



## INTRODUCTION

Herein is recorded something of the Masonic Life, and work for their Lodge, of men, many of whose names are now but a shadowy memory to all but the oldest of us. They were not necessarily great by worldly achievements, but they were by their quiet devotion and sustained loyalty to our Lodge.

We who practice our Masonry in the 1990's may find it hard to appreciate the difficult conditions which existed at the turn of the century. Today we enjoy all the advantages of modern transport and communications, neither of which was available to our brethren of old. Indeed their attendances at Lodge meetings must have frequently involved them in considerable personal sacrifice and even discomfort.

Every old Lodge has its own tale to tell. This simple record published to commemorate our 90th Anniversary much of it concerning a long vanished day has been a pleasurable labour of love by the small committee of Lodge Historians involved. We hope that it will make a very small and modest contribution to the history of Freemasonry.

It is also our fervent hope that it will be an encouragement to those who come after, to guard and cherish the past achievements by this Lodge; and its proud reputation in the Masonic Province of Worcestershire.

*R.J. Hollins, P.G.Std.B.  
Worshipful Master*

January 1997

# Copy of Petition

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert of the art, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings to be named the "Stechford Lodge." In consequence of this we are regular lodge at "All Saints School" Stechford on the fourth Saturdays in Masonry, in a constitutional manner according to the form of the order, and Richard Fenwick, who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The presence of His Majesty's Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

## Signatures

Signature	No. of Lodge which paid a fee and raised	No. of Lodge to which not a fee is being received	If Master P.M. or other officer of a Lodge No. and Lodge P.M.
R. Fenwick	1016	2906	1016 2804 2897
John Hill	246	2897	P.M. 1246 2897
F.A. Whitehead	1031	1031	
Alfred Davidson	720	720	M. Fleet 720
John Smith	925	1782 2804	P.M. 1782 2804
John W. Hinks	739	739	J.S. 739
M. L. Lancaster	1246	1246	J.S. 1246
A. L. Lancaster	1246	1246	Steward 1246
J. Clinton Pennington	2848	2848	
Alfred Thomas Blackwell	2724	2724	
Richard J. Taylor	739	739	
Thomas Thomas Price	1035	1180 1500	See 1180
Thos. Shanley	1163	1163	P.M.
Sam. Lucking	1016	1016	J.W. 1016
Arthur Henry Banks	2897	2897	Steward 2897
John Henry Frost	1016	1016	Steward 1016
George Perry	32 Irish	2733	Sr 32
George Hemming	2654	2654	Steward 2654
William Henry Pearce Smithies	1016	1016	J.S. 1016
A. E. Godrich	1246		

of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.  
 Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names  
 our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles  
 and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge  
 we pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet on a  
 Sept. Oct. Nov. Jan. Feb. March April + May and here to discharge the duties of  
 the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend Bro  
 the first Master, Bro John Hill to be the first Senior Warden and Bro Mr Lauster  
 being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand

Shholding Prov or Grand Lodge Office	Profession or Trade	Residence
P.P.F.D Worcestershire	Contractor	9 Plough-harrow Rd Edgbaston
P.P.A.S.S. 1722	Grand Manager Rock Life Assurance	The Firs Hampton in Arden
	Printer	Hemington Stechford
	Salesman	Lyttelton Road Stechford
	Engineer in S. Mech. I.	24 Vernon Road Edgbaston
	Chartered Accountant	Cotswold Wyldes Green
	Printer	Arden House Albert Rd Stechford
	Printer	Edston Ashleigh Rd Solihull
	Commercial Manager	Balmoral Oxford Rd Acocks Green
	Solicitor Clerk	Mayfield Francis Rd Stechford
	Wholesale Jeweller	Ashdene Handsworth Wood Staff
	Roan Surveyor	106 City Rd Birmingham
	Artist	Heathfield Rd Handsworth Staff
	Optician	Rooftop Oxford Rd Moseley Wmcs.
	Civil Engineer	128 Moor Rd Sparkhill Wmcs.
	Solicitor	93 Greenfield Rd Harborne
	Distiller	Rockingham House Yardley
	Manufacturer	2 Melville Rd Edgbaston
	Contractor	76 Elmgton Row Bham
	Manufacturer	Trilow Dale Four Oaks

Worcestershire  
 P.P.G. 17

The Petition having gone forward, dated 15th May 1906, The Warrant was issued on 23rd August, 1906.



## WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION

Signed:— ARTHUR G. M.

To All and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren

W E .....

ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn,  
Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, etc., etc., etc., etc.

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 RICHARD FENWICK, JOHN HILL, MARTIN  
L. LANCASTER, FREDERICK ARTHUR WHITEHEAD, ALFRED DAVIDSON,  
JOHN SMITH, JOHN WILLIAM HINKS AND OTHERS, DO HEREBY CON-  
STITUTE THE SAID BRETHREN INTO A LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED  
MASONS UNDER THE TITLE OR DENOMINATION OF:—

No. 3185

THE STECHFORD LODGE

The said Lodge to meet at All Saints School, Stechford, Worcestershire, on  
the fourth Saturday in September, October, November, January, February,  
March, April and May, 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 Richard Fenwick  
to be the first Master, the said John Hill to be their first Senior Warden and  
the said Martin L. Lancaster to be the first Junior Warden for opening and  
holding the said Lodge and 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 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 Richard Fenwick to take special care that all and every of the said  
Brethren are 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 whereof 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 to us or our Successors, Grand Masters or to our 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 you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge, And you, the said Richard Fenwick 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 23rd August, A.L. 5906, A.D. 1906, By Command  
of His Royal highness the M. W. Grand Master,

Signed:— E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

Signed:— T. F. HALSEY, D.G.M.

The Notice of the Consecration Meeting  
PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

WOR. BRO. W. T. PAGE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By command of the Wor. Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge, I am to inform you that the Consecration of the Stechford Lodge, No. 3185, will take place in the Masonic Hall, Worcester, on Friday, 11th January, at 2.30 p.m.

Very Wor. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S., will by the Consecrating Officer

The attendance of Officers, Present and Past, of Provincial Grand Lodge is requested.

All Master Masons are invited to attend

Masonic Mourning for the late Right Worshipful Bro. Sir F. Godson will cease to be worn on and from the eleventh proximo.

Morning dress. Full Masonic clothing.

Yours fraternally,  
EDWARD COLLENS G.STD.B.  
PROV. G. SEC.

STOURBANK HOUSE,  
STOURPORT.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1906.

## Founders of the Lodge.



- Wor. Bro. R. FENWICK, J.P. 2706, P.M. 1016, P.M. 2804  
P.M. & C.S. 2897, P.P.G.J.D. (Warwickshire).
- „ „ JOHN HILL, P.M. & C.S. 1246, P.M. 2897,  
P.P.G., Asst. Sec. (Warwickshire).
- „ „ T. E. SHAW, P.M. 1163, P.P.G.W. (Warwickshire).
- „ „ JOHN SMITH, P.M. 1782, S.W. 2804.
- „ „ A. DAVIDSON, W.M. 720.
- Bro. A. H. BANKS, S. 2897.
- „ A. T. BLACKWELL, 2724.
- „ J. H. FROST, S. 1016.
- „ A. E. GODRICH, 1246.
- „ G. HEMMING, S. 2654.
- „ J. W. HINKS, S.D. 739.
- „ M. L. LANCASTER, J.D. 1246.
- „ A. L. LANCASTER, S. 1246.
- „ J. LUCKING, S.W. 1016, 2804.
- „ T. J. ORME, Sec. 1180.
- „ J. C. PARSONAGE, 2848.
- „ G. PERRY.
- „ W. H. P. SMITHIES, J.D. 1016.
- „ R. J. TAYLOR, 739, 2076.
- „ F. A. WHITEHEAD, 1031.



STECHFORD LODGE.

No. 3195.

**Consecration .  
Ceremony.**

INSTALLATION

— AND —

— BANQUET. —



CONSECRATING OFFICER:

The Very Wor. Brother Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S

Wor. Bro. R. Fenwick, J.P., P.M., P.P.G. J.D. (Warwickshire),  
*Worshipful Master Designate.*



**Masonic Hall, Worcester,**

Friday, January 11th, 1907.

—△— **Menu.** —△—



**Soup.**

OX TAIL. PUREE TOMATO.

—  
**Fish.**

COD FISH, OYSTER SAUCE.  
STEWED LAMPURNS.

**Entree.**

KIDNEY SAUTEE CHAMPIGNONS.  
RISsoles A LA ROYAL.

—  
**Joint.**

HAUNCH OF MUTTON.  
ROAST BEEF.  
BOILED TURKEY AND TONGUE.

—  
**Game.**

LEVERET SAUTÉE.  
PHEASANT.

—  
**Sweets.**

PLUM PUDDING.  
MINCE PIES. JELLIES.  
CREAM.

—  
**Cheese. Celery.**

**Dessert.**

# Wine List.



## Sherry.

PALE DRY      ...      ...      1/6 per Half Bottle.

## Hock.

LIEBFRAUMILCH ...      ...      3/6 per Bottle.

## Claret.

PONTET CANET ...      ...      3/6

## Champagnes.

ROYAL CUVEE, Ex Dry ...      8/-

LOUIS ROEDERER, 1898 ...      9/6

## Port.

3/- per Half Bottle.

BENEDICTINE ...      ...      6d. per Glass.

CREME DE MENTHE (Green)      6d.      „

## Spirits, etc.

BRANDY (Fine Old Cognac)      6d. per Glass.

WHISKY (Fairloom) ...      6d.      „

## Mineral Waters.

BASS ALE ...      ...      ...      3d. Bottle.

DRY GINGER ALE ...      ...      ...      2d.      „

SODA WATER ...      ...      ...      2d.      „

LEMONADE ...      ...      ...      2d.      „

APOLLINARIS ...      ...      ...      6d.      „

*Havana Cigars 6d. each.*

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## Toasts.



1. *His Majesty the King, Protector of our Order.*
2. *H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master.*
3. *The M.W. Pro. Grand Master (The Earl Amherst); the R.W. Deputy Grand Master (Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey); and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present, and Past.*
4. *The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge (Wor. Bro. W. T. Page), and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past.*
5. *The Consecrating Officers.*
6. *The W.M. of the Stechford Lodge.*
7. *The Visitors.*
8. *The Officers of the Stechford Lodge.*
9. *The Tyler's Toast.*

# Music.



- THE NATIONAL ANTHEM* ... ..  
**Bro. SIDNEY STODDARD.**
- SONG* ... .. "A Prayer for You."  
**Wor. Bro. C. H. REYNOLDS, P.M. 1246, W.M. Designate 3208.**
- RECITATION* ... .. Humorous.  
**Wor. Bro. T. E. SHAW, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1163.**
- SONG* ... .. "A Soldier's Song."  
**Bro. ARTHUR J. STODDARD.**
- SONG* ... .. "Simon the Cellarer."  
**Bro. SIDNEY STODDARD.**
- SONG* ... .. Humorous.  
**Wor. Bro. C. H. REYNOLDS, P.M. 1246, W.M. Designate 3208.**
- SONG* ... .. "Here's a Health to our Worshipful Master."  
**Bro. ARTHUR J. STODDARD.**
- SONG* ... .. "The Veteran's Song."  
**Bro. SIDNEY STODDARD.**
- RECITATION* ... .. Humorous.  
**Wor. Bro. SHAW, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1163.**
- SONG* ... .. "The Jolly Masons."  
**Bro. ARTHUR J. STODDARD.**

# 90th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 11th. January 1997

Item of Labour No. 12

To present a detailed and historical Resume of the life and times of society surrounding the date of Consecration of the Lodge Ninety Years ago on Friday 11th. January 1907.

**Introduction - Worshipful Master** ..... W. Bro R. J. Hollins P: Sta.B.

To read the introductory paragraph from the 75th Anniversary publication.  
we who appreciate the difficult conditions...

The idea of a Historical "B.B.C. Newsmight" was born.

We hope therefore to create in the minds of all present a mental picture of world affairs and the Society that existed and surrounded our Founders 90 Years ago.

## 1. WORLD AFFAIRS

A brief summary from far and wide ..... W. Bro. A. P. Woodhouse P: Prov S.G.D.  
P.M. 5588 (Zambia)

## 2. NEWS FROM AROUND EUROPE

Happenings of importance from the Continent..... W. Bro. A. W. Bailey P: Prov S.G.D.

## 3. NATIONAL NEWS about the British Isles. .... W. Bro. L. R. Davies P: Prov S.G.D.

## 4. MIDLAND NEWS & LOCAL AFFAIRS

Matters of local interest, including matters of sport..... W. Bro. L. Ascott

## 5. NEWS FROM THE ROYAL COURTS

A picture of the Royal Family, and its activities. .... W. Bro. D. M. Lewitt P: Prov A.G.D.C.

## 6. THE ARTS AND THE THEATRE

Summary of popular artists and entertainers ..... W. Bro. K. E. Hill P: Prov S.G.D.

## 7. CRIME & OTHER TRANSGRESSIONS

News from the Law Courts ..... W. Bro. A. Hunt P: Prov G. Stud.

## 8. FINANCIAL NEWS

News from 'The City' and purchasing power comparisons ..... W. Bro. A. Nicholls.

## 9. NEWS FROM THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

The state of Freemasonry in general..... W. Bro. E. J. Allen P: M. 7341 P: Prov S.G.D.  
P: Prov S.G.D. (Warks)

## 10. THE STATE OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE...

## 11. A RESUME OF THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE FORMATION OF THE LODGE..... W. Bro. P. J. Hollins

## 12. THE CONSECRATION ..... W. Bro. C. K. J. Hammond P: Prov S.G.W.

## 13. CONCLUSION ..... Worshipful Master.

❧ 90th Anniversary Celebrations ❧

Saturday 11th. January 1997

MENU

Oxtail Soup



White Fish & Sauce



Roast Leg of Lamb

Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potatoes

Pea, Carrots



Fresh Fruit Salad



Celery, Cheese & Biscuits



Coffee

# 90th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 11th. January 1997

## TOAST LIST

- No. 1 The Queen and the Craft.....Worshipful Master
- No. 2 The Most Worshipful The Grand Master,  
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC.  
.....Worshipful Master
- No. 3 The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,  
The Right Honourable Lord Farnham,  
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Iain Ross Bryce, TD, DL  
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,  
The Most Honourable The Marquess of Northampton, D.L.  
and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past.  
.....W. Bro. A. Nicholls I.P.M.
- No. 4 The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,  
Barrie Michael Cooper, J.P. ....W. Bro. L. Ascott S.W.
- No. 5 The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,  
Robert E. Whitlock, Past Grand Sword Bearer,  
The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Masters,  
P. C. H. Goddard, M.A., Past Senior Grand Deacon,  
D. Lewin, M.Sc., Past Senior Grand Deacon  
and K.A. Haward, M.A., Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden,  
and the rest of the Officers present and past,  
of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.  
.....W. Bro. A. Nicholls I.P.M.
- No. 6 The Worshipful Master.....W. Bro. L. Ascott S.W.
- No. 7 The Visitors.....W. Bro. G.L. Truman P. Prov. G. Swd. B.

WORCESTER LODGE No. 280  
(1790)

LODGE OF HOPE AND CHARITY No. 377  
(1824)

LECHMERE VOLUNTEER No. 1874  
(1881)

STEECHFORD LODGE No. 3185  
(1906)

ST. EDBURGH No. 4621  
(1924)

LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP  
No. 6707  
(1948)

BLAKESLEY LODGE  
No. 7706  
(1960)

BON ACCORD No. 6035  
(1927)

MERIDIAN LODGE  
No. 8983  
(1981)

ALMACANTA LODGE  
No. 7023  
(1950)

SAMARITAN No. 5728  
(1938)

LODGE of YARDLEY  
No. 6324  
(1945)

LODGE of FRIENDSHIP No. 7902  
(1963)

DORMER No. 7394  
(1953)

LODGE of HOSPITALITY No. 8325  
(1970)

MERSTON CULY No. 6879  
(1949)

NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE  
No. 8180  
(1967)

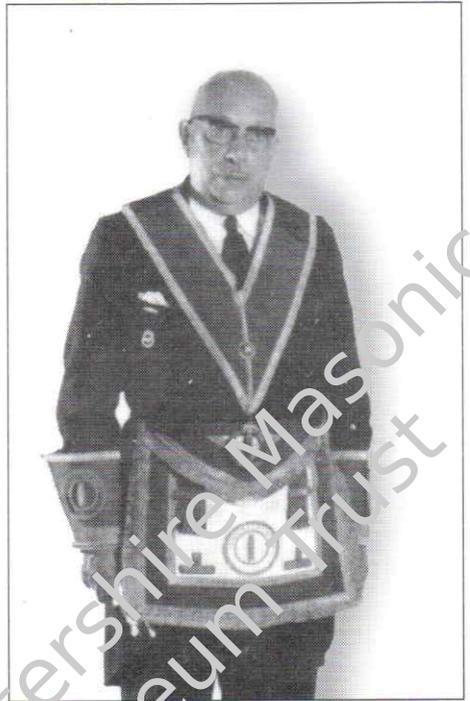
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No. 8596  
(1974)

(Dates in Brackets indicate year of Warrant)



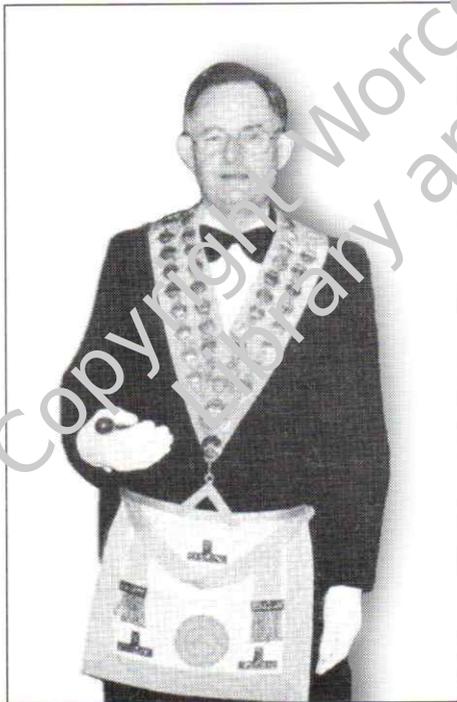
W. Bro. R. FENWICK

First Worshipful Master of Stechford Lodge No. 3185



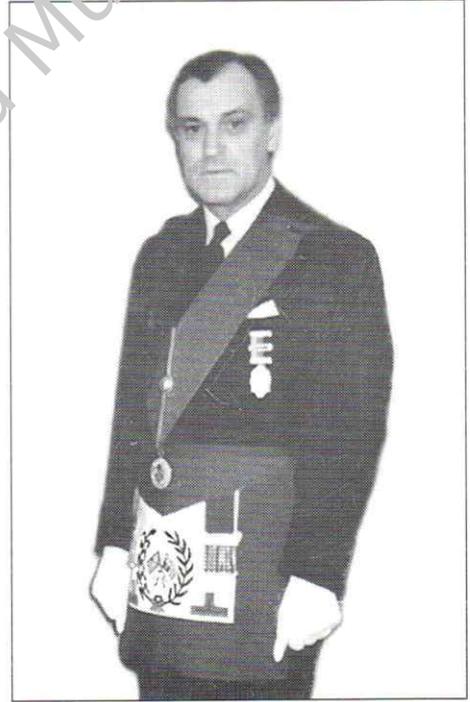
W. Bro. L.J. PALMER

Worshipful Master - 50th Anniversary



W. Bro. K.H. TAYLOR

Worshipful Master - 75th Anniversary



W. Bro. R.J. HOLLINS

Worshipful Master - 90th Anniversary

# Lodge Members

Worshipful Master ..... W. Bro. R. J. HOLLINS, **P.G.Std.B.**  
I.P.M. .... W. Bro. A. NICHOLLS

## OFFICERS

S.W. .... W. Bro. L. ASCOTT  
J.W. .... Bro. L. M. ASCOTT  
Chaplain ..... W. Bro: K. E. HILL, P.Prov. S.G.D.  
Treasurer ..... W. Bro. E. J. ALLEN, P. Prov.S.G.D.  
P. Prov.S.G.D. (Warks)  
Secretary ..... W. Bro. A. R. WOODHOUSE, P. Prov.S.G.D.  
D.C. .... W. Bro. A. HUNT, B.A. P. Prov. S.G.D.  
Almoner ..... W. Bro. G. L. TRUMAN, P.Prov.G.Swd. B.  
Charity Steward ..... W. Bro. D. M. LEWITT, P.Prov. A.G.D.C.  
S.D. .... Bro. D. R. ASCOTT  
J.D. .... Bro. J. F. LINLEY  
Guest Organist ..... W. Bro. T. BANHAM, P. Prov. S.G.W.  
A.D.C. .... W. Bro. P. J. HOLLINS  
Asst. Secretary ..... W. Bro. L. R. DAVIES, P. Prov. S.G.D.  
I.G. .... Bro. H. POCK  
Steward ..... Bro. J. A. MASOJI  
Steward ..... Bro. W. L. TAYLOR  
Steward ..... Bro. T. FAIRCLOUGH

## SUBSCRIBING MASTER

W.Bro. C. K. J. Hammond, P.Prov.S.G.W.  
W.Bro. R. J. Hollins, **P.G.St. B.**  
W.Bro. K. B. Wakelam, B.A., P.Prov.G.Swd.B.  
W.Bro. W. H. Meadows, B.Sc., P.Prov.S.G.W.  
W.Bro. H. Groom, P.Prov.J.G.W.  
W.Bro. G. L. Truman, P.Prov.C.Swd.B.  
W.Bro. A. R. Woodhouse, P.Prov.S.G.D.,  
P.M. 5502 (Zambia)  
W.Bro. G. D. Thomas, P.Prov.D.G.Reg.  
W.Bro. A.W. Bailey, P.Prov.S.G.D.  
W.Bro. A. Martin, P.Prov.G.Reg.  
W. Bro. D. G. Dilloway, P. Prov.S.G.D.  
W. Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M. 7341, P.Prov.S.G.D.,  
P.Prov.S.G.D. (Warks)  
W. Bro. E. H. Ballett, P. Prov.A.G.D.C.  
W. Bro. K. E. Hill, P. Prov.S.G.D.  
W. Bro. L. R. Davies, P. Prov.S.G.D.  
W. Bro. D. M. Lewitt, P. Prov. A.G.D.C.  
W. Bro. L. Ascott  
W. Bro. A. Hunt, B.A., P. Prov.G.Stwd  
W. Bro. P. J. Hollins  
W. Bro. A. Nicholls, I.P.M.

## BRETHREN

Bro. F. W. Brown

Bro. A. S. D. L. Crew

## HONORARY MEMBERS

R.W.Bro. B. M. Cooper, J.P., Provincial Grand Master.  
V.W.Bro. R. E. Whitlock, **P.G.Swd.B.**, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.  
R.W.Bro. E. F. Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon.), Past Provincial Grand Master  
V.W.Bro. Dr. H. John White, J.P., **P.G.Swd.B.**, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.  
W.Bro. L. M. Wildbore, P.Prov.S.G.W.  
W. Bro. F. Hollins, P.Prov.S.G.W.  
W. Bro. T. Banham, P.Prov.S.G.W.  
W. Bro. H. E. Lewis, P.Prov.J.G.W.