

FEDERATION OF SCHOOL LODGES

President: V.W.Bro. Dr. J. White, J.P.

P.D.Prov.G.M. (Worcs.)

51st ANNUAL FESTIVAL

at

The Masonic Hall
Guildford Street
CARDIFF

Province of South Wales (Eastern Division)

Saturday, 5th September 1998

Under the Banner of



The Harlequins Lodge No. 5793

assisted by

Old Cantonians Lodge No. 8875

and

Old Monktonians Lodge No. 8938

Programme

- 12.00 Noon Pay Bar open at the Masonic Hall. Refreshments as ordered.
- 1.45 p.m. Annual Business Meeting in the Duke of Connaught Temple.
- 2.30 p.m. Tea and Biscuits available in the two bars within the Masonic Hall.
- 3.15 p.m. Harlequins Lodge will be opened in the Duke of Connaught Temple.
- 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. Two pay bars open in the Masonic Hall.
- 6.30 p.m. Reception for Festival Dinner at Cardiff County Hall.
- 7.00 p.m. Festival Dinner.
- 9.30 p.m. Proceedings will terminate.

Ladies' Programme

- 2.30 p.m. Meet at Cardiff Castle for an informal walk around the Grounds, walls and ancient Keep.
- 3.00 p.m. Guided tours of the Castle accomodation start (ten minute intervals between groups)
- 4.00 p.m. Tours end. Opportunity to visit other places of interest in City Centre.
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner in the Sandringham Hotel, St. Mary Street.
- 9.30 p.m. Dinner concludes. Re-union with partners.

Labour

To open the Lodge.

To read the Dispensation.

To receive the President of the Federation of School Lodges accompanied by the Officers, Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Federation.

To receive the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for South Wales, (Eastern Division) W.Bro. Peter Frost, and other Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

To welcome the visiting Members of the Federation of School Lodges. One of the Joint Secretaries will call the Roll of Lodges.

To receive a talk "Freemasonry in Hungary" from W.Bro. Naunton Liles, P.Prov.J.G.W. and Bro. Andrew Hollo-Tas, both of the Loyal Commercial Lodge, No. 2720 in this Province.

To collect Alms.

To close the Lodge.

W.Bro. Naunton Liles was initiated into Loyal Commercial Lodge, No. 2720 in 1953 and has served a number of Lodges, including Harlequins and Provincial Grand Lodge as Organist. He has been travelling to Hungary with Andrew Hollo-Tas, who is his business partner, since 1991, and frequently attends Lodge in Budapest.

Bro. Andrew Hollo-Tas was born in Hungary, but has lived in the U.K. since 1966. Initiated into the Loyal Commercial Lodge, he is currently the Junior Warden. Now a member of the Deák Lodge in Budapest, he spends 50% of his time working in Hungary, and will be flying back early tomorrow morning. He is negotiating the formation of the first English-speaking Lodge in Hungary.

Festival Dinner Menu

French Onion Soup

Roast Beef

Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish Sauce

Roast and New Buttered Potatoes

Vegetables in Season

Butterscotch and Walnut Gateau and Cream

Coffee and Mints

Red and White Table Wines

Toast List

The Queen and the Craft
Proposed by The Worshipful Master of Harlequins Lodge

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master,
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, K.G.
Proposed by The Worshipful Master of Old Cantonians Lodge

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master
The Right Honourable Lord Farnham
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Iain Ross Bryce, T.D., D.L.
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
Proposed by The Worshipful Master of Old Meritonians Lodge

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
The Right Honourable the Lord Swansea, C.St.J., D.L.
Proposed by The Worshipful Master of Harlequins Lodge

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master
W.Bro. J. Stuart Peters, P.S.G.D.
The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters
W.Bro. Peter Frost, P.S.G.D.
W.Bro. Hywel Davies, P.S.G.D.
W.Bro. Rev. Norman Lea, P.A.G.Chap.
W.Bro. John Taylor, P.A.G.D.C.
Proposed by W.Bro. Gareth Jones, Harlequins Lodge
Response by The Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W.Bro. Peter Frost, P.S.G.D.

THE FEDERATION OF SCHOOL LODGES

Proposed by W.Bro. Peter Frost, P.S.G.D.
Response by The President
V.W.Bro. Dr. J. White, J.P.
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Worcs.)

The Host Lodges
Proposed by The Chairman of the Federation
W.Bro. W. H. Douglas
Response by The Worshipful Master of Harlequins Lodge
W.Bro. Ralph Powell

The Tyler's Toast

CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL was founded in 1898, with the name The Cardiff Intermediate School for Boys. The name announced the intention for the School, which was to provide a link between Elementary education and University education, where none existed in the City. This has been a constant feature in the friendly rivalry which exists between the School Lodges in the area.

The first headmaster was Dr. J. J. Findlay, who occupied, with a staff of ten and one hundred and thirty-nine boys, a temporary building on Newport Road, in Cardiff. In the story of Cardiff High School, written by ex-pupil Walter King, and entitled "Towards the Light", (Pallas Press), he discusses Old Boys thus: "..... in no particular order I found one Nobel Prizewinner, about ten Members of Parliament, numerous representatives of the medical, educational and legal professions, broadcasters, professors in higher education, an astronomer and a theatre producer of renown, an astronaut a suspected fourth (or was it fifth?) man, and the original Beachcomber of the Daily Express."

Dr. Findlay's aim was to bring to the non-residential school, the best of Public School traditions. He introduced the House system, the Prefect system and Organised Games. A plethora of School societies was created from the Literary and Debating Society to the Rabbit Club.

The two world wars each affected the School in different ways. The incumbent died in 1915 and the appointment was given to a serving officer, Major Davies, who was killed in France before taking up his post. After this no headmaster was appointed until 1917, and it was during the following 17 years, during which Mr. J. R. Roberts was at the helm that the name of the school was changed to Cardiff High School for Boys. His successor, Clifford Diamond, himself an Old Boy of the school, stayed as headmaster through the difficulties of the second world war, during which the school played host to the pupils of the older Howard Gardens High School, which was partially destroyed by bombing. Who knows what future masonic friendships were formed with boys who were later to be members of Howardian Lodge?

By September 1939, however, the HARLEQUINS LODGE had been in existence for six months, having been consecrated on 15th March by the Dep.P.G.M. W.Bro. J. Edgar Butler, who became a joining member and secretary from 1946 - 53, when he became Master. He was President of the Federation of School Lodges when the four South Wales Lodges (Howardian, 5317, Harlequins, Old Barriars, 6671 and Old Goreans, 7102) hosted the Annual Festival in September 1958, exactly forty years ago. The name of the Lodge was derived from the name of the School playing fields, rented to the School for a peppercorn rent by the family of the Marquis of Bute. The Lodge enjoyed the same eminence as the School itself, and has been admired and commended in the Province for the quality of its Ceremonies, as well as for its charitable works.

The change to Comprehensive Education saw the amalgamation of three schools, including the Cardiff High School for Boys, to form a new structure, and although the title was retained by the new school, the ready association between Lodge and Boys' School was lost, causing the Lodge to open its' doors to non-Old Boys in 1975. The standard of initiates, however, remains high, and with in excess of 60 members, the Lodge can still be said to be flying the flag for School Lodges in the Province.

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL was founded in September 1907 with the name Canton Municipal School. It was situated in the Canton area, west of Cardiff City Centre, and under the headmastership of Walter Brockington, catered for eighty-five pupils in its' first year. In 1933 the School attained Grammar School status, with a change of title to Canton High School for Boys, and the introduction of a distinctive uniform of blazer, cap and tie.

In 1962 the location of the School was moved to the Fairwater area of the City, and was amalgamated with the Canton High School for Girls into Cantonian High School, as part of the Comprehensive Education changes in 1966.

In 1978 a meeting of a few Old Boys of the School, W.Bros. Silvin Aster, Julius (Jerry) Goodman and David Latte, determined to found a Lodge for Old Boys of the School. A further meeting of Brethren who had been associated with the School formed a committee charged with the foundation of the OLD CANTONIANS LODGE, whose aim would be membership of the Federation of School Lodges. The most recent Federation Lodge in the Province, Ymlaen Lodge (84.9), was asked to sponsor. By July 1979 the spade work had been completed. The Lodge emblem (designed by W.Bro. Derek Skone), a Lodge Tie and Lodge music (prepared by W.Bro. Frank Hamilton-Jones, our first organist) had all been approved by Grand Lodge, and the Lodge was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master, the Rt.Hon The Lord Swansea on Monday, 18th June, with the Deputy and three Assistant Provincial Grand Masters present.

Since the onset of Comprehensive Education, the Lodge has welcomed non Old Boys, and it continues to thrive, currently under the supervision of W.Bro. Tony Harris and his Officers.

The formation of a Lodge named after MONKTON HOUSE SCHOOL, an independent day school for boys founded in 1870, was first mooted in 1951. Unfortunately the death of the prime mover in the project resulted in no progress being made, and it was not until twenty eight years later that the idea was again raised. Then the initiative came from W.Bro. Cdr. Roy Hopkin, R.N. (Retd), who was not only Provincial Director of Ceremonies, but also a Bursar at the school. His efforts attracted Masons who were Old Boys of the school, members of staff, or parents of current pupils. The OLD MONKTONIANS LODGE was consecrated on 17th June 1980. W.Pro. Roy Hopkin had asked the then headmaster, Gordon Longmore, if the school might be used for initial planning meetings, and this permission led to subsequent usage for F.S. & I. and L.O.I. meetings, thus forming a close association between the school and the new Lodge. By 1995 W.Bros. Hopkin and Longmore (first initiate and W.M. in 1986) had retired from Monkton House School, which had amalgamated with another, Kings' College School and the Lodge was having difficulties finding candidates. This led to a decision to open the Lodge to non Old Boys. A dept of gratitude is owed to all of those Brethren who supported the Lodge by becoming joining members and accepting Office at short notice to assist during difficult times. Currently the Lodge has made great progress, now boasting thirty-five members, (six initiates within the last twelve months) and a waiting list of six candidates. Morale is high, and the Lodge looks with confidence to the future.