

Leslie Howarth Celebrates 60 Years in Freemasonry

At the meeting of Ribbleton Lodge No. 6386 on the 22nd of May 2006 W. Bro. Leslie Howarth celebrated 60 Years in Freemasonry. W.Bro. W.R. Seddon P.S.G.D. Asst. Pr.G.M. took the Chair in Lodge, and spoke of Leslie's Masonic and public careers, and at the Celebration Banquet Leslie's Health was toasted by W.Bro. W.S. Huck, P.S.G.D., P. Asst.Pr.G.M.

Born in Penwortham on the 6th of February 1914, Leslie was educated at the local Elementary School, moving on to Hutton Grammar School. He started work in January 1931, becoming qualified in the Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors – he eventually served as Secretary of the Preston Branch of the R.I.C.S. from 1956 to 1960. During the War Leslie saw service in the Middle East, Sicily, France, Holland and Germany, being discharged in 1946. He was mentioned in dispatches for Distinguished Service. Returning to work Leslie became a Partner in May 1946, and married his wife Kathleen Elizabeth Walton in 1947. They had two sons.



W. Bro. Leslie Howarth P.Pr.S.G.W. with W.Bro. W.R. Seddon P.S.G.D. Asst. Pr.G.M.

Leslie's public and Masonic careers contain an incredible list of commitments over the years - Secretary of Preston Chamber of Trade, Preston Rotary Club Secretary and President; Treasurer then Chairman of Preston Spastics Group, Magistrate, Hutton Grammar School Governor, and founder of Preston Luncheon Club. In July 1979 he was invited to Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Leslie was initiated into Priory Lodge No. 6027 in June 1946, becoming Master in 1956. He was a founder of Lodge of Endeavour No. 7036, Old Huttonian Lodge No. 7614 (in which he became Master in 1975) and Phoenix Lodge No. 9206. He served as Secretary in Priory Lodge from 1958 to 1968. He was exalted into Penwortham Chapter No. 5874 in 1970 and served as Treasurer from 1975 to 1999, and Advanced to Progress Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.898 in 1960 becoming WM in 1972. Leslie holds the Ranks of P.Pr.S.G.W. in the Craft, P.Pr.A.G.D.C. In the H.R.A. and P.Pr.S.G.W. in Mark.

Leslie's Celebration was held at the regular Meeting of Ribbleton Lodge No. 6386, Priory Lodge having amalgamated with Ribbleton.