



**Newsletter Issue 5**

## **Ancient & Accepted Rite North East Lancashire District**



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### **Inspector General's Remarks**



Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> issue of the District Newsletter.

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer recess and are now ready for another Masonic season ahead.

Looking back over the past year, we had fewer Perfections in the District (3 compared with 7 the previous year) and also fewer joining and re-joining members (3 compared with 6 the previous year). Fortunately, the number of resignations was much lower (8 compared with 14 the previous year) with deaths remaining relatively constant.

Our focus for the coming year is to establish a Past Sovereigns' Chapter for the North East Lancashire District. This Chapter, which will meet in the evenings, is intended to complement the East Lancashire Chapter which holds both its meetings at lunchtimes in Manchester, Rochdale or Eccles and as such is not readily accessible for many of our members in the North or those of working age.

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<sup>o</sup>  
Inspector General, North East Lancashire District

### **News from Around the District**

#### **New Perfectees' Meeting**

The fourth annual New Perfectees' meeting was hosted by Mark Wilkinson Chapter at Darwen on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

A group of recently Perfected Princes and visitors from several Chapters in the District witnessed the MWS, E&P Bro David Gill conduct a demonstration of the Second Point, following which the 'Perfection in Perspective' Lecture was delivered.

#### **District Lunch**



The third annual District Lunch was held in the Adelaide Suite at Accrington Masonic Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, attended by Rose Croix Masons from Chapters across the District, together with family members and friends.

An excellent 3-course lunch was provided by the resident caterer and his team. For starters there was a choice of Melon Cocktail or Paté, followed by Roast Chicken or Salmon for the main course and a delicious Cheesecake for dessert. Tea and coffee, with mints, rounded off an excellent repast.

Ill. Bro. Jack Aston, the District Recorder, provided some light-hearted entertainment by running two quizzes, each with a prize of a bottle of wine, and a raffle raised a goodly sum to supplement our donations to good causes.

## Annual District Meeting

The North East Lancashire Annual District Meeting was held at the Masonic Ballroom, Rochdale on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019, hosted by William Horrocks Chapter No.603.

The usual arrangement for our Annual District Meetings is for the host Chapter to Perfect a Candidate. On this occasion, Bro Richard Gillett, a Master Mason of Chorley Lodge No. 6287, was Perfected by the Most Wise Sovereign of William Horrocks Chapter, Ill.: Bro. John Rimmer 30° assisted by Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns from Chapters in the District.

Over 70 Rose Croix Masons attended the meeting, including 8 Inspectors General, present, past and designate from neighbouring Districts, most of whom were accompanied by their District Recorders and enthusiastic members of Chapters from their Districts.

We then enjoyed an excellent lunch of Fan of Melon or Chicken Liver Paté, followed by a main course of Roast Ham in Parsley Sauce with Seasonal Vegetables and Fresh Fruit Salad for dessert.

## Brethren receiving Higher Degrees

Our District was well represented at Higher Degrees meetings with Brethren travelling to Duke Street St. James's on four separate occasions to receive appointments and promotions from Supreme Council. Two Brethren from our District were honoured to be chosen as the Representative Candidate for their ceremonies, Ill.: Bro. Alex McLaren 31° on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Ill.: Bro. Dickie Dickenson 32° on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 ~ 30° Grand Elected Knight Kadosh

Ill.: Bro. Jim Bradley 30° – Emmanuel Chapter  
Ill.: Bro. Alan Jones 30° – Accrington Chapter  
Ill.: Bro. Bob Norris 30° – Mark Wilkinson Chapter  
Ill.: Bro. Graham Wood 30° – Bury Chapter  
(Pictured right with Inspector General David Biggs and District Recorder Jack Aston)



Ill.: Bro Alex McLaren 31° at the Royal Overseas League with Inspectors General David Biggs and Royce Batters



Ill.: Bro Alex McLaren 31° at the Festive Board with Sovereign Grand Commander M.: P.: Brother Alan Englefield 33°

### 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 ~ 31° Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander

Ill.: Bro. Alex McLaren 31° – Rochdale St. Chad Chapter (also a Member of Rose of Lahore Chapter and Donald Maitland Davies Chapter in South East Lancashire)

Ill.: Bro. Paul Quinton 31° – James D Murray Chapter (also a Founder Member of Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter)

### 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 ~ 30° Grand Elected Knight Kadosh

Ill.: Bro. Tony Cross 30° – James D Murray Chapter (also a Member of Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter)



Ill.: Bro Tony Cross 30° and Ill.: Bro Paul Quinton 31° enjoy the Festive Board at the Royal Overseas League

### 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 30° Grand Elected Knight Kadosh

Ill.: Bro. Tony Kenny 30°  
William Horrocks Chapter  
(Pictured below with Inspector General David Biggs)



**4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 ~ 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**

Ill.:Bro. Douglas ('Dickie') Dickenson 32° - Bethel Chapter  
(Pictured right with Inspector General David Biggs)



**4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 ~ 30° Grand Elected Knight Kadosh**



Ill.:Bro. Stuart Ashworth 30° – Bury Chapter  
Ill.:Bro. Bob Codling 30° – Rochdale St. Chad Chapter  
Ill.:Bro. Nigel Gouldthorpe 30° – Mark Wilkinson Chapter  
Ill.:Bro. John Kershaw 30° – Rochdale St. Chad Chapter  
Ill.:Bro. Michael Squires 30° - Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter  
(Pictured left with accompanying guests)

**Welcome to our newest Members**

E&P Bro Ronald James Gridley	St. Peter's Chapter No.31	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
E&P Bro David Mottershead	Verney Clayton Chapter No.261	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
E&P Bro Richard Stephen Gillett	William Horrocks Chapter No.603	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019
<i>We hope your association with us will be long and happy!</i>		

**✠ We also remember those who have been called to Higher Service ✠**

Ill.:Bro James Parker 30°	Emmanuel Chapter No.447	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
Ill.:Bro Reginald Coar 30°	William Horrocks Chapter No.603	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Ill.:Bro Malcolm Hearsey 30°	Emmanuel Chapter No.447	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Ill.:Bro Ian Mason 30°	Canon Francis Paton-Williams Chapter No.781	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
Ill.:Bro Peter Guy 30°	Rochdale St. Chad Chapter No.494	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
E&P Bro Peter Christie	Colne St. Bartholomew Chapter No.1073	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<i>May they rest in peace</i>		

**Diary Dates for 2020**

District Family Lunch	Bury Masonic Hall	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
New Perfectees' Meeting	TBC	TBC
King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement Demonstration of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Degree	Brookfield Masonic Hall, Westhoughton	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
North East Lancashire Annual District Meeting	Rochdale Masonic Hall	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Higher Degrees Dinner	Ashday Lea, Rawtenstall Masonic Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
North West Districts Joint Church Service to commemorate the 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Council for England and Wales	Stockport Cathedral (TBC)	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2020

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