

Freemasons honour those who died for our freedom.

On Sunday, 12th November 2006 wreaths were laid on behalf of the Freemasons of Middlesbrough at Remembrance Day Services held at the Cenotaph, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough and St Cuthberts Church, Ormesby.

Each year a different Middlesbrough Lodge is invited to provide volunteers to undertake these duties and this year it was the turn of Peace Lodge No. 3936.

Bro Albert Foster laid the wreath at the Cenotaph. Al, having been a Pilot Officer in 608 Squadron based at Thornaby, enjoyed the experience as he marched with old comrades to the Cenotaph. Other members of Peace Lodge were in attendance to give support.

Bro Alan Danks, supported by the Master of his Lodge Bro John Skidmore, laid the wreath at St Cuthberts Church, Ormesby. Alan served 25 years in the Army with 417 Royal Dragoon Guards and the Ulster Defence Regiment. Even though the day was wet, Alan said it was a lovely experience.

This initiative was introduced as part of the Freemasonry in the Community Initiative and has been undertaken every year since.