

White Horse Lodge of Installed Masters No. 9807 gets off to a perfect start. Even after an early start, 7.30 am for breakfast and a rehearsal at 8.30 am, the day was certainly one to remember.

The Golden Lion Hotel in Northallerton was a perfect venue for the day, with over 160 brethren assembled by 10.45 am on the 15th October 2005 for the consecration ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Master, Richard Anderson, led the way and the rest of the consecration team and founder members performed impeccably. This was a credit to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team for the professional way they directed and assisted throughout the rehearsals.

It was a particularly poignant oration by the Provincial Grand Chaplain which typified the aims and objectives of the new lodge, part of this is contained hereafter.

“The white horse stands proud near to the top of Roulston Scar and again from my youth I have always thought of it as a beacon that welcomes you home. Travelling home on many occasions the white horse suddenly comes into view and I have thought to myself, well I am home I can see the white horse welcoming me. That I hope is also what The White Horse Lodge will be to masons in this area, a welcome home, for all the installed masters of this area and further a field.

The future is looking bright for freemasonry with this new lodge of installed masters aptly named the White Horse, being consecrated here today in Northallerton, becoming the fifth lodge of installed masters in the Province. Those of you, who are founding members, have settled on a name that will reflect the peripatetic nature of the lodge. As the white horse of Kilburn overlooks and encompasses the whole of the area, so your lodge will also, by having no fixed lodge building, travelling around the area, and meeting in different lodge buildings.

It is our pleasure today to wish you well and may this new lodge be a place where installed masters can find a welcome and may it be a place that continues with the teachings and virtues of the craft.”

Following the constitution of the lodge Bro John Barlow was installed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Jeffrey Gillyon as the first master of the lodge.

Following this was the Investiture of the wardens and officers. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Provincial Grand Master and the two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters Alan Brundall and John Ridgill Trout respectively.

Once the rest of the business was concluded, the lodge was closed for the first time. A banquet followed with over 150 brethren seated and the food and wine could not have been better.

The Provincial Grand Master expressed his delight with respect to the consecration of such a Lodge and remarked on the fraternity already apparent in the founders. He then continued by rounding a perfect day off with the promotion of its new Worshipful Master to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.

What a great idea from the sponsoring Lodge Forest of Galtres to form a Lodge of Installed Masters. Surely with such a perfect start the lodge will go from strength to strength.

