

GROUP NEWS

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR W BRO GEORGE CALDWELL JNR P PR J G W

On Monday 14 February, the brethren of Lodge Amounderness visited the Palace, St Annes as guests of St Annes Lodge No. 2457 in order to support the Diamond Jubilee of George Caldwell Jnr. Steven P J Reid, Assistant Provincial Grand Master officiated. This was quite appropriate as he had been the Principal Guest at Lodge Amounderness' Installation at the end of January 2005.

George Caldwell is a joining member of Amounderness and has served the Lodge as Worshipful Master as well as Assistant Director of Ceremonies for a number of years. As a token of appreciation he was presented with a beautiful cut glass decanter with an engraved collar. The Lodge wished him well for the future and hoped that he would continue his sterling efforts in volunteering to cover the various positions within the Lodge as and when called upon. A veritable everlasting Provincial Grand Substitute!

On another matter, the incoming Worshipful Master, Peter J Walker continued the Lodge's unusual charitable efforts by selecting a charity near to his heart to receive a cheque of £250. He selected "Namaskar - Inde Enfance Education" a French based charity dedicated to the education of youngsters in the Tamil Nadu area of India. Mme Odile Dumoulin-Orsini, the organiser residing in Cogny, France, sent a delightful letter of appreciation to the members and intimated that although this amount of money would help to care for the needs of up to five children for a year, it might be better applied on a capital project to install a solar generator for the greater good of all. Considering the hours of sunlight in that part of the world, it would seem a very cost effective exercise. Perhaps it could be seen as Freemasonry helping once again, considering recent tragedies, in a universal role.

This article was contributed by W Bro Ian Cuerden, Preston Group Treasurer

The selected photographs, recording the celebration, were kindly provided by W Bro Virendra Khanna



