

a copy of a paper on the history of the Lodge written by W. Br. R.W. Darlington (now S.G.W. in 1977) which I want to copy for inclusion in our library. Godson was elected W.M. for Leominster in 1865 and the only candidate. However, I have not been able to trace any information concerning Parliamentary career. B91 3LS.

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14th. March 1979.

Dear Brother Ralph,

Thank you for the loan of your write-up on Godson Lodge No.2385 which I return herewith.

You have managed to 'dig out' quite a lot of information unknown to me. There are one or two points on which I would like to comment:-

- (a) I was intrigued by your statement in connection with the catering arrangements in the new (in 1909) premises that the cook was paid 10/- each meeting for "cooking and firing" - what was 'firing'?
- (b) The Br. Percy Hull you mention - was he the Brother of that name who was appointed 'P. Dep.G. Organist' in 1916? If so, he held the degree of Mus. Doc. and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and died in 1968. (Worsh. also owned two other Grand Organists viz: Edgar C. Broadhurst, A.R.C.O., who died in 1967 and -still living- Gilbert Mills, who was invested as P.Dep. G. Organist in 1951)
- (c) Your reference to W.Br. J.H.H. Oliver should be slightly edited - he is "Substitute Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, Royal Order of Scotland"
- (d) The reference to the disposal of the coffin belonging to the Lodge (i.e. Godson) is interesting. Do any of its Members know how and when it was used (presumably, in the 3D<sup>o</sup>)?
- (e) you refer to some 'unusal' by-laws - Have you read the Provincial G. Lodge By-laws for 1847?

I started to make some notes on Augustus F. Godson and attach a copy for your perusal. Godson began his Masonic career in Royal Edward Lodge (now) No.892, Leominster, Herefordshire, on 14th. March 1865. I obtained from the Secretary

P.T.O.

a copy of a Paper on the history of the Lodge written by W. Br. R.W. Darlington (Prov. S.G.W. in 1977) which I sent to Tommy for inclusion in our Library.

Godson was elected M.P. for Kidderminster in 1885 as the Tory candidate. However, I have not been able to trace any information concerning his Parliamentary career.

Fraternal regards,  
Yours sincerely,

With. March 1979

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Dear Brother R.W. Darlington,

I thank you for the loan of your write-up on Godson Lodge No. 252, which I return herewith.

You have noted in 'his own' quite a lot of information unknown to me. There are one or two points on which I would like to comment:-

(a) I was intrigued by your statement in connection with the catering arrangements in the new (in 1909) premises that the cook was in 'each meeting for "cooking and firing" - what was "firing"?

(b) The Br. Percy Hall, mentioned - was he the Brother of that name who was appointed 'P. M. G. Organist' in 1916? If so, he held the degree of M. A. and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and died in 1968. (Notes also owned two other Grand Lodges viz: Edgar C. Broadhurst, A.R.C.G., who died in 1917 and - still living - Gilbert Ellis, who was invested as a D. U. Organist in 1921)

(c) Your reference to W. Br. J.R.R. Ollerton should be slightly edited - he is "Substitute Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, Royal Order of Scotland"

(d) The reference to the history of the lodge belonging to the lodge (i.e. Godson) is interesting. Do any of the Masters know how and when it was used (presumably, in the 30's)?

(e) You refer to some 'annual' by-laws - Have you read the Provincial G. Lodge by-laws for 1847?

I started to make some notes on Augustus P. Godson and attach a copy for your interest. Godson began his Masonic career in Royal Edward Lodge (now No. 252, Leominster, Herefordshire, on 14th. March 1865. I obtained from the Secretary

The following are notes of the Masonic career of  
 R.W. Br. Sir Augustus Frederick Godson, M.P.

- 1) Initiated in Royal Edward Lodge No.892 on 14th. March 1865 (three years after the Consecration of the Lodge)
- 2) Passed, 11th April 1865
- 3) Raised, 9th. May 1865
- 4) Godson was proposed by the Senior warden, Dr. Elias Chadwick & seconded by the Master Br. Henry Moore, a Solicitor with a practice in Leominster.
- 5) On the 10th. December 1867, the Minutes record his resignation. In his letter he offered 5 guineas, to be applied to a Masonic Charity - his resignation and the offer were accepted and the money donated to the R.M.I.B.
- 6) Joined Worcester lodge No.200 in 1865 (precise date not yet ascertained) and resigned in 1870
- 7) Became a Founder and 1st. Junior Warden of Lodge of St. Michael No.1097 - Warrant dated 6th. March 1866 & consecrated on 21st. April 1866

Age	Year	Craft appointments	Royal Arch	Prov. Priory	Mark	Ark
43	1875	Appointed by Sir E.A. Lechmere as Prov. S. G.W.				
47	1882	Dep. P.G.M. (succeeding Wm. Masfield) (Sept)				
49	1884					Inst P.G.M.
49	1884 18th. Feb.					Cons. Godson Lodge
50	1885	Entered Parliament as Member for Kidderminster				
51	1886					Inst. Prov. Prior

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60	1895 21st. Sept.	Inst'd. Prov. Grand Master					
60	1895 Nov.		Inst'd Grand Supt.				
61	1897 19th. Mar.	Conse'd Arter L. No. 2654.					
62	1897 July		Conse. Godson Chap. 2385				
62	1897 30th. Aug.	Dedication of Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas St. Worcester.					
62	1897 22nd. Oct.		Conse. Mase 2els Comp. No. 2034				
	1898/ 1899	Received the honour of knighthood					
63	1898 8th. Dec	Conse'n. - St. Laurence No. 2724					
67	1902	Present at the Festival of the R.M.I.					
69	1905 30th. Mar.					Conen. Abr'hm Green, No. 330	
70	1905 19th. July		Conen. Persev- erance, No. 573				
71	1906	Died					
	1908	Unveiling of Memorial Window in Malvern Priory Church By.					