

## **YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING 2017 RMBI FESTIVAL**

### **REALISES A MAGNIFICENT £3,300,300!**

An explosion of sound and a cascade of glitter to the background of Purcell's music and a montage featuring activities during the Festival culminated in the amazing total being dramatically revealed at an impressive banquet at the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

Some 600 brethren, their wives and partners, shared in the celebrations and delight as the outstanding result, kept under wraps until the night, was greeted with acclaim and great satisfaction by all present.

RW Provincial Grand Master David S Pratt was, for once, lost for words. The £3,300,300 raised was fitting recognition to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry within the United Grand Lodge of England.

RW Bro. Pratt paid tribute to all the members of the Province and their families for their contributions and support throughout the Festival. He also reflected on the work of RW Bro. John Clayton, his predecessor, who had launched the Festival as its President in 2012, with a clear vision of how it should be managed through to a successful outcome.

VW Bro. Sir Paul Williams, Chairman of the RMBI Care Company, thanked the Province for the manner in which it had supported the Festival. He commented that Yorkshire, West Riding had not only done themselves proud but also done it in style, with passion, commitment and a lot of fun along the way.

Sir David Wootton, Assistant Grand Master, in proposing a toast to the Festival President thanked everyone in the Province for their tremendous support, which had resulted in such an outstanding achievement. He is proud to be a member of the Province.