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THE CLIVE LODGE No 819

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1849 - 1856

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THE CLIVE LODGE No. 819, BROMSGROVE, 1849-1856.

In 1979 the present writer produced a pamphlet entitled " A Review of Freemasonry in Bromsgrove in the 18th. and 19th. Centuries " but as the task of compiling a publication on the "First Fifty Years" of Bromsgrove Lodge No.5414 lay before him, research into the former subject was rather limited and the following is an attempt to implement and correct our knowledge of the circumstances prevailing in 1849 and during The Clive Lodge's brief existence.

At the time that this is being written it is not apparent why the lodge ceased to exist in Bromsgrove nor may it ever be fully understood but by the time this chronicle is finished and the ascertainable facts provided the reader's imagination might supply a possible answer.

THE PETITION

Wm. Kinder
31st May 1984.

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To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United
Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons
of England
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We, the undersigned, being regular register'd Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art; and, for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a New Lodge, to be named

THE CLIVE LODGE.

In consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at the Town Hall, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire on the Fourth Wednesday of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated, and do recommend Brother Thomas William Kinder to be the first Master, Brother Xavier Paszkowicz to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother Richard Wm. Johnson to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Thos Wm Kinder	S.W.Lodge	348
X.N.Paszkowicz		533
Rich. Wm. Johnson		348
Thos. H.Wheeler	P.M.	348
Wm. Pettifer	W.M.	348
W.J.Windram	J.W.	348
Arthur Kinder		348

We the undersigned earnestly recommend the above petition to the favourable consideration of the Most Worshipful Grand Master-

Joseph Bennett	W.M. Lodge Semper Fidelis	772
Fred: N.Gosling	S.W. Lodge Semper Fidelis	772
Tho. Clutterbuck	J.W. Lodge Semper Fidelis	772
A. Dobie-	Provl. G.Master pro. tem	

I humbly recommend the prayer of this petition to the M.W. Grand Master

A. Dobie.

THE NAME OF THE CLIVE LODGE.

The name of the proposed lodge was without doubt chosen to mark the high regard in which the Hon. Robert Henry Clive of Hewell Grange and the freemasons held each other.

Robert was the grandson of Clive of India and a younger son of the Earl of Powis. He married Harriet, sister of the 6th. Earl of Plymouth. This latter earldom became extinct in 1843 but the Barony of Windsor remained, and having come to live at Hewell they adopted the surname of Windsor-Clive until Robert died in 1854 and his widow, being heiress to the Barony, was known as Baroness Windsor.

The family of the Earls of Plymouth had provided the Lord of the Manor since the 17th. century and the Windsor-Clives found Bromsgrove people responsive to the interest they took in them and in turn the inhabitants were loyal to them. Col. Clive although not a freemason himself, supported the aims of the order and on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Bromsgrove on the 17th June 1852 gave permission for part of the band of the Queen's Own Worcestershire Yeomanry Cavalry to lead the procession to the Church of St. John. This kindness was repeated in other years when the Provincial Grand Lodge met elsewhere.

It is noteworthy that his sister, Henrietta-Antonia married Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Baronet, M.P. who was in the Salopian Lodge No. 262 and became in 1852 Provincial Grand Master of North Wales with the county of Shropshire (Salop) added.

THE COUNTRY IN THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY

This, and the next few sections, are an attempt to paint a word picture of the prevailing conditions during the short lifetime of the Clive Lodge and therein might be clues to help us in our understanding of its demise.

Queen Victoria acceded to the throne in 1837 and married her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg in 1840. There was famine in Ireland, distress in Britain and political upheavals at home and abroad, but towards the end of the 1840s things began to improve.

The principle of " Live and let live " began to work. The upper and middle class (especially if it had money) began to come together and social snobbery started to develop. The upper class still provided most of the Queen's ministers but some power was seized by the middle class to which manufacturers and merchants belonged and if England was to be the workshop of the world, they would run the workshop.

As for the lower class, slums multiplied and cholera and tuberculosis took its toll, particularly of the young.

In 1852 it was feared that the French might invade England and in September Wellington died. In 1853 suspicion moved from France to Russia which was threatening Turkey and causing Britain concern about the control of the Dardanelles and the passage from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean. This led to the Crimean War in 1854.

In 1855 Sebastopol fell, the Russians had had enough as so had almost everybody else, so that on 1st. February 1856 an armistice between Russia and the Allies was signed. Also on Wednesday 27th August 1856 the Clive Lodge had its last meeting.

THE RAILWAY AGE AND BIRMINGHAM

Railways were the greatest innovation of the middle years of the nineteenth century transforming communication and bringing great development to the leading industries. Birmingham was well on its way to being able to make everything in metal from a pin to a steam-roller, a woodscrew to a ship's screw and it had its full share of Victorian prosperity.

In 1849 The Industrial Exhibition was held in Bingley Hall and was visited by Prince Albert. This visit suggested The Great Exhibition in 1851 held in the Crystal Palace built in Hyde Park in London.

The manufacturers, particularly of iron goods, were well aware of the necessity to involve the outlying districts of Birmingham in their trading circle and even as early as 1837 official sanction was given to a branch line from Birmingham to Dudley and Stourbridge.

The railway to and through Bromsgrove was approaching from the South-west from Gloucester and Worcester and, like the industrial revolution, passed Bromsgrove by, as did Victorian prosperity.

The state of Bromsgrove will be told later but there was a factory near the town which was important to the vicinity and Birmingham had its counterpart but on a vaster scale and its business was button making.

Benjamin Sanders and his son had started the method of making buttons by stretching cloth on a metal frame and attaching a shank of iron or canvas.

This method-

This method was used by makers in Birmingham so successfully that a firm of Dain, Watts and Manton were using annually 63,000 yards of cloth and 34 tons of metal and by 1860, out of 6,000 persons employed 2,000 were making pearl buttons. The Bromsgrove factory was said to be employing around 400 " girls " although the entry in the 1851 Census states that Benjamin Sanders, age 85, living at " The Cottage " (Denmark House) 48 Kidderminster Road was a " Button Manufacturer employing 92 persons including men, women, and children ".

BROMSGROVE IN 1849

The town of Bromsgrove in 1849 was little more than one long street stretching from the foot of Rock Hill to the Crabmill ^{country,} surrounded by open ^{country,} a rural market town. There were a few houses in Church Street or Holy Lane as it was known in those days, and a few in St. John Street and Hanover Street, with Sidemoor being an outlying district, while Crown Close provided pasture for cattle belonging to a nearby butcher.

Turnpikes at the bottom of Rock Hill, at Puddlewharf, at Stoke Heath, at the Red Cross on the Kidderminster Road, at Lydiate Ash and Lickey End and at the Hundred House on the Stourbridge Road extracted tolls on horse drawn vehicles and also from drovers of horses, pigs, sheep or cattle. The tolls were raised to pay for the upkeep of the roads, ^{which} must have taken a beating from the vehicles carrying the sandstone from the quarry at Rock Hill. Operative masons were very active and the results of their work can be seen all over the town.

The Spadesbourne and Battlefield Brooks were prominent features in Bromsgrove providing power for the many mills the most outstanding being the Town Mill which was mentioned in the Domesday Book and which stood at the bottom of Mill Lane, the brook being crossed by a ford. The site is now occupied by a supermarket, at the time of writing (1984) bearing the name of Bejam. The mill was still working in 1849 and was demolished in 1883, the millpond drained and the brook diverted to make Market Street.

Other mills working at the time of the founding of the Clive Lodge, either as corn, worsted or woollen mills were Goat Mill which stood at the junction of Charford and Worcester Road, the Lint Mill the site in which stands South Bromsgrove High School; Whitford Mill on the corner of Timberhonger Lane and other more distant mills.

The Cotton Mill which was situated on the other side of the brook from the gas works near Factory Lane had been used in 1832 as a cholera hospital and was leased again from 1850 to 1856 as a worsted factory. The Cotton Pool was remarkable for its size covering 6 or 7 acres of what is now Sanders Park. It was drained in 1865.

The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist is very much the same today as it was in 1849, the lime trees surrounding the church having been then growing for 50 years. The new Vicarage was built in 1848 at a cost of £1800, and in 1931 the house and grounds were purchased by the Bromsgrove Urban District Council and converted into the Council House.

In 1832 " that portion of the garden immediately adjoining the the churchyard which lies between Crown and Sidemoor Lane (now Church Lane) was acquired and upon it was built the new school and in 1834 the National School was established. Also in 1832 the old Town Hall was demolished and replaced by another in which the Clive Lodge was warranted to meet.

A new workhouse was built in 1838 on the Birmingham Road and it is now part of the General Hospital near All Saints Church which was built in 1874. The previous workhouse was at the junction of the Strand with Stourbridge Road and during the lifetime of the Clive Lodge it was a tannery with a public weighing machine in front of it.

The High Street had all the shops necessary to cater for the people of Bromsgrove, butchers, tailors, pawnbroker and watch maker, barber, tinsmith, solicitors, auctioneer, draper and undertaker (sic) tea dealer, shoemaker, chemist and many others but from the number of taverns and inns listed nearly every alternate building must have been a public house.

J. Bryant and Sons began as builders of carriages and coaches in 1854 in the High Street but before that in 1847 two coachbuilders who had been established in Worcester for many years rented the Railway Locomotive Works at Aston Fields. Their names were Kinder and Johnson.

The railway had been opened in 1840 and a horse bus carried passengers from the Golden Cross Inn to the station. To reach Station Road past where Neales Garage is now must have been a hazardous journey up the steep hill. For some months the railway line ended at Cofton and coaches carried passengers to and from Birmingham to connect with the trains.

Owners of-

Owners of cross-country horse-drawn vehicles which took passengers and goods to the railway station as the firm of Kinder in the Tything at Worcester did between Spetchley and Worcester did well but turnpike companies saw their income decline. The effect of the advent of the railway was generally good but it caused disturbance and hardship to others, a boon to most people but injury to some as W.A.Cotton writes in his book "The Antiquities of Bromsgrove" "It was a sorry time for Bromsgrove when an end came to the old coaching days, as many as twenty-six to thirty coaches passing through the town in those days, nearly the whole of them stopping at the Crown or other inns."

In addition to agriculture and farming the most important industry in Bromsgrove was nail making in spite of the unemployment and poverty caused by the introduction of nailmaking machines. There were a considerable number of types of nail which could only be made by hand and this craft continued as a major occupation until 1930. The nailers lived mainly in the Strand, Stourbridge Road and Worcester Street and farther afield in Sidemoor.

THE PLAGUE.

It was during the years 1849/50 that Bromsgrove suffered a cholera epidemic and it was the poor and deprived that suffered the most.

The Spadesbourne Brook was virtually an open sewer with the ordure from the top of the town and High Street being poured into it so that the area around the bottom end of High Street, St. John Street, Hanover Street and Worcester Street were particularly noisome in summer and this with the large vagrant influx no doubt hastened the spread of the disease.

Infant and young child mortality can be an indicator and inspection of the burial records of St. John's Church shows that during these years there were sometimes as many as eight or more funerals in one week and the assistant masters at the Grammar School, who were in Holy Orders, assisted.

Of the 177 funerals in 1849, 98 were of townspeople and of these 11 infants died in Worcester Street, 3 in St John Street, 5 in Hanover Street, 7 in High Street, 5 in the Workhouse, 4 in the Strand, 4 in Holy Lane and 10 in Sidemoor.

In 1850, out of 208 burials, 134 were from the town, and of these 22 infants died in Worcester Street, 4 in St. John Street 5 in Hanover Street, 6 in High Street, 1 in the Workhouse, 5 in the Strand, 3 in Holy Lane and 10 in Sidemoor. These distressing figures are repeated in following years especially in Sidemoor when in 1851 20 infants died. In fact many years after, the Messenger, the town newspaper, published a report by the medical officer to the Council stating that " Since the last meeting typhoid fever in a mild form has again broken out upon the Allotments, Sidemoor. It appears that four houses where the fever has been or now is at present, are supplied by one pump. The water, is, I should say, unfit to drink. The closets are built against the backs of the houses, and must be in the present position, bad for the health. The practice of emptying the closets into the gardens is, I think, objectionable, unless the soil be dug into the ground at once."

The foregoing may be harrowing to the reader but it is intended to give a little of the background to the founding of the Clive Lodge.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dr. John Day Collis was nominated to be Headmaster by Mr. T.H. Cookes. Having been ordained to the priesthood in 1842 he came to Bromsgrove the following year at the age of 27 years with a very distinguished record as a linguistic and philological scholar and teacher.

His immense vitality carried him into many activities some of which were Honorary Canon of Worcester, Justice of the Peace for the County, and as a member of the Needle-makers Company he was a freeman of the City of London, Vice President of the College of Preceptors and of the Association for the Registration of Schoolmasters, Chairman of the Local Board and of the Poor Law Guardians a Trustee of the Recreation Ground and a founder of the Literary and Scientific Institute but more to the point of this investigation as a freemason he became Past Master and Grand Chaplain of the Middlesex Province.

He took no part in the Clive Lodge N^o 819; he did not even visit it, but he must have been aware of the activities of the Assistant Masters he appointed, one of whom, X.N. Paszcowicz was already a freemason when he came to the School.

The rather tangled web of association with University College, Grammar School and Church and the connection with freemasonry can be shown by the following tables:-

Assistant Masters at the School

X.N.Paszcowitz

J.H.Iles

G.B.Pix

Old Oxonians

J.D.Collis	Worcester College	1835
W.R.Villers	Baliol College	circa 1809
H.Aldham	Worcester College	" 1827
G.B.Pix	Lincoln College	" 1841
E.A.H.Lechmere	St. Mary Hall	1843
E.V.Amery	St. Mary Hall	1846
J.H.Iles	Lincoln College	1846

Old Boys of the School.

George Horton

E.V.Amery

Parents with boys at School or potential scholars who attended later.

Benjamin Maund	son entered	circa 1841
W.R.Villers	" " "	1847
Francis Watt	two sons entered	1849 & 1856
Harcourt Aldham	son entered	1854
George Horton	" "	1856

Vicars in the area.

Rev. Harcourt Aldham,	Stoke Prior
Rev. Thomas Housman	Catshill
Rev. W.R.Villers	Bromsgrove.

THE WARRANT OF No.819 THE CLIVE LODGE.

We will leave the Bromsgrove School for a while and return to it and its influence, if any, on freemasonry in Bromsgrove later, and resume our story by quoting in full the Grand Master's authorisation to constitute the Lodge.

ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

We, Thomas Dundas, EARL OF ZETLAND, Baron Dundas
of Aske in The County of York &c., &c., &c.,
GRAND MASTER

the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of England

SEND GREETING

KNOW YE that we by the authority and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England vested in us for that purpose and at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren Thomas William Kinder, Xavier N. Paszkorvicz, Richard William Johnson, Thomas H. Wheeler, William Pettifer, William J. Windram, and Arthur Kinder, do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of

No. 819

THE CLIVE LODGE

The said Lodge to meet at the Town Hall Bromsgrove Worcestershire on the fourth Wednesday of every month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make pass and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren, WE DO APPOINT the said Thomas William Kinder to be the first MASTER, and the said Xavier N. Paszkorvicz to be the first SENIOR WARDEN and the said Richard William Johnson to be the first JUNIOR WARDEN for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed. Strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served, as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and, according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge and that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his office. AND WE DO require you the said Thomas William Kinder

To take-

to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all the other members of the said Lodge do observe perform and keep the Laws Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND WE DO enjoin you to make such Bylaws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the Majority of the Members appear proper, and necessary the same not being contrary or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. AND WE DO require you to cause all such Bylaws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters or to THE RIGHT HONORABLE CHARLES WORSLEY PELHAM, EARL OF YARBOROUGH, BARON YARBOROUGH, ARON WORSLEY etc. etc.etc. OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a List of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees, and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intencion that this our WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION shall continue in force so long as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. AND you the said Thomas William Kinder are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

GIVEN under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 13th. January A.L.5849 A.D.1849

BY COMMAND of the M.W. Grand Master

(sd) William H. White. G.S.

(sd) Yarborough. D.G.M.

(Sd) ZETLAND. G.M.

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The Warrant, of which the above is a copy, does not carry any endorsements concerning the removal of the Lodge to Dudley or changing the name from Clive to Vernon. It remains " pure and unsullied " to this day, so that until the Centenary Warrant was issued in 1949 the Lodges at Dudley and Stourport-on-Severn did their work with the Clive Warrant on display and even now have both Warrants exhibited when the Vernon Lodge is in session

4th April 1849 the first meeting was held in the Town Hall Bromsgrove by Dispensation and was attended by Bro. Dr. Roden the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seven visitors.

The five who held the Lodge were :

Thomas Henry Wheeler	P.M.No. 348	W.M. pro tem
Thomas William Kinder		W.M. Elect
Xavier N. Paszkowicz		S.W. "
Richard W. Johnson		J.W. "
Arthur Kinder		Secretary.

but as only the last four were to continue the Clive Lodge it was necessary to have another member to hold further lodges so Mr. Henry Kinder of London, proposed by Thos. W. Kinder, seconded by Bro. R.W. Johnson was balloted, accepted and initiated as was also Mr. Edward Watton as a Serving Brother.

Three proposals for Joining Members were accepted,
Bro. F. I.L. Wyatt No.348 St. John's Lodge, Leicester
Bro. George Pix No.460 Apollo Lodge, Oxford
Bro. B. Maund No.378 Apollo Lodge, Alcester

written in the Minutes as Alcester Lodge

Two candidates for initiation were proposed, Mr. John Reeve of London and Mr. John H. Sanders, Architect of Derby but nothing more was ever recorded of these gentlemen in the proceedings of Clive Lodge.

Consecration and Installation of the Clive Lodge No. 819.

The following is an extract from the Freemason's Quarterly Magazine and Review 1850. :-

BROMSGROVE --- On Wednesday the 11th. of July 1849, the pleasing occurrence took place of the institution of a lodge of the time honoured society of Freemasons in this town. It is now many years since the last Lodge of Masons held here was finally closed owing to what circumstances we know not, but we are certain that the witnesses of the revival of the craft here will not readily forget the day spent by them in assisting at the planting again of its glorious flag of peace in this ancient town

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, presided over by the D.P.G.M.

Bro. Roden M.D., Mayor of Kidderminster, who discharged his arduous duties in a most engaging and accurate manner. The lodge was held in the Townhall, a circumstance, as it happens, most certainly not to be regretted for a moment in any respect, but which was nevertheless in a considerable degree the result of an extraordinary hallucination (we may almost say) on the part of an individual. The promoters of the Clive Lodge, acting in the usual way, wished to attach it to the most respectable inn in the town, and which, as it happened in this case, was exceedingly well adapted for their purpose. The proprietor, however entertained a most erroneous notion of the society; it seems to have been regarded by him as little better than an affiliated branch of the terrible Vehme-Gerichte, or " tribunal of secret avengers ". He would have nothing to do with secret societies; nor would he be reasoned into a belief in the innocence and worthy objects of an institution which numbered among its most active members the father of her gracious Majesty, and has only lately been deprived by death of the careful, zealous, and truly fraternal superintendence of her Majesty's beloved uncle, the Duke of Sussex. Shut out from taking their ease in an inn, the brethren found refuge in the Town-hall, the use of which was most liberally granted to them by the respected trustees, on the solicitation of Bro. Maund, one of its members.

The scene presented by the solemn invocation and religious nature of the rites performed in the hall on this occasion contrasted curiously in the mind's eye with our remembrance, from repeated experience, of passages of justice between man and man, or between our Sovereign Lady the Queen and divers of her erring lieges, which we had witnessed in that room; good will to man and humble faith to God met the ear in every intonation; while the other, alas! hatred and malice toward man, neglect of and irreverence to the Deity, were too frequently the chief characteristics. To us, the contrast of the scene was truly impressive and grateful.

Most of the brethren having arrived soon after two o'clock a selection of officers for the day from different lodges in the province, took place in the adjoining room, when a procession to the lodge room was formed, the visitors being previously seated, and the members of the new lodge sitting immediately round the lodge in the centre, which was properly covered.

The lodge-

The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the preliminary prayer was offered up by the Chaplain Bro. the Rev. Paszkowicz and an ode, " Hail Universal Lord " was sung by the Brethren.

The Prov. Grand Secretary (the V.W.Bro. Hodges, W.M. of Lodge No. 173) made a formal application for the constitution of the lodge, and for that purpose read the petition, warrant, and dispensation. This being acceded to, the minutes of the previous transactions were read and approved of, and the brethren of the new lodge publicly signified their approbation of the brethren named in the warrant as Master and Wardens.

An oration was then delivered by the D.P.G.M., which did infinite credit to his masonic learning, and which elicited warm encomiums from the brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the second and third degrees, the preparatory consecration prayer followed, and the lodge was uncovered and perfumed.

After the first clause of the consecration prayer, there was a general response by all the brethren with the grand honours once, and the acting G.M. and Wardens sprinkled the elements on the lodge thrice. Next was an invocation by the Chaplain, and the response with grand honours twice, and the consecration prayer was then concluded; another response being given with grand honours thrice.

The lodge was then covered; and an appropriate anthem was sung. The brethren of the new lodge then formed a procession round the lodge once, saluting in the east, south and west. The lodge was then duly constituted with grand honours five times.

The ceremony of Installation then succeeded, and was as ably performed by the worthy D.P.G.M. as the former ceremony. The brethren named in the warrant of constitution, were Bro. Kinder W.M.; Bro. Rev. Paszkowicz, S.W. and Bro. Johnson, J.W.. The D.P.G.M. was ably assisted in the Wardens chair by Bro. Bennet, P.S.G.W., and by Bro. Griffiths, W.M. of Lodge No. 349, and Bro. P. Prov. Grand Secretary.

The W.M. elect stated that the brethren of the new Lodge owed a deep debt of gratitude to the W.Bro. Roden, for his very great kindness and consideration to the brethren; for his exertions in procuring the warrant, and for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the day.

He therefore-

He therefore proposed to record upon the minutes as their first act, a resolution warmly thanking him for his valuable services. This was duly seconded, and carried.

On the motion of the W.M., a similar compliment was also unanimously awarded to the W.Bro. Hodges, P. G. Sec. for the active part he had taken in the formation of the lodge.

It is impossible to eulogise too highly the truly masonic manner in which the working of the lodge was conducted, but indeed it could not be otherwise in the hands of Craftsmen so experienced and erudite as the various brethren we have named.

The banquet was served at half-past five; it consisted of, if not all, a most admirable selection of the delicacies of the season, and was supplied by Bro. Watton of the George Inn, a hostelry closely adjoining the town-hall and which, if it never enjoyed fame previously for having daintily furnished forth good men's feasts, has by its complete success on this occasion acquired an ample title to be considered among the A1 in the long and illustrious schedule of masonic purveyors. What need we say more? the Craft has from all time been famed for an enlightened and wise erudition in gastronomy; and Bro. Watton's efforts on this occasion amply entitled him to be admitted into the illustrious band of its caterers.

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Note 1. Bro. Watton was initiated on 4th April 1849 as a Serving Brother and Tyler.

Note 2 The phrase "----" and the members of the new lodge sitting immediately round the lodge in the centre, which was properly covered "----" shows that the "lodge" was one probably in the form of a tracing board covered with a cloth either on the floor or on a table, a labour-saving device developed from the earliest times when the "Lodge" was drawn with charcoal or chalk on the floor to be rubbed out when the lodge was closed.

The Clive Lodge-

The Clive Lodge No.819 through the years 1849-1856.

continued:-

As it would try the patience of the reader to follow the events of the lodge by a detailed account of the Minutes, the chief occasions and decisions will now be given in a shortened form with a separate list of Initiates and Joining Members given as an appendix.

1849 W.M.Bro T.W.Kinder

Bro. Frederic I.L. Wyatt gave " a handsome sword for the use of the Tyler ". Bro. R.W.Johnson presented " A handsome set of books for the lodge use ".

It had obviously been decided that the December meeting should be the Installation date as Bro. T.W.Kinder was re-elected and continued as W.M.

1850. W.M.Bro. T.W.Kinder.

Bro. Arthur Kinder gave " three handsome candlesticks " and the W.M. announced that the pedestal, platforms and candlestick pedestals were presented to the Lodge by Bro. R.W.Johnson and himself.

In the absence of Bro. T.W.Kinder, W.M., a visitor Bro. Joseph Bennett P.M.No.349 acted in his stead and conducted a Passing and Raising ceremonies on the 24th. April 1850 and again on 20th. November 1850 when he performed an Initiation, Passing and Raising.

At the meeting in June the Festival of St. John the Baptist was held. Whether this was an acknowledgement of the Patron Saint of the Parish Church of Bromsgrove or a continuation of a custom of St. John's Lodge in Leicester is not known but the Minutes note that the lodge was " called off " and closed after refreshments which was a custom in Leicester and probably many other lodges. The W.M.Bro. T.W.Kinder presented a Bible on retiring from the Chair and later on Bro. Benjamin Maund gave a cushion to support it.

1851. W.M.Bro. Richard William Johnson.

At the first meeting of the year on 15th January a P.M. Jewel was presented to Bro. T.W.Kinder. A visitor, Bro. Machin acted as W.M. in the absence of Bro. Johnson on 19th March but no ceremony was worked and on 13th. August the Lodge was not opened, there not being sufficient number of brethren present, neither was there a ceremony on 10th. September when Bro. Machin again occupied the Chair in the absence of Bro. R.W.Johnson. On the 12th. November the W.M. was again absent, Bro. T.W.Kinder acting in his stead and there were not sufficient members attended to open the Lodge on 10th December

The absence of Bro. R.W. Johnson was most untypical as previously his attendance at Lodge was exemplary and he had missed one meeting only in the twenty two held since the constitution of the Lodge. However, during his year of office he attended seven meetings in addition to the Installations of himself and his successor and had presided over one Initiation, three Passings and two Raisings, and from this it appears that he was there when there was work to be done

EXTRACT FROM BERROW'S WORCESTER JOURNAL 17th. JUNE 1852

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND FOR THE PROVINCE OF WORCESTER

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL HENRY C. VERNON ESQ.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

JOHN BROOKE HYDE ESQ.
D. P. G. M.

Wednesday.

The usual annual meeting of the Masonic Brethren of the Province of Worcester was held this day at the Clive Lodge No. 819 Town Hall, Bromsgrove, to transact the necessary business of the Province and to elect and appoint officers for the ensuing year.

The "Clive Lodge" holds its meetings at the Town Hall, but as that room was required for banqueting purposes, the Lodges (by dispensation from the R.W.M. Master) were permitted to assemble at the Golden Cross Hotel, where every accommodation was kindly offered to the Brethren.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, who we are glad to observe, is looking in better health than when at Worcester last year, was received by the "Clive Lodge", and he commenced the ceremony of opening the Provincial Grand Lodge between twelve and one o'clock at which time about 100 of the Brethren from the Lodges at Worcester, Stourbridge, Dudley and Kidderminster, had assembled, with a goodly number of Masonic visitors from Birmingham and neighbouring places. Among them we observed Brothers John Brooke Hyde D.P.G.M. for the Province of Worcester; E.A.H. Lechmere P.S.G. Deacon and W.M. Semper Fidelis Lodge 772. Worcester, Richard W. Johnson P.S.G. Warden; F.T. Elgie, P.G. Treasurer; John Machin P.G. Registrar for Warwickshire; A.C. Hooper P.J.G. Warden and W.M. of the Worcester Lodge, 349; Joseph Bennett P.P.S.G. Warden P.M. of 349 and 772, Worcester;

B.L. Stable-

P.M. 819; Edward Giles, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, S.W. 772, Worcester; A Patterson, Dudley, P.P.G. Deacon, 313 and 338: Vejue, Bath, W.M. 328; Walter Copley 772 Worcester; Wm. Evans, London, Grand Steward; W. Masefield, Dudley, 313 P.P.G. Warden; H. Wainwright, Dudley, 730 P.P.G. Registrar; Hallam, P.P.G. S. Warden for Staffordshire; Charles Curran, P.G. Sword Bearer; John Bateman, 313 Dudley; Edward Dudley, W.M. 730, Dudley; Henry Peyton, The Bartons, Ledbury; E. J. Willett, Bath, 328; Joseph Alston. 824; W. Barnes, S.W. 730; Henry Causer, 824 Stourbridge; Dr. Fitch, 615; Burton, P.M. 786, Thomas Porter, 523, Francis Mellard, 824; Richard P. Hunt, Kidderminster, 523; P.P.G. Deacon; J. D. Brown, S.W. 523; J. F. Hornsby, J.W. 819; G. R. Shaw J. D. 313; M. D. Dennison, P.M. 313; Dr. Burton. P.M. 786; Weldon, P.M. 600. Pringle, W.M. 824;

What took place in the Lodge we are of course unable to state to our readers, Freemasonry being at Bromsgrove as it is all over the world " a deep and impenetrable secret " to all but those who are initiated into the craft. We therefore suppose the business of the Lodge was concluded at half-past two o'clock, for at that time there were strong indications in the " outer world " that the Lodges were preparing to proceed in procession. The brethren having taken their places according to their various ranks, and having been properly marshalled under the experienced judgement of the P.G. Directors of Ceremonies, marched off with stately step to the fine old parish church, where an admirable and truly Masonic sermon, replete with Gospel truth, was preached by the Rev. Charles Eckershall Rector of All Saints, Worcester, and Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Province. The Rev. Gentleman took for his text Job, 28th chap., 12th. and 15th verses being part of the lesson for the evening. "Where shall wisdom be found and where is the place of understanding? It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof." He said of Job, who spoke thus of the worth of wisdom in a book written before the time of Moses, if not a Mason himself, yet would serve as a pattern by which Masons after him might square their actions; being wise above his fellows in all things which the earth, or air, or sea produces, especially in his knowledge and sublime description of the power and other attributes of the great Creator, and showing forth in his life the true end of wisdom

(to demonstrate -

(to demonstrate which indeed was the object of the preacher's discourse throughout) in that he was a " man that was perfect and upright , one that feared God, and eschewed evil." Solomon also was wise in the same manner , and his great wisdom also, taught him the fear of the Lord. The preacher then went on to distinguish true from false wisdom, and said that Masonry would materially assist each faithful and docile servant of the art in his search after true wisdom, i.e., Masonry, not separate from religion, and teaching anything distinct from and unconnected with religion; but Masonry, as it is, the handmaid of religion, the teacher and expositor of the word of God. He then reviewed the different periods of the world lying in darkness in the time of Noah and Abraham, who endeavoured to illuminate it with the light of truth, and afterwards in the time when that " Great Light which shined in the darkness," appeared though " the darkness comprehended it not " and said that Masonry was of old called, and still is denominated Lux, or Light, which of old first taught the initiated the great secret of the one true God, and which, in these days, kindling its torch at the one only source, the fire of the Holy Spirit, illuminating the page of truth, shews to the searcher after knowledge, the enquirer into the hidden things of God, many a treasure of wisdom and goodness, which, if not concealed from him before, comes out to view in clearer, brighter colours; and while its benignant rays fall widely upon men of different creeds, the faithful and observant Mason cannot fail to discern, amid all the significant symbols and ceremonies of his order, the true wisdom of the Gospel; and that in all its mysteries the one which stands most clearly and conclusively revealed, is the mystery of the Cross.

The musical portion of the service was conducted by Brother Jabez Jones, P.G. Organist, assisted by Mr. Tirbutt, organist of Bromsgrove.

After the sermon a collection was made among the Brethren and congregation, the amount of which will be devoted to the maintenance of the Orphan Boys' and Girls' Schools in connection with the craft, and to the schools established at Catshill, of which parish Brother Thomas Houseman (sic) S.W. of the Clive Lodge, is the respected incumbent. The collection amounted to £14 4s 5d.

The procession-

The procession, which was of some length, both in going to and returning from the sacred edifice, was preceded by part of the Band of the Queen's Own Worcestershire Yeomanry Cavalry, which was placed at the disposal of the " Clive Lodge " by the kindness of Col. Clive and Captain Emmott; and which with the gay costumes and decorations of the Brethren--- the elegant but mysterious looking banners -- the beautiful fineness of the weather (after an inauspicious morning) - the ringing of the bells - contributed to make the hospitable people of Bromsgrove appear as gay as though it were a general holiday prepared especially for them. The streets were thronged with gazers, and every window had its complement of smiles and fair faces to greet the Brethren as they proceeded along. The reason for only half of the band attending was in consequence of Capt. Taylor's annual celebration of " Waterloo Day " at Moseley Hall, taking place at the same time, but this portion of it rendered themselves very effective by the excellency of their performance.

The procession was arranged to be in the following order:-

Tyler with a drawn sword.

Union Flag

Band of Music

Union Flag

Visiting Brethren two and two

Round Ashlar borne on a Pedestal.

The Private Lodges of the Province of Worcestershire
in the following order:

Lodge of Berseverance (Dudley) No.838.

Tyler with a drawn Sword.

Two Deacons

Stewards

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

P. Master

Two Wardens

The Lodge Banner

Master

Lodge of Stability-

Lodge of Stability (Stourbridge) No. 824.
Brethren two and two and officers as before
Clive Lodge, (Bromsgrove), No.819
Brethren two and two
Officers

Lodge Semper Fidelis, (Worcester), No. 772
Brethren two and two.
Officers

Royal Standard Lodge, (Dudley) No.730.
Brethren two and two.
Officers

Hope and Charity Lodge, (Kidderminster) No.525
Brethren two and two
Officers.

Worcester Lodge, No.349.
Brethren two and two
Officers

The Perfect Ashlar, borne on a Pedestal before the
W.M. of the Senior Lodge
By a member of his own Lodge.

Lodge Banner
W.M.

Visitors of distinction, as Provincial Grand Masters
Officers of the Grand Lodge of England
Provincial Grand Tyler, with a Sword.

Union Flag

Provincial Grand Pursuivant

Tracing Board of the 1st. Degree

Past Prov. Grand Deacons, and other Past Prov. Grand
Officers, below the rank of P.P. Grand Wardens

Tracing Board of the 2nd. Degree

Provincial Grand Deacons, bearing the Warden's Pillars

Provincial Grand Organist

Provincial Grand Architect

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

Tracing Board of the 3rd. Degree

Book of Constitutions, on a Pedestal.

P.G.Secretary-

P.G. Secretary.

P.G. Registrar.

P.G. Steward	{	The Volume of the	}	P.G. Steward
	{	Sacred Law, Square and	}	
with a wand	{	Compasses, borne on a	}	with a wand
	{	crimson velvet cushion	}	
	{	open at Numbers Ch. 10	}	

Provincial Grand Chaplain

Past Provincial Grand Wardens two and two.

P.G. Steward	{	The Corinthian Light	}	P.G. Steward
with a wand	{	The Ionic The Doric	}	with a wand
	{	Light Light	}	

P.G.J.W., with a gavel

P.S.G.W., with a gavel

The Globes

Past D.P. Grand Master

Mace Bearers

P.G. Steward	{	The P.G. Sword Bearer	}	P.G. Steward
with a wand	{	Prov. G Master	}	with a wand

Union Flag

Two Stewards, with wands

Two Tyler, with drawn swords

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The Banquet was served in the Town Hall, soon after the return of the Brethren from Church and as far as the season would allow was of the most recherche description and admirably served by the host and hostess of the George Inn, assisted by Mrs. Cook who may be considered the "Gunter" of Bromsgrove; they used every endeavour to please the palates of the most fastidious of the fraternity and proved themselves presently successful in their catering. The banqueting room was prettily festooned and decorated with flowers and the tables, laid out with a display of vases, candelabra etc., in addition to the first rarities of the season, evidence of the application of taste and refinement of no common occurrence on such occasions.

We must not-

We must not omit to mention that the reception given by the "Clive Lodge" to the assembled craft, cannot fail to be duly responded to when they meet their Brethren "At home". It must have proved a delightful day to all parties.

We are precluded from giving the admirable Masonic speeches which we can conceive would be uttered upon this as on previous occasions; our express, however left Bromsgrove during the time the Brethren were cheerfully engaged in discussing the merits of the good things placed before them --- these were no doubt very acceptable and greatly enjoyed after the "toils" of so important a day in the annals of Freemasonry.

The following were the Brethren appointed as Officers for 1852/3

P.Senior G.Warden	-- Brother E.A.H.Lechmere	WM 772
P.Junior G.Warden	-- Brother F.T.Elgie	P.M. 349
P.G.Chaplain	-- Brother the Rev. C.Eckersall	349
P.G.Treasurer	-- Brother Wm. Masfield	P.M.730
P.G.Registrar	-- Brother J.F. Hornsby	J.W.819
P.G.Secretary	-- Brother D.W.Nash	349
P.Senior G.Deacon	-- Brother E.G.Stone	S.W.349
P.Junior G.Deacon	-- Brother T.Stevenson	W.M.838
P.G.Supt. of Works	-- Brother C.Curran	P.M.824
P.G.Dir. of Ceremonies	-- Brother K.Marten	P.M.824
P.G.Asst. D.of Ceremonies	-- Brother Wm. Pringle	W.M.824
P.G.Sword Bearer	-- Brother E.Hopkins	772
P.G.Organist	-- Brother Jabez Jones	349 and 772
P.G.Pursuivant	-- Brother H.M.Wainwright	730
Provincial Grand Stewards	-- Brothers Maund, Bromsgrove;	
T.Harris, Stoney;	the Rev. Housman, Catshill; J.Heming,	
Stourbridge; L.Minchall,	Bromsgrove; and Geo. Deeley, Dudley.	
P.G.Tyler	-- Brother Stanley	772

We will endeavour to find room next week for those omissions which shortness of time may possibly have caused us to commit in this report.

Author's Note; There was nothing further in the following week.

The two meetings following the installation of Bro. Aldham on 21st. January were abandoned "there not being sufficient number of members" as the minutes record, and it is probably appropriate, at this point, to review the state of the lodge. Of the Founders named in the Petition, two brethren, W. Pettifer and W.J. Windram, did not subscribe to or join the Lodge. Brothers Thomas William Kinder, Xavier Paszkowicz, Richard William Johnson and Thomas Wheeler, although subscribing to, were not attending lodge so that the initial impetus created by the forming of the Lodge was now slowing down and another Brother, Arthur Kinder had confirmed his resignation and a copy of his letter dated 3rd March 1852 is given in the appendix. Bro. A. Kinder was now the proprietor of the coachbuilding firm at the Tything, Worcester, which had been relinquished by his father Thomas Kinder, Esq., whose elder son Thomas William was engaged in railway carriage building.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Harcourt Aldham was having very little support. There were eight Initiates, prior to Bro. Aldham assuming the Chair of the Lodge, and one Joining member, all of whom came to Bromsgrove as a means to an end, and that was to become a M.M. for on reaching that sublime degree they did not attend. Five of them came from London and were sponsored by Bro. R.W. Johnson who himself lived at Holloway Place, London in 1847. Of such transitory brethren support could not be expected. The only faithful, regularly attending and sustaining brethren were Brothers Benjamin Maund, Frederick Hornsby, Luke Minchall, Thomas Housman, and Dr. George Horton.

The meeting held on 5th May saw the election of a Joining Member from the Apollo Lodge No. 460 (Oxford University) Bro. John Hodgson Iles who was S.W. of No. 460 on joining Clive Lodge. He was a keen ritualist and erudite scholar and he became master of the Lodge before the year was out, and along with him came one of his contemporaries at Oxford, Bro. E.A.H. Lechmere a Past Secretary of Apollo Lodge and W.M. of Semper Fidelis Lodge in Worcester. Bro. Iles was instrumental in recruiting three Initiates who, like himself were Clerks (in Holy Orders) one of whom Rev. G.F.H. Foxton introduced a gentleman, Francis Watt Esq., and Bro. Luke Minchall proposed B.H. Sanders Esq.. This small spate of new members, combined with the public spectacle of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting already described, should have invigorated and strengthened the Lodge and indeed, the number of members attending did rise.

1853. W.M. Bro. John Hodgson Iles.

The first meeting under the new Master decided to meet on Mondays instead of Wednesdays, perhaps this was due to the traditional "day-off" of the clergy being Monday.

At the second meeting the W.M. delivered the Charge to Bro. B.H. Sanders and also gave an explanation of the 1st. T.B. This is the first and only reference to this part of the ritual in the lifetime of the Lodge

At the meeting held on 21st February 1853 there were two Initiations and a Passing and those in March and April were equally busy but the Minutes of 23rd May have no labour recorded except that a proposal was negatived, that of having "dining" instead of "Supping" a negation that seems at variance with a resolution adopted at the following meeting, that the stock of wine should be sold, but it makes sense when another proposal is passed to change the meeting place from the Town Hall to the Golden Cross. This latter suggestion did not come into effect.

No ceremony is recorded for 17th. October but the scholarly and diligent W.M. explained the signs, words etc. of our Ancient Order.

1854. W.M. Bro. Thomas Housman.

On the 14th. November, Bro. T. Housman was elected Master and then comes a remarkable gap in the records for on the 11th September 1854, 10 months after, the Minutes state that four members only attended Lodge with no labour undertaken. On the 9th. October Bro. Iles, P.M., proposed, and it was carried, that the Lodge meet only quarterly in February, May, August and November and on the 15th. of the later month Bro. Iles was elected W.M. for the ensuing year and he resumed the Chair for the second time at the December meeting. Bro. Housman did not have the pleasure of presiding over one ceremony.

1855. W.M. Bro. J.H. Iles.

The 4th May was the next meeting and the ever-zealous W.M. delivered a lecture on the "Mysteries of the Craft"

26th November 1855

Present.	Bro. J.H. Iles	W.M.
	" T. Housman	S.W. pro tem.
	" H. Aldham	J.W. " "
	" F. Watts	S.D.
	" G. Horton	J.D.
	" B.H. Sanders	I.G.
	" Hubball	Tyler

Bro. Smith --

" Bro. Smith was raised.

" After due discussion it was unanimously determined that
" owing to want of members and short attendance at Lodge,
" the Clive Lodge No. 819 be dissolved, its Warrant returned
" to Grand Lodge and its furniture sold; any surplus funds
" to be given to Masonic Charities "

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Bromsgrove

July 22, 1856

My Lord,

I have the honour
to transmit to your Lordship
the Minutes of the last Meeting
of the Clive Lodge, and am

My Lord,
Very obediently
& fraternally
Your Lordship's
Humble servant.

Benjamin Maund

Clive Lodge No. 819

Held at the Golden Cross Hotel, agreeably to
Special Notice, on Monday the 30th day of June 1856
Present.

Brother	yles	W.M.
"	Minchall	S.W.
"	Horton	J.W. pro tem.
"	Sanders	J.D.
"	Maund	Hon. Sec
"	Hollier	P.M. 313
"	Wright	Hon. Sec. 838
"	Wiggington	" " 313

The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Minutes
of the last Lodge were read.

It was resolved unanimously that the Resolution of the last
Lodge regarding the Dissolution of the Clive Lodge be not
confirmed, and its Warrant not returned to Grand Lodge.

Resolved unanimously that its Surplus Funds be reserved for the relief of poor deserving Masons residents of Bromsgrove.

The following Brethren whose names were transmitted to each member of the Clive Lodge as proposed joining members, were the balloted for, and duly Elected Members of the Clive Lodge, namely, -

- Brother, The Rev., A.G.Davies, W.M. 730
- " George H.Deeley, Iron Founder, Dudley P.M. 838
 - " Elliott Hollier, Chemist, Dudley, P.M. 313
 - " Samuel H.Blackwell, Iron Master, Dudley, P.M. 513
 - " James Worley, Agent, Dudley, P.M. 313
 - " G.B.Lowe, Solicitor, Dudley 838
 - " Thomas Wright, Agent, Dudley, Hon.Sec. 838
 - " Z.B.Smith, Accountant, Dudley, 838
 - " William Wiggington, Architect, Dudley, Sec. 313
 - " Henry Roper, Surveyor, Dudley, 298
 - " William Timmins, Glas Merchant, Dudley, 838
 - " B.Bayley, Chemist, Dudley, 838
 - " William Holland, Builder, Dudley, 313
 - " Zachariah Round, Plasterer, Dudley, 313

It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously, that it is expedient that the Warrant of the Clive Lodge, No. 819 be transferred to Dudley, concurrent with the Sanction of the G.M. and P.G.M.

It was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro Horton that the Bye-Laws of this Lodge be suspended till revised by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose.

It was proposed by Brother Hollier and Seconded by Brother Wright that Brother Alexr. G.Davies be elected W.M. of the Clive Lodge for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Brother Hollier, and seconded by Brother Wright that Brother Wigginton be elected Treasurer of the Clive Lodge for the ensuing year

It was proposed -

It was proposed by Brother Wigginton, and seconded by Brother Hollier, that Brother John Jeffs be elected Tyler of the Clive Lodge for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the Hon. Sec. that Brothers, Hollier, Davies, Wigginton, Deeley, and Wright be a Sub-Committee for revising the Bye-laws of the Clive Lodge.

It was proposed by Brother Hollier and seconded by Brother Wright that the Title of the "Clive Lodge" be changed to "Vernon" and that the P.G.M. be prayed to approve the same.

It was proposed by Brother Wright and seconded by Brother Wigginton that the following Gentlemen, viz.

Isc. Willday, Gent., Wood Setton, near Sedgley
John Chinn, Manager of the Goods Department
Great Bridge, near Tipton.

Edwin Poole, Accountant, Dudley
be Candidates for the Mysteries.

The Lodge was closed in the first degree.

The Lodge was closed in Harmony.

(S. 1.) W. V.

Benjamin Maund.
Hon. Sec.

At a regular Meeting of the Members of the Clive Lodge No.819 held at The Golden Cross (pursuant to notice) on Wednesday August 27th 1856 present:-

Bro. the Rev. J.H.Iles W.M.	Bro. Minchall	S.D.	
" Wm. Wigginton as S.W.	" B Bagley as	J.D.	
" Housman	" J.W.	" Horton "	I.G.
" B.Maund	Secy.	" Hubball	Tyler

Lodge was opened in the first degree & the circular convening the Lodge was read.

The Minutes of the Lodge of June the 30th./56 were read and unanimously confirmed

Resolved " That the Installation and Investiture of the Revd. Bro. A.G.Davies (M.A.) P.M. of 730 and Provincial Grand Chaplain, the W.M. elect of " The Vernon " do Take place at the Old Town Hall, Dudley, on Wednesday the 17th day of September 1856 - that being the day appointed by The Right Worshipful Bro. H.C.Vernon, The P.G.M. of the Province, for his performance of that ceremony.

Resolved " That the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye-laws together with the Bye-laws as amended be received and adopted.

The following Candidates for Initiation into the Mysteries of the Craft, were then respectively balloted for and unanimously elected.--

" Isiah Willdey, Gentleman, Wood-setton Nr. Dudley
John Chinn, Goods Manager, Great Bridge,
Railway Station
Edwin Poole, Accountant, The Henage, Dudley

The following Brethren were the severally balloted for, and unanimously elected as joining Members of " The Vernon"
Bro. the Revd. E.A.Gwynne P.M.435 and P.G.Chaplain
for Staffordshire
Bro. William Finch, 730 Paper Manufacturer, Dudley Port.

Nothing further offering for the good Masonry in general or this Lodge in particular. -Lodge was closed in due form. Lodge was closed in Harmony.

John Hodgson Iles. W.M.
Benjamin Maund Hon. Secy.

Masonic, Civic and Academic details of Members
of the Clive Lodge No.819

Harcourt Aldham

Second son of George of Plymouth,
Worcester College, Oxford, matriculated 26th April 1827 age 18.
B.A.1831; vicar of Stoke Prior 1842.
He was curate at Handsworth before being Vicar of Stoke and
went on to be Hon. Canon of St. Winwloe, in Truro Cathedral.
He had a son Vernon Harcourt Aldham who entered Bromsgrove
School in 1854.

His household per the Census 1851, residence Vicarage, Stoke Prior

Harcourt Aldham		Age 42	Clergyman
Ann	wife	Age 32	
P.K.	daughter	Age 11	
V.H.	son	Age 7	

and two female servants.

Clive Lodge No.819;-

Made. 10/10/1849. F.C. 14/ 11/1849 M.M. 2/1/1850

S.W. 18/12/1850 W.M. 21/1/1852

Attended 31 meetings out of a possible 50

EdmundVerdon Amery

Second son of John of Birmingham county Warwick.

Brasenose College; matriculated 9th June 1846 age 18

B.A.St. Mary Hall 1851; M.A. 1853.

Was a student at Bromsgrove School from 1841

born 21st July, son of J.Amery, Park House, Stourbridge.

Sometime Curate of Bromsgrove, Vicar of Maisemore, Gloucester.

Clive Lodge No. 819;-

Made. 21/1/1853 F.C. 21/3/1853 M.M.25/4/1853.

Attended 5 meetings out of a possible 14.

Francis Frederic Collins

16th. Lancers, Hounslow.

15th January 1851 proposed by Bro. Capt. Emmott, seconded by

Bro. R.W.Johnson; elected but nothing further recorded.

Charles Cresswell

Charles Cresswell.

Proposed by Bro.H.Aldham, no seconder or ballot recorded.
in the minutes

Residence, Worcester,

Profession, Solicitor.

Made. 26/6/1850 the Festival Of St. John, Bro. Dr. W.Rodem D.P.G.M.
attended.

F.C.21/8/1850 M.M.20/ 11 /1850 by a visiting brother Bro. J.
Bennett P.M. No.348

Bro. Cresswell is recorded as having attended only one other meeting.

William Emmott

Residence Tutnell, Worcestershire, profession Captain W.Y.C.

The Clive Lodge:-

Joined, 8/8/1849 F.C. 15/1/1851 M.M.12/2/1851
The Minutes merely state "obligated

Proposed as joining member by Bro. T.W.Kinder seconded by
Bro. R.W.Johnson

On Return to U.G.L. with payments up to 30th June 1850 the W.M.

T.W.Kinder writes the following memo:-

" Captain Emmott was initiated August 4th 1849 in the Royal
Lancashire Lodge then No. 182 now 133. This is all the information
I can obtain- he has proved himself a Master Mason (sic) and at
the last return I entered him as a joining member at 2/6d to
Grand Lodge. he is desirous of having his certificate- can it
be granted on payment of the remaining 14/6 (This was evidently
acceded to as 16/6 was paid with the next Return i.e. with 2/-
quarterage.)

Dr. Fitch

Residence: Chaddesley Corbett, Profession: Surgeon.

Clive Lodge No. 81:-

Visited on 8th October 1851

Elected Joining Member 12th November 1852

Attended once more (according to the minutes) 15/6/1852

Rev. George Frederick Hardman Foxton

Proposed by Bro. J.H.Iles, seconded Bro. J.F.Hornsby

Residence Bromsgrove, Profession; Clerk

Made 15/6/1852 F.C. 6/10/1852 M.M.8/12/1852

Attended six meetings thereafter, the last being 17th Oct.1853

John Seager Grundie-

John Seager Grundie. (other spellings: Gundrie, Gundry.)

Residence; Chelsea Profession: M.D.

Proposed by Bro. L.Minchall, seconded by Bro. R.W.Johnson

Made 18/12/1850 F.C. 15/1/1851 M.M.12/2/1851

The above were the only meetings he attended according to the Minutes.

William (Thomas) Harris

Residence: Stoney Land Profession: Gentleman (later- farmer)

Proposed by Bro. Thomas Housman seconded by Bro. R.W.Johnson

Joined 26th June 1850 from Lodge of Light, Birmingham.

Was infrequent attender at Lodge.

Frederick John Hornsby

Proposed by Bro. R.W.Johnson, seconded by Bro. T.W.Kinder.

Residences:- Bunsford Hill	Profession Gent.	1849
Buntsford Hill		1850
Kings Norton		1853
Bromsgrove	Profession farmer	1854
Mosley (sic) Birminham	Prof. Esq	1855

Household per Census 1851.

Frederick John Hornsby, Buntsford Hill, Stoke Heath.	Age 33
Manager of Salt Works of British Alkali	From Lambeth, London
Mary Ann	Wife age 27
Harriet	daughter 5
Frederick G.	son 4
Francis C.	son 2
John W.	brother, single gentleman. 28

Two female servants.

The Clive Lodge No.819

Made. 12/1/1849 F.C. 10/10/1849 M.M. 5/12/1849

J.W. 21 January 1851

He attended lodge regularly until the Beginning of 1853 and from then on, only infrequently.

George Horton

Proposed Bro. R.W.Johnson, seconded by Bro. F,J,Hornsby

Residence. Bromsgrove Profession, Surgeon.

George Horton. M.R.C.S. attended Bromsgrove School 1820-1826

His son George Francis born 29th March 1842 attended 1856-1859

Clive Lodge No.819;

Made 27/2/1850 F.C. 24/4/1850 M.M. 29/5/1850

He attended 37 meetings out of a possible 49 and was a steady supporter until the Lodge finished

Rev. Thomas Housman 4/9/1795 - 26/1/1870

Proposed by Bro. Harcourt Aldham, seconded by Bro. T.W.Kinder
as Joining member to take 2nd. and 3rd Deg.

Residence; Catshill Vicarage, profession, Clergyman

The Clive Lodge No. 819:

F.C. 27/2/1850 MM. 24/4/1850 S.W. 21/1/1852 W.M.14/11/1854

On the return to U.G.L. with payments up to 30th. June 1850

the W.M. Bro. Thos. H.Kinder adds the following memo:-

" The Rev. Brother Houseman (sic) was made at Cambridge about
40 years since. I have received a most satisfactory reply to my
enquiries but having unfortunately mislaid the letter I cannot
give the number of the Lodge - - a reference to your Books will
doubtless put the matter right- - if not I will write to the
Cambridge Lodges on the subject."

William Hunter. (forename given as Edward on one return to G.L.)
No record of proposal or ballot

Residence on Return up to 1st January 1853 is London, profession, Gent

1st June 1854 is Birmingham

1st June 1855 is London

Made 20/11/1850 F.C. 16/7/1851

According to the Minutes these were the only meetings he attended
but dues were paid to G.L.as per the above Returns

John Hodgson Iles

Proposed by Bro. R.W.Johnson seconded by Bro. T Housman as a
Joining Member from Apollo, University Lodge No.460. Oxford.

Residence: Bromsgrove. Profession, Clerk.

First son of John of Healing, county Lincoln, gentleman.

Lincoln College; matriculated 19th. March 1846 age 18

B.A. 1849 M.A. 1853 Fellow 1855-61 Rector of St. Peters

Wolverhampton 1860-76. Vicar of Barton-under-Needwood 1876-80

of Christ Church, Lichfield, 1880-3, prebendary Lichfield 1870;

Archdeacon of Stafford 1876; canon of Lichfield from 1877.

Clive Lodge No.819:

Joined 5th May 1852 and attended every meeting from then
until the close.

Installed W.M. 22nd December 1852

and again 4th. December 1854.

He was S.W.Apollo Lodge when elected to join Clive Lodge.

Richard W.Johnson --

Richard William Johnson

He signed the Petition for the Clive Lodge as a member of No. 348 St. John's Lodge, Leicester, along with five others of that lodge and was named in the Warrant as first J.W.

From the records of St. John's Lodge, Leicester:-

Described as a gentleman living at Holloway Place, London

Made 18/3/47 F.C.23/4/47 M.M.17/9/47

The Clive Lodge No. 819:-

Installed W.M.18/12/1850

He presented a "handsome set of books for the use of the Lodge" 10/10/49

In 1847 Kinder & Johnson, coachbuilders in Worcester, rented the Railway Carriage Works near Bromsgrove Railway Station.

In 1860 he was a Magistrate at the Worcester Quarter Sessions.

Edward Curtis Kemp

No details of proposers given but address was London, profession Gent.

Clive Lodge No.819 :-

Made. 28/8/1850 F.C. 30/11/1850 M.M.12/11/1851

According to the lodge minutes these were the only meetings he attended.

Arthur Kinder (Brother of Thomas William)

St. John's Lodge No.348, Leicester. Profession Coachmaker
Worcester

Made 6/5/1846 F.C. 3/3/1846 M.M.3/7/1846

The Clive Lodge No.819:-

Signed the Petition for the Warrant in which he was named.

Was Secretary from the first meeting 4th April 1849 until 18th December 1851

He attended 14 meetings out of a possible 18 during this term of office and overall 20 meetings out of 32 until his resignation reported on 5th May 1852.

He was obviously settled in the Parish of Claines which included the Tything, for the following baptisms are recorded;-

1853 30th Sept. Caroline Susanna dau. Arthur and Margaret Best Kinder

1855 30th Jan. Frances Margaret " " " " " "

1857 28th Apr. Harold Arthur son " " " " " "

He gave " three handsome candlesticks " on 27th February 1850

Appointed J.W. No.819 18th December 1850

Henry Kinder--

Henry Kinder

Proposed by Brother Thomas Kinder, seconded by Bro R.W. Johnson
Age 21, residence London, profession Gent.
The Clive Lodge No.819.

Made 4/4/1849 (1st Meeting) F.C. 8/8/1849 M.M.12/9/1849

He attended every meeting for one year and only four times thereafter.
the last one being 12th November 1852.

On 12th December 1850 in the Parish of Stoke P^rior he married
Emily Augusta Wheeler, spinster of the parish, daughter of Thomas
Henry Wheeler who with Henry Kinder's father, William, were
signatories of the marriage certificate, in the presence of Thomas
William Kinder and his mother Susanne Kinder and Caroline Louisa
Kinder.

Henry is recorded in the marriage lines as hailing from Leicester
where he lived in HalfordSt from where the bicycles originated.
and a firm of coach makers , Wheeler and Kinder & Co were located
in Granby Street.

On 27th December 1854 he was installed as Master of St. John's
Lodge No. 348, Leicester and yet another Henry Kinder was initiated
into the same lodge on 5th November 1856, his profession being
coach builder, Granby Street.

The various Kinder's relationships, both in family and business,
become so complex, that the present writer will only state the
facts as revealed as they have little bearing on the progress of
the Clive Lodge.

Thomas William Kinder

Without a doubt this is probably the most vital man in the setting
up of the Clive Lodge and whose organising ability and drive is
evidenced in his business life as well in his masonic work.

An early reference to him is found in Hartoff's Register of
Freemen of Leicester, as follows:-

Thomas William Kinder son of Thomas of Crawley, county Sussex, gent.
as from 10th March 1832 prentice to Wm. Miles coach maker.

Within the next few years, certainly before 1841, Thomas, senior with
his family moved to 9 The Tything, Worcester.

On 26th September 1843 Thomas William Kinder, batchelor, designated
as a coach builder, Leicester, married, at Claines, Worcester, Mary
Elizabeth Wheeler, spinster of the Parish of Claines, her father
being Thomas Henry Wheeler, appraiser,

and in the--

and in the presence of Thomas H. Wheeler, Alfred Wm. Johnson, Arthur Kinder, Caroline Louisa Wheeler, Matilda Margaret (surname indistinct). The reader may compare this record with that given for Henry Kinder and be forgiven if he arrives at the conclusion that two cousins married two sisters.

Soon after the wedding Thomas H. Wheeler left Worcester and the Worcester Lodge No. 349 and joined St. John's Lodge, Leicester where he progressed to the Chair on 14th January 1845 at the end of which year Thomas William Kinder was Initiated into the St. John's Lodge by his father-in-law and progressed to S.W. by early 1848. Thomas and his wife Mary Elizabeth may have been living with the Wheelers in Leicester where they were blessed with a daughter Alice Mary in 1845 and a son in 1847 but there must have been a pressing reason for him to return with his wife and children to his father's house at the Tything, Worcester for it was during 1848 that proceedings were in hand to form the Clive Lodge, and also in the previous year Messrs Kinder & Johnson leased the Railway Carriage Works at Aston Fields and Thomas William was describing himself as a Railway Carriage Manufacturer.

Although this chronicle was started to find why the Clive Lodge ended, we could pause in our story because a strong motive presents itself and it is not unreasonable to presume that a man of T.W.'s calibre should not find a means to an end. We have Thomas William leaving Leicester within reach of being W.M., a disappointed but determined man, anxious to receive the "highest honour a Lodge has in its power to confer". His father-in-law had been in a Worcester Lodge No. 349 and it needs no stretch of the imagination to envisage T.W. approaching the Prov. Grand Secretary Wor. Bro. Hodges and that brother, like all who hold that exalted office, a veritable fount of knowledge, putting him in touch with Bro. X.N. Paszkowicz and the Grammar School and advising Thomas how to raise a Petition with the help of his friends and relations at Leicester. He had the qualification to be first Master and did he not make a point, at the Consecration of the Lodge by proposing a vote of thanks to the Wor. Bro. the Prov. Grand Secretary "for the active part he had taken in the formation of the Lodge", His gratitude to Bro X.N. Paszkowicz was expressed in another form to be divulged later

Mrs. Mary Kinder--

rs. Mary Elizabeth Kinder continued to be a loving wife and bore Thomas another son, Ernest, who was baptised at Stoke Prior on 29th May 1849 and his parents address being given as Rigby Hall and his father's profession as Railway Carriage Manufacturer. The officiating minister was Rev. H. Aldham who six months later would be initiated into the mysteries of freemasonry. Other baptism certificates about that time were signed by different ministers, J.D. Collis, W.R. Villers and X.N. Paszkowicz being among them. Now is the time to mention another child of those happy parents, a daughter who was baptised by the Rev. Aldham on 22nd April 1851 and given the names Ada Paszkowicz no doubt to acknowledge the kindly feelings that existed between her father and his brother in freemasonry. It is hoped that the child could find it in her heart to maintain those kindly feelings herself in later years.

On 24th June 1848 Thomas William was present at the wedding at Claines of his sister Susanna to Henry Aveling, bachelor, gentleman of St. James, Paddington but who, beyond this does not enter our story.

Having launched the Clive Lodge No. 819 as its first master, Thomas William was re-elected on 5th December 1849 and attended his duties regularly until 18th December 1850 and thereafter he presented himself only four times, the last time, according to the records, being on 15th June 1852.

The Census of 1851 shows the Kinder household at Rigby Hall consisting of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, her two sons and two daughters Thomas Kinder Senr. age 62 and Suzanne his wife age 66, a nurse-maid, housemaid, cook, a monthly nurse, a groom and a male general servant. But Thomas William was not "at home"!

Was he trying to find Victorian prosperity elsewhere? The Press account of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1852 states his location as Dublin and he continued to pay his subscriptions until the Lodge finished, as the Returns to Grand Lodge include his name in 1853 with his residence as Monkstown (presumably Co. Cork) and in 1854 as Dublin but in 1855 as again in Worcester.

However fascinating this brother's jurnies may be we must part company.

William James Law.

Proposed Bro. R.W. Johnson, seconded Bro. T.W. Kinder
Residence: Clarence House, Chelsea, profession, Gent.

Clive Lodge No. 819 :-

Made 2/1/1850 F.C. 26/6/1850 M.M. 27/6/1850

These were the only meetings he attended

John Moore-

John Moore.

Proposed. Bro. A.Kinder seconded. Bro. R.W.Johnson
Residence, Notting Hill, London. profession, Architect
Clive Lodge No.819:

Made. 2/1/1850 F.C. 30/1/1850 M.M.23/9/1850

These were the only meetings he attended.

The above is placed out of alphabetical order due to the
similarities of the previous one. Bro. R.W.Johnson when initiated
into St. John's Lodge, Leicester, gave his residence as Holloway
Place, London.

Edmund Anthony Harley Lechmere.

Proposed as a joining member by Bro. R.W.Johnson seconded by
Bro. Thomas Housman on 5th May 1852 from Apollo Lodge, No.460
Oxford University.

Was P.S.G.D. and W.M. Semper Fidelis Lodge, Worcester

Lechmere (Sir) Edmund Anthony Harley (Bart.)
only son Edmund Hungerford of Malvern, County Worcester after-
wards a baronet.

Christchurch, matriculated 15th May 1845 age 18. B.A. from St.
Mary Hall 1849, M.A. 1852, 3rd baronet, M.P. Tewkesbury March 1866-
1968, West Worcestershire July 1876-85, Worcester, Bewdley Div. 1886
The minutes show that he attended only three meetings

James Edward McConnell

Proposed by Bro. G.Horton seconded by Bro. B.Maund with name
wrongly written as McCornack in the minutes.

Bromsgrove Clive Lodge No.819:

Made 12/3/1851

This is the only meeting he attended according to the minutes.
Readers are advised to read the book " Bygone Bromsgrove " edited
by John Foster for more information on this famous man.

Benjamin Maund. 15th April 1790- 21st April 1864.

Initiated 25th May 1822 Apollo Lodge No.378 now 301 Alcester,
subscribing member until end of 1828.

Bromsgrove Clive Lodge No, 819 :

Joined 11th July 1849, Proposed by Bro. R.W.Johnson, seconded by
Bro. X.N.Pasckowcz. Residence, Bromsgrove, profession Bookseller.

He was a world renowned botanist, also printer, author and
producer and for further details the reader is advised to read
" A Review of Freemasonry in Bromsgrove in the 18th and 19th
Centuries "

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a small pamphlet written by the present compiler of this record, and further details will follow later.

He is commemorated by a sculptured plaque in the Chancel of Bromsgrove, St. John's Church.

" In memory of Benjamin Maund F.L.S. 1790-1864, Author, Printer and Producer of "Maund's Botanic Garden " and other world-famed works Distinguished by comprehensive knowledge, artistic skill and exalted genius. He lived and laboured in Bromsgrove for nearly 50 years and rendered lasting honour to the town of his adoption".

There is also a tombstone commemorating him and his wife outside the vestry door of St. John's Church, Bromsgrove and stained glass windows in the Chancel to his wife and other members of his family.

Luke Minchall. (oft-times spelt Minshall)

No proposer or seconder given in the minutes but stated to be on the summons.

Solicitor of Stoke Court.

The Clive Lodge;

Made 10/10/1849 F.C.5/12/1849 M.M.2/1/1850

He remained with the lodge to the end and more details will follow.

His household included, in 1850, a coachman, stable boy (the coachman's son) cow hand, cook, dairymaid and housemaid.

In 1855 he was living at "Forelands" but not in the present building as this was built by Braziers who demolished the former one.

Dudley Parsons

There is no record of his sponsors.

Residence; Shrewsbury Profession; Railway Manager

The Clive Lodge :-

Made 1/8/1849 F.C.29/5/1850 M.M.27/7/1850

The minutes record that he attended only three meetings in addition to these and his name appears only once on G.L. returns.

Francis Xavier N. Paszkowicz .

There are various spellings but that on the Petition has been accepted as his own signature.

The Petition gives his previous Lodge as No.533 Fylde Union Lodge, Fleetwood where it met in 1845 after two previous venues. It was erased in 1853

He was appointed--

He was appointed to the Bromsgrove Grammar School in 1848 by (Bro) Rev. John Day Collis and he was already a priest or clerk as the title was then. The title Clerk in Holy Orders did not come into use until later. He was Master in Philosophy of the University of Warsaw 1831, French and German Master and Examiner 1848 and 1849. His residence in 1849-50 is given as Rushock Rectory and in 1853 as Brookhouse.

On the warrant of the Clive Lodge he was named as the first S.W. and was appointed again on 2nd January 1850 but never went on to become W.M. He was not a good attender at meetings. According to the minutes he sponsored only two brethren, and those joining from other lodges, that can be in some way connected with the School. He had stopped coming to Lodge before the School and University contemporaries were recruited. He tendered his resignation on 22nd December 1852.

William Patchett .

Proposed by Bro. R.W.Johnson, seconded by Bro. T.W.Kinder.

Residence; Shrewsbury. Profession; gentleman.

The Clive Lodge No. 819. :

Made 26/6/1850 F.C. 21/8/1850 M.M.27/10/1850

He attended only these three meetings and two of these coincided with his fellow townsman Bro. Dudley Parsons whose support for the lodge was negligible.

William Pettifor.

He signed the Petition as W.M. of St. John's Lodge No.348 Leicester and was named in the Warrant of Clive Lodge to which he did not subscribe, take office or attend according to the records.

George Banastre Pix.

Proposed by Bro. X.N.Puszkowicz, seconded by Bro. Kinder as joining member from Apollo Lodge No. 460, University Oxford on the first meeting of Clive Lodge and attended three meetings only thereafter.

Benjamin Hadley Sanders.

Proposed by Bro. L Minchall seconded by Bro. H Aldham.

Residence: Bromsgrove profession: attorney age 27

The Clive Lodge No.819:-

Made 22/12/1852 F.C. 21/2/1853 M.M.25/4/1853

He came late into the Lodge but was a steadfast supporter to the end Further details later.

Frederick Smith.--

Frederic Smith. (the forename is spelt thus almost throughout)
Proposed by Bro. Iles, seconded by Bro. Maund as a joining
member from Loyal Cambrian Lodge No.127, now 110 Merthyr Tydfil
on 15th November 1854.

Residence: Bunsford Hill, profession Comm. Traveller

Clive Lodge No.819:-

F.C.14/5/1855 M.M.26/11/1855

He was in at the demise of the Lodge and further details are
given later.

William Richard Villers. (Rev).

Proposed by Bro. J.H.Iles, seconded by Bro. T.Housman

The Clive Lodge No.819:

Made 15/6/1852 F.C. 6/10/1852 M.M.8/12/1852

He was the son of Simon of Wolverhampton, county Stafford.
Balliol College.Matriculated 19th July 1809 age 18.
B.A. 1813; M.A. 1847; minister of New Chapel, Kidderminster 1824;
honorary canon Worcester Cathedral; Vicar of Bromsgrove 1846
until his death 16th January 1861.

He had a son , Robert John who attended Bromsgrove Grammar
School in 1847

His household per 1851 Census :-

William Villers	145 High Street, Vicar of Bromsgrove	Age	59
Susanne	wife	"	50
Edward W.M.	son	"	21
Robert	Undergraduate Cambridge	son	" 19

one each of houseservant, coachman, lady's maid, cook,
kitchen maid.

He attended lodge during one year but took no further part
after October 1853.

Thomas Walklate

Balloted and accepted as Joining Member on 8th August 1849 from
St. John's Lodge No.348, Leicester.

Residence; Birmingham profession; Midland Railway

Attended only once in 1850 and five times in 1851.

His place of residence given on the return to Grand Lodge
in 1853 is Leeds

Francis Watt--

Francis Watt.

Proposed by Bro. Rev. George Foxton, seconded by Bro. Harris
Residence, Bromsgrove, profession Esqre. Age 38.

The Clive Lodge no. 819:-

Made.21/2/1853 F.C.21/3/1853 M.M.25/4/1853

His elder son attended Bromsgrove BGrammar School 1849 -50

His name was Francis James and his brother Edmund William was
a pupil there between the years 1856-61

Edward Watton

Proposed by Bro. X.N.Paszkwicz, seconded by Brother T.W.Kinder
Residence; The George Inn, Bromsgrove.

Made at the first meeting 4/4/1849. F.C. 8/8/1849 M.M. 12/9/1849

He was a Serving Brother and Tyler.

Edmund James Wells

Proposed by Bro. X.N.Paszkwicz, seconded by Brother T.H.Wheeler.
Residence; Sheffield, profession ,Gent

The Clive Lodge No.819:-

Made 8/8/1849 F.C.10/10/1849 M.M. 5/12/1849

Appointed J.D, 21st January 1852 after which he did not appear
to attend lodge but it must be recognised that the minutes
were far from accurate in this respect.

Alfred William Wheeler.

He came to Clive Lodge as a visitor on 3rd April 1850 from St.
John's Lodge No. 348, Leicester, was vouched for first and second
degree and raised by M. Bro. Thomas H.Wheeler. The only
recorded attendance here. Obviously a ceremony of convenience

Thomas Henry Wheeler

This Brother originated in Worcester having been initiated into
Worcester Lodge No. 749 on 28th March 1842 and went as a M.M.
in the opposite direction to that which the Kinders would take
by joining St. John's Lodge, Leicester on 6th December 1843.
He progressed rapidly and was installed W.M.on 14th January 1845.
and was then master for another year.

Bentley's History 1840 records him as an auctioneer at 7 Foregate
Street House, Lower Wick

The Clive Lodge No.819:-

He acted as W.M. for the first meeting and again on 3rd April 1850
for the raising of Alfred William above.

He had -

his daughter marrying Thomas William q.v.. He signed the Petition for the Clive Lodge but did not become a subscribing member

W.J.Windram

He signed the Petition for a Warrant for the Clive Lodge but did not become a subscribing member. He was initiated into St. John's Lodge, Leicester on 3rd. June 1846 and was installed Master 28th December 1848. He was an auctioneer at 15 Halford Street, Leicester, as Windram & Co.

Frederick I. Louis Wyatt

St. John's Lodge No.348 Leicester: -

Proposed by Bro. T.W.Kinder, seconded by Bro. R.W.Johnson

Made etc. in 1847 his residence given as 6 Mark Lane, London.

The Clive Lodge No.819:-

Proposed by Bro. T.W.Kinder, seconded by Bro. R.W.Johnson he was elected a Joining Member on 11th July 1849, his residence, London and profession, Wine Merchant. He maintained his membership while the lodge lasted. He attended about twice a year up to 25th April 1853 and on 8th August presented a "handsome sword for the Tyler"

Jas. Hubball

Elected Tyler of the Clive Lodge on 14th November 1853.

AT THE MEETING OF 26th. NOVEMBER 1855

when the proposal for the dissolution of the Lodge was agreed.

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Bro. William Emmott.

Was Captain in the Queen's Own Worcester Yeomanry Cavalry and had joined the Clive Lodge as an E.A. on 8th August 1849 and took his other degrees in 1851. He attended very infrequently after that. Colonel Robert Clive, after whom the Lodge was named, was his Commanding Officer but both men were "advancing in years" and Clive died in 1854. Soon after, the name Windsor-Clive was no longer used at Hewell Grange and this might have influenced the change of name to "Vernon" as the R.W. Henry C. Vernon was the Provincial Grand Master at the time and it was a natural motivation to honour a man during his life-time as was the reason for the naming of Clive Lodge.

Brother Emmott would have no driving impulse to preserve the lodge for he was at least 69 years old having been initiated in 1808.

Bro. Luke Minchall.

His name is spelt Minshall on nearly every occasion in the lodge records, which are not exactly a paragon of accuracy, but that with a "c" is taken from the 1851 Census in which year he attended only two meetings out of eleven but otherwise he attended fairly regularly. He would have been 50 years old when the lodge finished and, although he had been Treasurer for about 18 months from January 1852 and Wardens difficult to find, he obviously did not want to reach the Chair and had no great urge to preserve the lodge in Bromsgrove.

Bro. Thomas Hooper.

From the time of his joining the Clive Lodge after 40 years as an E.A. he was a steadfast supporter by his presence at almost every meeting from the 27th February 1850 until the very last meeting on 27th August 1856 when he acted as J.W. He became Worshipful Master when he was 58 years old but he did not have the opportunity to preside over any ceremonies. His devotion to Clive Lodge makes it very plain that he regretted its passing.

Bro. John H. Iles --

Bro. John Hodgson Iles

Like many of the learned men appointed to Assistant Mastership of Bromsgrove Grammar School he obtained his title to the priesthood by reason of that post. The episcopal licencing of schoolmasters was later to be abolished by statute.

It is recorded that he came to Bromsgrove School in 1852, was ordained by the Lord Bishop of Worcester and after four years as third form master he became Rector of Wolverhampton, Alumni Oxoniensis says 1860-76.

His installation as W.M. of the Clive for the second time was no doubt due to his skill in the Craft, and four meetings after the second Installation he presided over the dissolution and removal of the Clive Lodge to Dudley. He was a priest and would himself be moving soon.

Bro. James Watt

A young man of 38 years when the Clive Lodge was taken over, was a late-comer to the lodge and had little time to delve into the mysteries but he was grateful, no doubt, to be made a Master Mason in three successive meetings.

Bro. Rev. Harcourt Aldham.

Vicar of Stoke and an early initiate in the life of the lodge who became its master in a little over two years, a circumstance which has been spoken of disparagingly but which was a common thing in those days as is evidenced by the record of Bro. T.H.Wheeler in St. John's Lodge, Leicester, and he served two successive years in that office. Bro. Aldham was a steadfast supporter of his brethren but his attitude to the winding up of the lodge in Bromsgrove could have been non-committal as his vocation eventually took him to Cornwall

Bro. Benjamin Maund.

He was a faithful servant of the lodge, his attendance at meetings was exemplary and he was, by far, the longest serving member of the lodge of which he was Secretary from 21st January 1852 until its last meeting on 27th August 1856. A most devoted supporter of the craft he was 66 years old and retired from business when the lodge was transferred. His thoughts at the time were full of sadness as, not only was he parting from his friends but was contemplating leaving Bromsgrove to live at Folkestone and subsequently to Sandown I.O.W. where he died on 21st April 1864.

Bro. George
Horton-

Bro. George Horton M.R.C.S.

He was a regular attender at Lodge and out of a possible 48 meetings from his initiation he was present at at least 37 of them. He was Secretary for a year. He would have been about 48 years of age in 1856 and was no doubt sad to have to leave the lodge.

Bro. Frederic Smith.

He joined as an E.A. on 15th November 1854 , and had to wait, probably anxiously, until 26th November 1855 to be made a M.M. on the very night on which the proposal to end the lodge was made. Although he was a member of the Clive Lodge for a short time only he had been able to become a M.M. under its (figurative) banner and no doubt felt regret at the demise of the lodge. However as a Commercial Traveller he may have found refreshment in other towns.

Bro. Benjamin Hadley Sanders.

A grandson of the worthy Benjamin of " button " fame was still only 29 when the lodge moved to Dudley and supported his brethren well during the short time he was a member and would probably have continued with constancy in his services to the craft; just as he was in serving the town of Blomsgrove for 50 years as Clerk to the Local Board a fact which is commemorated in Sanders Park by a horse watering trough which formerly stood at the top of the town.

THE CLIVE LODGE No. 819FOUNDERS

Thomas William Kinder
 Xavier N. Paszkowicz
 Richard William Johnson
 Thomas Henry Wheeler
 Arthur Kinder

MASTERS

1849- 50 Bro. Thomas W. Kinder
 1850-51 Bro. Thomas W. Kinder
 1851- 52 Bro. Richard W. Johnson.
 1852- 53 Bro. Harcourt Aldham.
 1853- 54 Bro. John H. Iles.
 1854- 55 Bro. Thomas Housman.
 1855- 56 Bro. John. H. Iles.

Initiates (In) and Joining (J) Members.

1849.

Henry Kinder (In)
 Edward Watton (In. S. I.)
 Frederick I. L. Wyatt (J No. 348)
 George B. Pix (J No 460)
 Benjamin Maund (J No. 378)
 William Emmott (J No. 333)
 Horace Walpole (J No. 348)
 Dudley Parsons (In)
 Edward J. Wells (In)
 Frederick J. Hornsby (In)
 Harcourt Aldham (In)
 Luke Minnall (In)

1850.

William J. Law (In)
 John Moore (In)
 Thomas Housman (J)
 George Horton (In)
 Alfred Wheeler (J No 348)
 Charles Cresswell (In)
 William Patchett (In)

1850- continued

William Harris (J L. of Light)
 Edward C. Kemp (In)
 William Hunter (In)

1851.

James E. McConnell (In)
 Dr. Fitch (J No 615)

1852.

John. H. Iles (J No 460)
 Edmund A. H. Lechmere (J No 772)
 George F. H. Foxtan (In)
 William R. Villers (In)
 Benjamin H. Sanders (In)

1853.

Francis Watt (In)
 Edmund V. Amery (In)

1854.

Frederick Smith (J No 127)

REFERENCES TO COACHBUILDERS

Register of the Freeman of Leicester 1770- 1930 Hartoff
in Leicester Record Office.

Page 307. Register of Apprentices:

5th June 1832. Thomas William Kinder son of Thomas of Crawley
Co. Sussex, gent; prenticed to William Miles,
Coachmaker, from 10th March last

(Thomas Kinder Senr. moved to 9 The Tything, Worcester)

1840. Bentley's History and Directory:

Thomas Kinder proprietor coachbuilder 9 Tything Street

1841 Census gives Thomas Kinder's household as:-

Thomas Kinder	age 45
Susanna "	" 45
Thomas "	" 20
Arthur "	" 15
Susanna "	" 20

Not one of these were born in the county of Worcester.

1847 Per Bygone Bromsgrove and Reddery: Kinder and Johnson
Coachbuilders in Worcester rented the Railway Carriage
Works near Bromsgrove Railway Station

1849 Leicester Register: Kinder and Wheeler, Granby Street,
Coachbuilders and Harness Makers.

1849. Melville & Co., Directory: Wheeler Thomas Henry,
coach builder, Granby Street

1854 Melville & Co., Directory: Henry Kinder, Coach Manufacturer
with a house in Halford Street, Leicester
and Wheeler & Kinder & Co., Granby Street

1855 Billing's Directory & Gazeteer of Worcester:
Kinder Arthur & Co, The Tything, Worcester

Copy of a letter of resignation from Bro. Arthur Kinder to the Secretary of the Clive Lodge.

Worcester

May 3, 1852

B. Maund, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I must in the first place offer an apology for not replying to your note, but having been from home at the time of its arrival, it was mislaid and only this morning in regulating my private papers did I discover, to my extreme mortification that I had omitted giving it proper attention. I assure you it was not without regret that I determined on withdrawing from the Clive Lodge but having done so I have no desire to return again for my duties here are so heavy and I feel from ill health and other causes that that punctuality of attendance required cannot without difficulty be fulfilled and I believe some amount is due from me to the Lodge and if you will favour me with a statement it shall accordingly be forwarded. Thank you for your kind letter and with every wish for the prosperity of the Clive Lodge

I remain Dear Sir

Yours most obediently

(Sgd) Arthur Kinder

Extracts from the Lodge Centenary Book
of St. John's Lodge No. 279
(formerly No. 348) Leicester

1846 On the 26th March 1846, the John of Gaunt Lodge sprang into existence, and met for the first in the Magistrates Room, at the Exchange, in the Market Place. It was consecrated on the 11th May, 1846 ----

Bro. T.H. Wheeler was at that time master of St. John's, and there can be no doubt that the establishment of the new Lodge awakened in the Brethren of the older Lodge a spirit of righteous rivalry stimulating them to almost phenomenal zeal, and resulting in an addition to the roll of a very substantial number of members---- On the 2nd December Bro Wheeler was, in recognition of his efficient and zealous services in the chair, re-elected; and on the 28th December the Annual Festival was held when the Brethren " partook of a sumptuous repast " and afterwards closed the Lodge. It will be remembered that the custom then was to call off to refreshment and return to labour.

1847----- and on the occasion of the Annual Festival, held on the 27th December, when Bro. William Pettifor was installed, Lord Rancliff, the Pro. G.M. and his Deputy, Sir Fredk., G. Fowke, honoured the Lodge with their presence.

1849 Under the mastership of Bro. W.J. Windram in 1849 the Lodge continued to improve in tone -----

On the 11th November 1850 Henry Kinder, a citizen of renown, became a member of this Lodge,-----

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Stourport-on-Severn by courtesy of the Officers of the Vernon Lodge

The Minutes of St. John's Lodge No. 348, Leicester by courtesy

of the Officers of that Lodge.

I am greatly indebted to Wor. Bro Herbert West of St. John's

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relevant Minutes of old. Without their help this record would

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