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4th December, 1973.

Dear R.W. Brother Erskine,

I enclose a copy of the Summons of the last Meeting of our No 14 Lodge.

The ballot on the Motion, item 2, as proposed & seconded, was carried unanimously & with acclamation.

As present Master I am delighted to have the privilege to welcome you myself, & on behalf of the Members of the Lodge, as an Honorary Member of the First Class.

A copy of the Summons of every Lodge Meeting will be sent to you, & we shall be

very pleased to see you whenever you
are able to attend & dine with us.

With Xmas Greetings, I remain,

Yours fraternally & very sincerely,

Jimmy Barclay

P.S.

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address until yesterday.

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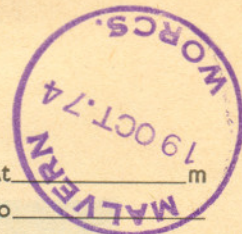
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COUNSEL WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN
RETIREMENT IN OUR THOUGHTS TODAY AND ALWAYS =

GALLOWAY Z COUNSEL

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Brigadier G. L. Galloway
115 Carlton Towers
North Street
Carshalton
Surrey

20th October, 1974.

Dear Brother Erskine Sines,

Thank you very much indeed for your very kind letter which reached me the day before our Meeting. I very much appreciate your most kind remarks.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we had a very successful Meeting yesterday. Lord Elgin was in excellent form and the whole affair was most enjoyable. We had over 70 present and all our Brethren and our Visitors join with me in expressing to you our most happy memories of your

reign and our sincere good wishes
for peace and happiness in your
retirement.

It is going to be a very difficult
task to follow you, but I assure
you that I will do my best. The
memory of the standard and traditions
of my predecessor will long remain
with us.

With all good wishes,

ours very sincerely,

Jeffrey Pattaway



G. F. SANGER, C.B.E., J.P., P.A.G.D.C.

SECRETARY

WILLINGHAM COTTAGE,

SEND,

SURREY,

RIPLEY 2142

27th October 1973

Dear R. W. Bro. Erskine,

Great sorrow was expressed both at the Standing Committee Meeting and at the Lodge Meeting itself, when your request to be placed on the Country (or "Non-Attendance") List was communicated to Brethren, and it led immediately to the proposal that you should be asked to become an Honorary Member of the First Class. This was enthusiastically received and a proposition was formulated, to be placed on the Summons for the Meeting on 26th November, moved by the W.M. and seconded by R.W.Bro. Chaplain, but first, of course, I was to obtain your consent to accept the Honour.

We earnestly hope that you will give this consent; and having studied both Rule 167 of the Book of Constitutions and our own By-Law XXX, I believe that Honorary Membership of the First Class is appropriate to the honour which it is the wish of the Lodge to pay you.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

R.W.Bro. Erskine Simes,
Q.C., Grand Registrar,
Court House,
3, Court Road,
Malvern, Worcs,
W.R.14. 3BU

Gerry Sanger

BY-LAW No. XXX of the ROYAL SOMERSET
HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE
No. XX

The list of Honorary Members shall be composed of two classes. The first, of those Brethren upon whom the Lodge has conferred this distinction as a mark of respect, and in consideration of their zeal and exertions in the cause of Masonry; the second, of those to whom the same honour has been granted as an acknowledgment of their services to the Lodge.

Of the Honorary Members, the second class only shall be summoned to the Meetings.

(Note: As you qualify under both categories, we would propose to continue to send you Summonses)



The Lodge of Comity

No. 5649 IN THE REGISTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

4 OAKLEY ROAD,
CAVERSHAM,
READING, BERKS.

*Comes, benigni, faciles suaves
homines esse dicuntur qui erranti
comiter monstrant viam.*

CICERO.

16 October 73.

My dear Erskine,

I duly passed your message to the Lodge at our meeting on the 9th. While all there fully understood the wisdom of your move it was accepted with the greatest regret.

With complete unanimity a wish was expressed that you would honour us by becoming an Honorary member under Rule 16 of the Book of Constitution. I know this wish was expressed to you on a previous occasion but at that time you did not wish it. With your permission this time I hope you will allow me the privilege of giving notice of motion in my name for the December meeting.

I hope all continues to go well
with you and that many of
us may find ourselves
near enough to call on
you.

Your sincerely

Bob

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THE BEAN HOUSE
CRADLEY
NR. MALVERN
WORCS.

8th June 1974.

My dear Estelle,

I am delighted to read in the Report from Grand Lodge that you come at the top of the list of Promotions - to the rank of Senior Grand Warden.

You have given many, many years of unselfish service to Freemasonry and the honour is not only well earned but thoroughly deserved. I only wish I had been there and so have been present to see you receive it and to hear the acclamations from all your friends.

I hope all goes well - I shall be looking in to see you shortly.

Yours ever
Roy

United Religious and Military Orders of
of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, R

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MALVERN, Worcs.
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My dear

Erskine

John Leicester-Warren has instructed
to you and offer you Honorary Membership of

I know you are now a country member,
felt that you might prefer to receive Honorary
in view of the fact that you have left London

Perhaps you will let me know whether
like this to take place, and we will elect
next meeting in November.

Best wishes,

Yours ever,

United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and
of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta

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CHANCERY OF THE ORDER,
40, UPPER BROOK STREET,
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19 March 1974

V.E.Kt. C.E.W. Simes, Q.C., G.C.T.
Court House
3 Court Road
MALVERN, Worcs.
WR14 3BU

My dear

Erskine

John Leicester-Warren has instructed me to write
to you and offer you Honorary Membership of St. George's.

I know you are now a country member, but it was
felt that you might prefer to receive Honorary Membership
in view of the fact that you have left London.

Perhaps you will let me know whether you would
like this to take place, and we will elect you at our
next meeting in November.

Best wishes,

Yours ever,

Julie

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The Lodge of Comity

No. 5649 IN THE REGISTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

4 OAKLEY ROAD,
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READING BERKS.

26 April 74.

*Comes, benigni, faciles suaves
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CICERO.

Dear Eooknie.

Please note the envelope (as last time) are a stock (I have - I alter the address!

I am really writing to say how pleased I am at your "last rank" promotion after so many years as Grand Registrar, richly deserved.

I am in no doubt that the next meeting of the Lodge will commend me to write their united congratulation and best wishes so many I now anticipate that instructions.

With very best wishes
(Sincerely)

B.D.B.



Royal Order of Scotland

Provincial Grand Lodge of the
Southern Counties of England.

FREDERICK WILLIAM HARRIS,
22, WESTCOOMBE AVENUE,
WEST WIMBLEDON, S.W.20.
Provincial Grand Secretary
Telephone:—947-1857

9th February, 1944.

My Dear Erskine,

This letter should have been written to you a long, long time ago; of that, of course, I am only too painfully aware, and I do tender my most sincere apologies and venture to hope that you will understand the causes which have made matters difficult this last four months.

In October last I was asked if I would assist by taking over the giving of a course of lectures (until early December) on subjects relating to the Final (Part III) Examination of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, for the Ministry of Defence, the candidates being Officers of the Armed Forces in their last year before retirement; the involvement was 26 hours lecturing per week. That concluded, the Institute arranged me; they were in trouble; the Post Office had shut down their parcel delivery service some 17 days before Christmas; that did not matter so much where the English Examination scripts were concerned, but it did matter where the Scripts of the Overseas candidates were concerned, because the results had to be sent to them to give the Failures time to make application to re-sit in June, before the closing date; the trouble was the Examiner lived near Plymouth; sending several hundred scripts down there by parcel post was too chancy; would I do them? the Answer had to be yes; it takes

half an hour to mark one script in Secretarial and Administrative Practice Final; I finished them just over a week ago - but I did take Christmas Day afternoon and evening off; Tom Smart has been through a similar "seven-day week" experience, but I believe his papers were General Certificate of Education scripts.

But to turn to matters Masonic; I have, of course, a copy of the letter which Geoffrey Galloway wrote to you on 2nd October last, after our October Meeting; in it there is an allusion to a formal expression of regrets at your resignation - from me, that would be utterly inadequate; you cannot have any idea, ^{or mine}, of the very great depth of feeling that filled the hearts and minds of your Brother Knights when I conveyed the news of your resignation to them in Provincial Grand Lodge; both going back in the coach, and at dinner, the conversation voiced their feeling that this is an end of an "era"; we have become so used to seeing you and having you preside over us that it has become with us the natural course of events; we cannot believe - or we do not want to realise - that change is on the way; your future Happiness is our earnest desire.

Bearing in mind your own wish that your Successor should be installed as early as possible I wrote to Alex Buchan and requested to him:-

1. That in October last I gave Notice that I intended ^{to} move at the next (February) Meeting a Motion recommending that Geoffrey be appointed as your Successor.
2. That there was no other Nomination.
3. That we all felt that the Guildhall could be the only place for the next Installation to take place.



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4. That the Guildhall was not free for our use from 1st April until 30th September in this (or in any) year, so that would it be possible for the Grand Lodge team to come down, say, at the end of March? Enclosed is Buchan's reply in his letter, dated 14th December last, from which we hoped that Grand Lodge in their February Meeting would make the appointment subject to the "later in February" Meeting of our Province passing the expected recommendation.

But since then I have had another letter from Buchan announcing that owing to the present National Emergency the February Grand Lodge has been called off, so that Geoffrey's appointment will now be made at their May Meeting, which means an October Installation for us, I am afraid.

Very many thanks indeed for your making the arrangements for the return of your Regalia; your friend deposited ^{it} with the Grand Secretary and I collected it from his room within a few days and I have it here with me. Margery and I had intended to take another few days off to come down again to Malvern (of which Margery is very fond) and at the same time see you and collect the Regalia, but the circumstances explained on page 1 of this letter made that quite impossible.

I do hope very much that you are enjoying very good health and
are happy in every way - and further that I may be forgiven
for my extended period of reticence.

With kindest thoughts and every good wish.

Yours ever,

Fred

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C. T. SALKELD-GREEN,
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CAMBRIDGE, CB2 2RP

10th December 1973.

Dear R.W.Bro. Erskine Simes,

At the meeting of this Lodge held last Friday you were unanimously elected an Honorary Member. The election was expressed to be, and will be minuted as being, on account of your services to Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in Particular.

This preserves your right to propose or second Candidates, should you wish to do so.

All the Brethren wish me to send you their very best salutations for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

C. T. Salkeld-Green

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Prop. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rice

2nd December 1973.

Royal Colonial Institute Preceptory No. 321.

Dear V.E.Kt. Erskine Simes,

One of my first tasks on becoming Registrar of the Royal Colonial Institute Preceptory is one which gives me very much pleasure, for on the voice unanimous of the members I am instructed to write to you to ask if you would be kind enough to honour the Preceptory by agreeing to accept Honorary Membership.

Your letter saying that it seemed unlikely that you would be able to attend the Preceptory was read by the Acting Registrar when, although grieved and hoping that it might not prove to be the case, all were unanimously agreed on this course and wish me to say how privileged the members will feel if, as a founder and one who has given a quarter of a century of distinguished service to the Preceptory, you will agree.

As a matter of proper courtesy I have been asked to write and obtain your acquiescence before the matter is put to the ballot. If you are good enough to accept, in view of the very high esteem in which you are held in the Preceptory the result of the ballot cannot be in any doubt. I shall, therefore, look forward to your reply which I sincerely hope will be favourable.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Edwin Rice

C.Erskine W. Simes Esq., Q.C.,
Court House,
3 Court Road,
Malvern,
Worcestershire, WR14 3BU.

Edwin Rice.
REGISTRAR.

P.S. A Happy New Year to you Erskine. W.

Order of the Temple

KING EDWARD VII and EMPRESS PRECEPTORIES

WILFRED J. WICKHAM, K.C.T.

Registrar

Telephone: 01-997 2666



69 CORRINGWAY,

HANGER HILL,

EALING, W.5

After the Xmas Party.

My dear Erskine,

Although there is really no need, but it is an excuse to pen a few lines to me I miss so much, I write to say that you are now an Honorary member of Empress and the same will apply after Edward's meeting in March.

We had our usual happy meeting, albeit due to Ray Buckton and his gang of knockers, the attendance was a bit thin,

Jim Gillett wrote from Cornwall, I quote a part of his letter 'Fortunately it is Empress I miss, of lesser import, I trust to be with the Elect Edwardians in March.'

Stanley Walden from Oxford apologised and wished the aforesaid gang to a hot place!

Rodney Flynn apologised (not due to rail) He had a meeting & dinner with his Bench and added P.S. Matthew V. 24. while as you

know reads.' No man can serve two Masters! etc
Gus Treasurer was absent (rail strike) this left
me to collect the levy, any subs, visitors fees,
Ahrs collectives, etc, which I did not desire, but
one must do one's duty even if it is another's!

Also absent, the thrusting Kingfish, Highwood
(also rail), although it may be uncharitable for
me to say I don't think he was missed! in fact
some of us were pleased!

Ralph Home also absent, I think he is away
again.

The ceremony went off very well indeed,
with but one sorry to say, an Organizer. I had
to tick off the Capt of Guard for allowing
Knights to creep in during the ceremony
without giving a Report. He won't do it again!

I hope to have the Annual Report shortly.
I want to get it completed as I have an appointment
to see a Specialist at Harley St on 2nd Jan, and
I think it may mean another visit to Ravenscote
Park. I have been troubled with my water works
but you never know - I did not - when I visited
there!! in 1955, since when I have been privileged
to soldier on, no one knows how difficult at times
I get depressed, never mind, if it should prove
for the worse I still shall not know but I
shall always be most thankful for the many
blessings I have received. Yours ever, Wilfred