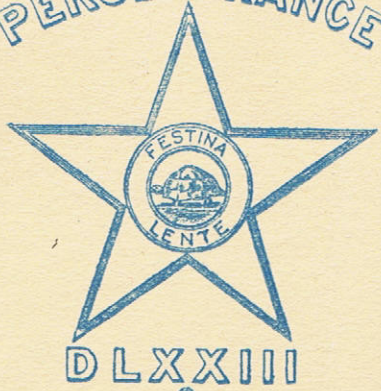




LODGE OF
N° 573

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Lodge of Perseverance

OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

No. 573

on the Roll of Lodges holding under The United Grand Lodge of England

CENTENARY FESTIVAL SOUVENIR

Monday 24th April, 1950

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1850 ... ALEXANDER PATTERSON

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1950 ... RONALD SAMUEL GOODMAN

Compiled by Wor. Bro. George N. Raybould, P.M., P.P.G.D.
Secretary.

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Foreword.

THE Compilation of the History of the Lodge of Perseverance No. 573 has been simplified by the fact that there are at our disposal the complete records of the Lodge since its inception and our grateful thanks are due to the twenty-five secretaries, who so carefully recorded the minutes of their Lodge meetings and zealously preserved the minute books entrusted to them. Tribute must also be paid to our present Secretary Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould who has in addition to his ordinary duties carefully and painstakingly compiled this record which serves as the key to the past. We are also indebted to the family of the late Wor. Bro. William Waldron whose ready co-operation has made available for inspection his personal masonic jewels and who have presented to the Lodge copies of the summonses it issued between the years 1875 and 1885. In those days the summons was printed on octavo paper and many are the variations in style adopted by successive W.M.s. Reference is to be found therein of the proposals to move the Lodge from the Shenstone Hotel to the Drill Hall and to change the date of meeting to the second Tuesday in the Month and in other respects this gift has helped to open what has been a closed door for many years. It is interesting to note that in those leisurely days there were a number of Meetings at which the only business to be transacted was the reading of the Minutes and the receipt of subscriptions which apparently engaged the brethren for some two hours.

On the contrary the Industry of our forefathers is illustrated by the frequent occasions when more than one ceremony was conducted at the same meeting and it is recorded that on the 15th November, 1883 Wor. Bro. Waldron performed two Raisings, three Passings and an Initiation ceremony which, with other business occupied him from 4.0 to 7.45 p.m. It is worthy of record that the only officers then elected by the brethren prior to installation were the W.M., the Treasurer and the Tyler, whereas at the present time there are five other elections of brethren to act as Charity Steward and to serve on various Committees.

It is a matter of conjecture whether the passing of time has seen any improvement in the standard or the quality of our Masonic work, for the time saved by such inventions as the telephone and the motor car which may have been devoted to masonry, must to a large extent have been absorbed by the contemporary advent of the cinema and the radio. Whatever the consensus of opinion on this point it appears to the writer that although the Lodge may gain fame and prestige from its antiquity, Freemasonry can never grow old. It may have been presented by our ancient Brethren in forms different from that in which it is known at the present day. But since it stands for things that are eternal it is ever young, and it responds today to the call of human nature and the needs of the heart just as readily as it did a century ago.

R.S.G.

Headquarters of the Lodge of Perseverance.

24th April, 1850
SWAN INN, HIGH STREET, DUDLEY.

24th April, 1855
SARACEN'S HEAD HOTEL, STONE STREET, DUDLEY.

24th February, 1858
SWAN INN, HIGH STREET, DUDLEY.

30th January, 1861
SHENSTONE HOTEL, HALESOWEN.
(Received new number "573" on 29th July, 1863).

14th December, 1886
DRILL HALL, HALESOWEN.

8th October, 1935
MASONIC TEMPLE, NEWFIELD, HALESOWEN.

Formation of the Lodge.

Several Brethren, belonging to the Antient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, resident in Dudley feeling anxious that a new Lodge should be established, caused the necessary Petition to be prepared and signed, as required by the Book of Constitutions under the sanction of the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the Harmonic Lodge No. 313 and the same was forwarded to the Right Worshipful Brother Roden, D.P.G.M. for the Province of Worcestershire, who obtained the necessary Warrant or Charter from the Grand Lodge of England.

The following are Copies of the Petition and Warrant.

Copy of Petition.

"To the M.W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and accepted Masons of England."

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, praying the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and 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 "Lodge of Perseverance." In consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of Constitution empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at the Swan Inn, Dudley, in the County of Worcester on the last 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 Alexander Patterson to be the first Master, Brother Thomas Stevenson to be the first Senior Warden and Brother James Worley 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

Alexander Patterson	P.M.	313	now	252.
Thomas Stevenson		313	„	252.
James Worley		313	„	252
George Henry Deeley		313	„	252.
William Eagles Johnson		313	„	252.
William Sheppard		313	„	252.
George Stevenson	P.S.D.	313	„	252.

Lodge of Perseverance

2nd February, A.L. 5850, A.D. 1850

Number 838. New Number 573, July 1863.

Copy of Warrant

ZETLAND, G.M.

To ALL AND EVERY ONE OF OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN.

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, EARL OF ZETLAND, BARON DUNDAS OF ASKE IN THE COUNTY OF YORK
&c., &c., &c.

Grand Master

of 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, Alexander Patterson, Thomas Stevenson, James Worley, George Henry Deeley, William Eagles Johnson, William Sheppard and George Stevenson

Do Hereby Constitute the said brethren into a lodge of free and accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of the

Lodge of Perseverance

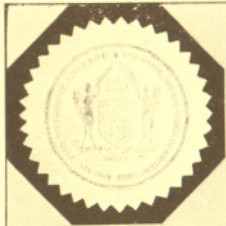
the said Lodge to meet at the Swan Inn, Dudley in the County of Worcester on the last Wednesday of every month empowering them in the said Lodge, when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the

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 Alexander Patterson to be the first MASTER, the said Thomas Stevenson to be the first SENIOR WARDEN and the said James Worley to be the first JUNIOR WARDEN for the opening and holding the said Lodge 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 a Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office, **and we do** require you, the said Alexander Patterson to take special care that all and every the said Brethren here or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all 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 By-Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall, to the majority of the members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy of which you are to transmit to us, **and we do** require you to cause all such By-Laws 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 no wise to omit to send us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or the Right Honourable Charles Anderson Worsley Pelham, Earl of Yarborough, Baron Yarborough, Baron Worsley, &c., &c., 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 intention that this our WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION shall continue in force, so long only as shall conform to the Laws and Regulations, of our Grand Lodge and you, the said Alexander Patterson 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 Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 2nd February A.L. 5850, A.D. 1850.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

“Yarborough, D.G.M.”



Devonshire. G.M.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Other Officers and Members of the Lodge of Perseverance
No. 573 and all others whom it may concern.

GREETING

Whereas it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 2nd day of February 1850 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Swan Inn, Dudley in the County of Worcester and which Lodge was named the Lodge of Perseverance and then numbered 838 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England And whereas in 1860 the Lodge removed to the Sherstone Hotel, Birmingham Main Road, Halesowen, in the County of Worcester And whereas in consequence of the alteration made in the numbers of Lodges in the year 1903 the said Lodge became and now stands on the Register as No. 573 meeting at the Masonic Hall, Halesowen, in the County of Worcester under the title or denomination of

THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE

And whereas satisfactory proof has been produced of the uninterupted existence of the said Lodge for One Hundred Years dating from the 24th day of April 1850 And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge desire to be permitted to wear a Commemorative Jewel and have prayed our sanction for that purpose

Now Know Ye that We having taken the Petition into our consideration have acceded to their request and in virtue of Our Prerogative Do hereby give and grant to all and each of the subscribing members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all our Masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast by a Sky Blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a JEWEL or MEDAL of the pattern or device that we have already approved as a CENTENARY JEWEL But such Jewel shall be worn only by those Brethren who are bona fide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated Subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England

GIVEN at London this 25th day of April A.C. 5950 A.D. 1950

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K. G. & C. & C. & C.

Secretary & Clerk G.S.

Lodge of Perseverance No. 838.

THE first meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th of April, A.D. 1850 at the house of Brother Patterson, Swan Inn, High Street, Dudley when the following Brethren were present:—

- Brother Alexander Patterson, W.M.
- Thomas Stevenson, S.W.
- Matthew Dennison (J.W. 313) as J.W.
- William Sheppard, S.D.
- Robert Martin (S.D. 313)
as J.D. and Secretary.
- Thomas Rudd (P.M. 313), P.M.
- John Shedden (P.M. 313)
- Wm. C. Robinson Tyler 313 & 824
as Tyler.

The Petition to Grand Lodge applying for a Warrant and the Warrant or Charter from the Grand Lodge of England having been read, the W.M. by the power vested in him, opened the Lodge in due form and with prayer.

A committee was appointed to frame and settle the By-Laws of the Lodge and also to arrange the purchase of necessary Lodge Furniture, Ornaments and Jewels.

Brother Wm. Sheppard was elected Treasurer of the Lodge and Bro. Wm. Eagles Johnson was appointed as Secretary.

Four members of the Harmonic Lodge No. 313 were proposed as joining members and seven local gentlemen were proposed as fit and proper persons to become Masons and members of the Lodge.

It was also resolved that Brother W. C. Robinson, Tyler of Lodges 313 and 824 be appointed Tyler.

On Wednesday, 29th of May, 1850 the four brethren, proposed as joining members, were severally balloted for and duly elected, and four of the gentlemen proposed for membership on April 24th, 1850 were also balloted for and declared elected.

Three of them were initiated.

It was proposed that the Consecration of the Lodge should take place on the last Wednesday in June, if convenient to the Right Worshipful Brother Roden, D.P.G.M., or at such another time, as may suit him. → 1850

On Wednesday, 12th of June, 1850 a Lodge of Emergency was convened in response to the following request.

We, the undersigned, being members of the Lodge of Perseverance No 838, do hereby request that you will under the power given by the Book of Constitutions p. 61 rule 8 of private Lodge call a Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of balloting for, and if approved, of initiating Messrs. John Willisroft, Junr., James Hemming and Joseph Wythes proposed and seconded on the 24th of April last, as they feel anxious to be present on the Consecration of this Lodge which it is understood will take place on the last Wednesday in the present month. Your attention is particularly wished by

Dear Sir and Brother

Yours fraternally

Thomas Stevenson

Thomas Rudd.

Dudley 4th June 1850.

A similar request was made on behalf of another applicant Mr. George Briggs and signed by

B. D. Wood
and Thos. Stevenson.

Dudley 4th June 1850

These requests were granted and, as a result of ballots, the gentlemen were elected and initiated.

The Consecration of the Lodge took place on the 7th August 1850. The Ceremony was performed by the (Right) Worshipful Brother Roden, D.P.G.M. for Worcestershire assisted by

- Wor. Bro. Masefield, P.P.G.W., as S.G.W.
- " " Bateman, P.S.G.D., as J.G.W.
- The Very " " Rev. Brine, B.A.,
Prov.G.Chaplain.
- " " Martin, as Prov. G. Secretary.
- " " Aston, P.P.J.G.D., as S.G.D.
- " " Barns, P.G.S., as J.G.D.
- " " Hollier, as I.G.

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1849.
Lodge Minutes
confirm date
of Consecration
at Aug. 1850.*

The Prov. Gd. Secretary, pro: tem: made a formal application for the Constitution of the Lodge, for which purpose he read the Petition and Warrant. The minutes of all the previous meetings were read confirmed and signed by the presiding officer and declared regular and valid.

The Brethren of the new Lodge having then publicly signified their approbation of the Brethren named in the Warrant as the first Master and Wardens, the Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees and the Lodge was then constituted and consecrated according to antient form.

The Lodge was resumed in the 2nd Degree and Brother Alexander Patterson was presented and installed into the chair by the (Rt.) Wor. Brother Roden, D.P.G.M.

The following brethren were subsequently invested

Bro. Thomas Stevenson	...	as S.W.
„ James Worley	...	as J.W.
„ William Sheppard	...	as Treasurer.
„ William Eagles Johnson	...	as Secretary.
„ George Stevenson	...	as S.D.
„ George Henry Deeley	...	as J.D.
„ John Finch	...	as I.G.
„ Benjm. Dudley Wood	...	as D.C.
„ John Stevenson	...	as Steward.
„ William C. Robinson	...	as Tyler.
Wor. „ John Shedden	...	as P.M.

From the time of its Inception the Lodge of Perseverance No. 858 regularly met at the Swan Inn, Dudley until April 25th 1855 when it was agreed that in future the Lodge should be held at the Saracen Head Hotel, Stone Street, Dudley. On the 25th November 1857 the following resolution was made "That it is expedient for the Welfare and Prosperity of this Lodge that it be removed, and that the Swan Inn, the original place of Meeting of this Lodge having been re-erected that it be removed to that house at the earliest convenience." On the 24th February 1858 this removal was effected.

The Lodge was moved for a third time to comply with a request from a number of Brethren living at Halesowen and by consent of Provincial Grand

Lodge, to the Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen on the 30th January, 1861. Here the Lodge continued for twenty five years until 14th December 1886, when it was removed to the Drill Hall, Halesowen, where special accommodation had been provided. After a sojourn of nearly fifty years the Lodge was to be accommodated in a Temple of its own. Several schemes had been thought of, in fact a plot of land was purchased in Cobham Road but the great opportunity presented itself when Bro. J. B. Downing expressed his willingness to sell "Newfields" to the Lodge. Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss, who was Secretary at that time, set out strenuously to procure this desirable building and the brethren promised their wholehearted support. Wor. Bro. A. T. Butler was asked to prepare plans for the alteration of the building and for an annexe which would serve as a Temple and also provide adequate dining accommodation. Eventually the project was completed and on the 8th of October 1935 General Sir Francis J. Davies, D.G.M., Prov.Gd-Master of Worcestershire dedicated the Temple. He congratulated the Lodge upon its great achievement giving a special word of commendation to the architect Wor. Bro. A. T. Butler, and the builder, Bro. L. Harper, and to all, who had contributed to the success of this project, which would be a permanent Masonic record, worthy of the name of Perseverance.

The By-Laws of the Lodge.

The first business of a Lodge is the preparation of its By-Laws. The Lodge of Perseverance was no exception to that rule, and, although there is no copy available of its first By-Laws it is quite probable that they were identical with those adopted in 1878 when the Lodge met at the Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen. The introduction of those By-Laws said:— It is absolutely necessary to the good government and well being of every Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, that strict order and decorum be observed in all matters and transactions relating thereto, and therefore the most perfect attention and willing obedience is earnestly enjoined on every Brother, not only to the Rules and Regulations of the "Book of Constitutions," and the following By-Laws, but also to all commands of the W.M. and Officers of

the Lodge, as becomes true and faithful brethren and members of a Society as ancient honourable, and so justly calculated to promote peace, harmony and good-will, as that of Freemasonry.

By-Law No. 2 stated that no brother shall be eligible for the office of W.M. unless he could open and close the Lodge in the three degrees and perform (at least) the ceremony of initiation to the satisfaction of a board composed of the W.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Portion of By-Law 6 said that a deposit of ten shillings and sixpence should be made by a brother when proposing a candidate for initiation. This deposit to be repaid when the candidate, if successful in the ballot, presented himself for Initiation.

By-Law 9 said that Visiting brethren remaining for the Banquet should pay the same as subscribing brethren, except on their first visit to a Regular Lodge, when they would be treated as guests.

By-Law No. 12 concerned members who may misconduct themselves either during Lodge or hours of refreshment, or refuse to obey the gavel of the W.M. Such offenders should be admonished by the W.M. for the first offence, fined five shillings for a second, and should he repeat an offence for a third time, he should forthwith be excluded from the Lodge and reported to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, due notice having been given him of the charge made against him.

By-Law No. 15 told members that they must not at any time divulge or communicate to any person, not being a Mason, any proceedings, resolutions, or other business or transactions in the Lodge. The penalty of such breach of confidence would be as stated in By-Law 12.

By-Law No. 25 stated that Officers being absent from Regular Lodge should pay fines as follows—W.M. two shillings and sixpence, S.W. and J.W. two shillings, all others, one shilling. These fines to be enforced on the following Lodge night unless satisfactory explanation for absence be given.

Inventory of Lodge Furniture.

The First Inventory of Lodge Jewels and Furniture belonging to the Lodge of Perseverance No. 838 was presented to the Lodge on the 30th June 1852 and was as follows:

1. Warrant.
2. Carpet.
3. Three Sets of Steps for Chairs with 2 small oak globes on one.
4. Three Cushions and Covers for Chairs.
5. Three Large Pedestals and Covers.
6. Two Small Pedestals and Covers.
7. Three Candle sticks and Covers.
8. One Bible.
9. One each Silver Square and Compasses.
10. One sword and Scabbard.
11. One Poignard.
12. One set Triangle with Mahogany stand, blocks, Rope and windlass, complete with Ashlar and Lewis.
13. One Rough Ashlar.
14. One Smooth Ashlar.
15. One Letter G.
16. One Chisel.
17. Tracing Board or Book.
18. 12 Collars and Silver Jewels for Officers.
19. One Pair of Silver Compasses.
20. One Silver Skerritt.
21. Three Mahogany Gavels and Battery Boards.
22. One each Square, Level, Plummer.
23. One 24" gauge.
24. Two Globes and Covers.
25. Two Mahogany Columns.
26. Three Wands.
27. Three Cable Tows.
28. Six Initiation Aprons.
29. One Book of Constitutions.
30. One Minute Book.
31. One Cash Book.
32. One Declaration Book.
33. One Signature Book.
34. Banquet Glasses.



OFFICERS OF THE LODGE.

Bro. W. A. Hiscock, Bro. E. H. Dudley, Bro. J. B. Stevenson, Bro. J. Marshall, Bro. F. W. Reeves, Bro. E. W. Mason,
Steward. Steward. Steward. Steward. Steward. Tyler.

Wor Bro. W. R. Clarke, (*Steward*).

Bro. W. Fairhurst, Bro. A. Wright, Bro. R. Wright, Bro. H. Cox, Bro. R. C. Ralphs, Wor. Bro. H. H. Emery, Bro. A. Fletcher,
Organist. Senior Deacon. A/Sec. Junior Deacon. C. Steward. Steward. Inner Guard.

Wor. Bro. R. G. W. Little,
A.D.C.

Wor. Bro. D. H. Morris,
Director of Ceremonies.

V. Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, Bro. J. F. Sidaway, Wor. Bro. R. S. Goodman, Wor. Bro. W. B. Powell, Wor. Bro. C. Hackett, Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose,
Treasurer. Senior Warden. Wor. Master. Junior Warden. I.P.M. Chaplain.

Wor. Bro. Major Rose,
Almoner.

Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould,
Secretary.

Installation Ceremonies.

In the first half of the hundred years the Lodge has been in existence it was not the custom for a Worshipful Master to instal his successor. This work was undertaken by experienced past masters, presumably well skilled in the noble art. They undoubtedly travelled to various Lodges in the Province for this purpose, and it is recorded that Wor. Bro. W. Masefield, P.M. of 313 and 730 and afterwards D.P.G.M., officiated as installing Master of the Lodge of Perseverance on seventeen occasions viz. 1854, '55, '61, '65, '66, '69, '70, '71, '72*, '73*, '74, '75, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81.

W. Bro. W. Waldron on thirteen occasions. viz. 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97 and 1898.

W. Bro. W. Bristow, Sec. and P.M. 313, and later P.Gd.Sec. on seven occasions, viz:—1856, '57, '58, '59, '62, '72*, '73*.

*W. Bro. W. Masefield and W. Bro. W. Bristow shared the work.

Items of Interest.

- 24.4.50 The first meeting of the Lodge of Perseverance No. 838 at the house of Bro. Alexander Patterson, "Swan Inn," High Street, Dudley.
- 7.8.50 The Consecration of the Lodge of Perseverance No. 838 by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bro. W. Roden.
- 18.8.54 The first mention of a banner for the use of the Lodge viz; The Tortoise in white enamel and the words "Festina Lente."
- 25.4.55 The Lodge removed to Saracen's Head Hotel, Stone Street, Dudley.
- 30.5.55 It was resolved "That Visitors after their first visit to this Lodge in any one year, be permitted (or understood as liable) to pay for any wine, spirits etc. they may drink at the Banquet.

29.8.55 That the sum of six shillings be allowed to any member of the Lodge, who may desire to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge, in respect of Railway Fare to Worcester and back.

25.8.57 That the Lodge be removed to the Swan Inn, its original place of meeting.

25.7.60 No Lodge, only three members present.

29.8.60 Bro. G. Bradley became Wor. Master for 2nd time. No election possible as there were only three members present ^{? remainder were visitors}

31.10.60 No Lodge, not enough members present.

30.1.61 Lodge removed to Shenstone Inn, Halesowen.

27.8.62 Special presentation made to Wor. Bro. G. B. Bradley who had deputised as Wor. Master when the W.M. had been absent with the exception of two meetings.

29.7.65 Lodge received new number 573.

14.12.86 Lodge held in new headquarters at the Drill Hall, Halesowen.

14.9.87 Provincial Grand Lodge held at National Schools, Halesowen. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M. presided.

19.00
25.2.00 Provincial Grand Lodge held at National Schools, Halesowen. Wor. Bro. W. T. Page, D.P.G.M. presided.

12.3.01 Resolution to have Holy Royal Arch Chapter affiliated. ↓ (5 yr. gap)

19.7.05 Holy Royal Arch Chapter consecrated.

19.9.11 Provincial Grand Lodge held at Grammar School, Halesowen. Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Wm. Campbell presided.

9.11.15 Lodge circular was first inserted in Minute Book.

10.11.17 Lodge of Instruction commenced—Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss as first Preceptor.

8.2.21 Formation of Mark Lodge.

12.4.21 Resolved that Lodge should become a Hall Stone Lodge.

13.9.21 Grand Lodge Clothing was presented to V. Wor. Bro. Seth Somers who had been appointed Grand Treasurer of England.

- 2.3.27 Hall Stone Collar presented to the Lodge in recognition of the subscription to Masonic Million Memorial Fund (Grand Total of £745.10.0) was subscribed by the Lodge. Wor. Bro. P. H. Bullas accompanied by Wor. Bro. William Somers, Prov. Gd. Secretary went to London to receive Hall Stone Jewel from Lord Ampthill.
- 7.3.28 Grand Lodge Clothing presented to Wor. Bro. William Somers who had been appointed P.A.G.D.C.
- 12.4.32 Grand Lodge Clothing presented to Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss who had been appointed P.A.G.Std.B.
- 10.1.33 Petition presented and signed in open Lodge on behalf of proposed "daughter" Lodge to be called Halas Abbey Lodge.
- 11.5.33 Consecration of the Halas Abbey Lodge No. 5407. Wor. Bro. H. Sowden first Worshipful Master.
- 13.3.34 V. Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers appointed Prov.Gd.Supt. of the Province of Worcestershire.
- 11.9.34 Purchase of Newfield House from Bro. J. B. Downing.
- 8.10.35 Removal of Lodge to New Premises at Newfield and Dedication by Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, D.G.M.
- 11.2.36 Petition presented and signed in open Lodge on behalf of a second "daughter" Lodge to be called "The Halesowen Lodge."
- 11.2.36 Wor. Bro. A. Shuter on behalf of Halas Abbey Lodge of Instruction No. 5407 presented set of Masonic Candle cases.
- 21.10.36 Consecration of Halesowen Lodge 5635. Very Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, P.G.Treas., P.P.G.W., first Worshipful Master.
- 11.10.38 First Group Meeting of Group IV Worc. Assd. Masonic Lodges under the Banner of the Lodge of Perseverance No. 573. Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould, Wor. Master in the Chair, supported by officers selected from the other Lodges of Group IV. The Prov. Gd. Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies gave the charge to the Initiate.
- 7.5.40 Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss resigned the Preceptorship of the Lodge of Instruction, a position he had held for 23 years. He was presented with a cheque for £100 which he gave to the Temple Fund.
- 9.12.41 V. Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, P.G.Treas., P.P.G.W., celebrated his jubilee in the Lodge, by occupying the chair at the Past Masters' Meeting.
- 8.4.41 Wor. Bro. Sydney Hill appointed P.A.G.D.C. was presented with Grand Lodge Clothing by three Lodges. The Lodge of Perseverance subscribing one third of the money.
- 12.9.44 Petition presented and signed on behalf of third daughter Lodge to be called the "Lapal Lodge."
- 13.4.45 Consecration by the D.P.G.M., Wor. Bro. A. Allen, P.G.D., of "Lapal Lodge" the first Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, P.P.G.W.
- 23.11.46 Consecration of Wernlegh Abbey Lodge No. 6356 by Wor. Bro. A. Allen, D.P.G.M. This Lodge was a daughter Lodge of Halas Abbey Lodge and its first Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. S. H. Davis, P.P.G.D.
- 11.11.49 Dedication, consecration and opening of Compton Organ in memory of the late Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss for 32 years Secretary of the Lodge.

Presentations to the Lodge.

- 29.6.59 Bro. George Benjamin Bradley—Cast iron stands for Deacons' Wands.
- 30.4.62 W. Bro. George Benjamin Bradley—Two Globes.
- 27.8.62 W. Bro. William Caleb Henry Bloomer—Handsome cushion for W.M.'s chair.

- 27.8.62 Bro. George William Hands—Handsome cushion for use of Lodge.
- 28.9.69 Bro. Garmston Percy Chapman—Alms box.
- 27.2.72 Bro. Leslie Smith—Masonic Chart.
- 26.8.73 Bro. Edward Yates—Book of Masonic Hymns.
- 24.11.74 Bro. James Bayliss—Ivory Rule (24 inches).
- 10.4.83 Bro. William Waldron—100 Copies on Cards—Invocation and Closing hymns.
- 12.10.86 Bros. Herbert William Hughes and Harry Haden Hughes—Framed Portrait of H.R.M. Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.
- 8.3.87 Bro. Thomas Price—Framed Masonic Apron.
- 13.9.87 Bro. Edward Lowe—Faldstool.
- 13.9.87 Bro. Thomas Guest—Glass Gas Globes with Masonic Emblems.
- 12.10.87 Bro. Edward Lowe—Oak Tablet—P.M.s' names.
- 8.12.91 Members of the Lodge—Organ and Piano
- 12.4.1904 Bro. Charles Baker Turner—Set of Tracing Boards.
- 12.5.08 Bro. Albert Thomas Butler—Oak Frame for Photographs of P.M.'s.
- 10.10.06 Mrs. Clifford Edward Bloomer—Six volumes of the History of Free Masonry.
- 8.5.17 The Family of Wor. Bro. Walter Somers—Pair of Gauntlets.
- 14.10.19 Grand Lodge—New Edition of Book of Constitutions.
- 18.5.25 Wor. Bro. Albert Thomas Butler—Case of working tools.
- 8.11.25 Members of Lodge—New Carpet for Lodge Rooms.
- 8.10.35 The Ladies—New Curtains for New Premises.
- 13.9.38 Wor. Bro. A. Shuter (Halas Abbey)—New desk for Secretary.
- 13.9.38 G. A. Mansill, Wor. Master of Halas Abbey No. 5407 presented a Set of Dining Tables to provide better accommodation in Dining Hall.

- 8.11.38 Bro. Harold W. Jackson—Supply of Cruets for Dining Room.
- 7.5.40 Wor. Bro. William David Abbiss—New Wands for Deacons.
- 8.2.41 Bro. Alfred Wright—Sixty Mahogany Gavels.
- 13.9.49 Bro. William Hubert Hampton—Table Linen.
- 14.1.50 Wor. Bro. Herbert Humphrey Emery—Sixty sherry glasses.
- 24.4.50 Wor. Bro. Ronald Samuel Goodman—Display Cabinet and frame for Centenary Warrant.

Meeting Dates.

From its inception the Lodge had met regularly on the 4th Wednesday in the month until October 28th 1868 when the 4th Tuesday was considered more convenient. The second and only other change was made on November 11th 1879. From that date until the present day the Lodge has continued to meet on the second Tuesday in the month.

Lodge Personalities.

An outstanding personality in the Lodge is Very Wor. Bro. Seth S. Somers whose connection therewith, dates back to September 1887, four years before he was initiated, when as a Lewis, he had the honour of carrying (in company with three other Lewises) the volume of the Sacred Law, on the occasion that Provincial Grand Lodge proceeded in Procession to Halesowen Parish Church, before its meeting for business in the National Schools, Halesowen. He still proudly treasures a Bible, presented to him, to mark the occasion.

He was initiated on 8th December, 1891 and graduated through various offices until he reached the chair. His first office was that of Organist in 1894. In 1895 he filled the offices of Organist and Steward. In 1900 whilst he was Senior Deacon he was appointed Prov. Grand Steward, and in 1904, twelve months after he had occupied the Chair of King Solomon, Prov. Grand Lodge promoted him to



SETH SMITH SOMERS, P.G.T., P.P.S.G.W.

Initiated: December 8th 1891. Raised: February 1892. Installed W.M. 1903. Elected Grand Treasurer 1922.

Exalted: in the Royal Standard Chapter No. 498, Dudley, August 1893.

1905 Founder of Perseverance Chapter 573. M.E.Z. 1912.

Installed as Prov. Grand Supt. of the Province of Worcester April 30th 1934 by the Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, C.B.E.

Junior Grand Deacon of the Province. During his mastership he initiated four candidates, passed three, and raised four. His third Provincial rank was that of Prov. Senior Gd. Warden in 1918. In 1922 he gained the distinction of becoming Grand Treasurer and the Lodge acknowledged this signal honour by presenting to him his Grand Lodge Regalia.

In 1921 he was appointed Treasurer of the Lodge an office he still holds to-day.

It can safely be said that V. Wor. Bro. Somers achieved his greatest ambition when he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the Province of Worcestershire in 1934. His efficiency, coupled with his natural geniality, have gained for him the loyalty and affection of all Holy Royal Arch Masons. May he live long to enjoy his exalted position and guide the destinies of the Province.

Presentations Within the Lodge.

27.8.62 Wor. Bro. George Benjamin Bradley was presented with a Special Jewel, bearing the Badge—"Tortoise and Fesina Lente." He had deputised for the Wor. Master, who had only attended two meetings in the year.

9.9.90 Wor. Bro. William Walton was presented with a similar jewel in recognition for his services as Secretary of the Lodge for four years.

9.2.92 Wor. Bro. Walter Somers was presented with a similar jewel to commemorate twenty five years in the Lodge.

10.5.92 A Silver Loving Cup was also presented to Wor. Bro. W. Somers to celebrate his 25 years in the Lodge.

10.12.95 A Silver Loving Cup was presented to Wor. Bro. Amos Pearson who had been Treasurer of the Lodge for 13 years.

14.9.97 Wor. Bro. Clifford Ernest Bloomer was presented with a Silver Loving Cup to mark his 25 years' connection with the Lodge.

11.2.06 A Silver Rose Bowl and Vases were presented to Wor. Bro. W. Williams who had carried out Secretarial duties for 5 years.

8.10.12 Wor. Bro. Walter Somers was presented with a Silver Rose Bowl by the members on his Golden Wedding Anniversary.

10.12.12 A Silver Rose Bowl was presented to Wor. Bro. Charles Dakin in recognition of his twelve years' service as Secretary to the Lodge.

13.9.21 Grand Lodge Clothing was presented to V. Wor. Bro. Seth Smith Somers when he was appointed Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.

13.5.28 Grand Lodge Clothing was presented to Wor. Bro. William Somers on his appointment as P.A.G.D.C.

12.4.32 Wor. Bro. William David Abbiss received Grand Lodge Clothing on his appointment as A.Gd.Std.Bearer.

9.5.40 A presentation was made to Wor. Bro. William David Abbiss when he relinquished the office of Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction. Out of the sum raised he purchased two Deacons' Wands and gave £100 which remained to the Temple Fund.

8.4.41 A cheque was given to Wor. Bro. Sydney Hill on his appointment as P.A.G.D.C., to be applied towards the purchase of his Grand Lodge Clothing.

9.12.41 V. Wor. Seth Smith Somers was presented with a Gold Snuff Box to mark his Masonic Jubilee and membership of the Lodge.

9.11.43 Wor. Bro. William David Abbiss was presented with a cheque for £50 on completing fifty years' membership.

13.12.49 A Silver Salver was presented to Wor. Bro. Albert Thomas Butler to mark his Masonic Jubilee and membership of the Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge at Halesowen.

The Lodge of Perseverance has entertained Provincial Grand Lodge on three occasions. The first time was on 14th September 1887 when Sir Edmund Lechmere, Provincial Grand Master accompanied by members of Provincial Gd. Lodge attended Halesowen Church in procession, prior to the meeting in the National Schools. It is recorded that on that occasion four Lewises were entrusted with the honour of carrying the Volume of the Sacred Law. They were Seth Smith Somers (now our Senior Past Master), John Pearson, Samuel W. H. Cookson and George H. Parry, and to mark this unique ceremony they were each presented with a handsome Bible. It is also said that the Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Rev. Wor. Bro. A. B. Timbrell preached an eloquent sermon from the following words:

"All things are double one against another."
Ecclesiasticus 42 v.24.

The second visit of Provincial Grand Lodge was on 25th September 1900 and prior to the meeting in the National Schools, Halesowen Wor. Bro. W. T. Page, D.P.G.M., accompanied by the Provincial Officers and the representatives of the Lodges in the Province attended Divine Service in the Parish Church, Halesowen. The Provincial Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. J. C. Hill, M.A., Rector of Halesowen, preached an eloquent sermon from the words "Ye shall be sons of the Highest" St. Luke XI v.35. The third visit of Provincial Grand Lodge was on September 19th, 1911. It was held in the Grammar School, Halesowen and the Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Wm. Campbell, P.G.M., presided.

Past Masters.

There are twenty-seven subscribing past masters, three of whom have received Grand Lodge honours viz: V. Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, Past Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Sydney Hill, P.A.G.D.C. and Wor. Bro. F. T. Goodman, P.A.G.Std.B. Twenty-four have received Prov. Grand Lodge honours viz: V. Wor. S. S. Somers, Wor. Bro. Sydney Hill, Wor. Bro. F. T. Goodman, Wor. Bro. A. T. Butler, Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, Wor. Bro. P. H. Bullas are Past Wardens;

Wor. Bro. Wm. Jones is P.P.P.A.Gd.Sec., Wor. Bro. A. Powell and Wor. Bro. F. A. Cartwright are P.P.Gd.Swd. Bearers, and Wor. Bro. J. W. Dewsbury is P.P.A.G.D.C., Wor. Bro. J. H. Wainwright is P.P.G.D.C., Wor. Bros. F. W. Parker, F. W. Bagnall, W. J. Munslow, D. H. Morris, H. Mucklow, G. N. Raybould, L. Harper, A. J. Grimes are P.P.G.D., Wor. Bro. W. L. O. Somers, P.P.G.R., Wor. Bro. A. V. Bent, Prov.Gd.Supt.Works, and Wor. Bro. T. B. Robinson, P.P.G.Purs.

In 1902 for the first time a member of the Lodge received Grand Lodge honours. Wor. Bro. William Waldron, P.P.G.W., became P.A.G.D.C.

In addition to the present subscribing past masters mentioned above he was followed by Wor. Bro. William Somers, P.A.G.D.C. and Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss, A.Gd.Swd.Bearer.

Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Lodge of Perseverance was one of the eight Lodges in existence in the Province when Worcestershire was acknowledged by Grand Lodge, as a separate Masonic Province [in 1753, with Sir Robert de Cornham as its first Provincial Grand Master.] It is to the credit of this Lodge that on six occasions Provincial Grand Lodge has appointed a Past Master as Senior Warden. These appointments were made in

1900	Wor. Bro. Edward Lowe.
1902	" " Walter Somers.
1911	" " Charles Dakin.
1918	" " Seth Smith Somers.
1923	" " Fred Tench Goodman.
1946	" " Francis Lionel Rose (Lapal 6031).

Six Past Masters became Provincial Junior Gd. Wardens.

1885	Wor. Bro. George Thomas Westbury.
1893	" " Walter Somers.
1897	" " Alfred Cookson.
1920	" " William David Abbiss.
1922	" " William Somers.
1931	" " Sydney Hill.
1946	" " Percival Howard Bullas.

Two Past Masters became Provincial Grand Treasurers.

1899 to 1902 Wor. Bro. Walter Somers.

1920 to 1923 „ „ Fred Tench Goodman.

One Past Master became Provincial Grand Secretary.

1925 to 1929 Wor. Bro. William Somers.

Long Services.

It is interesting to recall that five members have been connected with the Lodge for more than fifty years and have contributed in no small measure to the welfare, harmony and success of the Lodge and their names will be handed down to posterity. The Lodge has recognised the long service of these members, viz. Wor. Bro. Walter Somers (50 years), Wor. Bro. G. F. Grove (56 years), V. Wor. Bro. Seth Smith Somers (58½ years), Wor. Bro. William David Abbiss (51½ years), Wor. Bro. Albert Thomas Butler (52 years).

Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss was initiated on the 14th of November 1893 and by regular graduation he eventually became Worshipful Master in 1905. In 1912 he was appointed Secretary of the Lodge, a position he held with distinction until the time of his death, 22nd May 1944. When the Lodge of Instruction was commenced in 1917 he was its first Preceptor and continued in this office for 23 years. Provincial Lodge honours were first conferred upon him in 1900 when he was appointed Provincial Grand Steward. In 1906 he was promoted to Prov. Asst. Grand Sec. and in 1920 to P. Prov. Gd. Warden. In 1932 he received Grand Lodge Honours as a Gd. Std. Bearer. He represented the Lodge for many years on the Prov. Library and Museum Committee, of which he became Vice Chairman in 1932 and Chairman in 1940. He was a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charity Institutions.

Secretaries of the Lodge.

27.8.50 William Eagles Johnson.
24.9.51 Thomas Cooper.
27.9.54 Thomas Wright.
24.9.56 George Benjamin Bradley.
26.8.57 James Bowker.
25.8.58 William Edward Richardson.
27.11.58 Charles Russell.

25.1.65 Felix Briggs Granger.
28.8.67 Giles Thomas Bloomer.
31.8.69 George Percy Dunn.
29.8.71 Charles William Milnes Bloxham.
27.8.72 Garmston Percy Chapman.
26.8.73 John Benjamin Tolkien.
25.8.74 Philip Henry Bloomer.
29.8.76 James Bayliss.
28.8.77 Charles J. Dore.
30.10.77 Ebenezer Pewtreas.
10.8.80 Henry Richard Marper.
9.5.82 George Brown.
12.5.85 Henry Parry.
11.5.86 William Waldron.
9.5.93 Joseph Finney.
12.5.96 William Williams.
8.5.00 Charles Dakin.
14.5.12 William David Abbiss.
11.5.44 George Newns Raybould.

Treasurers of the Lodge.

27.8.50 William Sheppard, 5 years.
28.3.55 George Henry Wilkinson, 2 years.
28.2.57 William Caleb Henry Bloomer, 5 years.
22.7.57 John William Williscroft, 2 months.
22.8.62 Felix Briggs Granger, 2 years.
28.9.64 William Caleb Henry Bloomer,
5 years (2nd period).
31.8.69 Giles Thomas Bloomer, 14 years.
13.3.83 Amos Pearson, 16 years.
9.5.99 Edward Lowe, 10 years.
9.3.09 James Billingham, 10½ years.
11.10.21 Seth Smith Somers, 28½ years.

Finances of the Lodge.

Although there must have been some means of keeping the accounts of the Lodge there is no record of its financial position for the first two years. Then it was, that the treasurer evidently thought or found it necessary to acquaint the members monthly how much money there was in the coffers of the Lodge. For eighteen months all was well, but a state of emergency then arose, for the Treasurer had to pay for Jewels and Furniture and the amount left in the bank was only 16/10d. More bills had to be paid and three months later he told the Lodge that it owed him £15 9s. 11d. He was paid and in the

following month he reported there was then a balance of £1 12s. 7d. in the Lodge's favour.

In July 1854 the treasurer reported a credit balance of £19 2s. 8d. but for fifteen years there was no further record. From August 1869 it became incumbent upon the Treasurer to issue a balance sheet at the end of every financial year, and for the next five years no difficulties occurred, then the treasurer reported that there was a debit balance of 15/10d. The Lodge had been called upon to meet heavy financial obligations for when it moved to the Drill Hall, Halesowen in 1886 it bought new furniture, crockery and cutlery without incurring heavy debts, and again when it moved into its new Masonic Hall in 1935 (an undertaking which cost approximately £5000) it was faced with an overdraft at the Bank of about £2000. This was gradually reduced year by year until in 1942 a great effort was made to pay the Bank. The members of the Lodge volunteered to lend £25 or multiples thereof, free of interest. The money was quickly raised, and with the exception of £325 these loans have been repaid. The next scheme to be undertaken was the installation of a new organ, at an approximate cost of £1500, to be known as the "Abbiss Memorial Organ." In this scheme the Lodge was greatly assisted by the other Lodges using the Masonic Hall. It is with a debt of gratitude to the many individual subscribers that we are able to say that only about one fourth of the total outlay remains to be subscribed and it is hoped that the outstanding amount will soon be liquidated.

The "Abbiss" Memorial Organ.

November 11th 1949 will stand out as a Red Letter day in the long history of the Lodge, when a beautiful Compton Organ was dedicated, consecrated and opened in memory of Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss. A very fitting tribute was paid to him by Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, P.P.G.W., who opened the organ, when he said that as a citizen, a schoolmaster, a Churchman and a Freemason, he had set such a very high standard and worked with such zeal and assiduity, that he had gained the respect and affection of all who knew him and his name would ever be remembered in the annals of the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Ben Marsh, J.P., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. in charge, said that Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss had set a pattern for the present generation to emulate, and his devotion to duty and the cause of Freemasonry would be perpetuated by the beautiful organ now installed.

Wor. Bro. J. G. Richardson, P.P.G.Chap., dedicated the organ and Wor. Bro. J. Gilbert Mills, P.P.G.O. gave a recital on the organ after briefly explaining its structure and its range. The organ will be used by all the Lodges using the Temple, and the Lodge of Perseverance wishes to place on record its great appreciation of the generous support, given by the members of all Lodges meeting at the Temple.

At the next Lodge meeting held on 13th December 1949 the members of the Lodge presented to Wor. Bro. A. T. Butler with a silver salver to commemorate his Jubilee in Freemasonry. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. R. S. Goodman in making the presentation spoke in the highest praise of the many acts of kindness and the sound advice which Wor. Bro. Butler had given to the Lodge in the erection of the Temple and the installation of the Organ. A fitting climax to this Ceremony was the request made by Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose that this Lodge should place on record an appreciation of the great services rendered to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. A. T. Butler.

Lodge of Instruction.

Lodge of Instruction commenced February 10th, 1917. There were 13 members present.

Wor. Bro. W. D. Abbiss was Preceptor from February 1917 to February 1940 a period of 23 years.

Wor. Bro. J. Little was Deputy Preceptor from February 1926 to February 1936, a period of 10 years.

Bro. A. S. Walker was the first Secretary, 1917 to 1919, 2 years.

Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose succeeded to the position, holding the same for 9 years.

Wor. Bro. D. H. Morris was secretary from February 1928 to February 1934, a period of 6 years.

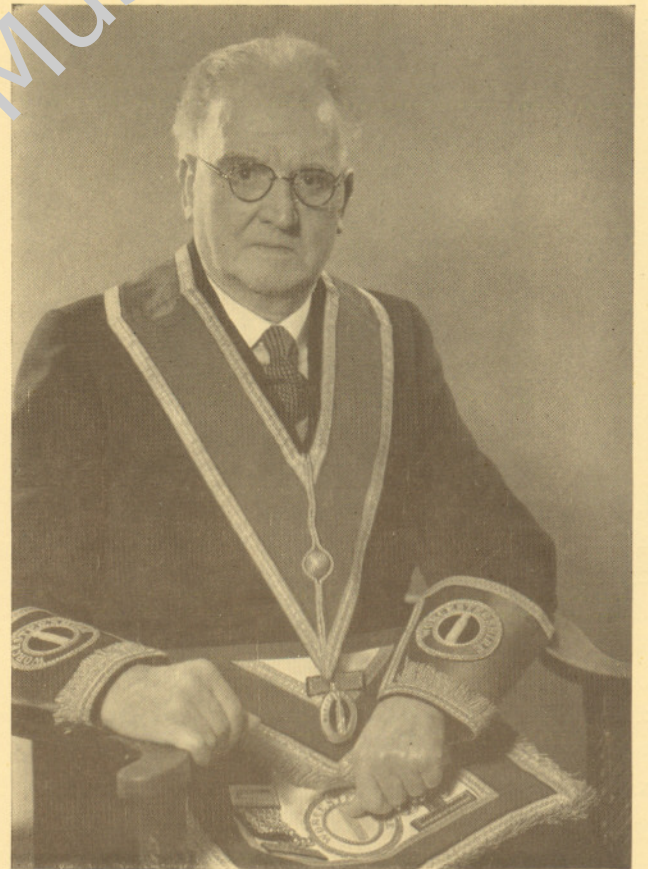


WOR. BRO. WILLIAM DAVID ABBISS.

Initiated 14th November, 1893
 Installed as W.M. 1905
 Appointed Secretary 1912
 „ Provincial Steward 1900
 „ Provincial Assistant Gd. Secretary 1906
 „ Past Provincial Grand Warden ... 1920
 Died 22nd May, 1944

WOR. BRO. ALBERT THOMAS BUTLER.

Initiated 8th February, 1898
 Steward 9th May, 1905
 Inner Guard 8th May, 1906
 Junior Deacon 7th May, 1907
 Junior Warden 11th May, 1909
 Wor. Master 9th May, 1911
 P.Prov.A.G.Sec. September, 1912
 P.Prov.J.G.W. September, 1936



Wor. Bro. J. H. Wainwright was secretary from February 1934 to February 1936, a period of two years.

Bro. C. G. Eades was secretary for one year, 1936 to 1937.

Bro. J. H. Whitehouse was secretary from February 1937 to February 1940, 3 years.

Wor. Bro. R. G. W. Little was secretary for 3 years, 1940 to 1943.

Bro. A. Wright was secretary for 7 years, 1943 to February 1950.

Bro. J. Cayzer was appointed secretary February 1950.

Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, who retired from the position of secretary in February 1923, was elected Asst. Prec. February 1928, Dep. Prec. in February 1936, Prec. in February 1940 to 1943, a period of 15 years.

Wor. Bro. D. H. Morris was elected Asst. Prec. February 1936, Dep. Prec. February 1940, Prec. 1943 to 1947, and continued to the present time as Dep. Prec.

Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould was elected Dep. Prec. February 1943, and Prec. February 1947, and still holds that office.

The present Preceptors have been associated with the L.C.I.

D. H. Morris, from January 1923.

G. N. Raybould, from March 1924.



PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE.

	R. G. W. Little,	J. H. Wainwright,	L. Harper,	C. Hackett,	
B. E. Hobbs,	T. B. Robinson,	G. N. Raybould,	A. V. Bent,	J. A. Bridges,	D. H. Morris,
F. W. Bagnall,	M. Rose,	P. H. Bullas,	S. S. Somers,	A. T. Butler,	F. L. Rose
					W. J. Munslow.

Past Masters of the Lodge.

1850	Alexander Patterson.	1900	George H. Dunn.
1851	Thomas Stevenson.	1901	Frank Connop.
1852	James Worley.	1902	James Billingham.
1953	George H. Deeley.	1903	Seth Smith Somers.
1854	John Williscroft.	1904	Arthur J. Grove.
1855	William Harrison.	1905	William David Abbiss.
1856	Alfred Patterson.	1906	Thomas Brett Young.
1857	John G. Wright.	1907	Ernest H. Grove.
1858	George E. Horton.	1908	Benjamin Poole.
1859	George B. Bradley.	1909	Harry F. Shaw.
1860	George B. Bradley.	1910	Arthur E. Mason.
1861	Charles Russell.	1911	Albert T. Butler.
1862	William C. H. Bloomer.	1912	Joseph Little.
1863	William C. H. Bloomer.	1913	Charles H. Wall.
1864	George B. Bradley.	1914	William Lirde.
1865	George B. Bradley.	1915	Joseph N. T. Bloomer.
1866	Leonard H. Kenrick.	1916	Arthur J. Grove (Junn.).
1867	Leonard H. Kenrick.	1917	Sydney Hill.
1868	Philip H. Bloomer.	1918	Fred T. Goodman.
1869	George J. Westbury.	1919	William H. Chapman.
1870	Giles T. Bloomer.	1920	Thomas Cochrsey.
1871	Thomas Tromans.	1921	Albert E. Priest.
1872	Walter Somers.	1922	Alfred Hill.
1873	James Davenport.	1923	Christopher W. Webster.
1874	Garmston P. Chapman.	1924	William Jones.
1875	John B. Tolkien.	1925	William Somers.
1876	Charles E. Bloomer.	1926	Percy H. Bullas.
1877	James B. Beasley.	1927	Francis W. Parker.
1878	Amos Pearson.	1928	Francis Lionel Rose.
1879	Josiah Beckley.	1929	Major Rose.
1880	William B. Keen.	1930	Arthur Powell.
1881	George Frederick Grove.	1931	Frederick W. Bagnall.
1882	George Frederick Grove.	1932	Archibald Brown.
1883	William Waldron.	1933	Walter J. Munslow.
1884	Ebenezer Powness.	1934	David H. Morris.
1885	Alfred Cookson.	1935	Thomas Robinson.
1886	Thomas Price.	1936	Harry Mucklow.
1887	George Brown.	1937	Frederick A. Cartwright.
1888	Henry Parry.	1938	George N. Raybould.
1889	Edward Lowe.	1939	W. Lionel O. Somers.
1890	Thomas Taylor.	1940	T. Bernard Robinson.
1891	Alfred Marsh.	1941	J. William Dewsbury.
1892	Henry M. Jackson.	1942	John H. Wainwright.
1893	Thomas H. Lloyd.	1943	Leonard Harper.
1894	Thomas Hodgetts.	1944	Albert V. Bent.
1895	David Bryce.	1945	Reginald G. W. Little.
1896	Richard Underwood.	1946	Benjamin Enoch Hobbs.
1897	Herbert W. Hughes.	1947	John Adams Bridges.
1898	Charles Dakin.	1948	Charles Hackett.
1899	Thomas Green.		



PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE LODGE.

J. B. Stevenson, R. Wright.

P. H. Watson, R. W. Harper, A. Fletcher, A. Wright, D. S. Clemence, W. H. Hampton, F. W. Reeves, B. J. Keene, L. Williams.

I. Humphries, J. J. Screen, H. Cox, S. L. Bolton, S. C. Williamson, W. R. Clarke, J. Marshall, E. H. Dudley, H. H. Emery, R. C. Ralphs.
 W. E. Dudley, W. Fairhurst, C. B. Yates, J. Cayzer, A. R. Goode, J. W. Murdoch, W. A. Hiscock, H. B. Jones, A. O. Smith, H. W. Thomas, E. W. Mason.
 R. G. W. Little, T. B. Robinson, B. E. Hobbs, L. Harper, C. Hackett, G. N. Raybould, H. A. Glover, J. H. Wainwright, A. V. Bent, J. A. Bridges.
 M. Rose, F. W. Bagnall, P. H. Bullas, S. S. Somers, J. F. Sidaway, R. S. Goodman, W. B. Powell, A. T. Butler, F. L. Rose, W. J. Munslow, D. H. Morris.

Members of the Lodge.

Seth Smith Somers.	Bertrand Pyne.	Francis Wm. Reeves.
Albert Thomas Butler.	S. Leonard Bridgewater.	Wilfred Fairhurst.
Sydney Hill.	Leonard Williams.	William J. Cutler.
Fred T. Goodman.	Charles Hackett.	John B. Stevenson.
William Jones.	Ronald S. Goodman.	John Marshall.
Percival H. Bullas.	Thos. Alfred Nicklin.	Joseph James Screen.
Francis Wm. Parker.	Leslie Minoretti.	Hubert Byard Jones.
Francis Lionel Rose.	Robert Clive Ralphs.	Charles B. Yates.
Arthur Powell.	John Foley Sidaway.	John W. Murdoch.
Fred Wm. Bagnall.	Wm. Harold Thomas.	C. J. Cony.
Walter J. Munslow.	Leslie Chas. Hadley.	J. Cayzer.
David Henry Morris.	Leonard Dallow.	A. R. Goode.
Harry Mucklow.	Wilfred Baden Powell.	E. C. Williamson.
Fred. Arthur Cartwright.	Alfred Wright.	J. Humphries.
George N. Raybould.	Reginald Wm. Hollies.	R. W. Harper.
W. Lionel O. Somers.	William Ernest Dudley.	H. R. Jackson.
T. Bernard Robinson.	Harry Cox.	A. J. Grimes.
John Wm. Dewsbury.	Raymond Wright.	H. S. Crump.
John H. Wainwright.	Arthur Fletcher.	P. H. Watson.
Henry Field.	Edgar Alexander Hindle.	H. J. S. Glover.
Leonard Harper.	Bertam John Keene.	D. S. Clemence.
A. Victor Bennett.	Herbert H. Emery.	W. H. Hampton.
Reginald G. W. Little.	Cyril G. Murray.	A. O. Smith.
B. Enoch Hobbs.	William Alfred Hiscock.	S. L. Bolton.
Harold Foxall.	Percy Williams.	Fred Willetts.
John Adams Bridges.	Ernest Harry Dudley.	B. S. Rose.
Robert H. Morgan.	Reginald F. Clarke.	Edwin Walter Mason.

Centenary Officers.

W.M.	-	Wor. Bro. R. S. Goodman.
I.P.M.	-	Wor. Bro. C. Hackett.
S.W.	-	Bro. J. F. Sidaway.
J.W.	-	Wor. Bro. W. B. Powell.
Chaplain	-	Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, P.M., P.P.G.W.
Treas.	-	Very Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, P.M., P.G. Treas., P.P.G.W.
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S.D.	-	Bro. A. Wright.
J.D.	-	Bro. H. Cox.
A.D.C.	-	Wor. Bro. R. G. W. Little, P.M.
Organist	-	Bro. W. Fairhurst.
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I.G.	-	Bro. A. Fletcher.
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Tyler	-	Bro. E. W. Mason.



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