

Extracts from the diary of Elias Ashmole  
16th October 1646 & 10th/11th March 1682

1646.

Oct: 16. 4<sup>h</sup> 30. p.m. I was made a Free Mason  
at Warrington in Lancashire, with Joh: Hart  
Master of the Lodge of St. Andrew in Fishers.  
The names of those that were then of the Lodge  
Mr. Rich: Penket Warden, Mr. James Fuller, Mr. Rich:  
Lankey, Henry Litter, John Elton, Mr. Rich: Elton  
& Hugh Brewer.

March 1682

10. About 5<sup>h</sup> p.m. I was a common to go to a  
Lodge to be held the next day, at M. S. N. Hall London.

11. Accordingly I went, & about 10<sup>h</sup> were admitted  
into the Fellowship of Free Masons,  
Mr. William Wilson Master, Capt. Rich: Borthwick,  
Mr. Will. Godman, Mr. W. Grey, Mr. Samuel  
Jayson & Mr. William Wise.

I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35  
years since I was admitted) there were present  
beside my self the Fellows after named.

Mr. Tho: Wise, Mr. of the Masons Company this  
present year. Mr. Thomas Shortridge, Mr. Thomas  
Sheldbolt, ~~Mr. Thomas~~ Waindson Esq:  
Mr. Rich: Young. Mr. John Shortridge, Mr. William  
Hannon, Mr. John Thompson, & Mr. Will: Stanton.

We all dined at the Raffe Moone Tavern in  
Princes-street, at a Noble Dinner prepared at the charge  
of the new accepted Masons.