

## **99 NOT OUT**

Saturday 19th November 2005 dawned a bright clear Winter morning and a capacity audience crowded into the Masonic Hall, Beverley Road, Hull to see the Provincial Grand Master, Richard John Anderson, consecrate the Myton Lodge No 9808. This 99th Lodge in the Province of Yorkshire North and East Ridings will provide a facility for brethren in the Hull area who wish to attend Lodge during daylight hours.

The Provincial Team played flawlessly to produce a memorable ceremony of consecration, supported by the mellow vocals of the Provincial Choir under the direction of Bro. Colin Bennison. The ceremony included a witty and informative oration by Bro the Reverend Bill Dewing, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, in which he explained the provenance of the name Myton came from a conflation of two old English words, Mythe meaning river junction and Tun meaning farm, freely translating as a hamlet at the confluence of two rivers, the Humber and the Hull. He went on to trace its lineage to the modern Myton Ward of the City of Kingston upon Hull, in which ward the new home of the Myton Lodge, the Masonic Hall, Beverley Road, is situated.

The consecration was immediately followed by a cracking ceremony of installation, led by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Jeffrey Gillyon, which culminated in a series of addresses immaculately given by The Provincial Grand Master and his two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

The after-proceedings too, were hugely enjoyable for all those present, with a dual of anecdotes played out between the Provincial Grand Master and the newly installed Master of the Lodge, Bro. David Greendale. It is fair to say that honours were even, until David Greendale was bowled out by a googly, when the Provincial Grand Master promoted him 'in the field' to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. The Provincial Grand Master also paid tribute to a number of key people, through whose efforts the Myton Lodge was created. Chief amongst these were the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Brian Baker, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Gerald Gelder and his and very able Deputies Bros Bill Fisher and John Davies, together with Bro. John Thrower, the Lodge and Chapter Formation Officer.

As the day drew to a close, the Founders and guests alike reflected upon a memorable occasion. The Lodge had become the sixth 'Daylight Lodge' in the Province and will meet four times a year, on the fourth Friday in January, March, July and September. Its aims and objectives are to promote Freemasonry through brief lectures and addresses, whilst encouraging the participation of family and friends. Judging from their obvious enjoyment of the occasion and the fact that six joining members were proposed, their future looks as bright and cheerful as the morning on which they were consecrated.

We wish them good luck in the future!

