

W. Brother William Foden F.D.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master 1847/1850

Senior Warden of the Lodge of Work & Charity 1844.
Consecration Secretary of Royal Standard Lodge (then 730)
Lodge consecrated at The Lion Hotel Kidderminster on the 13th
June 1844 by W. Bro. John Truman, by command of the W. G. Grand Master.
First Master W. Bro. Simpson I.P.M. of W. G.

W. Bro Foden W. Master 1845. During his year in the Chair he objected
to the holding of Masonic Lodges in Public Houses consequently
the November meeting was held at his house in Dudley Street,
Horsehair, Kidderminster.

July 1847. Mr. Thomas Hellen, Solicitor and Town Clerk of
the Borough was proposed and initiated. Passed on 16th August
1847.

August 25th. The Senior Warden Bro. Kicklewright resigned
and he suggested that Bro. Hellen should be appointed W.M.
The W.M. was not present and the appointment was deferred.

Sept. 28th. Bro. Hellen occupied the W.M's Chair and was raised
to the degree of W.M. At this meeting it was reported that
the W.M. W. Bro. Wm. Marshall (Borough Surveyor) had sent in
his resignation on the 15th. September.

June 14th. 1848 - W. Bro. W. Foden (Deputy P.G.M.) in the Chair
Bro. Hellen was elected Master Elect for the year.

July 19th. 1848. Bro. Hellen installed by W. Bro. Foden.

Sept. 13th. Mr. Foden called a special meeting of the Lodge
but as no one attended the Lodge was not opened.

Oct. 11th 1848. Mr. W. Foden in the Chair decided that it was
necessary to revoke certain parts of the minutes relating to
the election of Master as this was illegal according to G. Lodge.
As the minutes relating to the election of Bro. Hellen had been
confirmed it was now necessary to revoke the minutes altogether.
This was done on the proposition of Bro. Hellen.

Nov. 8th. 1848 Bro. Hellen was again elected M. Elect.

Dec. 12th. 1848. Bro. Hellen refused installation and the
Chair was occupied by W. Bro. W. Foden for the year.

28th. May 1851 Royal Standard was removed to Dudley.

Dr. Wm. Foden does not appear to be as popular in Masonry
as he was in his Civil duties as he was a local Magistrate
for many years and Mayor of the Borough in 1848, 1862, 1863
and 1864.

My interest in Dr. Foden is created by the fact that he
Consecrated my Father Lodge (Clive Lodge No. 819 at Froms Grove
in 1849) now Vernon Lodge No. 560 *Also Stability.*

The photo I enclose is a copy of the one I am presenting
to Vernon Lodge.

F.C. Perrett F.F.G.D.C.

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