

1st. January 1966.
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A MASONIC HOMILY. *3

In the last few years much has been said and written on the subject of what a prospective Candidate for Freemasonry should be told by his intending sponsor, particularly in reference to the P. in the Ob. (of an E.A.). Some of us regard the P. clause with abhorrence and others of us say it is ¹⁵merely allegorical or a piece of ~~archaism~~ ^{archaism} because it is followed by "or the more effective punishment of being branded as a wilfully prejudiced individual etc." and that no sane man would regard it seriously.

But I would remind you that the laws of England have countenanced some barbourous punishments for those who dared to flout ^{authority} it and that they were actually carried out.

Take, for example, the report of a meeting of the Court of Admiralty of the Humber in the mid-1400's. The Admiral of the Humber (or as he was later called, Mayor of Hull) opened the Court and addressed it as follows:-

"You masters of the quest, if you or any of you, discover or disclose anything of the King's secret counsel or of the counsel of your fellows..... you are to be, and shall be, had down to the low water mark, where must be made three times O Yes! for the King*² and then and there this punishment, by the law prescribed, shall be executed upon them, that is their hands and feet bound, their throats cut, their tongues pulled out and their bodies thrown into the sea" in 1771, ^{Rev. W. B. Wood (1st. G. Chaplain - Modern - excused for fraud)} ~~some will neglect~~ *Hasselbain's Prison (deleted)

It is not my intention to embark on the pros and cons of the matter, although much has been (and remains to be) said on the subject. I, therefore, propose to take, as it were, a leap forward and to pose the question:-

"WHAT SHALL WE TELL THE YOUNG MASON?"

and endeavour to answer it to the best of my ability in this short Paper.

* 1 - Mariners, sailors.

* 2 - Henry VI (1422 - 1461)

* 3 - Homily = a discourse or sermon or well intentioned advice

- 1) Originally delivered at Thistle Lodge No. 5064 on 1/11/66.
 - 2) 1st Feb. 1967 - Nautical Services Co. 5629 (did not deliver due to death of W.M. S)
 - 3) 16th Feb. 1967 - Mason L. No. 1782 (Host - St. Mark's)
 - 4) 25th Apr. 1967 - Hillbill L. No. 4786 (Host - Ant. Davis - W.M.)
 - 5) 16th Feb. 1968 - King North L. No. 4001 (Host - Br. H. Sutton, W.M.)
 - 6) 15th Apr. 1968 - Wythall L. No. 5665 (Host - W.S. P. Pitt)
 - 7) 18th Oct. 1968 - Doris Baptist L. No. 4164
 - 8) 15th SEPT. 1969 - Campbell L. No. 3643
 - 9) 24th Nov. 1970 - Maturity L. No. 6455
- 4) A MASONIC HOMILY.
- 10) 24th Feb. 1971 - Francis Darwin L. No. 5035 (Rev. W.M. - W.M. Williams)
 - 11) 28th Feb. 1973 - Alliance L. No. 5811 (Rev. W.M. P. L. DeBaton)
 - 12) 27th Nov. 1973 - Hillbill L. No. 4786 (Rev. W.M. P. L. DeBaton)

When you honoured me by requesting I should read a Paper to-day my hand flew to the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research which contains numerous short articles eminently suited to this occasion and I selected one by the late Br. John Dashwood (which has since been added to by Br. Harry Carr) entitled "What shall we tell the Candidate?" (i.e. a prospective Candidate). I had in mind, as you might have divined, the matter of the Masonic Penalties, which is still echoing round the Masonic Provinces and will continue to do so for some time. I have since learned that you have resolved that problem among yourselves and I would not wish to re-open the debate, if in fact there was one.

And so it occurred to me to pose the question "What shall we tell the young Mason?" and endeavour to answer it to the best of my ability in this short Paper.

Here I must say that my remarks are in the main addressed to the young Master Mason. To those who have not yet attained the rank of M.M. I would say - listen to what I have to say and endeavour to store it in your memory ready for use later on.

So, WHAT SHOULD THE NEWLY MADE MASTER MASON KNOW?

Firstly, that despite the fact that he can proudly wear the blue-bordered badge with three rosettes, his Masonic career will never be complete until he has embraced the Royal Arch of which, (in recognisable words), '...no doubt patience and industry would in due time entitle the worthy Mason to a participation...'

This is up to his proposer and/or seconder and if they themselves have not ^{broached the subject} (gone forward) then it is the duty of some qualified brother to do it for them.

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WHOEVER MADE PROGRESS IN HIS CALLING OR PROFESSION
WITHOUT PROPER STUDY?

"Knowledge is Power" said the 19th. century philosopher, Benjamin Kidd. Knowledge provides the means whereby those who have acquired it can ^{exercise} become a benign influence on those who are starting a Masonic career - by directing their thoughts away from the conception of Masonry as a 'fraternal club' into the "light of Masonic knowledge and understanding" - away from lip-service on to practical application. And if this sound portentous let me remind you that we are all charged to make a dialy advancement in Masonic knowledge within the compass of our attainments.

Some take naturally to the philosophical teachings of Freemasonry, others to precision in word and action. Both can make a useful contribution - indeed I would go further and say that to favour one to the exclusion of the other is diametrically opposed to the mission we have undertaken - for remember that Freemasonry is defined as "a peculiar² system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols". The allegorical teachings are enshrined in the ritual to which must be added ILLUSTRATIONS, ^{or symbols} such as the Three Great Lights, the Working Tools, the Rough and Perfect Ashlars, ^{even} the 'squaring' of the Lodge and the symbolic postures the Candidate is instructed to assume and ^{even} ~~to~~ to the mode of his preparation. In short, they are complimentary and indivisible.

ACTUAL Precision in word and action without an appreciation of the moral teaching or 'message' meant to be conveyed is pure playacting and, therefore, beneath the notice of men of precept-ion. On the other hand, knowledge and spiritual perception without application are equally useless. So, as I have already said, they are complimentary and indivisible.

'Finger-wagging' like this is all very well but we must be constructive and ask 'What can the young Mason do about it?'

+1 - Editor's Notes A.Q.C. Vol.77

+2 - In common parlance "one on it's own"

The answers are simple and straightforward.

Firstly, to attain perfection of word and action, he must join a Lodge of Instruction - and a good one at that- immediately he has attained his Third Degree

Secondly, to appreciate what it is all about, he should start, if he has not already done so, to read his Bible and eventually join the Correspondance Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research. And that programme will be enough to get along with for the next few years. ^{EVENTUALLY} ~~Afterwards~~, perhaps, he also will conclude that "Knowledge is Power" and ~~set~~ ^{set} forth on his missionary work at the same time realising, ^{with proper humility} that he is still learning.

In England, Masonic meetings are usually in two parts i.e. the ceremonial work in Lodge and the 'after proceedings' (~~or 'refectory' as our brethren in New Zealand prefer to call it~~) Both are important but, as George Orwell might have said, 'one is more important than the other'. Lodge work without a meal to follow is practicable, - a meal without Lodge-work is unnecessary. The importance of the 'after-proceedings' to the young Mason is appreciable. Firstly, he learns, if need be, to conduct himself with propriety at table and, secondly, whether cajolled, bullied or by a natural apptitude, he comes to apply himself to the art of after-dinner speaking, either as a guest or a member of the Lodge. Very few of us have ~~not~~ suffered 'stage-nerves' when participating in Lodge-work and fewer still when called upon to propose or respond to a Toast.

The 'golden-rule' is 'to have a go'. I well remember in my early years as a Freemason having such a dread of being called upon to respond to the Visitors Toast that I actually went to the extent of manufacturing a genuine excuse ^{so that I could} ~~to~~ leave before the Toast was proposed. In time it dawned on me that such an action was not only an exhibition of gross ingratitude to my host but worse still, perhaps, one of coward-ice. What was the remedy? Well, firstly, I bought

books on the subject but eventually discarded them because the specimen speeches were, in my estimation, either stilted or were couched in terms which did not come naturally to me.

From then I began by writing a short speech which I committed to memory. This gave me a comfortable feeling that, should I be asked to respond I had in my mind something to say and something which could be said in a few seconds with a certain amount of fluency. This is not to say that I remembered all that I had written - ~~often~~ often I forgot the most telling part. But, at least, it got me talking to an audience and gradually the butterflies in my abdomen ~~became less~~ ^{dwindled} until now there are only a few aged ones still in occupation.

And still on the subject of post-prandial ^{oratory} ~~politics~~ let me interpose a warning - make it a rigid rule that if you ^(might) _{be} (must) insert a story in your speech let it be 'clean' and relevant to the point you are endeavouring to make. 'Risky' stories are apt to be 'capped' by following speakers, since they, perhaps ^{not intentionally} ~~unintentionally~~ conclude that that is the brand of humour enjoyed by your Lodge - which, to say the least, is no compliment.

And finally on this subject, I would borrow from the ^{Apocrypha} ~~Book~~ of Ecclesiasticus (Apocrypha) wherein is contained the golden advice "Let your speech be short, comprehending much in ~~little~~ ^{few words}".

AND NOW THE LODGE IS CLOSED, the Tyler's Toast responded to, the Brethren have departed and the young Mason is back again, mingling with the 'uninstructed and popular world who are not Masons' - how should he comport himself?

Firstly, he should be proud of the fact that he is numbered among those who have been thought worthy of the label 'Freemason'. I do not mean those who sport tie-pins, rings and other nick-nacks having Masonic symbols on, on the other-hand, those black-sheep who go about advertising, by one

means or another, that they are 'on the square'. In police parlance, they should 'be on the fizzer'.

No! true humility is an outward sign of inward spiritual grace and often greatness. The true young Mason will not advertise the fact that he is a Mason - he does'nt need to anyway. He will go about his daily avocations, both private and public, "dispensing Justice, rewarding Merit, encouraging Truth and diffusing the principles of Benevolence" * and Charity.

In 'pubs' and Clubs he will have the 4th. Ancient Charge ringing in his ears which says:-

"You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discern or find out what is not proper to be (~~is~~) intimated; and sometimes, you shall divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity"

But he must ^{NOT} be a brute ~~if~~ if asked if he is a Freemason - but straightforwardly answer 'Yes' and leave it there. On the otherhand, if his interrogator persists in his questioning, the young Mason must fall back on the advice contained in the Ancient Charge I have just read.

AND FINALLY, may I, albeit with some trepidation, address a few words to those mature brethren who have passed the Chair (And, perhaps, to those in the process of getting there).

During your climb up the ladder of your Lodge some, if not all, of you will have experienced some stresses and strains. These, if met and tackled in a true Masonic spirit, will have acted as a refiner's fire - you will have been tried and not found wanting - you will have tried again and triumphed.

You will have triumphed, not in a theatrical or flamboyant sense, ~~but~~ over that little imp within who counsels

you to 'give in, you can't do it'.

And now having sampled the joys, the triumphs and chastening experiences of the 'highest honour the Lodge can confer', you ^{as a P.M.} will not be content to rest on your laurels. On you devolves the duty to aid the Master of the Lodge, to guide the younger brethren (and that connotes personal proficiency), to see that the general tone of the Lodge never deteriorates, but, rather if possible, improves. If the younger brethren dub you 'a martinet' do not be deterred, provided you are just and understanding and seek to be so.

I remember as a young Mason being rather overawed by some of the Past Masters of my Lodge. But when I came to analyse the situation I felt glad and I felt secure in the realisation ~~that~~, though irksome to me at the time, ^{that} they were very often 'dead' right and just which was born of a long experience and a determination to keep the Lodge on an even keel.

As I have already said, a lot of careless talk goes on in 'pubs' and clubs and often the upshot is that young and even some mature brethren are persuaded to put forward the name of someone who is virtually a chance acquaintance.

This is not good enough and must be resisted to the 4th. degree. Freemasonry 'possesses great and invaluable privileges and in order to secure those privileges to worthy men, and we trust to worthy men alone...' a great responsibility rests, not only on the proposer, but upon the Master and Past Masters of the Lodge. If the proposer has been persuaded against his better judgement to sponsor someone who is in fact a chance acquaintance or virtually so he must be disciplined - he must be strengthened in his resistance to these haphazard requests.

Old Dr. Oliver, who was a Masonic historian and a prolific writer, had this to say:-

24/1/1911

"Be very cautious whom you recommend as a Candidate for Initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you introduce a disputatious person confusion will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial"

And now, Worshipful Master and Brethren, I cannot escape the feeling that I have gone far enough on this occasion with my 'finger-wagging' - may I, therefore, conclude by hoping that what I have said will not be deemed (in ^{diplomatic} ~~the newsreporter's~~ ^{language} ~~phrase~~) '~~as~~ an unwarrantable interference in the internal affairs' of your Lodge and ~~take~~ ^{leave} ~~at that~~.

Notes:-

- (1) Lodge should be large etc.
- (2) Lodge should be for journalists.

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W. A. & Bro

In offering this Paper for consideration, I want to make it quite clear that I make no claim to deep scholarship or extensive research - it consists of a number of random thoughts strung together by connecting phrases.

Actually, it is derived from notes made for a speech I was asked to make at a certain lodge some time ago, and I have labelled it

"A MASONIC HOMILY."

(R.A.)

And although it was written for reading in a Craft Lodge I respectfully submit, M.E., that R.A. Masons are not above hearing some well-intentioned advice.

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Dr. Oliver.

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REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LODGE during the 1967-68 Session

1967	1968
19th October	18th January
26th November	15th February
21st December	21st March
	18th April

All Subscriptions to be sent to the Treasurer :—

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The W.M. will be obliged if Brethren having a Candidate to bring forward, will, in the first instant kindly furnish full particulars to him for his consideration.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION MEETINGS during the 1967-68 Session

1967	1968
4th October	3rd January
1st November	7th February
6th December	6th March
	3rd April

Preceptor :—W. Bro. L. G. Highway, P.P.A.G.D.C.

Agenda

- 1 To open the Lodge at 5-30 p.m.
- 2 To read the Summons convening the Meeting.
- 3 To read and, if approved confirm the Minutes of the 212th Regular Lodge Meeting, held on Thursday, 21st March, 1968.
- X 4 To hear a talk by W. Bro. Rex St. George, PROV. A.G.D.G., entitled X "A Masonic Homily."
- 5 To elect a Master for the ensuing year.
- 6 To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 7 To elect a Tyler for the ensuing year.
- 8 To elect Two Brethren to the Lodge Committee.
- 9 To elect Two Brethren to the Audit Committee.
- 10 To appoint a Representative to the General Committee of the Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum.
- 11 To elect a Representative to the Moseley Masonic Hall Library and Museum Committee.
- 12 To appoint Two Representatives to Group 10 of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
- 13 To appoint a Charity Steward and one other Representative to Worcestershire Charity Organization.
- 14 Pursuant to Notice of Motion, W. Bro. N. C. Walker, I.P.M., will propose:—"That a sum of money be voted and paid from the Lodge Funds to purchase a Past Master's Jewel for presentation to the Worshipful Master on his retiring from the Chair."
- X 15 Pursuant to Notice of Motion, W. Bro. J. F. C. Prosser, P.M. 925, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.M.F.A.W.S.(W.A.R.S.), will propose:—"That a sum of One Guinea be voted and paid from the Lodge Funds to the Moseley Masonic Hall Library and Museum Fund and also that a sum of One Guinea be voted and paid from the Lodge Funds to the Worcestershire Library and Museum Fund."
- 16 To report on Proceedings of Grand Lodge. → (2)
- 17 To report on Proceedings of Lodge of Instruction.
- 18 To report on Proceedings of Group 10 of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
- 19 To receive Propositions.
- 20 To transact any other Business for the benefit of the Lodge.
- 21 To close the Lodge.

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DINNER 7-30 p.m.

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DARK MORNING DRESS
BLACK TIE, WHITE GLOVES

Sp. 10 (Br. St. G.)
obj. 4 Ass. 10

Past Masters

- 1937 †*W. Bro. E. J. Bryant, P.M. 2897, P.A.G.Supt.Wks.,
P.P.G.W., P.P.G.W. (WARWKS.)
†*W. Bro. A. E. Sumner, P.M. 2897, P.P.A.G.D.C. (WARWKS.)
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- 1938 †*W. Bro. R. Buchanan, P.M. 3643, P.P.G.W. (Hon. Member)
- 1939 †*W. Bro. J. D. Erskine, P.M. 2897, P.P.G.D.
- 1940 †*W. Bro. J. D. Erskine, P.M. 2897, P.P.G.D.
- 1941 *W. Bro. F. Russon, P.M. 2897, P.P.G.W.,
P.P.G.SUPT.WKS. (WARWKS.)
- 1942 †*W. Bro. A. R. Hawkins, P.P.G.D.
*W. Bro. J. F. Cyril Prosser, P.M. 925, P.P.G.W.,
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- 1944 *W. Bro. R. A. Hill, P.P.A.G.STD.B.
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- 1946 W. Bro. B. C. Kirk, J.P., P.P.G.D.
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- 1961 W. Bro. R. A. Bullivant, P.P.A.G.SUPT.WKS.
- 1962 W. Bro. J. B. Baugh, P.P.A.G.D.C.
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- 1965 W. Bro. P. M. Dare
- 1966 W. Bro. N. C. Walker, I.P.M.

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*Mrs.
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1st February, 1968

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the duties of the 284th Regular Meeting of your Lodge at the Masonic Hall, 641, Bristol Road South, Northfield, on Friday, 16th February, 1968, at 5.30 p.m. prompt.

By desire of the Worshipful Master,
I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

A. HEWARD,
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BUSINESS

- To open the Lodge at 5.30 p.m. punctually.
- To read the Summons convening the Meeting.
- To read and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 283rd. Regular Meeting held on Friday, 19th January 1968.
- To report on proceedings of Grand Lodge
- To report on Group 5 W.A.M.L.
- To pass Bro. J. H. Poulton or to raise Bro. W. H. Broderick.
- To Hear "A Masonic homily", delivered by W. Bro. Rex St. George P.A. G.D.C.
- To elect two representatives to Groups 5 W.A.M.L.
- To receive Propositions.
- To transact any other Business.
- To close the Lodge.

DINNER AT 7.45 p.m.

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Rex Garage.

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X The Library is open (except during the month of July) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. The Library is situated at the Masonic Hall, Worcester. X

The St. Laurence Lodge of Instruction meets at the Masonic Hall, Northfield, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month, September to April inclusive, at 7 p.m. All Master Masons are eligible for Membership.

Will Brethren please notify the Secretary of the illness of any Brother

FOUNDERS AND PAST MASTERS

- T. for T.
- 1919 *Herbert Willison, P.P.G.W., F.P.A.G.D.C. (WAR.). *now heard P.*
 * Alfred Allen, P.G.D., P.DEP.P.G.M. *no need to*
 * Ernest H. Godbold, P.P.G.STWD. (WAR.) *repeat attention*
 * Ernest J. Collins, P.P.ASST.G.SEC. *NOT based on*
 * Frederick Mountford, P.P.A.G.D.C. (WAR.) *dup research or sch. stuff*
 * Cecil Knight, P.P.G.D. (WAR.) *Other subjects could*
 * Frank Jukes, P.P.G.W. *be touched at more*
 * Bernard Steeley. *of time on his list*
- 1920 *Frank E. Baker, P.P.ASST.G.SEC. *C. G. L. Munnis*
 1921 *Ernest Glover, P.P.G.P. *- monotonous character*
 1922 *Edgar C. Morris, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS *- compared 120 yrs. ago*
 1923 *A. S. Allen, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W. *- much of list - cont*
 1924 *Howard B. Done, P.P.G.D. *blame Br. Sec. - look*
 1925 *Nelson Jones, P.P.G.W., P.M. 6781 *up 13. month ago*
 1926 James T. Whiteman. *for not accord to*
 1927 Percival Brotherton. *write in for style*
 1928 J. W. Frame, P.P.G.D. *Norman E. Steeley, T.D., J.P., P.P.G.W. St. Pauls C.*
 1929 Alfred Pendle, P.P.G.D. *H. James Gittos, J.P., P.A.G.L.C., P.P.G.W.*
 1930 Richard I. Dawson, P.P.G.D. *Wm. D. Spraggon, P.A.G.L.C., P.P.G.W.*
 1931 E. H. Kendrick, P.P.G.D. *Harry Worrall.*
 1932 Henry S. Bulmer, P.P.G.W., P.M. 5775. *Zenas Webb, P.P.G.W.*
 1933 Norman E. Steeley, T.D., J.P., P.P.G.W. *Leo Baker.*
 1934 H. James Gittos, J.P., P.A.G.L.C., P.P.G.W. *W. Ralph Stone, P.P.G.D.*
 1935 Wm. D. Spraggon, P.A.G.L.C., P.P.G.W. *Douglas J. Hadley, P.P.G.W.*
 1936 Harry Worrall. *Eric W. Vincent, LL.D., P.P.G.W., P.M. 6115*
 1937 Zenas Webb, P.P.G.W. *Ernest Greenhalgh, P.P.G.W., P.M. 5775.*
 1938 Leo Baker. *Clarence Walle, P.P.G.D. (of which Br. Wharrad is)*
 1939 W. Ralph Stone, P.P.G.D. *Dennis H. Hioras.*
 1940 Douglas J. Hadley, P.P.G.W. *Thomas Smitton, M.C., P.P.G.W., P.M. 3428. He will hear me*
 1941 Eric W. Vincent, LL.D., P.P.G.W., P.M. 6115 *out - P.C.*
 1942 Ernest Greenhalgh, P.P.G.W., P.M. 5775. *Premier L. of R.*
 1943 Clarence Walle, P.P.G.D. *(even U.S.A.)*
 1944 Dennis H. Hioras. *W.B. Prichett, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.D. (WAR.), P.M. 468, 5743*
 1945 Thomas Smitton, M.C., P.P.G.W., P.M. 3428. *F.M. Seymour, P.P.G.ST.B.*
 1946 N. A. Boughton-Thomas, P.P.G.ST.B. *Zenas Webb, P.P.G.W.*
 1947 J. W. Biggs. *Bernard F. Gare, P.P.A.G.REG.*
 1948 Nelson V. Jones, P.P.G.W. *Albert Lea, P.P.G.D., P.M. 6115.*
 1949 W.B. Prichett, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.D. (WAR.), P.M. 468, 5743 *J. J. Beards, P.P.G.STD.B.*
 1950 F.M. Seymour, P.P.G.ST.B. *H. A. Baldwyn, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS*
 1951 Zenas Webb, P.P.G.W. *W. G. Foxley, P.P.G.D.*
 1952 Bernard F. Gare, P.P.A.G.REG. *F. Pickard.*
 1953 Albert Lea, P.P.G.D., P.M. 6115. *W. D. S. Bennett, P.P.G.W.*
 1954 J. J. Beards, P.P.G.STD.B. *J. Victor Clarke.*
 1955 H. A. Baldwyn, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS *H. Robert Hutchings, P.P.A.G.STD.B.*
 1956 W. G. Foxley, P.P.G.D. *John B. Doble, P.P.A.G.D.C.*
 1957 F. Pickard. *Cyril Wharrad, PROV. J.G.D. ← in Q.C.C.C.C. (only one!)*
 1958 W. D. S. Bennett, P.P.G.W. *Douglas G. Hurst.*
 1959 J. Victor Clarke. *R. H. Hall, P.P.D.G.SWD.B. (DURHAM), P.M. 3360*
 1960 H. Robert Hutchings, P.P.A.G.STD.B. *John C. Harvey.*
 1961 John B. Doble, P.P.A.G.D.C. *E. W. K. Bailey.*
 1962 Cyril Wharrad, PROV. J.G.D. *G. L. K. Pryke.*
 1963 Douglas G. Hurst. ** Founders. Names not in italics are Present Members*
 1964 John C. Harvey.
 1965 E. W. K. Bailey.
 1966 G. L. K. Pryke.

W. Br. Hurst

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28.3.73.

Richard Loke
no. 4786 (on 27/3/73.)

My Dear Rex,

I feel that I must write
to thank you most sincerely for the most
interesting & thought provoking paper you
gave us last evening.

From the comments you heard from
around the room at the Festive Board I am
sure you can have no doubt that I was
appreciated by all, from old P.M's to young
E.A's.!

Looking forward to seeing you soon
at Shirley.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Loke

T. for T.

- (a) Now heard P. - no need to report
not based on any deep research
or scholarship.
- (b) Based on experience during, almost
40 years in Masonry. (4 random thoughts)
- (c) Other subjects could have - touched on
- risk of boring my listeners.
- e.g. (i) Lodge Hamilton
(ii) To-day - stereotyped - diff
names (comp. 4/200 yrs ago.)
(iii) Don't stress of a hurry air
business etc.
cannot blame Br. Lee if he
copies what predecessor
wrote 12 months ago.
(iv) Probably not allowed free style.
- (d) Talking about free style -
St. Pauls. Lodge
(May) - 4th Jan. 1956.
- (e) Have remedy - submit another Paper
- (f) Mentioned Q.C.C.C. (Premier) 40 members
Q.C. = 10,000 +
- (g) Transactions - call for all Masters,
for the young Mason as well.
to 2 Pa. - Routharris.

T. for rep?

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Silhill Lodge, No. 4786

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MASTER

W Bro. G. A. FLOY

38 Rusell Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13.

Tel.: 021-449 0749 (Private)

Date as Post Mark

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple, Solihull, on the date and time shown overleaf. *24th March 1943*

By desire of the Worshipful Master,

Yours fraternally,

Bro. J. A. GEORGE,

Secretary

24, Poolfield Drive, Solihull, Warwickshire.

Tel.: 021-705 2098. (Bus.) 021-706 5811.

Be very cautious whom you recommend as a Candidate for Initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you introduce a disputatious person confusion will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial.—Dr. Oliver.

Honorary Member

W. Bro. M. W. Yapp, P.P.G.SWD.B.

W. Bro. G. A. FLOY, Master

W. Bro. K. B. HASKINS, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS., I.P.M.

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Steward	BRO. J. C. NOON
Steward	BRO. R. P. KING
Steward	BRO. K. A. ABBOTT
Tyler	W. BRO. W. PRICE, P.P.A.G.D.C.

TRUSTEES OF SILHILL LODGE

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W. Bro. J. P. Cuthbert, P.P.A.G.ST.B.

W. Bro. J. J. Mould

Class of Instruction

Preceptor: W. Bro. J. W. Hartley, PROV.S.G.D.

Secretary: Bro. E. Downham, I.G.

Will be held on 2nd Tuesday of
Jan., Feb., Mar., Apl., Oct., Nov., Dec.

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W. Bro. W. J.
W. Bro. J. R.
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*Bro. A. K.
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Bro. B. T.

R.A. (W. Br. - Hasting)

The 362nd Regular Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, 27th March, 1973 at 5.45 p.m.

Agenda

- 1 To open the Lodge at 6.00 p.m.
- 2 To read and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, 27th February, 1973.
- 3 To read from the Volume of the Sacred Law.
- 4 To raise Bro. Brian Thomas Twigg (deferred). *(? - ?)*
- 5 To present Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. K. H. Wooster.
- 6 W. Bro. R. G. St. George, P.G.D., will present a Paper entitled "Masonic Homily."
- 7 To receive the Treasurer's Report.
- 8 To receive the Almoner's Report.
- 9 To receive the Report of the Class of Instruction.
- 10 To receive propositions and transact any other Business.
- 11 To close the Lodge.

DARK SUIT WHITE GLOVES

Please notify the Assistant Secretary, W. Bro. F. Fox, 41, Beechwood Park Road, Solihull, Warks, phone 021-705 4276, not later than three days before the date of the Meeting if it is your intention to attend, otherwise, dinner cannot be guaranteed. Brethren should invite visitors through the Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer: W. Bro. J. P. CUTHBERT, P.P.A.G.S.T.B.
'Gresgarth,' Broad Lane,
Tanworth-in-Arden, Solihull
236 0267 Tanworth-in-Arden 834 2477

Almoner: W. Bro. F. Fox,
41 Beechwood Park Road, Solihull,
021-705 4276

Subscription due January, 1973 £
To be sent to the Treasurer.

The next Meeting of Past Masters and Officers will be at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, 6th April, 1973.
PLEASE NOTE, this is the only notice that will be given

Past Masters of the Lodge

- 1926 *W. Bro. W. Hand*, P.P.G.W.
 1927 *W. Bro. J. R. Lane*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1928 *W. Bro. E. S. Parker*, P.M. 2784, P.A.G.SLB., P.P.G.W.,
 P.P.G.W.(STAFFS.)
- 1929 *W. Bro. H. Jeffries*, P.P.G.D.(STAFFS.)
 1930 *W. Bro. B. S. J. Sadler*, P.M. 3480, P.P.G.D.
 1931 *W. Bro. C. F. Dawes*, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.
 1932 *W. Bro. H. R. Hayden*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1933 *W. Bro. P. H. Jackson*, P.G.D., P.P.ABST.G.M.
 1934 *W. Bro. A. Webb*
 1935 *W. Bro. W. R. Crabbe*, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS.
 1936 **W. Bro. C. H. N. Peirce*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1937 *r* *W. Bro. Walter Hoe*, P.M. 3480, P.P.G.D.
 1938 *W. Bro. H. S. Nock*, P.P.G.W.
 1939 *W. Bro. T. M. Pask-Hughes*, P.M. 43, P.P.G.D.
 1940 *W. Bro. J. S. Fryer*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1941 *W. Bro. C. S. Backhouse*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1942 *W. Bro. M. W. Yapp*, P.P.G.SWD.B.
 1943 *W. Bro. H. W. Stradling*, P.P.D.G.REG.
 1944 *W. Bro. J. W. Hargreaves*
 1945 *W. Bro. J. V. Tustin*, P.P.G.W.
 1946 *W. Bro. H. E. Tatlow*, P.M. 5179, P.P.A.G.SUPT.WKS. L.G.R.
 1947 *W. Bro. Wilfrid Hills*, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS.
 1948 *W. Bro. W. D. Nock, T.D.*, P.P.A.G.SUPT.WKS.
 1949 **W. Bro. Harold Green*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1950 *W. Bro. G. H. Percival*, P.P.G.D.
 1951 *W. Bro. R. E. Gibson*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1952 *W. Bro. A. J. Newey*, P.P.G.D.
 1953 *W. Bro. A. J. Newey*, P.P.G.D.
 1954 **W. Bro. F. A. Ginn*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1955 **W. Bro. L. J. Stratfield*, P.P.G.STD.B.
 1956 *W. Bro. K. B. Haskins*, P.M. 8088, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS.
 1957 *W. Bro. G. E. Crowder, M.C.*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1958 *W. Bro. N. H. Goffin*
 1959 *W. Bro. M. W. Bennett*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1960 *W. Bro. W. B. W. Bircher*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1961 *W. Bro. J. P. Cutibert*, P.P.A.G.STD.B.
 1962 *W. Bro. A. Rees Jones*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1963 *W. Bro. N. W. Jenkins*, P.P.A.G.D.C.
 1964 *W. Bro. M. G. Pate*, PROV.G.STWD.
 1965 **W. Bro. W. M. Clark*
 1966 *W. Bro. J. W. Hartley*, PROV.S.G.D.
 1967 *W. Bro. H. G. Davies*
 1968 *W. Bro. J. J. Mould*
 1969 *W. Bro. F. Fox*
 1970 *W. Bro. L. F. Reece*, P.M. 8001
 1971 *W. Bro. J. W. Hartley*, PROV.S.G.D.
 1972 *W. Bro. K. B. Haskins*, P.M. 8088, P.P.G.SUPT.WKS.

Names in Italics - deceased

r Resigned

**Country Member*

Past Masters in the Lodge

- **W. Bro. F. H. Pooley*, P.M. 2395
 **W. Bro. T. P. Carter*, P.M. 3391, P.P.G.TREAS.
 **W. Bro. J. W. Beardsley*, P.M. 7452, P.P.A.G.S.(YORKS. W.R.)
W. Bro. R. W. Neville, P.M. 3670, 5980, P.P.A.G.D.C.

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Worshipful Master:

Bro. WILLIAM HENRY WILCOX

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(Home) 021-446 2379
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25B, Vicarage Road,
Kings Heath,
Birmingham,
B14 7NH.

10th February, 1971.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the duties of the
Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Alcester Road South,
Kings Heath, on Wednesday, ██████ February, 1971,
at 6.0 p.m. 24th

Yours fraternally,

G. P. JONES,
Secretary.

Worshipful Master's Address :
10, Rednal Road,
Kings Norton,
Birmingham. B38 8DW.

Telephone :
(Home) 021-458 2491.

I.P.M. - - - - - W. Bro. G. W. Quigley, P.M.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Worshipful Master	- - - - -	Bro. W. H. Wilcox
Senior Warden	- - - - -	Bro. J. L. Broadhurst
Junior Warden	- - - - -	Bro. E. Gilbert
Chaplain	- - - - -	W. Bro. F. C. Shelley, P.P.G.D., P.M.
Treasurer	- - - - -	W. Bro. K. G. Palmer, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.D. (Warks), P.M.
Secretary	- - - - -	Bro. G. P. Jones
D.C.	- - - - -	W. Bro. A. Bins, P.M.
Senior Deacon	- - - - -	Bro. L. Shephard
Junior Deacon	- - - - -	Bro. E. J. Scutt
A.D.C.	- - - - -	W. Bro. J. L. Huxley, P.M.
Almoner	- - - - -	W. Bro. D. R. Counsell, P.P.G.D., P.P.G.W., P.M.
Asst. Secretary	- - - - -	Bro. P. Bleakman
Inner Guard	- - - - -	Bro. N. C. Wilder
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. D. Hay
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. D. W. Hodson
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. R. J. Freeman
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. A. J. Webb
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. R. E. Counsell
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. H. H. Hayward
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. M. E. Fox
Steward	- - - - -	Bro. D. P. Jones
Tyler	- - - - -	W. Bro. J. L. Bradfield, P.P.G.ST.B.

Subscriptions are now due and should be paid to the Treasurer :
W. Bro. K. G. Palmer, 81, Loxley Road, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire.

Any Member who knows of the illness of a Brother or dependant is requested to inform the Worshipful Master.

The Francis Davies Lodge of Instruction meets at The Moseley Masonic Hall, on the second Thursday in the months of September, October, November, January, February, March and April.

BUSINESS

- 1.—To open the Lodge at 6.0 p.m.
- 2.—To read the Summons convening the Meeting.
- 3.—To read and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the previous Regular Meeting held on 27th January, 1971.
- 4.—To raise Bro. Michael Robert Weller (deferred).
- 5.—To present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. G. H. Poulton.
- 6.—To receive an Explanation of the Third Tracing Board, to be presented by W. Bro. F. C. Shelley, P.P.G.D.
- 7.—To receive an address entitled "A Masonic Homily" to be presented by W. Bro. R. G. St. George, P.A.G.D.C.
- 8.—To elect three Representatives to Group 11 of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
- 9.—To elect a Representative on the Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum Committee.
- 10.—To read the By-Laws.
- 11.—To receive a report on the Lodge of Instruction.
- 12.—In accordance with Notice of Motion, W. Bro. D. R. Counsell, P.G.D., will propose "That new By-Laws be adopted in accordance with the draft previously circulated to all Members."
- 13.—To receive propositions.
- 14.—To receive subscriptions due 23rd September, 1970.
- 15.—To transact any other business not requiring Notice of Motion.
- 16.—To close the Lodge.

Refreshment 7.45 p.m.

Dark Clothing and White Gloves

Brethren are requested to return the enclosed Card to the Secretary at least FIVE days before the date of Meeting, as arrangements will be made only for those so doing.

The next Regular Meeting of Lodge will be held on
24th March, 1971

PAST MASTERS

- 1928 C. B. Bishop, P.P.G.W.
C. H. Averill, P.P.G.W.
H. C. Lewis, P.P.G.W.
E. I. Maund, P.P.G.St.B.
1929 T. W. Deakin, P.P.G.W.
1930 J. G. Hucknall, P.P.G.St.B.
1931 D. R. Counsell, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.
1932 J. G. Worth
1933 J. Butcher, P.P.G.D.
1934 W. B. Bond, P.P.G.Supt.Wks. (Worcs. and Works.)
1935 N. W. Gilbert, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.Swd.B. (Works.)
1936 J. Gray, P.P.G.D. (Worcs. and Works.)
1937 S. Freeman, P.P.G.D.
1938 Col. Alexander Woods, M.B.E., T.D., Prov.G.M. (Herts.)
1939 D. R. Counsell, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.
1940 A. C. Hodson, P.P.G.W.
1941 John H. Lewis, P.P.G.W.
1942 Gardiner Mitchell
1943 Donald Allen, P.P.G.D.
1944 H. C. Gibbs, P.P.G.W.
1945 P. C. Bleakman, P.P.A.G.D.C.
1946 A. V. Green, P.P.G.D.
1947 C. H. Hills, P.P.G.W.
1948 Edgar Apps
1949 Walter Wright, P.P.G.W.
1950 Chas. A. Barlow, P.P.G.D.
1951 Harry H. Evans
1952 K. G. Palmer, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.U. (Works.)
1953 E. J. Toy, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.
1954 H. N. Iley, P.P.G.Reg., P.F.G.Treas. (Works.)
1955 F. H. Leach, P.P.G.Supt. of Wks.
1956 H. A. Peake, Prov.G.Swd.
1957 F. J. Mason, P.P.A.G.D.C.
1958 A. D. Gilbert, P.P.G.D.
1959 W. Shovelbottom, P.P.G.D.
1960 F. C. Shelley, P.P.G.D.
1961 H. J. Millar, P.P.G.P.
1962 J. T. Gilbert, P.P.G.St.B.
1963 R. S. Lee, P.P.A.G.D.C.
1964 W. J. Green, P.P.G.D.
1965 G. E. Pielow, P.P.A.G.D.C.
1966 B. R. Edwards.
1967 A. Binns.
1968 J. L. Huxley.
1969 G. W. Qulgley.

Names not in Italic are present members.

HONORARY MEMBERS

- R.W. Bro. Col. Alexander Woods, M.B.E., T.D., Prov.G.M. (Herts.).
W. Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G.W.

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Bro. CHARLES ALAN WEBSTER,
Worshipful Master

Alan Webster

16th February, 1973.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are summoned to attend the duties of the
Two Hundred and Thirty-Six Regular Meeting of
the Lodge on Wednesday, 28th February, 1973, at the
Masonic Hall, The George Hotel, Park Road, Solihull,
at 5-30 p.m.

By command of the Worshipful Master.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. A. McKEOWN,
Secretary

Address of W.M.:
Dickens Heath Farm,
Shirley,
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021-744 1507.

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20, Charles Road,
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021-705 1444

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 W. Bro. W. D. CROWHURST *I.P.M.*

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 Bro. J. E. STOKES *S.D.*
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Agenda

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1. To open the Lodge at 5-45 p.m.
2. To read and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 235th Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on Wednesday, 24th January, 1973.
3. To invest Officers not present at the Installation Meeting.
4. To initiate Mr. Eric Hawkes elected in open Lodge, Wednesday, 27th December, 1972.
5. To receive a report of the Lodge of Instruction.
6. To receive Propositions.
7. To receive Subscriptions due 1st September, 1972.
8. To transact any other relevant business.
9. To close the Lodge.

Addendum to item number 4, on Agenda.

Due to indisposition of Candidate there will be a "Masonic Homily" presented by W.Bro. R.G. St. George. P.G.D.

Deceased

Thursday, 1st March, 1973.

No further notice will be given.

1) T. for T. (No. 3.) Nothing o/s to report.

1.P.M.

2) Paper - now heard - no claims to M.E. scholarship or deep research - but from experience (during nearly) 40 yrs. in weaving - random thoughts

3) Other subjects could have been touched on (e.g. at risk of boring my listeners e.g. love numbers - stereotyped when compared w/ those of say 200 years ago.)

Members

- † W. Bro. G. H. Budge, P.P.G.W. (WORCS), P.M. 4925
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- W. Bro. E. H. Lumby, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W. (WORCS), P.M. 7600
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- Bro. P. Smith
- † Bro. C. H. E. Taylor
- † Bro. N. Strangwick
- † Bro. G. E. Stevens
- † Bro. S. Bates
- W. Bro. W. D. Crowhurst

4) ... of free style ... (43)

- † Bro. S. ...
- † Bro. E. G. ...
- Bro. ... Webster
- Bro. I. H. Smith
- Bro. ... White
- † Bro. D. J. A. McKeown
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- † Bro. J. F. Davies
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- W. Bro. A. S. Lall
- Bro. N. Wood
- Bro. J. J. P. Linforth
- Bro. L. W. Laurence

* Founders † Country Members

This might be the ledge fault but it was not opened as the Taylor was so drunk. The evening was spent in brotherly love & harmony (It bet it was)

6) I have a remedy & subject of another paper.

W.Br. W.H.Wilcox, Master, 12th. November 1970.
Francis Davies Lodge No.5035,
10, Rednal Road,
Kings Norton,
Birmingham. 30.

Dear W.Master,

Many thanks for your letter received
this morning.

It will give me much pleasure to visit
your Lodge on Wednesday, 24th. February next
and give my 'paper-cum-talk' which is entitled
"A Masonic holiday"

It takes about twenty-five minutes to
get through and if any of your Brethren care
to ask questions afterwards I will do my best
to answer them.

I look forward to receiving your Lodge
Summons in due course.

Fraternal regards,
Yours sincerely,

(R.G.St.George.)

Francis Davies Lodge

No. 5035



Rev St. George Cox,
6 Midway Lane,
Solihull, Warwick

10 Rednal Road
Kings Norton
Birmingham 28.

Francis Davies
No. 5035

Dear Mr Cox.

Bro Eric Gilbert has told me
that you would be pleased to give
a lecture at our ^{12th (2/17)} Thursday Meeting. ^(4th Wed.)

^{A Message to you}
It is most kind of you to offer
and I and the Brethren look forward
to meeting you and enjoying your lecture
and company afterwards.

I would appreciate details of
the subject for our Summons, and
again thank very much

Yours sincerely and Fraternally,

W. H. Miller

W.H.M.

T. for T. + personal refs.

Re. G.C. - aft. of Rev. H. Clarke - ME 3 1/2

So will know of the Holy ^{P.G.O.} ^{of} ^{Ros.} ^{Arch} } Warden
back in his reflected glory. ^{Supreme Order}



per Elbow
A. H. Osterman

If I may be permitted to ref. Paper

Doric Chapter, No. 4167

said "no claim to deep tie relationship"
- having heard - fact clear

E. COMP. G. E. DODD - M.E.Z

E. COMP. R. G. SHEWRING - "

E. COMP. H. E. COOPER - J.

It was an attempt to say there some
other fears + anxiety - grabbed me

Address: Mic. 72, ^{Francis Road}
Erdington

Telephone:
021-373 3625

Birmingham 24

If advised + encouraged some younger
Bros. + Comps. - copy recorded
Dear Sir and Comps.,

You are requested to attend the 155th Convocation
of this Chapter to be held at the Edgbaston Assembly
Rooms, Francis Road, Birmingham, on Friday,
18th October, 1968, at 6.0 p.m. prompt.

By desire of the Principals.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN W. BASSETT,

Scribe E.

4th October, 1968

E. Comp. A. MORTIMER ... I.P.Z.

Officers

E. Comp.	G. E. DODD	...	...	...	M.E.Z.
E. Comp.	R. G. SHEWRING	...	...	...	H.
E. Comp.	H. E. COOPER	...	...	...	J.
Comp.	J. W. BASSETT	...	...	...	S.E.
Comp.	G. A. R. BENZA	...	...	...	S.N.
Comp.	L. S. NELSON	...	...	...	Treasurer
E. Comp.	A. W. MACPHERSON	...	...	...	D.C.
Comp.	C. G. BULMER	...	...	...	Prin. Soj.
Comp.	J. A. BARLOW	...	...	...	1st Asst. Soj.
Comp.	D. CASTLE	...	...	...	2nd Asst. Soj.
E. Comp.	J. HOUGHTON	...	...	...	M.D.C.
Comp.	F. SHAW, P.P.G.ORG.	...	...	...	Organist
Comp.	<u>G. E. WINFIELD</u>	...	...	...	A.S.F.
Comp.	R. G. HEATH	...	...	...	Steward
Comp.	J. H. MOSS	...	...	...	Steward
Comp.	J. H. PAWLEY	...	...	...	Steward
E. Comp.	N. A. BAGLEY, P.P.G.S.N.	Charity Steward
Comp.	A. C. CLUNAS, P.P.G.JAN (WARC.)	Janitor

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J. F. R. RITCHIE
W. R. BERRY
B. J. H. ADAMS
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A. POWELL

F. C. TARRANT
J. C. M. HEATH
R. F. W. GREGORY
B. THOMPSON
N. WHITEHOUSE

The General Chapter of Instruction meets regularly in Birmingham.
Any Companion wishing to join should communicate with the
M.E.Z. or S.E.

SPECIAL NOTE

Companions are particularly requested to return the enclosed
Post Card duly filled in **PER RETURN**.

Treasurer's address:

47 Danford Lane,
Solihull,
Warwickshire.

Phone: 705 2623.

T. A.M. for next
another happy Hic. evening.

In Chapter - asked if it could be made
permissible to "solicit" among one's personal
friends (i.e. with a view to initiation")

Replied: - *had similar thoughts originally +
came to conclusion that while I (in any
context) would choose the "right" type*

Agenda

1. To open the Convocation at 8.0 p.m.
2. To read, and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the 164th
Convocation held on Friday, 19th April, 1968.
*but if it is found impossible for me it
must be made permissible for sec.*
3. To invest: E. Comp. A. W. Macferson as D.C.

*but our judgements differ. It
is, therefore, best that we, by your good
example, (i.e. in our daily behaviour)*

4. To receive a lecture entitled "A Masonic History," by
E. Comp. R. G. St. George, P.G.St.B., P.P.G.S.I.,
P.P.G.L. (Wores.), of Fletcher Chapter No. 1031.
5. Comp. L. S. Nelson, Treasurer, will propose that a sufficient
sum of money be taken from the Chapter funds to purchase
a Past Principal's Jewel to be presented to the retiring
M.F.Z.

*should attract the right type of man
to apply.*

6. To receive the Charity Accounts.
7. To receive propositions.
8. To receive subscriptions.
9. To receive apologies.
10. To transact any other business.
11. To close the Convocation.

DINNER, 7.45 p.m.

Proposals of Candidates should first be made on the regular form which
can be obtained from the S.E. These should be sent to him at least a month
before a regular convocation, duly filled in, for presentation to an intermediate
meeting for consideration.

Annual Subscription, £6.6.0, due 1st February, 1968.

Past First Principals

- 1929-30 P. F. JACKSON, P.P.D.G.S.T.B.
SIR FRANCIS H. PEPPER, J.P., P.G.St.B., P.P.G.J.
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- 1932 MAURICE SMITH, J.P., P.G.St.B., P.P.G.H.
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- 1934 C. M. WITT, P.P.P.G.SOJ.
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- 1935 S. O. OLIVER, P.P.A.G.D.C.
- 1936 W. J. BOWKER, P.P.A.G.SOJ.
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- 1945 F. BARLOW, J.P., P.P.G.SOJ.
- 1946 R. J. ROGERS, P.G.St.B., P.P.G.J.
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- 1957 M. J. WARD
- §1959 M. W. BLACK, P.P.A.G.SOJ.
- §1960 R. F. GILBERT, P.P.A.G.SOJ.
- §1961 E. H. LUMBY, PROV.A.G.D.C.
- §1962 H. L. JONES.
- 1963 G. H. MARSDEN
W. C. PILGRIM, P.Z. 3484.
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- §1965 A. W. MACFERSON
- §1966 J. HOUGHTON
- §1967 A. MORTIMER, I.P.Z.

§Subscribing Past First Principals.

(G. Chubb?) 18/10/68.

Gp. Es., E. C3. + C5.

In responding to this I found
first T. Comp. A.B. on behalf of the O's P. & P. of S. C.
& not the least on my own behalf for ^{with} kindly
& appreciative ^{personal} references. With regard to
G. C. - the most outstandingly interesting
piece of news is the appt. of the V. Rev. H.
Clarke as M.E. 3rd G. Div. ^{for} his is
so well known to us all as a Prov. G. M.
for Warwick also to Super. over this
W.A. Prov. of Warw. & we bask in his
reflected glory.

If I may be permitted to refer briefly to
my Paper I said & laid no claim to deep
Masonic scholarship & now that you have heard
it I have no doubt you will agree that
that is the case. It was an attempt
to lay bare some of the fears & anxieties which
have plagued me during a Masonic career of
setting on for 60 years and if I have been
the means of salving the fears of some of
the younger Bro. & Comps. I shall feel
amply rewarded.