

Masonic First to Aid the Community

At the first of a number of training sessions to take place throughout Yorkshire, 30 Freemasons received first aid training as part of a project aimed to provide essential lifesaving skills within the community.

The major First Aid training project which when completed, will have involved over 200 Freemasons from the Humber to the Tees commenced at the Freemasons Hall on Beverley Road in Hull on Saturday 25th March. It provided the basic skills necessary to save life in the event of a sudden collapse or major accident.

The training, being conducted by St John Ambulance - Humberside was initiated by Richard Anderson, Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic area covering the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

“This important and essential lifesaving training will be of benefit not only to Freemasons and their families, but also to the many different communities in which they work, live, and are involved in leisure activities”, said Richard prior to its



introduction. “We are greatly indebted to St John Ambulance for the assistance they are giving and are fully supportive of their efforts to improve first aid knowledge within the community”

Although a first for Yorkshire, this project is, in fact, the second such project conducted by the local St John Ambulance who last year trained another 200 Freemasons in neighbouring Lincolnshire in similar skills.

Notes :-

St John Ambulance is the country's largest First Aid Training Organisation, training over 500,000 people, annually, throughout the country. Its 44,000 volunteers provide First Aid cover for public events ranging from sporting fixtures to pop concerts, village galas to

motocross and most other places of public entertainment.

There are 300,000 Freemasons throughout the British Isles. Freemasonry is probably the largest donor to charity after the National Lottery and has been for many years a supporter of the Children's Hospice movement, vulnerable people, youth opportunities and medical research.

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