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GLITTERING STAR LODGE No. 322, I.C.

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LODGE 'GLITTERING STAR'

No. 322 I.C.

Warranted in H.M.'s 29th Regiment of Foot - 3rd May, 1779

INSTALLATION BANQUET

INSTALLATION OF
Bro. Len. Adams.

Worshipful Master

INSTALLING MASTER
W. Bro. R. Leadbeater, BEM., PM.

The Masonic Hall,
DUDLEY

Saturday,
17th March,

1984

Menu

Soup

Roast Beef

Yorkshire Pudding

Garden Peas

Carrots

Roast and Creamed Potatoes

Apple Pie with Ice Cream

Cheese and Biscuits

Rolls and Butter

Coffee

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Toasts

Her Majesty The Queen W.M.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master
and the Grand Officers, Present and Past
of The Grand Lodge of Ireland; and of

Our Sister Constitutions.

W. Bro. Surgeon Lieut. N.P. Martin, D.S.O., P.M.

The Officers, Present and Past, of the
Provinces of Worcestershire, Warwickshire
and Staffordshire

V. W. Bro. Major J. E. E. E., P.G.D., P.M.

The Worshipful Master

W. Bro. W. Leadbeater, B.E.M., P.M.

The Master's Song

The Visiting Brethren

The Past Masters and Officers of 'Glittering
Star'

To Our Next Merry Meeting... 'Auld Lang Syne'

At 9 o'clock p.m. Our Absent Brethren... W.M.

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LODGE GLITTERING STAR No. 322 IRISH

LODGE No. 322 IRELAND

While at KILKENNY, IRELAND, a Warrant, No. 322 from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated 3rd of May, 1759, was issued for a Masonic Lodge in the Worcestershire Regiment. Except for two or three occasions when the Lodge went into suspended animation due to world wars, it has remained an integral part of the Regiment ever since.

THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR DEGREE

Phillip Crossle, the distinguished Masonic historian and writer of Dublin has stated that brethren from "Glittering Star" were responsible for the introduction of "Templar Masonry" in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1765.

TRAVELLING ABROAD

The Regiment and its Lodge served in Canada from 1807 at Montreal, Kingston and London, later in Toronto and finally in Halifax, from which it embarked on October 1868 for Jamaica. The Regiment has since served with great distinction in various parts of the Empire and Commonwealth. The two Great Wars added imperishable laurels to those already won. Following that, it was stationed in India, where Lodge No. 322 carried on the glorious traditions of the apron and the sword.

THE TOWER OF LONDON

On June 3rd, 1938, Lodge Glittering Star held the first and only Masonic Lodge meeting in the Tower of London. The First Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment was then in Garrison in the Tower. At that time Field-Marshal Sir Claud Jacob, G.C.B., was Constable of the Tower and Colonel of the Regiment. He was also a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and an Honorary Member of "Glittering Star." A special medal was struck to commemorate the meeting. On that occasion Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, M.V. Grand Master of Ireland, opened the Lodge, and was supported by the presence of Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun, P.G.M.M. of Scotland, and Bro. General Sir Francis Davies, Deputy Grand Master of England.

BICENTENARY

In June 1959 the Lodge celebrated its Bicentenary at an installation meeting at "Norton Barracks", Worcester, attended by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Assistant Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and a Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Over 350 brethren were present.

FREEMASONRY IN THE FORCES

Of the nine thousand or more Masonic Lodges spaced around the world, there are only five "Travelling Lodge" (Lodges attached to Army Regiments) left.

It is a matter of conjecture the part to be played by Freemasons in general, and Lodge Glittering Star in particular, in the Armed Forces of the Crown. May I conclude these few short items of the history of the Lodge, by quoting from a letter written to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion in 1948.

"It is certain that any organisation which had had connected existence within the Regiment for nearly 200 years, must be an Influence for Good."