



SOME HISTORICAL NOTES

ON

VELLUM LODGE

No. 5845

Recalled by the late

W. Bro. Peter S. Taylor, P.Prov.S.G.W., P.M.4495, P.Prov.G.W. (Worcs.)

a Founding Member of the Lodge

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The beginnings of the Vellum Lodge started back in the very early 40's. It had been mooted just before the war, started by several of the members of the Paper Trade, particularly C. D. Eaton, a most noteworthy figure, a Grand Lodge Officer and a great character. He always wore an old fashioned morning suit, and as he was a snuff taker, the coat was always very liberally covered with the droppings. Also, assisting him with the original organisation were John Tyler, who also soon attained Grand Lodge rank, and H. (Bert) Edwards, who carried out all the clerical work. Others in the unofficial committee were,

E. H. Goldsworthy	A. T. Aston	A. T. Shorthose Smith
H. Richardson	A. E. Newman	A. Warner
	J. T. Baugh	

and several other Junior Brethren.

Those Brethren who accepted the invitation to become Founders were as follows,

C. D. Eaton	J. Tyler	A. E. Edwards
E. H. Goldsworthy	J. T. Baugh	H. Smith
A. T. Aston	A. E. Newman	E. J. Docker
H. Richardson	H. Edwards	G. Nischie
A. Warner	A. W. Gough	H. J. Windebank
P. S. Taylor	A. T. Shorthose Smith	
	A. J. H. Windebank	

Each Founder provided an article of Masonic furniture and the collars were inscribed with the name of the donor. There was no banner to start with, this came at a later date, but we had the wooden opening box, with the names of the Founders on the left, the names of the Masters on the right, and the Vellum motif — a crown over a fleur-de-Lys — in the centre.



The motif came into being from the old days when paper was made by hand, and each size carried its own watermark. The committee decided on the one called "Imperial" as the most attractive.

The main reason behind the formation of the Lodge was that it was to be a Paper Trade Lodge, and only admit Members from firms either making or selling paper. At the end of the by-laws was an "honourable undertaking" that no Member of the Lodge would put up a candidate or joining member who did not conform to this requirement. Neither Grand Lodge nor Provincial Grand Lodge like Trade Lodges, but W. Bro. C. D. Eaton was a very strong Masonic force indeed, and somehow got it through. It was, of course, a mistake. In the Birmingham area there were about fifty-five firms either making or selling paper. Out of those firms the number of candidates who wished to join this particular Paper Trade Lodge was not large, especially as they were not all suitable. The result was that after seven or eight years, it became obvious that the supply of candidates had dried up, and unless something was done, the Lodge would slowly die. Accordingly, the proposition was made to the Lodge that the "honourable undertaking" be deleted, and this was agreed, and from then on we have had a steady stream of applicants, solicitors, businessmen, financiers, osteopaths etc., which has strengthened the Lodge tremendously. Strangely enough, the main objection of Grand Lodge to Trade Lodges — that they are largely formed of competitors, and are therefore likely to quarrel — did not apply in Vellum, the Masonic spirit being very much in evidence. In fact I never remember any instance when a business difference was ever brought into the Lodge.

Vellum Lodge No. 5845 was sponsored by Fletcher Lodge No. 1031 and the Consecration was on 29th May, 1942, right in the middle of the war, but it was a tremendous occasion. It took place in the ballroom at St. Francis Road which was filled to capacity. The ceremony of Consecration, followed by the Induction of W. Bro. C. D. Eaton as Master, was carried out by W. Bro. C. F. Monk P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by W. Bro. E. S. Stamp. P.G.D., as D.C. (he afterwards became Assistant Provincial Grand Master). I well remember listening with amazement to W. Bro. Stamp, as D.C., calling on the Brethren to salute the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and reciting the names from memory, together with their full honours, in strict order, without the slightest hesitation or mistake, and when you consider that there were between forty and fifty there, you will understand my awe. The proceedings were suitably printed, and a copy is reproduced here.

The first Officers of the Lodge were appointed and the Officers were as follows, the order of precedence is peculiar, and I am unaware of the reason.

Wor. Bro. Charlie D. Eaton, P.G.D.	W.M.
Wor. Bro. Harry Richardson, P.A.G.D.C.	Chaplain
Wor. Bro. Arthur Warner, P.P.S.G.D.	I.P.M.
Wor. Bro. John Tyler, P.P.G. Org.	D.C.
Wor. Bro. E. H. Goldsworthy, P.P.G.P.	S.V.
Wor. Bro. John T. Baugh	Treasurer
Wor. Bro. Albert E. Newman	Almoner
Wor. Bro. Arthur T. Aston	J.W.
Wor. Bro. A. T. Shorthose Smith	
Bro. Herbert Edwards	Secretary
Bro. A. W. Gough	Steward
Bro. A. E. Edwards	Steward
Bro. Peter S. Taylor	S.D.
Bro. Harold Smith	J.D.
Bro. E. J. Dockar	I.G.
Bro. G. Michie	Asst. Sec.
Bro. Harry J. Windebank	Organist
Bro. A. J. H. Windebank	Steward

The Agenda for the first meeting consisted almost entirely of the names of six initiates and their ballot. I am unable to name them all, but I am fairly sure that W. Bro. B. Warner and C. H. G. Littlewood were included. What I am completely sure of is that there was another name, which gave me such doubt that I wrote and asked for the name to be withdrawn. I had been a co-member of a committee with this man and had noticed that whenever he was present, trouble arose, and I felt that if he joined, it would also arise in the Lodge. The greatest possible pressure was brought on me — quite improperly — by the Worshipful Master, and eventually, with much reluctance, I withdrew my objection. He was initiated, and proved most unsuitable, discussing Masonic matters in public houses, walking about in the banqueting room in an overcoat and bowler hat, etc., so that several of the Brethren reproached me strongly for withdrawing my objection. However, he quickly lost interest and resigned.

There are certain incidents which stick in one's mind, when perhaps more important matters have gone.

First of all there have been the several instances of a junior officer, rather inexperienced and nervous, addressing the Worshipful Master and getting the "Worshipful Master and Worshipful Brother" mixed in his mind, and producing the classic "Worshipful Mother". This is not peculiar to Vellum Lodge alone, I have heard it in several other Lodges.

Very early in the history of the Lodge we had a Third Degree. The Chaplain at that time was W. Bro. H. Richardson, and he had forgotten that the prayer would be given in the dark, and had not learned it, intending to read it from the book. Nobody else knew it, so you can imagine the scene, with him trying to read the small print, by the light of a succession of struck matches!

Also about this time, when I was S.D. we had an unfortunate incident. W. Bro. E. H. Goldsworthy was S.W., and at lunch time had dined very unwisely indeed, so that when it came to the presentation of the candidate to the W.M., he was quite unable to do so, and I had to step into the breach and direct myself to instruct the candidate, a very peculiar operation.

Lodge Business

The Installation of the Master Designate.

Election of Treasurer.

Election of Tyler.

The W.M. will appoint and invest his Officers and invest the Treasurer and Tyler.

To pass By-Laws of the Lodge.

Propositions of Joining Brethren.

Propositions of Candidates for Initiation.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master in Charge and his Officers together with Officers of Grand Lodge will retire.

The Lodge will be closed.

CLOSING HYMN.

Founders

Lodge of Peace & Unity, No. 5844.

W. Bro. SAMUEL ARTHUR GOBSALL, P.M. 4432,
Master Designate.
W. Bro. PHILIP BRADFORD WALDRON, P.M. 4432,
S.W. Designate.
Bro. ERNEST ARTHUR KIRBY, J.W. Designate.
W. Bro. JOHN McDONNELL, P.P.A.G.Supt.
Wks., P.M. 5051.
W. Bro. JOHN NOEL CHICK, P.M. 4432,
4432.
W. Bro. CHARLES PERCY VERNON WALL, P.M.
4432.
W. Bro. HUBERT LOWELL CARTWRIGHT, W.M.
4432.
Bro. HERBERT POUNTNEY, S.W. 4432.
Bro. WILLIAM FREDERICK ADAMS, 4432.
Bro. GEORGE PAYNE, S.D. 4432.
Bro. FREDERICK MUHLEMANN, 4432.
Bro. COLIN IAN THOMSON, 4432.
Bro. JOHN LEWELL GODSELL, 4432.
Bro. ALBERT EDGAR HORTON, 4432.
Bro. ALBERT SAMUEL GIDLEY, 4432.
Bro. THOMAS WITHERSPOON, 4432.
Bro. ALFRED CRAWFORD CARTWRIGHT, 4432.
W. Bro. HERBERT ALFRED BROWN, P.P.A.G.D.C.,
P.M. 4432.

Vellum Lodge, No. 5845.

W. Bro. CHARLES DAVID KATON, P.G.D.,
P.P.G.W. (Worcs.), P.M. 560, 1874. Master
Designate.
W. Bro. EDMUND HENRY GOLDSWORTHY,
P.P.G.P., P.M. 4032, S.W. Designate.
W. Bro. ARTHUR THOMAS ASTON, P.M. 1311,
J.W. Designate.
W. Bro. HARRY RICHARDSON, P.A.G.D.C.,
P.M. 2878.
W. Bro. ARTHUR WARNER, P.C.D., P.M. 3961.
W. Bro. JOHN TYLER, P.P.G.W., P.M. 1742.
W. Bro. JOHN THOMAS BAUN, P.M. 511.
W. Bro. ALBERT EDWARD NEWMAN, P.M. 1031.
Bro. HERBERT EDWARDS, 3873.
Bro. AUGUSTUS WALTER GOSWELL, 1722, 3899.
Bro. ALBERT EDWARD EDWARDS, 3899.
Bro. HENRY SMITH, 4032.
Bro. ERNEST JOHN DOUGLAS, 662, 3847.
Bro. GEORGE MICHIE, 1782.
Bro. HARRY JOHN WINDEBANK, 3863.
Bro. ARTHUR JAMES HAINES WINDEBANK, 3863.
Bro. PETER SPENCE TAYLOR, S.D. 4495.
W. Bro. ARTHUR THOMAS SHORTHORSE SMITH,
P.M. 3431.



Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master in Charge :
Wor. Bro. CHAS. F. MONK, P.G.D.

Consecration and Installation Meetings

OF THE FOLLOWING LODGES :—

LODGE OF PEACE & UNITY, No. 5844, Friday, 15th May, 1942.

AND

VELLUM LODGE, No 5845 - - - Friday, 29th May, 1942.

AT THE

EDGBASTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS,

at 4-15 p.m.

BY

W. Bro. CHAS. F. MONK, P.G.D., Asst. Prov. Grand Master in charge.

W. Bro. W. TERRY, Prov.S.G.W.	as S.W.
W. Bro. M. MEGSON, Prov.J.G.W.	as J.W.
W. Bro. Rev. T. NOEL PRENTICE, Prov.G.Chaplain	} as Chaplains.
W. Bro. Rev. S. I. SOLOMONS, B.A., Prov.G.Chaplain	
W. Bro. H. KIRK, Prov.G.Treasurer	as Treasurer.
W. Bro. S. GUISE, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Secretary	as Secretary.
W. Bro. E. S. STAMP, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.	as D.C.
W. Bro. W. RENDALL-BAKER, Prov.S.G.D., or	} as S.D.
W. Bro. E. W. JONES, Prov.S.G.D.	
W. Bro. J. FINNEY, Prov.J.G.D., or	} as J.D.
W. Bro. H. KERTON, Prov.J.G.D.	
W. Bro. A. RIGBY, Prov.D.G.D.C.	as A.D.C.
W. Bro. P. G. CRANE, L.R.A.M., Prov.G. Organist	as Organist.
W. Bro. F. HAMMOND, Prov.G.Pursuivant	as Inner Guard.

CONSECRATION CEREMONY.

Order of Procedure.

- 1 The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
- 2 The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

3 NATIONAL ANTHEM (1st Verse)

4 **Opening Hymn.**
Hail Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heaven and Earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

May our work begun in Thee
Ever blest with order be;
And may we when labours cease
Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.
So mote it be.

- 5 The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 6 The Consecrating Officer and Grand Officers are saluted.
- 7 The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

Opening Prayer.

- 8 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 9 The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
- 10 The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
- 11 The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order by the Director of Ceremonies.
- 12 The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
- 13 The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
- 14 The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form and resume their seats.

An Oration.

15 on the Nature and Principles of the Institution is then given by the Chaplain.

Antiphon.

16 It is like the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Zion.

Dedication Prayer (First Portion).

- 17 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 18 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
- 19 The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the
- 20 The Invocation is pronounced.
- 21 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 22 The Chaplain reads II Chron., Chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.
- 23 The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration.

during which the elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

- 24 Before the first circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.
- 25 The Brethren sing—
When our God in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
- 26 The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the Symbol of Plenty.
- 27 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 28 Before the second circuit the Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.
- 29 The Brethren sing—
When there, a shrine to Him alone
They built with worship, sin to foil,
On a threshold and on corner-stone,
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
- 30 The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
- 31 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 32 Before the third circuit the Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
- 33 The Brethren sing—
And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil
To honour Him by votive hands
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
- 34 The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
- 35 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 36 The Petitioners are arranged round the Lodge Board facing outwards, where they remain until after the Dedication.
- 37 Before the fourth circuit the Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chap. ii., verse 13.
- 38 The Brethren sing—
Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.
- 39 The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
- 40 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 41 The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.
- 42 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 43 The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.
- 44 **Dedication Prayer (Second Portion).**
- 45 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 46 The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Brethren in the West, the Master and Wardens Designates in the Centre, all facing East.
- 47 The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.
- 48 *Response*—"So mote it be."
- 49 **Patriarchal Benediction.**
- 50 *Response*—"So mote it be."

Collection in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Fund.

Another rather difficult occasion was when Bro. James Black, a paraplegic, was raised. He had the body of a fifteen stone man, but the legs of a small boy, and went everywhere in a wheel-chair. As you can imagine his raising was a matter of the greatest difficulty and reflected the greatest credit on the Master and Wardens at the particular time. Then on another evening, also in the Third, the first part of which I was carrying out, the candidate was so upset that the perspiration fairly poured off his face, and was so distressed that after the obligation, I had to wait for three or four minutes to give him a glass of water, to enable him to recover his equanimity.

It was during my year as Master that we had the great freeze up, and the Province ran completely out of fuel for the central heating for several weeks. We then had an Initiation, and as the temperature was well below freezing in the Lodge room, I instructed the Brethren to wear their overcoats and scarves. This helped matters to some degree, but all I could do for the poor candidate was to have his jacket and waistcoat brought in, which he wore after the obligation, and even then he was perished.

When W. Bro. T. Wilcox became Master, he felt that the time had come for the Lodge to have a proper Banner, and accordingly, very generously donated one. He arranged for the making and asked the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Stanley Harley to dedicate it. This was done in his year (1968), and was a most impressive occasion. The Lodge was supported by our Sponsors, Fletcher Lodge number 1031, and a very large gathering of other guests. Unfortunately, the day coincided with the heaviest fall of snow for many years, and quite a large number of Brethren were unable to attend, and in fact, the Provincial Grand Master himself had great difficulty and took some hours to cover the twenty miles back to his home at Coventry. However, it was a great historical occasion, and will long be remembered by those who attended.

There has almost been a family tradition in Vellum Lodge, as can be seen by the following:

1942	A. Warner	Founder			
			B. Warner	Son	Master 1954
1942	A. E. Newman	Founder			
			F. G. Newman	Son	Master 1960
1949	H. J. Windebank	Master			
1950	A. J. H. Windebank Dick Windebank J. Windebank	Master Brothers			
1956	E. Blow				
			D. E. Blow	Son	Master 1967
			P. B. Blow	Son	Master 1972
1968	T. J. Wilcox				
			D. B. Wilcox	Son	Master 1977
			M. J. Fellows	Son-in-law	Master 1974

This is, perhaps, quite natural, as with the exception of the Wilcoxes, the rest were all in business in the Paper Trade, where sons followed fathers almost as a matter of course, and tended to do the same in Freemasonry. Looking back, all these Brethren served the Lodge, and Masonry in general, very well indeed, which seems to prove that example is very important.

The situation at the present time is that although attendance is declining, it is not through lack of interest, but may well be caused by the current high cost of banquets. This undoubtedly affects the guest invitation position and also those Brethren who have retired on fixed incomes, or who are young and making their way, with family expenses and mortgages to meet, and find the increasing extra costs of Freemasonry hard to absorb.

The work has always been based on emulation, although not strict, and the deviations are, to my mind, an improvement. For example, the charge in the N.E. corner is always done by the Almoner, and not the W.M. Also, the charge after Initiation is always done by the J.W., and not the Master. The emulation principle of opening in all Three Degrees, and then resuming into the Degree required, is never used — a good thing to my way of thinking, seeming to be a rather clumsy sort of proceeding. A high standard of work was established early on, and has been maintained, with rare exceptions, ever since. One must remember that there are Brethren who are psychologically unable to handle a ritual with ease and dignity, whether through insufficient preparation, false self confidence ("I'll be alright on the night"), or a personal nervousness which cannot be conquered. It is then up to the rest of the Brethren to help him through his difficulties. It is rare indeed for a ceremony to be completely ruined by incompetence (either of Master or Officer) and I think that I can truthfully say, that I cannot remember a single instance of this happening in Vellum Lodge, although there have been some very awkward moments.

THE Founders of the Lodge, for the consecration of which we are met today, have no doubt been influenced in the choice of its name by the connection it has with their own private avocations. But if we reflect upon it, I believe we shall be able to discern in the word Vellum a significance for us Masons much wider and deeper than that which is at first apparent. Like the various emblems associated with our Craft, it also can be made to symbolize some of the basic ideals and principles of our ancient Order.

From earliest times, man has striven to give permanence to the range of his thoughts upon a variety of materials. In the written word, he has sought to enshrine his deepest feelings and aspirations, and, by his inventive genius and the discovery of the materials suitable to contain that word, has constructed a veritable Home for the Soul. For many a century, and up to our present day, Vellum, as the material used to construct that Home, has occupied a place of high distinction. By virtue of its quality and durability, it has been made to represent in our language the ball-mark of excellence and merit.

To work with materials of excellent and enduring quality is a teaching which is impressed upon our minds by Freemasonry. We are urged to think of society in terms of a vast structure, and in the building of it to employ only the finest materials. No great and stable structure can be built of inferior substances.

and only if the constituent elements are of the finest can it be equal to the test of time and true of our social structure. This is no less all the builders, and it is the primary purpose of our Order to aid men in the selection of the materials at their disposal and to teach them to differentiate between the worthy and the worthless in the edifice of life, in order to avoid ruin and collapse. The ideals and principles of our Craft constitute our materials, and the name which has been chosen for our Lodge should, therefore, indicate to its Founders this important feature of our great Masonic Order.

It has been truly said that a pile of stones does not make a building. It is not enough that the stones be evenly laid side by side and one on top of another. They must be cemented into a substantial whole, if they are to resist the elements successfully. The story of the Vellum-bound volume, from the nature of its binding, enjoys a high standard of soundness and durability, and the function of Vellum in this respect corresponds to the character of Man as taught by Freemasonry. Its strength and achievement are to be known, individuals must be bound together into a solid entity by the bond of their common humanity, by the consciousness of their mutual dependence, and by the spirit of good fellowship. Our Order is a force which binds and builds together various

numbers of men of varied types and talents, uniting them in a world-wide brotherhood, pledged to the principles of a noble integrity and righteousness, and to the spirit of co-operation and concord in all human affairs.

But there is one important direction to which the word Vellum may appropriately turn our thoughts at the present time. Of many services which Vellum has rendered to the world, not the least has been the recording of the divinely-given moral code contained in the laws of our own British Constitution, which has been recorded and enlarged our ordered liberties in a Magna Carta by which our greatest rights have been transmitted from generation to generation. We have sometimes heard of the discovery of a masterpiece of painting, hidden perhaps for a century or more beneath the dust of an unskilled artist. A conceited dauber had no hesitation in imposing himself upon the genius. In course of time, however, it has been the work of the restorer to bring to light the skill of the master. This has also happened with the most precious writing of the remote past, to that of some of the greatest teachers and sages of antiquity. The Vellum upon which they had written was seized upon by some ill-instructed scribe of a later generation, who had no hesitation in obliterating the work of genius in order to impose his own inferior creation. But owing to the faithful quality of the Vellum, the super-imposed

writing could be removed and the original message restored. Sheets of Vellum upon which a second and even third or fourth writing has been made are known as palimpsests. The original writing may have been washed or scraped away, but its trace still remains preserved for us.

There is a striking significance in this for our own times. We are today fighting to preserve age-long, honoured, and sacred principles against a ruthless foe, who is attempting to erase and obliterate them and write in their place a new conception of morality, in which toleration is replaced by tyranny, and mercy and humanity by barbarism and cruelty. We have been called upon to defend vital principles of civilization and to prevent the writing of paganism from being imposed upon the Vellum, in which is inscribed the eternal and inspiring heritage of our ideals. At a time like the present, it is, therefore, all the more necessary that we Masons proclaim our faith in the triumph of the ideals of our great Order, and affirm our conviction that through them the world can be converted into a Temple of Peace and Harmony.

Here then, Brethren, is a message which the Founders may derive from the title they have thought fit to attach to this Lodge. May they, by their devotion and steadfastness to the principles of Freemasonry, and their imperishable record of glorious achievement in the annals of the Craft, and attain the high purposes to which they have today set their hand.

Officers and Founders:

W.M.	-	-	Wor. Bro. CHARLIE D. EATON, P.G.D.
I.P.M.	-	-	Wor. Bro. A. WARNER, P.P.G.D., WORCS.
S.W.	-	-	Wor. Bro. E. H. GOLDSWORTHY, P.P.G.P.
J.W.	-	-	Wor. Bro. A. T. ASTON, P.M. 1031.
Chaplain	-	-	Wor. Bro. H. RICHARDSON, P.A.G.D.C.
Treasurer	-	-	Wor. Bro. J. T. BAUGH, P.M. 511.
Secretary	-	-	Bro. H. EDWARDS.
Director of Ceremonies	-	-	Wor. Bro. JOHN TYLER, P.P.G., Org.
S.D.	-	-	Bro. PETER S. TAYLOR.
J.D.	-	-	Bro. H. SMITH.
Assist. Director of Ceremonies	-	-	Wor. Bro. A. E. NEWMAN, P.M. 1031.
Almoner and Charity Steward	-	-	Bro. H. J. WINDEBANK.
Organist	-	-	Bro. GEORGE MICHIE.
Assist. Secretary	-	-	Bro. E. J. DOCKER.
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Steward	-	-	Bro. A. J. H. WINDEBANK.
Steward	-	-	Wor. Bro. A. T. SHORTHOSE SMITH, P.M. 3431

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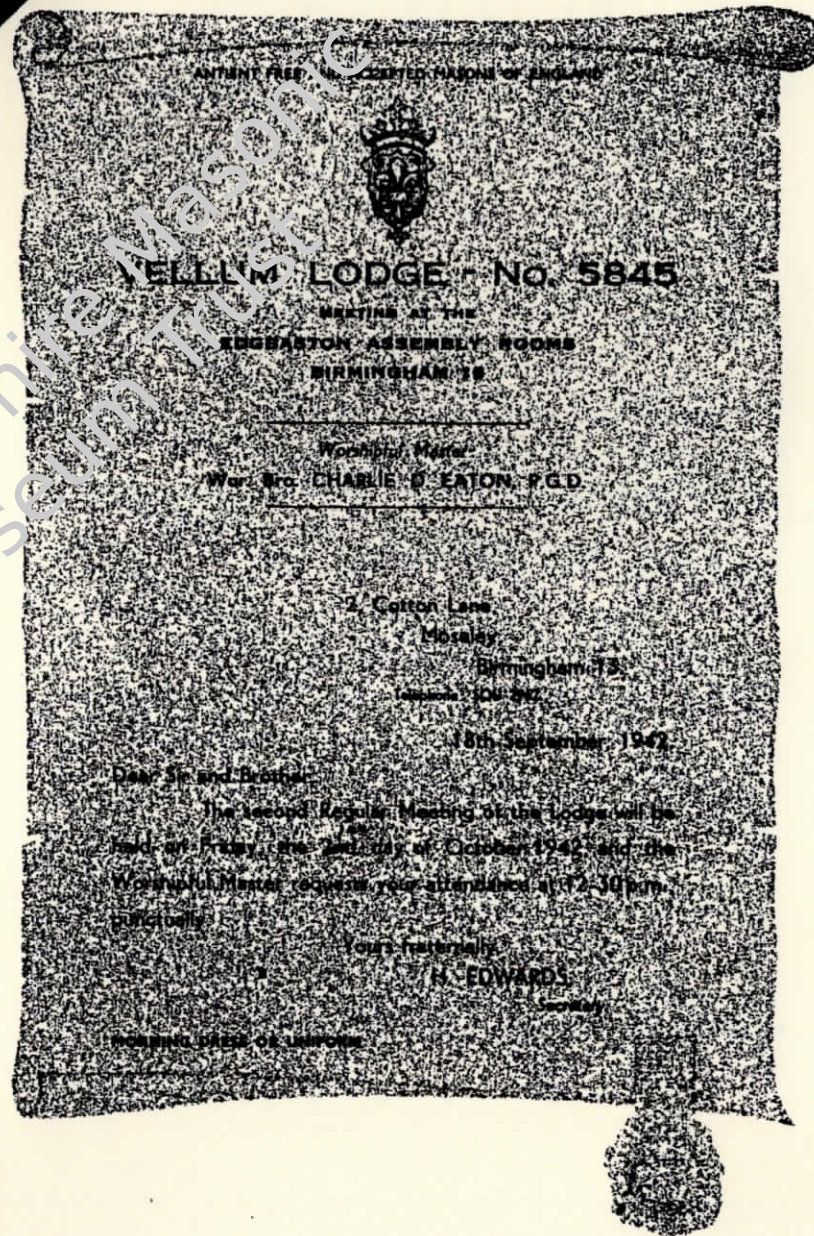
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BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge at 12-30 p.m. prompt.
2. To read the summons convening the meeting.
3. To read, and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting held on May 29th., 1942.
4. To Ballot for as Joining Members, the following Brethren, who were proposed in open Lodge, on 29th., May 1942.

Bro. Albert Longhurst, Kings Heath Lodge No. 3863, Company Director, 66 Swanhurst Lane, Moseley, Birmingham, business address, Messrs. Windebank & Co. Ltd., Lancaster Street, Birmingham 4. Proposed by the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. H. Edwards, Sec.

Bro. Frank Ashley Ellison, Machen Lodge No. 1782, Assistant Branch Manager, 16 Astley Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham 32, business address Messrs. Spicers Ltd., 74 Church Street, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Bro. George Michie, Asst. Sec., seconded by Wor. Bro. A. T. Aston, J.W.

Bro. Arthur McAllister Kerr, The Samaritan Lodge No. 5728, Manager, 77 Brockhurst Road, Birmingham 8., business address, Messrs. J. S. Darwen & Co. Ltd., 11 Summer Row, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Wor. Bro. E. H. Goldsworthy, S.W., seconded by Bro. H. Edwards, Sec.

Wor. Bro. Percy Thomas Robson, Menchuria Lodge No. 418, and Foster Green Lodge No. 2770, Paper Merchant, Ash House, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, business address, The Copery, Henley Stoke-on-Trent. Proposed by Bro. H. Edwards, Sec., seconded by Wor. Bro. J. T. Baugh, Treasurer.

Bro. Arthur Oswald Jones, The Page Lodge No. 3378, Paper Merchant, 10 Birch Avenue, Worcester, business address 14 Broad Street, Worcester. Proposed by Wor. Bro. J. T. Baugh, Treasurer, seconded by Bro. H. Edwards, Sec.

5. To Invest Officers not appointed at the Consecration Meeting.

6. To Ballot for as Candidates for Initiation, and if elected, initiate one of the following :—

Flight Lieut. Bertram Warner, Age 48 years, Civilian Employment, Paper Maker's Salesman, Present Employment, Officer in H. M. Forces. 33 Acton Road, Wrexham, N. Wales, business address Messrs. Olive & Panton Ltd., 16 Ludgate Hill, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Wor. Bro. A. Warner, I.P.M., seconded by Wor. Bro. A. T. Aston, J.W. Proposed in Open Lodge, May 29th., 1942.

Mr. Edgar Blow, age 35 years, Manager for Paper Merchants, 106 Ladbrook Road, Solihull, Nr. Birmingham, business address Messrs. Bradbury & Smith Ltd., 41 Water Street, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Wor. Bro. A. T. Shennose Smith, and seconded by Wor. Bro. E. H. Goldsworthy S.W. Proposed in Open Lodge May 29th., 1942.

Mr. Herbert Charles Windbank, age 34 years, Company Director, 9 Whirlow Grove, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11, business address 103/105 Carver Street, Sheffield 1. Proposed by Bro. E. J. Docker, I.G., and seconded by Bro. H. Smith, J.D. Proposed in Open Lodge, May 29th., 1942.

Mr. Wilfred Sydney Holbrook, age 54 years, Manager, Plymouth House, Tardibigge, Nr. Bromsgrove, business address, Messrs. Spicers Ltd., 74 Church Street, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Wor. Bro. A. T. Aston, J.W., seconded by Bro. A. E. Edwards. Proposed in Open Lodge May 29th., 1942.

Mr. Clement Howard Edwards, age 58 years, Managing Director, 439 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham 14, business address Messrs. C. H. Edwards & Co. Ltd., Paper Merchants, Ludgate Hill, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Bro. A. E. Edwards, seconded by Wor. Bro. A. Warner I.P.M. Proposed in Open Lodge May 29th., 1942.

Mr. Raymond Nathaniel Edwards, age 47 years, Paper Merchant's Traveller, 108 Manor House Lane, South Yardley, Birmingham 26, business address Messrs. C. H. Edwards & Co. Ltd., Ludgate Hill, Birmingham 3. Proposed by Bro. A. E. Edwards, seconded by Bro. A. W. Gough. Proposed in Open Lodge May 29th., 1942.

7. To receive Propositions.
8. To receive subscriptions.
9. To Transact any other business not requiring notice of motion.
10. To close the Lodge.

NOTE:—Lunch will be served at 2-30 p.m. but preparation will only be made for those Brethren who signify to the Secretary their intention to be present, stating the names of their Guests not later than 27th., September 1942.

VELLUM LODGE—No. 5845

Worshipful Master: Wor Bro. CHARLIE D. EATON, P.G.D.

REVENUE ACCOUNT OF CONSECRATION ON MAY 29th, 1942.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.		Cr.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Founders Fees	189 0 0			By Grand Lodge charges	17 9 6		
To Visitors Fees	63 0 0			Provincial Grand Lodge charges	0 0		
			252 0 0	Printing and Stationery	6 17 2		
				Postage and Telephone	13 6		25 10 6
				Musical	4 4 0		
				Cigarettes	1 0 0		
				Dinners	9 13 6		
				Wines, Spirits and Minerals	42 11 3		
				Rent of Rooms	28 18 8		94 14 11
				Grant to Max's Emergency Fund	5 5 0		5 5 0
				Balance carried to Balance Sheet		126 9 7	
						£252 0 0	

*From Founders:
Instead of 189/-
Add to that
Miss Conroy's
Jack Langley's*

Dr. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR 16 MONTHS ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1943. Cr.

EXPENDITURE.		RECEIPTS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Rent	28 12 0	By Initiation and Joining Fees	231 0 0
Grand Lodge Dues and Charges	14 3 3	Subscriptions	162 15 0
Provincial Grand Lodge Dues and Charges	8 16 3	Visitors' Fees	63 11 0
Printing and Stationery	51 0 3	Masonic Clothing	4 0 0
Postage and Telephone	10 17 7		457 6 0
Tyler	4 5 0		4 0 0
Dinners	80 7 0		
Wines, Spirits and Minerals	58 14 2		
Cigars and Cigarettes	4 10 0		
Masonic Clothing	11 5 0		
Sundries	2 1 0		
Insurance	1 14 9		
Bank Charges	1 0 0		
Almoner's Temple Fund Account	84 0 0		
Balance carried to Balance Sheet, being excess of income over expenditure for the period	84 0 0		
	99 19 9		
	£461 6 0		£461 6 0

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1943.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Funds:		Cash at Bank	136 12 0
Balance of Consecration Account	126 9 7	Masonic Clothing at cost	4 0 0
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period	99 19 9	Lodge Furniture at cost	85 17 4
	226 9 4		226 9 4
	£226 9 4		£226 9 4

Audited and found correct,
A. T. ASTON
PETER S. TAYLOR, A.C.A. Auditors.

ALMONER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE 16 MONTHS ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1943. Cr.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Royal Masonic Institute for Boys	59 17 0	Royal Masonic Institute for Boys	80 0 0
Tontines No. 1 and No. 2, allocated to above	21 0 0	Royal Masonic Institute for Girls	11 11 0
Royal Masonic Institute for Girls	10 10 0	Malta Relief Fund	6 0 0
Collection for Malta Relief Fund	6 0 0	Warwickshire Masonic Emergency Fund	5 3 0
Warwickshire Masonic Emergency Fund (per Treasurer)	5 5 0	Warwickshire Masonic B.	10 0 0
Anonymous Donation	10 10 0	Warwickshire Masonic W.	5 5 0
Stewards Fees	3 3 0	Fund	
Charity Box Collections	34 11 0	Warwickshire Masonic	1 1 0
		Itinerant Fund	4 4 0
		Royal Masonic Hospital	0 0 0
		Cheque	
			124 15 0
		Balance at 30th September, 1943	26 1 0
			£150 16 0

A. E. NEWMAN, P.M. 1031, Almoner.

Dr. TEMPLE STEWARDS' ACCOUNT. Cr.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount received from	84 0 0	Amount paid to Provincial Grand Secretary	84 0 0
per By-laws	84 0 0		84 0 0
	£84 0 0		£84 0 0

In response to the appeal of the W. Provincial Grand Master on July 18th, 1943, for Loans and Gifts to the Temple Fund, members of the Vellum Lodge, No. 5845 have subscribed as follows:—
Loans, 5 Brethren, £1,160 0 0
Gifts, 3 Brethren, 25 15 0
£1,185 15 0

Audited and found correct,
A. T. ASTON
PETER S. TAYLOR, A.C.A. Auditors.

A. E. NEWMAN, P.M. 1031, Temple Steward.

Dr. GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT FOR 16 MONTHS ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1943. Cr.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance 1st June, 1942		By Rent	28 12 0
from Consecration A/c	126 9 7	Grand Lodge Dues and Charges	14 3 3
	126 9 7	Provincial Grand Lodge Dues and Charges	8 16 3
Initiation and Joining Fees	231 0 0	Printing and Stationery	51 0 3
Subscriptions	162 15 0	Postage and Telephone	10 17 7
Visitors' Fees	63 11 0	Tyler	4 5 0
	457 6 0	Dinners	80 7 0
		Wines, Spirits and Minerals	58 14 2
		Cigars and Cigarettes	4 10 0
		Masonic Clothing	11 5 0
		Sundries	2 1 0
		Insurance	1 14 9
		Bank Charges	1 0 0
		Almoner's Temple Fund Account	16 0 0
		Lodge Furniture	85 17 4
		Cash at Bank at 30th Sept., 1943	85 17 4
			136 12 0
			£583 15 7