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## A warm welcome to all our readers

### Tony visits Crosby Lodge's installation

It was a very special occasion for Crosby Lodge No 3714 at their installation meeting, held at the Litherland Masonic Hall. The brethren were proud to give a very warm welcome to their guest of honour for the ceremony, Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison.

Tony was accompanied by Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Frank Umbers and David Ogden, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master Howard Jones, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master John Moore, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Keith Kemp, the Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers. Joining Tony were grand officers, Peter Levick, Freddie Wright, Malcolm Alexander, Roy Pyne and several acting Provincial grand officers.

The outgoing and installing WM Andreas Johannessen started the evening's proceedings by warmly welcoming the visiting brethren to the meeting, before opening the lodge and completing the initial lodge business. Andreas then opened the lodge to the second and third degrees, whereupon the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies was admitted into the temple and announced that the PrGM was without and demanded admission. Tony was then admitted into the temple accompanied by an impressive escort.

Andreas then warmly welcomed Tony to the ceremony and offered him the gavel of the lodge, which Tony gracefully declined.



*Tony Harrison (left) congratulates Eric Moran on becoming WM.*



*Tony Harrison (left) presenting Eric Moran with the MCF 2021 Festival Patron certificate, with Malcolm Sandywell group charity steward (right).*

Once the procession was seated Andreas, asked John Karran, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden to act as installing SW. He then asked the Provincial Junior Warden Barry Dickinson if he would take the chair of JW.

The master elect, Eric Moran, was then presented to the lodge by the presenting officers Mark Sands and Tom Croll. After Eric had taken his obligation, the outgoing WM thanked the brethren for all their support and hard work they had given him during his year in office.

Andreas then proceeded to install Eric, according to ancient custom into the chair of King Solomon. The working tools for the third degree were presented by Ron Elliott, the second degree tools by Matthew Caffrey and the first degree tools by Russell Simmons all delivered in an excellent and faultless manner.

During the installation of the lodge's officers for the year, the address to the deacons was given by Malcolm Keen, the address to the stewards by Mark Sands.

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*Continued from previous page.* The address to the WM was given by Peter Levick, the address to the wardens was given by Tom Croll and the address to the brethren of the lodge was given by Tony Harrison, all the addresses were delivered in a proficient and confident manner.

At the end the ceremony of installation, Tony stood and gave his personal congratulations to Eric in attaining the chair of the lodge, saying that he hoped Eric would have a busy and happy year in the chair. Firstly, congratulating Andreas for the excellent manner in which he had installed Eric into the chair, Tony then congratulated all the brethren who had been involved in their respective roles during the ceremony.

The ceremony completed, Eric presented Tony with six cheques; £1,375 for the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival, £200 to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity, £300 to the Litherland Masonic Hall, £200 to Tithebarn, £100 to the 12th Crosby Scouts Group and £200 to FROTH. Tony thanked the brethren of the lodge for their very generous and worthy donations, before having the privilege to present the lodge with their Patron's certificate for the 2021 Festival.

After closing the lodge in prayer and harmony the brethren made their way to an excellent festive board which was enjoyed by all. During this, a raffle was held which raised £375 which will be donated to charities at a later date.



***Pictured left: Tony responding to the toast to his health.  
Pictured right: Eric Moran (right) presents Tony Harrison  
with a bouquet of flowers for Maureen.***

In response to the toast to his health Tony thanked and congratulated Eric again for becoming WM, the brethren who had been involved in organising the night and the brethren who performed in the ceremony. Tony also thanked the Provincial team who had accompanied him to the ceremony that evening and during the year, Tony hoped they all had enjoyed their year in office.

Tony gave special thanks to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Keith Kemp, for all hard work he has given to the role, Keith who'll be retiring from his present role at Provincial Grand Lodge, will be promoted to be an Assistant Provincial Grand Master at the meeting in Blackpool.

Tony spoke to the brethren about attracting new members and promoting the Royal Arch to brethren within Masonry who are not members, Tony thanked again the brethren of Crosby Lodge for their charitable donations to the MCF 2021 Festival, before thanking all the brethren for the standard of the ceremony and for the hospitality that had been shown to the Provincial Team and himself.

With the evening coming to an end, a presentation was made to Tony on behalf of the lodge for his wife Maureen of a large bouquet of flowers and with the evening drawn to a close the brethren retired to go home, after having an enjoyable ceremony and festive board in good company and lots of jovial fun.



***Tony Harrison, Eric Moran, Andreas Johannessen (centre) with the accompanying distinguished guests.***



## It's a special night for Freddie Wright

It was a very special occasion when the brethren of Eureka Lodge No 3763 and a large number of brethren from the Ormskirk and Bootle Group, along with the many guest from within the Province and from the Isle of Man, gathered at Liverpool Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, to celebrate the important milestone in the Masonic career of William Frederick (Freddie) Wright in achieving 50 magnificent years as a Freemason..

Leading the evening's celebration was Assistant Provincial Grand Master Frank Umbers, who was accompanied by Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master Howard Jones, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master John Moore, Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers and vice chairman Malcolm Alexander. Also, at the meeting there was a delegation from the Isle of Man, which was led by its Provincial Grand Master Keith Dalrymple and a large number of around 40 grand officers from the group, Province and from the Isle of Man and a number of acting Provincial grand officers, with a total of over 120 Masons attending.

The evening's meeting commenced with the WM Richard Snape, warmly welcoming everyone to the celebration before opening the lodge. Once the lodge's initial business had been completed, whereupon the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Keith Kemp, was admitted into the temple and announced that Frank Umbers was without and demanded admission. Therefore, he was duly admitted into the temple preceded by the PrGM of the Isle of Man Keith Dalrymple, the senior grand officers and the acting Provincial grand officers.



*William Frederick (Freddie) Wright.*



*Frank Umbers (left) congratulating Freddie Wright on his Jubilee*

Richard warmly welcomed Frank to the lodge and offered him the gavel, which Frank graciously accepted. Frank started the presentation by saying: "Brethren we are here this evening to mark the 50th anniversary as a Freemason of William Frederick Wright, PJGD of the United Grand Lodge of England. We are indeed honoured to have this opportunity to join in the celebration and I extend to you all a warm welcome, I am aware many have travelled far and wide to be with us and I thank you all most sincerely for your support of our celebrant this evening."

Freddie was then placed and seated before the pedestal, with Frank saying: "Freddie, what a delight it was for me to spend some time with you last week and thank you for all the detail you have provided to me for this evening. I also take this opportunity to thank Eureka Lodge and its members for facilitating the change of venue and thank Mark Holloway, Eric Morris and Joe Williams for the contribution and support they have provided for this special occasion."

Freddie was born in 1936 to Esther and William Wright at Walton Hospital, in Liverpool, there home was at Cullen Avenue, Bootle. When Freddie was about four years of age, just after the start of the Second World War, the very important strategic location of the Port of Liverpool was experiencing, heavy and sustained bombing by the German Luftwaffe, and Cullen Avenue being less than a mile away

from the port's main docks Freddie's family was in great danger. Freddie's mother made the decision to have him evacuated to Builth Wells in Wales.

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On his return to Liverpool, Freddie went to Orrell Primary which he attended until the age of 11, Freddie then attended Roberts Drive, Senior School until aged 15 when he left to start as a Joiners Apprentice at Bootle Corporation. But due to a mix-up Freddie could not start straight away so he applied to Scots Bakery as a van lad until such time as he could start his apprenticeship at Liverpool College of Building in 1952.

To enable Freddie to complete and attain his intermediate City and Guilds Certificate he was allowed a deferment from National Service until he was 21 years old. Freddie was called up in 1957 and was told that on completion of his basic training he would be sent to a local College of Building to take his final City and Guilds examination. However, as soon as his training was complete Freddie was put into the Royal Artillery Regiment and was posted to Malta with no sign of a college in sight. Being assigned as the officer commander's driver and spent a very tough and gruelling 18 months driving all over the island of Malta with the Land Rover top down, wearing his shorts and drinking cold bottles of Coca Cola. The army explained, once he had finished his National Service, he could start at Liverpool College of Building and take his final City and Guilds.

In 1959, Freddie signed up for Liverpool City College of Building and only with 12 months of studying before sitting and passing his final examinations. During this time, one Saturday in June 1960 he met the love of his life Myrna at the Saturday night Litherland Town Hall Dance and were married in 1964 at St Andrews Church, Bootle. Freddie and Myrna are blessed with four sons, Gary, David, Stuart and Alan and the Wright dynasty has been further blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren.



*The top table*

In April 1965 they both decided they would like to immigrate to New Zealand and filled in an application form for a classification as a post primary or manual teacher, for which Freddie was accepted. Moving into a caravan on the waterside of a holiday park near Auckland harbour with their son Gary, which had a wonderful view out of the window of all the large liners going into and out of the harbour and in 1970 Freddie and his family returned home.

In 1972 Freddie started his own business 'Wright Contractors' specialising in the renting and installation of mobile classrooms and offices. The business proved very successful and is still run today by his son Stuart. Myrna very sadly passed away in July 2015 with Frank saying: "I know you miss her very much".

Frank then gave a detailed account of Freddie's Masonic career. Freddie was initiated into Eureka Lodge on 27 March 1969 and was proposed by Captain Charles Phillips, being installed as WM in 1982. In 1989 Freddie received his first Provincial appointment and was appointed as a PrGStwd, joining Quingenti Lodge No 8516 the same year and becoming the lodge's almoner in 2003, an office he still holds to date.

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Freddie joined Lathom Lodge No 2229 in 2001 and served as charity steward from 2010 to 2012 when he was appointed as the lodge almoner. In 2003 Freddie was appointed as the first ever Bootle Group Local Care Officer a post he held for 12 years.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in 1993 Freddie received his first Provincial promotion to PPrSGD and in 2000 he was promoted to the very high rank of PPrJGW. On 28 April 2004 at the Grand Lodge meeting in Great Queen Street, Freddie was appointed to the grand rank of PAGDC and in 2013 he was promoted to the very high rank of PJGD.

In addition, Freddie became a joining member of the IOM Lodge of Installed Masters No 9598 in 2011, Manchester St David's Lodge No 1147, in Hereford and in 2015 and were one of the founding members of Henry Callow Lodge No 9916 in the IOM.

Freddie was exalted into Thornton Chapter No 8008 on 25 November 1983 and became its first principal in 1988. In 1995 Freddie received his first Royal Arch Provincial appointment of PPrAGSoj. In 2010 he was promoted to the rank of PPrGSN and in 2014 Freddie was promoted again to the very high rank of Past Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.

Frank said: "The greatest joy of your Freemasonry was the three occasions when you initiated three of your four sons David, Stuart and Alan into Eureka Lodge." Frank then informed the brethren by saying: "Since you became a Freemason you have proposed or seconded over 80 men into Masonry, which is remarkable to say the least. During your Masonic career you have organised countless successful social functions including Eureka Lodge Ladies Nights, Murder Mystery weekends in Ruthin Castle and many trips to Holland to visit Lodge La Bien Amiée No 1054. You became very friendly with lodge member Dr Bernard Trethf-arty who later became the Grand Master of the Netherlands, who presented to you a special jewel which had been provided by the members to thank you for your efforts over many years in bringing visitors to the lodge

Freddie, you have spent years raising money to support research into Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer, indeed you and Myrna set up PALMA (Pancreas and Liver Masonic Account). The Pancreatic trust to help raise funds for the Pancreaticobiliary Unit in the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. Over many years you have made personal donations of mobile buildings from your company to numerous charities around the UK such as EMMAUS – The Cambridge expansion appeal, the Sea Cadets and many more organisations.



*The delegation from the Isle of Man  
with Freddie (seated middle)*



*Highlights from the festive board.*

Furthermore Freddie, for many years you have been the welcoming smile that is always there to greet the visiting Isle of Man brethren requiring hospitalisation and their families. You attend to their needs, particularly in making sure that they are transported to and from hospital and finding accommodation for them as required. Over the years you have been assisted by who affectionately you call your team; George Skarratts, Arend van Duyvenbode, Peter Kelly, John McCarvery and in recent years Joe Williams."

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*Continued from previous page.* In September 2011 the Province of the Isle of Man marked its 125th anniversary at their Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Before the meeting, lodges were asked to nominate for a lifetime achievement award, brethren who had made a major enduring contribution to their lodge and Freemasonry in general. At the presentation the Provincial Grand Master Keith Dalrymple had said: "Five 'local' brethren were nominated by their respective lodges, however, several lodges contacted me directly to ask if they could nominate someone who was not a member of their lodge, indeed at that time Freddie was not a member of a lodge on the IOM. They all wanted Freddie's outstanding service to be recognized and rewarded, and I was delighted to accede. Freddie has given so much time, energy and no little expense to help our hospitalised brethren and their families over many years. He is the best possible example of a caring compassionate Freemason and promotes a wonderful image of the Craft to all who meet him and is a great credit to the good habits instilled by Lancastrian Freemasonry!"

At the end of the presentation Frank said: "Freddie, in your life, you have set an example to us all. A life full of commitment and devotion to your family, service to your country, hard work and success in your business and selfless dedication and unstinting service to Freemasonry and the wider community at large. It has been an honour and a privilege for me to officiate at your celebration and I wish you on behalf of everyone present here this evening the very best of health to enjoy many more years in our company."

Frank asked Malcolm Alexander to read out the jubilee certificate, before Frank presented the certificate to Freddie saying: "Freddie, it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of our Provincial Grand Master, this certificate in recognition of your achievement of 50 years in Freemasonry. Brethren, I give you William Freddie Wright – PJGD of the United Grand Lodge of England, on his golden anniversary."

Frank then called upon the brethren to give their kind attention to the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man Keith Dalrymple. Keith informed the brethren of Freddie's kindness, not only to the Province and brethren, but also to their families, looking after them while they are attending hospital in Liverpool receiving treatment. Keith said: "Freddie takes to heart the teachings of Freemasonry on a daily basis over the 50 years, the last 25 years I have seen at first hand, you have given your time and energy, Freddie has emphasised the ethos of Freemasonry, 24 hours a day."

Keith then presented Freddie with a certificate from his grateful friends from the Isle of Man and a lapel badge. With the presentation being over Frank handed the gavel back to Richard, who then closed the lodge and the brethren made their way to the dining hall for an excellent festive board, where the celebrations continued



*The festive board.*

The Ormskirk and Bootle Group Web Site is now fully up and running and is there for your use.

Pages with information on lodge and chapter installations, celebrations, lodge histories, social events, contact details, lost and found and the latest reports on what is happening in the Ormskirk and Bootle group. If you have not yet visited our web site, just enter the following in your web browser: [www.http://ormskirkbootle.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk](http://ormskirkbootle.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk) We are interested in continuing to improve the information we provide, so please let us know if you have any entries or suggestions for new content. Perhaps there is a subject in Craft or the Royal Arch you feel is important and is not currently covered.

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# Ormskirk and Bootle Group Cabaret Dinner and Dance **8th June 2019 6:00 for 6:45** **Dinner Jacket and Black Tie**

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## Derek celebrates his golden jubilee

It was a very special occasion for the brethren and the guests of Fermor Hesketh Lodge No 1350, who gathered at Litherland Masonic Hall to celebrate the special and important milestone in the Masonic career of Derek Atherton in achieving 50 magnificent years as a Freemason.

Leading the celebration was Assistant Provincial Grand Master David Ogden, who was accompanied by the Ormskirk and Bootle Group Vice Chairman Malcolm Alexander together with grand officer, Brian Cunliffe and acting Provincial grand officer's, Jason Dell, Chris Taylor and Phil Barr.

The evening's meeting commenced with the WM Derek Challinor, warmly welcoming everyone to the celebration before opening the lodge. Once the lodge's initial business had been completed, Jason Dell the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies was admitted into the room. Jason announced that David Ogden was without and demanded admission. Therefore, he was duly admitted into the temple preceded by grand officers and the acting Provincial grand officers. Derek warmly welcomed David to the lodge and offered him the gavel, which David graciously accepted.

David started the presentation by saying: "We are here to celebrate 50 years of service to Masonry by Derek Atherton and to congratulate him on this outstanding achievement. When I first started to have the honour and privilege to present these jubilees, I asked myself what other organization, club or anything would you celebrate being a member of for 50 years or more. I obviously thought of people celebrating their golden weddings, in fact Derek is well on his way to that celebration having been married for 46 years. I also thought then that very few would be employed by the same company for 50 years again Derek got very close to that having worked for the same company for 45 years, but not 50 years. So, brethren we have two celebrations this evening, Derek Atherton 50 years in Freemasonry and a fraternity that can keep brethren together for 50 years or more like no other organization."

Derek Atherton was then placed and seated before the pedestal, as David proceeded to deliver his presentation on Derek's life, before he progressed onto Derek's Masonic career.



*Derek Atherton, 50 years a Freemason.*



*David Ogden (left), presenting Derek Atherton with his jubilee certificate with Malcolm Alexander (right).*

Derek joined Freemasonry in April 1969 and was initiated into Fermor Hesketh Lodge, becoming WM in October 1983. Derek became secretary of the lodge in 1985 and held the position for five years. Derek's contribution to the lodge was recognised in 1993 when he received an appointment in Provincial Grand Lodge to the high rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon and his services were further recognised in May 2015 when Derek received his promotion to Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works.

In January 2005 Derek joined Liverpool Charter Lodge No 7650 as SW and became WM in September 2007, in 2014 Derek took on the role of treasurer of the lodge a position he still holds. In November 2018 Derek joined Coronation Lodge No 2923.

In 1996 Derek was exalted into Ashton Trinity Chapter No 8821, becoming first principal in December 2011 and took the office of assistant director of ceremonies in December 2014 which Derek still holds to date. In October 2017 Derek received an appointment at Provincial Grand Chapter to the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



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After the detailed account of Derek's life and Masonic career so far, David asked the Ormskirk and Bootle Group Vice Chairman Malcolm Alexander to read out the jubilee certificate, before David presented the certificate to Derek.

With the presentation being over, David handed the gavel back to Derek Challinor, Derek then closed the lodge and the brethren made their way to the dining hall for an excellent festive board, where the celebrations continued.



*Pictured from left to right, are: Phil Barr, Brian Cunliffe, David Ogden, Derek Atherton, Malcolm Alexander, Jason Dell and Chris Taylor.*

## **Peter installed as new WM**

The brethren of Vale of Skelmersdale Lodge No 8719 and their many guests gathered at Ormskirk Masonic Hall for the installation of Peter Scott as their new WM and for the evening's ceremony, the lodge was honoured by the presence of Ian Gee as their principle guest and the representative of the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison.

Ian was accompanied by Graham Chambers, the Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman and acting Provincial grand officer Rick Walker.

The outgoing and installing WM Martyn Huyton-Berry started the evening's proceedings by warmly welcoming the visiting brethren to the meeting and once the lodge's initial business had been completed, Kenneth Meath the lodge's DC was admitted into the room. Kenneth announced that Ian Gee was without and sought admission. Ian was then duly admitted into the temple, accompanied by Graham Chambers and Rick Walker.

Once the procession was seated, Martyn asked James Holt if he would assist the lodge by occupying the chair of SW, Bryan Davidson if he would occupy the chair of JW and Philip Dickinson if he would assist the lodge by acting as inner guard.

The master elect Peter Scott was then presented to the lodge by the presenting officer Kenneth Meath and after Peter had taken his obligation, Martyn thanked the brethren for all their support and hard work they had given him during his year in office.



*Ian Gee (left) congratulating Peter Scott on becoming WM.*

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*Continued from previous page.* Martyn then proceeded to install Peter, according to ancient custom into the chair of King Solomon. The working tools for the third degree were presented by Clifford Boynton, the second degree tools by Ivan Hicks and the first degree tools by David Woods, all three degree explanations delivered in a faultless and excellent manner.

During the investiture of the officers of the lodge the address to the deacons was delivered by Bryan Barton Collier and the address to the tyler was delivered by Philip Dickinson.

Once the lodge's officers had been invested, the address to the WM was given by Bryan Collier, followed by the address to the wardens by Kenneth Meath and the address to the brethren of the lodge by Ian Gee; all delivered in their usual confident and excellent manner.

At the end of the ceremony of installation, Ian addressed the brethren of the lodge by bringing congratulations on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison, wishing Peter and all the brethren the very best of health and hoping they have a happy Masonic year. Ian then congratulated Martyn on Tony's behalf for the way in which he had installed Peter into the chair, before proceeding to congratulate all the brethren who had taken part in the ceremony.

The ceremony now being completed, Peter had the privilege to presented Ian with four cheques for charity, £1,000 for the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival, £100 to the North West Air Ambulance in memory of Mrs Jean Berry, £50 to Tithebarn and £50 to the RNLI New Brighton Lifeboat. Ian also announced that the lodge had already donated £300 to the MCF 2021 Festival through the monthly white envelopes Ian on behalf of the recipients thanked the brethren of the lodge for their very generous and worthy donations.

After the cheque presentations the group charity steward, Malcolm Sandywell stood up and asked Ian if he wished to present the lodge with their Patron certificate on behalf of the MCF 2021 Festival, which Ian accepted and presented the certificate to Peter. After closing the lodge in prayer and harmony the brethren made their way to an excellent festive board.



*Ian Gee (left) presents Peter Scott with the MCF 2021 Festival Patron certificate, with Malcolm Sandywell (right) watching.*



*Pictured from left to right, are: Graham Chambers, Ian Gee, Peter Scott, Martyn Huyton-Berry, Malcolm Sandywell and Rick Walker.*



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# ORMSKIRK & BOOTLE GROUP OF LODGES & CHAPTERS

## Annual Bowling Competition



To be held at the 'DOG & GUN INN', Aughton.

June 1st. 2019 at 1-00p.m.

Entry Fee £5-00

This is a qualifying event for the 2019 West Lancs.  
Charity Masonic Bowling Tournament

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## Russell installed at Bootle Pilgrim

The brethren of Bootle Pilgrim Lodge No 1473 were pleased to have Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master Howard Jones as the principal guest to their annual installation ceremony at Litherland Masonic Hall. The lodge was first opened in due form by the installing master Michael Melia.

On completing the opening and the lodge business, Howard was admitted accompanied by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, vice chairman Malcolm Alexander and a number of grand officers and Provincial grand officers.

Michael Melia thanked the visitors for their attendance and warmly welcomed Howard Jones to the evening's ceremony. He then thanked the officers of the lodge for their support during his term of office as master and said he knew the same support would be offered to the incoming master, Russell Skidmore.

Michael then requested Gordon Martin to honour the lodge by occupying the senior warden's chair, Ken Mitchell the junior warden's chair and Howard Dinsdale to take the inner guard's position.

On the commencement of the installation ceremony, master elect Russell was presented by Ron Elliott before being installed in the chair of King Solomon in fine style. The working tools of each degree were presented in an exemplary manner, with those of a master Mason given by Keith Rushton, the fellow craft's and entered apprentice's by George McDonald.

After the officers for the forthcoming year were installed, the address to the master was delivered in superb style by Ron Elliott, the address to the wardens by Gordon Martin and the address to the brethren of the lodge by Howard Jones.

Russell's first duty as master was a pleasant one, as he presented cheques to Howard on behalf of the lodge. The first one was to the MCF 2021 Festival for £400, the second to Masonic Blood Bike's for £100, a further £100 to The Friends of the Hall (FROTH) and finally £100 to Friends of the Tithebarn, a grand total of £700.

The lodge throughout the evening set a sterling example of how an installation ceremony could be shared amongst the members and make them all feel involved.

After closing the lodge, the brethren moved into the dining room to toast the health of the new master, before enjoying the festive board. As was to be expected, it was a lively and convivial affair.



*Howard Jones (left) congratulating Russell Skidmore on becoming WM.*



*Pictured from left to right, are: Graham Chambers, Ian Gee, Howard Jones, Russell Skidmore, Mike Melia, Ron Elliott and Malcolm Alexander.*



## Iain installed as new WM at St Luke's

The brethren of St Luke's Lodge No 6006 and their many guests gathered at Litherland Masonic Hall, to witness the installation of Iain Beckett as their new WM. For the evening's ceremony the lodge brethren were honoured by the presence of John Roberts as their principal guest and as the representative for the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison.

John was accompanied to the ceremony by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, vice-chairman Malcolm Alexander and grand officer Freddie Wright.

The acting and installing WM Ian Gee, started the evenings proceedings off with a very warm welcome to the brethren and guests, before proceeding to open the lodge. Once the lodges initial business was completed, DC Ray Barrow announced that John Roberts was without and sought admission and he was duly admitted into the lodge in a procession.

Iain then asked Alan Parkinson to act as IG, Edward Carr to remain in the chair as SW and Joe Cox to remain in the chair as JW.

Iain was then presented by the presenting officer Ray Barrow, and after Iain had taken his obligation, Iain thanked the brethren and officers of the lodge on behalf of Donald (Don) Fraser the outgoing WM for all their support and hard work they had given him during his year in office and hoped they would give the same support to Iain.

Iain then faultlessly installed Iain according to ancient custom into the chair of King Solomon in an excellent ceremony.

The working tools for the third degree were presented by Simon Gray, with the second and first degree tools being presented by Ray Barrow, all three sets of tools were delivered faultlessly.

The address to the WM was delivered by Iain and the address to the brethren of the lodge by John Roberts, all the addresses again being delivered in an excellent, confident and proficient manner.

With the ceremony being completed, John brought the warmest and sincere personal greetings and congratulations to Iain from the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison. John then thanked and congratulated Iain for the excellent ceremony he had performed and all the brethren who had taken part.

Iain's very first duty as master was a pleasant one, as Iain had the privilege to present cheques to John on behalf of the lodge for charities. £150 to the MCF 2021 Festival and £150 for West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity (WLFC), John thanked the brethren of lodge on behalf of the recipients for their admirable donations.

Once the lodge was closed, the brethren retired to the dining room for an excellent festive board, during which a raffle was held which raised £102 with the proceeds to be given to the lodge's widows fund.



*John Roberts (left) congratulating Iain Beckett on becoming WM.*



*Pictured from left to right, are: Ray Barrow, Graham Chambers, John Roberts, Iain Beckett, Ian Gee and Malcolm Alexander.*

## Ian becomes master of Old Crosbeian

The brethren of Old Crosbeian Lodge No 4992, along with their many guests, met at Merchant Taylors' School, where each meeting of Old Crosbeian is held. The school's music room is converted into the lodge room and on this occasion saw the installation ceremony of Ian Elsby becoming their new WM.

The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Junior Grand Warden Barry Dickinson as their principal guest and as the representative of the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison. Barry was accompanied by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, vice chairman Malcolm Alexander, together with grand officers and acting Provincial grand officers.

The installation ceremony commenced with the acting and installing WM Chris Taylor, welcoming the brethren to the ceremony, before opening the lodge. After the usual lodge business had been completed, the DC Paul Grainger, announced that Barry Dickinson was without and sought admission. Barry was then admitted into the temple in a magnificent possession, accompanied by group officers, grand officers, Peter Levick, Paul Shepherd, John James, Jeremy Gaskell, Keith Griffiths and acting Provincial grand officer Rick Walker.



*Barry Dickinson (left) congratulating Ian Elsby on becoming WM.*

Chris then asked Ian Walton to occupy the chair of SW, Peter Ware to remain as JW and Ian Donaldson to remain in the position of inner guard. Ian was then presented by the presenting officer Stewart Potter and after he had taken his obligation, Chris installed him into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom in an exemplary and faultless ceremony.

The working tools for the third degree was presented by Jonathan Durkin, the second degree tools by David Cairns and the first degree tools by Paul Grainger, the presentation of all three degrees were presented in an excellent and proficient manner.

During the investiture of the lodge's officers, the address to the almoner was delivered by Derek Midgley, the address to the deacons was delivered by Paul Grainger, the address to the inner guard was delivered by Ian Donaldson, the address to the stewards was delivered by Chris Taylor and the address to the tyler was delivered by Peter Ware. These were followed by the address to the WM, which was given by Ian Walton, followed by the address to the wardens by Robert Beaver and the address to the brethren of the lodge by Barry Dickinson.

With the ceremony being completed, Barry brought the congratulations to Ian on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison. Barry then thanked and congratulated Chris for the excellent ceremony he had performed and all the brethren who had taken part in the evening's ceremony.

With the ceremony coming to an end, Ian closed the lodge in prayer and harmony, with the brethren making their way across the school's courtyard to dine in the magnificent splendour of the school's library for a delightful festive board.



*Barry Dickinson and Ian Elsby (centre), with grand and acting Provincial grand officers.*



# Ormskirk & Bootle Group Golf Day Friday 28th June 2019



## Format for the Day

- 18 holes of golf
- 2 course evening meal
- Prizes for nearest the pin x 4
- Prize for longest drive x 1
- Open to Masons and non masons
- Trophy for best masonic score
- Prize for best non mason score
- £35.00 for 18 holes of golf and the meal.

**When:** Friday 28th June 2019  
**Where:** Mossock Hall Golf Club  
**Time:** Midday - 10pm  
**Other:** Non golfers will be more than welcome to join us for the evening meal, the cost for this is £12.50.

**To book please  
contact Jim Carrie at  
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## Colin becomes master of Lathom Lodge



*David Ogden (left) presenting Colin Shannon with the MCF 2021 Festival Patron certificate, with Neil MacSymons (right).*

The brethren of Lathom Lodge No 2229 and their many guests gathered at Litherland Masonic Hall for their installation ceremony, to witness Colin Shannon being installed as their new WM.

For the evenings ceremony the lodge was honoured by the presence of Assistant Provincial Grand Master David Ogden as the principal guest, who was accompanied by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, grand officers Fred Wright, Ian Gee, Ron Elliott, Roy Pyne and Arend van Duyvenbode and accompanied by acting Provincial grand officers, Chris Taylor and Phil Barr.

The WM Neil MacSymons started the meeting by welcoming everyone before opening the lodge and once the initial lodge business had been completed, the acting DC for the evening Joe Williams, entered

the temple and announced that David Ogden was without and demanded admission; David was then admitted into the temple proceeded by the grand officers, acting Provincial grand officers and Stephen Oliver and Russell Skidmore who acted as Provincial Deacons for the ceremony. Neil then warmly welcomed David to the ceremony and offered him the gavel of the lodge, which David gracefully declined.

The master elect, Colin Shannon was then presented to the lodge by the presenting officer Ian Gee and after Colin had taken his obligation, the outgoing WM thanked the brethren for all their support and hard work they had given him during his year in office.

Neil then proceeded to install Colin, according to ancient custom into the chair of King Solomon. The working tools for the three degrees being delivered by Neil in an excellent and proficient manner. The address to the WM was given by Ian Pye, the address to the brethren as is traditional in Lathom Lodge was given by the IPM, Neil MacSymons.

At the end the ceremony, David addressed the brethren by bringing the congratulations from the Provincial Grand Master Tony Harrison, wishing Colin and all the brethren the very best of health and hoping they enjoy their Masonic year. David then went over and thanked Neil for the excellent ceremony and Joe Williams for the work he had done as DC that evening and finally thanking all those involved with the ceremony.

Colin then presented David with a cheque for £750 to the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival, making Lathom Lodge a Patron of the 2021 Festival. David thanked the brethren of the lodge for their very generous and worthy donation, before having the privilege to present Colin on behalf of the lodge with their Patron certificate for the MCF 2021 Festival. After closing the lodge in prayer and harmony, the brethren made their way to an excellent festive board which was enjoyed by all the brethren.



*Pictured from left to right, are: Chris Taylor, Joe Williams, Graham Chambers, Roy Pyne, David Ogden, Colin Shannon, Neil MacSymons, Arend van Duyvenbode, Fred Wright, Ian Gee and Phil Barr.*



## A Lewis for Lathom Abbey

It was a very special meeting for Lathom Abbey Lodge No 6286, held at Ormskirk Masonic Hall. After the WM Phil Stansbie had warmly welcomed 43 brethren to the meeting, he explained why. They were to initiate a 'Lewis'.

Phil said it was a very special occasion and he hoped everyone would thoroughly enjoy it. The lodge was then opened in the first degree and after the lodge business had been carried out, the WM announced the next business was to read a dispensation for the meeting. The reason for this was that the candidate to be initiated, Andrew Mercer is only 18 years old, and is the son of the lodge's IPM John Mercer, who had proposed him into the lodge.

The WM asked Bill Dutch to act as SW and John Mercer acted as JD for the ceremony, the candidate was admitted and the ceremony commenced. The WM carried out a faultless ceremony of initiation.

Mike Smith delivered an excellent rendition of an explanation of the working tools. It must be said that the junior deacon, the proud father of the candidate, had a smile 'as wide as the River Mersey' all the way through the ceremony.

On his return into the lodge, new initiate Andrew then received a faultless delivery of the 'Charge after initiation' from his seconder, Stewart Cranage who also happens to be Andrew's uncle.

The WM then formally welcomed Andrew and wished him every success on the start of his Masonic career. In the third rising the WM had a special announcement to make. He informed everyone that on the morning of the meeting, the



*Pictured from left to right, are: Phil Stansbie, Andrew Mercer and proud father, John Mercer.*

lodge secretary, Stewart Cranage, had received notification from the 'Chamberlains Court' informing him that they had passed an order for his admission to the 'Freedom of the City of London'. This is to be conferred in April. News of this honour received rapturous applause from the brethren present.

Everyone then retired to the dining room to enjoy a fantastic meal consisting of, black pudding stack, beef shin and cheek pie, followed by black cherry and brandy topped cheese cake.

Phil Stansbie, during his response to the toasts, informed everyone that the sponsored bike ride he had undertaken on his 80th birthday, had raised £1,000 and it was his wish to divide the donations equally between the hall and the MCF 2021 Festival. He received hearty congratulations and thanks from the brethren. At the completion of the excellent festive board the brethren of Lathom Abbey were joined by their ladies to round off what had been a most memorable and enjoyable evening.



*Andrew Mercer responding to the toast to his health.*

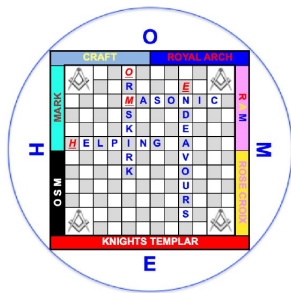
## Proposed future FROTH social events

FROTH are proposing some forthcoming social events taking place at the Masonic Hall, Litherland, please see below.

- 01.09.19 FROTH Spirit Hamper Tickets go on sale
- 00.10.19 FROTH Ukulele Night –with light buffet
- 08.02.20 FROTH Casino Night
- 25.04.20 FROTH Race Night

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## H.O.M.E. CABARET NIGHT AND SUPPER

**Friday 24th May 2019**  
**Tickets £15, O'Briens Tea**  
**Rooms, 7pm - Midnight**

A night of entertainment with one of our favourites, Fast Eddie. We look forward to our first cabaret evening with an abundance of laughter, singing, and dancing. All topped off with one of Gary O'Briens hot and cold buffets.

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## Octogenarian pedal power

“What should I do for my birthday?” says Phil. Most people would perhaps choose a nice meal with the family or a short break away. Not Phil Stansbie, WM of Lathom Abbey Lodge No 6286, he opted to use his exercise bike to cycle 80 km’s to raise some money for charity.

You may be thinking why 80 km’s? Well that was because that coincided with the number of years that Phil was marking; he was celebrating reaching 80 years of age! So, this was a really fantastic achievement. Phil completed his ride at Ormskirk Masonic Hall cheered on by many supporters, friends and family who attended on the evening.

When all the sponsorship money was collected and counted, Phil announced that he had raised the magnificent sum of £1,000

After some consideration, he decided to divide the money between two very worthy causes. Presenting £500 to Ormskirk Masonic Hall and £500 to the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival.

Mike Dutton, Treasurer of Ormskirk Masonic Hall Association (OMHA) and a member of Lathom Abbey Lodge, thanked Phil for his generous donation to the hall, saying it would be put to very good use.

On receiving the other cheque for £500 on behalf of the MCF 2021 Festival, Ormskirk and Bootle Group Charity Steward, Malcolm Sandywell congratulated Phil on his achievement, brought the thanks of the Festival committee and gratitude of those people who we may never know, but who will ultimately benefit from Phil’s very generous donation.



Picture right: Phil Stansbie (right) presenting Malcolm Sandywell with a cheque for the MCF 2021 Festival. Picture left: Phil Stansbie (right) presenting Mike Dutton with a cheque for the hall.

## Proposed future HOME social events

HOME are proposing some forthcoming social events taking place at the Masonic Hall, Ormskirk, please see below.

24.05.19 HOME Cabaret & Buffet Night  
08.11.19 HOME Quiz Night  
25.01.20 HOME Burns Night

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## Group holds its first joint convocation

Companions from all seven chapters of the Ormskirk and Bootle Group gathered at Litherland Masonic Hall for the group's first Royal Arch joint convocation, with Unity and Perseverance Chapter No 580 having the privilege of acting as the hosts for the event.

For the joint convocation the group were honoured by the presence of the Deputy Grand Superintendent Paul Renton, who was accompanied by Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals Tony Hall and Ormskirk and Bootle Group Vice Chairman Malcolm Alexander, grand officers, Derek Hughson, Roy Pyne, Arend van Duyvenbode and the acting officers of Provincial Grand Chapter.



**Pictured from left to right, front row are: Anthony Hall, Paul Renton, Roderick Green, Robert Hales, Leon Teasdale, David Case and Malcolm Alexander Back row: David Coulson, David Thomas and Barry Dearden**

The evening commenced with Robert Hales, first principal of Unity and Perseverance Chapter, welcoming everyone to the joint convocation and to the chapter, before the three principals opened the chapter and once the initial chapter business had been completed the Provincial Deputy Director of Ceremonies, David Thomas was admitted into the room and announced that Paul Renton was without and demanded admission. Paul was then brought into the temple in a procession.

After Paul was warmly welcomed by the three principals to the chapter, Robert handed the proceedings over to Malcolm Alexander for the demonstration entitled, 'The Five Platonic Solids Explained'. With two companions asking the questions and 12 companions answering the questions. Two companions from each chapter from within the group being represented during the demonstration.

Bill Goulden from Unity and Perseverance Chapter and Brian Davies from Fermor Hesketh Chapter No1350, were the two companions asking the questions, with the answers being given by Jonathan Rayman also from Unity and Perseverance Chapter, John Hanna also from Fermor Hesketh Chapter, David Sullivan and Simon Gray from Bootle Chapter No 1473, Malcolm Sandywell and Ian Tupling from Stanley of Bickerstaffe Chapter No 3511, Paul Carr and Andy Clarke from Ormskirk Priory Chapter No 4007, Derek Midgley and David Rawcliffe St Michael's Chapter No 5756, John Roxburgh and Stephen Oliver from Thornton Chapter No 8008.

The demonstration explained the history and the meaning of the Five Platonic Solids and their connection to the Royal Arch and Freemasonry, with the companions involved performing their parts expertly.

Once the demonstration had been completed Malcolm thanked the audience for their attentive attention and all the companions involved for their participation, before introducing them individually to the audience.

Robert stood up and thanked Malcolm and his team for the wonderful, informative and enlightened demonstration his team had given that evening and thanked him on behalf of all the chapters for the opportunity of the wonderful joint convocation together.



*Continued from previous page.* Paul Renton then thanked Malcolm and the companions for their demonstration and the excellent way it was delivered. Paul explained to the companions that due to the number of times a chapter meets during the year it's not very often that the aspects involved and their meaning are explained and it was a privilege to hear the explanation of the Five Platonic Solids during the evening.

Following the convocation, the companions and guests retired to the festive board, with the whole evening being an enjoyable and great success for the group, and for Unity and Perseverance Chapter who hosted the evening.



*The demonstration team*

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## **Christopher is installed to lead Ormskirk Priory**

It was a special occasion when companions and guests of Ormskirk Priory Chapter No 4007, gathered at Ormskirk Masonic Hall, to witness the installation of Christopher Cullen as their new first principal. For the installation the chapter was very pleased and honoured to welcome Colin Jenkins, the representative of the Grand Superintendent.

Colin was accompanied by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, group vice chairman Malcolm Alexander and acting Provincial Grand officers.

After the chapter was opened and the initial business had been completed the director of ceremonies, Andrew Clarke, announced that Colin Jenkins was without and sought admission. Colin was then brought into the temple in a procession, accompanied by grand officers and the acting Provincial grand officers, David Coulson and Barry Dearden.



*Pictured from left to right, are: Colin Jenkins, Christopher Cullen and Dean Scrutton.*

After Colin was warmly welcomed by the three principals to the chapter, the installation ceremony commenced, with Christopher Cullen being installed as the first principal of the chapter by the outgoing first principal Paul Dooley, with Dean Scrutton being installed as third principal by William Hunter. The second principal elect, Colin Higginson, was not present and will be installed at the chapter's next meeting.

The scarlet robe address was delivered by Frank Cullen and the blue robe address was delivered by Paul Dooley.

*Continued from previous page.* At the conclusion of the ceremony Colin brought the greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Grand Superintendent Tony Harrison, congratulating the three principals and all the members of the chapter for the enjoyable ceremony and all the members of the chapter who had been involved in the ceremony for their work that evening.

Christopher then presented Colin with three cheques on behalf of the chapter for charities totalling £450. £250 for the MCF 2021 Festival, £100 to the WLFC and £100 to Tithebarn, Colin, on behalf of the recipients, thanked the companions for their generous donations.

At the end of the ceremony Colin had the privilege to deliver a description of the Supreme Grand Chapter certificate to Paul Robinson, before it was presented to Paul by Christopher.

Following the convocation the members and guests retired to enjoy the delights of the friendly and jovial festive board.



*Pictured from left to right, are; Malcolm Alexander, Graham Chambers, Colin Jenkins, Chris Cullen, Dean Scrutton, Paul Rooney, Barry Dearden and David Coulson.*

## David becomes first principal at St Michael's

For the installation meeting of St Michael's Chapter No 5756 held at Park Hall Hotel, Charnock Richard the chapter was honoured by the presence of Deputy Grand Superintendent Paul Renton as their principal guest.

Paul was accompanied by Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals Tony Hall, Ormskirk and Bootle Group Vice Chairman Malcolm Alexander, grand officers Brian Fairhurst and Philip Gunning and acting Provincial grand officers, David Case and Barry Dearden.

The meeting commenced with the acting first principal Jason Nash opening the convocation, with his companions; Andrew Cunningham the second principal and Derek Midgley the third principal.

Once the initial business had been completed, the acting DC David Rawcliffe announced that Paul Renton was without and demanded admission. Paul was then brought into the temple in a procession.



*Pictured from left to right, are; Iain Brown (group Festival rep), Derek Midgley, Dave Smith, Paul Renton and Rob Midgley on presentation of the certificate.*

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*Continued from previous page.* After Paul was warmly welcomed by the three principals to the chapter, the installation ceremony commenced with the companions of the chapter and visitors witnessing David Smith, Derek Midgley and Robert Midgley being installed as first, second and third principal respectively. With Derek having the privilege to be able to install his son Robert as third principal during the ceremony.

The blue robe address was delivered by Neil Brown, in a confident and superb manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony Paul brought the greetings and congratulations on behalf of Grand Superintendent Tony Harrison, congratulating the three principals. Paul then thanked Jason Nash, commenting on the excellent job he had done that evening and David Rawcliffe for the way he had conducted the chapter and all the companions involved in the enjoyable ceremony.

David then presented Paul with two cheques on behalf of the chapter for charities; £375 to the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival, making the chapter a Patron of the Festival and £100 to West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity (WLFC). Paul thanked the companions on behalf of the recipients for their generosity, before having the privilege to present David with the chapter's Patron Certificate for the MCF 2021 Festival.

Following the convocation the members and guests retired to a very enjoyable festive board, where a successful Chorley raffle was held, raising £110 which will be donated to charities at a later date.



Pictured from left to right, are; Malcolm Alexander, Phil Gunning, Brian Fairhurst, Paul Renton, Derek Midgley, Dave Smith, Rob Midgley, Tony Hall, David Case and Barry Dearden.

## John installed as first principal of Thornton



Pictured from left to right, are; Stephen Oliver, Colin Jenkins, John Roxburgh, Malcolm Sandywell and Roger Holt at the presentation of the chapters Vice-Patron certificate for the MCF 2021 Festival.

It was another special occasion and a memorable night for the Ormskirk and Bootle Group, when companions and the many guests of Thornton Chapter No 8008 gathered at the Litherland Masonic Hall to witness the installation of John Roxburgh, as their new first principal.

The chapter was pleased and honoured to have the presence of Colin Jenkins as the representative of the Grand Superintendent, as their principal guest for the installation. Colin was accompanied by Ormskirk and Bootle Group Chairman Graham Chambers, group vice-chairman Malcolm Alexander, grand officers Peter Levick, Ian Gee, Arend van Duyvenbode and acting Provincial grand chapter officer Barry Dearden.

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*Continued from previous page.* The meeting commenced with the acting first principal, Roy Pyne opening the convocation, with his companions; John Roxburgh the second principal and Stephen Oliver the third principal. Once the initial business had been completed the acting DC Jason Hengler entered the temple and announced that Colin Jenkins was without and sought admission. Colin was then brought into the temple in a procession, accompanied by the grand and acting Provincial grand chapter officers.

After Colin was warmly welcomed by the three principals to the chapter, the installation ceremony commenced with the companions of the chapter and visitors witnessing John Roxburgh, Stephen Oliver and Roger Holt being installed as first, second and third principals respectively.

The scarlet robe address was presented by Mark Sands; the purple robe address was presented by Ron Elliott and the blue robe address was presented by Roy Pyne.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Colin brought the congratulations on behalf of the Grand Superintendent Tony Harrison, wishing the three principals an excellent and enjoyable year in office, Colin then congratulated Roy Pyne and Jason Hengler for the way they performed their parts in the ceremony, before congratulating all the companions of the chapter who had been involved with the ceremony.



*Pictured from left to right are; Barry Dearden, Malcolm Alexander, Stephen Oliver, Colin Jenkins, Arend van Duyvenbode (rear), John Roxburgh, Freddie Wright (rear), Roger Holt and Graham Chambers.*

John then presented Colin with four cheques for charities on behalf of the chapter, £300 to the West Lancashire MCF 2021 Festival, £50 to the Bootle Group widows, £50 to Tithebarn and £50 to the Tommies Appeal. Colin on behalf of the recipients thanked the companions for their very kind generosity, before having the privilege to present John with the chapter's Vice-Patron certificate for the 2021 Festival.

Following the convocation, the members and guests retired to enjoy an excellent festive board, which concluded a most enjoyable evening. During the festive board a performance of the principal's song, sung by some of the companions and guests, with Ian Gee accompanying on the guitar. They performed under the name of 'The Litherland Masonic Male Voice Choir', which was very entertaining and a very enjoyable addition to the evening.

During the evening a raffle was held which raised £184 which will be distributed to charities later in the year. The evening then closed with everyone leaving after having a very warm and a very jovial evening amongst friends.



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## A great start for HOME

The saying “home is where the heart is” couldn’t have been more true when HOME held their first social event.

Ormskirk’s HOME committee which has been set up earlier this year, works to the same principal as FROTH at Litherland by creating Social opportunities for the Brethren and Companions of the Group along with their family and Friends, in raising money through its activities that will go towards projects to improve the facilities in the Ormskirk Masonic hall, but not to be used for the general running, wear and tear etc. of the hall.

Their very first social event was a Tapas Night, which was held at the Ormskirk Masonic Hall, and was very well attended with 67 people enjoying the evening. On the night an excellent selection of authentic Spanish dishes including Paella and Albóndigas (Spanish Meatballs) had been provided by Gary and Angela O’Brien, with assistance from their hard working staff, who had also been busy during the day decorating the room with Spanish flag bunting, red and yellow balloons and napkins. The atmosphere for the evening was also increased by the traditional Spanish music being played in the background and with a good selection of Spanish wines and beers available to be brought from the bar an authentic evening was ensured for all.

The night was a huge success raising in excess so far of £680 for HOME, with Jim Carrie and the HOME committee receiving a number of congratulations on holding a superb night, from many whom had attended the Tapas Night.

HOME will be holding their second social event on 24 May 2019, which will be a cabaret night with their favourite entertainer Fast Eddie. The evening will include singing, dancing and a hot and cold buffet provided. An evening that promises to be filled with laughter and joviality. Tickets will be £15 and doors open at 7PM.



*Highlights from the Tapas Night.*

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## Another night of fun at FROTH’s annual Race Night

FROTH held their annual fundraising Race Night event, at the Litherland Masonic Hall, this was their twelfth Race Night and as every year is usually held around the same time as the Grand National. During the last couple of months, Froth committee members, along with the Lodge’s and Chapter’s FROTH reps have been helping raise money for the evening by asking at the festive boards, the diners to purchase an imaginary race horse and name it, on sponsor forms provided for the races on the night.

Once all the sponsor forms had been collected, the horses where then drawn into the various races, with six races being run in total on the evening.

The race meeting this year was held in the hall’s main lodge room, which had been set up with a race track in the centre of the room, the race track as every year being a large piece of artificial grass which had a number of white lines painted on it, with six homemade hobby horses and six different racing attire being laid out for the jockey’s for the races.

Before each race everyone had a short period of time to place their bets for the next race, each race six volunteers were called upon to act as the jockey’s, selecting a horse numbered from one to six and once the six jockeys were ready the races began, with a roll of three dice, the numbers that the dice landed on moved the same numbered horse either one to three places up the track towards the finishing line.

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After the sixth race the FROTH chairman Mark Sands from Crosby Lodge No 3714, thanked everyone for supporting the Race Night and to everyone for providing the buffet, giving special thanks to everyone who'd helped organise and given their time by helping run the night.

The night was another great success for FROTH with everyone enjoying themselves, with lots of humour amongst friends.



*Highlights from the Race Night.*

## ORMSKIRK & BOOTLE GROUP OF LODGES & CHAPTERS

### Annual Bowling Competition



To be held at the 'DOG & GUN INN', Aughton.

June 1st. 2019 at 1-00p.m.

Entry Fee £5-00

This is a qualifying event for the 2019 West Lancs.  
Charity Masonic Bowling Tournament

Further Details From;  
John Glover 01695 422427  
Stuart Cunningham 01695 228551

## Ormskirk & Bootle Group Golf Day Friday 28th June 2019



### Format for the Day

- 18 holes of golf
- 2 course evening meal
- Prizes for nearest the pin x 4
- Prize for longest drive x 1
- Open to Masons and non masons
- Trophy for best masonic score
- Prize for best non mason score
- £35.00 for 18 holes of golf and the meal.

When: Friday 28th June 2019  
Where: Mossock Hall Golf Club  
Time: Midday - 10pm  
Other: Non golfers will be more than welcome to join us for the evening meal, the cost for this is £12.50.

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

- 14.05.19 Bootle Ladies Group, (Lith), Choe Amor, Paul  
19.05.19 Ormskirk Ladies Group, (Orm), Sunday Lunch for family and friends  
21.05.19 Tarleton No 7871(CR) Installation  
22.05.19 Ormskirk Masonic Hall Association AGM Ormskirk Masonic Hall  
24.05.19 HOME Cabaret Night, Ormskirk Masonic Hall  
01.06.19 Ormskirk & Bootle Group Bowls, Dog & Gun, Aughton  
08.06.19 Group Gala Cabaret Dinner & Dance, West Lanc's Golf Club  
28.06.19 Ormskirk & Bootle Group Golf, Mossack Hall Golf Club  
01.09.19 FROTH September Spirit Hamper Tickets go on sale  
14.09.19 Bootle Pilgrim Lodge No 1743 Annual Quiz Night  
30.09.19 SEMINAR for all GroupLodge & Chapter DC's, ADC's, Secretary's & Treasurers (And those aspiring to be)  
At Southport Masonic Hall – Courtesy of the Province of West Lanc's  
.10.19 FROTH Ukulele Night, with light buffet (TBC)  
02.10.19 Ormskirk & Bootle Group, Group Meeting, (Lith)  
08.11.19 HOME Quiz Night (Orm) (TBC)  
17.11.19 Christmas Fayre, (Lith) 2pm  
24.11.19 Christmas Fayre, (Orm) 3pm  
01.12.19 Group Carol Service, Lathom Chapel  
25.01.20 HOME Burns Night (Orm) (TBC)  
25.01.20 Bootle Pilgrim Lodge N0 1473 Burns Night (Lith)  
08.02.20 FROTH Casino Night (Lith) (TBC)  
13.03.20 Group Cabaret Buffet, Maghull Town Hall  
25..04.20 FROTH Race Night (Lith) (TBC)  
06.06.20 Ormskirk & Bootle Group Bowls, Dog & Gun, Aughton (TBC)  
.06.20 Ormskirk & Bootle Group Golf Day 2020, Mossack Hall Golf Club (TBC)

(Orm) = Meeting at Ormskirk Masonic Hall

(Lith) = Meeting at Litherland Masonic Hall

(CR) = Meeting at Park Hall Hotel, Charnock Richard

(MT) = Meeting at Merchant Taylors School, Crosby

Ormskirk Ladies Group meet at the Ormskirk Masonic Hall and the Bootle Ladies Group meet at the Litherland Masonic Hall.

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