

NADFAS No. 735.

The Freemasons' Window.

By. LAVERS & BARRAUD 1866.

The North Window of the North Transept was presented to the Cathedral by the Freemasons' of Worcestershire. It is of Early Decorated character and filled with stained glass by Lavers and Barraud.

The subject in the upper portion of the window is the Twelve Apostles, the bottom panels show the architects remarkable in the First and Second Temples and the tracery shows the symbols of Craft Masonry and Armorial of the Order.

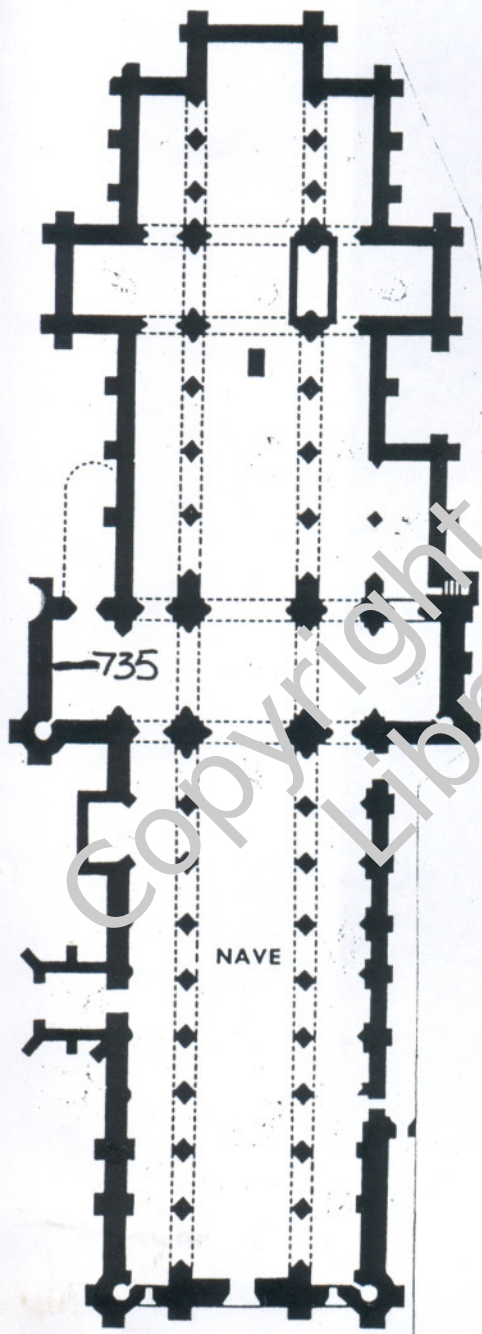
Inscription. "To the glory of God and for the adornment of this Cathedral the North Transept Window is erected by the Freemasons' of Worcestershire-Albert Hudson Royds High Sheriff of the County. Provincial Grand Master A.D 1866".

*Dedicated
Anglo 1869*

Key.

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| St. Peter. | St. John. | St. James the Less. | St. Andrew. |
| St. Thomas. | St. Matthew. | St. Philip. | St. James the Great. |
| St. Paul. | St. Simon. | St. Thaddeus. (or Jude) | St. Bartholomew |
| Hiram. (King) | Hiram. (Crafts man) | Solomon. | Zorobabel. |
| | | | Esdras and Nehemiah. |

Ref. Add MSS 262a. in library
CA 1868, 1869.
EFS p. 52.
NP p. 312.
FE p. 31, 32.



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262a
Cathedral Library

FREEMASONS WINDOW

Position North Wall of North Nave Transept

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C.A. 1868

Chapter
Acts (Minutes)

Nov 27 Mr Royds having waited on the Dean and Chapter and having stated the wish of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Worcestershire to erect a painted glass window in the large North Transept of this Cathedral - The Dean and Chapter expressed their gratitude for the magnificent donation that was offered them and their ready willingness to accept it. When the design was placed before them they approved it generally both in regard to form and colour, but desire to make two suggestions in the way of enquiry

- 1) Whether the border may not be improved
- 2) Whether the height of the figures which would be nearly 6 feet is not greater than desirable.

C.A.
1869

23 Nov That the cordial thanks of the Dean and Chapter be conveyed to the Freemasons of Worcestershire for their munificent gift of the beautiful window presented and placed on August 10th last in the North West Transept of the Cathedral

Strange
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"The north window of the north transept was presented to the Cathedral by the Freemasons of Worcestershire. The figures depicted are those of the Twelve Apostles, and the architects of the Old Testament. It was executed by Messrs Lavers and Barraud, and placed in the Cathedral in 1869 under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Albert Hudson Royds, Esq. High Sheriff of the County."

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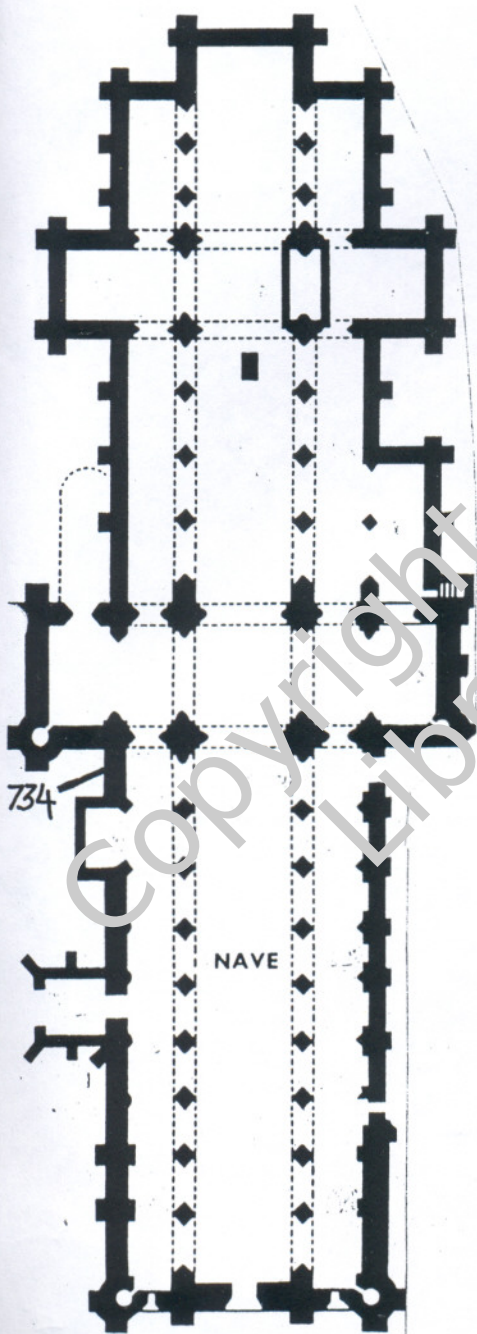
The Bennett Window.

By. LAVERS & BARRAUD. 1862.

A window erected to the memory of Joseph Bennett and filled with stained glass showing slender stylized figures in a very intense style. In the opinion of N.Pevsner, this is the best Victorian glass in the Cathedral.

The Left light shows the figure FIDES, Middle light shows the figure CARITAS, and the Right light shows the figure SPES.

Inscription: "Presented by the Freemasons' of Worcestershire in adornment of this Cathedral and in memory of their brother Joseph Bennett P.Z.P.P.G.W. who was called to his rest on the 25th day of November 1862".



Ref. Add MSS 262a.
EFS p.52.
FE p.23.
NP p.313.