

Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch



Chapter of Amity, No. 3845

Silver Jubilee

1921 — 1946

and

Installation of Principals

E. Comp. W. A. HUNT, M.E.Z.

E. Comp. C. HOLLOS, P.P.G.ORG., H.

E. Comp. J. WOOD, J.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS,
EDGBASTON,
BIRMINGHAM.

Thursday,
17th October, 1946

Founders

- M.E. Comp. Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, *M.A.*, P.G.S.N.,
Grand Supt.
- E. Comp. F. G. Whittall, PROV.G.S.N.(STAFFS.)
- E. Comp. J. P. P. Dutfield, PROV.G.STD.B.
- E. Comp. M. H. Clarke, PROV.G.D.C.
- Comp. E. E. Lonnen, 794.
- Comp. A. E. Evans, 739.
- Comp. A. E. Terry, 794.
- Comp. Wilfred Allen, 3239.
- Comp. J. W. Gadsden, 1792.
- Comp. G. West Byng, 1792.
- Comp. H. L. Reason, 587.
- Comp. H. E. H. Cooke, 482.
- Comp. S. Joel, 739.
- Comp. H. V. Millington, 739.
- Comp. Ernest Newton, 794.

Consecrating Officers

- M.E. Comp. Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, *M.A.*, Grand Supt.
- E. Comp. Sam Abrahams, Prov.Second G. Prin. as H.
- E. Comp. F. Foster, Prov. Third G. Prin. as J.
- E. Comp. E. A. Smith, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.S.E. as S.E.
- E. Comp. R. H. Hume, Prov.G.S.N. as S.N.
- E. Comp. M. H. Clarke, Prov.G.D.C. as D.C.
- Comp. N. Bosworth, Prov.G.Org. as Organist

First Officers of the Chapter

19th May, 1921.

E. Comp. F. G. Whittall, PROV.G.S.N.(STAFFS.).....	M.E.Z.
E. Comp. J. P. P. Dutfield, PROV.G.STD.B.	I.P.Z.
E. Comp. M. H. Clarke, PROV.G.D.C.	H.
E. Comp. E. E. Lonnen	J.
Comp. A. E. Evans	S.E.
Comp. A. E. Terry.....	Asst. S.E.
Comp. Wilfred Allen	S.N.
Comp. J. W. Gadsden.....	Treasurer
Comp. H. E. H. Cooke.....	Prin. Soj.
Comp. H. L. Reason.....	1st Asst. Soj.
.....	2nd Asst. Soj.
E. Comp. J. P. P. Dutfield, PROV.G.STD.B.....	Charity Steward
.....	Organist
Comp. S. J. Jel.....	Steward
Comp. H. V. Millington.....	Steward
.....	Janitor

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CONSECRATED MAY 19th, 1921.

The Consecration of the Lodge of Amity in May, 1918, had brought together a distinguished body of very earnest Freemasons, not only from the Province of Warwickshire, but also from the adjoining Provinces of Staffordshire and Worcestershire. Amongst the Founders of the Lodge was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, W. Bro. The Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Grand Superintendent of the Order of the Holy Royal Arch, in the Province of Warwickshire. It was, therefore, but a natural sequence that a Royal Arch Chapter associated with the Lodge, should come into being at no distant date.

The Lodge had set a very high standard under its first Master, W. Bro. Fred. G. Whittall, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.C.W., assisted by a strong list of Officers, and within three years of the Consecration of the Lodge, the Chapter of Amity was consecrated with E. Comp. Fred. G. Whittall, P.G.Std.B., P.P.G.S.N., P.P.G.S.N.(Staffs.), as its first M.E.Z.

The Consecration took place on Thursday, May 19th, 1921, at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, in the presence of a large and distinguished body of Royal Arch Masons. The impressive Ceremony was performed by the Most E. Comp. The Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, M.A., J.G.S.N., assisted by E. Comp. Sam Abrahams, Prov. Second Grand Principal, E. Comp. Fred. Foster, Prov. Third Grand Principal, E. Comp. E. A. Smith, P.A.C.D.C., Prov.G.S.E., E. Comp. R. H. Hume, Prov.G.S.N., and E. Comp. M. J. Clarke, Prov.G.D.C.

During the course of the Ceremony, E. Comp. Fred. Foster, Prov.G.J., delivered an Oration on the Nature and Principals of the Institution. The minutes of the Consecration Meeting, referring to this Oration state that it was given "in a most eloquent and scholarly style." Subsequent events seem to bear out this statement for the Oration was afterwards printed and distributed to the Companions of the Chapter. E. Comp. Foster, opening his remarks stated "Freemasonry may be likened to a story of active life, in which the characters are striving human hearts, and our meeting here to-day is adding them to another Chapter, wherein to set up as in characters of light, the Grand Principles of the Order, for the title of this Chapter AMITY, implies Fellowship, Love, Harmony, Friendship, Goodwill, and Understanding." The Prov.G.J. then went on to suggest some thoughts on the three Grand Principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, closing his Oration with these words "the Brotherly Love and affection, by whose ordaining even the world itself and all that dwell therein live and move, and have their being, by which the morning stars rejoice together in their courses, and in whose constancy, the Giver of light to the stars, and love to men, Himself is glad in the creatures of his hand." Thus was the birth of the Chapter of Amity.

From its commencement, the Chapter began to make steady and firm progress. A very high standard was set by the newly installed Principals, E. Comp. Fred. G. Whittall, P.G.Std.B. M.E.Z., E. Comp. M. H. Clarke, P.G.Treas., H., E. Comp. E. E. Lonnen, J., and this standard has been persistently maintained by all the Principals and Officers who have faithfully followed in their footsteps.

Of the other Founders of the Chapter, especial mention should be made of E. Comp. J. P. P. Dutfield, P.P.G.Std.B., who was the prime mover in the formation of the Chapter, and also E. Comp. A. E. Evans, P.P.P.G.Soj., who was S.E. for the first two years of the Chapter's history. Much of the detail and organisation connected with the Chapter and its Consecration, fell upon the shoulders of these two Exc. Companions. of such admirable quality were the Companions who founded the Chapter and laid the solid foundations thereof. Many of these Companions have now been called to the Grand Chapter above, but their names and good work will be long remembered and revered in the Chapter of Anity.

The Chapter grew in strength, and in 1927, moved from the Imperial Hotel, to the newly erected Warwickshire Masonic Peace Memorial Temple, in Broad Street, Birmingham. Soon after the outbreak of hostilities in 1939, the Masonic Temple being taken over by the Ministry of Food, the Chapter moved to its present home at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, Francis Road, Edgbaston. Here the Conventions of the Chapter were regularly held throughout the whole period of the War.

In 1928, the Chapter suffered a most severe loss, in the death of one of its principal Founders, our dearly beloved Grand Superintendent, Most E. Comp. Canon C. W. Barnard.

The Chapter possesses much of its own furnishings. In 1928, a full set of Officers Collars and Jewels was purchased by the Chapter. In 1931, E. Comp. G. W. Booth, P.G.Std.B., E. Comp. E. Hathaway, P.G.Std.B., and E. Comp. D. D. James, P.P.G.S.B., made a joint gift of a magnificent set of Robes, for the use of the Principals of the Chapter. Three years later E. Comp. H. Hathaway, P.G.Std.B., gave a Veil for the Altar, and in 1938, E. Comp. G. W. Booth, P.G.Std.B., E. Comp. W. E. Randel, P.P.A.G.Soj., E. Comp. G. H. Godwin and E. Comp. John Wood, made a joint presentation of a set of Wands for the use of the Director of Ceremonies and the three Sojourners.

In commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Consecration of the Chapter there is no doubt that here is a Chapter of which every member can be justly proud. In its short history, it has formed great traditions, and every Companion of the Chapter is rightly determined to maintain its high standard of work, and jealously guard the Grand Principles on which our Order is founded.

Toasts

H.M. The King and Royal Arch Masonry.

Proposed by E. Comp. W. A. Hunt, M.E.Z.

M.E. Comp. The First Grand Principal, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, K.G.

Proposed by E. Comp. W. A. Hunt, M.E.Z.

M.E. Comp. The Second Grand Principal, Gen. Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B.; M.E. Comp. The Third Grand Principal, The Very Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, M.A., D.S.O., O.B.E., Dean of Battle; and the Rest of the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Chapter of England.

Proposed by E. Comp. W. Salt, P.G.D.C. Mitchell ✓

M.E. Comp. Thomas Burman, Grand Superintendent.

Proposed by E. Comp. S. Atkinson. ✓

E. Comp. The Rev. Dr. J. N. Frankland, M.A., P.G.Std.B., Second Prov. Grand Principal; E. Comp. E. Carey Hill, F.S.A., Third Prov. Grand Principal, and the rest of the Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire.

Proposed by E. Comp. T. A. Statham. Evans
Bytelle ✓

The Founders of the Chapter of Amity, No. 3845.

Proposed by M.E. Comp. Thomas Burman,
Grand Supt. ✓

The Three Principals of the Chapter.

Proposed by Comp. W. G. Saunders, P.Soj. ✓

The Visitors.

Proposed by E. Comp. A. Thomason, Org. ✓

The Past Principals and Officers of the Chapter.

Proposed by E. Comp. W. A. Hunt, M.E.Z. ✓

The Janitors Toast.

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M.M. 9.
R.V.O.

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Officers

E. Comp. W. A. Hunt.....	M.E.Z.
E. Comp. F. H. Newman.....	I.P.Z.
E. Comp. C. Hollos, P.P.G.ORG.	H.
E. Comp. J. Wood.....	J.
Comp. A. T. Watts	S.E.
Comp. H. Sumner.....	S.N.
E. Comp. H. V. Millington, P.P.G.S.N.....	Treasurer
E. Comp. W. Salt, P.P.G.D.C.	D.C.
Comp. W. G. Saunders	Prin. Soj.
Comp. S. H. Tommy.....	1st Asst. Soj.
E. Comp. G. H. Godwin	2nd Asst. Soj.
E. Comp. L. W. James.....	A.D.C.
E. Comp. W. E. Randel, P.P.A.G.SOJ.	Almoner
E. Comp. A. Thomason	Organist
Comp. R. Bradley	Steward
Comp. E. P. Russell.....	Steward
Comp. H. J. Gaunt.....	Steward
Comp. B. C. Averill.....	Steward
Comp. H. F. Dunn.....	Steward
Comp. E. Richardson	Janitor

Companions

Comp. A. Wallis	Comp. H. Morris
Comp. A. T. Aston	Comp. G. C. Webley
Comp. S. J. Myers	Comp. E. W. Sharp
Comp. G. L. Wheeler	Comp. W. H. Humphreys
Comp. C. J. Jones	Comp. H. Lamsdale
Comp. H. T. Booth	Comp. W. C. Hall
Comp. Bernard F. Stokes	Comp. W. Balmford
Comp. W. J. Vaughton	Comp. G. J. Tustin
Comp. W. W. Owen	

Past First Principals

M. E. Comp. Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, M.A., P.Z. 43, 794, P.G.S.N., GRAND SUPT.	
E. Comp. Fred. G. Whittall, P.Z. 482, 3484, P.G.STD.B., P.P.G.S.N., P.P.G.S.N.(STAFFS.)	1921
E. Comp. J. P. P. Dutfield, P.Z. 739, P.P.G.STD.B.	
E Comp. M. H. Clarke, P.Z. 739, 794, 3484, P.G.TREAS., P.P.G.J.	
E. Comp. J. W. Gadsden, P.Z. 794, 1792, P.P.G.D.C.	1923
E. Comp. Wilfred Allen, P.Z. 3239, P.P.G.SOJ.	1924
E. Comp. Arthur Towell, P.P.G.ORG.	1925
E. Comp. J. O. Westworth, P.P.G.D.REG.	1926
E. Comp. A. E. Evans, P.Z. 739, 3659, P.P.P.G.SOJ.	1927
E. Comp. S. J. Dutfield, P.P.G.D.REG.	1928
E. Comp. H. E. H. Cooke, P.Z. 124b, P.P.A.G.SOJ.	1929
E. Comp. D. D. James, P.P.D.G.S.B.	1930
E. Comp. H. V. Millington, P.Z. 739, P.P.G.S.N.	1931
E. Comp. G. W. Booth, P.P.G.STD.B., P.P.D.G.S.B.	1932
E. Comp. Henry Hathaway, J.P., P.G.STD.B., P.P.G.J.	1933-34
E. Comp. William Salt, P.P.G.D.C.	1935
E. Comp. Edwin Adams, J.P., P.Z. 739, P.P.A.G.SOJ.	1936
E. Comp. W. E. Bendel P.P.A.G.SOJ.	1937
E. Comp. P. L. Cawley, P.P.G.REG.	1938
E. Comp. A. W. Wicks, P.P.G.STD.B.	1939-40
E. Comp. C. S. Atkinson	1941
E. Comp. Albert Thomason	1942
E. Comp. L. W. James	1943
E. Comp. G. H. Godwin, P.Z. 3659	
E. Comp. T. A. Statham	1944
E. Comp. F. H. Newman, I.P.Z.	1945