

GROUP NEWS

THE FINAL MEETING OF OLYMPIA LODGE No 6812 PRIOR TO AMALGAMATION

The final meeting of Olympia Lodge No 6812 prior to amalgamation with Ingol Lodge of St Margaret No 8544 was held at Ashlar House on Thursday 10 February 2005. The lodge was opened at 1830hrs and was well attended by over sixty brethren.

The principal guest was William R Seddon, P S G D, Assistant Provincial Grand Master who was accompanied by Ian W Greenwood, Preston Group Chairman, Gordon Payne, Senior Vice-Chairman and Peter J Hadfield, Vice Chairman, together with many other distinguished masons.

W Bro E Lowes, P Pr S G D, the Worshipful Master, in his opening remarks decreed that all present should not consider the meeting as a sad occasion but a joyous one. During the meeting W Bro G W Saul, P Pr J G W, acting Senior Warden, presented an emotive short address on the history of the lodge which was well received by the brethren present.

There was a particularly poignant moment at the end of the meeting when W Bro Lowes rolled up the Warrant of the Lodge and presented it to W Bro Seddon for onward transmission to Grand Lodge for endorsement. W Bro Seddon in his response reaffirmed that the Master of the amalgamated lodge would have a duty to ensure that, after endorsement, the Warrant would be proudly displayed in the lodge room at future amalgamated lodge meetings.

Finally W Bro Lowes presented W Bro Seddon with a cheque of £500 for the 2005 Festival Appeal.

At the subsequent festive board W Bro Seddon encouraged the Olympia members not only to be proud of their past achievements but to look forward to a strong and bright future as an amalgamated lodge. W Bro Lowes responded by giving a firm commitment that all the members of Olympia Lodge would give their wholehearted support to the amalgamation venture.



Members of Olympia present at their last meeting before