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The Master of the Rolls 1918-19*

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“On the motion of W. Bro. C. Swinfen Eady J.W. it was resolved that the Lodge should recommend a Petition about to be presented to the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge to be composed chiefly of Managing Chancery Clerks in the offices of Solicitors. The Signatures of the Master and Wardens were affixed accordingly”. Thus reads a minute of the meeting of the Chancery Bar Lodge No. 2456 held on 1st December 1897 and is clearly the advent of the Justinian Lodge No. 2694 which was granted a Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England on the 20th December 1897 and consecrated on the 31st March 1898.

The mists of time have blotted out the circumstances which prompted the formation of a “Managing Chancery Clerks” Lodge or who, precisely, had the first thought of such a Lodge. However, it is clear that W. Bro. Swinfen Eady, was very instrumental in the promotion and formation of the Justinian Lodge and it is reasonable to assume that because of the close working relationship between Solicitors Managing Clerks and Barristers he, and others, decided that such relationship should be furthered on a fraternal social basis.

The records show that in its early years the predominance of Initiates into Justinian were “Solicitors Managing Clerks”, a branch of the legal profession whose members were held in high esteem and respect within the profession. The title of “Solicitors Managing Clerk” ceased in 1963 when the Association (founded in 1892) of which such clerks were members was succeeded by the Institute of Legal Executives.

What of W. Bro. Swinfen Eady? As a lawyer he was a man of great distinction having first practised as a Solicitor in London, he subsequently joined the Inner Temple and was called to the bar in 1879. He took silk in 1893, was created a Judge of the Chancery Division in 1901 and elevated to the Court of Appeal in 1913, reaching the pinnacle of his career in May 1918 when he was appointed Master of the Rolls. Unfortunately ill health compelled him to retire on the 31st October 1919, the day prior to his being created Baron Swinfen of Chertsey in the County of Surrey. However, he was not long to enjoy that noble distinction because, regrettably, he passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 15th November 1919.

Masonically, W.Bro. Swinfen Eady also had a distinguished career. He was initiated in Lodge of Emulation No. 21 and was a Founder member and Past Master of the Chancery Bar Lodge. He held the rank of Past Deputy Grand Registrar and subsequently Past Grand Warden.

Not surprisingly, the Founders named in the Warrant of the Lodge are headed by Charles Swinfen Eady QC, the other Founders being William Walton Snelling, William Briggs, Thomas Bishop, John Thomas Sweet, Henry Colley, James Redgrove, Charles William Scott, Robert Colsell, John Clifton Escott, E.J. Allen, Arthur Bristow and F. J. Street, nine of whom were Solicitors Managing Clerks.

The Lodge was consecrated at the Inns of Court Hotel Lincoln Inn Fields, London W.C.2 on Thursday 31st March 1898 when, again not surprisingly, W. Bro. Swinfen Eady was installed as the first Master.

The Ceremony of Consecration was carried out by the then Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. Edward Letchworth, assisted by V.W. Bro. R. Horton Smith QC, Deputy Grand Registrar as Senior Warden, V.W. Bro. John Strachan QC Past Deputy Grand Registrar as Junior Warden; V.W. Bro. The Ven. Archdeacon Stevens Past Grand Chaplain as Chaplain; W. Bro. Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon as Director of Ceremonies and W. Bro. T.H. Gardiner Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies as Inner Guard.

The Minutes of the Consecration show that a number of Judges, Queens Counsel, and other distinguished members of the Legal Profession were present, including the Grand Registrar, Judge Philbrick, Q.C. They also show that on the Third Rising there were propositions for 7 Initiates and 2 Joining Members. The Consecration Banquet Menu shown on the next page suggests that Brethren at that time were not unduly diet conscious! !

Masonically, and in particular for the Justinian Lodge, Thursday 31st March 1898 was a momentous day but what of the outside world? According to the "Times" of 31st March 1898:-

3,000 South Wales miners had ignored their Leaders advice and would cease work that night. Fear was expressed that this could be the start of a general strike

Sir Robert Peel was adjudicated Bankrupt

A cruise to Naples, Palermo, Algiers, Gibraltar, Lisbon, starting from Marseilles could be had for £18.18s. on the "S.S. Midnight Sun, 3188 tons, electric light, excellent cuisine".

Someone was requiring a lady cook who would have a comfortable home and take her meals with the governess. "Salary £25 p.a."

CONSECRATION BANQUET MENU

Bonne Bouche de Foie Gras

*Clear Turtle
Crème a la Reine*

*Saumon, sauce Genevoise
Whitebait*

Cassolettes de Ris de Veau Royale

Doulet saute a la Vaudeville

*Selle de Mouton de Galles
Pommes Nouvelles - Haricots verts Nouveaux*

Sorbet au Rhum

*Rable de Lievre, sauce Robert
Salade de Saison*

Timbale de fruits a la Suedoise

*Bombe Danachee
Petits Fours*

Dessert

Why “**JUSTINIAN**” and who would have chosen such a distinctive and unique name? The answer to the last part of this question would appear undoubtedly to be W. Bro. Swinfen Eady who, being steeped in law would naturally look to a name associated with it. His knowledge, or research (probably a combination of both) led him to Flavius Anicius Justinianus, (483 -563 A.D.) who on the death of his uncle, Emperor Justin 1, was proclaimed Emperor Justinian. He took a great interest in the law and was instrumental in the introduction of the Corpus Juris Civilis or Body of (Roman) Civil law which has influenced European jurisprudence.

“Justinian” was, therefore, a most apt name for a lodge whose very roots were in the legal profession.

The intention that Justinian would be a “class” lodge, accepting for membership only those connected with the legal profession, and Solicitors Managing Clerks in particular, was put to the test in 1902 when a “Wine Merchant Manager” was proposed for initiation. The proposal was said to be “against the rules of the Lodge” and firmly rejected.

In some measure, the test of what constituted “members of the legal profession” in the context of the Lodge By-laws, was put in 1904 when a brother moved “that this Lodge be opened to Barristers Clerks”. The Motion was rejected, no doubt being influenced by a letter from W.Bro. Swinfen Eady in which he expressed his “very strong view” that the alteration envisaged by the Motion would “put a severe strain upon both members of the Bar and their Clerks if they were members of the same Lodge”.

And so the Lodge continued to be that solely of members of the legal Profession - Barristers clerks being considered outside that classification - until November 1909 when it was resolved that the Lodge “should cease to be a class

lodge and that it be thrown open". This was with the blessing of W.Bro. Swinfen Eady who wrote to the Secretary of the Lodge to that effect. No time was lost in bringing what would hitherto have been considered "outsiders", into the Lodge because two meetings later (March 1910) an Architect and Surveyor was initiated, followed shortly after that by an Accountant, an Insurance Agent, a Mechanical Engineer and a Marine Engineer. It was not until eight years after the rejection of Barristers Clerks that one was accepted into the Lodge.

The meeting on 17th October 1912 was a "Peake" occasion in that the three candidates for initiation were Henry Peake aged 42 a "Wholesale Dealer in Game"; Sydney Peake aged 37 a Company Secretary; and Philip Peake aged 30, also, a Wholesale Dealer in Game. Nothing is now known of their family relationship but it is reasonable to assume that they were blood brothers. It is also interesting to note that Henry Peake's address was but two doors from that of the very distinguished Secretary of the Lodge, W. Bro. Henry Walton, about whom more is said later.

The minutes of 17th October 1912 show the caring spirit of the members by the unanimous resolution that W. Bro. Maidwell, the Founder Tyler, who was relinquishing that office because of infirmity, would receive from the Lodge three guineas a year "for the remainder of his life" - it is fair to assume that three guineas was the annual amount Bro. Maidwell received for his duties as Tyler.

The minutes of the meeting in May 1913 are brief, the only business carried out being the absolute minimum. The clue to the reason for this lies in the dispensation attached to the minutes. It permitted "persons other than Freemasons" to be present and the Brethren to wear Masonic Clothing and Jewels, subject to certain conditions. One of the conditions reads "that such clothing and jewels are not to be worn at any dance which may be held" which clearly shows that ladies would be present.

The presence of non masons and ladies was obviously successful because similar meetings were held in subsequent years - presumably forerunners to what we now refer as a "White Table Lodge".

From its inception the Lodge met at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn until October 1913 when it moved to the Abercorn Rooms at the Liverpool Street hotel. The move was undoubtedly prompted by prior notice of the closure of the Inns of Court hotel in 1914, shortly after which it was converted to a telephone exchange.

1914 saw the outbreak of the First World War throughout which the Lodge met on the normal meeting days carrying out the usual ceremonies. Apart from the occasional expression of sympathy to a brother whose son had been killed in the war, there is little reference to it. However, within the minutes of the meeting on the 15th October 1914, is a "Post Office Telegraph" from Buckingham Palace prevailing upon the Lodge to support the Prince of Wales "National Relief Fund" set up to alleviate the "acute distress which must inevitably arise on account of the war". The Lodge responded with a generous donation.

At the meeting on 19th November 1914 the Secretary read letters from the Founder Master, W. Bro. Swinfen Eady, and the Founder Senior Warden, W. Bro. William Snelling, tendering their resignations. The resignations were accepted with great regret and, simultaneously, they were elected honorary members of the Lodge.

By the end of 1915 the membership had increased to 58 and the following year was to see the initiation of a brother who proved to be one of the great pillars of the Lodge. That Brother was Henry Herbert Walton who at the age of 28 was initiated on the 18th May 1916. He, too, was a Solicitors Managing Clerk

and practised as such for over 50 years with the highly prestigious firm of Slaughter and May in the City of London.

Throughout the Legal Profession, as well as Masonically, W. Bro. Walton, was held in very high esteem and respect as reflected by the presence of several High Court Judges and other very eminent members of the Legal Profession and Freemasonry, among the large number at his installation as Master of the Lodge in November 1933.

From 1933 until he became Secretary in 1945, W. Bro. Walton held a variety of offices in the Lodge and was instrumental in raising large sums for Masonic and other charities - he was a most generous man in his charitable giving and had the knack of encouraging others to follow his lead. He was for many many years the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, at the meetings of which the Brethren were left in no doubt if W. Bro. Walton felt they were lacking in enthusiasm or industry.

W. Bro. Walton was a most efficient Secretary for 26 years, having taken over at short notice from W. Bro. F. Briggs who according to the Minutes was compelled to resign "on account of deafness". In 1953 W. Bro. Walton was honoured with the rank of Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer and promoted to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1963. He remained a loyal and dedicated member of the Lodge until his death in April 1975 at the age of 86. His dedication is perhaps shown by the fact that he was at the meeting only one month before his death and the affection for him was evidenced by the large number who attended his funeral, at which senior members of the Lodge were pall bearers.

At the meeting in January 1918 a communication from the Grand Secretary was read dealing with two particular points. The first being the necessity for food economy following an appeal from his Majesty the King for national econ-



W. Bro. Henry Walton P.A.G.D.C
Worshipful Master 1933 - Secretary 1945-71

omy and “frugality in the consumption of food”. The second followed the setting up by Grand Lodge of a special fund to provide parcels of food and special comforts to relieve the hardship of Brethren interred as “Civilian prisoners of war”, particularly those at Ruhleben, Spandau near Berlin where there were some 200 internees.

The Lodge responded to the second point with a generous donation to the special fund as it did to many other charitable appeals during the 1914-18 war.

The response to the first point was to set up a Sub-Committee to “interview the manager of the hotel” where the Brethren were then meeting “on the question of food economy”.

Subsequent Minutes make no reference to, or indeed give any clue as to, the outcome of the interview with the Manager so we shall never know whether the Brethren, in fact, tightened their belts at subsequent Festive Boards. We must assume that in true Masonic spirit and loyalty they would have done so but the menu (copy over page) at the Installation meeting on 21st November 1918 suggests it was not with lasting effect! !

As was the custom, there was a “programme of music” on that occasion performed by three artistes under the direction of Bro. James Herbert Marks LRAM who was for many years the Lodge Organist.

The meeting of 16th October 1919 is unique in the history of the Lodge in that it saw the only double initiation of a father and son, namely, Ernest Francis Drake, aged 51 and Walter Charles Drake, aged 29. As appears later, a third generation member of the Drake family came into the Lodge in 1948.

In 1920 the initiation fee was raised to 12 guineas, the joining fee 7 guineas

INSTALLATION MENU
21ST NOVEMBER 1918

Oysters

*Consomme Dame Blanche
Tomato*

*Brill a la Mornay
White Bait*

*York Ham. Madeira sauce
Spinach. Chateaux potatoes*

Lobster Mayonnaise

*Savarin Aux Fruits
Cheese*

Coffee

and the annual subscription to £3.10 shillings. In comparison to today's fees and subscriptions these amounts seem small but when related to income and the value of the pound at that time they were substantial.

That the Lodge continued to flourish is apparent from the Summons for the meeting on 20th January 1921 at which there was a double Raising; a double Passing and two from a list of eight, Initiated. There was also a ballot for yet a further Initiate.

At the meeting on 18th May 1922 a Resolution was passed "that the Lodge become a Founding Lodge of The Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home and that the sum of fifty guineas be paid out of the General Funds forthwith on account". The Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home was a forerunner of the Royal Masonic Hospital of which the Lodge was an ardent supporter throughout.

The twenty fifth anniversary of the Lodge passed with no recognition of this event, the meeting on 15th March 1923 being little different to those which had taken place throughout that period. The membership had now risen to 95 and at that meeting there was a double initiation, a double Passing and a double Raising.

What of the outside world as at 31st March 1923:-

Buckingham Palace announced that in view of the limited seating accommodation in the Abbey, their Majesties were giving two parties at the Palace in connection with the marriage of the Duke of York (later King George VI) and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (The present Queen Mother)

A report in the Times on Lenin's illness gave such details as his temperature, pulse and respiration.

The funeral in Paris on the previous day, of Mme Sarah Bernhardt was widely reported.

George Robey was top of the Bill at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

At the meeting on 18th October 1923, it was resolved to send a contribution of five guineas to the “Mansion House Japanese Relief Fund” in response to an appeal through Grand Lodge. This fund was set up for the relief of Japanese Masons in Tokyo and Yokohama, many of whom had suffered severe loss in the earthquake which had struck those cities on the 1st September 1923.

The quest for membership of Justinian was such that emergency meetings were necessary to keep abreast of ceremonies. For instance, an emergency meeting was held on 10th July 1924 when (with dispensation) 4 Brethren were Passed and a further 4 Brethren were Raised. The Minutes show that, effectively, this was done by means of four separate ceremonies, two Candidates for each, carried out by the Worshipful Master and three Past Masters. The meeting was called for 5.30 and was “followed by light refreshments” - rather a late finish no doubt ! !

In October 1924 the Initiation Fee was increased to fifteen guineas - was this intended to curb an excess of further Candidates or was it an overt expression of the value which the Brethren placed on membership of the Justinian Lodge? Whichever, by the end of 1925 membership had increased to 105.

A communication dated November 1924 announcing the Special Festival in aid of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund on 8th August 1925 at Olympia, is an indication of the Royal Family’s interest in Freemasonry. It stated that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn would be supported by their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales, Provincial

Grand Master Surrey; The Duke of York, Provincial Grand Master Middlesex; and Prince Arthur of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire. Clearly a large gathering was expected for that occasion because the communication also stated that special travelling facilities “will be accorded by the Railway Companies”. The Minutes give no indication of Justinian’s representation at the Festival but they show clearly the generosity of the Brethren in their Financial support which was in excess of £1,000 - a princely sum in the twenties.

A resolution was passed at the meeting on 19th May 1927 that the Lodge “become a Hall Stone Lodge”. The Hall Stone Medal was presented to W. Bro. Spooner (Secretary) as representative of the Lodge by The Most Worshipful The Grand Master at the Quarterly Communications on the 3rd June 1931. For the past 67 years each Master has had the privilege of wearing that Hall Stone Jewel and collar, thanks to the generosity and foresight of their forebears.

In passing it is of interest to note that in the 1920’s, the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge were not always held in London. For instance, in September 1923 they were held at Liverpool and in September 1928 at Birmingham. The notice for the 1928 meeting states “the Railway Companies have agreed to issue tickets for the return journey at single fare plus one third” so presumably a large contingent from London was anticipated.

The 14th June 1930 was the end of an era within the Lodge in that the last surviving Founder of the Lodge passed to the Grand Lodge above. He was W. Bro. Robert Colsell PAGDC, the Founder Junior Deacon, who was installed as Master in 1903. The respect and affection which the members held for this Brother is clearly evidenced by the fact that the Summons for the meeting on 16th October 1930, (the first after W. Bro. Colsell’s death) was edged black and the Lodge was placed in mourning. The business at the meeting was kept to a minimum but glowing tributes were expressed. A tribute printed on the

Summons reads:

“He was one of the Founders of the Lodge and his name will be inseparably associated with the annals of Justinian Lodge as Guide, Philosopher and Friend”

That the aid of Freemasons was solicited for a great variety of things both charitable and non charitable is clearly reflected in a letter dated 21st December 1931 which was read at the Lodge meeting on 21st January 1932. The letter was from the Empire Marketing Board, a body on which all political parties were represented and whose primary function was that of increasing the consumption in the United Kingdom of “Empire products from home and overseas”. The purpose of the letter was “to interest the Members of the Craft whose influence, exercised in support of the Board’s objects, would be a notable reinforcement of its policy”. It suggested that the Lodge would materially contribute to the promotion of increased Empire trade if Caterers at Lodge functions were urged to use Empire, or home produced, foodstuffs.

The 1930’s and particularly its early years were difficult times for many as is reflected in the number of applications for assistance which the Lodge received from members. Even so, the records show that the first half of the 1930s was a busy time for the Lodge in the number of ceremonies it carried out. It is interesting to note that on 15th March and 17th May 1934 the Worshipful Master, Henry Walton, himself, carried out the ceremonies of Initiation, Passing and Raising at each of those meetings.

A joyous event took place on the 19th July 1933 when the New Temple at Freemasons’ Hall was dedicated. All ranks from Master Mason upward were invited provided they had contributed not less than 10 guineas to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund. The Lodge records do not show who from the Justinian Lodge attended that dedication but it is fair to assume that many members would have done so particularly because of their avid support for the Memorial Fund.

At the meeting on 15th November 1934 the Secretary reported a letter from the Royal Masonic Hospital stating that the page in the "Book of Founding Lodges" for the 24th August 1934 which showed the Lodge as one of the original Founders of the hospital, had been on display that day, in the entrance hall to the hospital.

In his Report to the Brethren at the meeting on 19th November 1936 the Secretary said that he had sent the usual Annual Return of Members of the Lodge to the Clerk of Police for the City of London (Old Bailey).

On the 4th September 1939 Grand Lodge ordered the suspension of all Masonic meetings in view of the National emergency preceding the outbreak of war. That order was subsequently revoked, and at the meeting on 16th November 1939, it was resolved that the Lodge should continue to meet on its usual days. It was also resolved that the subscription for all members be reduced to one guinea from the 1st November 1939 and that "in view of the abnormal conditions under which the Lodge would be meeting for some time", the present Worshipful Master and the officers should continue for another year

A little more than one year into the war years, the members were clearly determined to carry on as near to normal as possible with the result that at the meeting on 21st November 1940 Bro. Walter Charles Drake was installed as Master and appointed his officers in the usual way. The meeting was called for 2 p.m. and was preceded by a Luncheon at 1 p.m. The reason for early afternoon meetings was no doubt to enable the Brethren to leave the City before darkness in view of the "blackout" of all lights and the threat of bombing.

Two sad announcements were made at the meeting on 15th January 1942. The first was the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught & Strathearn, The Most Worshipful Grand Master from 1901 to 1939. The second was the death of W.Bro. Spooner, PAGSt.B the first initiate of the

Lodge and Secretary for 24 years. A happier note was the “heartiest congratulations” extended to W. Bro. Barnes on his appointment to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Only two meetings later in October 1942 the Lodge was saddened on hearing of the tragic and untimely death, on active service, of The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Air Commodore H.R.H. The Duke of Kent. His death brought to an end a memorable stretch of 68 years during which three Royal Grand Masters had ruled the Craft. It was not until 25 years later that the Craft was again honoured and privileged with a Royal Grand Master in the person of The Most Worshipful Brother H.R.H. Duke of Kent, our present Grand Master.

At the meeting on 21st January 1943 it was resolved to move from the Liverpool Street Hotel (the Abercorn Rooms) to Freemasons’ Hall, Great Queen Street, WC2. The Minutes state that the Secretary informed the Brethren of the reasons for making this change but unfortunately those reasons are not recorded. No time was lost in giving effect to the Resolution because (by dispensation) the next meeting (18th March 1943) was held at Freemasons’ Hall when Douglas Ellis Carpenter, a Mechanical Engineer was initiated.

The 2nd December 1943 marked the beginning of the Justinian Chapter when it was agreed that a Petition for the formation of the Chapter “under the auspices of this Lodge” be presented to Supreme Grand Chapter.

The first indication that the Lodge was returning to peace- time normality was at the meeting on 17th January 1946 when the Resolution passed on the 16th November 1939 reducing the annual subscription, was rescinded and the full annual subscription of four guineas was re-instated.



*W. Bro. Frederick Spooner P.G.Std.B.,
First Initiate 19 May 1898 - Worshipful Master 1907*

The 17th October 1946 was a red letter day for the Lodge which was honoured by the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Brig. Gen. W.H.B. Darell C.B., C.M.G., T.S.O. This distinguished guest witnessed the ceremonies of Passing (a double) and Raising after which he addressed the Brethren, “expressing his pleasure with the work performed in the Lodge”.

The meeting on 16th October 1947 commenced with the announcement of the deaths of The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, The Earl of Harewood, and W. Bro. Arthur Edward Williams PAGDC. W. Bro. Williams had been elected an honorary member of the Lodge in December 1946 and at the meeting on the 20th March 1947 an Illuminated Address was presented to him to mark his 30 years service as Treasurer. The Minutes record that the Brethren stood to order and sang the hymn “Abide with me”.

The 31st March 1948 was a special and momentous day which the Lodge, marked with a “Celebration of the Jubilee Meeting”. A Dispensation was obtained to enable the meeting to take place on the exact date in the month as that of the consecration fifty years previously. 51 members and 97 guests attended the meeting.

After the opening hymn, the Psalm “Behold how good and joyful a Thing it is” was sung and several verses from the Bible were read. Then followed the Initiation of a 24 year old law undergraduate named Frederick Maurice Drake. He was proposed by his father and seconded by the Secretary, W. Bro. Henry Walton. He was the third generation of the Drake family to come into the Lodge, his father and grandfather having been initiated in a double ceremony on 16th October 1919. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Harold Swinscoe carried out the ceremony of initiation, but the Charge to the Initiate was delivered by his father, W. Bro. Walter C. Drake, the Director of Ceremonies.

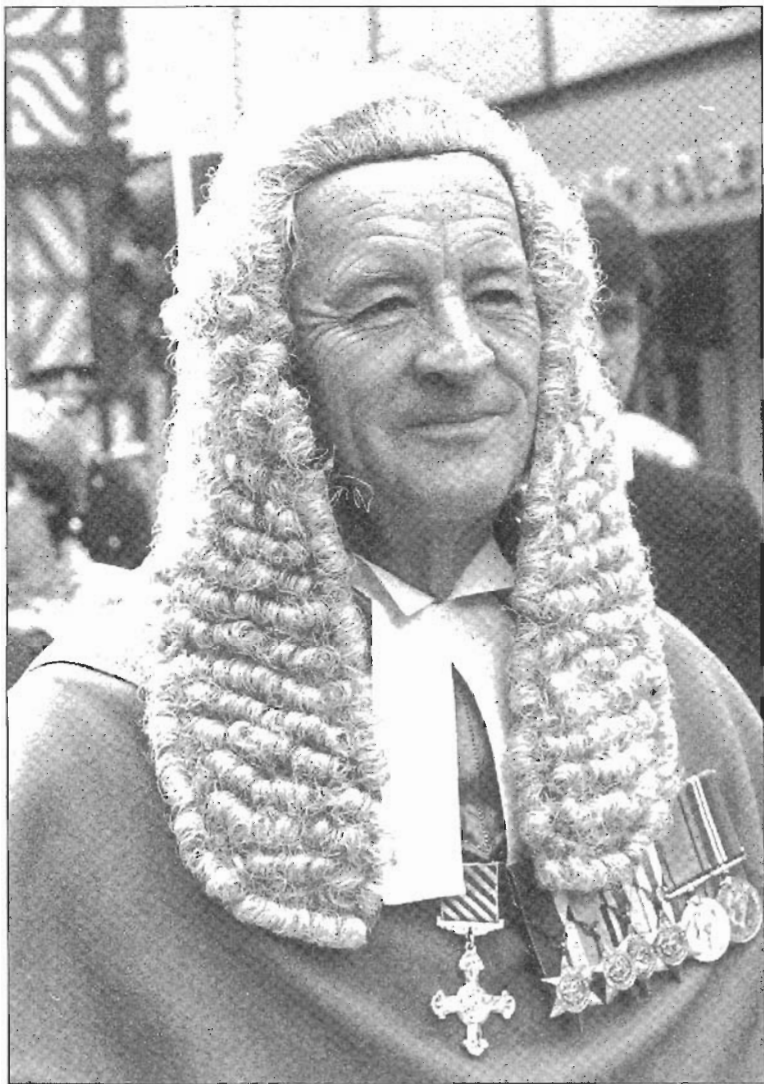
That initiate is now R. W. Bro. Sir Frederick Maurice Drake, PGW, who until his recent retirement, was a High Court Judge. In March 1998 he received the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry, a most coveted honour and distinction, the recipients of which being limited to 12 at any one time. If, as anticipated, R.W. Bro. Sir Maurice attends the Centenary meeting he will be the only brother present who was at the Jubilee meeting.

On the same day as the Jubilee meeting The Times published the names of newly appointed King's Counsel which included Edward Milner Holland (later Sir Edward Milner Holland Q.C.,) who was a frequent and most popular visitor to the Lodge.

By the beginning of 1949 the continuing desire for membership of the Justinian Lodge was such that yet again emergency meetings became necessary. At one such meeting on 15th February 1949 there was a double Passing and a double Raising and at the following regular meeting on the 17th March 1949 there was a Passing, a double Initiation and a double Raising.

A first in the history of the Lodge took place at the meeting on the 15th May 1950 when, at the request of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, an Entered Apprentice, Bro. Jason Rowland Hopton of the Saint Peter's Collegiat No. 53 of South Australia, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. How Bro. Hopton's masonic career continued we do not know as there is no further mention of him in the Lodge records.

The December 1950 meeting commenced with the sad announcement of the death of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, the last of a trio of Grand Masters installed as such by His Majesty King George VI, personally. Only a little over one year later the Brethren were again greatly saddened by the death on the 6th February 1952,



R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick Maurice Drake P.G.W., O.S.M.,

of that Most Worshipful Brother, His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI, Past Grand Master.

· A Petition for the grant of a Warrant for a new Lodge under the name "Vigilantia" - believed to be the name of a daughter of Emperor Justinian - was approved at the meeting on 20th May 1954. Thus began the birth of the daughter Lodge which was consecrated on the 22nd November 1954 with nineteen Founders, thirteen of whom were members of the Justinian Lodge.

Another red letter day for the Lodge was on the 17th March 1955 when it was honoured by the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Maj. Gen. Sir Allan Adair who witnessed the ceremony of Raising and afterwards joined the Brethren at the Festive Board.

The Installation of the Master on the 1st December 1955 is worthy of particular note because it shows clearly the caring and considerate spirit within the Lodge and the enthusiasm and determination of the Brother installed on that occasion.

That Brother was William John Hustwayte, who joined the Lodge on the 17th May 1951, after his return from Cape Town where he had been initiated in September 1916. He was a regular attender and dedicated supporter of the Lodge from the time of his joining when he was in good health but unfortunately his hearing began to fail. Realising the rapidity of that condition he was elevated to the office of Senior Warden in 1954. During that year he underwent several major operations but unfortunately became completely deaf.

Notwithstanding his severe handicap, Bro. Hustwayte's desire to become Master of the Lodge was achieved at the meeting on the 1st December 1955. At that, and subsequent meetings, W. Bro. Hustwayte is reported as having carried

out his work impeccably, making light of his disability. He, personally, conducted the ceremonies in the three Degrees and not only Installed his successor but also delivered the three addresses. Regrettably W. Bro. Hustwayte passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 20th October 1957 and at the following meeting, respect and admiration for his immense courage, was expressed and a most glowing tribute is recorded in the minutes.

In March 1957, when dealing with an increase in subscriptions, it was agreed that cigars at the Installation meeting and other special functions would “continue to be supplied”.

The Diamond Jubilee Meeting on the 31st March 1958 started on a sad note with the announcement of the deaths of the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Sir Sydney White PGW, and the Treasurer of the Lodge, W. Bro. Frank William Bowley.

The 50 members and 91 guests at the Diamond Jubilee meeting witnessed the initiation of Edward Bartholomew White who was privileged to have the Charge delivered to him by the Master of the Rolls, R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Evershed PGW, one of several distinguished Grand Officers present, including R.W. Bro Sir Gerald Upjohn PGW (subsequently Lord Upjohn). W.Bro. The Rev. Frederick J. Finch MA, Past Grand Chaplain for the Province of Hertfordshire delivered an address to the Brethren on the attainment of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Brethren were doubtless distressed when, at the meeting in October 1958, the Secretary reported the loss of much of the Lodge’s equipment. This included the working tools, the silver square and compasses for the Bible and several collars and silver jewels, the latter of which he (the Secretary) had presented to the Lodge to mark its Jubilee. It is believed that the Founder Master, Baron Swinfen Eady, had also presented several collars and jewels to the Lodge on its consecration and these, too, were lost.

The attendance at the meeting on the 18th May 1961, during the Mastership of Philip John Hustwayte, the son of the previously mentioned, William Hustwayte, was unusually large for a regular meeting at that time, there being 44 members and 80 guests present, including eight Grand Officers. At that meeting the Secretary read an application for initiation in respect of Colin Henry Robert Thompson, a Civil Servant in the Admiralty whose posting to Singapore was imminent. Consequently, an emergency meeting for the 15th June 1961 was convened when Bro. Thompson was initiated. At subsequent meetings the Secretary reported that Bro. Thompson had been Passed and Raised in the Horsburgh Lodge 7533 (EC) at Singapore. As will be seen later, Bro. Thompson was to play a unique part in the more recent history of the Lodge.

Since the commencement of the Lodge many places have been secured in the Masonic schools for boys and girls. Illustrative of that, is the meeting on 18th October 1962 at which the Secretary reported that the 9 year old son of a deceased member, had been offered a place in the school. He also reported that a son of a member who had died several years previously, having successfully completed his education at the school, had now secured a place at Manchester University. This, and many other similar achievements over the years, is gratifying to the members whose support for the schools and other Charities, has never waned.

December 1962 was the time at which W. Bro. Walter Charles Drake, a stalwart of the Lodge since his initiation in October 1919 and Director of Ceremonies for many years, felt that his inability to attend meetings was such that he should resign. He had moved to Gloucestershire several years previously and was now finding it difficult to make the journey to Lodge meetings. His resignation was not accepted but instead he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, a distinction he enjoyed for some 18 years until his death on the 20th October 1980 in his ninetieth year.

Throughout the years one of the highlights of the Justinian year has been the Ladies Festival which was put on in grand style. Many Masters have looked back with pleasure at the success of “his Ladies Night”, none more so than W. Bro. Harry John Charles Rainbird SLGR, the Master in 1962/63, at whose Ladies Festival the attendance was approaching 200. That event was held at the Connaught Rooms which was then one of the most favoured and prestigious Banqueting places in London.

It is interesting to reflect at this point that, from the outset, the members of the Lodge were clearly keen to entertain their ladies as evidenced by the Dispensation for the meeting in May 1913, to which reference was made earlier. Not only the quality of the various courses on the menu at the Ladies Festivals but also the quantity, is somewhat surprising in today’s age, it being normal to have at least 8 courses. It is amusing to note that at the Festival in October 1930 one of the entertainers was “Brother” Arthur Askey, known nationally for many years as a “top of the bill” comedian.

W. Bro. Brian Courtney Treby having been installed as Worshipful Master on the 3rd December 1964, had the privilege and pleasure at his first meeting on the 21st January 1965, of initiating his brother, Peter Henry Treby. W. Bro. Brian also had the privilege in May 1977 of installing his brother, W. Bro. Peter, as Worshipful Master. This is the only occasion in the history of the Lodge of a brother installing his blood brother.

At the October 1965 meeting reference was made to the great honour which W. Bro. Edward White had received at being one of the eight guests of Her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness Prince Philip at an informal Luncheon party at Buckingham Palace in July. W. Bro. White was invited to that luncheon in his capacity as senior lecturer in Physics at Greenwich Royal Naval College.

It is interesting to note that at the Installation Meeting on 2nd December 1965 the guests included a member of the “Grand Masters” Lodge, number 1 and a member of the “Antiquity” Lodge, number 2. The guest from the Lodge of Antiquity was W. Bro. Anthony Walton Q.C., PAGReg., the son of the late W. Bro. Henry Walton.

At the meeting on 16th March 1967 a resolution was passed to change the Installation meeting from December to May in each year. The minutes state that before putting the resolution the Secretary explained the reasons for the proposed change, but these are not recorded.

One of the most commemorative dates in the history of Freemasonry is the 27th June 1967 which not only marked the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England, but is also the date of the installation of our most respected and revered Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. The Master of Justinian, W. Bro. Edward White OBE, was among the 7,000 Freemasons who attended this momentous occasion at the Albert Hall.

In a letter dated November 1969 forewarning the Brethren of increases he would be proposing at the next meeting, the Treasurer, W. Bro. Harry Rainbird, said that in arriving at the amount of the increase he had taken into account “the forthcoming decimal system”.

The 21st May 1970 marked the beginning of yet another unique experience in the history of the Lodge, that of a brother being installed as Worshipful Master on three separate occasions. W. Bro. Colin Henry Thompson LGR was installed as Master on the 21st May 1970, and again on the 19th May 1994 and on the third occasion at an Emergency meeting on the 13th June 1996. The Emergency meeting became necessary because of the very sad and sudden death of the Master Elect, W. Bro. Peter Henry Treby FCA, about whom more is said later.



*W. Bro. Harry John Charles Rainbird S.L.G.R.,
Worshipful Master 1962 - Treasurer 1967-71 - Secretary 1971-83
Photograph taken at his Ladies Night*

At the meeting on 15th March 1979, the sudden and untimely death of W. Bro. David Aylett at the age of 48, was announced. Bro. Aylett who was a Solicitor, died on the 21st January 1979. He had been initiated in the Lodge in May 1963, installed as Worshipful Master in May 1974 and was Assistant Director of Ceremonies at the time of his death.

At the Installation meeting on the 15th May 1980, W. Bro. A. George Sanders, a close friend and colleague of W. Bro. Aylett and a frequent visitor to the Lodge since May 1968, was elected a member of the Lodge. He was also appointed Assistant Director of Ceremonies in recognition of his valued friendship with W. Bro. Aylett who would, himself, have been appointed to that office.

Thanks and appreciation were extended to W. Bro. Stanley Butnick LGR when he presented a collars stand to the Lodge at the meeting on the 15th May 1980 at which he installed his successor. Apart from the generosity of the gift, the brethren noted with admiration that it had been beautifully made by W. Bro. Butnick, personally.

The meeting of 20th May 1982 again presented a unique event in the history of the Lodge when identical twin brothers were initiated. They are the sons of Bro. Emmanuel di Cara who was initiated in the Lodge in January 1958 and headed the list of Stewards for 22 years. The twins are W. Bro. Peter Martin di Cara and Bro. Paul Steven di Cara and their ceremony of initiation was carried out by W. Bro. A. George Sanders. W. Bro. Peter di Cara was installed as Worshipful Master in May 1995 and Bro. Paul di Cara is currently (1998) the Junior Warden of the Lodge having found it necessary to defer taking office earlier because of business commitments. The identical appearance of these two Brethren has caused much amusement to themselves and the brethren and, in certain instances, confusion too ! !

W. Bro. Montague Blum, who was installed as Worshipful Master in May 1984, was a Brother whose dedication to Justinian was beyond question. Notwithstanding that he lived at Leeds, he rarely missed a regular meeting and regularly attended the Lodge of Instruction in London for many years while progressing through the various offices. He also encouraged several Brothers from Leeds whom he had introduced into the Lodge, to follow his example. The announcement of W. Bro. Blum's death in September 1993 was received with great sadness as apart from his dedication, he was a most popular member of the Lodge.

At the meeting on 16th May 1985, at which Bro. John Handscomb was installed as Master, the Secretary's report that W. Bro. A. George Sanders had been honoured with the appointment as The Grand Pursuivant was received with enthusiastic acclamation.

The 21st May 1987 saw another unique occasion when W. Bro. A. George Sanders PGPurs was the first Grand Officer to be installed as Master of the Lodge. Among the 55 guests present was the late W. Bro. Harry Colls PAGDC of the Lodge of Finsbury, No. 861, who was attending his fiftieth successive installation meeting of Justinian, at many of which he had occupied a Wardens chair.

At the meeting on 15th October 1987 the Secretary referred to a letter he had received from a Brother at Surbiton, stating that an honorary member of the Lodge, Water A. Lee PSGD who was then aged 97, was still an active visitor in the Surbiton area where he then lived. W. Bro. Walter Lee was a Past Master of the Lodge having been installed in 1943.

The Secretary's report to the meeting on 17th March 1988 that W. Bro. Philip Hustwayte was to be invested with the rank of Past Grand Standard



*W. Bro. A. George Sanders P.J.G.D.,
Worshipful Master 1987*

Bearer was enthusiastically received with acclamation. W. Bro. Hustwayte was the Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge for many years and he was also the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction for even more years.

1987 to 1991 were lean years for the want of Candidates taking office and progressing to the Chair. The dearth of such Brethren necessitated the “recycling” of Past Masters, the first being W. Bro. Brian Courtney Treby (W.M. 1964) in 1988, followed in 1989 by W. Bro. Stanley Butnick (W.M. 1979) and in 1990 by W. Bro. Stanley Blum (W.M. 1972).

While the necessity for Past Masters to again occupy the chair is regretted, but for their doing so it would have been impossible for the Lodge to continue and therefore the Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to the Brethren concerned. The spell of “recycled” Masters was stemmed with the installation of W. Bro. Stephen Jack Peter in May 1991, he having been initiated in the lodge on the 21st March 1985. This worthy brother’s name has caused much amusing confusion, he having variously been addressed as “W. Bro. Stephen”, “W. Bro. Jack” and “W. Bro. Peter”, to all of which he has smilingly responded.

Our successors on looking back over the records will probably find it difficult to understand why, with a membership of 60 in 1986 and 56 in 1991, it was not possible to find suitable Brethren progressing to the chair. Doubtless the primary reason is that this was a difficult period with high unemployment levels causing younger brethren to be uneasy at leaving their places of work early to attend meetings, bearing in mind that virtually all the members lived and worked a considerable distance from London.

The Brethren were delighted to hear at the meeting on 20th October 1983 that W. Bro. Harry Rainbird was to be promoted to the rank of Senior London Grand Rank, this being a well earned tribute at the cessation of his office as Secretary of the Lodge 1971 - 1983 and Treasurer from 1965 to 1971.



*W. Bro. Philip John Hustwayte P.G.Std.B
Worshipful Master 1960 - Director of Ceremonies 1968-74*

In May 1989 after 46 years of dining at the Connaught Rooms, the Lodge changed its dining venue to the Trattoria Verdi Restaurant at Southampton Row. The move was prompted by a change of ownership of the Connaught rooms resulting in substantial increases in the cost of dining and the Brethren's dissatisfaction with the service which was being provided.

At the meeting on 20th May 1993 the Brethren were very pleased to hear of the appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer of Wor. Bro. Brian Courtney Treby who was afforded the customary congratulations with enthusiastic applause.

W. Bro. Philip John Hustwayte PGStd.B having some years previously moved to West Yorkshire, was by 1995 finding it difficult to attend meetings. Consequently he requested the lodge to accept his resignation which the Brethren emphatically declined to do. Instead, at the meeting on 7th December 1995, W. Bro. Philip was made an honorary member in recognition of his many years of devoted service to the Lodge.

Because the Brother who should have advanced to the Junior Warden's chair in 1994, was unable to do so, W. Bro. Peter Henry Treby LGR readily agreed to take that office and to progress to the Master's chair with the result that at the meeting on 21st March 1996 he was elected as Master for the ensuing year. The Summons for the Installation meeting on 16th May 1996 was sent to all the members showing W. Bro. Peter Henry Treby FCA LGR as Master Elect but regrettably, only thirteen days before the date of the meeting he died suddenly while on the golf course.

At the meeting on 16th May when W. Bro. Treby should have been installed, many tributes were paid to him, not least for his services to the Lodge in various offices, including that of Treasurer. The business at that meeting was

kept to a minimum but of necessity included a ballot for the Master for the ensuing year which was in favour of W. Bro. Colin Thompson. W. Bro. Thompson's installation at an Emergency meeting on 13th June 1996 was heavily tinged with sadness because of the tragic circumstances which had made such a meeting necessary.

The Brethren at the meeting on 17th October 1996 received a most pleasant surprise by the unexpected appearance of the father of the Lodge, Bro. Frank Thomas Spears who was initiated on the 17th May 1945 aged 28. Bro. Spears moved to the Isle of Islay, Argyll around 1957 and the visit on the 17th October 1996 was his first attendance at the Lodge for many many years. Purely coincidentally another brother from the Isle of Islay attended the same meeting as a guest of the then Junior Warden, Bro. Patrick McGlone, neither Brother Spears nor the guest knowing that the other would be at the meeting.

The members at the meeting on the 17th October 1996 also had the pleasure of welcoming W. Bro. Jay E. Burris a member of the King Oscar Lodge No. 855 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. W. Bro. Burris clearly enjoyed his visit because shortly afterwards he made it known that he would like to join the Lodge and it is anticipated that he will be elected a member at the Centenary meeting.

A rarity in the Lodge history occurred on the 15th May 1997 when at the invitation of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Bryan Green installed his son, Bro. David Neil Green, as Worshipful Master. This was the second ceremony which W. Bro. Bryan had been invited to conduct in relation to his son, the first being Bro. David Green's initiation on the 18th October 1990.

At the meeting on 16th October 1997 the Brethren received with acclamation the report that W. Bro. Bryan Green would be honoured with Senior



*W. Bro. Brian Courtney Treby P.G.Std.B.,
Worshipful Master 1964 and 1988 - Treasurer 1975-87*

London Grand Rank at the investiture on the 30th October 1997. It was also reported at that meeting that the Lodge is included in the “Carysfort” Group under the London Lodges Visiting scheme introduced in 1997.

At the meeting on 4th December 1997 the Brethren heard with great pleasure and satisfaction that the lodge had qualified for a gold medal in the London Festival Appeal for the New Masonic Samaritan Fund. To qualify for the medal necessitated contributions representing £300 for each member of the Lodge and this was achieved primarily because of the generosity of some members knowing that others were not in a financial position to contribute £300.

The target for the London Festival Appeal was £8.m which was exceeded by more than £2.5m. The Lodge’s success was in no small measure due to the enthusiasm and encouragement of the Treasurer, W. Bro. David Inker LGR, which the Lodge greatly appreciates.

The last two promotions announced in the Lodge during its first 100 years are those of W. Bro. David Inker to Senior London Grand Rank and W. Bro. A. George Sanders to Past Junior Grand Deacon.

W. Bro. David Neil Green was the Worshipful Master on the anniversary of the consecration of the Lodge but passed over that honourable position and title on the 21st May 1998 when W. Bro. Patrick Joseph McGlone succeeded him as Master for the remainder of this, the centenary year of Justinian Lodge No. 2694.

The last increase during the first 100 years of the Lodge was approved at the meeting on the 4th December 1997 when the subscription was increased to £60 a year plus the cost (average £25) of dining at each meeting. A far cry from £3.0.0. in 1898 which covered 5 meetings and included 6/8 course menus, wine

and cigars. But whatever the subscription, Brethren throughout the years have considered membership of the Justinian Lodge worth every penny.

And so we conclude the first 100 years during which membership has seen its peaks and troughs and may realistically expect to see that repeated over the coming years. For instance, an additional strength in membership will be manifest at the centenary meeting when four applications for initiation will be mentioned.

That the Lodge has been happy and caring throughout its life is beyond doubt and it continues to have within it, an abundance of loyalty, enthusiasm and industry to maintain those qualities and to take it, **THE JUSTINIAN LODGE NO. 2694** confidently into the 21st century and steer it to continuing success.

MASTERS OF THE LODGE

		Installed
1.	W. Bro. Charles Swinfen Eady	1898
2.	W. Bro. William Walton Snelling	1899
3.	W. Bro. William Briggs	1900
4.	W. Bro. Charles William Scott	1901
5.	W. Bro. Thomas Bishop	1902
6.	W. Bro. Robert Colsell	1903
7.	W. Bro. John Thomas Sweet	1904
8.	W. Bro. George Fisk	1905
9.	W. Bro. William Rogers	1906
10.	W. Bro. Frederick Spooner	1907
11.	W. Bro. Henry Colley	1908
12.	W. Bro. Ralph Burn Storey	1909
13.	W. Bro. Alfred Walrond Clarke	1910
14.	W. Bro. George Masters Canham	1911
15.	W. Bro. Francis Kalb	1912
16.	W. Bro. Horace Harvey Pepper	1913
17.	W. Bro. Arthur Edward Williams	1914
18.	W. Bro. Francis Arthur Brown	1915
19.	W. Bro. Henry Storr Berry	1916
20.	W. Bro. Frederick Edward Cooper	1917
21.	W. Bro. Albert Edward Kingwell	1918
22.	W. Bro. John Robert Guthrie	1919
23.	W. Bro. Frank Newland Watts	1920
24.	W. Bro. Frank Abercrombie Briggs	1921
25.	W. Bro. Frederick William George Fisk	1922
26.	W. Bro. George Drowley	1923
27.	W. Bro. Sydney Ernest Peake	1924
28.	W. Bro. Sidney Herbert Barnes	1925
29.	W. Bro. Frederick John Boniface	1926
30.	W. Bro. Chilves Trundle	1927
31.	W. Bro. James Herbert Marks	1928
32.	W. Bro. George Leonard Adams	1929
33.	W. Bro. Albert William Heymer	1930
34.	W. Bro. Arthur Mawson Howe	1931
35.	W. Bro. Albert John Johnson	1932
36.	W. Bro. Henry Herbert Walton	1933
37.	W. Bro. James Robert George	1934
38.	W. Bro. Algernon Stuart Douglas	1935
39.	W. Bro. Charles Frederick Ward	1936
40.	W. Bro. Arthur Tutte	1937
41.	W. Bro. William John Wilson	1938
42.	W. Bro. William John Wilson	January 1940 (re-elected)
43.	W. Bro. Walter Charles Drake	November 1940
44.	W. Bro. John William Timms	1941
45.	W. Bro. Percy Herbert Goslin	1942
46.	W. Bro. Walter Augustus Lee	1943
47.	W. Bro. Richard William Graves	1944
48.	W. Bro. Jack Woods	1945
49.	W. Bro. John William Mears	1946

50.	W. Bro. Harold Swinscoe	1947
51.	W. Bro. John Frederick Jones	1948
52.	W. Bro. Bertram Thomas Saville Gamble	1949
53.	W. Bro. Harold James Davison	1950
54.	W. Bro. Frank William Bowley	1951
55.	W. Bro. George Reuben White	1952
56.	W. Bro. Horace Wilfred Hall	1953
57.	W. Bro. Harry Lester	1954
58.	W. Bro. William John Hustwayte	1955
59.	W. Bro. John Bizley	1956
60.	W. Bro. Eric Albert Clack	1957
61.	W. Bro. Sidney Baden Powell	1958
62.	W. Bro. Arthur John Hancock	1959
63.	W. Bro. Philip John Hustwayte	1960
64.	W. Bro. Brinley Jones	1961
65.	W. Bro. Harry John Rainbird	1962
66.	W. Bro. Harold Herbert Wright	1963
67.	W. Bro. Brian Courtney Treby	1964
68.	W. Bro. Frank Wilfred Berks	1965
69.	W. Bro. Edward Bartholomew White O.B.E.,	1966-67
70.	W. Bro. George Albert Harrison	1968
71.	W. Bro. John Arthur Hillman	1969
72.	W. Bro. Colin Henry Thompson	1970
73.	W. Bro. William Ambrose Day	1971
74.	W. Bro. Stanley Blum	1972
75.	W. Bro. John Edward Price	1973
76.	W. Bro. David Leonard Aylett LL.B.,	1974
77.	W. Bro. George Patchett Tandy	1975
78.	W. Bro. Harold Blum	1976
79.	W. Bro. Peter Henry Treby F.C.A.,	1977
80.	W. Bro. David John Inker	1978
81.	W. Bro. Stanley Butnick	1979
82.	W. Bro. Peter Robert Day	1980
83.	W. Bro. Bryan Green	1981
84.	W. Bro. William Henry Martin	1982
85.	W. Bro. Christopher Fleming	1983
86.	W. Bro. Montague Blum	1984
87.	W. Bro. John Handscorn	1985
88.	W. Bro. David Drimer	1986
89.	W. Bro. Alfred George Sanders	1987
90.	W. Bro. Brian Courteney Treby	1988
91.	W. Bro. Stanley Butnick	1989
92.	W. Bro. Stanley Blum	1990
93.	W. Bro. Stephen Jack Peter	1991
94.	W. Bro. John Clayman	1992
95.	W. Bro. Maxwell Somerville	1993
96.	W. Bro. Colin Henry Thompson	1994
97.	W. Bro. Peter Martin di Cara	1995
98.	W. Bro. Colin Henry Thompson	1996
99.	W. Bro. David Neil Green	1997
100.	W. Bro. Patrick Joseph McGlone	1998

SECRETARIES

Founder Secretary - W.Bro. Henry Colley PAGDC	1898 - 1908
W. Bro. Alfred W. Clarke LR	1908 - 1909
W. Bro. William Rogers PPDGDC(Surrey)	1909 - 1913
W. Bro. Frederick Spooner PGStd.B	1913 - 1937
W. Bro. Frank A. Briggs LGR	1937 - 1945
W. Bro. Henry H. Walton PAGDC	1945 - 1971
W. Bro. Harry Rainbird SLGR	1971 - 1983
W. Bro. David Inker LGR	1983 - 1994
W. Bro. Bryan Green SLGR	1994 -

TREASURERS

Founder Treasurer Bro. Charles W. Scott LR	1898 - 1901
W. Bro. J.W. Watts	1901 - 1903
W. Bro. Charles W. Scott LR	1903 - 1916
W. Bro. Arthur E. Williams PGStd.B	1916 - 1946
w. Bro. William J. Wilson LGR	1946 - 1955
W. Bro. John Timms	1955 - 1956
W. Bro. Frank William Bowley	1956 - 1958
W. Bro. Jack Woods LGR	1958 - 1965
W. Bro. Harry J.C. Rainbird SLGR	1965 - 1971
W. Bro. John A. Hillman	1971 - 1975
W. Bro. Brian Treby PGStd.B	1975 - 1987
W. Bro. Peter Treby FCA LGR	1987 - 1991
W. Bro. John Handscomb LGR	1991 - 1994
W. Bro. David Inker LGR	1994 -

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W. Bro. John Escott	1898-1899
W. Bro. Edward Allen	1899-1900
W. Bro. William Rogers	1901-1903
W. Bro. Henry E. Lees	1903-1904
W. Bro. John Watts	1904-1906
W. Bro. Frank Briggs	1906-1907
W. Bro. Robert Colsell	1907-1908
W. Bro. John Sweet	1908-1912
W. Bro. Robert Colsell	1912-1930
W. Bro. Francis Kalb	1930-1943
W. Bro. Sidney Peake	1943-1947
W. Bro. Walter Drake	1947-1956
W. Bro. Harold Swinscoe	1956-1963
W. Bro. Alfred Sacks	1963-1965
W. Bro. Eric Clak	1965-1968
W. Bro. Philip Hustwayte	1968-1974
W. Bro. Brian Treby	1974-1975
W. Bro. Philip Hustwayte	1975-1985
W. Bro. Bryan Green	1985-1994
W. Bro. Stephen Peter	1994-1996
W. Bro. John Handscomb	1996 -

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W. Bro. Charles F. Ward PAGDC
W. Bro. Henry Walton PAGDC
W. Bro. Albert Johnson PAGDC
W. Bro. Walter Lee PSGD
W. Bro. Arthur Sacks PAGDC
W. Bro. A. George Sanders PJGD
W. Bro. Philip Hustwayte PGStd.B
W. Bro. Brian C. Treby PGStd.B

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W. Bro. Harry J.C. Rainbird
W. Bro. Bryan Green

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W. Bro. Charles William Scott	W. Bro. Jack Woods
W. Bro. John Thomas Sweet	W. Bro. John F. Jones
W. Bro. Victor Joseph Moulder	W. Bro. John W. Mears
W. Bro. Ralph Burn Storey	W. Bro. Harold Swinscoe
W. Bro. Alfred Walrond Clarke	W. Bro. Bertram T.S. Gamble
W. Bro. Francis Kalb	W. Bro. Charles Sacks
W. Bro. Horace Harvey Pepper	W. Bro. Harold James Davison
W. Bro. Francis Arthur Brown	W. Bro. Eric A.E.F. Clack
W. Bro. Henry Storr Berry	W. Bro. Brinley Jones
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W. Bro. Albert Edward Kingwell	W. Bro. Stanley Blum
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W. Bro. Arthur Tutte	W. Bro. Stanley Butnick
W. Bro. Algernon Stuart Douglas	W. Bro. John Handscomb
W. Bro. William John Wilson	W. Bro. Colin H. Thompson
W. Bro. James Herbert Marks	

OFFICERS - 1998

W. Bro. Patrick McGlone	Worshipful Master
W. Bro. David Green	Immediate Past Master
W. Bro. Maxwell Somerville	Senior Warden
Bro. Paul di Cara	Junior warden
W. Bro. Peter di Cara	Chaplain
W. Bro. David Inker LGR	Treasurer
W. Bro. Bryan Green SLGR	Secretary
W. Bro. John Handscomb LGR	Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Stanley Butnick LGR	Almoner
W. Bro. Colin Thompson LGR	Charity Steward
Bro. Howard Lacey	Senior Deacon
Bro. Dennis Cox	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Stanley Blum LGR	Assistant Secretary
W. Bro. Stephen Peter	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. John Wilson	Inner Guard
Bro. Patrick O'Leary	Steward
W. Bro. Raymond Stacey	Tyler
W. Bro. Neville Firth	Guest Organist