

1809	"	William Thompson	"
1808	"	John Allen	"
1807	"	John Allen	"
1806	"	William Thompson	"
1805	"	William Thompson	"
1804	"	William Thompson	"
1803	"	William Thompson	"
1802	"	William Thompson	"
1801	"	William Thompson	"
1800	"	William Thompson	"
1799	"	William Thompson	"
1798	"	John Collingwood	"
1797	"	Brother Rev. Thomas Haynes	"
Lodge Dormant from 1792 to 1797			
1792	"	Richard Moseley	"
1791	"	Richard Moseley	"
1791	"	R. M. Mence	"
1791	"	Moses Leviston	"
1791	"	Brother Richard Harris	"

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WORCESTER LODGE,  
No. 349,

Roll of Installed Masters

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the speculation arising upon this small fact is the only present means of assuming that it had so modern an existence. Lodge No. 60 had a successor in Lodge No. 574. On the 9th of October, 1790, a Warrant was issued, under the seal of Masonry, enabling the Brethren named therein, to open a Lodge at the "Rein Deer Inn," in the City of Worcester. The following is a copy of the Warrant:—

RAWDON, A. G. M.  
To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren, We, Francis Rawdon Hastings, Lord Rawdon, &c., &c., &c., Acting Grand Master, under the authority of His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master

No. 574.  
of the most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons,

Send Greeting,  
Know ye, that we, at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and well beloved Brethren, Richard Harris, Moses Leviston, Daniel Brookholding Curwen, Thomas Smith, Joseph Dillon, Richard Hill, John Barnesley, Edward Connop, John Whitaker, and several other Brethren, residing in or near the City of Worcester, DO HEREBY CONSTITUTE the said Brethren into a Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Title or Denomination of

All motions duly seconded shall be determined by show of hands or ballot, except in those cases which are specially provided for by these By-Laws or the Book of Constitutions, and if on any question the number of votes shall happen to be equal, the Master or Presiding Officer may decide by his casting vote, or he may order another ballot

XVII.

Any Member desirous of withdrawing from this Lodge, shall pay any arrears, and give notice of his intention in open Lodge, or in writing to the Master.

XVI.

A Finance and Audit Committee, consisting of the W. M., P. M., S. W., J. W., Treasurer, Secretary, M. G., and Stewards, any three of whom shall form a quorum, shall meet annually in November, between the regular Lodge in that month and the day of installation, to investigate the receipts and disbursements, receive from the Candidate the inventory of the jewels, the M. G., and verify, the inventory of the jewels, furniture, and effects, and generally to consider the affairs of the Lodge, and the Secretary shall present a report thereof in writing to the next regular Evening Lodge.

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Office, expend more than £20. of the Funds of the Lodge, without the previous sanction of the majority of the Brethren in Lodge assembled.

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Every Candidate, previous to his initiation, shall sign the Declaration Book, and the Book of By-Laws of this Lodge, and shall pay an initiation fee of \*£5. 10s., and 2s. 6d. to the Tyler. If any Brother, not initiated in this Lodge, be desirous to become a joining Member, the fee shall be £2. 2s., with 2s. 6d., the registering fee to the

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NOTE.—In cases of emergency, the following mode of proposing a Candidate is allowed. Any two Members not in arrears may make a proposition in writing, to the Master, stating the name, &c., &c., and the nature of the emergency; and the Master, if it be proper, shall notify the same to every Member of his Lodge, either in the summons for the next regular meeting, or in a summons for a Lodge of emergency, to receive a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of allowing for the Candidate; and if the Candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the proposition on and the emergency to be recorded in the Minute Book of the Lodge.

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OF THE

WORCESTER LODGE

OF

Ancient, Free, & Accepted Masons

No. 349,

ON THE REGISTER OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

1862.

DEIGHTON AND SON, PRINTERS, WORCESTER.

Of the early history of the Craft in the City of Worcester we have but few traces, nor is this remarkable when it is considered that until a comparatively recent period nothing which concerned the Order was permitted to appear in print, the Book of Constitutions being first published only in 1723; and that until the Duke of Athol was appointed Grand Master in 1772, and was succeeded by the Duke of Kent, and the Grand Lodge of England, under the Duke of Sussex, in 1813, the Masonic Records of the country could not assume that consolidated and regular form for which they are now distinguished. A Lodge existed in Worcester under the Athol Constitution, bearing number 60, and was held at "The Free Masons Arms," but at what period this Lodge became dormant has not yet been ascertained. From the costume of Brother Wm. Thompson, P.M., as shown on his portrait now in the Worcester Lodge, it would appear that he was not initiated in that Lodge, and as he was a resident in Worcester, he may have belonged to Lodge No. 60, with which his Insignia would correspond; but

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John the Evangelist, December 27, and he paid in advance, on or before the regular Lodge in January. Should any Member fail to pay his annual subscription by the regular Lodge held in March following, every such Member shall be considered in arrears, and shall give notice from the Treasurer, requesting payment; and in case the notice of payment is not complied with on or before the regular Lodge in June, the Member shall be subject to censure. Brethren who join or are initiated after the first day of June, shall pay half the year's subscription.

XII.  
Brethren of distinction, or who have rendered essential service to the Order, may be admitted as Honorary Members of the Lodge.

XIII.  
The returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, together with the return of the Master, Wardens, and Past-Masters, claiming to attend in Grand Lodge, shall be made by the Treasurer annually, in the month of December, after the installation of the Master. The returns shall be made up to the 31st of December in each year, and similar returns shall be regularly and punctually made to the Provincial Grand Lodge in June, in conformity with its By-Laws.

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That the Master shall not, during his year of

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Grand Lodge, and 1s. to the Provincial Grand Lodge. But in the case of a Brother made in this Lodge wishing to rejoin, the fee shall be £1. 1s. In the case of a Brother not made under the English constitution, or who has not been subsequently registered as a Member of some English Lodge, the fee shall be £3., the Lodge having to pay the additional sum to the Grand Lodge for registering and certificate and the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund. In the case of a Member of this Lodge going abroad, upon his giving notice thereof, his name shall be removed from the books, but he may be received on his return, without payment of the joining fee, if his absence shall exceed one year; if he return within that period, he shall pay his current subscription.

X.  
Every Brother, at the time of his initiation, shall be presented with a copy of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, and also with a copy of these By-Laws.

XI.  
Every Member of this Lodge shall subscribe and pay annually to the Treasurer the sum of £1. 8s., (which shall include 2s. to the Fund of Benevolence, and 2s. to the Provincial Grand Lodge,) or such other sum or sums as may from time to time be agreed upon in open Lodge, which shall become due on the Festival of Saint

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to be opened at a house known by the name of the Rein Deer Inn, in the City of Worcester aforesaid, AND DO FURTHER, at their said Petition, and of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in every of the said above-named Brethren, HEREBY APPOINT the said RICHARD HARRIS to be Master, and DANIEL LEVISTON Senior Warden, and DANIEL BROOKHOLDING CURWEN Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof: It being our will that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no wise effect any further Election of Officers of the Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated agreeable to such By-Laws of the said Lodge, as shall be consistent with the General Laws of the Society, contained in the Book of Constitutions. AND WE HEREBY will and require you, the said Richard Harris, to take special care that all regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the said Book of Constitutions. AND FURTHER that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such Rules, Orders, and regulations, as shall be made for the good government of the same; that in no wise you omit once in

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prospects were never more bright, or its stability as an Institution more secure than at the present time. May they long so continue; and may the Brethren, by the faithful discharge of the great principles of Freemasonry, and by the practice of every commendable virtue, especially of that which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, Charity, deserve for their Lodge an increased prosperity, and give to it a sphere of enlarged usefulness.

Masonic Hall, Worcester,  
January 27th, 1862.

Hilton Park,  
August 12th, 1861.  
Provincial Grand Master.

H. C. VEHRNON,  
Examined and approved,

Made and confirmed in Open Lodge, on the 27th day of June, 1861.

If any alteration shall be proposed in these By-Laws due notice shall be given in the summons to each Member.

XXVII.

The Tyler shall be under the control of the principal officers: their duty shall be to set out and prepare the Lodge for the appointed Meetings, take care of the Lodge furniture, see that every Member signs his name in the Tyler's book prior to his entering the Lodge, receive fees from Candidates and Visitors, and deliver the sum-moneses to the Members immediately on receipt thereof from the Secretary. For every Lodge the Tyler shall be paid by the Treasurer three shillings and sixpence, and the Assistant-Tyler, two shillings and sixpence.

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or show of hands, (as the case may be,) at his discretion; if, on a second show of hands or ballot, they are still equal, it shall be impetative on the Master or Presiding Officer to give the casting vote. No Member shall be qualified to vote on any question to fill any office who is in arrear.

XVIII.

No business shall be entered upon after the Lodge has been called to recessment.

XIX.

Every Brother visiting this Lodge will be expected to produce his certificate, and undergo an examination, or be touched for by one of the Brethren present. No visiting Brother shall interfere in the proceedings of the Lodge, unless requested by the Master. The visiting fee, to be paid to the Tyler, by the Visitor or the Brother by whom he is invited, shall be:

To Banquet . . . . . 10s. 6d.  
To Supper . . . . . 3s. 6d.

During the discussion of private business of the Lodge, the Visiting Brethren shall, if requested by the Master, withdraw.

XX.

It shall be the duty of the J. D. to present the Charity Box at every meeting of the Lodge to each Member. The contributions shall be

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occasions, to be approved by the Master. The inventory of the whole, signed by the Master of the Ceremonies, shall be annually verified and presented by him to the Finance and Audit Committee. See also Rule 22, of "Private Lodges," in the Book of Constitutions.

VIII.

Every proposal of a Candidate for Freemasonry shall, as a general rule, be made in open Lodge; and, on the proposition being seconded, the proposer shall deliver to the Secretary, in writing, the name, addition, (and in case of joining Member, the name and number of the Lodge of which he was last a Member,) or profession, and residence of the Candidate, and, at the same time, if required by the Master, deposit with the Secretary the sum of One Guinea, as a proposition fee, which shall be considered part of the initiation or joining fee. The ballot shall take place at the next ensuing Lodge, when, if elected, the Candidate may be initiated into the first degree; but if three black balls appear he shall not be admitted, and the proposer's fee shall be returned. Such Candidate shall not again be proposed until the expiration of six months from the date of such ballot. If any Candidate, after receiving from the Secretary due notice of his election, neglect to present himself for initiation within six months, the proposition fee shall be forfeited to the Lodge Fund, unless satisfactory cause be shown for the delay.

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I.

All former By-Laws are hereby repealed.

II.

We acknowledge the supremacy of the UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, and bind ourselves to observe the Laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions, issued to the Fraternity by its authority.

III.

Without order and decorum, harmony cannot be preserved, or the business of Masonry properly conducted; therefore, at the stroke of the Master's hiram, a profound silence shall be observed. Any Brother introducing immoral discourse, commencing or continuing religious or political disputes, holding private committees or separate conversations, proposing wagers, interrupting a Brother whilst speaking, not standing to order whilst addressing the Chair, appearing in Lodge unclad, or committing any other irregularity, shall be formally ad-