

Dalton in Furness Lodge No 6828

The Dalton in Furness Lodge meets in the Baldwin Masonic Hall, Hall Street, Dalton in Furness. Dalton is a small town in south Cumbria, formally the capital Furness district of West Lancashire, and was a busy market town.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct and Nov. Our Installation is in January on the Friday following the fourth Thursday.



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Furness Lodge, the latter was chosen.

How it all started

On the 8th of June 1948 nine members of the Baldwin Lodge No 1398, held a meeting in the masonic rooms Hall Street (formally Slater Street), Dalton-in-Furness. The purpose of the meeting was consider the founding of a second lodge in Dalton.

The Baldwin Masonic Hall Co. Ltd were most helpful in allowing the building to be used free of charge for the first year. The Baldwin Lodge agreed to loan all furniture and regalia that would be needed.

A further six brethren joined the original nine wishing to be founders making a total of fifteen. What would the new Lodge be called? Two names were Dalton in

suggested, Furness Abbey Lodge or Dalton-in-

A team of officers was selected and the Secretary, W Coward, was actioned to write to the Provincial Grand Secretary, requesting the necessary forms required for the forming of a new Lodge. During the ensuing year a total of eight meetings were held. On the 8th of February 1949 the Secretary read out a Letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary stating that the Grand Master had acceded to the petition for the Dalton in Furness Lodge, and that it would be numbered 6828 in the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England.

It is recorded in the minutes of a meeting held on the 10th May 1949, that a letter had been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary stating that the Provincial Grand Master would be pleased to consecrate the Lodge on either the 26th or 28th July 1949, if convenient to the Founders. It was decided to accept the 28th, of July 1949.

The Consecration of the Dalton in Furness Lodge No 6828 took place on the 28th of July 1949 with the full Provincial Team in attendance.

A Brief History

From that small beginning the Lodge has gone from strength to strength up to the present day when we have a membership of fifty five Brethren and nine country members. It is recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February 1953 that the Lodge Banner was dedicated by the Rev. W Rodgers P. Asst. G Chaplain. In 1988 a new banner was presented to the Lodge. The original banner was framed and now hangs on the wall above the entrance to the lodge.

At the present day we have only one of those founders remaining who celebrated his 50th anniversary in Freemasonry on the 28th of February 1991, he has been a magnificent servant to the Dalton-in-Furness Lodge, even today we turn to him for advice on matters Masonic.

In closing this brief history of the Dalton-in-Furness Lodge No. 6828 it might be of interest to the brethren to compare the Balance sheet for 1953 which shows a total of £482:3s:1d, with that of 1998 which shows a total of £7535:54p. Spare a thought for our Treasurer.

Dates of interest

1948 Meeting of Baldwin members to discuss the formation of a new lodge

1949 Consecration of The Dalton in Furness Lodge

1953 First Lodge banner dedicated

1988 Original banner framed, New banner presented

1999 50 year Celebration of the Lodge

2003 50 Year Celebration of the Chapter