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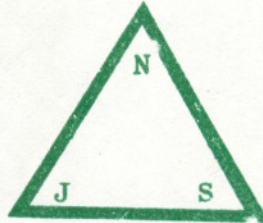
ST. EGWIN LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS No. 1135

Province of Worcestershire

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Dear Worshipful Brother Grounsell,

I enclose a brief history of the St. Egwin Lodge of Royal Ark
Mariners No. 1135 as requested by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

I do apologize for not getting this to you sooner but with being
Worshipful Master of my craft lodge this year life has been to say the
least, somewhat hectic.

Would you please be good enough to read through the enclosed to
ensure that I haven't dropped any major clangers particularly with regard
to Grand and Provincial Grand ranks of those brethren mentioned in the
history.

If you have any queries please contact me in the office on
Evesham 2628/9 or at my home in the evening at the above telephone
number.

Trusting the mammoth task you have undertaken proves to be highly
successful, I remain yours sincerely and fraternally,

Nigel Boswell

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ST. EGWIN'S LODGE OF

ROYAL ARK MARINERS NO. 1135

The Lodge was consecrated on Saturday, 22nd May 1971 at the Masonic Hall, Swan Lane, Evesham by R.Wor.Bro. Frank Clifford, Provincial Grand Master assisted by Wor.Bro. G. E. Rackstraw, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following Brethren officiated at the consecration:-

Wor.Bro. H. H. Chance, Provincial G.S.W. as S.W.
Wor.Bro. W. H. Green, Provincial G.J.W. as J.W.
Bro. Rev. A. D. Cotterall, Provincial G.Chap as Chaplain.
V.W.Bro. L. H. Weatherhead, P.G.O.U., Prov.G.Sec as Secretary.
V.W.Bro. P.H. Gough, P.G.O.U., Prov.G.D.C. as D.C.
W.Bro. N. O. T. Bragg, Prov.A.D.C. as A.D.C.
Bro. C. A. Whitworth, Prov.G.Org. as Organist.
W.Bro. F. C. Shakespeare, P.P.G.I.G. as I.G.

There were nine Founder members, ten consecrating officers and forty-four distinguished visitors present, amongst which were:-

R.Wor.Bro. N. Boardman - Prov. Grand Master, Staffs. and Shrops.
W.Bro. O. I. Lloyd-Owen, Dep.Prov.G.M. Mons.
W.Bro. Ray Hughes, Dep.Prov.G.M. South Wales

The founders and first officers of the Lodge were:-

R.Wor.Bro. J. Hughes, Prov.G.M. (Glos. and Herefordshire)
. . . I.P.C.
Wor.Bro. R. Bonham, M.A., M.A. . . . Wor.Commander
Wor.Bro. H. W. King . . . S.W.
Wor.Bro. J. Reebuck . . . J.W.
Wor.Bro. J. W. Haycock . . . Chaplain
Bro. M. E. Newman . . . Treasurer
Bro. R. W. Clarke . . . Scribe
Bro. K. P. Abbot . . . D.C.
Bro. C. J. Grindle . . . J.D.
Bro. R. V. Craven . . . Guardian
Wor. Bro. D. Brooks . . . S.D.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Monday, 5th July when the first two elevates were Bro. W. A. F. Barrett and Bro. Dr. G. F. Henderson.

The meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held some fourteen days after the consecration of the Lodge and in the absence of the Worshipful Commander, Bro. H. W. King (S.W.) reported that the Lodge had eleven members, no members had been gained or lost during the year, and the finances of the Lodge was in a "hell of a state".

The Lodge continued to meet on the first Monday of the months of April, May, July and October all of which, with the exception of the May meeting, coincided with the St. Egwin's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 1135. The May meeting being the Installation meeting. This calendar of meetings continued until June 1976 when the members decided that the Lodge should meet on separate dates to the Mark Lodge and the meeting dates were changed to the first Mondays of May, July and November.

Through the years the Lodge has grown from its original eleven founder members to its present subscribing membership of twenty-four. Of the original eleven founder members eight still retain their subscribing membership.

The Lodge has three honorary members, these being R.W. Bro. F. Clifford, Past Provincial Grand Master, V. Wor. Bro. G. E. Rackstraw, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Wor. Bro. P. H. Gough, all of whom officiated at the consecrating ceremony. V. Wor. Bro. L. H. Weatherhead was also elected an Honorary member at the consecration and was up to the time of his death a very close friend and supporter of the Lodge.

The following Brethren have held the office of Worshipful Commander of the Lodge:-

R. W. Bonham, M.B.E., M.A., . . . 1971
H. W. King . . . 1972
J. Roebuck . . . 1973
D. Brooks . . . 1974
C. H. Grindle . . . 1975
Dr. G. F. Henderson . . . 1976
J. B. Hardy . . . 1977
Rev. Canon A. Webb . . . 1978
R. D. Gee . . . 1979
R. A. Hinds . . . 1980.

Past Commanders R. W. Bonham, H. W. King and D. Brooks have all received Royal Ark Mariners Grand Rank.

The present Commander-elect is Bro. S. Stubbs.

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