

## **LODGE OF ENDEAVOUR No 7036 – REMEMBRANCE MEETING NOVEMBER 2005**

The Worshipful Master of Lodge of Endeavour No 7036, Bro John Gerald “Ted” Campbell, was piped into the lodge room by W Bro Skillender, Grassendale Lodge No 4808, Liverpool, in full Scottish regalia, at 1840hrs and the Lodge was duly opened. After the Lodge business W Bro Ted Campbell greeted W Bro William S Huck, P S G D, Past Assistant Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire, the guest of honour and welcomed him to the remembrance meeting. The Lodge was “Called Off” and the Masonic hosts met their non-Masonic guests at the lodge room door and accompanied them to their seats.

There was then a procession of representatives of the Services escorted by colours led by the piper W Bro Ian Skillender. The Worshipful Master then greeted the non-Masonic visitors and gave a brief history of the instigation of the Endeavour Remembrance meeting for the benefit of the visitors.

There then followed very moving and informative dedications to the Civilians, Army, Royal and Merchant Navy and Royal Air Force personnel who took part in theatres of war particularly the Second World War. The dedications were made all the more poignant by the sound of firework explosions in the area around the Masonic Hall.

The Rev Cannon K J Phillips, P A G Chap, conducted the Act of Remembrance Service, and there were two particularly moving moments when the bugler played the Last Post followed by the silence and when the piper slowly circled the Lodge playing a lament.

The non-Masonic visitors then retired from the Lodge and it was “Called On” to complete the business of the evening.

The Worshipful Master was piped into the Festive Board and the King’s Division Normandy Band provided the music during the latter half of the meal. The diners were also treated to a tremendous display of precision drumming by the Lancashire ACF Cadet Corp of Drums. The Lodge organised a conventional raffle and a special West Houghton raffle, which raised £250. The proceeds of the raffles and the charity collection taken in lodge will be donated the War Widows Charity.

At the end of the evening the Worshipful Master thanked all for attending and the piper played a selection of favourite pipe tunes culminating with him traditionally parading along the table tops and finally being presented with a quaich containing a generous tot of whisky by W Bro Ted Campbell who shared the toast in a similar quaich.

Everyone who had attended considered it to have been a worthwhile and enjoyable evening.



**The Worshipful Master, Bro Bro John Gerald "Ted" Campbell (right) with his brother Fran, a member of Emblematic Lodge No 3123.**



**The Worshipful Master, Bro Bro John Gerald "Ted" Campbell (Left) with the piper, W Bro Ian Skillender, Grassendale Lodge No 4808, Liverpool.**



**The King's Division Normandy Band provided the music during the Festive Board**



**The Lancashire ACF Cadet Corp of Drums**



**W Bro Ian Skillender traditionally playing the pipes while perambulating on the table tops.**



**The Masonic group who attended the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on 13 November. From left to right, Bro A Howarth, Bro A Donnelly, W Bro L Reeve, P Pr J G W (holding the wreath), W Bro J Gavighan, W Bro D Stephenson and Bro S Ball**