

50 year Certificate for Sid Honibal

January 14th saw the MEGS Ex Comp John Bennet visiting the Chapter of Sincerity 261 meeting at Taunton. The MEGS was visiting the Chapter to present a 50 year Certificate to Ex. Comp J. S. (Sid) Honibal PGStB.

During the presentation of the certificate the MEGS gave a short outline of both Ex.Comp Sid's private and Masonic landmarks.

Ex Comp Sid was actually exalted on 13th January 1965. During his 50 years Sid has spent 36 years serving a Chapter Scribe E either in his mother Chapter Sincerity 261 or Taunton Deane 5221 of which he was the founding Scribe E. The MEGS highlighted Ex.Comp Sid's contribution to the Royal arch in Somerset over the 50 years of his membership.



Figure 1 Ex Comp Sid receives his certificate from The MEGS.

The informative presentation from the MEGS was followed by a small presentation of an engraved glass and bottle of Ex Comp Sid favourite tipples by the three Chapter Principals on behalf of all the members



Figure 2 Ex Comp John Trowbridge (Z) presents Ex.Comp Sid with gifts from the chapter

Continuing with the business of the evening the Chapter performed a demonstration Exaltation ceremony. The candidate for the evening was Comp Brian Pollard who was exalted by the Provincial team at the meeting in January 2014 .

This was the first time that the ritual had been shared between the three principals much the relief of (Z) John Trowbridge. The sharing of the ritual appears to have been well received by all in attendance and could become a regular part of the Chapters unique ritual

During the 4th rising the Chapter Scribe E Comp John Owen read out the minutes from November 1964 when Ex.Comp Sid was balloted for and January 1965 when the exaltation took place. John highlighted that a small error had been recorded for the January meeting in so far as it read that Ex. Comp Sid was balloted for at the nonexistent previous October meeting. He then suggested that perhaps Ex.Comp should be required to re-do his 50 years much to the amusement of all present.



Figure 3 Bob Nicholls (H), John Bennet (MEGS), John Trowbridge (Z) and Roger Bailey (J)

After closing the Chapter the companions retired to a very enjoyable festive board.



Figure 4 the Chapter Principals take wine with Ex.Comp Sid

Report by Bob Nicholls Chapter Communication Officer with grateful thanks to Comp Charlie Barker for the photographs.