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A Message from the Provincial Grand Master



RIGHT Worshipful Brother Norman James Thompson last September became only the 11th Provincial Grand Master of the Cumberland & Westmorland Province since the merged province was officially created in the summer of 1860.

Mr Thompson, a Freemason since January, 1975, lives not far from Her Majesty's Prison at Haverigg from where he retired as deputy governor at the age of 55. Now 62, his tenure is expected to be of 10 years' duration, though his predecessor, John Hale of Maryport, served for 22 years. Norman Thompson, a native of Kendal, where he served an apprenticeship as a turbine engineer, is a very approachable man and very mindful of not just the honour but the responsibility of being at the helm for the 150th anniversary of the

foundation of the twin counties province. And he is determined that the anniversary will not just be a Masonic event - but a high profile demonstration of how much Freemasons care for their community. Or as he puts it eloquently on the 'welcome' page of the provincial web site (www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk): "Freemasonry is intended to offer those who are members the opportunity to make themselves better individuals and demonstrate that they are considerate, kind and charitable by word and deed to those less fortunate than themselves, irrespective of whether or not they are Freemasons.....It aims to bring together men of goodwill, regardless of background, religion or political persuasion; it promotes tolerance, charity and integrity."

Left: Right Worshipful Brother Norman James Thompson, Provincial Grand Master for the Masonic Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Celebrating a union sealed 150 years ago

A BIG red letter day in the history of Freemasonry will officially be reached on June 19, 2010 when the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the movement's Cumberland & Westmorland Province is reached. Up until 1860, Cumberland and Westmorland were separate provinces - and the union came at a time when freemasonry was expanding rapidly and at a time when it had a much more public face than it has today. The anniversary will be marked by a high profile presentation event at the

Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle when a select group of non-Masonic charities from within the boundaries of the province will receive substantial cheques to further the work they do within the community. Just which charities will benefit has not been decided - there could be as few as six or as many as 14. And likewise, the amount each will receive is not known - and will depend on the successful response to a series of fund-raising events now ongoing across the Province.



W.Bro. Gordon Clarke, Worshipful Master of Sun & Sector Lodge, No 962 presents a cheque to Jake Daniel, a Southfield Technology College, Workington

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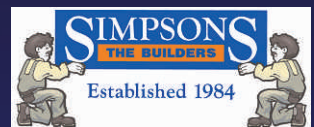
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