

RMTGB Presentation at Beverley Road, Hull

22nd November 2006

On a quite dismal night, 70 brethren of the Province met at Beverley Road to hear the first of three presentations to be given in the Province by senior members of the Trust. Their remit was to explain how donations made to the Festival are administered to the advantage of young people in the PROTECTION of the Trust.

The APM, John Trout, introduced the speakers who were Mike Woodcock the newly appointed Chairman of the Public Relations and Fund Raising Committee and Les Hutchinson the Secretary to the Council of the Trust.

Mike Woodcock opened the meeting with an explanation of the history and structure of the Trust. He traced its development from the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls 1788 and The Royal Masonic Institute for Boys 1798. In his presentation he described how this Masonic Charity had been endowed with legacies, and had benefited from wise property investment and sound management throughout the 200 plus years since its foundation.

Les Hutchinson presented a review of actual case histories, which brought young people into the protection of the Trust. Many of those in the audience were shocked by the horror which had consumed part of these young lives.

The counterpoint to this was the progress made by each of the youngsters in overcoming adversity as they came to terms with a life without one or both parents, or any recognisable family structure. He was able to report academic achievement, personal development and recognition by those assisted of the work of the Trust and the Freemasons who support it to advance their lives.

All who attended were unanimous in agreeing that what they had heard was an eye opener. A very real inspiration for us to sustain the charity that was founded by wise men so many years ago.

The remaining two presentations take place at St Saviour Gate, York 9th January 2006 and Roman Road Middlesbrough 31st January 2006 both at 7.00pm. To book a place, ask your Lodge Secretary or Charity Steward