

## John tells brethren not to retire

On receiving his certificate for 60yrs continuous membership of freemasonry, Worshipful Brother John Pullee who 93yrs young, told the brethren of Minster Lodge No. 4663 not to retire but to keep themselves active.

An Accountant by profession John still looks after the accounts of a small transport business.

The certificate together with a lapel badge was presented by Assistant Provincial Grand Master David Marsh.

John and David sat in the middle of the lodge room and had a most informative chat about John's years in masonry together with accounts of his time in the Royal Horse Guards.

The A.P.G.M. also presented John with a Book on the History of the Household Cavalry sent from the Regimental Secretary, Major Paul Stratton, which included a message congratulating him on achieving 60yrs in Freemasonry.

Initiated on the 15th December 1949 into St Andrews Lodge No 1046 in the Province of Surrey, John was able to recall clearly all that went on that night.

He was initiated in a double ceremony with W Bro Albert Wheatley who would also be celebrating 60yrs of membership on the very same night. Such was the strong membership in those days that it took 22yrs for John to become Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1971.

John joined the Minster Lodge when he moved to York in 1980 and was Charity Steward for many years.

John thanked the brethren of Minster Lodge for their fellowship and support over the past 20yrs.



*Picture shows A.P.G.M. David Marsh presenting W Bro John Pullee with his 60yrs Certificate accompanied by the Worshipful Master of Minster Lodge , W. Bro. Jim Crichton*