

Annual Installation Meeting of Lodge Royal Connaught No. 2377 EC, Ahmednagar

Lodge Royal Connaught No. 2377 EC recently had their Annual Installation Meeting on 23rd April 2016 at Ahmednagar which was attended by the RW District Grand Master RW Bro. Percy Driver alongwith his deputation comprising of W.Bro. Rummy Khan, W.Bro. Yezdi Batliwala and W.Bro. Vishwamohan and several visiting brethren from other English Lodges from Pune, a total of 24 brethren in all.

W.Bro. Maulik Kulkarni was installed into the Eastern Chair by W.Bro. Vispy Billimoria who was the Installing Master.

After the meeting, the brethren were treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner very well arranged by the Brethren of Lodge Royal Connaught at the Ahmednagar Club.

It is worthwhile to mention that the meeting was held in a very warm weather with temperature past 40° C and humidity at over 45%, with the attending brethren in full suit and Masonic clothing. After the dinner, some Pune brethren left Ahmednagar at 11.45PM to reach Pune past 2AM. This is what we state as “dedication to Freemasonry”.

The Lodge was consecrated on the 5th of August 1890 and has completed 125 years in existence. The Lodge plans to hold a mega event in 2017 to celebrate this milestone. However, the temple at Ahmednagar is very old and needs major repairs. The brethren of Lodge Royal Cannaught are working towards collecting funds to use towards the renovation and upkeep of the temple. At the meeting itself, RWDGM RW Bro. Percy Driver started the initiative of making a fund for the Temple by making a generous personal donation of Rs.5,000. Few members immediately came forward and made their contributions towards the cause and the total amount collected that evening was Rs.15,000, while several brethren have made commitments totaling to Rs. 15,000. The Lodge appeals to other brethren to come forward and make generous donation to the Lodge towards the Temple. It would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

- Devesh Hingorani
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