



Ancient & Accepted Rite District of North East Lancashire



Newsletter No. 2

News from the Inspector General



It's amazing to think that a full year has passed since my appointment as Inspector General for the North East Lancashire District and I would like to thank everyone for the welcomes I have received when visiting Chapters in the District and for your support over the past 12 months.

In addition to the visits we have made to Chapters in North East Lancashire and neighbouring Districts, Ill. Bro Jack Aston and I have represented the District at many other meetings and special events:

- Installation of V. Ill. Bro. Nigel Cooper, 33° as the Inspector General for East Cheshire at Stockport
- 10th Anniversary celebration of the South Liverpool Chapter No.1175 at Garston, attended by the Grand Captain General, M. Ill. Bro. Robin Furber, 33°
- Durham District Meeting at Gateshead
- Northumberland District Meeting at Byker
- Yorkshire West Riding District Meeting at Baildon
- Consecration of Chapel in the Fields Chapter No.1210 at Horwich
- Regular visits to 10 Duke Street, St. James's in London to attend Higher Degrees Meetings with Brethren from the District receiving promotions
- Demonstrations of the 7th & 8th Degrees by the King Edward VII Rose Croix Chapter of Improvement, in the Grand Temple at Great Queen Street, London in April and at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester in June.

Our own Annual District Meeting, hosted by Bury Chapter No.435 by dispensation at Rochdale, was once again a great success and attracted large numbers of Rose Croix Masons from North East Lancashire and neighbouring Districts.

Among the new ideas we have introduced in the past year, we are particularly pleased with the response to the leaflets which have been designed to raise awareness of our Order.

Copies of the leaflet have been provided to all the Masonic Halls where Rose Croix Chapters meet (for you to pass to your friends who are not yet members) and we are now distributing copies to Halls where there is no 'resident' Rose Croix Chapter, as we are aware that membership of the Order is under-represented in these locations and there is huge scope to attract new members by engaging with qualified Craft Masons who may be unaware of our Order, or where Rose Croix Chapters meet.

The annual general meeting of Chapter Officers held at Accrington in October 2015 provided excellent feedback and generated some very useful suggestions for new events.

The first New Perfectees meeting was held in March 2016, hosted by James D Murray Chapter at Burnley, when all the Princes perfected in the past 12 months were invited to hear a presentation of the Perfection in Perspective lecture. The evening was a great success and we plan to repeat the event in the coming year and invite applications from Chapters willing to host the meeting.

We are in the process of organising a family and friends' luncheon, which will also be open to prospective candidates and further details will be circulated when finalised.

Another issue raised at the meeting last October was the difficulty some Chapters experience in arranging practices.

One possibility we are considering is to establish a Chapter of Instruction which would meet, say, every other month at either a central location or at different venues by rotation, depending on costs, demand, etc. and would enable Chapter Officers to rehearse different sections of the ritual under the supervision of experienced DCs. Watch this space.

It only remains for me to thank you once again for your support over the past 12 months and to wish you all a happy and healthy year of Rose Croix Freemasonry in the season ahead.

V. Ill. Bro. David J Biggs, 33°
Inspector General, North East Lancashire

News of Members

Newly Perfected Princes:

Bethel Chapter No.290:

E&P Bro Keith Benson 10th October 2015
E&P Bro Andrew Greenhalgh..... 12th December 2015
E&P Bro Ian Schofield..... 13th February 2016

Accrington Chapter No.364:

E&P Bro Noel Kearns.....5th March 2016

Bury Chapter No.435:

E&P Bro T Stewart Mills 11th June 2016

Emmanuel Chapter No.447:

E&P Bro Jason Bond22nd October 2015

Canon Francis Paton-Williams Chapter No.781:

E&P Bro Glynn Ward 14th June 2016
E&P Bro Anthony Justice 14th June 2016

Congratulations to all newly Perfected Brethren!



Brethren called to Higher Service

Ill.: Bro Ian Hamilton Taylor, 30°
1st July 2015

Ill.: Bro Stuart Davenport, 30°
10th October 2015

Ill.: Bro Dennis Park, 30°
17th October 2015

Ill.: Bro Christopher Oversby, 31°
25th October 2015

Ill.: Bro Dr. Neville Marsden, 32°
26th January 2016

Ill.: Bro Martin Whittaker, 30°
1st May 2016

Ill.: Bro William Livesey, 31°
2nd May 2016

Ill.: Bro Derek Ratcliffe, 30°
7th May 2016

Ill.: Bro Derek Bell, 30°
11th June 2016

Illustrious Brethren receiving Higher Degrees:

21st September 2015:

Ill.: Bro Brian Fawcett, 30°No.781
Ill.: Bro Dennis Heskett, 30°No.197
Ill.: Bro Kenneth Rowlatt, 30°No.494
Ill.: Bro David Sharpe, 30°No.1073
Ill.: Bro Jack Sunderland, 30°No.494
Ill.: Bro Andrew Taylor, 30°No.603
Ill.: Bro Martin Whittaker, 30°No.197

21st September 2015 (via South East Lancashire)

Ill.: Bro Stephen Jansen, 30°No.1073

9th November 2015:

Ill.: Bro John Green, 30°No.447

2nd December 2015:

Ill.: Bro Jack Aston, 32°No.364

11th January 2016:

Ill.: Bro Giuseppe 'Peppe' Cavaleri, 31°No.1073
Ill.: Bro John Hudson, 31°No.197
Ill.: Bro David Winstanley, JP, 31°No.435

9th February 2016:

Ill.: Bro David Dredge, 30°No.435

26th April 2016:

Ill.: Bro Eric Bullock, 30°No.364
Ill.: Bro Mike Stubbs, 30°No.261

17th May 2016 (via Yorkshire, West Riding):

Ill.: Bro Simon Gazzard, 31°No.1073

12th July 2016:

Ill.: Bro Alan Heywood, 31°No.364
Ill.: Bro Steven Flanagan, 30°No.435

Congratulations to all newly Promoted Brethren!



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