

Norwood Lodge No. 3149 EC

Recent years

Following the frenetic activity of our centenary year, the Lodge has continued to maintain its commitment to superb ritual standard and its charitable endeavours.

It has continued to attract a group of new masons whilst retaining the ongoing commitment of the past masters.

Several of the past masters have served a second term in office and two new masters have been installed and have proceeded to obtain District recognition. A number of past masters have gone on to serve the District in an active capacity.

W.Bro. Malcolm Corbett joined from an ailing Woodlands Lodge, whilst, following the closure of Oaklands Lodge, W.Bros. Keith Wood, John Marshall and, more recently Eddie Thackeray have joined the Lodge and have contributed enthusiastically.

The quality of the festive boards under the supervision of the previous Junior Warden has improved to such an extent that Norwood's food and hospitality has received a well-merited reputation throughout the District.

W.Bro. Andy Rivers continues the Norwood reputation for its charitable work, the highlight probably being the 'Elvis event' where 230 odd mason, their wives, friends and family dressed up in costume to attend a Springbok rugby match v the All Blacks at Soccer City in Soweto. A really substantial amount for raised for charity on that famous Saturday. Of course it continues and yet another similar event is being planned for this year (2014).

The Lodge has also subscribed to 'charity begins at home' and, as well as our considerable donations to district charities, we have contributed to several local causes which are close to the members' hearts.

Norwood Lodge has, under the leadership of W.Bro. Andy Rivers (again!), been instrumental in the upgrade of the Temple, now known as the Norwood Masonic Centre. The finances are sound and the recent upgrade has provided a tasteful, clean, modern facility which is the envy of many suburban temples. A number of new lodge tenants have joined us and we hoping that others will follow suit to a proper masonic environment.