

On Thursday 3 February 2005 Royal Preston Chapter No 333, at its regular meeting, presented an explanation of the Chapter Banners.

Interest was first created in presenting an explanation of the Chapter Banners back in 1970 when Ex Comp S Lucas P Pr G S N obtained a copy of the lecture from a source in East Lancashire and thought it might be something the Chapter would be interested in presenting. More importantly it would enable a large number of junior Companions to take part in a Chapter working and act as a vehicle to explain and display the Banners that are on view at every Chapter meeting.

Having thoroughly read the lecture, Ex Comp Lucas noted that some of the banners depicted in the original displayed quite a different scene to the ones on display in Preston Chapters. Using the Old Testament as his source of information, he then set about rewriting the text.

When this was sorted out he arranged for fourteen junior Companions each to introduce and describe a different Banner. There was also an introduction and summing up at the end, together with an explanation of the four principle Banners behind the three Principals Chairs. In the long tradition of the Chapter none of this was read and all those who took part had to learn their presentation piece.

From 1970 Ex Comp Lucas organised one evening each year to display and describe the Banners and this created so much interest that the lecture has been given annually ever since. Ex Comp Lucas organised and took part in the lectures for the first eighteen years and was followed by Ex Comp Collier for the next ten years. Subsequent to him Ex Comp H Moulding, Ex Comp Saul and now Ex Comp Johnson have continued the tradition.

Over all these years the event has enjoyed the company of many visiting Companions who have all said how much they enjoyed the experience. So much so that some of them went back to their own Chapters and arranged something similar.



Royal Preston Chapter No 333 Banners Team 2005, led by H M Johnson, ADC