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- 1788** First Prov Grand Communication held at Durham.
- 1793** Foundation Stone of Wearmouth Bridge laid with Masonic Honours by the W Bro Rowland Burdon, *MP* 24th September.
- 1796** Prov GL held and Bridge opened at Sunderland.
- 1813** Union of two GLs under HRH The Duke of Sussex, *KG*, GM, 27th December.
- 1815** Constitutions of United GL of England first published.
- 1822** Visit of HRH The Duke of Sussex, *KG*, GM, to ProvGL at Chester-le-Street. Presentation of Address, 30th August.
- 1834** Presentation of Masonic Jewel and Address to the Rt Hon The 1st Earl of Durham, ProvGM. Entertainment of the Brethren of the Province at Lambton Castle, 21st January.
- 1835** Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Anniversary Festival presided over by The 1st Earl of Durham, when the amounts contributed were £470 and £678.
- 1839** Visit of HRH The Duke of Sussex, *KG*, GM, to ProvGL at Sunderland; Presentation of Address. Laying of Foundation Stone of Athenaeum at Sunderland by HRH The Duke of Sussex, *KG*, GM, 12th November.
- 1844** GL held, and Foundation Stone of Monument to the Memory of the late Earl of Durham, PProGM, laid at Penshaw, by the Rt Hon The 2nd Earl of Zetland, GM, 28th August.
- 1881** The 5th Marquess of Londonderry, *KP*, presided at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 1882** Death of John Fawcett, PProvGMaster.
Durham Masonic Education Fund founded.
- 1884** Death of The 5th Marquess of Londonderry, *KP*, ProvGMaster, 5th November.
- 1890** HRH The Prince of Wales, *KG*, MW GM, visited Seaham Harbour, and was presented with an address by the Fawcett Lodge, No. 661, 1st November.
- 1897** Hudson Benevolent Fund founded.
Presentation of Silver Plate to R Hudson, PGStB, ProvGSec, in recognition of his valuable services, 28th September.
- 1899** Festival in aid of the Durham Masonic Charities at Durham. £2,300 raised.
- 1900** RW Bro Sir Hedworth Williamson, 8th *Bt*, *DL*, *MP*, ProvGM, born 25th March 1827, initiated 1848 died 26th August 1900.
- 1901** Installation of The Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard, as ProvGM, 26th June.
- 1902** Festival at Raby Castle in aid of Durham Masonic Charities. £2,000 raised.
- 1904** Foundation Stone of New Parish Church, Rookhope, laid by The Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard, *DCL*, ProvGM, 30th July.
- 1905** Installation of The Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard as GSupt, 4th October.
- 1906** Death of VW Bro the Revd Canon Henry Baker Tristram, *DD*, *FRS*, DepProvGM, PGSupt, 8th March.
Appointment of Bro Victor A Williamson, *CMG*, ProvSGW (Durham), as DepProvGM.

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Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, presided over by The Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard, ProvGM. The Province contributed £6,750.

- 1907** Presentation of Silver Standing Cup and Cover and an Address to Lord Barnard, ProvGM and Gold Brooch to Lady Barnard in commemoration of their Silver Wedding, celebrated 28th June. Brethren entertained at Raby Castle, 18th September.
- 1910** Foundation Stone of New Chapel of the North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle, laid by the Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard, *DCL*, ProvGM, 6th July.
- 1912** Girls' School Festival, presided over by The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *DCL*, ProvGM. Over £8,391 was contributed by the Province of Durham.
- 1917** Bicentenary of GL, celebrated at Royal Albert Hall, London, 23 June.
- 1918** Appointment of The Hon Gerald W Liddell, *JP, DL, PJGW*, as DepProvGM. Death of Rt W Bro The 9th Lord Barnard, *DCL*, ProvGM, at Raby Castle, 28th December.
- 1919** Installation of Capt The Hon Gerald W Liddell, *JP, DL*, appointed 14th January, as ProvGM, 21st March.
- Appointment of W Bro Cecil Fenwick de Pledge, *JP, PSGD*, as DepProvGM, 21st March.
- HRH Edward, Prince of Wales, *KG*, was initiated in the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, 2nd May.
- Peace Celebration Meeting of GL, Royal Albert Hall, London, 21st June.
- Capt The Hon G W Liddell succeeded to the title of The 6th Lord Ravensworth on the death of his father, 12th November.
- 1920** Appointment of W Bro Richard Luck, *MA, LLM, PJGD, PProvSGW*, as the First AsstProvGM of Durham, 22nd September; died 26th November.
- Durham created a separate Province for Mark Masonry, 12th June.
- First ProvGMM, The Rt Hon The 6th Lord Ravensworth, *JP, DL*.
- 1921** Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Festival, presided over by The Rt Hon The 6th Lord Ravensworth, ProvGM. The ProvGL of Durham contributed £35,000.
- Appointment of W Bro Col L Robson, *CMG, DSO*, as AsstProvGM.
- 1922** Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales, *KG*, as SGW, Royal Albert Hall, London, 25th October.
- 1923** Presentation of Silver Cup to Bro The Hon Robert Arthur Liddell, by Freemasons of the ProvGL of Durham, to celebrate the Coming of Age, 2nd January, of Lord Ravensworth's only son and heir, 28th March.
- Resignation of W Bro Col L Robson, *CMG, DSO*, from office of AsstProvGM.
- 1924** Appointment of W Bro the Revd Joseph Short, *BD, DCL*, as AsstProvGM, 21st May.
- Mark Benevolent Fund Festival presided over by The Rt Hon The 6th Lord Ravensworth, *JP, DL*, ProvGMMM, when the Province contributed £3,333, 26th June.
- Presentation of Silver Cup, four Silver Candlesticks and an Illuminated Address in Album form to The Lord Ravensworth, ProvGM, and a Gold and Enamel Diamond Brooch to Lady Ravensworth, in commemoration, 11th October, of their Silver Wedding, 15th October.

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- 1925** Appointment of W Bro Cuthbert Wilkinson, PAGDC, as DepProvGM, 6th May.
Masonic Million Memorial Festival, Olympia, the MW GM, HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, *KG*, presiding. Total announced £826,014 16s 11d.
ProvGL of Durham's contribution £8,333 3s 0d, 8th August.
- 1927** The MW GM, HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, *KG*, attended at the Royal Albert Hall in celebration of the event of the Foundation Stone of Peace Memorial Building in Great Queen Street being laid by electrical connection; nearly 8,000 Brethren were present, 14th July.
- 1928** Memorial Tablet unveiled in the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, by Bro Colonel Rowland Burdon, *VD, JP, DL*, erected to the memory of Bro W Rowland Burdon, *MP*, who, in the year 1799, rendered great service to the Craft by having embodied in the Secret and Seditious Meetings Bill, "Freemasons excepted", 24th September.
- 1929** The ProvGM, The Lord Ravensworth, celebrated his 60th birthday and presided at the 87th anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which the Province contributed £30,817 0s 0d, 21st March.
The University of Durham conferred on The Lord Ravensworth the degree of Doctor of Civil Law, 5th June.
- 1930** Foundation Stone of new Masonic Temple, Sunderland, laid by The Lord Ravensworth, ProvGM, 8th October.
- 1931** Appointment of W Bro Lt Col J Woodbury Thompson, *VD*, DepGSwdB, as AsstProvGM, 17th June.
- 1932** The Lord Ravensworth, 33°, installed as First Inspector General for Durham, Ancient and Accepted Rite (Rose Croix), after Durham constituted as a District, February.
Death of The Lord Ravensworth, ProvGM, 15th June.
The Freemasons of Sunderland presented to the Town a Memorial Tablet to commemorate the Building of Wearmouth Bridge (1793–96) by Bro Rowland Burdon, *MP*. It was unveiled by his Grandson, Bro Col Rowland Burdon, *VD, JP, DL*, and placed at the South West End of the present structure, 13th July.
VW Bro Sir Colville Smith, *CVO*, GSec, opened and dedicated the New Temple at Sunderland, 24th August.
Installation of Brig-Gen Sir Conyers Surtees, *CB, CMG*, etc, as ProvGMaster and GSupt at West Hartlepool by the MW ProGM, The Lord Ampthill, *GCSI, GCIE*, 13th October.
Installation of Brig-Gen Sir Conyers Surtees, *CB, CMG*, etc., as Prov Prior for Northumberland and Durham, at Durham, by the ME and S ProGM, The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, 23rd November.
Installation of VW Bro Wm Todd as ProvGMMM, 24th November.
- 1933** Death of Rt W Bro Brig-Gen Sir Conyers Surtees, *CB, CMG*, etc, ProvGMaster, at Mainsforth Hall, Ferryhill, 18th April.
Espécial GL, Royal Albert Hall, and special meeting in connection with the opening and Dedication of the New Temple of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, by the MW GM, HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, *KG*, etc, 18th and 19th July.
Installation at Sunderland of V III Bro R W Ernest Dixon, 33° as Inspector General, Durham

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by the MP Sovereign Grand Commander, The Earl of Donoughmore, 33^o, 3rd November.

Installation at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Em Kt R W Ernest Dixon as Prov Prior for Northumberland and Durham, by the ME & S ProGM, The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, 23rd November.

1934 New School at Rickmansworth Park, Herts, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls opened by HM The Queen, 27th June.

Death of W Bro Lt Col James Woodbury Thompson, *VD*, *PDGSwdB*, *AsstProvGM*, at Whickham Park, 19th August.

Quarterly Communication of United GL of England held at City Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5th September.

1935 Installation at Sunderland of RW Bro Cuthbert Wilkinson, *JP*, as *ProvGM*, by RW Bro The Rt Hon The 1st Lord Cornwallis, *CBE*, *TD*, *DepGM*, *ProvGM* for Kent. The *ProvGM* installed W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, *PAGDC*, as *DepProvGM*, W Bro W J Moor, *PAGSwdB*, as *AsstProvGM* and W Bro T T Nesbitt, *PAGDC*, as *ProvGSec*, 28th May.

Installation at Sunderland of E Comp R W Ernest Dixon as *GSupt* in and over the Province, by the *ME2ndGPrin*, the Rt Hon The 1st Lord Cornwallis, *CBE*, *TD*, *GSupt* in and over Kent. E Comp Dixon invested E Comp T T Nesbitt, *PGStB*, as *ProvGSE*, 28th May.

Bicentenary of the Province (1734–1934); Commemoration Service in Durham Cathedral. The preacher was the Rt Revd The Lord Bishop of Durham, VW Bro H Hensley Henson, *DD*, *PGChap*, *PProvGChap*, 29th September.

1936 Death of Rt W Bro Cuthbert Wilkinson, *ProvGM*, 27th May.

1937 An Especial GL was held in the Royal Albert Hall, London, Wednesday, 30th June, when HM The King was invested as *MW PGM* and a number of Brethren received Coronation Honours.

Installation at Sunderland of Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, as *ProvGM* by the *MW ProGM*, The Rt Hon The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, *GCVO*, *DSO*, W Bro Major W J Moor, *PJGD*, was installed *DepProvGM* and W Bro Lt-Col F Walton, *MC*, *AsstProvGM*, 4th October.

Death of Sir P Colville Smith, *CVO*, *PJGW*, *GSec* and *GSE*, 5th November.

Appointments of Brig-Gen W H V Darell, *CB*, *CMG*, *DSO*, as *AsstGM* and Sydney A White, *PGD*, as *GSec* and *GSE*, 1st December.

1938 Death of W Bro The Revd Dr Joseph Short, *MBE*, *BD*, *DCL*, *PAsstGChap*, *AsstProvGM* of Durham, 1924–31, 23rd January.

Death of Rt W Bro W Todd, *ProvGMarkM* for Durham, 14th July.

Appointment of W Bro Ralph Alsop, *PAsstGStB*, as *AsstProvGM* of Durham, 4th October.

Installation at Durham of RW Bro E Dixon, as *ProvGMM* for Durham, 16th November.

1939 Resignation of HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, *KG*, as *GM*, 1st March.

Election of HRH The Duke of Kent, *KG*, etc, as *GM*, 1st March.

RW Bro R W Ernest Dixon, *ProvGM*, presided at the 151st Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at which the Province contributed £38,097 15s 4d. Grand total, £71,741 2s 3d, 11th May.

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Installation of The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, as M E and S GM, Order of the Temple, 12th May.

Installation of HRH The 1st Duke of Kent, *KG*, etc, as GM, by MW Bro HM The King, 19th July.

1941 Mill Kt R W Ernest Dixon elected Grand High Priest, Grand College of England (KTP), 13th February.

1942 Death of MW Bro HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, *KG*, etc, PGM, 16th January.

Death of MW Bro Air Commodore HRH The 1st Duke of Kent, *KG*, etc, GM, 25th August.

1943 Installation of The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, etc, as GM, by MW Bro HM The King, 1st June.

Installation of the Rt Hon The 3rd Earl of Stradbroke, *KCMG, CB, CVO, CBE*, as GM of Mark GL, 1st June.

Foundation of scholarship to commemorate the 70th Birthday of the ProvGM, Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, named the "Ernest Dixon Masonic Scholarship". Amount subscribed £3,259 1s 6d, 14th July.

1945 Appointment of W Bro Col F Walton, *MC, DL*, PGD, as DepProvGM of Durham, 27th June.

Appointment of W Bro T Jackson as AsstProvGM. Province of Durham Peace Service, held in Durham Cathedral, 23rd September.

1947 Death of MW Bro The Rt Hon The Earl of Harewood, *KG*, etc, GM, 24th May.

Election of His Grace The 10th Duke of Devonshire, *KG*, etc, as GM, 3rd September.

Installation of the Rt Hon The Lord Harris, *MC, GCT*, as M E and S GM, Order of the Temple, 12th December.

1948 Installation of His Grace The 10th Duke of Devonshire, *KG*, etc., as GM, by MW Bro H M The King, 23rd March.

Installation of Brig-Gen W H V Darell, *CB, CMG, DSO*, as GMM, 1st June.

Memorial Service held in Durham Cathedral and unveiling Memorial Window in the Chapter House by the ProvGM, 6th June.

Resignation of W Bro Ralph Alsop, *CBE*, PGD, as AsstProvGM of Durham, 14th July.

Appointment of W Bro Col Sir Myers Wayman, *OBE, JP*, as AsstProvGM of Durham, 14th July.

Appointment of W Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, as ProvGSec, 14th July.

1949 Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, ProvGM, presided at the 107th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which the PGL of Durham contributed £105,114 1s 6d. Grand total, £201,224 5s 10d, 23rd February.

1950 Centenary of Prov Priory of Northumberland and Durham (1850–1950). Commemoration Service in Durham Cathedral, followed by Annual Meeting of Prov Priory in the Chapter House, attended by a deputation from Great Priory, which included the M E and S GM, The Lord Harris, 14th June.

Death of The MW GM, His Grace The 10th Duke of Devonshire, *KG*, 27th November.

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- 1951** Election of the Rt Hon The Earl of Scarborough, *KG*, etc., as GM, 7th March.
Appointment of the Rt Hon The Earl of Derby, *MC*, as DepGM, 7th March.
Installation of VW Bro Col F Walton, *MC, DL*, PGOv, as DepProvGMM, 15th September.
Installation of The Rt Hon The Earl of Scarborough, *KG*, etc., as GM, by the Rt Hon The Earl of Derby, *MC*, DepGM, 6th November.
- 1952** Death of MW Bro H M King George VI, Past GM, 6th February.
HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, *KG*, initiated in Navy Lodge No. 2612, 5th December.
- 1953** Appointment of Major General Sir Allan Adair, Bt, CB, DSO, *MC*, as AsstGM, 4th March.
Installation at Darlington of VIII Bro Col F Walton, *MC, DL*, 33° as Inspector-General, Durham, by the MP Sovereign Grand Commander, Sir Trevor Matthews, 33°, 11th May.
Appointment of W Bro Dr Robert Raffle, MB, PGD, as AsstProvGM of Durham, 15th July.
- 1954** Death of Brig-General W H V Darell, *CB, CMG, DSO*, AsstGM and GMM, 7th February.
Installation of The Lord Harris, *MC*, as GMM, 1st June.
Presentation to the ProvGM, Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, of his portrait in oils, painted by Bro Maurice Codner, *RP*, and given by the DepProvGM, Col F Walton, *MC, DL*, at The Wearside Masonic Temple, 17th September.
- 1955** Portrait of the ProvGM, Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, handed over to the Directors of Wearside Masonic Temple, 13th April.
Mark Benevolent Fund Festival held in the Connaught Rooms, London, at which Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, ProvGMM, presided. Total amount raised £29,774 4s 3d, of which the ProvGML of Durham subscribed £14,336 16s 0d, 23rd June.
Bicentenary of Phoenix Lodge No. 94 celebrated on 5th October. Visit of the MW GM, The Earl of Scarborough, *KG*, the GSec, Sir Sydney White and W Bro T B Langton, DepGDC.
- 1957** Bicentenary of Palatine Lodge No. 97 celebrated. Visit of Rt W Bro Sir Allan Adair, *Bt*, AsstGM, 10th January.
- 1958** Death of Sir Sydney White, *KCVO*, PJGW, GSec and GSE, 9th March.
W Bro James Wilfrid Stubbs, appointed GSec, 30th April.
- 1959** Death of Rt W Bro R W Ernest Dixon, ProvGM, GSupt, ProvGMM and Prov Prior for Northumberland and Durham, 19th February.
W Bro Col F Walton, ProvGM Designate, presided over the 161st Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Connaught Rooms in London, when it was announced that the sum of £302,028 had been raised for the Institution, of which £188,853 had come from the ProvGL of Durham, 10th June.
Resignation of W Bro Sir Myers Wayman, *KBE, JP, DL*, AsstProvGM, 19th August. Sir Myers Wayman died, 11th September.
Installation at Sunderland of E Comp Col F Walton, *MC, TD, DL*, as GSupt in and over the Province by the ME The First GPrin, the Rt Hon The Earl of Scarborough, *KG, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, TD*, 22nd October. The GSupt invested E Comp W F Atkinson, *MBE*, PProvGTreas, as ProvGSE.
Installation at Sunderland of W Bro Col F Walton, as ProvGM for Durham, by the MW GM,

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The Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*. The ProvGM installed W Bro Thos Jackson, *MBE*, *PJGD*, as DepProvGM and W Bros Dr Robert Raffle, *MB*, *PGD*, J MacMurray, *MC*, *BSc*, *PGD*, and G H Christie, *MSc*, *PhD*, *FSA*, *PAGDC*, as AsstProvGMs, and invested W Bro W F Atkinson, *MBE*, *PProvGW*, as ProvGSec, 22nd October.

The GMM, MW Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Harris, *MC*, *VL*, installed W Bro Col F Walton, *TD*, *DL*, as Rt W ProvGMM for Durham at South Shields.

The ProvGMM installed VW Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, *BSc*, *PGOV*, as DepProvGMM and invested W Bro W F Atkinson, *MBE*, *PProvGMW*, as ProvGMSec, 27th October.

Installation of E Kt G W Bourn, as Prov Prior for Northumberland and Durham by the ME and S GM, The Rt Hon The Lord Harris, *MC*, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; V E Kt J MacMurray, *MC*, *BSc*, *PGCon*, was installed as Sub-Prior, 28th October.

- 1960** Resignation of W Bro R Raffle, *MB*, AsstProvGM, December (Died February 1961).
Service at Durham Cathedral to mark the Installation of Rt W Bro Col F Walton, *MC*, *TD*, *DL*, as ProvGM for Durham, 2nd October.
- 1961** Appointment and Installation of W Bro T N Thompson, *PAGDC*, as AsstProvGM, 14th January. Bicentenary of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, celebrated. Visit of the MW The GM, The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, and the GSec, VW Bro J W Stubbs, 19th June.
- 1963** The GM, Lord Scarbrough and the GSec, VW Bro J W Stubbs, visited Durham for the Bicentenary of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, 22nd October.
- 1965** Installation at Sunderland of VIII Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, 33°, as Inspector General, Durham, by VP Bro Sir Eric Studd, *Bt*, *OBE*, Lieut Grand Commander, 18th May.
Death of W Bro G H Christie, *MSc*, *PhD*, *FSA*, *PGD*, AsstProvGM, 2nd June.
Installation of W Bro S Hudson, *CBE*, *PProvGW*, as AsstProvGM, 29th September.
- 1966** Appointment of W Bro D I Griss as ProvGSec, 15th June.
The Bicentenary of Supreme Grand Chapter celebrated at an Especial Convocation held at Freemasons' Hall, London, 1st July.
- 1967** The Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, GM, resigned and accepted office as ProGM on the election of HRH The Duke of Kent, *GCMG*, *GCVO*, *ADC*, *PSGW*, as GM, 14th June.
250th Anniversary of the GL of England marked by the creation of a Trust Fund to which all members of the Craft subscribed. Total to date announced as £542,651, the annual income from which would be used for the benefit of surgical research under the direction of the Royal College of Surgeons, 14th June.
Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the GL of England at an Especial GL held at the Royal Albert Hall, London, at which HRH The Duke of Kent, *GCMG*, *GCVO*, *ADC*, was installed as GM by MW Bro Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, ProGM, 27th June.
- 1968** Appointment of Rt W Bro F W R Douglas as AsstGM, 24th April.
- 1969** VW Bro T Jackson, *MBE*, DepProvGMaster, presided over the 181st Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the Connaught Rooms in London, when it was announced that the sum of £566,523 had been raised of which £422,074 had come from the ProvGL of Durham, 14th May.
Death of Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, ProGM and ProFirstGPrin, 29th June.

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Death of VW Bro T Jackson, *MBE*, PGSuptWks, DepProvGM, 3rd October.

Installation of W Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, *BSc*, PGD, as DepProvGMaster, November.

Death of Rt W Bro Col F Walton, *MC*, *TD*, *DL*, ProvGM, GSupt and ProvGMM, 22nd November.

Appointment and investiture of Rt W Bro The Earl Cadogan as ProGM and Rt W Bro Major General Sir Allan Adair, *Bt*, as DepGM, 10th December.

- 1970** The GMM, MW Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Harris, *MC*, *VL*, installed RW Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, as ProvGMM for Durham, at South Shields. The ProvGMM installed VW Bro T N Thompson as DepProvGMM, 22nd April.

Appointment of W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD*, *DL*, as SGW, 29th April.

Installation at Sunderland of Rt W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD*, *DL*, SGW, as ProvGM for Durham by MW Bro The Earl Cadogan, *MC*, *DL*, ProGM. The ProvGM installed W Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, as DepProvGM and W Bros T N Thompson and S Hudson, *CBE*, as AsstProvGMs, 28th October.

Installation of E Comp J MacMurray, *MC*, PAGSoj, as GSupt in and over the ProvGChap of Durham by the ME Pro First GPrin, The Earl Cadogan, *MC*, *DL*, 28th October.

- 1971** Installation of W Bro C V Armitage, *OBE*, *FDS*, *RCS*, PAGDC, as AsstProvGM, 3rd November.

- 1972** Installation of E Comp C V Armitage, *OBE*, PGStB, as DepGSupt, 17th November.

- 1973** Installation of Rt W Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, PGG, as Prov Grand Supreme Ruler and Rt W Bro J S Dent, PGV, as DepProv Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 17th October.

- 1974** Bowling Green opened at Scarbrough Court, by the ProvGM, RW Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD*, *DL*, 17th August.

- 1975** Retirement of VIII Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, 33°, as Inspector General for Durham, 17th May.

Retirement of Rt W Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, as ProvGMM for Durham, 21st May.

The GMM, MW Bro The Rt Hon The 4th Earl of Stradbroke, installed Rt W Bro C V Armitage, *OBE*, as ProvGMM for Durham at South Shields. The ProvGMM installed VW Bro T N Thompson as DepProvGMM, 22nd May.

Two New Standards presented to ProvGL by the Brethren of the Province, 18th June.

Installation at Sunderland of VIII Bro A R Riley, 33°, as Inspector General for Durham by VIII Bro Lieut. Col Leicester Warren, 33°, Grand Chancellor, 24th June.

Inauguration of the Prov Priory of Durham took place at South Shields. E Kt C H Swann, *JP*, PGConst, installed as ProvPrior by VH and E Gt Seneschal in Charge, H D Still, GCT. The ProvPrior installed E Kt M J B Burnett, *DSO*, ProvChan, as Sub Prior, 24th September.

- 1977** Inauguration of the Northumberland and Durham Division in the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine was constituted in Sunderland. Ill Kt H F L Mavity, PGChan, enthroned as Intendent General by VIII G Sovereign, Brig C B S Morley, *CBE*, *TD*, GCC. The DivIntendent General invested Ill Kt W Gillhespy, *JP*, PGChan, as DepDivIntendent General, 14th March.

Installation of W Bro P Stracey, PAGDC, as AsstProvGM, 28th September.

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Retirement of W Bro S Hudson, *CBE*, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 31st December.

1978 Festival Fair held at Raby Park, Staindrop; £9,000 raised, 10th June.

Death of Rt W Bro J S Dent, DepProv Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 14th September.

W Bro D I Griss, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 16th September.

W Bro P F Torgersen, PAGDC, appointed ProvGSec, 16th September

VW Bro T N Thompson, PGSO, retired as DepProvGMM, 18th November.

VW Bro D I Griss, PGJO, installed as DepProvGMM, 18th November.

W Bro C W L Clark, PGSD, installed as AsstProvGMM, 18th November.

1979 Rt W Bro C W L Clark, PGV, installed as ProvDepSupreme Ruler, 6th February.

Rt W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard presided over the 137th Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the Connaught Rooms in London when it was announced that the sum of £1,062,827 had been raised of which £865,299 had come from the ProvGL of Durham, 21st February.

1980 Bicentenary of St Hilda Lodge No. 240 celebrated, 14th April. Visit of Rt W Bro The Hon Fiennes Cornwallis, DepGM, Sir James Stubbs, *KCVO*, GSec and W Bro A F Ferris, GDC.

Retirement of VW Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, PGSwdB, as DepProvGM (also as GSupt), 1st September.

Retirement of W Bro T N Thompson, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 1st October.

W Bro P Stracey, PSGD, installed as DepProvGM, 4th October.

1981 W Bro C W Percy, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 14th January.

Installation of E Comp The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD*, PGSN, as GSupt in and over the Province of Durham by the ME Pro First GPrin, The Rt Hon The Earl Cadogan, *MC*, *DL*, 9th February.

W Bro W Gillhespy, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 24th June.

1982 HRH Prince Michael of Kent installed as GMM.

MW Bro The Rt Hon The 4th Earl of Stradbroke installed as ProGMM, 8th June.

Death of VW Bro J MacMurray, *MC*, PGSwdB, PGSupt, PDepProvGM, ProvGSupreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 30th November.

1983 VW Bro T B Small, PGV, installed as ProvGSupreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 10th May.

Death of VW Bro C W L Clark, PGJO, AsstProvGMM, DepProvGSupreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 22nd June.

Death of The 4th Earl of Stradbroke, ProGMM, 14th July.

Retirement of W Bro C V Armitage, *OBE*, PSGD, as AsstProvGM (also as DepGSupt), 1st September.

VW Bro W Gillhespy, PGJO, installed as AsstProvGMM, 2nd September.

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W Bro H W Snowball, PPSGW, installed as AsstProvGM, 29th October.

1984 Death of W Bro C V Armitage, *OBE*, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, PDepGSupt and ProvGMM for Durham, 20th January.

E Comp P Stracey, PAGSoj, installed as DepGSupt, 19th March.

Festival Fair held at Raby Park, Staindrop, 9th June.

The ProGMM, MW Bro Dr G L C Colenso Jones, installed Rt W Bro W Gillhespy as ProvGMM for Durham, at South Shields, 6th July. The ProvGMMM installed VW Bro D I Griss as DepProvGMM, 6th July.

W Bro Dr G Birch, PSGD, installed as AsstProvGMM, 11th October.

Death of W Bro D I Griss, PSGD, AsstProvGM, DepProvGMM of Durham, 15th December.

1985 W Bro P F Torgersen, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 21st March.

W Bro P F Torgersen, PGJD, installed as DepProvGMM of Durham, 5th June.

Bicentenary of Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland, celebrated, 13th April.

1986 W Bro A Hall appointed ProvGSec, 19th January.

1987 Bicentenary of Chapter of Concord No. 124 celebrated, Visit of E Comp The Revd Prebendary C E L Thompson, 3rdGPrin, 7th September.

Retirement of W Bro P F Torgersen, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 1st October.

W Bro G Cheesmond, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 3rd December.

1988 Death of W Bro H W Snowball, PSGD, AsstProvGM, 1st February.

E Kt William Gillhespy, PGHer, ProvSubPrior, installed as ProvPrior at Gateshead, 29th February.

W Bro Dr A M Davison, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, 11th April.

Death of W Bro T B Small, ProvG Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 8th June.

Festival Fair held at Raby Castle in aid of 1989 Festival for Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, raised £40,000, 11th June.

Meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 to celebrate Bicentenary of ProvGL of Durham, 23rd June.

The ProGM The Rt Hon The Lord Cornwallis, *OBE*, *DL*, present at Annual Meeting of ProvGL to mark the Bicentenary of the ProvGL of Durham, 25th June.

W Bro Walter Robinson, installed as ProvG Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 31st August.

Chapter of Vigilance No. 111 celebrated Bicentenary, 20th October.

Visit of E Comp The Hon Edward Latham Baillieu, 2nd GPrin.

1989 Death of W Bro S Bruce, PJGD, Librarian and Curator, William Waples Library and Museum, Sunderland, PPrestonian Lecturer, 28th March.

Rt W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard presided over the fourth Annual Festival of the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys at the Connaught Rooms in London, when it was announced that the sum of £3,026,967 had been raised, of which £2,632,021 had come from

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the ProvGL of Durham, 10th May.

Retirement of W Bro W Gillhespy, *JP*, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 30th September.

W Bro F Westwick, *PJGD*, installed as AsstProvGM, 4th October.

Ill Kt M E Hunt, *PGPref*, enthroned as Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine, Northumberland and Durham, 10th October.

1990 Rt Ill KP Robert Ridley Martin appointed GSupt of District No. 23 (Northumberland and Durham) of the Order of the HRA KTPs, 9th June.

1991 Ill Comp R C Logan, *PGCondC*, installed DivGInspector, 26th February.

W Bro C W Percy retired as AsstProvGM, 22nd June.

V Ill A R Riley retired as Inspector General for the District of Durham, Rose Croix, 30th June.

W Bro Ellwood Potts installed as AsstProvGM₂ at South Shields, 19th August.

V Ill Bro Robert Ridley Martin, 33°, installed as Inspector General for the District of Durham, Rose Croix₂ at South Shields, 17th October.

1992 275th Anniversary of the GLE and 25th Anniversary of HRH The Duke of Kent, *KG*, as GM. Both occasions marked by a joint celebration at Earls Court, London, attended by 12,500 Brethren and guests, including Representatives and Deputations from 84 Foreign and Commonwealth GLs. The guests included non-Masons, women and the media. A foundation stone was dedicated for a village for handicapped adults at Rowde, near Devizes, Wiltshire, to be built and equipped with £1.75m from the Grand Charity and the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys. GL was followed by a dinner attended by 4,000 Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, 10th June.

The MW GM, HRH The Duke of Kent, *KG*₂ visited and officially opened Peter Stracey House. Later lunched with Benevolent Representatives and Grand Officers at Burdon Road, Sunderland, 25th November.

The MW ProGM, The Lord Farnham, visited Gateshead Masonic Hall and after an informal reception, had dinner with Masters and First Principals from the Province, 25th November.

1993 Death of V Ill Bro A R Riley, 33°, Past Inspector General for the District of Durham, 8th March.

E Comp P Stracey, *PGSwdB*, retired as DepGSupt. E Comp G Cheesmond appointed DepGSupt, at Darlington, 26th May.

VW Bro P Stracey, *PGSwdB*, retired as DepProvGM₁.

W Bro G Cheesmond, *PSGD*, appointed DepProvGM, at Washington₂, 26th June.

W Bro C S Marshall, *PAGDC*, installed as AsstProvGM, at Washington₂, 26th June.

Mark Benevolent Fund Festival presided over by Rt W Bro W Gillhespy, *ProvGMM*₁ when the Province contributed £320,000, 7th July.

1994 Rt W Bro W Robinson, installed as ProvGM, Royal Order of Scotland, 26th February.

Prestonian Lecturer, W Bro M L Brodsky, delivered 1994 Prestonian Lecture entitled 'English Freemasonry in Europe 1717–1918', at Nevill Lodge of Installed Masters No. 9441, Darlington, 24th March.

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Wy Bro R N Dinning, PPrCoun, installed as DepProvGSupreme Ruler, OSM, 9th June.

Retirement of VW Bro P F Torgersen as DepProvGMM, 24th November.

VW Bro Dr G Birch, PGJO₂, installed as DepProvGMM, 25th November.

W Bro J P Croft, PPrJGW, installed as AsstProvGMM, 25th November.

Rt E Kt W Gillhespy, ProvPrior, awarded KCT by Gt Priory, October.

1995 Retirement of Rt W Bro W Gillhespy as ProvGMM, 28th January.

Retirement of Rt E Kt W Gillhespy as ProvPrior, 28th January.

The MW ProGMM, The Lord Swansea, installed Rt W Bro James Peter Croft as ProvGMM, who then installed W Bro James Edward Harker as DepProvGMM and W Bro Geoffrey Norman Thompson as AsstProvGMM₁ at South Shields, 9th May.

Installation of Rt E Kt Brian Elstrop as ProvPrior and E Kt Jack Murray as Sub Prior at Gateshead, 18th April.

Raby Jubilee Gala held at Raby Park, Staindrop, in aid of 1999 Festival for RMBI, raised £55,705, 15th July.

Installation of Rt W Bro John Tolley Graham, VII^o, as DepGMM and Senior Passed Master of the Northern Counties Region of the Worshipful Society of Freemasons (Operative), 26th September.

1996 VW Bro G Cheesmond, PGSwdB, retired as DepProvGM and W Bro Dr A M Davison, PSGD, appointed DepProvGM, at Raby Castle, Staindrop 24th October.

E Comp G Cheesmond, PGSwdB, retired as DepGSupt₂, E Comp E Potts, PAGSoj, appointed DepGSupt at Shildon, 5th November.

W Bro D Richmond, PPSGW, installed as AsstProvGM₂ at Stockton 21st November.

Rt W Bro P G Williams, GSec of the Order of MMMs, dedicated the New Prov Royal Ark Mariner Standard at Gateshead, 26th November.

1997 Retirement of Ill Comp R C Logan as Divisional Grand Inspector for the N E Division of R&SM.

Ill Kt E Lancaster, PGChamb, installed as DepIntendent-General, RCC, at Ashington₁ 15th February.

Consecration of New District of Durham, R&SM, by The MW GM Col Keith Hind, 11th April.

Ill Comp S S Beattie, PAGDC, installed as DistGM, R&SM. Ill Comp R H Dadswell, PAGDC, installed as DepDistGM.

Retirement of W Bro E Potts, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 28th June.

W Bro N E Heaviside, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGM, at Washington, 28th June.

The ProvGL of Durham held their first 'Open Day' at Sunderland, 20th September.

VW Bro J T Shuttleworth, GV, installed as ProvG Supreme Ruler, North and East Yorkshire, OSM, 29th September.

Retirement of W Bro F Westwick, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 30th September.

W Bro R N Dinning, PAGDC, appointed as AsstProvGM₁ 9th October and installed at

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Chester-le-Street, 19th November.

W Bro C E Penna, AGReg, appointed as AsstProvGM, 9th October and installed at Durham, 25th November.

1998 Retirement of Rt W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard as ProvGM and GSupt, 31st January.

Installation at Gateshead of VW Bro Dr A M Davison, PGSwdB, as ProvGM for Durham by Rt W Bro I R Bryce, *TD, DL*, DepGM. The ProvGM installed W Bro C S Marshall as DepProvGM and W Bros D Richmond, N E Heaviside, PAGDC, R N Dinning, PAGDC, C E Penna, AGReg, and C S Barnett, PAGDC, as AsstProvGMs, 18th March.

Installation at Gateshead of E Comp Dr A M Davison, PGSwdB, as GSupt in and over the Province of Durham by the ME2ndGPrin, I R Bryce, *TD, DL*, 18th March. The GSupt appointed E Comp E Potts, PGSwdB, as DepGSupt, E Comp C S Marshall, PGStB, as 2ndProvGPrin and E Comp R N Dinning, PGStB, as 3rdProvGPrin.

Festival Fair held at Raby Park, Staindrop. Amount raised £64,750, 4th July.

Public Awareness Meeting between Representatives of the United GL of England and from Northumberland, Yorkshire North and East Ridings, and Yorkshire West Riding Provinces, at Darlington, 13th October.

Retirement of W Bro J E Harker, PGSD, as DepProvGMM, W Bro Prof D K Wilson, PAGDC, installed as DepProvGMM.

Retirement of W Bro G N Thompson, PGJD, as AsstProvGMM, W Bro D Warneford, PPrGJW, installed as AsstProvGMM, 23rd October.

Special Meetings of ProvGL and ProvGChap held at South Shields to celebrate the ProvGM's and GSupt's appointments by additional honours being allocated by GL and SGChap, 1st December.

1999 The 153rd Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held at Tall Trees Hotel, Yarm, at which the Chairman was Rt W Bro Alan Martin Davison, ProvGM. Total amount raised £3,873,578 of which £2,956,593 was raised by the ProvGL of Durham, Wednesday, 24th March.

W Bro F W Dixon, PJGD, presented with the 1st 'Certificate of Service to Freemasonry', 26th June.

Launch of Beamish 2000 at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham, in the presence of The Lord Farnham, ProGM.

2000 Rt W Bro P G Dunn, installed as ProvGM, Royal Order of Scotland (Durham), 26th February.

Athenaeum Lodge No. 6845 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 2nd May.

W Bro W Gillhespy, PSGD, presented with 2nd 'Certificate of Service to Freemasonry', 24th June.

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.

Rt W Bro J P Croft, ProvGMM presented to St John Ambulance an Ambulance Crusader 900 on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, 28th August.

Retirement of W Bro C S Barnett, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 31st August.

Wearmouth Lodge No. 2934 held its last meeting, 13th November, and surrendered its

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Warrant, 31st December.

- 2001** E Comp E Potts, PGSwdB, retired as DepGSupt.
E Comp A B Thomson, PProv2ndGPrin appointed DepGSupt at Darlington, 26th January.
Death of MW Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Farnham, PProGM, 22nd March.
Monkwearmouth Lodge No. 6437 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 13th March.
E Comp C S Marshall, PAGSoj, retired as 2ndProvGPrin.
E Comp R N Dinning, PGStB appointed as 2ndProvGPrin.
E Comp G N Thompson, PGStB appointed as 3rdProvGPrin, 23rd May.
Death of W Bro W Robinson, ProvG Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 13th September.
First Prov Carol Service held at Durham Cathedral, 21st December.
- 2002** Death of Ill Kt E Lancaster, Deputy Intendent-General, RCC, 1st January
V Ill Kt E Potts, PGHChan, installed as DepIntendent-General, RCC, at Gateshead, 16th February.
North East Province of the Order of the Secret Monitor dissolved.
Consecration of the Durham Prov of the Order of the Secret Monitor.
Installation of VWy Bro R N Dinning, PGV as ProvGSupreme Ruler, 19th April.
W Bro K E C Howe, PAGReg, installed as AsstProvGM at Hartlepool, 22nd June.
Freemasonry in the Community Week held, 26th June to 2nd July.
W Bro the Revd J R Marsden, PJGD, ProvGChap, presented with 3rd 'Certificate of Service to Freemasonry', 30th September.
Death of W Bro C W Percy, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, 12th October.
Bishop Auckland Development – Outline planning permission obtained, December.
Temple Lodge No. 5881 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 18th November.
Keystone status of all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges completed during the year.
- 2003** St Nicholas Lodge No. 6814 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 6th March.
The DepGMM, Rt W Bro G R G Purser attended especial meeting of Prov GL to present Grand Patron collarettes to each Mark Lodge from the Mark Benevolent Fund, 18th March.
W Bro D Warneford, PGJD, retired as AsstProvGMM, 15th April.
W Bro F Richardson, PAGDC, installed as AsstProvGMM, 15th April.
E Comp R N Dinning, PGStB retired as 2ndProvGPrin, 28th May.
E Comp G N Thompson, PGStB appointed as 2ndProvGPrin, 28th May.
E Comp D Warneford appointed as 3rdProvGPrin, 28th May.

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The AsstGM, Rt W Bro David Kenneth Williamson present at Annual General Meeting of Prov GL, 28th June.

Raby Gala held at Raby Park, Staindrop in aid of the New Masonic Samaritan Fund. Amount raised £56,250, 12th July.

The Council of the Grand Charity held Open Meeting at Hartlepool under the Chairmanship of The Rt Hon Lord Lane of Horsell, SGW, Vice Grand President, 26th July.

Inauguration Ceremony of the Metropolitan GL and Metropolitan Grand Chapter of London at the Royal Albert Hall, London by HRH the Duke of Kent, GM and First GPrin, 1st October.

2004 Death of W Bro E Potts, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, 23rd March.

Death of W Bro P F Torgersen, PSGD, PAsstProvGM and former Prov Grand Secretary, Prov Scribe Ezra, 17th April.

Edward VII No. 3359 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 23rd April
Appointment and investiture of Rt W Bro Peter Geoffrey Lowndes as DepGM, 28th April.

The ProGM, The Most Hon The Marquess of Northampton, *DL*, present at Annual General Meeting of ProvGL, 26th June.

Launch of 2010 Festival in aid of RMBI at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham, in the presence of the DepGM, Rt W Bro P G Lowndes and the President of the RMBI, VW Bro J E Moore, 27th October.

V Ill Bro Kenneth Norman Park, 33°, installed as Inspector General for the District of Durham, Rose Croix, at Darlington, 29th October

Keystone at Beamish Masonic Temple laid by Rt W Bro J P Croft, ProvGMM, 6th November.

Connaught Royal Arch Chapter No. 2981 held its last meeting and surrendered its Charter, 24th November.

2005 Williamson Lodge No. 949 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 18th April.

Retirement of VW Bro C S Marshall, PGSwdB, as DepProvGM, 23rd April.

W Bro D Richmond, PSGD, appointed as DepProvGM, 25th April and installed, 19th May.

W Bro G A Currie, JGD, appointed and installed as AsstProvGM, 25th June.

W Bro T F R Coulson, PAGDC, presented with 4th 'Certificate of Service to Freemasonry' 25th June.

Ashburne Lodge No. 4348 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 6th October.

250th Anniversary, Phoenix Lodge No. 94, visit of Rt W Bro Cedric Gunnery, JGW, 7th October.

Launch of the Teddies for TLC Appeal, 31st October.

Centenary Lodge No. 5509 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 15th December.

2006 200th Anniversary, St John's Lodge No. 80, visit of Rt W Bro Cedric Gunnery, JGW, 14th January.

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The AsstGM, Rt W Bro D K Williamson, attended Universities Lodge No. 2352, introduced the 'Universities Scheme', 19th January.

Constitution of a new District of Durham, Red Cross of Constantine by Mill Kt Cdr Ronald Albert Champion, RN, GCC, 18th February.

Ill Kt J P Croft, PGChamb, installed as Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine. Ill Kt R R Tonner, PGPref, installed as Dep Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine, 18th February.

Valedictory dinner at Raby Castle in honour of Rt W Bro Dr A M Davison, 6th April.

Masonic Temple at Beamish, North of England Open Air Museum, opened by the GM, HRH The 2nd Duke of Kent, KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC, 19th April.

Retirement of Rt W Bro Dr A M Davison as ProvGM and W Bros R N Dinning, PSGD, C E Penna, PSGD, as AsstProvGMs, 4th May.

Installation at Hartlepool of W Bro D Richmond, PSGD, as ProvGM for Durham by Rt W Bro P G Lowndes, DepGM. The ProvGM installed W Bro N E Heaviside, PSGD, as DepProvGM and W Bros K E C Howe, PSGD, G A Currie, PSGD, G Clark, PAGDC, Prof D K Wilson, PAGDC, and D E Lascelles as AsstProvGMs, 5th May.

Installation of E Comp D Richmond, PGStB, GSupt in and over the Prov of Durham by the P2ndGPrin, M E Comp P G Lowndes. The GSupt appointed E Comp R G Snaith, PPAGP as DepGSupt, E Comp D Warneford, PGStB, as 2ndProvGPrin and E Comp P A Smith, PGStB, as 3rdProvGPrin, 5th May.

Gothic Lodge No. 6749 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 26th May.

Retirement of VW Bro Prof D K Wilson, PGJO, as DepProvGMM. W Bro F Richardson, PGJD, installed as DepProvGMM. W Bro F A Rankin, PGSD, installed as AsstProvGMM, 30th May.

Raby Gala held at Raby Park, Staindrop, in aid of the 2010 Festival for the RMBI. Amount raised £40,377.55, 8th July

Vale of Derwent Lecture Lodge No. 9051 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 28th July.

150th Anniversary Celebrations of Mark Masonry at the Royal Albert Hall, London, 26th October.

Additional Honours allocated by GL and SGChap to celebrate the Installation of W Bro and E Comp D Richmond as Prov GM and GSupt invested, 30th November and 19th December, respectively.

Londonderry Lodge No. 2039 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 4th December.

Clavering Lodge No. 3290 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 4th December.

2007 250th Anniversary, Palatine Lodge No. 97, visit of RW Bro G P Francis, GSW, 11th January.

Retirement of RW Bro J T Graham as District Grand Prefect of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

W Bro J P Croft, PGSD, installed as District Grand Prefect, Northumberland and Durham District, Allied Masonic Degrees, 13 April.

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The GM (Allied Masonic Degrees) MW Bro M E Herbert attended special meeting of the Centennial Council held in the District of Northumberland and Durham, 10th May.

The GM (R&SM), Mill Comp J A Wright attended the Keith Hind Council No. 203 at Gateshead, TIM being R Ill Comp S S Beattie held in the District of Durham, 18 July.

Consecration of Durham Prov Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9833 and Installation of W Bro A P F Foster, PAGDC, as WM.

Retirement of RWy Bro R N Dinning as ProvG Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 25th September.

Wy Bro R M Henderson, PGSwdB, installed as ProvG Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor, 26th September.

North Durham Lecture Lodge No. 8125 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 30th October.

Prov Carol Service held at Durham Cathedral, 14th December.

Borough Lodge No. 424 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 17th December.

W Bro A Hall, PJGD, ProvGSec, presented with 5th Certificate of Service to Freemasonry, 5th December.

Retirement of W Bro A Hall as ProvGSec and ProvGSE, 31st December.

2008

Closure of Hedworth Masonic Temple, 1st January.

E Comp K J Sprot invested as Prov Grand SE at Vane of Tempest Royal Arch Chapter No. 4261, 17th January.

W Bro K J Sprot, PPSGW invested as ProvGSec at Crook Lodge No. 2019, 23rd January.

The Province of Lindsey, The Order of Athelstan was constituted and consecrated, 27th January.

Death of Rt W Bro D Richmond, ProvGM and GSupt, 27th February.

Retirement of Rt Em Kt Brian Elstrop, KCT as Prov Prior and V Em Kt Jack Murray as Sub Prior, 25th April.

V Em Kt A Hall, PGRreg, invested as Prov Prior of the Prov Priory of Durham at Seaton Carew, by ME and Supreme GM, Leslie Felgate Dring, GCT, Em Kt W Swift, PGtHer appointed as Sub Prior, 26th April.

Rt W Bro J P Croft appointed to the GMRAC by The GMM, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, 10th June.

The Masonic Order of Athelstan Rt W Bro R N Dinning installed as ProvGM in and over the Province of Lindsey by The MW GM, 20th June.

The Most Hon Marquess of Northampton, DL, ProGM and Pro First GPrin announced he was standing down, 10th September.

HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon Lady Ogilvy, KG, GCVO, officially opened the new Scarborough Court at Cramlington, 17th September.

Retirement of W Bro G A Currie, PSGD, as AsstProvGM, 3rd September.

Installation at Hartlepool of VW Bro N E Heaviside, PGSwdB, as ProvGM for Durham by

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The Most Hon The Marquess of Northampton DL, ProGM, The ProvGM installed Professor D K Wilson, PSGD, as DepProvGM and W Bros K E C Howe, PSGD, G Clark, PSGD, D E Lascelles, PJGD, D G Carney, PAGDC and J L Webster, PProvSGW, as AsstProvGMs, 4th September.

Installation of E Comp N E Heavside PGStB, as Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Durham by The Most Honourable The Marquis of Northampton DL, Pro First GPrin. The Grand Superintendent appointed E Comp R G Snaith PGSwdB as DepGSupt, E Comp D Warneford PGStB as 2ndProvGPrin and E Comp P A Smith PGStB as 3rdProvGPrin, 4th September.

The Dexa Unit officially opened by RW J P Croft at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead from the £3m donated from Mark Masonry to the Osteoporosis Society, 10th October.

Death of W Bro F Westwick, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, 6th November.

2009 Resignation of W Bro K J Sprot, PPSGW, as ProvGSec and ProvGSE, 11 January.

Amalgamation of Hedworth Royal Arch Chapter No. 2418, Lord Barnard Royal Arch Chapter No. 2935, John Readhead Royal Arch Chapter No. 3217 and Tyne Dock Royal Arch Chapter No. 4218 and re-named as Mariner Royal Arch Chapter No. 3217, 14th February.

Retirement of The Most Honourable The Marquess of Northampton, DL, ProGM, 10th March.

Appointment and Investiture of RW Bro Peter Geoffrey Lowndes as ProGM and RW Bro Jonathan Spence as DepGM, 11th March.

W Bro Geoffrey Rumford, PPSGW, appointed as ProvGSec, 1st April.

E Comp G Rumford, PProvGSwdB, appointed as ProvGSE, 1st April.

Temperance Lodge No. 4115 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 7th May.

The 2nd GPrin E Comp George Pipon Francis present at the Annual Convocation of ProvGChap, 27th May.

W Bro J R Oliver, PJGD, presented with the 6th Certificate of Service to Freemasonry, 27th June.

Raby Gala held at Raby Park, Staindrop in aid of 2010 RMBI Festival amount raised £70,751, 4th July.

Resignation of E Comp R G Snaith as DepGSupt, 23rd July.

Appointment of E Comp Derek Warneford, PGStB, as DepGSupt, E Comp P P Paterson, PPGSN, as 2ndProvGPrin, and E Comp The Rev M S Snowball, PGStB, as 3rdProvGPrin, 26th August.

Lodge Benedict Biscop No. 2975 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 14th September.

Rowlands Gill Royal Arch Chapter No. 4694 held its last meeting and surrendered its Chapter, 15th October.

W Bro S A R Ingram appointed and invested as AsstProvGMM, 20th October.

Retirement of W Bro Peter Gordon Dunn as Prov GM of the Royal Order of Scotland, 3rd November.

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VW Bro H W J Stubbs PresMSF attended Prov Promotions Meeting, 30th November.

W Bro George Hogg installed as ProvGM of the Royal Order of Scotland, 14th December.

2010 Retirement of V Revd E Comp Neil Collings as 3rdGPrin, 28th April.

Appointment of E Comp David Kenneth Williamson as 3rdGPrin, 29th April.

Inauguration of the Ancient Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord at Great Queen Street, London, and the formation of the Prov Grand Senatus of Durham. Rt Distinguished Comp Robert Muir Henderson was installed as the first ProvGrandSummus for the Province of Durham, 21st July 2010.

Consecration of a new Sovereign Body, Scarlet Cord, 21st July.

Wrekendike Lodge No. 6401 held its last meeting and surrendered its warrant, 1st September.

The 164th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held on Thursday, 24th September 2010 at Rainton Meadows, Houghton-le-Spring, in the presence of RW Bro Jonathan Spence, DepGM. Chairman Rt W Bro Norman Eric Heaviside, ProvGMM. Total amount raised £3,002,839.98.

Special meeting of Prov Grand Mark Lodge of MMM in the presence of M.W.Bro John Hale, ProGM when new Rapid Response Vehicle was presented to the Great North Air Ambulance on behalf of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund and Grand Patron Status awards were also presented, 3rd November.

Retirement of W Bro Kenneth Edward Coatsworth Howe, PSGD as AProvGM, 29th November.

Appointment of W Bro John Arthur, PPGStwd as AProvGM, 29th November.

A Rapid Response Vehicle (3rd) presented to Great North Air Ambulance on behalf of the Ben Ctee of the Prov of Durham by Rt W Bro Norman Eric Heaviside, ProvGM.

Last Prov Gazette produced and circulated in December after continuous monthly issues for 102 years.

2011 Elevation Lodge No. 4185 held its last meeting and surrendered its warrant, 5th January.

Perseverance Chapter No. 1643 and Pele Tower Chapter No. 4435 were Amalgamated on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 to form Hebburn Chapter No. 1643.

W Bro David George Carney, PSGD, retired as AsstProvGM, 31st May.

W Bro David Sanders Hay, PAGDC, appointed as AsstProvGM, 25th June.

W Bro David George Carney, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, died, 2nd August.

Saltwell Lodge No. 3000 held its last meeting and surrendered its warrant, 1st September.

W Bro Philip Donald Rann, PPJGW, appointed as ProvGSec and ProvGSE, 7th September.

Restoration Lodge No. 111 held its 250th Anniversary meeting which was attended by the SGW, Rt W Bro Sir Archibald Ewing, *Bt*, 29th September.

VW Bro Peter Stracey, PGSwdB, PDepProvGM, died, 29th September.

Millennium Lodge of Research No. 9728 held its last meeting and surrendered its warrant, 25th November.

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Londonderry Royal Arch Chapter No. 2039 and Amity Royal Arch Chapter No. 3193 amalgamated and became the Londonderry Chapter of Amity No. 2039, 4th October.

E Comp Derek Warneford, PGSwdB, DepGSupt, retired, 30th October.

E Comp Paul Philip Paterson, PGStB, appointed as DepGSupt, 1st November.

Stephen William Walker, PGStB, appointed as 2ndProvGPrin, 1st November.

R III Comp Selwyn Smith Beattie, DistGM (Royal and Select Masters), retired, 11th November.

R III Comp Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, PGConcC, installed as DistGM (Royal and Select Masters), 11th November.

III Comp Dr David Graham Shipley, PGConcC, installed as DepDistGM (Royal and Select Masters), 11th November.

III Comp Neil Andrew Marshall, DepGSStB, installed as DistGConductor of the Work (Royal and Select Masters), 11th November.

A Royal Arch Chapter demonstration of the Ceremony of the Passing of the Veils was performed at Gateshead Masonic Hall, by a demonstration team from Bristol, 18th November.

VW Bro Fred Richardson, PGJO, DepProvGMM, retired, 6th December.

VW Bro Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, PGJO, appointed as DepProvGMM, 6th December.

W Bro Colin Eric Penna, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, died, 17th December.

2012 Centenary of City Lodge No. 3568, 8th March.

Blaydon St Cuthbert Lodge No. 6962 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 21st March.

The GM, HRH The Duke of Kent, *KG*, visited HMS *Trincomalee* at Hartlepool Marina, at which the ProvGM was in attendance, 2nd April.

W Bro Denis Edward Lascelles, PSGD, AsstProvGM retired, 30th April.

Annual meeting of the ProvGL of Durham held at Dunston, 23rd June.

W Bro George Clark, PSGD, appointed DepProvGM, 23rd June.

W Bro John Watts, PAGDC, appointed AsstProvGM, 23rd June.

W Bro Michael Snowball, PAGChap, ProvGChap, retired, 23rd June.

VW Bro Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, DepProvGM, retired, 23rd June.

Presentation of a Mobility Minibus to the Oaks Comprehensive School by RW Bro Peter Croft, PGMM for Durham, 20th July.

W Bro William Gillhespy, PSGD, PAsstProvGM, died, 26th September.

Centenary of Liddell Lodge No. 3616, 27th September.

Ashburne Chapter No. 4348 held its last meeting and surrendered its Charter, 30th October.

225th Anniversary of the Chapter of Concord No. 124, 30th October.

NOTABLE EVENTS 2015

Remembrance Day Parades throughout the Province, 11th November.

Centenary of Shipcote Lodge No. 3626, 23rd November.

Annual Promotions Meeting 30th November.

John Readhead Lodge No. 3217 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 3rd December.

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The GSupt, Norman Eric Heaviside, officiated at an amalgamation ceremony for St John's Chapter No. 80 and Ashburne Chapter No. 4348, at Burdon Road Masonic Hall, to form the new Chapter of St John and Ashburne No. 80. The 2ndGPrin, George Pipon Francis, was in attendance, 15th January.

The 2ndGPrin, George Pipon Francis, visited ProvGL and attended Vane Tempest Chapter of Installed 1st Principals where he gave the 9th annual Ellwood Potts Memorial Lecture, 16th January.

Lodge of Philanthropy No. 940 celebrated its 150th Anniversary, 18th April.

The GSec, Nigel Brown, visited Prov Office in Sunderland and later visited the Durham Lodge of Installed Masters No. 4441, where he gave a presentation, 2nd May.

Accession Lodge No. 5661 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 14th May.

Annual Convocation of Prov Grand Chapter was held at Rainton Meadows Arena, 22nd May.

WBro Paul Weldon Johnston was Installed as the GM in the Masonic Order of Athelstan at a special meeting in Manchester, 28th May.

Annual meeting of the ProvGL of Durham held at Dunston, 22nd June.

250th Anniversary of the Marquis of Granby Lodge No. 124, 3rd September.

Lodge of Fortitude No. 7188 held its last meeting at Stockton Masonic Hall and surrendered its Warrant. Most members were welcomed into their Daughter Lodge, Whitwell Lodge No. 2104, 1st October.

250th Anniversary of the Marquis of Granby Lodge No. 124, 3rd September.

Chapter of Vigilance No. 111, celebrated its 225th Anniversary, 8th October.

Stallinger Lodge No. 9624 held its last meeting, at Queen Street, Sunderland, and surrendered its Warrant, 10th October.

SGChap's 200th Anniversary Celebrations held in London, 16th October.

Annual Promotions Meeting held at Rainton Meadows Arena. £15,000 presented to the Great North Air Ambulance Service and the 50,000th TLC Teddy was presented to staff from the Children's Unit of Durham University Hospital, 29th November.

Clavering Chapter No. 3290 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 3rd December.

Prince Edwin Lodge No. 4519 held its final meeting, at Gateshead Masonic Hall, and surrendered its Warrant, 10th December.

Prov Carol Service, led by the V Revd Michael Sadgrove, the Dean of Durham, held at Durham Cathedral, 20th December.

NOTABLE EVENTS 2015

- 2014** Following the retirement of the Revd Michael Sydney Snowball, Michael Stuart Shaw was invested as 3rdProvGPrin, at Tees Chapter No. 509, 13th March.
- St Michael's Lodge No. 6332 held its final meeting and surrendered its warrant at Burdon Road Masonic Hall, Sunderland, 22nd April.
- Chapter of Industry No. 48 and Minerva Chapter No. 3385 amalgamated to form Minerva Chapter of Industry No. 3385 at a ceremony held at Gateshead Masonic Hall, presided by the DepGSupt, Paul Philip Paterson, 22nd May.
- Gordon Brewis was appointed as 2ndProvGPrin at the Annual Chapter Convocation of ProvGChap, held at the Rainton Meadows Arena, 28th May.
- The inaugural meeting of the North East Corner, an association of younger minded Freemasons, took place at Ferryhill Masonic Hall, 29th May.
- Stephen William Walker was appointed as AsstProvGM, on the retirement of John Lockhart Webster, at the Annual Meeting of ProvGL, held at the Lancastrian Suite, Dunston, 28th June.
- The V Revd Michael Sadgrove, the Dean of Durham, attended the Annual meeting of ProvGL where he gave a presentation on the Durham Hidden Treasures Project, after which the ProvGM, Norman Eric Heaviside, presented him with a cheque for £50,000, as an interim payment of funds raised by the Freemasons of Durham, towards the cost of laying a new stone floor in the new exhibition area.
- Installation at Dunston of VW Bro Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, PGJO, as ProvGMM for Durham, 16th September.
- Remembrance Day Parades were held throughout the Province, Sunday, 9th November.
- Installation of VIII Bro P P Paterson, 33°, as Inspector General for the District of Durham at Gateshead Masonic Hall, 17th November.
- Winlaton Lodge No. 4546 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 26th November.
- The Annual Promotion meeting of the ProvGL of Durham was held at Rainton Meadows Arena, 28th November.
- On the retirement of the DepProvGM, VW Bro George Clark, PGSwdB, the ProvGM, RW Bro Norman Eric Heaviside, installed W Bro John Arthur, PSGD, as DepProvGM, and W Bro Simon Craig Steele as AsstProvGM.
- A cheque for £500,000 was presented to VW Bro Michael Woodcock, President of the RMTGB at the Annual Promotions Meeting. He was accompanied by W Bro Leslie Hutchinson, Chief Executive, 28th November.
- Lodge of Fidelity No. 7237 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 16th December.
- Heworth Lodge No. 6331 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 17th December.