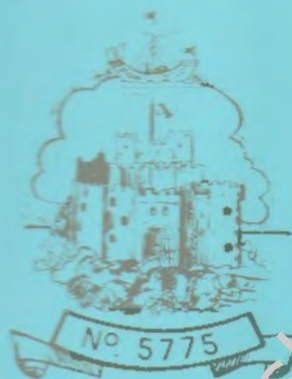


DOFRA

LODGE



1939 - 1989

**GOLDEN JUBILEE  
CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 1989

DOFRA LODGE No. 5775

*We commemorate*

**THE  
CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE**

**ON**

**SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1939**

JUBILEE COMMITTEE

W.Bro. D. F. Carvell, P.P.S.G.W.

W.Bro. J. A. Cox, P.P.J.G.D.

W.Bro. R. G. Pearce

W.Bro. K. B. Roberts

W.M.	-	Bro. B. N. James
I.P.M.	-	W. Bro. J. H. Gasking, P.Prov.G.Reg.

## OFFICERS

S.W.	-	Bro. P. G. Whitefield
J.W.	-	Bro. D. H. Cook
Chaplain	-	W. Bro. H. J. Harris, P.Prov.J.G.D.
Treasurer	-	W. Bro. J. A. Cox, P.Prov.J.G.D.
Secretary	-	Bro. R. L. Kessler
D.C.	-	W. Bro. J. E. Gannon
S.D.	-	Bro. R. Whitefield
J.D.	-	Bro. B. Fox
Charity Steward	-	W. Bro. P. F. Annis, M.P.E., P.Prov.G.Reg.
Almoner	-	W. Bro. E. H. Higgs, P.Prov.G.S.W.C.B.
A.D.C.	-	W. Bro. K. B. Roberts
Organist	-	W. Bro. G. D. Davis, P.Prov.S.G.W.
Asst. Sec.	-	Bro. F. Lovegrove
I.G.	-	Bro. K. Miller
Steward	-	Bro. M. J. Cox
Steward	-	Bro. D. M. Martin
Steward	-	Bro. D. r. Evans
Steward	-	Bro. A. R. Pestridge
Steward	-	Bro. M. G. Johnson
Steward	-	Bro. G. E. Hands
Steward	-	Bro. N. L. Baker
Steward	-	Bro. L. Knight
Tyler	-	Bro. F. Smith

## BRETHREN

c Bro. R. J. Longley	Bro. T. Barnes
c Bro. G. Bell	Bro. B. S. Fitzgerald
c Bro. P. J. Widger	Bro. P. G. Whitefield
c Bro. I. E. Saunders	Bro. A. J. Hayward
Bro. D. J. Davies	Bro. M. E. Ball
Bro. R. B. Voyce	Bro. G. Owen
c Bro. W. C. Birch	Bro. R. Lovegrove
Bro. C. J. Leatherland	Bro. W. H. Booth

c Country Members

# Menu

FLORIDA COCKTAIL

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CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

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GOUGON OF PLAICE

*with Tartar Sauce*

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ROAST CHICKEN

*with Seasoning*

*Roast and Creamed Potatoes*

*Assorted Vegetables in Season*

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DUTCH APPLE TART AND CUSTARD

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ASSORTED CHEESES AND BISCUITS

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FRESH FRUIT

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COFFEE AND MINTS

# Toasts

1. The Queen and the Craft

Proposed by The Worshipful Master

2. The M.W. The Grand Master, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent,

G.C.M.G., G.C.V.C., A.D.C.

Proposed by The Worshipful Master

3. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, O.B.E., D.L.

The Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master, The Hon. Edward Latham, Baillies.

The Rt. Wor. Assistant Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham,

and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past

Proposed by the Worshipful Master

4. The R.W. The Provincial Grand Master, Edward Frederick Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon)

Proposed by W.Bro. P. J. Sexton, P.Prov.G.D.

5. The V.W. The Deputy Grand Master, Dr. H. John White, J.P.,

Past Grand Sword Bearer

The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Masters,

B. M. Cooper, J.P., Past Senior Grand Deacon,

R. E. Whitlock, Past Senior Grand Deacon,

H. W. King, Past Senior Grand Deacon,

and the rest of the Officers Present and Past of the

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire and other Provinces

Proposed by W.Bro. R. G. Pearce

6. The Worshipful Master

Proposed by Bro. P. G. Whitefield, S.W.

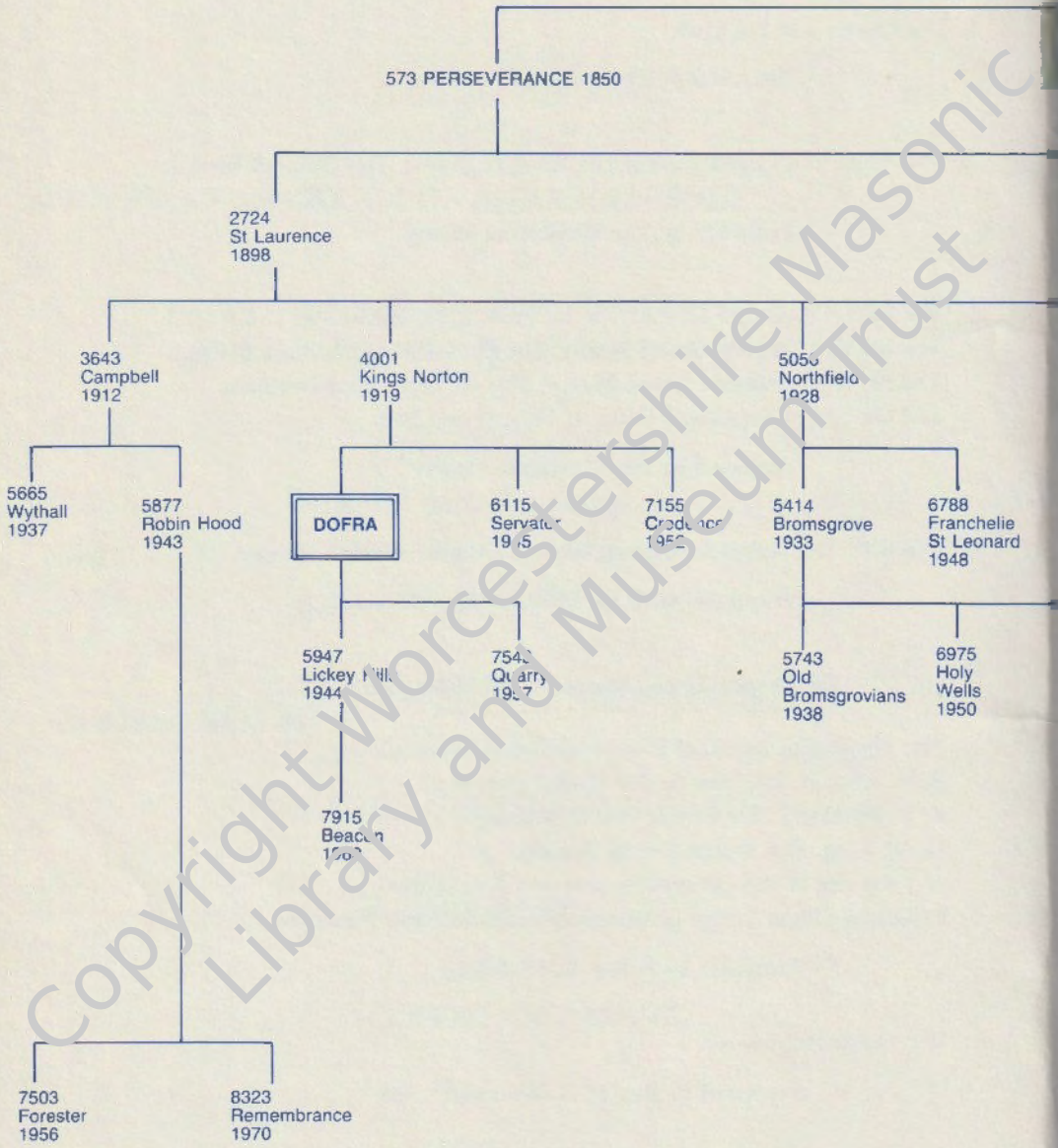
7. The Visitors

Proposed by Bro. D. H. Cook, J.W.

8. The Tyler's Toast

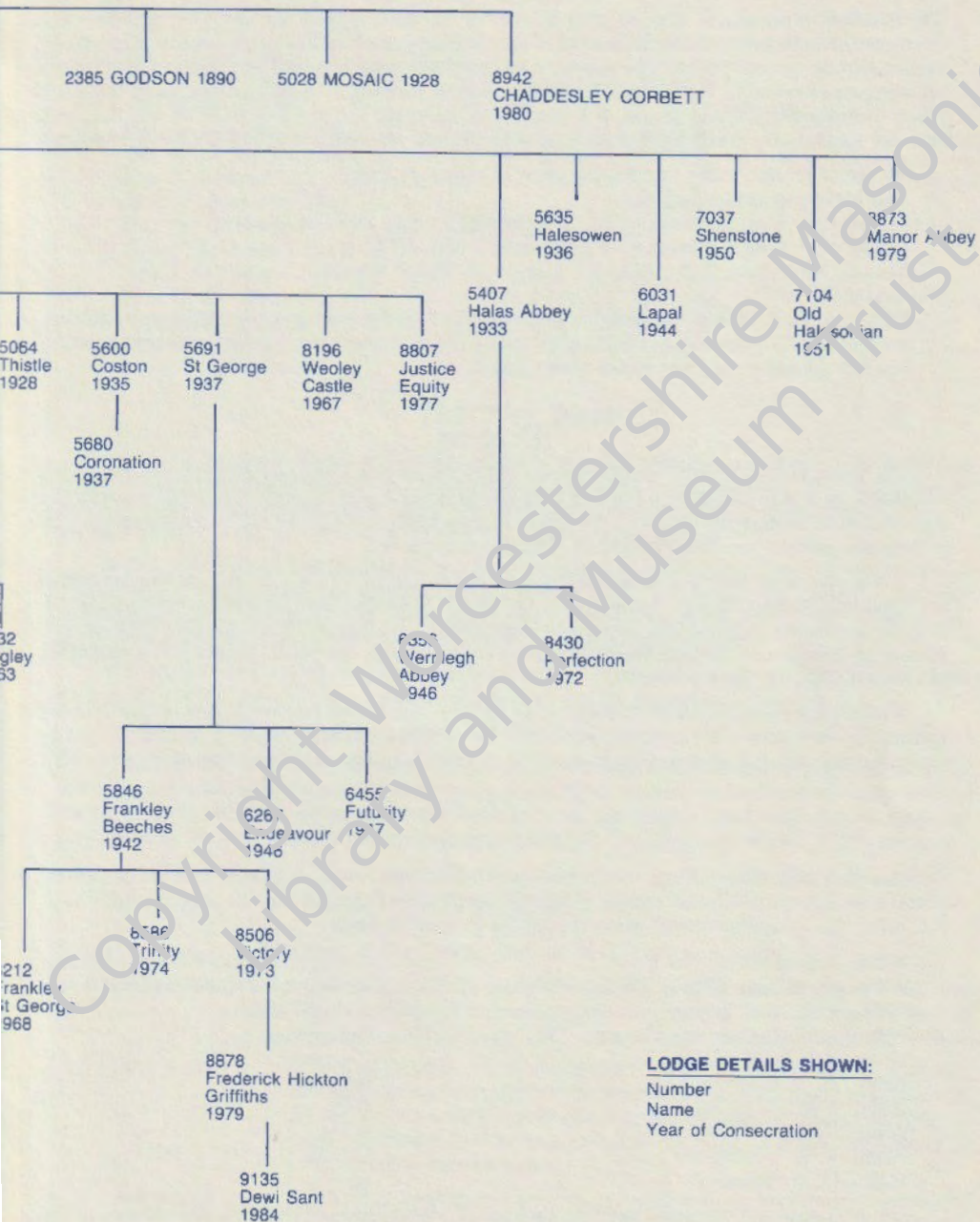
# Family

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# Tree

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**LODGE DETAILS SHOWN:**

Number  
Name  
Year of Consecration

# History of the Lodge

## Introduction

The attached information is to be read as part of our celebrations for our 50th birthday. It is not intended to be a day-to-day account of all that has happened to the Lodge — such an enterprise would require several books! The aim is to record the most important happenings and to give an overview of what life has been like over this period, bearing in mind that our formative years were, unfortunately, those of war. It is also intended to tell the story of DOFRA LODGE only and, for this reason, details of W.A.M.L. and Northfield Masonic Hall Ltd have been omitted.

We must acknowledge the co-operation of many people:

The Members of the Lodge,

W.Bro. P. J. Beer, Secretary of Military Jubilee Lodge, 2195 (of Dover)

W.Bro. R. J. Potter, Secretary of Emsworth Lodge 8574,

Miss C. Waterman, B.A., A.M.A., Curator of Dover Museum,

and especially to

Mrs J. H. Hall, Assistant Librarian at Grand Lodge, for interminable patience in guiding me through the records. I called on her many times, sometimes, I am sure, inconveniently, but her courtesy and assistance never failed.

## Origins

In 1938, there were a number of members of Military Jubilee Lodge (of Dover) resident in the Midlands, and our Lodge was born of a desire to bring these Masons together. Accordingly, a petition was submitted supported by Kings Norton Lodge #001 (with the background support of Military Jubilee) on 18th November, 1938, and approved.

It was originally intended to name the new lodge 'DOVER LODGE,' but, at the request of the Provincial Grand Master, the names of DOFRA, DONARRA and DOFRIS were considered, and, as we know, DOFRA was chosen and approved. The name 'DOFRAS' (in Anglo Saxon) means 'waters' and alludes to the river which runs through the town. Hence the appearance of Dover Castle on our emblem.

Whilst we have always considered, quite rightly, that Kings Norton Lodge is our 'Mother Lodge,' the Brethren will be interested in the Family Tree, so very kindly prepared for us by Grand Lodge, which traces our line back to 252 Harmonic Lodge, which was consecrated in 1784.

## Consecration

Consecration took place at Kings Heath Masonic Hall on 18th February, 1939, under the leadership of the then Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., V.L. (Deputy Grand Master) and his Provincial Team:

W.Bro. Alfred Allen, P.G.D. ....	Deputy Provincial Grand Master
W.Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs, P.A.Gd.S.B. ....	Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W.Bro. J. Roland Long ....	Senior Warden
W.Bro. L. T. Dallow ....	Junior Warden
W.Bro. Rev. B. H. Green ....	Chaplain
W.Bro. H. V. Stanton ....	Secretary
W.Bro. F. Wilde ....	D.C.
W.Bro. C. A. F. Hastilow ....	A.D.C.
W.Bro. F. R. Simmonds ....	Organist
W.Bro. O. L. Bramley ....	I.G.

The first and only pre-war meeting took place also at Kings Heath on 18th March, 1939, although Northfield had been designated our home.



## First Officers

It is only right that we should record our first 'team' as follows:

W.Bro. H. S. Bulmer .....	W.M.
Bro. E. G. R. Clements .....	S.W.
Bro. E. Greenhill .....	J.W.
Bro. L. Hampson .....	Treasurer
W.Bro. N. E. Steeley .....	Charity Steward
Bro. S. Gordon Jones .....	Secretary
Bro. E. G. Jeynes .....	S.D.
Bro. B. Drayne .....	J.D.
Bro. W. Frankton .....	Assistant Secretary
Bro. W. E. Teague .....	I.G.
Bro. S. J. Davies .....	Steward
Bro. J. H. Baker .....	Steward
Bro. G. E. Teague .....	Steward
Bro. H. R. Glissan .....	Steward
Bro. Sam Price .....	Tyler

## The War Years

Following the outbreak of war in September, 1939, the first meeting which could be held was that for November, 1939. Considerable disruption benefited — for example, during the heavy raids of 1940/41, the meetings for December, 1940, and January, 1941, had to be postponed to April and May, 1941, in view of difficulties of travel and blackout.

At this time, Grand Lodge stressed the need for economy in all things (such as festive board, where taken) and, in order to support the war effort, it was suggested that Brethren may like to surrender their jewels. A War Relief Fund was brought into being, and, within the Lodge, a fund to assist Brethren who may suffer loss through enemy action.

At the same time, DOFRA agreed that the annual subscription of a Brother serving in H.M. Forces should be reduced to a guinea (£1.0.0) plus dining fee when attending.

In 1941 the Lodge Benevolent Fund was launched.

It became the practice that members serving in the Forces could attend any Lodge in the country, and our records show that in June, 1944, three American servicemen attended our meeting. One returned years later, on a holiday, and, although I have been able to trace his membership in America, I regret that he passed to the Grand Lodge Above a few years ago.

## Our Tylers

We have been very fortunate in our Tylers, and we have had three only:

- Sam Price .... Royal Navy for 25 years — well known in this Province and also Warwickshire — he served us well, but, due to declining health, he had to resign. In November, 1947, his place was taken by his son-in-law —
- Leslie Barrett ... Also well known in both the above Provinces. He was unable to enlist, but had served with distinction in the Fire Service and Home Guard. In 1972 we were able to acknowledge his 25 years of service. In 1979 his health declined, and he was called to the Grand Lodge Above after 32 years of loyal service to us.
- Fred Smith .... A friend of Leslie's and an ex-Army man with service dating back to the 1930s in the Cavalry. He also served in the D-Day landings. He belongs to 26 Lodges (in various degrees) and wears his 74 years very well.

## Our Daughters

In 1943 we were able to sponsor a Lodge in our turn, and Lickey Hills Lodge 5947 was consecrated on 29th June, 1944. In those days, Lodge furniture and regalia was impossible to obtain, and we were happy to be able to loan items to the new Lodge — which I am happy to report, were duly returned!

In 1957 we were once again honoured by being asked to sponsor a further Lodge which was originally to be named 'Hardwick Manor Lodge.' At the request of the Provincial Grand Master this was changed to 'Quarry Lodge,' and the number allocated was 7543. The first Master and Senior Warden were W.Bros. Clements and Burton, both of DOFRA Lodge.

## Gift to the Lodge

All Masons give generously to their Lodges, and it would be quite inappropriate to quote financial gifts in this paper. Of more value however, are items, the manufacture of which has entailed a Mason's own work and thought, and, in this, we have been very lucky.

We received a cushion from Military Jubilee Lodge on our formation, song books and sheets from W.Bro. Steeley and Bro. Jeynes, a volume of the Sacred Law and cushion for the working tools from W.Bro. Clements on behalf of his wife. Many individual collars have been presented by Members during their years of office.

We have been presented with two Lodge Banners. The first by Pro. W. G. Hodge in 1942, and the second by the Coventry Class of Rehearsal in 1963. Over the years the generosity of this Class of Rehearsal has been unstinting.

We have received gavels from W.Bro. E. J. Houldley and Bro. E. R. Glissan (both founders), the latter also making our charity box.

Bro. D. Hodgetts gave us a cupboard for our regalia, etc, and W.Bro. Jim Covington made our Lodge Board with his own hands on his kitchen table at home!

A particular gift of the Master's Apron came from W.Bro. Fred Annis (father of Peter, one of our Past Masters) who, although officially, a guest of the Lodge, has been so often and is so universally loved.

## Charity

Unfortunately some of the early records are not available, but we have supported four Provincial Festivals which have produced from the Lodge the following contributions:

1940 .....	Minimal
1956 .....	£ 716
1965 .....	£4632
1962 .....	£8334

We have become a Patron Lodge of the R.M.B.I., R.M.I.B. and R.M.I.G., and a grand Patron of the hospital. In addition, we have given to a number of national (non-Masonic) charities.

Our R.W. Provincial Grand Master's desire to raise a Home for the Aged in Worcestershire provided us with a stern challenge, but we are happy to report the naming of a flat in Ellard House, Hanson Court, as the Dofra Flat.

## The Future

From humble beginnings DOFRA LODGE continues to prosper with strength in numbers and total commitment to all things Masonic.

## FOUNDERS

W. Bro. H. S. Bulmer, P.M. 4001 Prov. A.G. Sec. W. Bro. F. J. Houldley, P.M. 4620 (Warks) 5600. Prov. G. Stud. W. Bro. Norman E. Steeley, P.M. 4001.	Bro. E. G. R. Clements Bro. E. Greenhill Bro. L. Hampson Bro. S. Gordon Jones Bro. E. G. Jeynes Bro. B. Drayne	Bro. W. Frankton Bro. W. E. Teague Bro. S. J. Davies Bro. J. H. Baker Bro. G. E. Teague Bro. H. R. Glissan
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## PAST MASTERS

W. Bro. H. S. Bulmer, P.M. 4001, P.Prov. G.W.	-	1939
W. Bro. Lt. Col. N. E. Steeley, T.D., P.M. 4001, P.Prov. G.W.	-	
W. Bro. F. J. Houldley, 329, P.M. 4620, P.M. 5600, P.M. 5947, P.Prov. G.W., P.Prov. G. Supt. Wks., Warwicks	-	
W. Bro. E. G. R. Clements, 2195, 6889, P.M. 7543, P.Prov. G.W.	-	1940
W. Bro. W. H. Thursfield, P.M. 4846, P.M. 5600, P.Prov. G.W.	-	
W. Bro. E. Greenhill, P.M. 4001, P.Prov. G.W.	-	1941
W. Bro. S. Gordon Jones	-	1942
W. Bro. E. G. Jeynes, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1943
W. Bro. W. Frankton, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1947
W. Bro. L. Hampson, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1947
W. Bro. Herbert G. Harris, P.M. 5600, P.M. 5980, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1946
W. Bro. E. B. R. Mercer, P.Prov. G. Supt. Wks.	-	1947
W. Bro. W. W. Frankton	-	1948
W. Bro. H. Morton Low, P.Prov. A.G. Reg.	-	1949
W. Bro. R. Turner, 7543, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1950
W. Bro. H. R. Boyden, P.M. 5768	-	
W. Bro. J. H. Beardmore, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1951
W. Bro. C. J. Beekes, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1952
W. Bro. G. C. Upton, P.Prov. A.G.D.C.	-	1953
W. Bro. D. Hodgetts, 7274, P.Prov. A.G. Std. B.	-	1954
W. Bro. J. W. Jennings, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1955
R W. Bro. E. H. Hartley, P.Prov. G. Std. B.	-	1956
W. Bro. J. Brodie-Browne, 93, Sc., 6889, P.M. 6723, 4538, P.Prov. S.G.W., P.Prov. G. Swd. B. (Warks)	-	1957
W. Bro. W. P. G. Mackee, P.Prov. A.G. Supt. Wks.	-	1958
c W. Bro. H. B. Burton, 6889, P.M. 7543, P.Prov. G.D.	-	
c W. Bro. P. J. Sexton, 1452, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1959
W. Bro. Lt. Col. G. D. Davis, O.St.J., T.D., P.Prov. S.G.W.	-	1960
W. Bro. G. Lamb, P.Prov. G. Supt. Wks.	-	1961
R W. Bro. H. Lamb, O.B.E., B.A. 8025, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1962
W. Bro. H. L. Waites, P.Prov. G.W.	-	1963
W. Bro. D. J. Covington, P.Prov. J.G.W.	-	1964
W. Bro. K. H. Bassett, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1965
R W. Bro. D. J. Hodgetts, P.Prov. A.G. Supt. Wks.	-	1966
W. Bro. E. Rutherford	-	1967
W. Bro. C. H. Seve, 6889, 9142, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1968
W. Bro. W. N. Wadley, B.E.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.	-	1969
W. Bro. P. F. Anis, M.B.E., 6889, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1970
c W. Bro. I. H. Heathcock, 5781, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	1971
W. Bro. B. J. Daman, 6889, P.Prov. S.G.D.	-	1972
W. Bro. J. A. Nason, P.M. 8323, 6889, 9142, P.Prov. G. Reg.	-	
W. Bro. R. H. S. Woodhams, P.Prov. G.D.	-	1973
W. Bro. B. Goldmann, P.Prov. A.G.D.C.	-	1974
c W. Bro. M. P. Rice, P.Prov. J.G.D.	-	1975
W. Bro. L. W. Tote, P.Prov. A.G.D.C.	-	1976
W. Bro. J. C. Gasking, P. Prov. G. Reg.	-	1977/87
W. Bro. E. H. Higgs, P.Prov. G. Swd. B.	-	1978
W. Bro. J. A. Cox, 6889, P.Prov. J.G.D.	-	1979
W. Bro. H. J. Harris, P.Prov. J.G.D.	-	1980
W. Bro. R. J. Covington, P.Prov. A.D.C.	-	1981
W. Bro. D. F. Carvell, 6889, 9142, P.Prov. S.G.W.	-	1982
W. Bro. H. G. Johnson, 6889, P.Prov. A.G.D.C.	-	1983
W. Bro. R. G. Pearce, 6889	-	1984
W. Bro. K. B. Roberts, 6889	-	1985
W. Bro. J. E. Gannon	-	1986

R Resigned

c Country Members

The St. Laurence Lodge of Instruction meets at the Masonic Hall, Northfield, on the first and third Mondays in each month, September to April, inclusive, at 7.00 p.m. All Master Masons are eligible for membership.

Any Brother who knows of illness or distress of one of our Brethren is requested to inform the Worshipful Master.