

WORSLEY LODGE No. 1814 INSTALLATION MEETING

On Monday 15th February 2010, W.Bro. David Peter Quinn was Installed into the Chair of Worsley Lodge, continuing in Office for a further twelve months, by the Immediate Past Master W.Bro. David Crabbe, the Master's Proposer into Freemasonry.

As a sign of the times this situation has arisen four times since 1991, but hopefully next year a 'new' Master will be Installed. Worsley Lodge was Consecrated in 1880 with the Rt. Hon. Earl of Ellesmere the first W.M. followed by Richard H. Williams who had taken part in the Charge of the Light Brigade! A silver drinking cup was presented to the Lodge in memory of W.Bro. Williams and is passed on to incoming Masters to use during their year of office. Unfortunately security and sentiment mean that it is now only seen at Installations.

Making his first appearance as Representative of the Rt.Wor.P.G.M. (I am told!) was W. Bro. Kevin P. Poynton PAGDC. Pr.Dep.G.D.C. who commented on a ceremony well worked and later admitted, at the Festive Board, that having stood behind numerous eminent Brethren as a D.C. he now knew how they felt. That said he enjoyed the evening and won a raffle prize, which he promptly returned for future benefit of the Lodge (or to get another invitation).

The Hall family figure prominently throughout the History of the Lodge with Joseph Hall PPrGD setting the scene when he was WM in 1942, followed by his son Joe. PJGD, a Past Group Chairman, in 1949, and his son Robin PPrSGD in 1976. In 1972 Joe's Cousin Fred was Master followed in 1991/2 his son-in-law, The Ven. Canon Alan Wolstencroft PAGChap. Surely there can be nothing wrong with an organisation with such a pedigree!

Making a most welcome return to the Lodge was the Centenary Master W. Bro. Neville Parry, now pursuing his Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland, and who provided wonderful music both during the ceremony and at the Festive Board, with his touches of Gilbert and Sullivan.

