



FESTIVAL
OF
ST. JOHN

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 15th, 1958

BRO. NORMAN MAGRAW
S.W.
Master Elect

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 178

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Installation

OF

Bro. NORMAN MAGRAW, S.W.

MASTER ELECT

INSTALLING OFFICER :

W.Bro. ALBERT SHERLOCK

Assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge

What Happiness, who can enjoy alone, or all enjoying,
what contentment find? — John Milton

Menu

Marriage was the first union to defy management

GRAPEFRUIT

SOUP

CREAM OF MUSHROOM

You can't toast a man at a banquet,
without buttering him up, too

REMOVES

ROAST TURKEY

SAUSAGE BREAD SAUCE

CREAMED AND BAKED POTATOES

SEASONABLE VEGETABLES

In olden times sacrifices were made at the altar,
a custom which is still continued

SWEET

PLUM PUDDING

RUM SAUCE

One way for a husband to learn about Do It Yourself
is to criticise his wife's housekeeping

CHEESE

BISCUITS

COFFEE

Success consists in making Hay from the grass
that grows under other people's feet

Freemasonry tomorrow depends on the type of candidate
admitted to-day

" Lord fill my head with worthwhile stuff
and nudge me when I've said enough "

Toast List

1. The Queen, Duke of Lancaster.

Proposed by the W.M.

Duties are ours; events are God's

2. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master,
The Right Honourable the Earl of Scarborough, Knight of the
Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Commander
of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand
Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire,
Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, upon
whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration.

Proposed by the W.M.

A freethinker is a man who isn't married

3. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
The Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, on whom has been
conferred the Military Cross.
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,
Major-General Sir Allan H. S. Adair, Bt., Companion of the
Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the
Distinguished Service Order, on whom has been conferred the
Military Cross.
and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past.

Proposed by Bro. Jack D. Carrington, S.W.

From bad manners good laws have sprung

4. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
Brother L. E. Rutherford.

Proposed by Bro. Jack D. Carrington, S.W.

A man is incomplete until he's married —then he's finished

5. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master,
Worshipful Brother Ashton Davies, Commander of the Royal
Victorian Order, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the
British Empire, Past Grand Deacon;
The Assisant Provincial Grand Masters,
Worshipful Brother Thos. W. Ward, Past Grand Deacon;
Worshipful Brother Aynsley M. Webster, on whom has been
conferred the Military Cross, and Territorial Decoration, Past
Grand Deacon;
Worshipful Brother Andrew McKie Reid, on whom has been
conferred the Military Cross and Territorial Decoration,
Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Past Grand Deacon;
Worshipful Brother Cyril J. Park, Past Grand Deacon;
Worshipful Brother H. W. Whittle, Member of the Most
Excellent Order of the British Empire, Past Grand Deacon;
Worshipful Brother Thomas Hargreaves, Past Grand
Deacon;
Worshipful Brother Sir Knowles Edge, Baronet, Past Grand
Deacon;
and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past.

Proposed by Bro. Edward Magraw, J.W.

Assessing liberty, striving for equality men forget fraternity

6. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Norman Magraw.
Proposed by W. Bro. Albert Sherlock, I.P.M.

Many a sailor has been wrecked on a permanent wave

7. The Masonic Charities.
Proposed by W. Bro. P. Carrington, G.R.

Proverbs Chap. 3 v. 27

8. The Worshipful Masters of other Wigan Lodges and Visiting
Brethren.
Proposed by Bro. Edward Magraw, J.W.

Give a woman an inch and she becomes a ruler

9. The Installing Master and Past Masters of 178.
Proposed by Bro. Eric Hesketh

**It's no use itching for something,
if you haven't the "guts" to scratch for it**

10. The Tyler's Toast.

Success is relative, the more success the more relatives

Items of Interest

Culled from History of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178
Mother Lodge, Antiquity, No. 146 Bolton

Founder: W.M. THOMAS DONCASTER, 1786
Mayor of Wigan, 1795 and 1798

Centenary Master, 1886
LUDVIC LINDSAY, EARL OF CRAWFORD

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, 1808

JAMES WILCOCK, W.M.
BARKER BREAKALL, S.W., WILLIAM COOPER, J.W.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, 1858

JOHN TAYLOR KEAPSLEY, W.M.
J. H. PECK, S.W. EDWIN BAINS, J.W.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, 1908

SAM WOOD, W.M.
HENRY AMBROSE, S.W. JAMES JACKSON, J.W.
(Sam Wood was Mayor of Wigan, 1907-8-9-10)

Consecrated by a Grand Lodge held at Ye Queen's Head
Hotel in Wigan, on Wednesday, the 21st day of June, 1786.

The first Lodge Meeting—July 11th, 1786. Regular Lodge
Night the Monday on or before the Full Moon.

Brethren travelled to Lodge on horseback.

We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire
those rights which they have delivered to our
care; we owe it to our posterity not to suffer
their dearest inheritance to be destroyed.

Junius.

How it all began

Extract from the Minute Book of Lodge No. 196.

"Regular Lodge of Antiquity, No. 196. February 10th, 1786. Richard Holmes, of Wigan, Innkeeper, was proposed by Bro. Thomason, approved of and initiated an entered Apprentice Mason, it was at the same time agreed by the unanimous consent of the Lodge, that on very extraordinary emergency (viz: that he might have a Lodge, going to be formed at Wigan, at his house) he should be pas'd and raised same night."

"Lodge closed at seven on first step, opened a few minutes past seven; in the fellow craft Bro. Holmes was pass'd to the degree of a fellow craft, and then the Lodge closed on that step."

"Opened at eight o'clock on the third step. Bro. Holmes rais'd to the sublime degree of a Master Mason for the reasons above mentioned, and Bro. Walker of No. 25, who attended him, undertook his instruction."

17th March, 1786. Regular Lodge Night.

"Bro. Richard Holmes passed the chair on his Emergency by general approbation of the Master Masons present."

N.B.—The ceremony of passing the Chair by all candidates was an old custom, long discontinued.

W.T.B.

The Magraw Clan

In the year 1715, King Pretender James of Scotland at the head of his army marched south through Wigan, on his ill-fated attempt for the Throne of England. Weeks later, having been compelled to retreat through Wigan to Preston, where he was finally defeated on November 14th, and his army dispersed in disorder. One of the defeated army, a young man of 17 years of age, named Andrew McGraw, was befriended by a sympathiser of this district, who found him shelter and employment at his place of business. Later he married the daughter of his benefactors, and so became the founder of the esteemed family of which our Worshipful Master and his brother, the Junior Warden, are members.

The name of McGraw was altered by Deed Poll in the 1890's by their grandfather to its present name of Magraw. Two other brothers of our W.M., namely, W.Bro. Cecil Magraw, W.M. of Tuscan Lodge, No. 4427 in 1953, and W.Bro. Joel Magraw, W.M. of Oak Lodge, No. 5755 in 1949, have occupied the C. of K.S., whilst their uncle William, was also W.M. of Tuscan Lodge, No. 4427 in 1941, and another uncle is W.Bro. Rev. Canon Charles Magraw, Rector of Canterbury, Kent. Also a grandson of the original Andrew McGraw, namely W.Bro. Joseph McGraw, was W.M. of this Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178 in 1814, and again in 1819. Many Wigan people participated in the above JACOBITE rising and five people of this district, including the then Churchwarden of Standish Parish Church, viz., James Blundell, were executed in the Wigan Market Place on February 10th, 1716 for their part in the rising.

Historian J.W.A.

If you could kick the person responsible for most of your troubles
you wouldn't be able to sit down for months

Psychiatrist — A man who asks you a lot of expensive questions
—your wife asks for nothing

Musical Brethren who
will entertain us

Bro. W. MATTHEWS, Tenor

Bro. W. HOPKINS

W. Bro. A. B. ALLSOP
Accompanist

When a man doesn't go straight home, his wife's remarks do.
Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span:
laugh, and be proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man

—John Masfield.

Lodge Secretary:

W. Bro. W. Tickle Bolton, P. Pr. G. D.,
149 Park Road, Wigan.

I.P.M. Bro. Albert Sherlock

W.M. Bro. Norman Magraw

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