



"In the year nine hundred and forty-eight
a school was set up at the Abbey Gate"

Gathering of School Lodges

at

St Albans School

on

Saturday 13th March 1999

Worshipful Master

Bro. R.L. Taylor

Toast List

The Queen and the Craft

The Most Worshipful Grand Master
His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master
The Right Honourable Lord Farnham
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Ian Ross Bryce
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master
The Most Honourable The Marquess of Northampton
And the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
Michael Batham Jones

The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master
John Burr

The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Masters
Dennis Thomas
Michael Gardiner
Gerald Scott

The Reverend Canon Neil Collings
Rowland Mecklenburgh

And the rest of Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past
Proposed by the Senior Warden Bro. John Williams
Reply by the W. Bro. Dennis Thomas, PSGD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master

The Worshipful Master

The Federation of School Lodges
Proposed by W. Bro. George Giffen
Reply by the V. W. Bro. Dr. H. John White, JP, PGSwdB, President of The Federation

The Visiting Brethren
Proposed by the Junior Warden, Bro. Richard Knifton
Reply by W. Bro. Graham King, PPGReg

The Tyler's Toast

Menu

Prawn and Avocado Cocktail

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Sirloin Steak à la Bourguignonne

Sauté Potatoes

Salads

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Syllabub

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Cheese Board

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Coffee and Mints

Red or White Wines

Mineral Water

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**St Albans School
and
The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master's
Millennium Appeal**

Ever since it was founded in 948 A.D., St Albans School has had a close association with the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban. To this day the ancient Abbey Gateway forms part of the School's premises, but even in the last century the School met in the Ladychapel. Morning prayers have been held in the Nave for many years, and so great an impact has this made on generations of students, that there can hardly be an Old Boy of the School who could not recognise the magnificent strains of the Cathedral's organ with his eyes shut!

In normal circumstances the Lodge meets in the Abbey Gateway in the room above the arch, but today we have been forced to forgo the use of this historic building on the grounds of space, and meet instead in the Library in what many will remember as the original School Hall.

How appropriate it is that the Provincial Grand Master should have chosen, as his project to mark the Millennium, the restoration of the tomb of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, which is situated at a focal point in the Cathedral adjacent to Shrine of the Martyr. Many attending today will have had the opportunity to see the tomb during the conducted tour, and will readily appreciate the sad decay which the centuries, not to say the vandalism, has wrought.

The work of restoration will involve the use of many skilled craftsmen, stonemasons in particular, and already during the preparation work discoveries of some importance to freemasons (those in the Mark Degree in particular) have been made. Thus, we as masons, can take pride in our part in this restoration work which, like the pulpit donated by Hertfordshire masons in 1883, will form a lasting memorial to the links between the Abbey and Freemasonry in general, the Province of Hertfordshire in particular, and St Albans School. Let us not forget that, according to tradition, Saint Alban is the Patron Saint of Freemasons.

In support of the Millennium Appeal, the proceeds of our Charity collection will be donated to the fund. The Worshipful Master and brethren hope that all those who believe in the preservation of these magnificent structures which are a monument to the remarkable skill of our forbears is paramount, will give generously.

Would brethren please note that
smoking is not permitted in the Hall
due to the effect on the fire alarm system.