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SHORT SYNOPSIS of the
HISTORY of the

MOSELEY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
No 667



FROM THE DATE OF ITS CONSECRATION ON
SEPTEMBER 10th. 1917

TO ITS SILVER JUBILEE ON
SEPTEMBER 10th. 1942.

Moseley Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

No. 667.

The above Lodge was consecrated on September 10th, 1917. It was sponsored by the Hertford Military Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 408 and in that Lodge 13 Brethren who were desirous of becoming Founders of the new Lodge were advanced on July 23rd, 1917. There were 37 Founders in all, of whom 8 are still with us, namely, W. Bro. J. E. Rowley, W. Bro. Thos. Mason, W. Bro. Alfred Allen, W. Bro. S. F. Rawson, W. Bro. E. G. Apps, W. Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs, W. Bro. W. O. Perry, and V. W. Bro. H. V. Stanton.

As already stated, the Lodge was consecrated on September 10th 1917. at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Birmingham. The Consecrating Officers were:

Rt.W.Bro. Lieut-Col. Lord Athlumney, P.G.W.	Prov. G. Master.
W.Bro. J. E. Rowley, Prov. S.G.W.	as S.W.
W.Bro. A. H. Constance, P.P.J.G.W.	as J.W.
V.W.Bro. Rev. W. J. Down, P.G.Chap.	as Chaplain
W.Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.G.D.	as D.C.
Bro. B. W. F. Whittaker, Prov.G.I.G.	as I.G.

Immediately prior to the Consecrating Ceremony, W. Bro. C. D. Eaton marshalled the Brethren into their positions, and a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened in due form, the Master Designate, W.Bro. J. A. Hughes, Prov. J.G.W. (War) occupying the Chair. It is interesting to note that of the 9 Officers taking part in that Opening Ceremony, 4 are still with us, namely

Rt.W.Bro. C. D. Eaton	as D.C.
W. Bro. T. Mason	as J.W.
W. Bro. A. Allen	as S.O.
W. Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs	as I.G.

Of the First Officers of the Lodge 7 are still with us, namely

W. Bro. T. Mason	J.W.
W. Bro. A. Allen	S.O.
W. Bro. J. E. Rowley	Treasurer
W. Bro. S. F. Rawson	S.D.
W. Bro. E. G. Apps.	J.D.
W. Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs	I.G.
W. Bro. W. O. Perry	Stwd.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Worcestershire was held under the Banner of the Moseley Lodge on November 4th. 1918.

On March 3rd. 1919 the Moseley Lodge sponsored the Petition to form the Moseley Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which was consecrated the following year; and on the same evening the first Ladies' Night was held.

The first Emergency Meeting of the Lodge was held on May 5th. 1919.

On the occasion of the second Emergency Meeting, held September 28th. 1921. the Petition to form the Stechford Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 747 was sponsored, and 9 Brethren desirous of becoming Founders were advanced.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Worcestershire was held under the Banner of the Moseley Lodge on October 31st. 1925.

The Petition to form the St. Laurence Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 893 was sponsored on June 2nd. 1930, and 8 Brethren desirous of becoming Founders were advanced.

V. W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.G.Ov., joined the Lodge on January 7th. 1929, and was installed as Worshipful Master on September 1st. 1930.

New By-laws were adopted by the Lodge in 1931.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Worcestershire was held under the Banner of the Moseley Lodge on October 28th. 1933.

In 1934 V. W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.G.Ov., was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and installed by the M. W. Pro. Grand Master, The Right Hon. The Earl of Stradbroke. K.C.M.G. etc. etc.

Rt. W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, Provincial Grand Master, presided over the Festival of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund in June 1937, when the sum of £11495 6 : 0 was raised. The Moseley Lodge contributed the sum of £142 16 : 0.

On September 6th. 1937 the first meeting of the Lodge to be held at the new Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham, took place.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Worcestershire was held under the Banner of the Moseley Lodge on September 10th. 1938.

The outbreak of the Second Great War in September 1939 resulted in the cancelling or postponement of several meetings.

The Petition for the formation of the Eaton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 977, named after our esteemed and revered Provincial Grand Master, was sponsored at an Emergency Meeting held on March 30th. 1940 when 7 Brethren desirous of becoming Founders were advanced.

HONORARY MEMBERS

V.W.Bro. R. M. Hadley. J.P. P.G.Ov. Dep.Prov.G.Master
V.W.Bro. H. V. Stanton. P.G.Ov. Past Dep.Pro.G.Master.
W.Bro. B. W. F. Whittaker P.A.G.Std.B. P.P.G.W.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS

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| *W.Bro. J. E. Rowley, P.P.G.W. | *W.Bro. T. M. Combs
Prov.G.Stwd. |
| *W.Bro. T. Mason, P.G.D. | *Bro. S. J. Fenton |
| *W.Bro. A. Allen, P.G.D. | *Bro. R. A. Lambert |
| *W.Bro. E. G. Apps. P.A.G.D.C. | Bro. W. C. Broodbank |
| *W.Bro. W. O. Perry, P.A.G.D.C. | Bro. R. R. Mason |
| *W.Bro. John Hill, P.G.D.,
Prov.G.Sec. | *Bro. J. E. Haynes |
| *W.Bro. G. C. Freeman,
P.P.G.Ov. | *Bro. C. J. Adams |
| *W.Bro. J. Wheatley, P.P.G.D. | *Bro. F. W. Whittaker |
| W.Bro. W. J. Hall, P.P.G.Stwd. | *Bro. J. Lile |
| *W.Bro. F. S. Rawson,
P.A.G.D.C. | *Bro. C. B. Robinson |
| *W.Bro. F. H. Crabbe,
Prov.G.Reg. | *Bro. C. A. Wilson |
| *W.Bro. F. Bighton,
P.P.Ast.G.Sec. | Bro. F. J. Stevens |
| *R.W.Bro. C. D. Eaton,
Prov.G.Master | *Bro. F. J. Wickham |
| *W.Bro. A.E. Millward, P.G.D. | Bro. A. J. Mantell |
| *W.Bro. V. W. Grosvenor,
Prov.G.D.C. | *Bro. L. G. A. Mellish |
| *Bro. W. E. Lewis | *Bro. S. G. Welch |
| *Bro. G. Edwards | *Bro. W. J. B. Cowin |
| | *W.Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs,
P.P.G.Ov. |
| | *Bro. E. R. Childs |
| | Bro. G. H. Whitfield |
| | Bro. W. F. Baker |
| | *Bro. G. E. Evans (Tyler) |

*Are Royal Ark Mariners.

INTERESTING FACTS.

The Moseley Lodge has sponsored three Mark Lodges.

The Moseley Lodge had 37 Founders.

The Moseley Lodge has had 23 Worshipful Masters, of whom W.Bro. E. G. Apps served for two consecutive years.

Twelve Past and Present Members of the Moseley Lodge have attained to Grand Rank.

The Moseley Lodge has advanced up to the present time, 75 Brethren; has had 18 Joining Members, and 2 Re-joining Members.

The Moseley Lodge has, at the present time, 38 Subscribing and 3 Honorary Members.

The Moseley Lodge was founded in the midst of the First Great War. It will be the hope of the Brethren that its Silver Jubilee will be marked by the termination of the Second Great War, and that the blessings of Peace may be restored to all nations.

NOTE. A suitable Commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of the Lodge will be instituted after the War. The cost is estimated to be about £100, and donations towards this object will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged by the Collector, W.Bro. F. S. Rawson, 16 Southam Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.