



Newsletter Issue 3

Ancient & Accepted Rite North East Lancashire District



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Welcome to the third issue of the District Newsletter. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer recess, despite the rather unseasonal weather and are now fully refreshed and looking forward to the new Masonic season.

Looking back over the past year, we had the same number of Perfections in the District (8) as the previous year and slightly fewer joining and re-joining members (5). The number of resignations was similar (15) but we suffered only one death amongst our members in the past year compared with 15 deaths in the previous year.

Two Chapters have changed their bylaws; St. Peter's Chapter in Bolton now meet on a Tuesday evening instead of a Saturday afternoon and James D Murray Chapter have relocated from Burnley to Padiham.

The second annual 'New Perfectees' meeting was hosted by Bethel Chapter on 11th February 2017. Six recently Perfected Princes and many other visitors heard the 'Perfection in Perspective' lecture and witnessed Ill.Bro Peter Holt 32° enthrone Ill.Bro Jack Aston 32° as MWS.



Mark Wilkinson Chapter hosted a family luncheon for the District at Darwen on 8th April, the Saturday prior to Good Friday. We hope to make this a regular event in the calendar, bringing members, families and friends together from across the District to enjoy a relaxed social occasion.

In a change of routine from previous years, the annual meeting of Chapter Officers was split into two sessions, held on separate evenings. The first meeting was purely for Recorders and dealt with administrative matters and the second meeting was for Directors of Ceremonies and dealt with ceremonial matters. This approach seemed to work well and we will continue this format in the future.

The past year has been busy with visits to other Districts, particularly now that most of our neighbours hold Annual Meetings in a format similar to ours, where a candidate is Perfected or the ceremony of Perfection is demonstrated.

Our own Annual District Meeting, hosted by Accrington Chapter at Rochdale Masonic Hall on 3rd June, was a great success with over 70 Rose Croix Masons in attendance including Inspectors General from seven other Districts.



Our plans are progressing for the Centenary celebrations of five Lancashire Chapters which were warranted on the same day towards the end of the Great War – 12th April 1918. Two of the five Chapters are now in the North East Lancashire District; Mark Wilkinson Chapter at Darwen and James D Murray Chapter at Padiham. A joint meeting of all five Chapters will be held at Brookfield Masonic Hall, Westhoughton on **Monday 30th July 2018**. We expect that a sizeable contingent from Supreme Council will be present to celebrate this unique occasion. Further details will be available on the District website and from Chapter Recorders in due course.

It only remains for me to thank you for your support over the past year and to wish you a healthy and happy year of Rose Croix Masonry in the season ahead.

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

News of Members

Newly Perfected Princes:

Mark Wilkinson Chapter No.194

E&P Bro Mark Clayton.....6th December 2016

James D Murray Chapter No.197

E&P Bro David Liversidge 24th October 2016

E&P Bro Martin Blades 22nd March 2017

Bethel Chapter No.290

The Candidate Perfected on 10th December 2016 has asked that his name be withheld for personal reasons.

Accrington Chapter No.364

E&P Bro Geoff Hayhurst4th March 2017

E&P Bro Gary Howard3rd June 2017

Emmanuel Chapter No.447

E&P Bro Drew Thornley..... 27th October 2016

Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter No.1073

E&P Bro Jim McNally20th February 2017

Welcome to our newly Perfected Brethren!



Brethren receiving Higher Degrees:

16th May 2017 ~ 30th Degree:

Ill. : Bro Alan Astin, 30° No.781

Ill. : Bro John Hargreaves, 30° No.261

Ill. : Bro Allan Low, 30° No.261

Ill. : Bro Ian Ogden, 30° No.364

Ill. : Bro Ross Turner, 30° No.290



6th June 2017 ~ 32nd Degree:

Ill. : Bro David Crowley, 32°No.494

Ill. : Bro John Grundy, 32°No.435

11th July 2017 ~ 30th Degree:

Ill. : Bro Rob Tyler, 30°No.31



Congratulations to all newly Promoted Brethren!



Brethren called to Higher Service

Ill. : Bro Bernard Roberts, 30°
(Accrington Chapter No.364)

26th January 2017