

Londesborough Lodge 150th “Birthday Party”

On Tuesday 3rd June 2008, Londeborough Lodge No.734 held a “birthday party” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the Lodge (originally 1036) on June 9th 1858.

The Lodge was joined by the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy and both Assistants, along with no less than 24 other active Provincial officers of the year.

After offering his chair to the PGM, the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John Watson, acted as Bible bearer for the dedication ceremony

The lodge had decided to purchase a new pedestal VOSL, so invited the Provincial Chaplain to perform a dedication ceremony and also to re-dedicate a newly restored smaller VOSL which resides on the Master’s pedestal.

This volume turns out to be over three hundred years old.

W. Bro. Tony Ayre, PAGStdB, then gave a fascinating retrospective on the last 50 years of the lodge, which linked up with the first 100 year history compiled by W. Bro. William Mason-Brown and the 125th anniversary update compiled by W. Bro. Richard Dooks, both of whom have now sadly passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

The lodge also took the opportunity to present the PGM with a cheque for £1500 towards the Air Ambulance Appeal.

The meeting was followed by an excellent meal downstairs, attended by 102 brethren, with a main dish of Beef Wellington, a favourite of the PGM.

All those who were present at the meeting received a commemorative pair of cufflinks, commissioned to be a lasting souvenir of the occasion.

The Lodge also held a Grand Summer Ball on Saturday 7th June at Marton Hall, where lodge members, their partners and invited guests partied the night away to the sounds of a 10-piece swing band.

All in all, I think you could say that this special occasion was well and truly marked by the lodge.

