

FEDERATION OF SCHOOL LODGES

President: W Bro. D G Varney PSGD
Assistant Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Bristol Grammar School
Saturday 1st September 2001



ROBERT THORNE LODGE No.3663

Province of Bristol

*To the Memory of the late W. Bro. 'Doggie' Marshman, P.Pr.S.G.W.
whose dream was for
Robert Thorne Lodge to host this Festival.*

V.W.Bro. Dr.H.J. White

P.G.Swd.B, Patron

Lodge No: 6734

**54th ANNUAL FESTIVAL
DINNER**

Dining Seat: Top 8

OPENING HYMN

*O Thou unseen who buildest all,
Dweller in house not made with hands,
Behold thy servants, hear our call,
Join us in peace with thine own bea*

*Be with us, make our pathw ay main,
Be Thou our guide fill sin ke, the light,
Without thine aid we build in vain,
Guide thou hand, speech, and heart aright.*

So mote it be

CLOSING HYMN

*Thine the beginning, thine the end,
O master builder hear our call,
Now ere we part thy spirit send,
Who makest and who lovest all.*

*We build in darkness, thou art light,
We build in weakness, thou art strength,
So strengthen us to build aright,
That we come safely home at length.*

So mote it be

THE ROBERT THORNE LODGE No.3663

Patron Lodge – The Grand Charity



Constituted 1913
Province of Bristol

Dear Sir & Brother

On behalf of the Robert Thorne Lodge I extend a very warm welcome to you all for the Fifty-Fourth Annual Festival of the Federation of School Lodges.

Today is a "Triple First" for the Federation. It is the first Festival of The Millennium, the first Festival to be held in a City, County and Province simultaneously and the first Festival hosted by the Robert Thorne Lodge.

I hope you enjoy the Programme of Events, are able to renew old friendships, make many new ones and will have time to remember those Brethren who, though no longer with us, have made such a valuable contribution to the Federation.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Quick'.

Bob Quick
Festival Co-ordinator

THE ROBERT THORNE LODGE No.3653

Officers Installed, Appointed & Invested 14th October 2000

Worshipful Master	Bro. R F Williams
Senior Warden	Bro. K T Hollands
Junior Warden	Bro. K Quick
Immediate Past Master	W.Bro. S C Ball
Chaplain	W.Bro. H A Cooper
Treasurer	W.Bro. M R Whitworth
Secretary	W.Bro. R Quick
Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. S P Stafford
Almoner	Bro. D W Trimble
Charity Steward	Bro. K D J Prowling
Senior Deacon	Bro. W I K Roberts
Junior Deacon	Bro. S T Kirk
Asst Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. J W Jenkins
Organist	W.Bro. K A Clark, (PM 6726 & 686)
Inner Guard	Bro. J F Bolton 3 rd
Assistant Secretary	Bro. G D Lovell
Steward	Bro. C M Winter
Steward	Bro. M J Thyer
Steward	Bro. S J Pole
Steward	Bro. S D Sweetland
Steward	Bro. T Hall
Steward	Bro. A W Deakins
Tyler	W.Bro. A F O'Riagan, (PM 6512)

MEMBERSHIP

1955 W.Bro. G C Jennings, PPrGStdBr	1991 W. Bro. P A Deverell, (J5618), LGR
1958 W. Bro. H A Cooper, PPrGChap	1991 Bro. A F F Morgan
1963 W. Bro. K J Hare, PPrJGW	1991 W. Bro. R F Williams
1968 Bro. C J C Hart	1992 Bro. A J Morley
1968 W. Bro. J H R Hurley, PPrGChap	1993 Bro. C M Winter
1972 W. Bro. R C Middleditch, PPrGReg	1993 Bro. J R Parrot, (J)
1977 Bro. K T Hollands	1993 Bro. G N Vincent
1977 Bro. K D J Prowling	1994 Bro. B W H Maurice
1978 Bro. G J Lane	1994 Bro. R Symes
1980 W. Bro. M J Waterman, PrGS vdb.	1995 Bro. W I K Roberts
1982 Bro. D W Trimble	1995 W. Bro. I A Beese, (J7923), PPrGOrg (Herts.)
1982 Bro. A E Cuthbert	1995 Bro. S T Kirk
1983 W. Bro. S C Cuthbert, PPrGDC	1996 Bro. M J Thyer
1984 W. Bro. S P Standford, PPrGChap	1996 Bro. S J Pole
1985 Bro. G E Ford	1996 Bro. S C Prowling
1985 W. Bro. P S Stevens, (J5052), PPrGSW	1997 Bro. S D Sweetland
1986 W. Bro. S J J Howes, PPrGDC	1997 Bro. A C Dlugosz
1987 W. Bro. R Quick, PrGChap	1998 Bro. G D Lovell
1988 Bro. M Quick	1998 Bro. T Hall
1988 Bro. R Quick	1999 Bro. J F Bolton 3 rd
1989 W. Bro. J W Jenkins	1999 Bro. A W Deakins
1989 Bro. B J Howlinson	1999 Bro. S P Pritchard
1989 Bro. R Quick (Senior)	2000 Bro. S W Bolton
1989 W. Bro. M R Whitworth	2000 Bro. C Rennolds
1990 Bro. A F MacGregor	2000 Bro. J A Carey
1991 W. Bro. S C Ball	

HONORARY MEMBERS

1930 W. Bro. T J D Jeffrey, PPrGDC, PAGDC	1976 W. Bro. K C Kinnersley, PPGM (Somerset)
1947 W. Bro. D A Sims, PPrGChap	1977 W. Bro. J Smallcombe, PDPGM, PGSwdBr
1950 W. Bro. P H Hazard, PPrGStdBr	1990 W. Bro. Dr. D H Fox, MBE, PGM
1967 W. Bro. B C Ball, PPrGReg	1995 W. Bro. R W M Howes, PDPGM, PDepGSwdBr

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

BRETHREN

11:00 am to 3:00 p.m.	Registration Desks Open (Lunch-box vouchers available for collection)	Great Hall Foyer
12:00 noon	Pay bar and lunch boxes available	6th Form Centre
12:30 p.m.	VIP Lunch	Staff Common Room
2:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting	The Great Hall
2:45 p.m.	Tea & biscuits	6th Form Centre
3:30 p.m.	The Robert Thorne Lodge will be opened in the Great Hall for a demonstration of the Bristol First Degree Ceremony	
6:00 p.m.	Pay bar open	6th Form Centre
7:15 p.m.	Inclusive Festival Dinner	The Great Hall
9:30 p.m.	Proceedings will terminate	

LADIES

11:00 am	Registration Desks Open (Lunch vouchers available for collection)	6th Form Centre
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Assembly for afternoon in Bath	6th Form Centre
2:15 p.m. (prompt)	Departure to this historic Roman and Georgian Spa City.	
3:15 p.m.	Arrive at central point in Bath	
5:15 p.m.	Depart from central Pick-up Point	
5:25 p.m.	Arrive at Freemasons Hall, Park Street, Bristol (Limited changing facilities are available)	
6:45 p.m.	Sherry Reception in Foyer with pay bar available	
7:15 p.m.	Inclusive Ladies Festival Dinner in No.1 Dining Room	
9:20 p.m.	Depart Freemasons Hall by coach to join partners at Bristol Grammar School	

FESTIVAL DINNER

GRACE

Nunc tibi debitas agamus gratias
Magne rerum artifex
Inter fratres caritas, adjutorium, veritas,
fac sint vitæ fons et lex.

Menu

Fan of Melon with Raspberry Coulis



Breast of Chicken filled with Asparagus with a Chablis Sauce
Panache of Seasonal Vegetables
Hot Mined New Potatoes



Lemon Tart and Clotted Cream



Coffee, Tea or Herbal Infusions



Red and White Wines
Mineral waters & soft drinks

Toast List

The Queen and The Craft

◆
The Most Worshipful the Grand Master
Brother His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent,
KG GCMG GCVO ADC

◆
The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master
Brother The Most Honourable The Marquess of Northampton, DL
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Brother Ian Ross Bryce, TD DL
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master
Brother David Kenneth Williamson
and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past

◆
The Provincial Grand Master for Bristol
The Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Dennis Henry Fox, MBE

The Federation of School Lodges

◆
Proposed by the Provincial Grand Master for Bristol
The Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Dennis Henry Fox, MBE
Response by the President of the Federation of School Lodges
Worshipful Brother D C Varney, PSGD, Assist PGM (Buckinghamshire)

The Robert Thorne Lodge No.3663

◆
Proposed by the Chairman of the Federation of School Lodges
Worshipful Brother H S Craig, PPrSGW (West Lancashire)
Response by the Worshipful Master Brother Roy Williams

◆
immediately followed by the
"Loving Cup Ceremony"

The Bristol Grammar School

◆
Proposed by Brother K. D. J. Prowting,
Past President of the Old Bristolians' Society

◆
The Tyler's Toast

THE LOVING CUP CEREMONY

Since the Charter Warrant of the Lodge was granted in 1913 the Loving Cup ceremony has been an integral part of the Aftermeeting. Its purpose is to honour the memory of the founder of Bristol Grammar school, Robert Thorne.

The Ceremony is performed by the Worshipful Master, his Wardens, and an invited "Old Boy of the School". Each sings one verse of the School Song, in Latin, with the Lodge Brethren joining in for the Chorus.

This is followed by the Toast to Robert Thorne for which the Master and Wardens drink from a silver chalice. No matter how full the chalice may be it is tradition, since time immemorial, that the Junior Warden drains the chalice and prove the same by inverting the chalice over his head!

"Carmen Bristolense"

1
Nunc universo gaudio,
Ludo pensisque functi,
Scholam dilectam sedulo
Concelebramus cuncti:
Iam quadringentos amplius
Annos laudem meretur:
Merendo et durabimus,
Dom nostra urbs servetur.

3
Si ludi sit contentio,
Pro puerili parte,
Ne superemur proelio,
Summa nitamur arte:
Et, si vocamur ad libros,
Intenti hoc agamus;
Ludo librisque nonne nos
Iam palmam auferamus?

2
Laudemus illum gratissimi,
Quia nos fuisse:
Domi furis,que spendidi
Scholam exornavere:
Per illos est laudabilis,
Et tunc sis cara sedes,
Et nos illorum nominis
Nunc sumus hic haeredes

Chorus
Sit clarior, sit diuior,
Quotquot labuntur menses:
Sit primus nobis hic decet,
Sumus Bristolenses

4
Sic placuit nil perperam
Nil improbi patrare,
Nam Scholam urbem patriam
Hic discimus amare:
In altiora tendimus,
Scholamque veneremur:
Dum adsumus, augebimus,
Nec post obliviscemur

"The Honoured Memory of Robert Thorne
Prosperous to the Bristol Grammar School"

"Established to teach grammar and understanding of the tongue and
other good literature to all children and others that would repair to
the said school"

"God Save the Queen"

Brethren the toast is
The Pious and Immortal Memory of Robert Thorne

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The "Grammar Schole" over the Frome Gate was in the care of its first schoolmaster Thomas Moffat, when good fortune stepped in to secure its future. The Thorne family were wealthy Bristol merchants, friends of men like John Cabot and known to royalty. They wished to endow a school where the sons of Bristol merchants and tradesmen could receive a good education before settling down to the important business of making money.

On 17th March 1532, Henry VIII issued a charter under which the Thornes could endow the "Grammar Schole" and establish it in larger premises at St Bartholomew's Hospital, near the bottom of Christmas Steps (in one of the oldest parts of the City of Bristol). There the School remained, with the Corporation of Bristol as its Trustees, for over two hundred years, instructing the boys in Latin, Greek, Divinity and some Hebrew.

By 1767 the buildings were too small and cramped but fortunately the Master, Charles Lee, had influence with the Corporation of Bristol. He persuaded them that The Grammar School should be allowed to exchange premises with the other City School - Queen Elizabeth's Hospital - which had a pleasant new site in Unity Street, further up the hill. This exchange was carried out and Charles proceeded to enjoy his new School by greatly reducing the number of boys. He had a duty to accept any middle class Bristol boys whose parents wished them to receive a Classical education, but he persuaded all too many parents that Latin and Greek were not the best preparation for business life. Eventually he was left with only one pupil, known in the City as Lee's Chick.

The school was set to rights in 1812 but education was moving away from the classics and this caused further problems which were aggravated by yet another insupportable headmaster, inappropriately named Goodenough.

In 1848 the Grammar School received a new Scheme and prospered to such an extent that the decision was taken, under the Rev. John William Caldicott, to move the school to the pleasant and rural site at Tyndall's Park, further up the hill. The first buildings were the Big School, with its remarkable Great Hall (originally a teaching room and still with its Masters stalls in situ) on the East wall of which is Caldicott's portrait - and the Headmaster's House, a modest dwelling which is now the Lower School. The School grew rapidly on its new and healthy site and further classrooms were added together with a Gymnasium, a Fives Court and a Rifle Range. These have since been rebuilt as art rooms and rehearsal rooms but the Winterstoke wing still houses the Laboratories which were added in 1914.

The Preparatory School began in 1930 and moved into its own building adjoining the Grammar School in Elton Road in 1920. On the night of 24th November 1940 the Prep School, together with a large portion of central Bristol, was destroyed by incendiary bombs, but luckily the Prep Hall survived the bombing and is now the Mackay Theatre. The Elton Road ruins were rebuilt as classrooms under the leadership of John Garrett who later added the University Road buildings and began to colonise the other side of Elton Road. Since then the School has built yet more classroom accommodation together with a new Sports Hall; Art and Music have their own Elton Road Houses and the former playing field is now the Technology Centre.

Bristol Grammar School is now a modern, coeducational, independent day school with over one thousand pupils and one hundred staff all of whom can be accommodated in Caldicott's Great Hall.

The Robert Thorne Lodge wishes to thank the School for the use of its facilities today. Likewise the Province of Bristol records its thanks to the School for providing similar facilities for Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings.

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Happy have we met,
Happy have we been,
Happy may we part,
and Happy meet again



The 2002 Festival of School Lodges will be hosted by:

The Bridge Trust Lodge No.2878
Handsworth, Staffordshire



The Members of Robert Thorne Lodge
wish you all a safe, speedy and pleasant journey home.