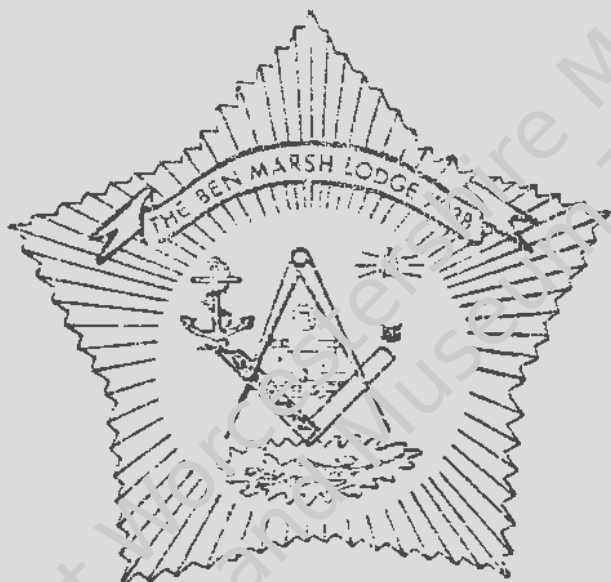


The
Ben Marsh Lodge No. 7938

Consecrated 7th December, 1963

VICE-PATRON, ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

PATRON, ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS



ONE HUNDREDTH WORCESTERSHIRE LODGE

SILVER JUBILEE

1963 - 1988

BEN MARSH

Ben Marsh was born on 12th October 1892, initiated into Royal Standard Lodge No: 498 in 1924, installed as Worshipful Master in 1938, appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1944, Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 1947, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1948, and installed as Provincial Grand Master by The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., at the Town Hall, Dudley, on 11th January 1950.

He lived in Dudley for the whole of his life and was in business as a Draper and Hosiery in Market Place on a site now occupied by Littlewoods. He became a Justice of the Peace and a Commissioner of Inland Revenue. He and his wife, Ida, had a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Eric. To the great delight of his daughter, her grandson has been named Ben.

Ben Marsh resigned as Provincial Grand Master in October 1954 and died on 1st April 1958.

THE BEN MARSH LODGE No: 7938

The first written intimation that a Lodge bearing this name might be formed was contained in a letter dated 9th July 1963 from W. Bro. W. H. Turner who was Chairman of Group 7 of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges - the Dudley group.

It began " It has been felt in many quarters that the services rendered to the Craft by the late Right Worshipful Brother Ben Marsh should be recognised in some tangible form and after many discussions it has been felt that the most suitable recognition of those services would be to have a Lodge bearing his name, so that that name, honoured by all who know him, will become known to posterity ".

The final paragraph of that letter read " It is thought that the new Lodge should be used for the purpose of giving younger Brethren an opportunity to reach the Chair and that other than the Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Director of Ceremonies offices should be offered to Brethren who have not yet occupied the Chair ".

The Royal Standard Lodge No: 498 was requested to sponsor the new Lodge.

W. Bro. W. H. Turner was requested to act as Secretary to the Founders.

W. Bro. S. T. Harvey was nominated to be the first Worshipful Master.

Bro. E. K. Turner was nominated to be the first Senior Warden.

Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., was nominated to be the first Junior Warden.

The Petition was presented to the Worshipful Master of the Royal Standard Lodge No: 498, W. Bro. M. H. F. Fellows, on 9th October 1963 by W. Bro. S. T. Harvey.

It was arranged that the new Lodge would be consecrated by Right Worshipful Brother R. E. Lumley, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, on 7th December 1963. The Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire was a Founder and, consequently, could not undertake the duties of Consecrating Officer.

The Founders fee was Ten Guineas which included the provision of a Founders' lunch and Consecration Dinner and the subscription until the beginning of the first full year on 1st May 1964. The annual subscription thereafter was to be Five Guineas.

It was felt that the accommodation at Dudley would be insufficient and that, regrettably, it would be necessary to hold the Consecration at the Moseley Masonic Hall, Alcester Road South, King's Heath, Birmingham.

The Consecration was held on Saturday, 7th December 1963 and before the opening hymn was sung the Presiding Officer, W. Bro. H. E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, referred to " . . . the untimely death of Right Worshipful Brother R. B. Mummery, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, who was to have been the Consecrating Officer of this new Lodge. He had been a much beloved friend of the late Right Worshipful Brother Ben Marsh, and was looking forward to this Consecration as a great pleasure and privilege. However, the Province of Worcestershire had been deprived of this great honour and to-day we mourn with the brethren of Staffordshire in their great sorrow ".

Consequently, the Consecrating Officer was Right Worshipful Brother Lt. Col. O. W. D. Smith, D.L., J.P., Provincial Grand Master, with Worshipful Brother F. H. Griffiths, O.St.J., P.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, acting as Immediate Past Master.

There was a very large attendance which included, in addition to the Founders, eleven assistant Consecrating Officers, six choir members, three Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters from neighbouring Provinces, eighteen Grand Officers, thirty-seven present and past officers of Provincial Grand Lodges, seven Past Masters, seven Worshipful Masters and twenty-one Brethren.

Worshipful Brother S. T. Harvey was installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Ben Marsh Lodge No: 703A by Right Worshipful Brother E. J. Sutter, O.S.N., P.G.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division).

The first candidate proposed was Lt. Col. R. S. Williams-Thomas, D.L., J.P., and notice was given to propose the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master as the first Honorary Member of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master announced that Mrs. Marsh had very generously offered to present to the Lodge a Banner in memory of the her late husband, Right Worshipful Brother Ben Marsh, J.P., Provincial Grand Master (1950 - 1954). The Worshipful Master expressed the gratitude of the Founders for this most kindly thought.

The First Officers and Founders are listed overleaf.

First Officers and Founders of The Ben Hurst Lodge,
No. 7938, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Dudley.

<i>W.M.</i>	W. BRO. S. T. HARVEY, P.A.G.D.C.
<i>S.W.</i>	BRO. E. K. TURNER
<i>J.W.</i>	BRO. H. A. NOCK
<i>Chaplain</i>	W. BRO. REV. R. H. FOWLER, P.P.G.CHAP. (WORCS.), P.P.G.CHAP. (WARKS.)
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. BRO. W. H. TURNER, P.P.G.W.
<i>Secretary</i>	W. BRO. E. A. HEYNES, J.P., P.P.G.W.
<i>D. of C.</i>	W. BRO. G. R. CROSS, P.P.G.W., PROV.G.D.C.
<i>S.D.</i>	BRO. G. J. H. SCRIVEN
<i>J.D.</i>	BRO. J. DIMMOCK
<i>A.D.C.</i>	W. BRO. H. R. BEWLEY, P.A.G.D.C.
<i>Organist</i>	BRO. J. S. WOOD
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	BRO. P. A. HEYNES
<i>I.G.</i>	BRO. G. J. C. HOBBS
<i>Stewards</i>	W. BRO. G. H. BARNETT, BRO. J. DENISON, BRO. D. C. MOLE, BRO. D. J. STANLEY, BRO. E. H. WILLIAMS, BRO. K. A. BARNALL
<i>Tyler</i>	BRO. E. O. ROSEN, P.P.G. TYLER
<i>As I.P.M.</i>	W. BRO. F. H. GRIFFITHS, O.S.T.J., P.G.D., ASST.P.G.M.
<i>R.W. Bro. Lt. Col.</i>	O. W. D. SMITH, D.L., J.P., PROV.G.M.
	W. BRO. H. E. CLIVE O.N.E., P.G.D., DEP.PROV.G.M.
	W. BRO. A. W. SMYTHWOOD, P.G.D., PASST.P.G.M.
<i>R.W. Bro. E. J. RUTTER,</i>	O.S.M., P.G.W., DEP.P.G.M. (S. WALES E.D.)
	V. BRO. W. S. BURTON, P.G.D.
	W. BRO. F. G. ST. GEORGE, P.A.G.D.C.
	W. BRO. C. FELLOWS, P.G.ST.B.
	W. BRO. H. CHERRINGTON, P.A.G.ST.B.
	W. BRO. J. MCP. MCKENZIE, P.G.ST.B.
	V. BRO. J. E. TALBOT, M.P., P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. L. W. GREENWOOD, P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. D. W. HANDLEY, J.P., P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. W. E. HOMER, P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. F. CLIFFORD, P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. P. G. HINGLEY, P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. S. ROWLEY, P.P.G.W.
	W. BRO. A. W. JEFFS, P.P.G.W.(SHROPS.)
	W. BRO. A. WATSON, P.P.G.D.
	W. BRO. V. BEDDALL, P.P.G.D.
	W. BRO. K. M. WALL, P.P.G.D. (STAFFS.)
	W. BRO. S. J. COOKE
	W. BRO. M. H. F. FELLOWS
	BRO. K. H. BUCKLER

The Provincial Grand Master attended the 1st regular meeting of the Lodge on 13th April 1964 when Lt. Col. R. S. Williams-Thomas was initiated.

At the 2nd regular meeting held on 11th May 1964 W. Bro. S. T. Harvey was proclaimed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

W. Bro. Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Provincial Grand Secretary and W. Bro. B. J. W. Chambers, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies were elected as Honorary Members.

Following the meeting on 21st December 1964 the first Ben Marsa Lodge Ladies' Christmas Party was held and this marked the beginning of a tradition.

Bro. E. K. Turner was installed as the 2nd Worshipful Master on 10th May 1965, W. Bro. D. W. Handley was appointed as Chaplain and Bro. P. A. Hayes succeeded his father as Secretary of the Lodge.

W. Bro. E. E. Young, W. Bro. W. M. Jones, and Bro. J. P. O'Neill became joining members of the Lodge.

At the 9th regular meeting on 28th March 1966 Mr. J. N. Littlemore was initiated and Bro. W. M. Sheldon and W. Bro. F. V. Baker became joining members of the Lodge.

Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., was installed as the 3rd Worshipful Master on 9th May 1966.

At the 11th regular meeting on 10th October 1966 Mr. C. L. Thomas was initiated.

Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D., was installed as the 4th Worshipful Master on 8th May 1967. W. Bro. W. E. Homer was appointed as Chaplain and W. Bro. H. R. Bewley, P.A.G.D.C. was appointed as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. S. McCafferty, Bro. P. V. Hodgkinson and Bro. W. Fellows, son of W. Bro. M. H. F. Fellows, became joining members of the Lodge.

At an emergency meeting held on 11th March 1968 Mr. J. W. Scriven was initiated.

At the 17th regular meeting on 8th April 1968 Mr. R. F. Towe was initiated.

At the 18th regular meeting on 12th May 1968 the Lodge Banner was presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Dedication by W. Bro. E. M. Wall, son-in-law of the late Right Worshipful Brother Ben Marsh, on behalf of Mrs. Marsb. The Banner was designed by W. Bro. J. R. Napier, P.G.D..

Bro. G. J. C. Holmes was installed as the 5th Worshipful Master at this meeting and W. Bro. S. T. Harvey, P.A.G.D.C. was appointed as Secretary. W. Bro. Dr. B. J. White became a joining member.

At an emergency meeting held on 18th June 1968 Mr. J. W. P. Turner was initiated and his father, W. Bro. W. H. Turner, acted as Junior Deacon.

Bro. J. Denton was installed as the 6th Worshipful Master on 12th May 1969.

W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D., was appointed as Secretary and W. Bro. G. H. Barrett was appointed as Director of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. J. P. Round became a joining member.

W. Bro. S. T. Harvey, P.A.G.D.C., the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge died on 18th June 1969. His energy and imagination was mainly responsible for the founding of the Lodge and for its subsequent progress.

At the 23rd regular meeting on 13th October 1969 Mr. A. F. Deighton was initiated.

W. Bro. W. H. Turner presented a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bros. E. K. Turner, H. A. Nock, M.C., G. J. H. Scriven, T.D. and G. J. C. Holmes. The jewel intended for the late W. Bro. S. T. Harvey had been accepted with pleasure by Mrs. Harvey.

At the 25th regular meeting held on 13th April 1970 Bro. L. V. Redcliffe and Bro. B. A. Robinson became joining members and R. W. Bro. E. J. Rutter, O.S.M., P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. of South Wales (Eastern Division) was elected as an Honorary Member.

Bro. D. O. Mole was installed as the 7th Worshipful Master on 11th May 1970.

At the 27th regular meeting held on 13th October 1970 Mr. S. H. Bevan was initiated.

At the 28th regular meeting held on 21st December 1970 Bro. C. A. Gregory became a joining member.

At the 29th regular meeting held on 29th March 1971 Bro. H. A. James became a joining member and it was announced that W. Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., had accepted appointment as Provincial Senior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Bro. D. J. Stanley was installed as the 8th Worshipful Master on 10th May 1971.

At the 31st regular meeting held on 11th October 1971 Mr. B. R. Chrimes was initiated and W. Bro. W. H. Turner presented a Petition for the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter which was duly signed by the Worshipful Master and Wardens.

At the 32nd regular meeting held on 20th December 1971 Bro. D. W. Stephens, son-in-law of W. Bro. E. K. Turner, became a joining member.

Bro. K. A. Bagnall was installed as the 9th Worshipful Master on 8th May 1972.

At the 35th regular meeting held on 9th October 1972 Mr. R. McCafferty was initiated. The Working Tools were presented by his father, Bro. S. McCafferty, who afterwards gave a demonstration of the Scottish version of that part of the ritual.

At the 37th regular meeting held on 9th April 1973 V. W. Bro. F. H. Griffiths, O.St.J., P.G.Swd.B., Dep.Prov.G.M., W. Bro. L. R. C. Batt, M.B.E., P.A.G.D.C., Asst.Prov.G.M., and W. Bro. L. W. Greenwood, M.A., P.G.D., P.A.P.G.M., were elected as Honorary Members.

Bro. J. S. Wood was installed as the 10th Worshipful Master on 14th May 1973.

Bro. J. R. Littlemore was appointed as Secretary and W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D., who had been one of the representatives on the Provincial Charity Organisation since the Consecration was appointed as Almoner.

It was announced that The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., had been pleased to appoint V. W. Bro. F. H. Griffiths, O.St.J., P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Master in succession to the late R. W. Bro. Lt. Col. O. W. D. Smith, J.P., V.L.

It was also announced that the Provincial Grand Master Designate had been pleased to appoint W. Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., P.P.S.G.W. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

At the 39th regular meeting held on 8th October 1973 Mr. R. B. Brock was initiated by his father-in-law, W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D..

At the 41st regular meeting held on 8th April 1974 it was announced that W. Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., Dep.Prov.G.M. had accepted appointment as Senior Grand Deacon and that W. Bro. J. Denton had accepted appointment as Provincial Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Bro. C. L. Thomas was installed as the 11th Worshipful Master on 13th May 1974. He was the first initiate of the Lodge to become Worshipful Master. W. Bro. H. A. Nock was appointed as Treasurer.

At the 43rd regular meeting held on 14th October 1974 Mr. M. V. Bryan was initiated.

Bro. S. McCafferty was installed as the 12th Worshipful Master on 12th May 1975.

Immediately following the closing of the 47th regular meeting held on 13th October 1975 the Worshipful Master addressed the brethren on 'Variations in ritual between the English and Scottish Constitutions', and with the assistance of his officers illustrated certain salient differences by demonstration.

Bro. R. W. Hodgkinson was installed as the 13th Worshipful Master on 10th May 1976 and W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D., was appointed as Charity Steward.

At an emergency meeting held on 13th September 1976 Mr. M. R. Styles was initiated.

At the 51st regular meeting held on 11th October 1976 Mr. M. R. Hancock was initiated.

Bro. M. Fellows was presented by his father, W. Bro. M. H. F. Fellows, and installed as the 14th Worshipful Master on 9th May 1977. He appointed W. Bro. C. L. Thomas as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. J. W. Scriven was installed as the 15th Worshipful Master on 8th May 1978.

At the 59th regular meeting held on 9th October 1978 Mr. D. E. Brazil was initiated.

Bro. J. W. P. Turner was presented by his father, W. Bro. W. H. Turner, P.A.G.D.C., and installed as the 16th Worshipful Master on 14th May 1979. He appointed W. Bro. G. J. C. Holmes as Treasurer.

At the 63rd regular meeting held on 5th October 1979 Mr. P. I. Ford, son-in-law of Bro. L. V. Redcliffe, was initiated.

At the 65th regular meeting held on 14th April 1980 W. Bro. D. W. Handley, J.P., P.J.G.D., was elected as an Honorary Member and it was announced that W. Bro. J. Denton had accepted appointment as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. R. F. Deighton was installed as the 17th Worshipful Master on 12th May 1980. At the time he was working and living in the United States of America. He returned to occupy the Chair at each meeting during the ensuing year.

At the 67th regular meeting held on 13th October 1980 Mr. C. J. Clayton was initiated.

Bro. L. V. Redcliffe was installed as the 18th Worshipful Master on 11th May 1981.

At the 71st regular meeting held on 12th October 1981 Mr. A. D. Bennett was initiated.

At the 73rd regular meeting held on 5th April 1982 it was announced that W. Bro. M. Fellows had accepted appointment as Provincial Senior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Before the Installation of the Master Elect on 10th May 1982, Bro. B. R. Chrimes, Bro. R. McCafferty and Bro. R. H. Brock each presented a new Collar for use by the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. They were thanked, on behalf of the members, by the Worshipful Master for their generous gesture which was greatly appreciated. Bro. B. R. Chrimes was then installed as the 19th Worshipful Master, Bro. C. J. Clayton was appointed as Treasurer and V. W. Bro. H. A. Hock, M.C., P.G.S.W.L.E., P. Dep. P.G.M. was elected as an Honorary Member.

On 12th May 1982 the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Lodge was well represented.

At the 75th regular meeting held on 11th October 1982 Bro. I. W. Jenkins became a joining member. The Secretary reported receipt of a letter of resignation from the Worshipful Master and the Lodge was extremely grateful to the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. L. V. Redcliffe for occupying the Chair for the remainder of the masonic year.

The resignation of R. W. Bro. F. H. Griffiths, O.St.J., as Provincial Grand Master as from 14th September 1982 was announced. Furthermore, the decision to establish the F. H. Griffiths Bursary as a tribute to his exceptional contribution to Freemasonry over a period of fifty-seven years and to mark in perpetuity the great affection and respect with which he is regarded was contained in a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary. It was agreed to donate £100 to the Bursary Appeal as soon as conveniently possible.

At the 76th regular meeting held on 20th December 1982 it was announced that The Most Worshipful The Grand Master had been pleased to appoint W. Bro. E. F. Hanson, J.P., P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Master.

At the 77th regular meeting held on 11th April 1983 W. Bro. M. Fellows and W. Bro. J. I. Westwood gave a presentation of Selected Lectures in the Three Degrees.

Bro. R. McCafferty was presented by his father, W. Bro. S. McCafferty, P.F.A.G.D.C., and installed as the 20th Worshipful Master on 9th May 1983. He appointed W. Bro. S. McCafferty as Director of Ceremonies.

At the 78th regular meeting held on 10th October 1983 Mr. I. S. McCafferty was initiated by his father W. Bro. S. McCafferty. His brother W. Bro. R. McCafferty, Worshipful Master, presented the Working Tools and this was followed by their father rendering this part of the ceremony according to the ritual of the Scottish Constitution.

At an emergency meeting held on 14th November 1983 Mr. S. E. Woodhouse was initiated.

At the 81st regular meeting held on 9th April 1984 Mr. B. G. Hancock was initiated and the Working Tools were presented by his father-in-law, W. Bro. G. H. Barrett, P.P.S.G.W.. It was announced that W. Bro. Dr. H. J. White, J.P., had accepted appointment as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. R. H. Brock was presented by his father-in-law, W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven, T.D., P.P.G.S.W., and installed as the 21st Worshipful Master on 14th May 1984. He appointed W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven as Chaplain and W. Bro. C. L. Thomas as Director of Ceremonies.

At the 83rd regular meeting on 8th October 1984 Mr. J. C. Driscoll was initiated.

At an emergency meeting held on 26th November 1984 Mr. J. S. McCafferty was raised by his brother, W. Bro. R. McCafferty, Immediate Past Master.

At the 85th regular meeting held on 1st April 1985, in order to mark the 21st year of the lodge, W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven read the text of the address given by W. Bro. S. T. Harvey when the petition for the Warrant of the lodge was presented to the Worshipful Master of the Royal Standard Lodge No: 498 and referred to other items of interest associated with the consecration and the presentation of the Lodge Banner.

Bro. M. W. Bryan was installed as the 22nd Worshipful Master on 13th May 1985. He appointed W. Bro. M. E. P. Fellows as Chaplain and W. Bro. G. J. H. Scriven as Treasurer.

At the 89th regular meeting held on 14th April 1986 Mr. N. Holt was initiated.

Bro. M. R. Styles was installed as the 23rd Worshipful Master on 12th May 1986.

At the 91st regular meeting held on 13th October 1986 the death of W. V. Bro. B. J. W. Chambers, P.G.S.W.D., Dep. Prov. G. M., was announced.

The 92nd regular meeting was held, by Dispensation, at the Moseley Masonic Hall, Alcester Road South, King's Heath, Birmingham, on 15th December 1986.

After opening the lodge the Worshipful Master extended a sincere welcome to the numerous visiting brethren who had joined the brethren of the lodge making an overall attendance of 123 to witness the Investiture of W. Bro. Dr. H. J. White, J.P., P.A.G.D.C., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master by R. W. Bro. E. F. Hanson, J.P., Provincial Grand Master.

At the 93rd regular meeting held on 13th April 1987 the resignation of Bro. D. O. Roden, P.P.G.Tyler was announced. He had served the lodge since the consecration and a donation was approved towards the presentation to be made by Group 7 of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges - the Dudley group.

Bro. M. R. Hancox was installed as the 24th Worshipful Master on 11th May 1987 by W. Bro. M. W. Bryan, Immediate Past Master, who referred to the illness of the Worshipful Master and his consequent absence.

Bro. J. E. Naynard and Bro. P. J. Hayes became joining members.

At the 95th regular meeting held on 12th October 1987 the deaths of W. Bro. M. R. Styles, Immediate Past Master and R. W. Bro. F. B. Griffiths, O.St.J., P.P.G.M. were announced. Mr. S. D. Mole, son of W. Bro. L. O. Mole, was initiated by his father W. Bro. D. O. Mole, P.P.S.G.D..

At an emergency meeting held on 9th November 1987 Mr. G. Ferrell was initiated.

At the 97th regular meeting held on 11th April 1988 the death of V. Bro. H. A. Nock, M.C., P.G.Swd.B., P.Dep.P.G.M., was announced.

It was also announced that W. Bro. Dr. H. J. White, Dep. Prov. G.M. had accepted appointment as Past Grand Sword Bearer.

W. Bro. M. H. F. Fellows was presented by his son, W. Bro. M. Fellows, P.P.S.G.W., and installed as the 25th Worshipful Master on 9th May 1988. He then appointed his son as Chaplain.

This was the first occasion since the Consecration that a Past Master has been installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. It was the unanimous decision of the members that, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee, a Past Master who had rendered faithful service to the Lodge throughout the past twenty-five years should be invited to occupy the Chair. Furthermore, the choice was most appropriate because W. Bro. Major Fellows was the Worshipful Master of The Royal Standard Lodge No: 498 when the Petition was presented requesting sponsorship prior to the Consecration.

At the 99th regular meeting held on 10th October 1988 the death of W. Bro. W. H. Turner, F.A.C.D.C., was announced. He had served as Secretary to the Founders and as Treasurer for eleven years following the Consecration.

The Ben Marsh Lodge No: 7938 was the One Hundredth Worcestershire Lodge and during the past twenty-five years it has become well known in this and other Provinces. To some extent this may be attributed to the honours accorded to some of the members. In particular, W. Bro. H. A. Nock and W. Bro. Dr. H. J. White who have been appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There are many other members who have worked untiringly for long periods, some for the whole twenty-five years, for the good of Freemasonry in general and for The Ben Marsh Lodge No: 7938 in particular.

The present list of Officers is:

Officers 1988-89

W.Bro. M. H. F. FELLOWS, P.P.S.G.W.	W.M.
W.Bro. P. A. HEYNES, P.P.J.G.W.	S.W.
Bro. I. S. McCAFFERTY	I.W.
W.Bro. M. FELLOWS, P.P.S.G.W.	Chaplain
W.Bro. G. J. H. SCRIVEN, T.D., P.P.S.G.W.	Treasurer
Bro. J. R. LITTLEMORE, P.P.G.Stwd.	Secretary
W.Bro. C. L. THOMAS, P.P.S.G.W.	D.C.
Bro. J. E. MAYNARD	S.D.
Bro. P. J. HAYES	J.D.
W.Bro. G. J. H. SCRIVEN, T.D., P.P.S.G.W.	Charity Steward
W.Bro. R. H. BROCK	A.D.C.
W.Bro. J. W. P. TURNER, P.P.G.Reg.	Asst. Secretary
Bro. N. HOLT	I.G.
W.Bro. J. W. SCRIVEN, P.P.G.Reg.	Steward
Bro. P. T. FORD	"
Bro. S. D. MOSE	"
W. Bro. M. R. HANCOX	I.P.M.

Members of the Lodge not in Office

W. Bro. S. Rowley, P.P.S.G.W., Founder

W. Bro. E. K. Turner, P.P.G.Reg., Founder

W. Bro. G. J. C. Holmes, P.P.J.G.W., Founder

W. Bro. J. Denton, P.A.G.D.C., Founder

W. Bro. D. O. Mole, P.P.S.G.D., Founder

W. W. Bro. Dr. H. J. White, J.F., P.G.Swd.B., Dep. Prov. G.M.

W. Bro. R. F. Deighton, P.P.G.Supt.Wks.

Bro. B. A. Robinson

W. Bro. R. McCafferty, Prov.G.St.B.

W. Bro. M. V. Bryan, P.P.G.Stwd.

Bro. A. D. Bennett

Bro. J. C. Driscoll

Bro. G. Merrell

It is worthy of note that -

W. Bro. G. J. E. Scriven, I.D., P.P.S.G.W. has served as a representative on the Provincial Charity Organisation for 25 years and as Almoner / Charity Steward for 15 years.

Bro. J. R. Littlemore, P.P.G.Stwd., has served as Secretary for 15 years.

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