

VICTORIA LODGE No. 1345 INSTALLATION MEETING

Upholding the Law!

Thursday 18th February 2010 saw the Installation of W.Bro. Albert David Partington P.Prov.G.Reg. into the Chair of this very old Lodge by his friend, and fellow Solicitor, W.Bro. John C G Hulbert P.Prov.J.G.D. on the occasion of the first visit of W.Bro. Jon Clipsham A.Pr.G.M. to the Lodge.

The actual Installation was a reversal of that seen in 2008 when David Installed John and saw him remain Master for two years. There now seems to be a little friendly rivalry between them as John has completed three years as Master and David is now commencing his fourth year in Office. Not surprising given their family connections with the Lodge: starting with David's Great Uncle, followed by his Grandfather, Father and Uncle going back to Gt. Uncle being Master in 1930. Moving to John his father was W.M. in 1948; his father-in-law J.R. Winstanley in 1989 along with two former Partners from the Practice who have served the Lodge as Master.

A sad note was struck with a report that W.Bro. Edwin Foster P.Pr.J.G.W. was in hospital with a broken neck and it was asked that the good wishes of all present be conveyed to him. He had indicated a willingness to serve as J.W. for a further year. He was W.M. in 1964 and in view of his long and loyal service W.Bro. Jeffrey Winstanley P.Pr.G.Supt. of Wks. gave notice of motion that he would propose W.Bro. Edwin for Honorary Membership, to be seconded by the Master.

The Address to the Brethren was given by W. Bro. Brian Hart P.Pr.J.G.D. in a very able manner; two Junior brethren presented the working tools in the second and first degrees and they, along with a third were invested as J.D., I.G. and Steward.

The Festive Board provided good food and friendship, with the Masters Song sung by W.Bro. Jack Robinson, a regular Visitor to the Lodge and who, it is understood, has performed this duty since 1970.

The A.Pr.G.M. was supported by Group Officers and the two Acting Provincial Officers within the Group, W. Bro's. David Johnson Pr.A.G.D.C. and Barry Hanson Pr.G.Stwd. who have been near 'ever presents' during their term of Office. During his response to Toast 5 Jon made reference to the excellence of the Ceremony and the parts played by various Brethren and thanked the Lodge for their Charitable donations, including the 2010 Festival, noting that they were Gold Patrons.

The picture shows from l to r :

W.Bro. John C.G Hulbert; P.Pr.J.G.D.

W.Bro. A. David Partington; P.Pr.G.Reg.

and

W.Bro. Jon Clipsham; A.Pr.G.M

