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Dear Wor. Bro. Tom,

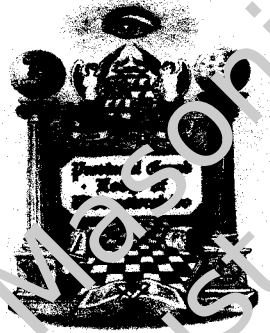
Further to your letter of 25th. July to the Masters of Lodges in the Province, it is now my pleasure to forward you the enclosed Extracts from the official History of this Lodge for which I am the archivist.

I have not included all the appendices as they are incidental to the main history.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

John Jordan

EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF
BRANDWOOD LODGE No. 7679



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The last meeting of the Founders prior to the Consecration was held on 29th March, 1960, at which final arrangements were made with the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Two rehearsals were held prior to the Consecration, on Saturday, 23rd April and Wednesday, 27th April, both under the direction of Wor. Bro. G.R. Cross, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Wor. Bro. W.H.S. Degville, Provincial Grand Organist.

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THE CONSECRATION

The Consecration of Brandwood Lodge took place at the Moseley Masonic Hall, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham on 30th April, 1960. The official Summons is included in this history as Appendix A.

The ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. Edward L. Bunting, M.B., assisted by Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor. Bro. A.W. Smallwood, P.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, who acted as I.P.M.

The following Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge also assisted with the Ceremony :

Wor. Bro. H.A. Haynes, J.P., Prov. S.G.D.	as S.W.
Wor. Bro. W.H. Turner, Prov. J.G.W.	as J.W.
Bro. Rev. H.P.A. Arman, Prov. G. Chaplain	as Chaplain
Wor. Bro. P.B. Mayne, P.F.G.W., Prov. G. Secretary	as Secretary
Wor. Bro. G.R. Cross, Prov. G.D. of C.	as D. of C.
Wor. Bro. J.A. Rhodes, M.B.E., Prov. S.G.D.	as S.D.
Wor. Bro. E.W.L. Iye, Prov. J.G.D.	as J.D.
Wor. Bro. F.J.W. Chambers, Prov. Dep. G.D. of C.	as Asst. D. of C.
Wor. Bro. W.H.S. Degville, Prov. G. Organist	as Organist
Wor. Bro. A.V. Sale, Prov. Asst. G. Pursuivant	as I.G.
Bro. D.O. Brien, Prov. G. Tyler	as Tyler

In addition to the above and the 17 Founders of the new Lodge, there were present, six members of Grand Bank, 14 Brethren of Provincial Grand Bank, 17 Past Masters, 9 Reigning Masters and 74 Brethren, including 4 members of the Worcestershire Masonic Choir.

The Lodge was Consecrated in pure and antient form. The Warrant was read by Wor. Bro. P.B. Mayne, Provincial Grand Secretary. The Oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. E.F.A. Morgan, Provincial Grand Chaplain, who then unveiled and dedicated the Lodge Banner.

Following the Consecration, Wor. Bro. John C. Jordan was installed as the first Master by Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master who expressed on behalf of the Province of Worcestershire good wishes for the success and happiness of the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. John C. Jordan appointed and invested his officers as follows :

I.P.M.	Wor. Bro. B. Cartledge, P.M. 5546, P.P.G.D.
S.W.	Bro. S.A. Rollins.
J.W.	Bro. H.E. Davenport.
Chaplain	Wor. Bro. S.F. Smith, W.M. 5546.
Treasurer	Wor. Bro. E. Woolley, P.M. 5546 & 3643, P.P.G. Treas.
Secretary	Bro. A.F. Ashby.
D. of C.	Wor. Bro. R.C. Hilton, P.M. 5071, P.P.A.G.Reg. (Hampshire & I.O.W.)
S.D.	Bro. K.F. Higson.
J.D.	Bro. W. Mack.
Asst. D. of C.	Wor. Bro. J.B. Dunkley, C. de G., P.M. 4450.
Almoner	Wor. Bro. F.C. Nash, P.M. 6010, P.P.G.D.
Asst. Secretary	Bro. J. Scott.
I.G.	Bro. E.T. Francis.
Steward	Bro. B.H. Horton.
Steward	Bro. D.J. Reed.

At this meeting Wor. Bro. H. Bland P.P.G.D., Bro. H.S. Bottoms and Bro. W.V. Bates were proposed and seconded as Joining Members and Mr. H. Woolley and Mr. J.A. Gilliard were proposed and seconded as Candidates for Initiation.

The Charity Collection at the Consecration amounted to £30 0. 0.

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The finance involved in launching the new Lodge, including all the preparatory work and the expenses of the Consecration Meeting and Dinner, is shown in the following summary :

<u>Income</u>	£	s.	d.
17 Founders Fees @ £20	340	0	0
Visitors Fees for Dinner	134	8	0
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	£474	8	0
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 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Rent and Insurance	25	5	0
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Sundries	97	10	6
Meals and Refreshments	169	1	9
Regalia and Banner	129	10	2
Grand Lodge Fees	12	12	6
Provincial Grand Lodge Fees	1	9	6
Tyler	1	7	0
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	£440	19	5
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Excess of Income over			
Expenditure	33	8	7
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Note: The Founders later defrayed the cost of the officers' collars in the sum of £27 2. 6, thus increasing the above balance to £60 11. 1.

APPENDIX C

FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE IN ORDER OF SENIORITY IN THE LODGE

AS AT THE CONSECRATION

- Wor. Bro. John Charles [unclear], P.M. 5546
- Wor. Bro. David Christie, P.M. 5546, F.P.G.D.
- Wor. Bro. Robert Cecil Hilton, P.M. 5071, P.P.A.G. Reg. (Hampshire & I.C.M.)
- Wor. Bro. Edwin Woolley, P.M. 5546 & 3643, P.P.G. Treas.
- Wor. Bro. James Benford Dunkley, C. de G., P.M. 4450
- Wor. Bro. Thomas Henry Griffin, P.M. 5546, F.P.A.G. Reg.
- Wor. Bro. Frederick John Nash, P.M. 6000, P.P.G.D.
- Wor. Bro. Sidney Frederick Smith, P.M. 5546
- Bro. Stanley Alan Rollins, 5546
- Bro. Horace Ernest Newport, 5546
- Bro. Albert Frederick Ashby, 5546
- Bro. Ernest Scott, 5546
- Bro. Kenneth Francis Higson, 5546
- Bro. William Mack, 5546
- Bro. Ernest Taylor Francis, 5546
- Bro. [unclear] Henry Horton, 5546
- Bro. [unclear] John Root, 5508

APPENDIX F

GIFTS TO THE LODGE

Volume of the Sacred Law		Wor. Bro. John C. Jordan
Charity Box		Mrs. J.C. Jordan
Gavels	} made and presented by	Bro. W. Mack
Past Masters Board		
Frame for Warrant	made and presented by	Bro. H. S. Bottoms
Printing Blocks for Lodge Crest		Bro. E.T. Francis
Poignard		Bro. A.M.L. Wilson (First Tyler)
Lodge Chest		Bro. J. Clarke (Boldmere Lodge No. 3704)
Cushion and Front Drape for V.C.L.	}	Mrs. B.H. Horton
Cushion for W.T.'s		
Cushion for 3rd Degree Ceremony		

The Officers collars, suitably inscribed, were presented by the Brethren who first occupied the various offices in the Lodge.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

(Note: The names of Initiates and Joining Members are separately recorded in a special section of this History).

- 14th May, 1960. Brandwood Lodge was allocated to Group 9 of Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
- 4th June, 1960. The death occurred of Wor. Bro. E. Woolley, P.P.G. Treasurer, Founder Member and first Treasurer.
- 24th September, 1960. Wor. Bro. John S. Jordan was appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, Province of Worcestershire.
- 1st November, 1960. The following were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge :-
R.W. Bro. Edward L. Bunting M.B. Provincial Grand Master.
Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive O.B.E., P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
Wor. Bro. A.V. Smallwood, P.G.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
Wor. Bro. P.B. Wayne, P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary.
- 16th March, 1961. Ten shares in the Moseley Masonic Hall Co. Ltd. were purchased in the name of the Lodge at a cost of £10.
- 11th April, 1961. Bro. Stanley Alan Rollins was installed as the Second Master, in the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D.
- 3rd October, 1961. The honour of London Grand Rank was conferred on Wor. Bro. James B. Dunkley, C. de. G.
- 26th February, 1962. The death occurred of R. W. Bro. Edward L. Bunting M.B., Past Provincial Grand Master and an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 3rd April, 1962. Wor. Bro. Horace Ernest Davenport, P.M. 5546, was installed as the Third Master in the presence of R.W. Bro. Lt. Col. O.W.D. Smith, D.L., J.P. Provincial Grand Master.
- 15th October, 1962. The following were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge :-
R.W. Bro. Lt. Col. O.W.D. Smith, D.L., J.P. Provincial Grand Master.
Wor. Bro. F.H. Griffiths, O. St. J., P.G.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

- 5th March, 1963. Wor. Bro. D. Christie, P.P.G.D., resigned from the Lodge owing to pressure of business.
- 2nd April, 1963. Bro. Albert Frederick Ashby was installed as the Fourth Master in the presence of Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Wor. Bro. A.W. Smallwood, P.G.D. Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
- 1st October, 1963. Bro. A.C. Goddard resigned from the Lodge for personal reasons.
- 7th April, 1964. Bro. Ernest Scott was installed as the Fifth Master in the presence of Wor. Bro. P.H. Griffiths, O. St. J., P.G.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
- 10th April, 1964. Bro. W.E. Bates resigned from the Lodge for domestic reasons.
- 6th May, 1964. In the light of the experience gained during the first four years operation of the Lodge, the Founders revised the Rules of Procedure laid down on 1st March, 1960, (shown in Appendix E).
The revised Rules are set out in Appendix G.
- 19th September, 1964. Wor. Bro. Sidney F. Smith was appointed to the rank of Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, Province of Worcesterhire.
- 2nd February, 1965. By-law No. 6 was amended to increase the annual subscription of a full Member from seven guineas to eight pounds.
- 2nd March, 1965. Bro. A.T. Elvidge resigned from the Lodge on his retirement and leaving the district.
- 6th April, 1965. Bro. William Mack was installed as the Sixth Master of the Lodge in the presence of R.W. Bro. Lt. Col. O.W.D. Smith, D.L., J.P. Provincial Grand Master and Wor. Bro. A.W. Smallwood, P.G.D. Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
- 18th September, 1965. Wor. Bro. John C. Jorden, P.P.G.D. was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden and Wor. Bro. Horace E. Davenport was appointed to the rank of Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, both appointments in the Province of Worcesterhire.
- 5th October, 1965. Owing to the serious state of the Lodge finances, it was agreed that all Members should be asked to pay a levy of £2 each.
- 2nd November, 1965. Bro. H. Woolley resigned from the Lodge for personal and domestic reasons.

- 8th December, 1965. The death occurred of Wor. Bro. A.W. Smallwood, P.G.D. Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 4th January, 1966. By-law No. 6 was amended to increase the annual subscription of a full Member from eight pounds to ten pounds and for a non-dining Member from two guineas to two pounds twelve shillings and six pence.
- 13th March, 1966. The death occurred of Bro. A.M.D. Wilson, P.P.G. Tyler (Staffs), Tyler of the Lodge.
- 5th April, 1966. Bro. Ernest Sayer Francis was installed as the Seventh Master of the Lodge in the presence of Wor. Bro. L.W. Greenwood, M.A., P.G.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
- 6th April, 1966. Wor. Bro. H. Bland, P.P.G.D. resigned from the Lodge owing to pressure of business.
- 17th September, 1966. Wor. Bro. Stanley A. Rollins was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Registrar, Province of Worcestershire.
- 5th October, 1966. At a special meeting of Brethren of the Lodge, the serious financial position of the Lodge was thoroughly discussed and it was decided that each Member should be asked to pay a levy of £3 10s 0d. and that the Lodge subscription should be increased as soon as practicable. This resolution did not, however, apply to Members who had already retired from business at this date.
- 1st November, 1966. Wor. Bro. L.W. Greenwood, M.A., P.G.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 7th February, 1967. By-law No. 6 was amended to increase the subscription of a full Member of the Lodge from ten pounds to twelve guineas.
- 7th March, 1967. Bro. J.M. Blythe resigned from the Lodge on his retirement and leaving Birmingham.
- 4th April, 1967. Bro. Denis John Reed was installed as the Eighth Master of the Lodge in the presence of Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. For the first time at an Installation Meeting of the Lodge the Working Tools in the Three Degrees were presented by junior Brethren.

- 6th February, 1968. Wor. Bro. T.H. Griffin P.P.A.G.Reg., a Founder of the Lodge, resigned following his retirement from business and leaving the district.
- 2nd April, 1968. Bro. Bertram Henry Horton was installed as the Ninth Master of the Lodge in the Presence of Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive O.B.E., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
- Bro. D. Gale of the ITAWA Lodge No. 7072 District of Zambia, presented to Brandwood Lodge the gift of a vase as a token of appreciation of the welcome extended to him by the Brethren of the Lodge during his stay in England.
- The Lodge became a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- Bro. K. Higson and Bro. J.O. Beavan ceased to be Members of the Lodge under Rule 148 Book of Constitutions.
- 14th September, 1968. Wor. Bro. A.F. Ashby was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Steward, Province of Worcestershire.
- 1st October, 1968. Wor. Bro. S.H. Davis, T.P.A.G.D.C. (Staffs) who had been the visiting organist of the Lodge since 1961, withdrew for health reasons.
- 3rd February, 1969. The death occurred of Wor. Bro. H.E. Clive O.B.E., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 4th February, 1969. Bro. A.W.D. Jones resigned from the Lodge on obtaining a business appointment overseas.
- 1st April, 1969. Bro. John Alexander Gilliard was installed as the Ninth Master of the Lodge in the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. O.W.D. Smith J.P., D.L. Provincial Grand Master.
- 20th September, 1969. Wor. Bro. A.F. Ashby Provincial Grand Steward, was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, and Wor. Bro. E. Scott was appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, both appointments in the Province of Worcestershire.
- 3rd March, 1970. Wor. Bro. W.B. Price P.P.A.G.D.C. who had been Tyler of the Lodge for four years withdrew owing to personal and domestic commitments.

7th April, 1970.

Bro. George Bell was installed as the Eleventh Master of the Lodge in the presence of Wor. Bro. F.H. Griffiths, O.St.J., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Owing to the absence through illness of the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. J.A. Gilliard, the Installation Ceremony was conducted by Wor. Bro. B.H. Horton I.P.M.

Bro. S. Burn ceased to be a Member of the Lodge under Rule 148 Book of Constitutions.

29th May, 1970.

Wor. Bro. S.A. Rollins P.P.G.Reg., was appointed President of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.

13th June, 1970.

In the Birthday Honours List, Her Majesty the Queen, appointed Wor. Bro. S.F. Smith P.P., Dep. G. Swd. B. a Founder of the Lodge, as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his services as a member and later as Chairman of the National Industrial Safety Committee of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

16th September, 1970.

The death occurred of Bro. A.C. Green who became a Joining Member of the Lodge on 4th February, 1964.

19th September, 1970.

Wor. Bro. F. Nash P.G.D., was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and Wor. Bro. W. Mack was appointed to the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Deacon both appointments in the province of Worcestershire.

6th October, 1970.

Wor. Bro. R.C. Hilton, P.P.A.G.Reg. (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) Founder of the Lodge, resigned in consequence of the fact that he was living in Cardiff and had undertaken heavy Masonic commitments in South Wales.

6th April, 1971

Bro. Edwin John Andrews was installed as the Twelfth Master of the Lodge in the presence of Wor. Bro. F.H. Griffiths O.St.J., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

7th April, 1971.

Bro. H.S. Bottoms resigned from the Lodge for business and domestic reasons.

- 18th September, 1971. Wor. Bro. E.T. Francis was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Steward, Province of Worcestershire.
- 5th October, 1971. The Lodge agreed to sponsor a Petition to Supreme Grand Chapter for the formation of a new Royal Arch Chapter to be called Brandwood Chapter No. 7679.
- The dining fee for Country Members and Visitors was increased to £1.25. for ordinary meetings and £1.50. for Installation meetings, this increase to operate from 2nd November, 1971.
- 16th March, 1972. The Lodge was appointed a Patron of the Royal Masonic Hospital.
- 23rd March, 1972. Wor. Bro. J.B. Dunkley, C. de G. L.G.P., a Founder of the Lodge, resigned for personal and domestic reasons.
- 28th March, 1972. The Lodge was appointed a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 7th April, 1972. Bro. Francis Beach was installed as the Thirteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of Rev. Bro. St. Jol. O.W.D. Smith, J.P., D.L., Provincial Grand Master.
- 26th April, 1972. Wor. Bro. F.H. Griffiths, O. St. J., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and an Honorary Member of the Lodge, was promoted to the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer with the prefix Very Worshipful Brother.
- 29th April, 1972. Brandwood Royal Arch Chapter No. 7679, sponsored by Brandwood Lodge, was consecrated at the Moseley Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham, by the Excellent Companion F.H. Griffiths, O. St. J., M.E. Grand Superintendent, assisted by the Second Provincial Grand Principal and other Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire. (Copies of the Order Paper and Table Card are included in Appendix H of this History)
- 10th September, 1972. Wor. Bro. S.F. Smith, O.B.E., P.P. Dep. G. Swd. B. was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. E.T. Francis, Prov. G. Stwd., was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant, and Wor. Bro. D.J. Reed was appointed to the rank of Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, all appointments in the Province of Worcestershire.
- Wor. Bro. L.W. Greenwood, M.A., P.G.D., an Honorary Member of the Lodge, resigned from the office of Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire.

- 24th January, 1973. The death occurred of R.W.Bro. Lt.Col. O.W.D.Smith, J.P., V.L., Provincial Grand Master and an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 3rd April, 1973. Bro. Bernard Nodding was installed as the Fourteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of V.Wor. Bro. F.H.Griffiths, O.St.J. P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master-In-Charge.
- The dining fee for Country Members and Visitors was increased to £1.50. for all meetings.
- 25th April, 1973. Wor. Bro. P.B.Mayne, P.A.G.D.C., P.Prov. Grand Secretary and an Honorary Member of the Lodge, was promoted to the rank of Past Grand Deacon.
- 11th July, 1973. The death occurred of Bro. W.J.B.Hanna who became a Joining Member of the Lodge on 1st. October, 1968.
- 20th July, 1973. V.Wor. Bro. F.H.Griffiths, O.St.J., P.G.Swd.B. Deputy Provincial Grand Master-In-Charge and an Honorary Member of the Lodge, was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire.
- 15th September, 1973. Wor. Bro. M.E.Davenport. P.P.A.G.D.C., was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Registrar and Wor. Bro. B.H.Horton was appointed to the rank of Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, both appointments in the Province of Worcestershire.
- 3rd October, 1973. In order to meet rising costs, the Lodge Committee resolved that a levy of £1.50. should be imposed immediately on each subscribing Member pending a revision of the Lodge subscription on 1st. April, 1974.
- 13th October, 1973. The death occurred of W.Bro. D.Christie, P.P.J.G.W., a Founder of the Lodge and a Member until his resignation on 5th. March, 1963.
- 4th January, 1974. W.Bro. B.J.W.Chambers, P.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
- 5th March, 1974. The Lodge agreed that in order to meet rising costs, the By-laws be amended to provide for increases in the subscriptions of full Members to £16.00 per annum and of Non-dining Members to £8.00 per annum with effect from 1st. April, 1974. These new subscriptions included the provision of a copy of the Worcestershire Masonic Year Book each year.
- 2nd April, 1974. Bro. David Allen Box was installed as the Fifteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of W.Bro. L.H.C.Batt, M.B.E., P.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

- 2nd April, 1974 Bro. Arthur William Riddle, who was initiated into the Lodge on 15th October, 1962, resigned in consequence of moving from the district.
- 14th September, 1974. W.Bro. J.A.Gilliard was appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Province of Worcestershire.
- With all other Lodges in the Province, Brandwood Lodge contributed towards the cost of a portrait in oils of the P.W. Bro. F.H.Griffiths, O.St.J., Provincial Grand Master, which was presented to him at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on this date.
- 20th November, 1974. A special fund was created for the purpose of meeting the cost of sending flowers or gifts to Brethren and their wives when in hospital.
- 8th January, 1975. In order to meet the deficit in the Lodge finances which had arisen due to rising costs, a levy of £3.00. per Member was imposed.
- 4th March, 1975. The Lodge By-laws were amended to separate the Lodge subscription from the dining fee. As from 1st April, 1975, the subscription, excluding all dining fees, would be £8.00. per annum and the dining fee would be £2.00. per Meeting until further notice.
- 1st April, 1975. Bro. David Robert Driver was installed as the Sixteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of W.Bro. H.A.Nock, M.C., P.S.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
- W.Bro. F.J.Nash, P.P.J.G.W., a Founder of the Lodge resigned as he had left the district.
- 11th May 1975. The death occurred of W.Bro. George Bell, a Past Master of the Lodge who was initiated into the Lodge on 3rd October, 1961.
- 13th September, 1975. W.Bro. S.A.Rollins, P.P.G.Reg., was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Province of Worcestershire.
- 7th October, 1975. Bro. D.M.Harper ceased to be a Member of the Lodge in accordance with Rule 148 Book of Constitutions.

4th November, 1975.

The Lodge By-laws were amended to provide for increases in the Initiation Fee to £40.00, the Joining Fee to £12.00, and the Re-joining Fee to £3.00, such fees to be exclusive of subscription.

Commencing with this Meeting, a new system of charging for dining was introduced. A lower dining fee of £1.80. would be charged which would include one glass of sherry and any orange squash at the table. All other drinks would be paid for by the Members.

6th January, 1976.

W.Bro. H.A.Nock, M.C., P.S.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. L.H.C. Batt, M.B.E., P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge.

2nd March, 1976.

The Lodge By-law relating to the Worshipful Master having the privilege of inviting guests to Lodge Meetings without payment of the dining fee was amended. As from 1st April, 1976, he could invite six guests to the Installation Meeting without payment, but none to other Lodge Meetings without payment.

With effect from 1st April, 1976, the Lodge subscription would be increased to £10.00. per annum, excluding all dining fees.

6th April, 1976.

Bro. Allan Jinks was installed as the Seventeenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of W.Bro. B.J.W.Chambers, P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

7th April, 1976.

The death occurred of W.Bro. Denis John Read, a Founder and Past Master of the Lodge.

28th April, 1976.

W.Bro. H.A.Nock, M.C., P.S.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and an Honorary Member of the Lodge, was promoted to the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer with the prefix of Very Worshipful Brother.

29th April, 1976.

W.Bro. S.A.Rollins, P.P.S.G.W., was honoured by appointment in Supreme Grand Chapter with the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

18th September, 1976.

W.Bro. E.J.Andrews was appointed to the rank of Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar in the Province of Worcestershire.

- 23rd October, 1976. Bro. J. Crawford, a Joining Member of the Lodge, was installed as the Worshipful Master of Calder Lodge No. 4564 in the Province of East Lancashire.
- 14th January, 1977. The 100th. Regular Meeting of the Lodge was attended by V.W. Bro. H.A.Nock, M.C., P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. L.H.C.Batt, M.B.E., P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Messages of congratulation and good wishes were received from R.W. Bro. F.H.Griffiths, O.St.J., Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. B.J.W.Chambers, P.S.G.D. and W.Bro. P.B.Mayne, P.G.D., an Honorary Member. A paper, "Brandwood Lodge from the early days" was presented by the Senior Past Master, W.Bro. C.S.Jorden, P.P.S.G.W.
- 1st February, 1977. W.Bro. S.F.Smith, O.R.E., P.P.S.G.D., a Founder of the Lodge, resigned for personal reasons with effect from 31st. March, 1977.
- 1st March, 1977. With effect from 1st. April, 1977, the Lodge subscription would be increased to £12.00 per annum excluding all dining fees.
- 3rd April, 1977. Bro. Desmond Howard Roberts was installed as the eighteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of the R.W.Bro. F.H.Griffiths, O.St.J., Provincial Grand Master.
- W.Bro. D.A. Box, a Past Master of the Lodge, resigned for personal reasons.
- 28th April, 1977. W.Bro. J.C.Jorden, P.P.S.G.W., was honoured by appointment in Supreme Grand Chapter with the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- 18th May, 1977. W.Bro. J.C.Jorden, P.P.S.G.W., was elected President of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
- 22nd July, 1977. The death occurred of W.Bro. F.J.Nash, P.P.S.G.W., a Founder of the Lodge who resigned on 1st. April, 1975.

10th September, 1977.

W.Bro. F. Beach was appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, W.Bro. W. Mack was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden and W.Bro. E. Scott was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, all in the Province of Worcestershire.

6th February, 1978.

With effect from 1st. April, 1978, the Lodge subscription would be increased to £15.00 per annum excluding all dining fees.

W.Bro. F. Beach, P.S.G.D., and W.Bro. F. Mack, P.P.G.P., both Founders and Past Masters of the Lodge, resigned for personal reasons with effect from 1st. March, 1978.

3rd March, 1978.

W.Bro. J.A. Gilliard and Bro. J.R. Grimwade were nominated as the Trustees of the Lodge for the shares in the Moseley Masonic Hall Co. Ltd. in succession to W.Bro. J.C. Jordan and W.Bro. D. Christie.

9th March, 1978.

The death occurred of Bro. D.S.T. Newton who was initiated into the Lodge on 4th. February, 1975.

1st April, 1978.

The death occurred of W.Bro. E.T. Francis, P.P.G.Purs., a Founder and Past Master of the Lodge.

4th April, 1978.

Bro. John Reginald Grimwade was installed as the nineteenth Master of the Lodge in the presence of W.Bro. B.J.W. Chambers, P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

9th September, 1978.

W.Bro. B. Nodding was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivant, W.Bro. R.J. Hawkins was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Steward and W.Bro. A.F. Ashby was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Registrar, all in the Province of Worcestershire.