Executive Changes

Following the announcement by R.W.Bro. and E.Comp. Richard John Anderson on 5th July 2013 of his decision to retire as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent with effect from 31st October 2013, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Jeffrey Gillyon to succeed Richard Anderson in both the Craft and the Royal Arch with effect from 1st November 2013. His investitures will take place on 8th March 2014 in York.

V.W. Bro Gillyon has served as Deputy Provincial Grand Master since May 2004 and will be able to bring all this experience to bear in fulfilling his new and demanding roles in the life of the Province. He has travelled extensively throughout the Province, will need no introduction and will, we are certain, be excellently supported by the Brethren and Companions alike.

John Ridgill Trout also became the Deputy Grand Superintendent – In charge until Jeffrey Gillyon’s Investiture.

Richard John Anderson retires after almost eleven years service to the Province

Full story on centre pages
Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

I am sure you will join me in firstly congratulating Richard Anderson, our Past Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, on a remarkable ‘Job Well Done’ over the last almost 11 years. I sincerely hope you will enjoy reading the two main features on the centre pages. Our congratulations must also go to Jeffrey Gillyon and his two new Deputies, Bill Fisher and Peter Mawer, and his new Assistant, Sam Judah, all of whom will be invested on Saturday 8th March.

Social Networking
With the recent addition of Facebook to our virtual media options, we now have another great platform for you to display articles, which may not normally be presented in either the Yorkshire Mason or on the Provincial website. Do you have an interesting story to promote and advertise the good of Freemasonry to the public? See page 4 for further details on where to find us.

Quality of Photographs
Can I thank all of you that have sent me material over the last few months. Following my pleas in the last issue I have certainly had more than enough material this time around. It has also been another very busy period for presentations of 50 and 60 year certificates. Due to either the lack of, or poor quality of, some submitted photos and space, it has not been possible to publish them all in the Newsletter. All of those articles can of course be found on the Provincial website together with many other unpublished articles. Do remember to follow our guidelines for submitted photographs.

In the Community
There have been some great examples received of work done by Freemasonry in the Community. I still, however, want to expand the input of material to the Hobbies and Interests, Where We Meet and Masons Abroad categories, likewise if you have anything you feel may be of interest, do not hesitate to send it to me.

MSF Festival 2018
Although the Festival launches are now a distant memory, please keep on sending information on your Lodge’s fund raising and presentations to the Festival. I will continue to feature a small selection of articles, but don’t forget that there is still the Festival website www.festival2018.org.uk, for all things Festival.

Articles can also be sent direct to secretary@festival2018.org.uk

Please enjoy your read.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally

Karl
Karl Ward, Editor.
The Revd Neville Barker Cryer 1924 -2013

Neville Barker Cryer, who died in York Hospital on 2nd July at the age of 89, will be remembered as a distinguished author and lecturer on many aspects of Freemasonry.

Born in Accrington on 29th May 1924, he studied History at Hertford College, Oxford, with a break from 1942-6 to undertake war service with the Indian Army before graduating. He then studied at Cambridge, Ridley Hall, was ordained at Derby Cathedral in 1950 and served in several dioceses until 1967, when he was appointed as Home Secretary of United Missionary Societies (all churches). From 1970 until his retirement in 1987, he was the General Director of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which involved a great deal of travel around the World.

Neville was married to Marjorie, and was blessed with two sons and two daughters.

Masonic History

Neville Barker Cryer was initiated into Tyrian Lodge, Derbyshire, in 1950. His Masonic career included membership of the Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariner, Allied Degrees, Order of the Secret Monitor, Royal and Select (Cryptic), Knights Templar (and Malta), Rose Croix 32 degree, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Templar Priest, Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, and Royal Order of Eri. In most of these orders he enjoyed Grand Rank or Past Grand Rank. He became Provincial Grand Chaplain of Surrey in 1962, Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Surrey from 1972-89 and was Grand Chaplain of England 1979 and 1987-9. He was Prestonian Lecturer in 1974 and was a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, becoming the Worshipful Master in 1982. In 1987, he was

Author

Having already written ten books on religious and biographical subjects, he turned his attention to writing books on Freemasonry in his retirement. There included three major histories, seven books on Lodge buildings and several books of his lectures on the various orders of which he was a member. He was writing on the Mark and Ark Mariner at the time of his death, and had planned to publish a complete 700 year history of the Cornwallis Family.

His interesting and thought-provoking Masonic writings will continue to be discussed in Masonic circles throughout the World and will be regarded as his greatest epitaph.
ON the 5th April 2013, the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge Secretary, Andrew Popely advised its members of the last Representative visit of Jonathan Smith, the WM of the Stewards Lodge whilst still in the WM chair of PGSL. This was to be to St Nicholas Lodge in Scarborough on 5th June 2013. Andrew had hoped to mark the occasion by assembling a few members to attend as guests to surprise Jon.

The surprise is sprung
You can imagine Jon’s shock on arrival to see some 16 Brethren in attendance from the Stewards Lodge. “I have never seen so many ‘red aprons’ in a craft Lodge on one evening. This was a complete surprise and shock to me. A real ambush! I thought we didn’t have any secrets in Freemasonry. I just hope you have not been so clever at keeping other things a secret from me as coordinators and members of 9611 over the past two years?” Jon said. “Joking aside, your ability to have kept this from me for two months ensured the reaction that those in attendance witnessed. This was truly a memorable evening for me and I do appreciate why the secrecy was so relevant. Shy as I am (!), I was truly humbled and embarrassed by it all… but loved every minute”.

Above: WM of 9611 Jonathon Smith, WM of St Nicholas Lodge Fred Whittle and members of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge

We are pleased to announce that we now have a Facebook page for the Province up and running.

This is a great vehicle not only for the Province to be able to share news and events but for individuals and Lodges to advertise any upcoming events and share stories.

For those of you already on Facebook just follow Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire N&E Ridings’ and please don’t forget to ‘like’ our page.

If you are not on Facebook and would like to be it is very easy to join.

Go to the Facebook page and follow the simple instructions to get started.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

Following his Installation as Provincial Grand Master on Saturday, 8th March 2014, VW Bro Jeffrey Gillyon will make the following appointments.

The Investitures will take place on the same day.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master
William Henry Fisher, PSGD

Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Samson Sassoon Samuel Judah, PPSGW

Deputy Grand Superintendent
E Comp Peter Michael Mawer, PPGScN

Certificates for 50 years or more Craft membership

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‘Like Father like Son’
Chris Licence emulate his Father’s achievement of 50 years in Freemasonry, both in Sykes Lodge

COPLe a great raconteur and a practiced and well-briefed interviewer with an interesting, almost unbelievable, sporting life story, and you could not fail to generate a highly entertaining, illuminating and informative presentation of a 50 year in Freemasonry certificate.

This is what happened at Sykes Lodge on Wednesday 20th March 2013 when Neil Woodward, presented Chris Licence, with his 50th anniversary certificate of his Initiation into Sykes Lodge!

Reminiscing
Two sporting companions sitting together, having a quiet chat about past times – well granted that there were over 60 eavesdroppers who were also enjoying the ‘chat’ judging from the gales of laughter that issued from them.

We all knew that Chris had a varied and exciting life as a keen sportsman in and around Driffield, but not many had known of his North of England recognition in Golf.

The celebrations continued at the Festive Board when Chris was treated to reminiscence by Chris Atkinson who was a fellow rugby player of the same era (and team). Chris was also presented with a cake to mark the occasion.

Above: L to R, Chris Atkinson, Chris Licence and Neil Woodward

Bill Reader
Escrick mourns ‘Mr Cricket’

BILL Reader died on 11th August 2013 after a long fight with cancer. He was one of those who received the Royal Maundy money from Her Majesty the Queen at York Minster in 2012, in recognition of the huge contribution he has made to the community over many years.

Bill was always active in village life, serving for more than 50 years as a Parish Councillor and as a Churchwarden at St Helen’s Church, Escrick, where his funeral was held. He was an active Mason, having held the posts of Master of both Mitre Lodge and St Saviour Lodge of Installed Masters, and also First Principal of Mitre Chapter and St Saviour Chapter of Installed Principals.

Bill’s funeral at the village church was described by Karl Hardman, Master of Mitre Lodge, as ‘a joyous occasion – a real celebration of Bill’s life’. A guard of honour was formed by Brother Masons at the request of his family; his sons are both members of Mitre Lodge.

Bill, who worked as Estate Manager for the Escrick Park Estate at Escrick until his retirement, was a skilled and enthusiastic cricketer, playing for Escrick Park, and also played soccer (captaining both soccer and cricket teams in the RAF) as well as becoming a hockey player with York Hockey Club. He was also a founder member of his local choir and Probus club. His obituary in the sports section of the York Press described him as “Escrick’s Mr Cricket”.

Bill leaves a widow, Pat, three children – Gillian, Neil and John – and three grandchildren.

A First Degree 18th Century style

An evening of entertainment by the Daggards

THE Worshipful Master of the Hull Old Grammarians’ Lodge relinquished the Chair on the 17th September in order to join the Daggards in a performance of ‘The Antient Ceremony’ – a first degree working of 1765 delivered in period costume at Dagger Lane, where the Daggards made their debut twenty years ago. The Lodge room was full, there were over eighty people there from at least four provinces. “It was seventy-five minutes of sheer entertainment,” one Brother said afterwards. “When the Admiral drew his sword on the Tyler, I thought he was going to kill him! And the singing at the Festive Board – I never expected anything like that!”

A great show
The new boy on the block, Richard Theaker, delivered the charge with tremendous authority; the audience held its collective breath as he thundered through the admonition against improper behaviour. The HOG IPM told everyone that Craig Maurier had stood in as Right Worshipful Master at short notice – which came as a surprise - no one there could have guessed this was his first time in the role.

Emails afterwards were highly complimentary:

“A superb evening - the festive board packed to the rafters; “I am on a high after tonight - well done to you and your team - it will remain one of the highlights of my Masonic life”.

A triumph. PS, can I be an extra?” Ean Blair, who returned to the WM’s chair afterwards, said it was one of the most enjoyable events during his Mastership as he presented the Daggards with a generous cheque.

For information on the Daggards see their website www.thedaggards.co.uk

Above: Group photo of the Daggards cast
Fred Francis

PRESENTATION of a certificate and brooch to Fred Francis on 60 years as a member of Camalodunum Lodge. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master requested Fred to join him on chairs provided on the floor of the Lodge to reminisce about his life both in and out of Freemasonry. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master then discussed with Fred some events from his life in Freemasonry and how he had first visited a Masonic Lodge when he was just 8 years old, going to children’s parties at Pudsey St Lawrence Lodge in Pudsey. Fred responded by thanking the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, saying it had been his privilege to be a member of the Lodge and that he had enjoyed the friendship in Masonry over the past 60 years.

The evening was also marked by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master receiving a cheque for £3,000 from the Worshipful Master, Mike Dupontet and Richard Heath Charity Steward, for the Masonic Samaritan Fund.

Picture: L to R: Assistant Provincial Grand Master Malcolm Dabbs, Fred Francis and Worshipful Master Mike Dupontet.
Fred Balls

50 Years a Craft Mason

At his home in West Ella, near Hull, Fred Balls was presented with his 50 years certificate and lapel pin by Assistant Provincial Grand Master Bill Fisher on Saturday 5th October. Fred has been unwell for a number of years so it was decided rather than miss this auspicious occasion it should be held at his home in the company of family members and a number of Brethren from his own Humber Lodge.

Fred was born on 5th June 1923, the youngest of four brothers. The older ones were named John Marshall, Arthur Gladstone and Percival Rowland - but Fred is just Fred. No middle name and not even Frederick. Somebody must have realised early on that he was going to be trouble! Fred attended the local school until the age of fourteen. He was a clever pupil, but his behaviour was not as Masonic as it might have been.

Fred was initiated in to the Thesaurus Lodge on the 12th September 1963 and was Worshipful Master before joining The Humber Lodge in March 1982 of which he is still a member.

Fred was only sixteen when World War II began. He was badly wounded in North Africa in 1942 where he was shot in the lower chest and abdomen and he still has the scars to prove it. However, the War was not all bad from Fred’s point of view. It was during the War that he met the love of his life, Molly Guest. Fred and Molly were married on 3rd May 1947 and they had sixty-four years of marriage. They have two daughters Christine and Carol and two grandsons, Andrew and James.

When Malcolm had satisfied himself that they were all sitting comfortably, then he began. He told them each in turn what he had discovered about their Masonic careers and then to applause from the Brethren he presented framed certificates for fifty years long service to Harold Usherwood and Barry Cope, together with a sixty year certificate to George McDonic. Each also received a lapel badge which can be worn on any occasion.

Due to the large attendance the meeting was held at Richmond School, which served the purpose magnificently. During the evening Paul Hunt gave a brief but fascinating history of the Lodge, including an explanation of how it had changed its Lodge number five times.

The Provincial Grand Master also addressed the Brethren, making the observation that the Lodge is even older than Richmond’s renowned Georgian Theatre Royal. He made a number of comparisons between life today and in 1763 – there was a financial crisis in Northern Europe at that time as well – and then presented the Lodge with a 250 year certificate, specially produced for the occasion by John Halliwell.

Promotion

To recognise the uniqueness of the event and to show his respect for the Freemasons of Richmond, the Provincial Grand Master then delighted everyone by ‘promoting in the field’ the Worshipful Master, Paul Spencer to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.
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2013 AUTUMN NEWS BULLETIN

YNER Enquiries are continuing to increase.
ALL of those we support are real people with real problems, more and more Masonic families are affected by redundancy, unemployment, bankruptcy, bereavements, children, old age and we now have three cases of our Masonic family going to food banks.

SO PLEASE, BE EXTRA VIGILANT & DO KEEP IN TOUCH

Total Grants Awarded by the Four Central Main Charities to this Province:

12 Months to 30 September 2013 - £435,743.00 to 145 Beneficiaries
12 Months to 30 September 2012 - £366,086.00 to 115 Beneficiaries

In 2010 we had 99 Beneficiaries awarded a total of £333,000.00

Derek Gaunt PGStB
Provincial Grand Almoner

WE'RE HERE TO HELP
If you know of anyone who is struggling and may need help then contact your Almoner or contact the Provincial Almoner’s team direct by getting in touch with Derek Gaunt our Provincial Almoner on Tel: 01287 653803 email: Derek@gauntey.freeserve.co.uk

Masonic Samaritans Fund Goes Online

Are you or your relatives eligible for support from the Masonic Samaritan Fund?

WE are proud to announce that our new online self-assessment tool for potential applications is now live! MSF’s new online Eligibility Calculator is here to help applicants understand our eligibility criteria and assess whether they are entitled to make a formal application to the Fund.

Answering 10 questions could be the first step to ending the frustration and worry of a long wait, or huge expense, to receive the health and care they need.

For more information please visit http://www.msfund.org.uk/eligibility-calculator.php

12 Months to 30th September 2013

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (RMBI)
“Meeting the needs of older Freemasons and their Dependents”
Care Advice, Holidays, Nursing, Residential Care, and Dementia Care.
Grants totalling £150,401 awarded to 34 Beneficiaries

Freemasons Grand Charity (FGC)
“A grant-making charity dedicated to supporting people in need”
Grants totalling £116,840 awarded to 46 Beneficiaries

Masonic Samaritan Fund (MSF)
“Health and Care Support for Freemasons and their Dependants”
Respite Care, Dental Work Mobility equipment and home adaptations, hospital treatment, Medication costs
Grants totalling £93,254 awarded to 38 Recipients

Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys (RMTGB)
“Aims to relieve poverty and advance education for children & young people”
Maintenance and Education Support, Travel, Holiday Talent Aid etc.
Grants totalling £72,248 awarded to 27 of our children/young people

Provincial Grand Charity (PGC)
“Caring and Sharing”
6 Emergency Grants totalling £1,550 awarded

Thank You Donations

WHEN Peter Dew was installed as First Principal of Mitre Chapter in March 2012, he dedicated the raffle proceeds to the 2013 Royal Arch Appeal to raise funds the Royal College of Surgeons.

Little did Peter know that, within a few weeks, he would owe his life to the skill of two surgeons who performed an urgent operation on him at a hospital in Cyprus. After further raffles of whisky, the Companions of Mitre Chapter agreed to donate £150 to the 2013 appeal, together with Peter’s personal donation of £100.

The Chapter donated a further £100 to Cancer Research UK for brain cancer research after Peter related the story of his 42-year-old nephew, Simon Douglass, who had suffered from a brain tumour but had been saved by the skill of surgeons at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in Cambridge.

Simon, a keen marathon runner, undertook a 45-mile run from his home near Milton Keynes to Addenbrooke’s in May and raised a remarkable £7,000 for brain cancer research.
Thank You MSF

I am writing to thank you for the work you have put in, in providing me with a very comfortable rise and decline chair, and dental implant.

It is not until we are involved personally with the work the Almoners do that we realise the tremendous amount of work and time you commit to helping others. We are both members of a fantastic organisation, one where help is always at hand.

Although I found it very difficult to apply to the Masonic Samaritans Fund, I was a bit embarrassed to ask, you made the whole process easy and quick. I thank you for your professionalism in dealing with my case so confidentially.

I find it amazing that a simple piece of equipment can change a life; previous to the chair being delivered, at times I found it difficult and at times almost impossible to get out of my chair.

This gift from you has changed all that and I can honestly say since receiving it, I have always retired to bed without back ache.

You can take it from me, that is worth an awful lot.

Will you please pass on my thanks to everyone at the Masonic Samaritans Fund for their friendly help. It is very reassuring that you are always there to help me, a total stranger to most.

Thank you

Margaret

Thank You RMBI

Dear Almoner,

Having just returned from my RMBI holiday at Westcliffe-on-Sea I would like to thank you for putting my name forward and to say what a wonderful time I had there.

Although I was apprehensive about going away for the first time on my own I would say to anybody in the same position: Go on the holiday as it really helps you to start mixing socially again particularly if you have only recently been left alone. I met lots of lovely people in the same situation as myself.

This week I have received three letters from new pen friends that I met on the holiday. I not only feel that these people have and are helping me but I am also helping them in the same way. The team that organises the holidays are wonderful people. They give up their time to go out on the trips and will certainly need a rest after looking after 22 of us.

Every day we were very busy and the hotel was excellent. I don’t know what else to say other than that I had a wonderful time and maybe I will meet up with some of these people again.

Thank you once again for all your help.

My best regards to everyone involved in the Masonic Trust and also to yourself.

Best wishes and lots of love.

Margaret

Thank You FGC

This is a letter I am so happy to write - on two levels.

Firstly, three years ago I asked for help from the Masonic Charity as I had found myself in a very difficult situation.

The financial gifts I received were absolutely invaluable and I was able to recover at my own pace whilst having many financial worries relieved.

Well I am pleased to be able to tell you that I have started a new part-time job, hence I can be self-sufficient. My monthly income is certainly not large but should cover my bills and outgoings.

The second aspect I would like to cover is that I want to personally thank the Almoners for the compassionate and efficient manner in which they dealt with what was for me a very sensitive issue. I always felt at ease talking to them, and that they were there for me.

Please accept my profound thanks for your assistance and support, and if there is any way I can help support someone else please call on me.

Thank you

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| Chapter Team Visit to Albert Victor Lodge AssProvGM (WHF) | Chapter Team Visit to Marwood Lodge ProvGM |
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| Chapter Team Visit to Cleveland Centenary Lodge DepProvGM-In-Charge | Chapter Team Visit to Earlswood Chapter 3rdProvGP |
| Chapter Team Visit to King Edwin Chapter 2ndProvGP | Chapter Team Visit to Lord Bolton Lodge AssProvGM (MJD) |
| Chapter Ruler Visit to Erims Chapter 3rdProvGP | Chapter Team Visit to St Cuthbert’s Lodge ProvGM |
| Investiture of the Provincial Grand Master — Grand Superintendent | Chapter Team Visit to Beacon Chapter 2ndProvGP |
| Chapter — MEZ Elect workshop Guisbrough | Chapter Team Visit to Goatham Lodge ProvGM |
| Craft Team Visit to Yarm Lodge AssProvGM (SSSJ) | Chapter Team Visit to Chapter of St. Andrew 2ndProvGP |
| Chapter — MEZ Elect workshop Hull (Beverley road) | Chapter Team Visit to Connaught Lodge ProvGM |
| Craft Team Visit to Dundas Lodge DepProvGM | Chapter Team Visit to Beverley Lodge ProvGM |
| Warden’s Dinner | Annual visit to Grand Lodge |
| Craft Team Visit to Scarborough Lodge AsstProvGM (MJD) | First Principal’s Dinner Helmsley |
| Craft Team Visit to Andrew Marvel Lodge ProvGM | Connaught Court Garden Party |
| Chapter — MEZ Elect workshop York (Castlegate) | Peace Lodge 17th Annual Charity Walk |
| | Craft Team Visit to Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge AssProvGM (MJD) |

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I Shook Hands with a Freemason
Public show their support for Freemasonry at the Hornsea Carnival

This novel approach to introducing Freemasonry to the public started when Paul Brown, a member of Hornsea Carnival Committee, suggested that Alexandra Lodge should have a stand at the 2013 carnival to promote Freemasonry in the Community.

Chris Thomas came forward with a loan of his presentation stand and Masonic leaflets. On the day the theme quickly became I shook hands with a Freemason and members of the public were presented with a sticker saying just that.

There were many enquiries from members of the public and Lodge members were on hand to answer any questions.

Extra copies of The Yorkshire Mason are available

Need additional copies for friends, relatives or to help promote Freemasonry?
All enquiries for extra copies should now be made direct to Vic Thompson
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Stokesley Community Care

Cleveland Centenary Lodge supports local Community Care group

STOKESLEY Community Care offers services and support to the elderly of the local Community. The group is raising funds for a 12-seater mini bus, to provide local elderly people with a transport service enabling hospital visits, library visits and shopping trips.

Centenary Lodge W M Tony Malone and Charity Steward Norris Wilson made a formal presentation of a £1,350 cheque, which was made up of £350 from the Lodge with £1000 grant from the Provincial Grand Charity. The donation was received on behalf of Stokesley Community Care by their manager, Phil Henderson, who thanked the Lodge and Provincial Grand Charity saying that it will be of great value to them now and in the future.

RNLI and FLAG

Malcolm and Patricia Watkinson awarded RNLI medals

Malcolm Watkinson, a past master of Kingston Lodge, and his wife Patricia have been awarded bronze medals by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in recognition of their fundraising work. Malcolm is Chairman of the Friends of Humber & Withernsea Lifeboat (Fundraising) and Pat is an official presenter and educator for the RNLI.

HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall visited Bridlington and Withernsea on 23rd July to support the work of the Holderness Coast Fisheries Local Action Group in promoting the social and economic regeneration of the area. They were introduced to Malcolm, Pat and the rest of the RNLI team at Withernsea.

Above: Patricia Watkinson shaking hands with HRH the Prince of Wales.

A Great Yorkshire Show

Province of Yorkshire North & East Riding at the Great Yorkshire Show

The weather at this year’s show was sublime and a great improvement on last year’s unrelenting downpour. Over the three days of the show, The Provincial team met many people, both the interesting and the interested.

Recipients of grants from both Yorkshire Provinces were in evidence over the three days. On the Tuesday, Mr Paddy Hall from Dove House Hospice in Hull was welcomed by our Provincial Grand Master, Richard Anderson and our Second Provincial Grand Principal N. Jollyon Smith. Dove House had received a Provincial grant - via Technical Lodge - in December 2012 for £3,410 which was in aid of their Love U 2 Appeal. Paddy had come along to acknowledge the grant and offer thanks on behalf of Dove House.

Below: L to R Mr Paddy Hall, Richard Anderson, Jollyon Smith, acknowledging receipt of the Dove House grant on the stand.
One for the Road

Hair of the dog for the second Gallon Walk

THE 2nd Annual Acklam Lodge Gallon walk took place on Saturday 13th July 2013 under glorious sunshine on the North York Moors.

Among the 50 + taking part in the 8 mile / 8 pub hike were 20 members of Middlesbrough Lodges including Acklam Master, Darren Martin along with 3 guest walkers from Lodges in nearby Stokesley.

The Route
The hike started along the usual route in Goathland after the traditional pre march swift one in the Goathland Hotel, aka the Aidensfield Arms from the Heartbeat series, before heading along the 2 mile jaunt to Beck Hole (via the dramatic Mallyon spout waterfall) to the quaint Birch Hall Inn to continue the refreshments, and then on another 3 miles to Grosmont taking in the very best of what the moors have to offer along the way.

After a lunch break and steam engine sightseeing it was off to Egton Bridge (2 miles and 2 pubs). The pace by now was definitely slowing. The stepping stones across the river Esk successfully negotiated, it was onwards and upwards up Egton Bank to the final 2 watering holes for some well-deserved back slapping all round!

Evening Entertainment
After the final beers were downed it was back to Middlesbrough Masonic Hall where the numbers were swelled to around 70 or so to finish off the night with a hog roast and a little live music for the party in the car park.

All in all another great day out with around £360 raised for the Master’s charities.

Pictured above:
Walkers gathered outside the Goathland Inn

Redcar Lodges Support Local Church

A Coffee Morning was held at Redcar Masonic Hall on Saturday 13th April 2013, in support of Christ Church, Coatham

CHURCH members raised £531 at the event, together with £200 collected from members of the public who were entertained by a fairground organ which was parked outside the Lodge building.

The amount raised was boosted by donations from three Lodges - Marwood Lodge (£500), Coatham Lodge (£100) and Roseberry Lodge of Installed Masters (£100).

Connections
Christ Church, Coatham, is a Grade II listed building which contains notable stained glass windows and is a prominent place of worship within the local Community, not least among Redcar Freemasons. Marwood Lodge has always had a close connection with the church: Past Master David Thomas was married and had three of his sons christened there, and his son Chris, also a Past Master of the Lodge, had his daughter christened there. Many more Brethren have similar connections with the Church.

Thanks
The Revd. Alison Phillipson, whose late Father was a Freemason in the Province of Durham, was presented with cheques by the three Lodges.

The event was co-ordinated by Colin Bell, Master of Roseberry Lodge of Installed Masters.

Subsequently, Marwood Lodge has been successful in obtaining a £500 grant from Provincial Grand Charity to assist with urgent electrical work at Christ Church. Revd. Phillipson expressed to the Lodges concerned her thanks for their support.

Picture: Left to right are Colin Ivison, Stephen Ivison, Vicar Alison Phillipson and Worshipful Master John Branch.
Richard John Anderson

Where does one start when trying to summarise the Masonic life of a Provincial Grand Master, who has served the Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings for a period of almost eleven years?

It seems too obvious to say that we should start at the beginning, so let’s go back a little further. In his own words Richard John Anderson will tell you that he was “born on the 26th August 1939 and then war broke out!”

Not your average accountant

Richard has lived in Saltburn almost all of his life and worked in Middlesbrough as an accountant. Many references have been made to boring accountants. We have all heard responses and addresses from Richard, which prove that accountants are not all the same, and we have been very fortunate in having one with a sense of humour.

Not just a sense of humour, but qualities such as drive and enthusiasm with a special interest in our Lodges, in order to keep this Province ahead of the rest of the country. Richard has also achieved a great sense of unity and fun for which we are all grateful. Remember the phrase, “You are allowed to smile”?

Freemasonry

Richard was initiated into Huntcliff Lodge in 1981 and exalted into Huntcliff Chapter in 1984. He has been a Secretary for Huntcliff Lodge and Tees Tablers Lodge, where he was a Founding Member in 1994. He was also a Founder Member of Provincial Stewards Lodge.

Provincial Honours came along in 1993 with the rank of Provincial Grand Pursuivant; he was appointed DepProvGDC in 1999 and then in May 2001 he was invested as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

United Grand Lodge appointed him as PAGDC in 2002, but then with the unfortunate death of Gerry Coles he was asked to be our Provincial Grand Master in November 2002.

And more!

Even when running the Province he found time to go through the Chair at Roseberry Lodge of Installed Masters; involved himself with the Mark Masons and Rose Croix whilst also maintaining a regular association with many other Orders. He continues to work two or three mornings just to keep the grey matter (what little there is) alive! Quite how Sue, his wife, has coped with the enormous amount of time he has spent away from home, we shall never know, but she deserves a huge thank you from us all, particularly from those who have experienced the annual Executive Sunday lunches over 10 years, where her desserts have become something of a legend.

Commitment

The Provincial Year Book and Newsletters detail the annual achievements within the Province and most include some input from our Past Provincial Grand Master, such as Ruler visits, Provincial Meetings, Banner dedications, Consecrations and Certificate presentations, which have increased owing to us all living longer. His attendance has been required at neighbouring Provincial Meetings, our own General Purposes Meetings; Meet the Rulers evenings and attendance at The Great Yorkshire Show in his wellies!

Innovation

He has always been keen to ensure that there is a balance between ceremony and Festive Board. While many Brethren think we are stuck in our ways, Richard was very supportive of innovative change. He introduced Annual Dinners for Masters of his Lodges and 1st Principals of his Chapters so that he could meet up with them. Likewise moving to a “Virtual Office” with the introduction of more efficient use of IT.

Unfortunately there have been a few Lodge and Chapter closures, which is inevitable as our numbers reduce. Whilst this is very sad, Richard’s opinion is one of evolution and he feels he is leaving the Province in a strong position. This Province still has a very high percentage of Craft Members who are Chapter Companions.

Richard always took a great interest in Provincial Grand Charity and during his watch as its President (but he insists with your support) hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised for the Air Ambulances and Prostate Cancer, to quote just two.

In May 2013 he launched the Masonic Samaritan Fund Festival 2018 and was able to announce an opening commitment from Brethren to the amount of £250,000. At the Chapter Convocation in September 2013 (less than five months later) this figure was increased to nearly £427,000. A wonderful start!

Supreme Grand Chapter offered the rank of PAGSoj in 2003 and then DepGSwdB in 2005, and by July 2007 he became our Grand Superintendent.

Richard was further honoured in 2008 when he was invited to join the UGLE Board of General Purposes, subsequently becoming Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Despite his retirement he continues as a full member of the Board.

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Retirement

At his last event on 18th October 2013, the Provincial Grand Master paid tribute to all who had supported him over the years and wished there was some way in which he could express his thanks to all those who worked so hard during his time on Office for the benefit of our Province.
An Interview with Richard Anderson

It has been a busy time in the Province and at UGLE since Richard announced his retirement back in July 2013. However a successor has been identified and will soon be appointed. The Yorkshire Mason spoke to our Past Provincial Grand Master about his thoughts on his ‘time at the top’ and what the future has in store for him.

What are your proudest achievements?
RA: Restoration of normal relations with York Lodge No 236, first away day in June 2004 to attend Grand Lodge, Annual Masters Dinner followed by a similar event for First Principals; Handing over £2.3m for Festival 2006, followed by a sell out party; Air Ambulance Appeal produced double the target; introduced Professor Maitland which produced not only a huge financial response for his Prostate Cancer Research but launched the ‘doing nothing is not an option’ presentations which covered the entire Province; Teddies for Loving Care launched; presentations from Royal College of Surgeons Research Fellows with Chapters raising over £40,000 for the SGC 200 years appeal; the unique 250th birthday celebrations of Lennox Lodge held in the local school buildings and of course the very successful launch of Festival 2018. All achieved with the unstinting support of the members of the Province

Looking back is there anything that you would have done differently?
RA: I am sure that if I looked I would find many things but you have to make decisions on the best advice in the then circumstances and get on with it. Perhaps we have hesitated from time to time in introducing change or new practices and when we have finally done it wished we had done it earlier

How do you see the future of Freemasonry in general?
RA: I suspect that Freemasonry is at a cross roads. I am happy that the public perception sees us as different but we need to get across to more of our friends, families and colleagues that Freemasonry is a way of life and not something we do a few hours once a month. I believe that there are thousands of potential members out there just waiting to be invited to join and who would appreciate the established traditions, our attitude to living in a harsh and selfish world and the friendship that comes from that common bond.

How would you like to be remembered?
RA: With a smile! I and my team have encouraged both enjoyment and fun from being Freemasons. While I encourage a high standard of work in the Lodge it should not be without humour when appropriate. The touch of a smile when a member, who has clearly worked hard preparing for his part in the proceedings, stumbles or hesitates – we have all been there, have we not? Likewise at the after meetings I hope that it has been demonstrated that I and all the Senior Officers were more than happy to chat to anyone and indeed enjoyed talking to new members and those keen to expand their Masonic knowledge.

What do you think is the role (if any) of a Past ProvGM?
RA: To be the biggest fan of my successor, having recommended him. While there is a long established custom for the immediate Past ProvGM to absent himself, for 12 months, from Provincial activity, it seems to me that there is nothing to restrict dialogue with current Provincial Officers to encourage ongoing projects. Likewise to support new ventures and ideas from the new team. To try to avoid reverting to being just another boring accountant!

What are you going to do with all this spare time?
RA: What spare time? I had a busy life before becoming ProvGM and see no reason for concern that I might have nothing to do. I shall enjoy returning to a regular attendance at my own Lodges and Chapters and perhaps even participating. With more time for longer walks I expect both Holly, my Labrador, and I will both be able to loose a few inches.

If you could only give one piece of advice to your successor, what would it be?
RA: Be yourself! Listen and then go with your instinct not with the herd. The last 10 years working with me your instinct has almost inevitably been right, for which I am grateful, but don’t ignore it now!
Personal Welcome

Let me now extend a warm welcome to all of you both Excellent Companions and Companions, particularly those here for the first time. All our guests have already been introduced to you as they came in, but allow me to extend a personal welcome to two fellow Grand Superintendents. From Northumberland, Peter Magnay and from Durham, Norman Heaviside. Not quite Little and Large but could be the tall and the thin. You are both most welcome. You may be aware that my good friend and colleague John Clayton retired from both offices on 31 August 2013 and West Riding is today represented by the DepGS-in-charge, Stewart Carley. Stewart, please convey to the PastGS John the best wishes of this Province and our hope that he has a long and healthy retirement.

I have been fortunate in the last 11 years to have one very special shoulder to cry on, or at least to provide support when I have been unsure of some action or other that I was planning. He never interferes but will always provide time to share a problem. Please welcome Past GS John Raylor.

I am delighted to welcome the DepProvGM of the Craft, Jeff Gillyon and both AsstPGMs, Bill Fisher and Malcolm Dabbs.

We have a number of apologies from Heads of other orders but I am pleased to welcome Grand Superintendent David Scott, the head of Knights Templar Priests and David Fox, the Intendent general of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is also Provincial Grand Preceptor of The Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon (I think).

Appointments and Promotions

We only qualified for 2 Supreme Grand Chapter appointments this year, which went to EComp Bill Fisher and Jollyon Smith, both of whom were appointed PGStB. Although we did not qualify for a promotion, I am delighted to report and welcome EComp Bruce Harrison, who was promoted, for his contribution to the Development Working Party in London, to the active rank of AGSoj. The number of Grand Rank appointments is always under discussion but I am a devotee of the philosophy that there is no merit in creating more and more such ranks; indeed, in a reducing national membership there is a view that we should doing the opposite.

One of the important tasks that has to be done every year is the selection of those whose names we might put forward and it causes much heart-searching as there are always more deserving names than there are nomination forms available.

Perhaps the reason why most of you are here this morning is to receive appointment or promotion in Provincial Grand Rank, or to see friends and fellow members receive theirs. I congratulate all those that I have appointed and invested today and add my congratulations to each of you. Wear your new regalia with pride (it costs enough) but do please remember that you will now be regarded as an expert, so please be kind and helpful to your members and if you do not know the answer, do please seek guidance from our Scribe E Jim Massey. His bark is worse than his bite and he is always willing to find answers.

Waiting for change

It had been my intention to announce that Chapter reports would no longer be necessary, which I know would be popular, but that good news will have to wait a little while longer.

My Executive have supported the idea of Chapter Representatives being introduced to act as champions for one or more Chapters in one or more Lodges. We had in mind an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason who would act as a kind of mentor and perhaps contribute 3 or 4 times a year in a number of Lodges in a promotional role. The difference between the current arrangements would be that we at the centre would have some idea of the names of the “Representatives” and would be able to assist them in selling the undoubted merits of being a Royal Arch Mason. This idea has recently been picked up by Supreme Grand Chapter so we are minded wait to learn from their deliberations and we are fortunate that James Greaves, our Provincial Communications Officer, is one of the team leaders for this project. It also seemed a likely topic for my successor to consider.

Address of MEGS to PGC September 2013

Saturday, 21st September 2013

I am not sure just what I want to say this morning or indeed how I am going to say it. I am assuming that the news of my forthcoming retirement has reached the ears of most of you and having been appointed from 21 July 2007 I very much regret that I shall not be serving the full term of 10 years granted to me by the First Grand Principal which would have taken me to 2017.

However I make no apology – having been appointed ProvGM on 13th November 2002, I am conscious that nearly 11 years have passed since that time and I believe it is right that someone else should now lead the Province.

The dual role

As I have had the privilege of serving this Province in the singular role and then more recently in the dual role I am convinced that for us, for whatever reasons, the dual role works well and is, I believe, more conducive to success. It is this belief that drove my decision to retire from both Craft and Chapter. I have been somewhat selfish in the timing that I chose so that I can attend the 200 year Royal Arch celebrations in London on 16th October and then retire on 31 October. On that special day in London we have taken up all our meal opportunities; indeed, my Deputy has obtained some additional tickets for the value-for-money lunch at £70 and of course the evening Dinner party with HRH is sold out.

The Yorkshire Mason
Thank you
Companions, on your behalf I thank Jim Massey, Scribe E and his team including Linda and Marie and Gerald Gelder for today’s arrangements along with the Stewards Chapter, supported by the Stewards Lodge. And of course the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Andy Hitchen, his Deputies and his team for the planning and conduct of the meeting – well done.

Festival 2018
Many of you were at the Craft meeting at the University on 11th May when we launched the Festival and we were then able to announce that the contributions received or pledged prior to the launch date amounted £250,000, which was a huge sum towards the target I set that morning of £1.6M. We have been collecting since then for 4 months and I week and with this in mind I am proud - indeed thrilled - to reveal the amount now in the pot from contributions and pledges is £426,785 - that is an increase in 4 months of over £176,000.

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Final thoughts
Companions, I leave the office of Grand Superintendent in a few weeks’ time with the pleasing thought that someone else will bring new ideas and new enthusiasm to the office that I have been privileged to hold for some 6 years. I hope I have at least started to convince more of you, that like the Craft, the Royal Arch has an exciting and colourful ceremony and that it really can be enjoyable to be a Companion of the Order. The important thing - never to forget - is to smile.
I have now visited each of the 55 Royal Arch Chapters in the Province during my term of office and have been made welcome wherever I have been. I have much appreciated your friendship and your support in everything that we have tried to do.
I have had a lot of fun leading this happy and successful Province and I wish each of you well for the future of your Masonic activities.

Thank you, Companions.

Appointments: Another year with a new team
The most important aspect of the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge is the Investiture of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge

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Certificates for 50 years or more Chapter membership
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IT is somewhat strange, given the colourful and engaging nature of the exaltation ceremony undertaken by Candidates seeking entry to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem (more colloquially known as ‘Chapter’), that in fact what we see today is just a part of the original ritual. The part of the ceremony no longer worked (except in Bristol and certain Districts and Provinces overseas) is known as ‘The Veils.’ The Supreme Grand Chapter Committee of General Purposes has given permission for ‘The Veils’ to be performed in full within Provinces on an irregular basis and, when performed, it must always be under the personal supervision of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent.

Performing the role
On Wednesday 18 September 2013 members of the Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter performed the ceremony in the presence of the Grand Superintendent and many other Companions at the Beverley Road Masonic Hall in Kingston-Upon-Hull. On that occasion I had the honour of performing the role of Candidate, not an onerous part as they go, but one which I considered myself very lucky indeed to have been asked to fill, as it would give me a very rare opportunity indeed - that of seeing ‘The Veils’ from the perspective of a Candidate for Exaltation.

We should remember of course that in days of yore the Candidate would have been hoodwinked and so the spectacle would have been hidden from view for him. Not so for the Masons watching, who would be reminded of their own journey through the veils towards the Ark of the Covenant. On the night in question though I was spared the blindfold thankfully and thus could appreciate the action in full as it unfolded before me.

The Ritual
Scribe Nehemiah was my conductor for the ceremony and first had to ‘try and prove’ me in the craft degrees. Once he and the assembled Companions were content that I was no Cowan or Intruder the ceremony commenced. The ritual, as is the case with the current many and varied versions practiced in our Temples, is wholly based in the Old Testament. Within it the Candidate is made to enact scenes involving Moses during the Exodus including the creation of the Tabernacle in which was housed the Ark of the Covenant. Once the Candidate had passed through the three veils successfully he was then either escorted into another room where the ceremony of Exaltation was continued much as today or in cases where space did not allow a second room, it is highly likely that a fourth veil was in place (as was the case at Beverley Road) which could then be drawn back to reveal the Chapter room as we now present it within our own Temples.

Clearly, Masonic ritual of any nature holds differing significance and meaning for each of us who experience it. For me having the opportunity to go through this ceremony was a very special experience – a once in a lifetime chance – much as our own Initiations and Exaltations are for us all. For those reading who are not yet Royal Arch Masons, you have friends who are. Speak with them. The degree concerns our relationship with God and is a very fitting and fulfilling step to take for any Mason when the time is right.

“Zzzz”
ALL are past masters of the Ridings Tablers Lodge and all will be MEZ’s at the same time in four different Chapters during a 12 month period – a situation we believe is unprecedented.

Barrie = Humber Chapter,
Andy = Wilberforce Chapter
Jonathan = Alexandra Chapter,
Mark = Constitutional Chapter.

We doubt that this has happened before and think it is unlikely ever to be repeated. Ridings Tablers does not have a particular Chapter associated with it… well not yet! Each Brother has made his own progress in Chapter unaware that this situation may occur; it was only as the invitations to each other’s Installation came about that the penny dropped.

In all fairness the picture tells a lie …we do have our own robes …honest.

Left: left to right: Barrie Jeffery, Andrew Pittaway, Jonathan Smith, and Mark Green.
In the Swim

Olympic recognition and commitment for one very dedicated swimming coach

SAMUEL Greetham of Leopold Lodge in Scarborough has also been a member of Scarborough Swimming Club for over 40 years and has been head coach and club president for 20 years. His reputation as a straight-talking Yorkshire man, and his undeniable experience and expertise in pool swimming, open water swimming and water polo have ensured that Sam has been sought out to contribute to the management of swimming at every level.

One of the proudest moments of the summer was when Sam acted as the British swimming host to the Paralympic swimming.

Olympics

During the 2012 Olympics Sam was appointed lead Referee for the Men’s 10k Open Water Marathon in Hyde Park but before that he was involved in the Olympic bid itself, rubbing shoulders with Lord Coe, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, Boris Johnson, David Cameron and Nick Clegg, the Beckhams and even Arnold Swarzenegger!

Positions

He serves as a trustee of the ASA, he has served on the British swimming board since its inception, has acted as the Secretary to the open water committee of the European swimming board (LEN), has served as a technical member on the world open water committee (FINA) since 2009 and more recently he has played an instrumental role in the London 2012 Olympics, and in all of these roles he has been proud to serve as an unpaid volunteer.

Commitments

2012 has to have been one of the busiest years in Sam’s life and yet he still made time to coach his own swimmers in Scarborough: 5.00am starts four mornings a week, 7.30am on a Sunday and teatime training Monday to Friday. Sam’s commitment to competition swimming is unquestionable but his fellow Olympic board members may be surprised to see him on a Thursday evening at the Scarborough indoor pool throwing himself into the teaching of young learners and novices with just as much energy and drive as he does the coaching of world class swimmers, all this and he still finds the time to attend his Lodge meetings and be actively involved in the Lodges events.

London 2012 is now a distant memory for most of us but Sam is now very much looking forward to the enviable task of being involved and being present at the Brazil 2016 Olympics.

Flight of the Chipmunk

Remote control that’s not for the faint hearted

KEITH Buckham, of Alcuin Lodge, started building and flying model aeroplanes when at school and, apart from a lengthy break when his family arrived, has continued ever since. He is currently part of flying display team comprising of members who, with one exception, are in their late seventies and who take part in model airshows, including the Tees-side Model Airshow in June.

Keith says that this is a very rewarding but sometimes very frustrating hobby, particularly when a model which has taken many hours to build comes into contact with terra firma and is either damaged or in some cases completely written off! However, fully computerised radio systems make this occurrence less frequent than it used to be.

One thing it does do is to keep the mind and the reactions focussed and up to speed! Keith’s main show model is a DHC-1 Chipmunk in RAF trainer colours, built to one quarter scale giving a wingspan of 104” and is powered by a 36cc 4-stroke petrol engine.

Right: Keith with his Chipmunk
**Fight for Every Heartbeat**

**Fundraisers help the British Heart Foundation save lives**

The Old Globe Lodge of the Scarborough Freemasons raised £500 for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) through their annual Lodge’s Ladies’ Night at the Red Lea Hotel.

Presenting a cheque for £500 to Sharon Oakley, BHF Fundraising Manager for Scarborough, Carl Stevens, Worshipful Master of the Old Globe Masonic Lodge, said: “We would like to thank everyone who turned out to support our Lodge’s Ladies’ Night on 1st June. We had great fun and I’d especially like to thank the Red Lea Hotel for making this event possible by hosting us on the evening. We all know someone who has been affected by heart disease – sadly, it touches us all. I have experienced heart problems in the past and so I am grateful for the work of the British Heart Foundation. I’m delighted that they are one of our beneficiary charities this year, and it’s great to know that our efforts will make a difference.”

Sharon Oakley of the British Heart Foundation said: “We’d like to thank the Old Globe Lodge of the Scarborough Freemasons for organising this event and for presenting us with this generous donation today. Every pound raised, minute of your time and donation to our shops will help make a difference to people’s lives. We urgently need more groups and associations like the Scarborough Freemasons to support us. Please join our fight for every heartbeat in the UK.”

**St Nicholas Lodge Supports Local Causes**

Fred Whittle, Worshipful Master of Scarborough’s St Nicholas Lodge, presented cheques to a number of organisations during 2013. On this occasion a cheque for £1050 was accepted by Steve McNamara on behalf of Help for Heroes. Both St Catherine’s Hospice and Marie Curie Cancer Care received cheques for £200, followed by a further donation of £148.32 to the Hospice Day Care Centre.

The sum of £300, to be used towards the cost of a pool table, was donated to Action for Children, which helps children with disabilities. A further £300 was donated to the Eastfield Scout Group, which will buy new safety equipment, including life jackets, for the Explorer Scout Unit.

£500 was donated to Scarborough Sea Cadets to help towards the cost of sending Cadet, Michael Stables – grandson of the late Barry Stables, a past master of the Lodge – to Australia to join the Sail Training Ship Lord Nelson on a Jubilee Sailing trust voyage from Sydney to Auckland in October 2013.

**Hull OG Support for HERIB**

Charity for the blind receives help to assist in their fundraising

Hull Old Grammarians Lodge donated £750 to Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind to enable them to purchase an outdoor event pack. Bryan Peaks (Charity Steward) received the following thanks from Angela Gregory, HERIB’s marketing manager, “Thank you for your kind support which has been used to purchase key items including a gazebo and folding tables to help the charity raise awareness and funds at outdoor events across the region.

Donations in action

We recently used the new equipment at the Driffield Show and it made a huge difference in attracting visitors to our stand. Not only was our tombola table busy all day raising a fantastic £300, even more importantly our new folding tables allowed us to display more equipment and leaflets than ever before and as a result we received far more service enquiries and requests for information than in previous years.”

Bryan Peaks commented, “Here is an example of how a donation to a local charity can help them generate even more funds”

**Picture: The new equipment in use at the Driffield Show.**
**Action for Autism Families**

On the 13th June, Old Guisborian Lodge presented a cheque for £150 to a local charity, which was set up to support families who have autistic children

FOUNDED by Mrs Ginny Tinkler with the assistance of others with autistic children, the charity supports parents, siblings and other family members. Mrs Tinkler and her husband spent several years trying to obtain a correct diagnosis for their son’s condition, without which they were unable to persuade the health and education authorities to provide special education, health or social care for him.

**A need for funding**

Mrs Tinkler discovered that other families were in a similar position, and set up Action for Autism Families in April 2012. This has been funded by the parents themselves, partly through proceeds of coffee mornings, but there was a need for further funding.

**A donation**

Mike Riley of Old Guisborian Lodge was alerted to AFAF by a neighbour who has an autistic child, and as a result of meeting Mrs Tinkler and learning about the charity’s work, he proposed that the Lodge should offer some support. The result was a donation which paid for an iPhone and this now enables the charity to operate more effectively when organising support groups and other events.

**Photograph**: Presentation of the cheque to Ginny at her home in Skelton by the Worshipful Master, Derrick Watson and Mike Riley

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**Doing It for the KIDS**

Massive boost for KIDS from the Freemasons’ Grand Charity

BERNIE Cusworth, the Provincial Grand Charity area representative for Hull, presented a first cheque for £18,000 to Janice Hopkins, the Regional fundraiser for KIDS, at a celebration Barbecue held on 8th August 2013 to commemorate 25 years of the charity’s work in Yorkshire and Humberside.

**A helping hand**

KIDS is a national charity providing support services for disabled children, young people and their families, working with children from birth through to 18 years. KIDS makes a major difference to the lives of many people by enabling hundreds of children to participate fully in leisure activities, access appropriate education and achieve greater independence whilst giving their parents respite, guidance and support. The Inclusion Project supports children and young people who are experiencing issues around behaviour at school as a result of their disability, offering support, advice and mediation which helps to build bridges to prevent children being excluded.

**Help through grants**

These opportunities to work and play, given free to families, only remain possible through grants, donations and fundraising and a £36,000 grant from the Freemasons’ Grand Charity will pay for the Inclusion Project for two years.

**Right**: Members of staff with one of their supported children

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**Further Information**

More detailed information on Action for Autism Families can be obtained via their website.

[www.facebook.com/actionforautismfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/actionforautismfamilies)

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For more information on the charity visit: [www.kids.org.uk](http://www.kids.org.uk)
Annual Charities Information Day

Escrick 10th October 2013

The annual Charities Information Day saw 125 Charity Stewards and Almoners in attendance. When guest speakers are included, a total of 134 people were present.

The meeting was opened with a short introductions from Malcolm Booth, the Chairman of Provincial Grand Charity and Malcolm Dabbs, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Grants explained

David Marsh, Chairman of Festival 2018, introduced Richard Douglas, CEO of the Masonic Samaritan Fund, who had spent the previous 5 months touring North Yorkshire doing presentations on the partnership between the MSF and our Province. He also explained that it was an affordable means test that was carried out and not a poverty one for those who applied for support. He explained the grants given nationwide and to this Province in particular. He detailed a new Counselling Care-Line which started in January 2013 and also advised about doing an eligibility test online. Further information can be found on – www.msfund.org.uk.

Support

The next item on the agenda was an introduction to the Dove House Hospice Trust in Hull by Philip Daniels, who is the Treasurer of the Trust. The two guest speakers, Karinda Jones, Fund Raising Manager and John Creasey, Head of Psychosocial Services explained all aspects of supporting bereavement in respect to life, money, housing, jobs etc. and left us with a parting thought - to understand Bereavement you need Big Eyes, Big Ears, Big Heart and a Small Mouth.

Revelation

James France Director of Masonic Relief Grants for The Freemasons Grand Charity was the next speaker and revealed that grants totalling over £100 million had been made (medical, the young, hospices, Air Ambulances, disaster etc.) over the thirty years the Charity had been running. Further information can be obtained from – www.grandcharity.com.

After lunch, a very interesting and humorous presentation was given by John Porter, a voluntary Fund Raising Press Officer and a Past Master of Minster Lodge. He thanked the Freemasons for their continued support of the RNLI and if you are looking for a presentation with some humour, this would be a good one to choose.

Back to school

Peter Nesbitt of the Provincial Grand Charity Committee introduced the next speakers, from St Anne’s Special School, Welton, Hull. The two presenters Lesley Davis (Head Teacher) and Hendi Longman (Special Needs Teacher) took us through a virtual picture tour of the school and also spent a little time explaining basic hand sign language for people who cannot talk. This was an excellent presentation. The Freemasons of Yorkshire N & E Ridings were thanked by the speakers of Dove House for all the help and assistance that they had given.

Baby Hospices

The last presentation of the afternoon was given by Simone Enifer-Doy of Lifelites. She explained the work they did with all the 49 ‘Baby Hospices’ throughout the UK in supplying equipment and training for the computerised items that Lifelites supplied. She explained that their aim was to leave the children with smiles on their faces. She was extremely grateful for the support to the organization given by Freemasonry. For more information email - info@lifelites.org.

Charity Walk

To finish, a member of Peace Lodge announced that their Annual Charity Walk on Sunday 22nd June 2014 would be in aid of Festival 2018.

A Capital Welcome

A Grand sight indeed to welcome marathon walker Adrian Jessop on his arrival at Grand Lodge

Almost 100 of our Brethren enjoyed a trip down to the UGLE Quarterly Communications. You can see how much they enjoyed the visit in the picture opposite.

One of the many highlights of the day was welcoming Adrian Jessop after his 245 mile sponsored walk from York to London in aid of the MSF 2018 Festival. Adrian even got a mention from the Prov Grand Master when he addressed Grand Lodge.

Right: The members of our Province – including the ProvGM and Adrian Jessop.
Provincial Golf Competition

A record number of 19 teams entered the 2013 Annual Golf competition

HELD at Forest Park Golf Club, Stockton on the Forest, York on Tuesday 27th August. The Lodges who entered Teams were: York, Minster, Alcuin, Old Peterite, Leopold, Constitutional, Old Hymerian, Riding Tablers, Lennox, Ferrum, Thornborough, Lofthouse, Helmsley and Technical.

In addition there was a team from the Humber Chapter and the Provincial Secretariat.

A great day
The excellent course, beautiful weather, good food and great hospitality provided by Forest Park Golf Club, both before and after the game, made for a brilliant day’s golf and some excellent Masonic Fellowship.

Malcolm Dabbs, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, a non-golfer, presented the trophies.

2014 Venue
In view of the excellent facilities provided by the Club arrangements have been made to hold next year’s competition at the same venue on Tuesday, 26th August 2014. Full details and entry forms will be sent to Lodge Secretaries later this year and Ed Levie (Ferrum Lodge), the competition organiser, hopes to see an even greater number of teams enter this year’s competition.

PLEASE NOTE
Any Lodge/Chapter with a wealth of golfers can enter more than one team.

Photo: The winning team being presented with their trophies.

GOLF COMPETITION RESULTS 2013

Zetland Trophy
Best team score
Riding Tablers Lodge
Represented by Ian Hughes, Wally Youngman and Henry Wilson.

The Raylor Cup
Nearest the Pin
Jim Taylor, Lofthouse Lodge

Division 1 Winner
(0 - 19 Handicap)
Simon Simpson, Alcuin Lodge

Division 2 Winner
(20 - 28 Handicap)
Jack Wildblood, Humber Chapter

The Yorkshire Mason

The Battle of Kohima

Major General John Grover MC and Minster Lodge

MINSTER Lodge was delighted when asked by the Curator of the Kohima Museum at Imphal Barracks, Mr Bob Cook, if they would provide the funding for the refurbishment of a display cabinet in honour of Major General John Grover MC who was the General who in 1944 successfully commanded the 2nd Division during the Battle of Kohima, India. The museum was founded by soldiers from his division and they had no specific display for the General. Bob had recently visited Kohima for the unveiling of a memorial to the General which had been erected by the Naga Indians and thought it appropriate that a display cabinet should be provided at the museum at the Imphal Barracks in York.

Kohima then and now
The Japanese advance into India was halted at Kohima in April 1944 and Garrison Hill, a long wooded spur on a high ridge west of the village, was the scene of perhaps the bitterest fighting of the whole Burma campaign, when a small Commonwealth force held out against repeated attacks by a Japanese division. The fiercest hand to hand fighting took place in the garden of the Deputy Commissioner’s bungalow, around the tennis court, but the heaviest casualties on both sides occurred after relieving forces reached the Garrison and the Japanese were driven off the ridge, so re-opening the road to Imphal. Kohima, the capital city of Nagaland state, is some 200 kilometres from the Indo-Burmese border (now known as the Indo-Myanmar border).

Kohima war cemetery lies on the battle ground of Garrison Hill. No trace remains of the bungalow, which was destroyed in the fighting, but white concrete lines mark and preserve permanently the historic tennis court. The cemetery now contains 1,420 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War.

Above: The Worshipful Master of Minster Lodge, Bob Burrows, presenting Bob Cook with a donation of £200 for the refurbishment of the cabinet. Supporting the WM were Minster members William Gray and Robbie Burnett.
YNER + YWR Support for YAA
Grand Charity Cheque Presentation to Yorkshire Air Ambulance

ON 8th July 2013, Richard Anderson and John Clayton, the Provincial Grand Masters of Yorkshire North & East Riding and Yorkshire West Riding, each presented a cheque for £4,000 from The Freemasons’ Grand Charity to staff of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Trust at Leeds Bradford Airport.

The YAA costs £3.6m per year to operate, or £9,990 per day. On hearing this, Richard Anderson (always the accountant) joked that the two cheques would keep the Yorkshire Air Ambulance service going until about 4.00pm that day.

The YAA operates two helicopters from two sites, one at Leeds Bradford Airport and the other at RAF Topcliffe. The scheme employs fifteen paramedics and four pilots and operates throughout Yorkshire. Bob Smailes, Fundraising Manager for the YAA, said that the Trust relies entirely on voluntary donations and he was extremely grateful for the donations made by the Freemasons’ Grand Charity both that day and previously.

During 2013, every Air Ambulance service in England and Wales will receive a donation, a national aggregate of £192,000. It was stressed that the donations from The Freemasons’ Grand Charity were made from funds raised entirely by the Freemasons of England and Wales and their families and friends.

Below: Provincial Grand Masters plus two paramedics

Easy PC for York Mind
Minster Lodge and Provincial Grand Charity help York Mind

YORK Mind provides a high quality mental health service in York and its surrounding area, with the objective of helping individuals as they recover from a variety of conditions. As a leading local provider of services, they support individuals recovering from mental health challenges. They aim to achieve results leading to recovery, using social inclusion, integration and other mainstream activities such as learning, volunteering or employment.

Minster Lodge’s Worshipful Master Bob Burrows was pleased to present the Deputy Chief Executive, Kathy Sturgess, with a total donation of £780; £200 came from Minster Lodge and £580 from Provincial Grand Charity through a successful grant application. A small plaque to commemorate the occasion was also presented.

The money will be used to help with the cost of upgrading York Mind’s computer server; the upgraded server will help to reduce maintenance costs and provide much needed capacity, enabling the charity to operate computers in their newly acquired satellite office, Tang Hall Community Centre, York, providing staff and volunteers at this office with access to files and emails stored on their central server at their Highcliffe House headquarters in Clifton, York.

Accepting the donations, Kathy Sturgess said that she was delighted to have received the funds on behalf of York Mind and thanked both Minster Lodge and the Provincial Grand Charity for their help with the IT upgrade work.

Left: L to R, WM Bob Burrows, Kathy Sturgess and Peter Hudson

Helicopter Heroes
Marguerite Given gets more than she bargained for when she had to call in the paramedics

In September, Marguerite Given, 87 year old widow of the late Ken Given, who was a member of Mitre Chapter of York, slipped at home and severely broke her leg.

Paramedics called in the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and she was airlifted from Northallerton Cricket Ground to James Cook Hospital at Middlesbrough where she underwent a four hour operation.

At the time of writing, Marguerite is making a steady recovery and said to the Yorkshire Mason,

"During his 64 years in Freemasonry, my late husband Ken was always proud of the support Masonry gave to good causes. He was particularly pleased about the annual donations to the Air Ambulances and would never have expected me to be riding in one."

Marguerite, who is the mother-in law of Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, David Marsh, is now looking forward to seeing a replay of the flight on ‘Helicopter Heroes’ as the BBC team were filming at the time for the series.

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Coatham House Projects

Roseberry LOIM Donate £300 to Coatham House

DURING a very successful annual Sunday lunch at the Grinkle Park Hotel, WM of Roseberry LOIM Colin Bell presented a cheque for £300 to Derek Langley, Trustee of Coatham House Projects, and Bridget Collins, Manager.

Coatham House Projects originated in 1984, when a group of local residents began the task of establishing a project to offer supported accommodation to local young people who were in housing need. The project also offers on-going advice and support to former residents.

The first project, opened in 1991, was the 7-bed hostel and then in 1996 Coatham House Projects opened its first ‘move-on’ property. All move-on accommodation is dealt with under the Stepping-Stones heading. There are currently five properties in Redcar, one in Eston and one in New Marske. There are also a number of permanent flats available for young people ready to live independently and more in the process of being refurbished. Coatham House accommodates approximately 100 young people each year, requiring an annual budget in excess of £500,000.

Bridget commented: “Derek and I were delighted to be invited to lunch and meet so many of the people involved with the local Lodges and to accept the cheque for £300. I always like to be able to personally thank people for their donation and offer them insight into how Coatham House works. It is an honour to be chosen by the Local Lodges as their charity for events and to be able to profile the work done by the charity.”

Below: L—R Derek Langley, Trustee; Bridget Collins, Manager; Colin Bell, Roseberry LOIM.

Cleveland Ladies

Landmark event for the Cleveland Ladies Club 1973 – 2013

ON the 1st May the Cleveland Ladies Club celebrated its 40th (Ruby) anniversary. The club was formed in 1973 and is a social group for the wives, partners and widows of Freemasons.

The club meets in Saltburn Masonic Hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month for luncheon, after dinner speakers and entertainment.

The club has raised many thousands of pounds over the years for charity.

New members are always welcome.

Off the Hook

Minster Lodge supports Community foundation

ON the 22nd July 2013 the Worshipful Master of Minster Lodge, Bob Burrows, and Charity Steward, Keith Bell, presented a cheque for £2,340 to Claire Waines, the fundraising manager of the Jack Raine Community Foundation. The donation was the result of a successful grant application submitted to the Provincial Grand Charity of Yorkshire North and East Ridings by Minster Lodge on behalf of the Foundation.

The money will be used to purchase 150 Jigsaw Mats for the floor area where Karate and Judo training take place, 10 sets of boxing gloves, a boxing bag, skipping ropes and various mats. A further £200 is to be presented at the Freemasons Charity Presentation evening in November to help with the Foundation’s administration costs.

Charity Origins

The Jack Raine Community Foundation is one of the charities chosen by the Lord Mayor of York, Councillor Julie Gunnell, for her year in office. Its roots go back to 1967, when it was set up by Mr. Jack Raine, House-master at the former Castle Howard Approved School, and was known as the York Boxing Club.

The Foundation achieved charitable status in 2004, using a grant of £500 donated by North Yorkshire Police to the ‘Off the Hook’ project which engaged children and young people into positive activities. It now supports children and the community in key areas that reflect their needs. All activities and projects are based on Education, Welfare, Health, Sport and Community interest. The involvement of the Community is seen as essential to the creation of change to the lifestyle of those who are most in need of support.

For more information on the charity visit: www.jackrainfoundation.org.uk

Pictured above: WM Bob Burrows and Clair Waines with members of the foundation.
The close affinity Freemasonry has had with the RNLI since 1869

In 1854 it changed its name to the RNLI, and at the same time started to receive a subsidy from the Board of Trade because voluntary funds were very short. With the subsidy also came government involvement; but by 1869 when voluntary contributions improved, by agreement, the Government withdrew its subsidies.

The US coastguard, by contrast, is funded by the Department of Homeland Security, and Italy, Spain and the Netherlands all have government-funded search-and-rescue organisations.

Last year the RNLI crews made 8,321 launches, of which 3,108 were in darkness, rescuing 7,912 people.

Royal Presidents
The RNLI Patron since 1952 is Her Majesty the Queen; and the RNLI President since 1969 is His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, succeeding both his father and his mother as President of the charity. In 2009 his Royal Highness marked 40 years as the President of the RNLI.

In 1967 His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent was appointed Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and soon let it be known through the Craft that it was his wish that Freemasonry should show support and assist causes other than Masonic Charities. For over 30 years since 1951 there had been no Lifeboat sponsored by Freemasons, until the "Duchess of Kent" was launched in April 1982. The "RNLB Duchess of Kent" served at 13 stations in England, Scotland and Wales as well as The Isle of Man, until 2003 when she was sold and is to this day still based on the Island of Madeira. It is interesting to note that the second Lifeboat purchased by United Grand Lodge was "Lady Leith" and was stationed at Scarborough.

Funded Lifeboats
The fourteen lifeboats funded by Freemasons are: "The Freemason" (1871-1887) stationed at North Berwick; "Lady Leith" (1872-1887) stationed at Scarborough; "Albert Edward" (1878-1887) stationed at Clacton; "Alexandra" (1878-1887) stationed at Cove; "Albert Edward 11" (1885-1900) stationed at Clacton; "Alexandra 11" (1887-1900) stationed at Hope Cove; "City Masonic Club" (1897-1910) stationed at Poole and Reserve Fleet from 1910-1918; "Albert Edward 111" (1901-1932) stationed at Clacton and Arran more; "Alexandra 111" (1903-1934) stationed at Hope Cove and Cromer; "Duke of Connaught" (1921-1951) stationed at Peterhead and Reserve; "The Duchess of Kent" (1982-2003) Reserve Fleet; "Valerie Wilson" (2003- ) stationed at Newquay; "Essex Freemason" (2009- ) stationed at Southend; "Mark Mason" (2009- ) stationed at Angle, Pembrokeshire.

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You can’t make a judgement; your colleagues need you.”

Freemasons can be justly proud to have played their part in assisting the RNLI since 1871.