

ECCLES GROUP NEWS

Following the Trafford Park Broadoak Installation Meeting in October 2009 there has been a flurry of such Meetings, starting with the Installation of W. Bro. Alan Roberts PPrJGD in Monton Progress Lodge 6361, these being two of the three Amalgamated Lodges within the Group. The Representative was the Provincial Junior Warden, W.Bro. David Durling and the Installing Master W.Bro. Ken Ratcliffe PPrJGW.

On the 5th November W. Bro. Nigel Branham PPrAGDC was regularly Installed by the Immediate Past Master W.Bro. James Birkett, with the address to the Master being given by his father.

The night after, on the 6th saw the Installation of Bro. Andy Heslop by W. Brother Keith Dunbar IPM. who shared the Ceremony with W. Bro.'s Jonathon Platt and Jonathon Wright, at Andrew Lodge 3328, when the Representative was W. Bro. Alec Neilson PAGDC. The Lodge is a good mix of new and old Members, with St. John's Ambulance and Boy Scouts well in evidence, with quite an active Social life.

The 15th November saw the first visit to the Group, following his appointment as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Installation of W.Bro. Len Heathcote into the Chair of Pendlebury Lodge, when he was afforded a very warm welcome.

Finally the last Installation Meeting before Christmas was at Walkden when the Lodge was honoured, and privileged, to welcome the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Bro. Brian Gillbanks PGStd.B accompanied by W. Bro. Clipsham, under the watchful eye of W.Bro. Sam Robinson PrDepGDC.

Support was forthcoming from over forty five visitors, including four Acting Provincial Officers and ten Installed Masters from the Group. Seventeen out of nineteen Lodge Members were also present – a wonderful achievement.

W. Bro. Joseph Mottershead PPrAGSupt of Wks. was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon, for a second term, by W. Bro. John Tooley PPrAGDC.

