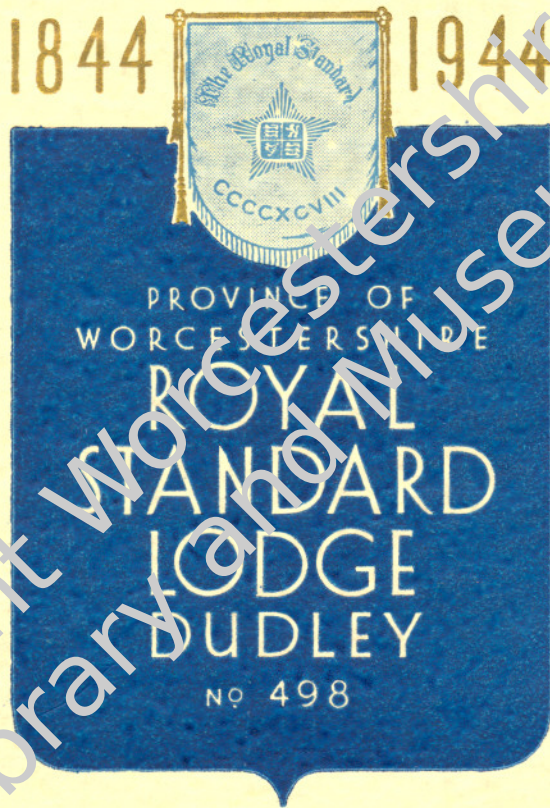


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Royal Standard Lodge

OF ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONRY

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1844 ... JOHN SIMPSON

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1944 ... FRANK ROUND

Compiled by Bro. Frank Round

Foreword

In compiling a short history of the Royal Standard Lodge we are unusually fortunate in having at our disposal the complete records of the Lodge since its inception and we feel that the grateful acknowledgment of the invaluable services of those of our departed brethren who so carefully preserved the minute books and in such excellent condition should be the first claim on this Centenary publication. Moreover, the Lodge is fortunate in that several secretaries have retained their office for considerable periods, with the consequence that our records have not been continually changing hands and that the loss of important documents has been avoided or considerably reduced. The histories of several Lodges reveal that it is during the change of secretaryship that documents most frequently tend to go astray.

In this connection it is worthy of comment that, during the hundred years of our existence, three secretaries served in that office for an aggregate of seventy-three years: Wor. Bro. William Masefield, Wor. Bro. William Shepley, and Wor. Bro. William Hunt. There can be no doubt that the Lodge owes a great debt of gratitude to these worthy brethren for their long and valued service.

It was decided to form a new Lodge, to be known as "The Royal Standard Lodge," at a meeting at which Bro. Hassell was chairman, on March 4th, 1844, at the Lion Hotel, Kildaerminster. The Petition was accordingly presented to the Most Worshipful Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, and its adoption was recommended by the officers and brethren of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 313, Dudley and of the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 523, Kidderminster. The Petitioning brethren were John Simpson, Thomas Clarke Roden, James Heaton, John Colerick, William E. Hasell, William Roden, M.D., and John Brookes.

After the completion of the necessary formalities and certain special conditions the warrant was eventually granted, on April 4th, 1844 ; the number of the Lodge was 730. The Lodge was authorised to be held at the Lion Hotel, Kidderminster and it was there that the Consecration Ceremony took place, on June 12th, 1844. Wor. Bro. John Simpson was the first Master, Bro. Thomas Clarke Roden the first Senior Warden, and Bro. James Heaton the first Junior Warden.

During the first seven years of its existence the Lodge changed its place of meeting on no less than six occasions and quite a variety of reasons caused this early instability. On May 28th, 1851, there is recorded a minute to the effect that, as it appeared that the Lodge could no longer be carried on with advantage to Freemasonry in Kidderminster, it be removed to the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley. This proposal was adopted, and the first meeting in the new home took place on July 2nd, 1851. The Lodge was held there regularly until October, 1935, when, in company with the other Dudley Lodges, we were able to enter into possession of the Masonic Hall in Wellington Road, Dudley.

As already mentioned, the original number of the Lodge was 730, but on July 6th, 1863, we were advised by Grand Lodge that the numbers of all Lodges had been brought forward in regular succession, and that the Royal Standard Lodge would henceforward appear in the Register of Grand Lodge as No. 498.

Perhaps the most outstanding personality in the history of the Lodge was William Storer Shepley, Master in 1893-4 and Secretary from 1888-1890 and from 1894 to 1915. He combined masonic idealism with an insistence on a detailed accuracy of workmanship. The many records he has left reflect his great ambition to make the Royal Standard "The Perfect Lodge." Wor. Bro. Shepley succeeded in infusing much of his ambitious idealism on behalf of the Lodge into the Minutes, particularly on the occasion of the last meeting held in the nineteenth century, on December 12th, 1900. There his message stands as an immortal inspiration to posterity, and as a permanent and fitting memorial to one of the Lodge's greatest members.



WOR. BRO. H. V. STANTON
P.G.D., P.P.G.W.

BRO. FRANK ROUND
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

WOR. BRO. A. ERNEST DUESBURY
P.A.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W.

ZETLAND, G.M.

To ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, EARL OF ZETLAND, BARON DUNDAS OF ASKE, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK &c., &c., &c.

Grand Master

of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of England

Send Greeting

Know Ye that we by the authority and under the Santion of the United Grand Lodge of England vested in us for that purpose and at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren, John Simpson, Thomas Clarke Roden, James Heaton, John Colerick, William E. Hassell, William Roden M.D. and John Brooker, Do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of

No. 730 The Royal Standard Lodge

the said Lodge to meet at the Lion Hotel, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, on the second Wednesday of every month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the antient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World, and further to their said petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren. We do appoint the said John Simpson to be the first MASTER, the said Thomas Clark Roden to be the first SENIOR WARDEN and the said James Heaton to be the first JUNIOR WARDEN for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master

shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden of a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Antient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his office. And we do require you the said John Simpson to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose And you are in nowise to omit to send to Us or our successors Grand Masters or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a List of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the Fees and Mories payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge, and you the said John Simpson are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these present.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 4th. April A.L. 5844, A.D. 1844.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

(sd) WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

ENDORSED ON BACK.

MEMORANDUM

By Order of Grand Lodge the number of the Lodge was altered from 730 to 498.

July 6th. 1863.

(sd) J. BATEMAN, W.M.



PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE.

R. GOUGH	N. S. BACHE	M. HIPKISS	F. H. GRIFFITHS	A. F. DAVIES	B. MARSH	W. P. HARPER
A. E. CARDER	J. N. HICKMAN	W. H. HILL	D. M. CHAPMAN	W. CHILTON	T. CHILTON	A. W. PRITCHETT
A. KENT	W. HILL	A. E. DUESBURY	H. V. STANTON	H. PREEDY	B. O. PEARSON	T. WILLIAMS

LIST OF INSTALLED MASTERS
ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, 498

John Simpson 1844	Wm. H. Richardson 1894
Wm. Roden, M.D. 1845	Alfred John King 1895
John Colerick 1846	A. E. Guy Pritchard 1896
Wm. Marshall 1847	Thos. Wm. Tanfield 1897
Thos. Hallen 1848	Benjamin W. Adshead 1898
Wm. Roden, M.D. 1849	Joseph S. Morris 1899
N. W. Hodgets 1850	Charles A. Hatfield 1900
Edward Dudley 1851	Thomas W. Adshead 1901
Wm. Barnes 1852	Harry Edward Newey 1902
E. M. Warmington 1853	David Walter Cooper 1903
John Renaud 1854	Wm. Henry Darby 1904
A. G. Davies 1855	Wm. Saunders 1905
Wm. Masefield 1856	Frederick Wm. Cook 1906
Matthew Dennison 1857	Edwards Charles Theedam 1907
Wm. Howells 1858	William E. Hunt 1908
Francis Sanders 1859	Frank W. 1909
Saml. C. Davison 1860	John Williams 1910
Charles H. Wesley 1861	Thos. W. Green 1911
John Bateman 1862	Percy J. Brown 1912
John Bateman 1863	James L. Hargur 1913
Wm. Masefield 1864	Percy J. Hingley 1914
Edmund M. Warmington 1865	John Pitt Griffiths 1915
Chas. H. Wesley 1866	John Round 1916
Chas. H. Wesley 1867	Henry Freedy 1917
Matthew Dennison 1868	Charles W. Higgins 1918
Edward M. Warmington 1869	Wm. Somers 1919
Edward M. Warmington 1870	W. Thomas 1920
Wm. Masefield 1871	Joseph Arrowsmith 1921
Gideon Smith 1872	Harry V. Stanton 1922
Daniel Bradley 1873	Arthur Kent 1923
J. Scott Hoppert 1874	Daniel Oakley 1924
Edwin Pool 1875	Noah Warr 1925
William Cottoe 1876	David M. Chapman 1926
John Davies 1877	A. Ernest Duesbury 1927
George K. Patten 1878	William Hill 1928
George K. Patten 1879	Joseph N. Hickman 1929
J. Scott Hoppert 1880	Arthur E. Carder 1930
Wm. Corbett 1881	Wm. C. Jones 1931
Abraham Green 1882	James Mainwaring 1932
George J. Westbury 1883	Thomas Williams 1933
John Jordan 1884	William Henry Hill 1934
Abraham Green 1885	John Deeley 1935
Joseph Fisher 1886	Albert W. Pritchett 1936
Wm. Frederick Clark 1887	Benjamin O. Pearson 1937
Wm. James Gilliver 1888	Albert F. Davies 1938
Joseph Bellingham 1889	Ben Marsh 1939
John Wm. Roberts 1890	Frederick H. Griffiths 1940
Geo. Frederick Thompson 1891	Daniel Earp 1941
Harry Haden Hughes 1892	Major Hipkiss 1942
Wm. Storer Shepley 1893	Frank Round 1943

MEETING PLACES OF
ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, 498

JUNE, 1844

LION HOTEL, KIDDERMINSTER

DECEMBER, 1844

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, KIDDERMINSTER

OCTOBER, 1845

HOUSE OF Bro. W. RODEY, KIDDERMINSTER

NOVEMBER, 1846

ATHEÆUM ROOMS, KIDDERMINSTER

APRIL, 1849

MASONIC HALL, KIDDERMINSTER

APRIL, 1851

BLACK HORSE INN, KIDDERMINSTER

JULY, 1851

DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, DUDLEY

OCTOBER, 1935

MASONIC HALL, DUDLEY

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM THE MINUTE BOOKS, 1844 - 1944

PREFACE TO THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK.

Meeting held at Lion Hotel, Kidderminster, on Monday, 4th March 1844, Brother Hasell in the Chair. The following resolutions were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously :—

1. That this meeting, conscious of the important and beneficial influence Freemasonry exerts upon the mind and morals of those within its sphere, and on Society at large ; and anxious to be the humble means of more extensively diffusing its blessings, congratulates itself on the cheering prospect now before it of the spread of the principles and practice of the Art in this town and neighbourhood, more especially under the auspices of "A New Lodge."
2. That the Most Worshipful Pro-Grand Master the Earl of Zetland be immediately petitioned for a Warrant of Constitution empowering the formation of a new Lodge.
3. That the Lodge be named "The Royal Standard Lodge."
4. That the Lodge, in the event of the prayer of the petition being granted, be held at the Lion Hotel and that its regular meetings be held on the second Wednesday in every month.
5. That Bro. Simpson be the first Master, Bro. Thomas Clarke Roden the first Senior Warden and Bro. James Heaton the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

Signed, WM. EDWARD HASELL, 522/523.

Meeting held at the Lion Hotel, Kidderminster, on Friday, the 12th April, 1844, Bro. Simpson, P.M., in the chair.

Bro. Dr. Roden reported to the meeting that the petition for the new Lodge had been duly drawn up and signed by seven regular registered Masons in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and that the said petition was afterwards recommended by the Officers of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 313, Dudley, and the Officers of Hope and Charity, No. 523, Kidderminster and forwarded by Brother Truman of London to the Grand Secretary.

That the G.S., after examining the merits of the petition and other documents, observed to Brother Truman that a second Lodge (the Lodge Faithful, No. 442) was already in existence at Kidderminster, and that although it had made no returns to Grand Lodge since the year 1833, its

Warrant had not been surrendered, and he feared that unless the Warrant of that Lodge could be found and surrendered, the Grand Master would set his face against the constitution of another Lodge in Kidderminster.

Brother Roden further reported that after due enquiry was instituted, the Warrant of Lodge No. 442 was found in the possession of Brother Torre of Leamington, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire to whom it had been delivered up some years ago by Bro. Hunt, P.M., then of Birmingham, in order that it might be surrendered to the G.M.

That on the 6th inst., he received an official notification from the G.S. that the Warrant of Lodge No. 442 having been found in the possession of Bro. Torre, and the memorial having been presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he (the G.S.) had that day received the petition back from His Lordship with directions to make out the Warrant for the New Lodge—and that on the 9th inst. he (Bro. Roden) received another letter from the G.S. stating that His Lordship would be in Town about the 15th or 20th of the month, when the Warrant would be signed and immediately forwarded, the amount of fees, £6 : 5 : 6, being previously paid.

He was further informed the No. of the New Warrant on the list would be 730.

Bro. Roden was delegated to order a set of suitable Lodge Books and after a little practice in the three degrees, the meeting separated in harmony and brotherly love.

At a meeting held on 19th April, 1844, Bro. Roden was unanimously delegated to visit London for the purpose of selecting suitable Lodge Furniture, etc., and to gather all the information he could relative to the system of working adopted by the Metropolitan Lodges. Bro. Roden accordingly visited London for the purposes named on April 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. During his visit Bro. Truman, P.M., P.Z., etc., etc., kindly offered his services to officiate as Master at the Consecration and constitution of the Lodge, which was accepted by Bro. Roden and afterwards by the brethren of the intended new Lodge.

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We, the undersigned, being the members of the Royal Standard Lodge, do agree to the purchase of an organ to be erected in the Lodge Room at the Lion Hotel, and to become the property of the said Lodge.

Kidderminster,
May 13th, 1844.

THOMAS C. RODEN.
WM. ED. HASELL.
WM. RODEN.
JOHN COLERICK.
JOHN SIMPSON.

CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGE.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1844.

Present :

BRO. JOHN O. TRUMAN	...	...	...	as W.M.
„ WM. LLOYD, P.G.S.W. (Warwicks.)	...	„	P.M.	
„ THOS. MORRIS, W.M. 313 Dudley	...	„	S.W.	
„ THOS. BENNETT, W.M. 349 Worcester	...	„	J.W.	
„ H. R. SLADE, D.D., P.G.C. Staffordshire	...	„	Chap.	
„ CHAS. COLLINS, J.W. of 523	...	„	Treasurer.	
„ WM. RODEN, M.D., S.W. of 523	...	„	Secretary.	
„ THOS. PERKINS, W.M. of 696 Birmingham	...	„	S.D.	
„ JAMES KNIGHT, S.W. of 349 Worcester	...	„	J.D.	
„ GEO. THOMPSON, of Lodge 523	...	„	M.C.	
„ LEVI PLAHTO, J.D. of 313 Dudley	...	„	I.G.	
„ W. E. HASELL	...	„	Steward.	

and 68 Visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in due form in the First, Second and Third Degrees, when the petition to the M.W.G.M. for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Kidderrinstor was read. After which the new Warrant of Constitution was also read.

The Minutes of all the preliminary meetings were then read and being confirmed in the usual manner amongst Masons, were signed by Bro. Truman, the presiding W.M.

The Lodge was then Constituted and Consecrated according to Ancient Form.

The Members of the Lodge having signified their approval of the Brethren named in the Warrant to be officers of the Lodge, the Lodge was resumed in the second degree and Bro. Simpson was presented by Bro. Lloyd, Past Senior G. Warden for Warwickshire, to be installed as the first Master.

Bro. Simpson having given his assent to the Ancient Charges, the Lodge was then resumed in the third degree and all below the rank of installed Master having retired, Bro. Simpson was regularly installed for the year ensuing. The Master Masons having re-entered the Lodge, the W.M. was then proclaimed and saluted.

The Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and afterwards in the first, when the following brethren were appointed to the several offices marked against their respective names and invested accordingly —

Bro. THOS. CLARKE RODEN	...	...	...	S.W.
„ JAMES HEATON	...	...	...	J.W.
„ CHAS. COLLINS	...	...	...	Treasurer (elected)
„ WM. RODEN, M.D.	...	...	...	Secretary.
„ THOS. ED. CRANE	...	...	...	S.D.
„ CHAS. HY. SAUNDERS	...	...	...	J.D.
„ CHAS. LIONEL LUCY	...	...	...	I.G.
„ WM. ED. HASELL	...	...	...	Steward

The following dispensation, authorising the Initiation of Mr. Frederick Howard, a minor, was then read:—

“ To the Master, Wardens, and members of the Royal Standard Lodge No. 730, meeting at the Lion Hotel, Kidderminster.

It having been represented to the M.W. Grand Master that Mr. Frederick Howard of Kidderminster, a minor of the age of twenty years and upwards, is desirous (with the consent of his mother) to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft and that he is in all respects a fit and proper person to be received, His Lordship is pleased to grant this Dispensation, authorising and empowering you to initiate the said Mr. Frederick Howard notwithstanding his minority, provided he be approved upon the Ballot in conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of your own Lodge, and for so doing, this shall be your warrant.

And you are required to cause the Dispensation to be read in your Lodge previous to the Ballot being taken, and also to be recorded in your minutes.

Given at Freemasons' Hall, London,
the 6th day of June, 1844.

By Command of the RT. HON. THE EARL OF ZETLAND,
M.W., Grand Master,

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.”

Mr. Frederick Howard's name having been inserted in the summons for this meeting, as proposed by Bro. Dr. Roden and seconded by Bro. T. C. Roden, a ballot was taken for his admission, which was unanimous in his favour.

Mr. Howard being in attendance, was in due form introduced and initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry.

The Lodge was then called from Labour to Refreshment, when the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast furnished by Bro. Brooks, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Slade presiding.

The Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labour in due time, when it was proposed by the S.W. and seconded by Bro. Roden that Bro. the Hon. the Earl of Mountnorris be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge, subject to the usual Ballot.

It was then moved by the S.W. and seconded by the W.M. that, in accordance with By-Law No. 7, Bro. John Osbertus Truman, P.M. of the St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge No. 5, become an Honorary Member of the Lodge subject to the usual Ballot, in consideration of his services rendered to the Lodge and consequently to Masonry in general.

It was afterwards moved by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer, that Bro. the Rev. Dr. Slade, P.G.Ch. of Staffordshire and W.M. of Lodge No. 607, be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge, as a mark of respect and in appreciation of his valuable services and of the very gentlemanly manner in which he assisted Bro. Truman and the other officers in the ceremonies of the day."

Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the Lodge was closed in due form and with prayer.

Confirmed,

July 10th, 1844.

JNO. SIMPSON, W.M.

The following is a Dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master authorising Brother Truman to attend at the opening of the Royal Standard Lodge as W.M., but which was not received in time to be inserted in its proper place :—

“ To the W. Brother John O. Truman, Paster Master of the St. George’s
and Corner Stone Lodge No. 5, London.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master having issued a Warrant of
Constitution for the opening and holding a New Lodge at Kidderminster
in the County of Worcester, under the Title or Denomination of The Royal
Standard Lodge, which is numbered in the books of the Grand Lodge 730,
and which Lodge is proposed to be opened on or about the 12th day of
June inst., you are hereby authorised to attend at the opening of the said
Lodge for the purpose of officiating at the commencement of their labours
and with proper aid and assistants to instal into his chair the Wor. Bro. John
Simpson, the Master nominated and appointed in the said Warrant.

By the Grand Master’s Command,

WM. H. WHITE, G.S.”

Freemasons’ Hall, London, this 5th day
of June, A.L. 5844, A.D. 1844.

Sept. 11th, 1844.

List of Fines levied was called over, when Bro. Bucklie having paid his
fine of 5s. for non-attendance on being specially summoned, stated that it
was his intention to be present up to the last moment, when he was unavoid-
ably prevented either attending or at that moment procuring a substitute.
It was agreed that Bro. Bucklie’s statement be received and that a present
of 5s. be made to Bro. Bucklie.

The list of officers was then called over, when it appeared that Bro.
Heaton, J.W., Bro. Lacy, I.G. and Bro. Hasell, Steward, were absent,
and no apology having been sent, they were severally entered in the “ Fine
Book.”

Oct. 9th, 1844.

W. M. thought it high time to elect another Tyler to succeed Bro. Allen
Brooks, he being neither competent nor sufficiently attentive to his duties.

Nov. 13th, 1844.

Contributions increased to 7s. 6d. per quarter for resident members and
3s. 6d. for non-residents, the refreshment ticket to be supplied as usual.

Dec. 11th, 1844.

“ That this Lodge after the necessary expenses of furnishing have been
defrayed, do manifest the exercise of Charity by subscribing to the Masonic
Charities, or some of the said Charities, and some Charitable Institution in
our own town.”

Sept. 10th, 1845.

Bro. Brooks, the landlord, had, contrary to agreement made a heavy charge for rooms, etc., in addition to the liberal allowance for Refreshments. The brethren were unanimous that the holding of Lodges at Public Houses at all had been amply demonstrated in this town to be a great evil.

The Lodge was removed to the house of the W.M. Dr. Roden.

Nov. 13th, 1846.

Lodge removed to Athenaeum Rooms, Kidderminster, Bro. Colerick being installed as W.M., but owing to his sudden and severe indisposition during the second portion of the ceremony the remaining part thereof was postponed to a future day.

Dec. 11th, 1846.

Proposition of holding weekly meetings or instruction at some member's house was introduced and agreed to. Any member of the Lodge to be eligible to attend but every officer to be fined the sum of 6s. to charity if not present at 8 p.m.

Feb. 12th, 1847.

The W.M. and two other members of

Lodge 313 Dudley.

„ 349 Worcester,

„ 523 Kidderminster,

„ 77 Worcester, attended as guests of the Lodge to represent

the members of their own Lodges at this special meeting to discuss the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Worcestershire.

After a very lengthy discussion in all its bearings it was finally unanimously agreed:—

“That this meeting is highly gratified at the prospect of the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for this County under the command of the Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of England and that the anxious desire of the Masonic Body of this province be fraternally communicated to the Grand Registrar, that he will kindly take the necessary steps to put the Grand Lodge of Worcestershire in motion at the earliest possible convenient period.”

The W.M. stated he would cause copies of the Minutes of this Lodge so far as related to the subject to be forwarded to the Masters of the various Lodges in the Province in order that the same may be entered on the minutes of their respective Lodges.

July 28th, 1847.

Thomas Hallen, Solicitor, Town Clerk of Kidderminster initiated. Passed to second degree August 16th.

August 25th, 1847.

The Senior Warden (Bro. Micklewright) resigned his office and suggested Bro. Hallen be appointed in his place. The W.M. being absent, the appointment was deferred until his return.

Sept. 15th, 1847.

Notice received from the W.M. that owing to increasing professional duties he would be unable to attend Lodge in future.

Sept. 28th, 1847.

Bro. Hallen acted as S.W. and was also raised to the sublime degree of a M.M.

June 14th, 1848.

This being the evening for the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler, The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Roden) as W.M. called upon the brethren to proceed in the election of a Master for the ensuing twelve months, when Wor. Bro. Colerick, P.M. proposed Bro. T. Hallen, S.W. to fill that office. This was seconded by V. Wor. Bro. Simpson, P.M. and P.G.R. and being put from the chair was carried unanimously.

Bro. Hallen expressed to the brethren his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him.

Note at foot. "These minutes were rescinded so far as relate to election of Master."

July 19th, 1848.

Bro. Hallen installed as Worshipful Master by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Roden, D.P.G.M.

Note at foot. "Minutes not confirmed."

Sept. 13th, 1848.

The members were summoned to meet on this day by command of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master to receive a communication from the Grand Master of this Province, but in consequence of non-attendance the Lodge was not opened.

Oct. 11th, 1848.

The Deputy P.G.M. (R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Roden), acting as W.M., said it became his duty to make a few remarks. From the recent events with regard to their Lodge of which they were all doubtless aware, it would be requisite to place the Lodge in proper working order by revoking certain parts of the Minutes of the last Lodge. The late election of Master had been proved to be illegal. The Lodge in point of fact therefore was without a proper Master, and it was the wish of the Prov. Grand Master that the proceedings as to the late election should be rescinded. The brethren were aware that the minutes as far as regarded the election of Master had necessarily been confirmed before the Installation could take place. A simple refusal therefore to confirm minutes would not meet the case. Having been confirmed, they must be altogether rescinded.

The D.P.G.M. then explained that the Lodge would then stand as though no election had taken place. The Lodge could not elect two masters in one year, but the election alluded to having been illegal went for nothing. The former Wardens were still the Wardens and the same with the other officers.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Installation of Master when Bro. Hallen moved that the minute be not confirmed. He now felt convinced after what had fallen from the D.P.G.M. and from the communication from the Prov. G.M. that those brethren had been actuated solely by a desire to discharge their duty, and he was now perfectly satisfied that he was pursuing a strictly Masonic course by being the first to make the present proposition, and if when he became entitled to that honour by completing his term of office the Lodge should think proper to elect him their master, he would do all in his power, regardless of the past for the good of the Lodge.

Nov. 8th, 1848.

Election of Master for ensuing year, ballot in favour of Bro. T. Hallen.

Dec. 12th, 1848.

Bro. Hallen declined to be installed for many reasons.

Jan. 9th, 1849.

D.P.G.M. appointed to continue as Master and Bro. Hodges appointed S.W.

April 10th, 1849.

General Lodge of Instruction formed with Lodge 523 under the Warrant of that Lodge.

May 28th, 1851.

As it appears the Lodge cannot be carried on with advantage to Freemasonry in Kidderminster, it be removed to the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley, subject to the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master.

The following were elected joining members :—

- Bro. Masefield,
- „ Dudley,
- „ Barns,
- „ Rinard,
- „ Bateman, all of Lodge 313.
- „ H. M. Wainwright and Bro. Bolton, of Dudley.

July 2nd, 1851.

First meeting at Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley.

Nov. 11th, 1859.

Deputation from Harmonic Lodge 313 to enlist assistance and co-operation for the Annual Masonic Ball.

June 8th, 1852.

Agreed that a sum not exceeding £2 2s 0d. be granted from the Lodge fund for the purpose of paying the traveling expenses of the members who may attend the Provincial Grand Lodge at Bromsgrove.

Sept. 20th, 1854.

Provincial Grand Lodge held at the Town Hall, Dudley, under Royal Standard Lodge Banner.

May 13th, 1856

That this meeting cannot separate without recording its disapprobation of the fact of the Lodge room not having been properly prepared for the reception of the brethren, whereby they have experienced considerable inconvenience.

Nov. 9th, 1858.

That this Lodge cannot but express its deep regret on reading in some of the leading articles in the last few numbers of the Freemasons' Magazine, expressions and opinions relative to our Prov. Grand Master, and his appointment of officers for the present year ; articles which are written in a most un-masonic spirit and calculated to cause much dissension in the craft and discussion amongst its members, and this Lodge also desires to testify its fraternal regards and respect to our Prov. Grand Master and to recognise the prerogative of his office in the appointment of his Prov. Grand officers.

March 10th, 1863.

No meeting in consequence of the marriage of the Prince of Wales on that day.

July 12th, 1863.

Letter received from Grand Lodge stating that the numbers of all Lodges shall be brought forward in regular succession, the Royal Standard Lodge No. 730 will henceforth stand on the Register of Grand Lodge as No. 498.

May 12th, 1875.

Received a letter from Prov. Grand Secy. calling a meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Dudley for 24th inst. to lay the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church with Masonic ceremonial.

Nov. 10th, 1875.

Bro. Abraham Green 252 elected a Joining Member.

Sept. 11th, 1878.

In consequence of the long services of the Secretary (Wm. Masefield) from 1851 (except years in chair) his fees and dues be paid from Lodge Funds as a small remuneration.

July 9th, 1879.

Subject of proposed amalgamation of the Provinces of Worcester and Hereford having been discussed, it was resolved that in the opinion of this Lodge such an amalgamation was undesirable.

July 9th, 1879.

Bro. Masefield having resigned the office of Secretary, which he had held for a period of 28 years, it was unanimously resolved: "That the most sincere thanks of the Lodge are due, and hereby given, to Bro. Masefield for the invaluable services rendered by him to the Lodge for such a lengthened period.

May 10th, 1882.

Bro. Wm. Masefield, D.P.G.M., appointed by the Prince of Wales to be Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge.

July 12th, 1882.

Bro. Abraham Green installed W.M. of the Lodge.

Feb. 13th, 1884.

W.M. appointed on Committee at Worcester to arrange for "The Masonic Soiree and Exhibition" at Worcester on 27th August next, at which all members of Worcestershire Lodges were invited with their lady friends.

Nov. 9th, 1887.

Resolved that an American organ be purchased for the sum of £16 and that members of the Lodge be called upon to subscribe thereto—not exceeding the sum of 10s. each.

March 14th, 1888.

An address, beautifully illuminated on parchment, had been sent to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES,
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

May it please Your Royal Highnesses,

We, the Officers and Brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge No. 498, Dudley,

Desire on the occasion of Your Royal Highnesses' Silver Wedding,

To give expression to our sentiments of deep attachment and loyalty and to our hearty good wishes for your future happiness and welfare.

We trust also that Your Royal Highnesses may be spared for many years to preside over the Craft as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Signed :

J. W. ROBERTS, Secy.	W. T. CLARK, W.M.
A. GREEN, Treasurer.	W. J. GILLIVER, S.W.
	J. BELLINGHAM, J.W.

The following reply was read by the Secretary :—

Marlborough House,
Pall Mall, S.W.

13th March, 1888.

Sir, I am directed by the Prince and Princess of Wales to acknowledge receipt of the Fraternal Address of the Officers and Brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge No. 498, Dudley, and to express in reply the sincere thanks and cordial appreciation of Their Royal Highnesses for the kind congratulations and good wishes contained in it.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. CRISP, LT.-COL.,
Comptroller and Treasurer.

Jan. 9th, 1889.

Letter received from the Provincial Grand Secretary saying that: "Once a W.M. has regularly opened his Lodge in the 2nd or 3rd degree, he can 'resume' it up or down as often as he finds it necessary at the same meeting."

July 10th, 1889.

Wor. Bro. Gilliver presented to the Lodge a very handsome electro-silver "Loving Cup" as a memento of a very happy year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Nov. 9th, 1892.

It was resolved that a Lodge of Instruction be formed in connection with this Lodge.

Jan. 11th, 1893.

The Minutes of the First Lodge of Instruction were read in the Lodge

Oct. 10th, 1894.

Following the installation of the W.M. the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated, on which occasion many ladies were present, this being the first record in the annals of the Lodge in which ladies have been permitted to join with the Brethren at an installation festival.

Feb. 10th, 1897.

Letter received from Wor. Bro. W. T. Page, Secy. of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organisation, regretting the fact that of the 40 members of the Lodge, only five were subscribers to the Charities, and making a strong appeal to the Brethren to bring "498" once more to the front.

April 14th, 1897.

Letter received from Wor. Bro. James Jones 252 asking for support and co-operation of Royal Standard in reference to the erection of a Masonic Hall for Dudley. A meeting was held at the Dudley Arms Hotel on 28th April, 1897, representatives of the two Lodges being present, when it was resolved: "That the present time is inopportune to undertake the work."

Nov. 9th, 1898.

The W.M. (Wor. Bro. B. W. Adshead) presented the Lodge with a new organ to replace the one which was now quite worn out and become an "organ of discord" rather than one of harmony.

The Lodge expressed deep gratitude to the W.M. for his great kindness.

Dec. 12th, 1900

Last Lodge Meeting in the 19th. Century.

Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of England.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498

WOR. BRO. CHARLES ADAMS HATFIELD,
Worshipful Master.

"And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe,

To all the Enlightened, our Brethren in the several Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those citizens of the world and servants of the Omnipotent.

And to all whom it may concern

Health = Peace = Goodwill

We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brethren, at the close of the Nineteenth Century tender their Greetings and Heartly Good Wishes to the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brethren whose pleasure it may be to preside over and govern the Lodge at the close of the Twentieth Century.

May Long Life, Honour, and Prosperity be extended to you and each Member thereof.

Signed. CHARLES A. HATFIELD, W.M.
JOSEPH S. MORRIS - I.P.M.
T. W. ADSHEAD - S.W.
HARRY E. NEWAY - J.W.
WM. STORER SHEPLEY Secy.

Sept. 29th, 1903.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge held in Dudley under the Banner of "Royal Standard," the Secretary of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. W. S. Shepley, was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Province.

The W.M., officers and brethren extended their heartiest congratulations to Wor. Bro. Shepley on his well-merited distinction.

March 8th, 1905.

The Worshipful Master presented to Worshipful Brother George Frederick Thompson, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., a Past Master's Jewel, combined with the emblems of the Arms of the Ancient Borough of Dudley on his becoming Mayor of the Town.

April 9th, 1913.

First recorded "Past Masters' Night," when all chairs (except the Organist, Bro. H. V. Stanton) were occupied by the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Daniel Oakley was passed to the degree of a F.C. by Wor. Bro. W. S. Shepley and other officers appointed for the evening.

Jan. 14th, 1914.

"A Unique Ceremony."

The first of its kind recorded in the Annals of the Lodge.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. S. Shepley, having been requested to retire, the W.M. said that since entering the Lodge he had discovered that Wor. Bro. Shepley and Mrs. Shepley would celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Monday next. He and the Past Masters were of opinion that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without some recognition from this Lodge. It was resolved that a small Committee be appointed to purchase a suitable gift.

This Committee subsequently visited the home of Wor. Bro. Shepley on Monday, 19th January, 1914, and presented several pieces of gold plate to him and Mrs. Shepley with the very good wishes from every Brother of the Lodge.

Oct. 14th, 1914.

The first Meeting of the Lodge after the War had been declared.

A notice printed on the Summons reads :—

"As a mark of deep sympathy with our Fellow Creatures in their affliction caused by this lamentable War, all proceedings of a festive character will be limited to the utmost extent."

May 10th, 1916.

The W.M. referred in very feeling terms to the sudden death of Wor. Bro. W. S. Shepley, who had served the Lodge so faithfully as Secretary for a total period of 26 years. Many of the Past Masters and Brethren also paid eloquent tribute to his memory. Wor. Bro. William E. Hunt was appointed to succeed him and duly invested by the W.M.

Oct. 31st, 1917.

A Lodge of Emergency and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held in Rose Hill Sunday School, Dudley.

Feb. 8th, 1922.

Application for founding a New Lodge, to be known as "The Dudley Castle Lodge," was read by Wor. Bro. J. Pitt Griffiths, who gave reasons for the application and asked for the support of the Brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge.

Moved by the W.M. (Wor. Bro. J. Arrowsmith), seconded by Bro. H. V. Stanton, and carried unanimously that the petition be signed.

Feb. 14th, 1923.

Wor. Bro. G. F. Thompson, the Treasurer, tendered his resignation owing to ill-health. The W.M. referred to the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. Thompson during the 15 years he had been the Treasurer and expressed the hope that his health would greatly improve in the near future.

July 13th, 1923.

The Lodge appointed Wor. Bro. Charles W. Higgins to succeed Wor. Bro. G. F. Thompson as Treasurer of the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Higgins thanked the W.M., Officers and Brethren for the confidence they had placed in him, and hoped he would never give them any cause to regret his appointment.

Dec. 14th, 1927.

Wor. Bro. Daniel Oakley invested the W.M. with a Worshipful Master's Collar as a present from Wor. Bro. A. Ernest Duesbury to the Lodge, expressing his pleasure in doing so.

Wor. Bro. Duesbury thanked Wor. Bro. Oakley for his kind remarks, explaining what prompted the gift and saying what extreme happiness it gave him personally to provide the Lodge with this collar.

Jan. 8th, 1930.

The W.M. referred to the distinctive honour conferred on Wor. Bro. H. V. Stanton in his appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary, and directed the Secretary of the Lodge to send the cordial congratulations and good wishes of the Brethren to him.

April 8th, 1931.

Wor. Bro. H. V. Stanton, Provincial Grand Secretary, P.M. of Royal Standard, was congratulated by the W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge on his being appointed P.A.G.D.C. by Grand Lodge and G.St.B. by Grand Chapter.

Feb. 10th, 1934.

A communication was received from Provincial Grand Lodge stating that Wor. Bro. Alfred Allen had been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master to succeed the late Wor. Bro. W. T. Page.

April 7th, 1934.

A report from the Dudley Masonic Temple Building Committee was read, regarding the purchase of "The Laurels," Wellington Road, Dudley.

The Committee had resolved :—

1. That the scheme as presented be accepted and placed before each Dudley Masonic Body for final acceptance.
2. That the Committee in the meantime be empowered by the meeting to proceed with the completion of the building.

After some further information had been given it was proposed by Bro. Ben Marsh, seconded by Bro. Charles H. Edwards, and carried, "That the scheme as now presented be accepted."

June 13th, 1934.

Wor. Bro. Wm. E. Hunt and Bro. Ben Marsh were elected as Directors of "The Dudley Masonic Hall Ltd."

Nov. 14th, 1934.

Visit to the Lodge of the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Courtown, O.B.E., Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, who was greeted with the honours due to his exalted rank. He afterwards presented Grand Lodge Certificates to Bros. R. Gough, S. Day, T. Price, W. E. Homer and H. J. White.

Dec. 12th, 1934.

Letter read from Bro. J. S. Evans re proposed new Craft Lodge in Dudley to be known as "Priory Lodge."

It was carried unanimously that the Royal Standard Lodge give its cordial support.

May 8th, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Lodge followed the Regular Lodge, when the following resolution was unanimously carried :—

"That the Lodge be removed from its existing meeting place, the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley, to the Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Dudley."

July 10th, 1935.

Last meeting of the Lodge at the Dudley Arms Hotel, when the Managers of the Hotel were sincerely thanked for their services.

A letter was read from the "Dudley Castle" Lodge expressing thanks for use of Furniture, etc., since the inception of their Lodge.

Oct. 9th, 1935.

First Meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Dudley, attended by the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy. Bro. John Deeley was installed W.M. by Wor. Bro. W. H. Hill, in the presence of a large company of Brethren from this and other Lodges.

Dec. 15th, 1935.

A notice was received from the Grand Secretary stating that the R.W. Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, had been appointed "Deputy Grand Master" of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Jan. 13th, 1937.

The Lodge accepted the formation of the Group Lodge Scheme and the first representatives appointed from this Lodge were the W.M. (Bro. A. W. Pritchett), Wor. Bro. J. Mainwaring and Bro. F. H. Griffiths.

April 14th, 1937.

The First United Craft Lodge Meeting of the Five Dudley Lodges, under the Banner of Royal Standard Lodge, was held in the Lodge Room, when the undermentioned Worshipful Masters took part in the ceremony:—

W.M.	...	Wor. Bro. A. W. PRICHETT (Royal Standard 498).
S.W.	...	W. E. HARPER (Harmonic 252).
J.W.	...	W. CRANAGE (Priory 5545).
S.D.	...	O. C. BERGENDORFF (Mosaic 5028).
J.D.	...	W. B. CUTLER (Dudley Castle 4437).

The Lodge was well attended and the Ceremony performed with great satisfaction to all the Brethren present.

Oct. 13, 1937.

Wor. Bro. A. Ernest Duesbury was invited to occupy the chair of the W.M. following his receiving the honour of P.A.G.St.B. in the United Grand Lodge of England.

April 12th, 1939.

The gift of a Bookcase for the use of the Lodge from Wor. Bro. John Deeley was gratefully accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M. (Bro. A. F. Davies), and Wor. Bro. Deeley was sincerely thanked for his kindness.

May 10th, 1939.

The W.M. referred in feeling terms to the death of Wor. Bro. W. E. Hunt, who had been the Secretary of the Lodge since 1916, and the Brethren stood in silent reverence as a token of their deep sorrow.

June 12th, 1940.

Wor. Bro. Charles W. Higgins tendered his resignation of the Treasurership of the Lodge, which was accepted with great regret. The W.M. and other Brethren spoke of the invaluable service rendered to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. Higgins during the 17 years he had served in that office and wished him a long life of happiness in the future. It was resolved to record on the minutes the deep appreciation of the Lodge.

April 14th, 1943.

The W.M. referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the sudden death of the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Daniel Earp. The Brethren were deeply moved by the tribute paid by the W.M. (Bro. Major Hipkiss) and stood in silent reverence as a token of their sorrow.

May 12th, 1943.

Heartiest congratulations were extended to Wor. Bro. Harry Freedy following honours conferred on him by Grand Chapter.

Nov. 10th, 1943.

At a Lodge of Emergency specially called for the occasion, Mr. Noel E. Davies, Capt. in H.M. Forces, was initiated.

At the request of the W.M., Wor. Bro. A. F. Davies, P.P.G.D., father of the initiate, conducted the Ceremony, and Wor. Bro. W. Chilton, P.P.G.D., and Wor. Bro. J. Chilton, P.P.G.D., uncles of the initiate, occupied the chairs of the S.W. and J.W. respectively.



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G. HARVEY	W. W. HICKMAN	W. J. COOKE	H. J. WHITE	J. W. HADLEY	H. DUNN	J. BUNN	W. KENT	W. C. PRICE
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"	BRO. W. W. HICKMAN
"	BRO. H. J. WHITE
"	BRO. W. H. EDWARDS
"	BRO. JAS. BUNN
"	BRO. W. KENT

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G. L. SPIERS.

TYLER BRO. W. C. PRICE

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Group 7.

WOR. BRO. BEN MARSH
WOR. BRO. FRANK ROUND

Joint Lodge Almoner:

WOR. BRO. MCDUGAL TAIT.

Lodge of Instruction:

Preceptor: - WOR. BRO. BEN MARSH
Deputy Preceptor: WOR. BRO. F. H. GRIFFITHS
Secretary: - BRO. GILBERT HARVEY

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

with year of Initiation (or joining)

Hy. Preedy 1907	Major Raymond Gough 1952
C. W. Higgins 1907	Stanley Day 1952
J. J. Willan 1909	J. Bernard Bate 1933
H. V. Stanton 1911	Geo. F. Boot 1933
Arthur Kent 1911	Thomas Price 1933
Noah Warr 1913	Wm. Eley Homer 1933
D. M. Chapman 1913	Harry J. White 1934
A. Ernest Duesbury 1914	H. Anyon Sheeran 1934
Thos. Westley 1914	J. H. Davies 1935
Wm. Hill 1914	W. H. Edwards 1935
J. N. Hickman 1916	J. H. Dules 1936
Arthur E. Carder 1916	J. S. Rynn 1936
Wm. Chilton 1917	L. H. Homer 1937
Thos. Chilton 1917	Wilfred Kent 1937
Thos. Williams 1918	F. G. S. White 1937
W. H. Hill 1918	Garret W. Cornwell 1938
A. W. Pritchett 1922	Geo. S. Marlow (<i>Joined</i>) 1938
B. O. Pearson 1922	H. Luing Preedy 1938
Albert F. Davies 1922	N. L. Cooke 1938
E. W. Tame 1924	J. H. Barney 1939
Ben Marsh 1924	Gilbert Harvey 1939
F. H. Griffiths 1925	Wm. J. Cooke 1940
Major Hipkiss 1927	Chas. F. Higgins 1940
Frank Round 1927	Geo. D. Spiers (<i>Joined</i>) 1941
Herbert Dunn (<i>Joined</i>) 1927	J. W. N. Jordan 1941
Percy Edwards 1928	Saml. B. Simpson 1942
Jos. Wilfred Haine 1928	K. Leslie Pearce 1942
Sydney Rowley 1928	Claud D. Edwards 1942
Joseph Bloomer 1929	F. Arnold Hill 1942
John Hy. Round 1929	Stanley J. Cooke 1943
Norman S. Bache (<i>Joined</i>) 1929	Simeon Marsh 1943
Wm. W. Hickman 1930	Edward J. Sims 1944
Harry Langford 1930	S. T. Harvey (<i>Joined</i>) 1944
Wm. Percy Harper 1931	G. H. Armstrong (<i>Joined</i>) 1944
George Albert Rutter 1931	Edward Tetlow 1944
W. T. Davies 1932	A. H. K. Bloxam 1944



BRETHREN NOT IN OFFICE

S. MARSH	A. HILL	E. TETLOW	S. T. HARVEY	E. J. SIMS	G. H. ARMSTRONG	J. H. DUKES
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WOR. BRO. G. F. THOMPSON	1907 - 1922
WOR. BRO. C. W. HIGGINS	1923 - 1940

Secretaries :

WOR. BRO. WM. MASEFIELD	1851 - 1855,	1858 - 1863,	
		1865 - 1878		
WOR. BRO. W. S. SHEPLEY	1888 - 1890,	1894 - 1915	
WOR. BRO. W. E. HUNT	1916 - 1939



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