

25th OCTOBER 1972.

THE ADDRESS OF THANKS BY BRO. BENJAMIN WILLIAM FIDDIAN  
WHICH FOLLOWED THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
CONSECRATION.

Wor. Master, I feel greatly honoured by you calling upon me to speak on this occasion. No doubt other Brethren would be equally pleased to have had the opportunity of so doing.

I was initiated in this Lodge on 26th November 1924. I remember the day quite well. It was my 40th Birthday.

After three or four years, circumstances did not permit me to go forward to the high offices which so many of the Brethren have reached and which, I trust, many of you younger Brothers will strive to attain.

Nevertheless, membership of Dudley Castle Lodge has given me pleasure guidance and instruction in the several duties which we, as Freemasons, should always try to uphold.

As I grow older, so does the Lodge. One day it will overtake me but neither of us can ever become foundlings in Freemasonry which is always present to guide and help us, any more than we can impose any improvements on those splendid Principles and Tenets which have been for so long the foundation of our Order. Let us, therefore, bless The Great Architect of the Universe with thankfulness for the privilege of being present on this happy occasion to-night.