perfection of E&P Bro Jason Bond
28/10/2015	James D Murray Chapter No.197	Business Meeting
17/11/2015	Rochdale St. Chad Chapter No.494	Enthronement of E&P Bro Eddie Heywood
21/11/2015	Verney Clayton Chapter No.261	Enthronement of E&P Bro John Hargreaves
24/11/2015	Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter No.1073	Installation of V. : Ill. : Bro David Biggs, 33° as Inspector General for North East Lancashire
28/11/2015	St. Peter's Chapter No.31	Proclamation of Ill. : Bro John Hughes, 30° as MWS
01/12/2015	Mark Wilkinson Chapter No.194	Enthronement of E&P Bro Robert Norris
12/12/2015	Bethel Chapter No.290	Perfection of E&P Bro Andrew Greenhalgh

Congratulations to all our newly Perfected and Enthroned Brethren



Illustrious Brethren promoted to Higher Degrees by the Supreme Council 33°

21/09/2015	30 th Degree	Brian Fawcett (No.781), Dennis Heskett (No.197), Stephen Jansen (No.1073, <i>via Rose of Lahore Chapter No.128, SE Lancs</i>), Kenneth Rowlatt (No.494), David Sharpe (No.1073), Jack Sunderland (No.494), Andrew Taylor (No.603) and Martin Whittaker (No.197)
09/11/2015	30 th Degree	John Green (No.447)
02/12/2015	32 nd Degree	Jack Aston (District Recorder, No.364)

Congratulations to all our newly Promoted Brethren



Future Events ~ Diary Dates

04/06/2016	King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement	Demonstration of the 7 th & 8 th Degrees, Leicester Masonic Hall
11/06/2016	North East Lancashire District Meeting	Hosted by Bury Chapter No.435 at Rochdale Masonic Hall



We also remember those who have recently been called to Higher Service

17/10/2015	Ill. : Bro Dennis Park, 30°	Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter No.1073
25/10/2015	Ill. : Bro Christopher J Oversby, 31°	Mark Wilkinson Chapter No.194

May they Rest in Peace