

Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham

Notable Events

1950s – present

- 1954 - Presentation to the Provincial Grand Master, Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, of his portrait in oils, painted by Bro Maurice Codner, RP, at The Wearside Masonic Temple, on 17th September.
- 1955 - Portrait of Provincial Grand Master, Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, handed over to Directors of Wearside Masonic Temple, 13th April.
- Bi-Centenary of Phoenix Lodge No. 97 celebrated 10th January. Visit of the MW Grand Master, The Earl of Scarborough, KG.
- 1957 - Bi-Centenary of Palatine Lodge No. 97 celebrated 10th January. Visit of Rt W Bro Sir Allan Adair, Asst Grand Master.
- 1959 - Death of Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, Provincial Grand Master, 19th February.
- Installation at Sunderland of W Bro Col F Walton, as Rt W Provincial Grand Master, 22nd October.
- 1960 - Service at Durham Cathedral to mark the Installation of Rt W Bro Col F Walton, MC, TD, DL, as Provincial Grand Master, 2nd October.
- 1961 - Bi-Centenary of Restoration Lodge No.111, celebrated on 19th June. Visit of the MW The Grand Master, The Earl of Scarborough, KG.
- 1963 - The Grand Master, Lord Scarborough visited Durham for the Bi-Centenary of the Marquis of Grandby Lodge, No. 124, 22nd October.
- 1967 - HRH The Duke of Kent elected as Grand Master, 14th June.
- 1969 - Death of Rt W Bro Col F Walton, MC, TD, DL, Provincial Grand Master, 22nd November.
- 1970 - Installation at Sunderland of Rt W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, TD, DL, Senior Grand Warden, as Provincial Grand Master, 28th October.
- 1974 - Bowling Green opened at Scarborough Court, by the Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, TD, DL, 17th August.
- 1975 - Two New Standards presented to Provincial Grand Lodge by the Brethren of the province, 18th June.
- 1980 - Bi Centenary of St. Hilda Lodge No.240 celebrated 14th April. Visit of Rt W Bro Hon Fiennes Cordwallis, Deputy Grand Master.

1985 - Bi-Centenary of Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland celebrated 13th April.

1986 - W Bro A Hall appointed provincial Grand Secretary, 1st February.

1992 - 27th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England and 25th Anniversary of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master. Both occasions marked by a joint celebration at Earls Court, London.

The M W Pro Grand Master, Lord Farnham, visited Gateshead Masonic Hall and after an informal reception, had dinner with Masters and First Principles from the Province, on 25th November.

1998 - Installation at Gateshead of V Bro Dr A M Davison, PGSwdB as Provincial Grand Master on 9th October.

1999 - W Bro F W Dixon, PJGD, presented with the first 'Certificate of Service to Freemasonry' on 26th June.

Launch of Beamish 2000 at the Ramside Hall Hotel on 20th September in the presence of Lord Farnham, Pro GM.

2000 - Foundation Stone of New Masonic Temple, Beamish, North of England Open Air Museum, laid by Rt W Bro Dr A M Davison, ProvGM, 1st July.

First Provincial Carol service held at Durham Cathedral on 21st December.

2004 - The Pro Grand Master, The Most Hon The Marquess of Northampton DL present at Annual General Meeting of Provincial grand Lodge, 26th June.

Launch of 2010 Festival in aid of RMBI at the Ramside Hall Hotel, 27th October.

Keystone at beamish Masonic Temple laid 6th November.