

## **JUBILEE LODGE No 5555 INSTALLATION**

On Wednesday, 1 March 2006, Jubilee Lodge held its Installation meeting at Ashlar House. W Bro Geoff Brown was the Installing Master and W Bro Keith Ackers was the Master Elect. This important day in the Lodge's calendar was made all the more auspicious by the attendance of Rt W Provincial Grand Master, Bro Colin Penty Wright, accompanied by W Bro W R Seddon, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro I W Greenwood, Preston Group Chairman and many other distinguished brethren.

At the subsequent Festival of St John the response to the toast to the Grand Officers and the toast to the health of the Provincial Grand Master was in the capable hands of W Bro W R Seddon, Assistant Provincial Grand Master. In his response he congratulated Bro Keith Ackers, Worshipful Master and wished him a happy and enjoyable year. He also congratulated W Bro Geoff Brown, Installing Master and the other officers on the manner in which the ceremony had been conducted.

He then proceeded with his toast to the health of the Provincial Grand Master and outlined the very heavy workload associated with that office. He thanked the Provincial Grand Master for initiating and implementing the new care structure, the Charity Steward structure and his advocacy and support of Lodge amalgamations. He concluded by wishing the Provincial Grand Master the best of health in order to carry out his heavy workload and that he remain our Chief for many years to come.

Rt W Provincial Grand Master, Bro Colin Penty Wright, responded by thanking both W Bro Seddon and the brethren of Jubilee Lodge for the way he had been received. He humorously added that it was unusual to hear such kind things being said by one lawyer about another.

He, like the proposer of the toast, commented on the quality of the ceremony and congratulated all who had taken part. He stated that Freemasonry was to be enjoyed and he most certainly enjoyed being Provincial Grand Master and what a privilege it was to be supported by such a good team. He congratulated W Bro I W Greenwood, Preston Group Chairman, along with his officers for serving Preston well.

He noted it was the first time since Jubilee Lodge No 5555 was consecrated, some seventy-one years before, that a Provincial Grand Master had attended the Lodge's Installation and he thought it a pity that his predecessors had missed out on such an enjoyable event. He had observed Jubilee Lodge to be happy, flexible and competent and while the Lodge was not large, there was now the prospect of candidates on the horizon and he was sure they would be well cared for.

He, together with Grand Lodge, supported the current trend of sharing the work, which was seamless when done well. He commented that in the busy world we live in, it is not always possible for new Masons to find the time to learn large tracks of ritual and not all have the ability to do so. In his opinion brethren miss out if a ceremony falters, and benefit when the work is shared and carried out competently. Sharing the work will encourage "new blood" to progress and does not detract from the core values, but ensures Freemasonry will blossom.

He informed diners that the response to the 2010 Festival had been good and thanked Jubilee Lodge for contributing to that worthy cause.

Finally he thanked the two Provincial Directors of Ceremonies for their assistance and support throughout the day. He encouraged everyone to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in May and wished Jubilee Lodge well for the future.

The Senior Warden proposed the toast to Jubilee Lodge and W Bro Geoff Brown proposed the toast to the newly installed Master W Bro Keith Ackers who suitably responded.

The evening ended as always with the Tyler's toast after a very memorable and enjoyable day.



**The Rt W Provincial Grand Master, Bro Colin Penty Wright (left of centre, back row), Bro Keith Ackers, Worshipful Master (right of centre, back row), W Bro W R Seddon, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro I W Greenwood, Preston Group Chairman and other distinguished Masons together with the Brethren of Jubilee Lodge No 5555.**