

## NOTABLE EVENTS

- 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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, PProvGM, 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.
- 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.
- 1905** Installation of The Rt Hon The 9th Lord Barnard as GSupt, 4th October.
- 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.

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- 1917** Bicentenary of GL, celebrated at Royal Albert Hall, London, 23 June.
- 1919** Installation of Capt The Hon Gerald W Liddell, *JP, DL*, appointed 14th January, as ProvGM, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1922** Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales, *KG*, as SGW, Royal Albert Hall, London, 25th October
- 1924** Appointment of W Bro the Revd Joseph Short, *BD, DCL*, as AsstProvGM, 21st May.
- 1925** 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.
- 1930** Foundation Stone of new Masonic Temple, Sunderland, laid by The Lord Ravensworth, ProvGM, 8th October.
- 1932** 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..
- 1933** Especial 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.
- 1934** New School at Rickmansworth Park, Herts, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls opened by HM The Queen, 27th June.  
Quarterly Communication of United GL of England held at City Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5th September.

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- 1935** 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.
- 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.
- 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.  
Installation of HRH The 1st Duke of Kent, *KG*, etc, as GM, by MW Bro HM The King, 19th July.
- 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.  
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** 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.
- 1948** Installation of His Grace The 10th Duke of Devonshire, *KG*, etc., as GM, by MW Bro H M The King, 23rd March.  
Memorial Service held in Durham Cathedral and unveiling Memorial Window in the Chapter House by the ProvGM, 6th June.
- 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** Death of The MW GM, His Grace The 10th Duke of Devonshire, *KG*, 27th November.
- 1951** Election of the Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, etc., as GM, 7th March.  
Appointment of the Rt Hon The Earl of Derby, *MC*, as DepGM, 7th March.  
Installation of The Rt Hon The Earl of Scarbrough, *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.

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- 1953** Appointment of Major General Sir Allan Adair, Bt, *CB, DSO, MC*, as AsstGM, 4th March.
- 1954** 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** Bicentenary of Phoenix Lodge No. 94 celebrated on 5th October. Visit of the MW GM, The Earl of Scarbrough, *KG*, the GSec, Sir Sydney White and W Bro T B Langton, DepGDC.
- 1956** Fawcett Lodge No. 661 celebrated their centenary.
- 1957** Bicentenary of Palatine Lodge No. 97 celebrated. Visit of Rt W Bro Sir Allan Adair, *Bt*, AsstGM, 10th January.
- 1959** 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.
- 1960** 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** 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1970** Appointment of W Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD, DL*, as SGW, 29th April.
- 1974** Bowling Green opened at Scarbrough Court, by the ProvGM, RW Bro The Rt Hon The Lord Barnard, *TD, DL*, 17th August.
- 1975** Two New Standards presented to ProvGL by the Brethren of the Province, 18th June.
- 1978** Festival Fair held at Raby Park, Staindrop; £9,000 raised, 10th June.
- 1979** 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.

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- 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.
- 1985** 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.
- 1988** 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.
- 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, Prestonian 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 the ProvGL of Durham, 10th May.
- 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*, 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.
- 1994** 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.
- 1995** Raby Jubilee Gala held at Raby Park, Staindrop, in aid of 1999 Festival for RMBI, raised £55,705, 15th July.

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- 1997** The ProvGL of Durham held their first 'Open Day' at Sunderland, 20th September.
- 1998** 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.  
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** Athenaeum Lodge No. 6845 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 2nd May.  
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.  
Wearmouth Lodge No. 2934 held its last meeting, 13th November, and surrendered its Warrant, 31st December.
- 2001** Monkwearmouth Lodge No. 6437 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 13th March.  
First Prov Carol Service held at Durham Cathedral, 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- 2002** Freemasonry in the Community Week held, 26th June to 2nd July..  
Bishop Auckland Development – Outline planning permission obtained, December.  
Temple Lodge No. 5881 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 18th November.
- 2003** St Nicholas Lodge No. 6814 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 6th March.  
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.
- 2005** Williamson Lodge No. 949 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 18th April.  
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.

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- 2006** 200th Anniversary, St John's Lodge No. 80, visit of Rt W Bro Cedric Gunnery, JGW, 14th January.
- The AsstGM, Rt W Bro D K Williamson, attended Universities Lodge No. 2352, introduced the 'Universities Scheme', 19th January.
- 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 Duke of Kent, *KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC*, 19th April.
- Gothic Lodge No. 6749 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 26th 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.
- 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.
- Consecration of Durham Prov Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9833 and Installation of W Bro A P F Foster, PAGDC, as WM.
- North Durham Lecture Lodge No. 8125 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 30th October.
- Borough Lodge No. 424 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 17th December.
- Retirement of W Bro A Hall as ProvGSec and ProvGSE, 31st December.
- 2008** Closure of Hedworth Masonic Temple, 1st January.
- 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 Scarbrough Court at Cramlington, 17th September.
- 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.
- 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

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ProvGChap, 27th May.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

**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.

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

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



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

Remembrance Day Parades throughout the Province, 11th November.

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

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

### 2013

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 First 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.

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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 2014

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, E Comp Paul Philip Paterson, 22nd May.

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The inaugural meeting of the North East Corner, an association of younger minded Freemasons, took place at Ferryhill Masonic Hall, 29th May.

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.

Remembrance Day Parades were held throughout the Province, Sunday, 9th November.

Winlaton Lodge No. 4546 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant, 26th November.

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.

**2015** Universities Lodge No.2352 celebrated its 125th Anniversary on the 19th March.

A cheque for £10,000 was presented by the PGM to Gillian Marshal-Dyson and Lindsay Foster representing the charity Signature.

Symbolic Stone Laying Ceremony of the Masonic Floor Foundation Stone in the Great Kitchen Durham Cathedral on 8th June, by The Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Norman Eric Heaviside and The Dean of Durham Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, who was presented with a cheque for £136,000 from the Freemasons of Durham.

The Spirit of Rugby Lodge No 9910 which is to meet at Chester-le-Street was consecrated on the 15th August 2015 at Gateshead Masonic Hall.

**2016** Williamson Royal Arch Chapter No 949 held its 125th Anniversary meeting on 3rd Nov  
The launch of the Province's 2021 Festival took place at the Sage, in Gateshead, on the 24th January.

Brethren visited the Cathedral to see the progress made in the opening up of the Monk's Dormitory and Great Kitchen together with the Masonic Floor Stones on Saturday the 9th April.

A "Gala" was held at Raby Castle, Staindrop, in aid of the 2021 Festival on the 2nd July. It was announced that the Festival Fund now exceeded £1 million.

50th Anniversary of Old Dunelmian Lodge No 8100 8th July

25th Anniversary of Sportsman's No 9440 3rd September.

150th Anniversary St Bede Lodge, No 1119, on 25th September.

Lodge of Scribes No 9671 held its final meeting and surrendered its Warrant 3rd October.

150th Anniversary of Wear Valley Lodge, No 1121, on 5th October.

75th Anniversary Civic Lodge No5841 11th November.

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125th Anniversary of Hedworth Lodge No 2418 17th December.

Provincial Carol Service was held at Durham Cathedral on the 19th December.

Bishop Auckland Masonic Hall closed 31st December. Lodges and Chapter relocated to Shildon.

**2017** Banner Dedication at Phoenix Lodge No. 94, 4th January.

Organ recital held at Durham Cathedral given by the Past Grand Organist of the United Grand Lodge of England, WBro Paul Bowen, 25th March.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Achates Lodge No. 9465, 5th April.

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tristram Lodge No. 2415, 11th April.

Masonic Halls throughout the Province were opened to the public during 'Freemasonry in the Community' weekend in June, together with the Teddy Bears Picnic. A Masonic exhibition was displayed in the Masonic Hall at Beamish Open Air Museum during this week, Celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry, which attracted many visitors.

Numerous Brethren took part in The Great North Run and Coast to Coast Cycle Rides raising £36,000 thousand pounds for the 2021 Festival.

RW Bro. Brig. William Shackell, CBE, Grand Secretary visited the Provincial Office and afterwards the Durham Lodge of Installed Masters No. 4441, 5th July.

A Classic Car Meeting was held at Tanfield Railway on the 22nd July in support of the Tercentennial Celebrations of United Grand Lodge of England and in aid of the Durham 2021 Festival appeal.

The Tercentenary 'Party in the Park' was held in Wynyard Park and Walled Gardens on the 12th August where nearly 400 Durham masons with their friends and families celebrated 300 years of Freemasonry in style.

A dedication service took place in Durham Cathedral on the 7th September attended by HM Lord lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon; his Worship the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Bill Kellest; the Dean of Durham, the Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett and the Assistant Grand Master RW Bro Sir David Hugh Wootton. Nearly 1,000 Freemasons and their families gathered for a special evening of thanks and celebration in style, as the Province of Durham marked the United Grand Lodge of England's Tercentenary. The Provincial Grand Master who conducted a special award presentation from Durham Benevolence, distributing £100,000 in community support grants to 10 local charities and organisations who support children or young adults in need.

Castle Lodge No. 6713 held its last meeting and surrendered its warrant, 12th September.

WBro Mordaunt Cohen PJGD, PPGReg celebrated his 100th birthday by skype link at King David Lodge No. 7667, in the presence of RW Bro N E Heavside, 18th September.

The United Grand Lodge 'Grand Ball' was held in Freemasons' Hall, Great Queens Street on the 30th September in honour of the United Grand Lodge of England's Tercentenary, over 2000 Freemasons, their partners and guests from across the country attended this lavish event.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Albert Hall followed by dinner at the Battersea Evolution on the 31st October when over 4000 Freemasons from Provinces, Districts and 136 Grand Lodges around the world were present as the Royal Albert Hall

## NOTABLE EVENTS

was centre stage for the United Grand Lodge of England's Especial meeting and Tercentenary celebrations. Almost 100 Durham Freemasons were in attendance.

**2018** King David Lodge No 7667 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Northbourne Lodge No 3241 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Durham Lodge of Installed Masters No 4441 the Prestonian Lecture was delivered by 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The Assistant Grand Master, Sir David Hugh Wootton, President of the UGLE Universities Scheme, visited The Lodge of Fraternity No 1418 to celebrate the success of the scheme 24<sup>th</sup> May

The Three Peaks Challenge took place and raised just short of £20,000 for the Festival 26<sup>th</sup> May.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roger de Fery Lodge No 5879 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aclat Lodge No 5880 9<sup>th</sup> July

A Valedictory Dinner at Darlington in honour of Rt W Bro Norman Eric Heaviside 15<sup>th</sup> September

Installation at Dunston in the Lancastrian Suite of V W Bro John Arthur, PGSwdB as ProvGM for Durham by the Deputy Grand Master, RWBro Jonathan Spence, 6<sup>th</sup> October

Installation at Dunston in the Lancastrian Suite of E Comp John Arthur as GSupt in and over the Province of Durham by the MEP2ndGPrin Jonathan Spence 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The Assistant GM, Sir David Hugh Wootton visited Universities Lodge No 2352 15<sup>th</sup> October

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clarence Lodge No 2462 25<sup>th</sup> October

Service Above Self Lodge No 9537 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Byerley Lodge No 7853 held its last meeting and surrendered its Warrant 5<sup>th</sup> December

Palmer Lodge No 9255 and Heabrym Lodge No 7201 amalgamated to form Hebburn Lodge No 7201 12<sup>th</sup> December.