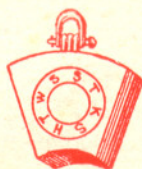


GODSON LODGE
OF
MARK MASTER MASONS

No. 330

FEBRUARY 18th. 1884
GEORGE TAYLOR
1st. W.M.



FEBRUARY 15th. 1934
EDWARD HATCOCK
50th. W.M.

Consecrated at Kidderminster
February 15th. 1884

Jubilee Souvenir

February 15th. 1934

Godson Lodge of M.M.M.

No. 330, DUDLEY

A
SHORT HISTORY
OF THE
LODGE

COMPILED BY THE SECRETARY

Bro. H. CHERRINGTON

AS A

SOUVENIR

OF THE

50th. ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CONSTITUTION

Thursday, February 15th. 1934



AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON

The name of this Lodge is derived from Augustus Frederick Godson, who, at the time of its consecration, was D.P.G.M.M. for Warwickshire.

Sir A. F. Godson was the eldest son of Mr. S. H. Godson of Court House, Tenbury, and was born on August 18th, 1835. He was educated at St. Peter's School, London; King's College, London and Queen's College, Oxford, he took his M.A. Degree in 1859 and was called to the Bar in the same year.

Sir Frederick was elected M.P. for Kidderminster in 1886 and retained the seat for twenty years, when failing health compelled him to relinquish his part in Parliament.

He was a Justice of the Peace and an active member of Quarter Sessions and in addition took a very great interest in works of philanthropy, the Worcestershire Society, the Herefordshire Society and many other movements which were forwarded very materially by his personal and practical interest. He was a Loriner and a member of the Patternmakers' Company, London.

In the Worcester Journal of March 12th. 1898 is an account of a meeting at Kidderminster Masonic Hall when Wor. Bro. Godson was presented with his portrait, painted by Mr. Herbert A. Oliver in recognition of his distinguished services to the Province. Wor. Bro. Colonel Warner Ottley, D.P.G.M. presided, and, in making the presentation, was supported by many representatives of each Masonic body in the Province. The frontispiece to this booklet was taken from this portrait.

Wor. Bro. Godson was knighted in 1898. He lived honoured and respected and died regretted at the age of 71, on October 11th. 1906.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON.

CRAFT.

Initiated—Royal Edward Lodge, No. 892			
Joined Worcester Lodge, No. 280	...	...	1865
Joined Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284	...	...	1878
Founder and first J.W., St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury			1866
Installed Worshipful Master of No. 1097	...	...	1868
Appointed Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Worcs.	...	...	1868
" " D.C.	...	...	1869
" " S.D.	...	...	1876
" " G.Reg.	...	...	1877
" " S.W.	...	...	1877
Deputy Prov. Grand Master	...	...	1882-1895
Provincial Grand Master	...	...	1895-1906
Appointed P.G.D. of England	...	...	1887
Consecrated Arter Lodge, No. 1654	...	...	1897
" St. Laurence Lodge, No. 2724	...	...	1893
Chairman at R.M.B.I. Festival, 1902	...	...	1902
Chairman Board of Directors, Masonic Buildings Co. Worcs.			
Ten years a member of Board of Management of Masonic Boys' School.			

ROYAL ARCH.

Exalted in St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280			
Installed M.E.Z.			
Appointed Provincial Grand H	...	...	1884
Provincial Grand Superintendent	...	...	1895
Consecrated Godson Chapter, No. 238	...	...	1897
" Masefield Chapter, No. 2034	...	...	1897
" Perseverance Chapter, No. 573	...	...	1905

MARK.

Advanced in Lechmere Lodge, No. 59	...	...	1867
Founder and first W.M. of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 40—			
Warwick under new warrant. Original warrant 1860	...	...	1880
Appointed Prov. G. Reg. Warwick and Staffs.	...	...	1881
Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Warwicks.	...	...	1883
Consecrated, and a Founder of, Godson Lodge, No. 330	...	...	1884
Joined Grand Masters' Lodge	...	...	1885
First Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire	...	...	1884
Member of General Board	...	...	1885-1891

ARK MARINERS.

Elevated in Ark Lodge, No. 59	...	...	1883
Installed W.C.N.	...	...	1890

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, Etc.

Installed K.C.T. in Howe Encampment, No. 67	...	...	1868
" K.M. in Holy Palestine Encampment, No. 129	...	...	1883
Joined Holy Rood Encampment, No. 55	...	...	1884
Installed L.P. in No. 55	...	...	1884
Joined St. Amand Encampment, No. 68	...	...	1884
Hon. Member Richard de Vernon Encampment, No. 52	...	...	1885
Prov. Sub Prior of Worcestershire	...	...	1884
Provincial Prior	...	...	1886-1906
Appointed K.C.T. in Great Priory	...	...	1895

A. & A. RITE.

Perfectured in St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 12	...	...	1866
Received 30°	...	...	1871
" 31°	...	...	1874
" 32°	...	...	1876
Joined Oxford & Cambridge University Chapter, No. 45,			
London	...	...	1878
Most Wise Sovereign, No. 45	...	...	1880 and 1885
Received 33°	...	...	1896

THE GODSON LODGE

OF

MARK MASTER MASONS

No. 330.

The Petition for the formation of THE GODSON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS was presented on December 18th. 1883, and the Warrant signed by Lord Henniker, M.W. Grand Mark Master, was dated January 1st. 1884, and fixed the days of Meeting as the 3rd. Monday in February, May, August and November.

The Lodge was consecrated at Kidderminster Masonic Hall, on Monday, February 18th. 1884, at 2 o'clock p.m. by:—

⚔ Wor. Bro. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, D.P.G.M.M.
for Warwickshire, assisted by

† V. Wor. Bro. REV. WILLIAM RANDALL, M.A.
Past Grand Mark Chaplain,

⚔ V. Wor. Bro. FREDK. BINCKES, P.G.J.W.
Grand Mark Secretary, and

⚔ Wor. Bro. D. M. Dewar,
Assistant Grand Mark Secretary.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE WERE

⚔	GEORGE TAYLOR	Howe Mark Lodge	T.I.
⚔	WM. CLEMENT GREEN	Lechmere	„ 59
⚔	J. W. CONSTERDINE CHADWICK	Fowke	„ 19
⚔	AUG. FREDK. GODSON	Shakespeare	„ 40
⚔	GEO. WHITFIELD NAYLOR	Lechmere	„ 59
⚔	WM. BARKLEY, P.M.	Lechmere	„ 59
⚔	ABM. GREEN	Howe	„ T.I.
⚔	JOSEPH ELGOOD	Fowke	„ 19
⚔	HARRY FRANK DALE	Lechmere	„ 59

The Howe Lodge, T.I., and Shakespeare Lodge, No. 40, in the Province of Warwickshire, the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, in Worcestershire and the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, in Leicestershire.

Previous to the Consecration ceremony, a M.M.M. Lodge was opened by the Officers of The Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, with Wor. Bro. Wm. Barkley, P.M., Past Grand Mark Steward, as W.M. and a ballot was taken for the following sixteen candidates for advancement:—

Bro, T. F. BLAND	Stability Lodge	564
„ T. BRETTELL	Harmonic „	252
„ F. BURCHER	Hope & Charity Lodge	377
„ A. COMBER	„ „	377
„ DR. R. EAGAR	Stability Lodge	564
„ G. R. GREEN	Lechmere „	1874
„ G. LEES	Vernon „	560
„ JNO. MOSSOP	Lechmere „	1874
„ W. PERRY, JUNR	Stability „	564
„ H. B. PIGOT	British „	8
„ W. M. RODE	Lechmere „	1874
„ J. E. STONE	Hope & Charity Lodge	377
„ H. TAYLOR	„ „ „	377
„ V. J. THREEFALL	Lechmere Lodge	1874
„ W. J. TURNEY, J.P.	Stability „	564
„ T. VALE	Vernon „	560

The ballot proved in their favour and with the exception of Bro. W. J. Turney, who was absent, they were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. There is no further record in the minute books with regard to Bro. Turney.

Following the Consecration, Bro. Geo. Taylor was installed first Worshipful Master of the Godson Lodge of Mark Master Masons by V. Wor. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary.

The first Officers appointed were as follows:—

⚔	Bro. W. CLEMENT GREEN	S.W.
℞	„ J. W. CONSTERDINE CHADWICK	J.W.
⊥	„ ABRAHAM GREEN	M.O.
⚡	„ JOS. ELGOOD	1st. O.
⚔	„ H. B. PIGOT	2nd. O.
⚔	„ ARTHUR COMBER	S.D.
⚔	„ W. J. THRELFALL	J.L.
⚔	„ GEO. R. GREEN	Secy.
⚔	„ GEO. LEES	I.G.
⚔	„ T. F. BLAND	R. of M.
⚔	„ JNO. MOSSOP	D.C.
⚔	„ G. W. NAYLOR	Orgst.
⚔	„ H. TAYLOR	Stwd.
⚔	„ T. VINE	„

There is no reference to S. & J. Overseers in the first list, the titles of 1st. and 2nd Overseers being used.

It is also interesting to note that nine of the brethren advanced were invested as Officers the same day, viz.:—2nd. Overseer, S. & J. Deacons, Secretary, Inner Guard, R. of Marks, Director of Ceremonies and two Stewards.

Two other items of interest marked the Consecration ceremony:—

- 1st. The Consecrating Officers were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge.
- 2nd. Bro. Godson, by a gift of ten guineas, qualified the W.M.'s chair as a Life Subscriber to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The first minutes conclude with the following words :—

“ The whole of those present adjourned to the Banquet served in the Dining Hall where the afterproceedings terminated in a manner worthy of the occasion, and to the gratification of all concerned.”

On Monday, 19th. of May, 1884, the meeting following the Consecration, Bro. Barkley, P.M. 59, advanced Bro. Dugard (M.M. of Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377 and Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874) as Tyler and Bro. W. M. Roden was elected the first Treasurer of the Lodge at this meeting, the first list of Officers being thus completed.

Until the end of the year 1890 the Lodge met regularly as authorised by the Warrant on the third Monday in February, May, August and November at Kidderminster Masonic Hall, with the exception of May, 1885, when there is no record in the Minute Book of a meeting. A page has been cut from the book at this point and it is doubtful whether any importance is to be attached to this fact or not. The minutes of February 16th. 1885 were signed as confirmed on August 17th. 1885, although there is no record in the minutes of the latter date of such confirmation. From this date, however, it is gratifying to note that the record is quite unbroken.

For a period of over three years, following November, 1885 no new candidates offered themselves for advancement and the attendances generally were very small. On May 25th. 1888 it was suggested by V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Taylor, then Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for Worcestershire, that the Lodge be made movable and that some of the meetings be held in Dudley ; but it was not until May 19th. 1890 that a definite move was made in that direction, when on the proposition of Wor. Bro. Abraham Green, P.M. it was resolved “ That the next meeting of this Lodge be held at The Saracen's Head Hotel, Dudley, and that a Dispensation be obtained for that purpose.”

The experiment of meeting at Dudley met with instant success. This notable date was Monday, August 18th. 1890 when the following met at the Saracen's Head Hotel :—

- ☩ Wor. Bro. T. F. BLAND, W.M.
- ☩ The R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. A. F. GODSON
- ☩ Bro. G. R. GREEN, S.W.
- ☩ „ W. B. WILLIAMSON, P.G. Steward (Eng.)
- ☩ „ A. GREEN. P.M., P.G.S. of Works, Sec. pro. tem.
- ☩ „ H. TAYLOR, Reg. of Marks
- ☩ „ H. M. JACKSON

The last named, a member of Bedford Mark Lodge, Warwickshire, became a joining member and was elected Secretary of the Lodge.

The ballot was taken for the following Brethren who were proposed at the last meeting at Kidderminster. :—

Bro. M. SMITH	Lodge 252
„ J. W. ROBERTS	498
„ W. E. WALKER	252
„ T. F. HIGGS	252
„ E. J. CHAMBERS	252
„ H. PARKE	252
„ R. PREECE	252
„ JAS. JONES	252
„ H. H. HUGHES	498
„ HERBERT JONES	1594

they were unanimously elected.

Two further minutes of this meeting read as follows:—

“ Brothers Walker, Smith, Park (sic), Jones and Chambers being present and having signed the usual declarations, were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, the ceremony being performed by the Worshipful Master and the Charge was delivered to them in a most impressive manner by Wor. Bro. A. Green, P.M.

“Proposed by Bro. A. Green and seconded by the Worshipful Master that the thanks of this Lodge be given to the W.M. and Brethren of Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, for the use of their Lodge Room on this occasion, being the first time on which the degree of Mark Masonry was performed and held in Dudley.”

It is important to note that two of the above Brethren, Bros. E. J. Chambers and James Jones, ultimately received the honours of appointment as Deputy Grand Masters of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Worcestershire.

Since this memorable date, August 18th, 1890, the Lodge has met at Kidderminster on four occasions only, viz.—November, 1890, May and November, 1891 and August, 1892. All other meetings have been held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dudley, which, since November, 1907, is referred to as The Freemasons' Tavern.

On November 23rd, 1897, it was resolved that the number of Meetings be increased to six per annum. This was carried out during the following year, 1898, only, four again being adopted and retained up to the present time with no further variations excepting slight alterations in the dates.

The total number of regular meetings held during the fifty years is twenty-nine at Kidderminster and 172 at Dudley. There have also been held nine emergency meetings, eight of which were held in Dudley.

PAST MASTERS.

1884	GEO. TAYLOR	∇
1885	W. C. GREEN	∞
1886	J. W. C. CHADWICK	⊞
1887	A. GREEN	⊥
1888	H. B. PIGOT	⊞
1889	A. COMBER	∇
1890	T. F. BLAND	⊞
1891	G. R. GREEN	⊞
1892	J. MOSSOP	∇
1893	R. EAGAR	∞
1894	M. SMITH	∇
1895	J. JONES	∞
1896	D. J. SHEDDEN	∞
1897	J. W. ROBERTS	∞
1898	G. H. PARKE	∞
1899	J. S. MORRIS	∞
1900	E. I. CHAMBERS	∞
1901	H. E. NEWEY	∞
1902	C. A. HATFIELD	∞
1903	REV. W. J. DOWN	∞
1904	W. T. MARTIN	∞
1905	D. W. COOPER	∞
1906	C. TURNER	∞
1907	S. G. HOOPER	∞
1908	F. W. GREEN	∞

PAST MASTERS.

1909	REV. G. E. LYTHGOE	⚡
1910	P. J. W. BROWN	⚡
1911	REV. A. G. MAITLAND	T
1912	G. W. COSTER	⚡
1913	A. W. HARLEY	⚡
1914	W. J. BRIDGWATER	⚡
1915	J. E. ROWLEY	⚡
1916	T. W. NORTH	⚡
1917	J. GOLDING	⚡
1918	REV. J. A. HOLROYD	⚡
1919	H. V. STANTON	⚡
1920	W. HARRISON	⚡
1921	B. W. F. WHITTAKER	⚡
1922	H. FREEDY	⚡
1923	J. ARROWSMITH	A
1924	C. W. HIGGINS	⚡
1925	B. M. CHAPMAN	M
1926	E. DAVIES	⚡
1927	D. OAKLEY	⚡
1928	N. WARR	W
1929	J. MAINWARING	⚡
1930	A. L. H. CUTLER	⚡
1931	W. H. GRANTHAM	⚡
1932	T. CHILTON	T
1933	E. HAYCOCK	E

TREASURERS.

1884	W. M. RODEN	⌘
1890	A. GREEN	⌚
1892	W. E. WALKER	⌘
1895	M. SMITH	⌘
1910	J. JONES	⌘
1921	A. W. HARLEY	⌘
1922	W. J. BRIDGWATER	⌘
1930	E. DAVIES	⌘
1932	J. MAINWARING	⌘

SECRETARIES

1884	G. R. GREEN	⌘
1886 & 1888	J. MOSSOP	⌘
1887	D. DAWES	⌘
1889	J. W. C. CHADWICK	⌘
1890	H. M. JACKSON	⌘
1893	D. J. SHEDDEN	⌘
1895	T. H. EDWARDS	⌘
1898	A. GREEN	⌘
1899	R. HUDSON	⌘
1912	C. W. HIGGINS	⌘
1920	J. MAINWARING	⌘
1922	W. CHILTON	⌘
1925	P. H. BUCKLER	⌘
1933	H. CHERRINGTON	⌘

Members of the Lodge on Feb. 15th. 1934

1907	T. W. NORTH, P.M., P.P.G.W.	W
1910	C. W. HIGGINS, P.M., P.P.G.W.	W
1912	H. V. STANTON, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.G.W., D.P.G.M.	M
1913	B. W. F. WHITTAKER, P.M., P.P.G.Ov.	E
1914	E. DAVIES, P.M., P.P.G.W., Chapl.	E
1915	D. M. CHAPMAN, P.M., P.P.G.Ov.	M
1915	H. PREEDY, P.M., P.P.G.W.	H
1916	D. OAKLEY, P.M., P.G.D., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Secy.	E
1917	N. WARR, P.M., P.P.G.Ov.	W
1917	W. A. ELT	W
1917	A. L. H. CUTLER, P.M., I.P.G.D.	A
1918	J. MAINWARING, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasr.	W
1919	W. H. GRANTHAM, P.M., Prov. G. Reg., D.C.	W
1920	W. CHILTON, P.M. 773., P.P.G.Ov.	W
1920	T. CHILTON, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.	T
Joined		
1920	S. S. SOMERS, P.M. 733., P.P.G.W.	W
1920	C. A. HAWKESWOOD, P.P.G.Orgst., Orgst.	A
1920	E. HAYCOCK, P.P.G.I. of Wks. W.M.	E
1920	W. LLOYD	W
1921	C. WOOD, P.P.G.Swd.B., S.W.	W
Joined		
1922	P. H. BUCKLER, P.P.G.Org. J.W.	B
1923	F. S. CLARK	X
1923	J. W. MARTIN	W
1924	R. E. PRIEST, P.P.G.Org., M.O.	E
1924	J. DEELEY, Prov.G.Std.B., S.O.	J

Members of the Lodge on Feb. 15th. 1934

1924	N. S. BACHE	⊞
1924	W. E. HARPER, J.O.	∨
1924	W. RANKIN, R. of M.	WR
1925	C. H. EDWARDS, S.D.	⊞
1926	S. H. SHAW	⊞
1926	C. J. MATTHEWS, J.D.	LM
1927	J. McDOUGAL TAIT, I.G. & Charity Stwd.	⊞
1927	A. SMITH	A
1927	A. J. GRIMES, Asst. Secy.	⊞
1927	E. DICKINS, Stwd.	⊞
1928	H. FORD, Stwd.	H
1928	D. EARP, Stwd.	⊞
1928	F. H. GRIFFITHS	FG
1929	W. DAVIES	W
1929	W. GOULD	WG
1929	H. CHERRINGTON, Secy.	H
1930	A. W. RHODES	WR
1930	J. W. A. MORLEY	⊞
1930	D. G. MACKINTOSH	⊞
1931	J. A. MITCHELL	AM
1931	O. L. BERGENDORFF	⊞
1932	C. FELLOWS	⊞
1932	A. E. DUESBURY	⊞
1932	W. CRANAGE	WC
1933	E. T. CARTWRIGHT	⊞
1933	F. G. G. WALKER	⊞
1921	R. COOKSEY, Tyler.	⊞

THE GODSON LODGE OF M.M.M.

AND

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Worcestershire

At a meeting of this Lodge held on Monday, 18th. of August, 1884, the following minute was recorded:—

“In the absence of Wor. Bro. W. C. Green, S.W. the Secretary, Bro. G. R. Green, proposed that The Grand Mark Master, Earl of Kintore, be solicited that he will under Regulation No. 54 of the Constitution of Grand Mark Lodge grant a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in the Province of Worcestershire, the said Province having now two successful Mark Lodges. And this Lodge further recommend that W.D.P.G.M., Bro. A. F. Godson, be the first Provincial Grand Mark Master.

The motion on being put from the chair was carried unanimously and ordered to be entered in the minutes.”

There is no further reference to this resolution in the minutes of subsequent meetings, but it is evident that the petition was acceded to by the fact that a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was constituted and held its first meeting under the Banner of Lechmere Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 59, at Worcester, on December 8th. 1884. Wor. Bro. A. F. Godson was installed as the first Provincial Grand Mark Master of Worcestershire and continued in that office until his death in 1906. He was succeeded by R. Wor. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Athlumney who was installed Provincial Grand Mark Master on April 19th. 1907.

Here follows a list of principal Offices in the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Worcestershire held by members of Godson Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 330 :—

GRAND MASTERS.

1884-1906 AUGUSTUS F. GODSON, M.P. ☞

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1887-1891 G. TAYLOR ☞
1891-1902 ABRAHAM GREEN ☞
1902-1905 E. J. CHAMBERS ☞
1905-1911 ABRAHAM GREEN ☞
1919-1928 JAMES JONES ☞
1932 H. V. STANTON ☞

GRAND TREASURERS.

1884-1889 G. R. GREEN ☞
1891-1895 W. E. WALKER ☞
1898-1901 JAMES JONES ☞
1904-1908 J. S. MORRIS ☞
1914-1917 W. J. BRIDGWATER ☞
1925-1929 C. W. HIGGINS ☞

GRAND SECRETARIES.

1887-1894 T. F. BLAND ☞
1906-1919 JAMES JONES ☞
1919-1930 H. V. STANTON ☞
1930 DANIEL OAKLEY ☞

THE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On Monday, November 19th. 1888, the J.W., Bro. T. F. Bland, suggested "That a Lodge of Instruction be held on the Thursday before the 3rd. Monday in February." The W.M., Wor. Bro. H. B. Pigot, instructed the Secretary to call such meeting. At the next meeting the Secretary stated "That he had summoned a Lodge of Instruction but very few brethren attending it was not thought necessary to attempt the work."

This matter was next brought forward on February 19th. 1894, when Bro. J. W. Roberts proposed and Bro. M. Smith seconded "That a Lodge of Instruction be formed in connection with the Godson Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the preliminary details of which be arranged at a meeting of the members of the Lodge to be held at the close of this evening's banquet." The following statement follows the minutes of the last mentioned meeting:—

"The meeting to discuss the preliminary arrangements of the Lodge of Instruction was held after Banquet when Very Wor. Bro. A. Green, D.P.G.M.M. took the chair, Bro. T. H. Edwards was appointed Secretary and the minutes of the meeting will be found duly entered in his minute book."

On April 16th. 1894 Bro. Edwards, Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction reported that the Bye-laws framed for that Lodge had been sanctioned by the Prov. Grand Master and the same were ordered to be distributed among the brethren. The minutes appear to be lost, but it is very doubtful whether the meetings were continued after 1895. The minutes were read at the regular Lodge meetings until November, 1895, after which there is no further record until 1905.

The first meeting of the Lodge of Instruction recorded in the existing minute book is Nov. 21st., 1905, when a resolution was passed "That the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Godson Lodge of M.M.M. No. 330 be **revived**," with Wor. Bro. J. W. Roberts as Preceptor. Eight meetings were held in 1906, six in 1907 and two in 1908 when they apparently ceased again, there being no further minutes until 1924.

On November 14th. 1924 the Lodge of Instruction was again brought into existence when the D.P.G.M. Wor. Bro. James Jones presided over a meeting at which twenty-two were present and enrolled as members. The Lodge thus formed met regularly four times per annum until September, 1929 when the Bye-laws were altered to allow of eight meetings per annum. Since then the Lodge has met regularly up to the present time.

Preceptors of the Lodge of Instruction.

1905-1907	J. W. ROBERTS
1907-1908	C. TURNER
1924	JAMES JONES
1925-1926	W. J. BRIDGWATER and H. V. STANTON
1926-1929	W. J. BRIDGWATER
1929	ERNEST DAVIES

The last-named was also Deputy Preceptor from 1927.

Secretaries of the Lodge of Instruction.

1894-1895	T. H. EDWARDS
1905-1908	G. W. COSTER
1924-1926	P. H. BUCKLER
1926-1928	F. J. BALDWIN
1928	R. E. PRIEST

Secretary's Note.

In compiling this Souvenir I have carefully examined the Minutes of the meetings held during the fifty years, the Signature Books and also Grand Lodge Records at Mark Masons Hall.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the kind assistance given to me by the following:—

V. Wor. Bro. T. G. L. Lumley Smith, D.S.O., F.S.A., P.G.Ov., Grand Mark Secretary and Wor. Bro. Capt. P. E. Walton, P.A.G.Swd.B., Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, for the assistance afforded me in checking the Marks of the various Brethren recorded herein from the records of Grand Mark Lodge.

Wor. Bro. G. E. Godson, P.M., of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury, for much of the information relating to our Namesake—Wor. Bro. St. Augustus Frederick Godson.

Bro. R. E. Priest, P.P.G.Orgst., for the notes in connection with the Lodge of Instruction from records in his present keeping as Secretary of that body.

I am also entrusted with a message to the Lodge from the Grand Mark Secretary, who, after a careful examination of the Minute Books, asked me to convey his congratulations to the Godson Mark Lodge on the excellent manner in which the records have been kept.

HARRY CHERRINGTON,

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