

Prince Edwin's Lodge No. 125

THE FIRST 200 YEARS



Date of Warrant 1771

Part One

1771-1918

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Part Two

1919-2007

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INTRODUCTION

1771.

It is interesting to note that Prince Edwin's Lodge was founded during the period (1751-1813), when there was a split in the Craft, our Charter having been granted in 1771 by the body known as Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. They assumed the title of "Ancient" Masons, and called the rival Grand Lodge "Moderns."

It may appear contradictory to term the younger body "Ancients" and their older rivals "Moderns" and although it is not for us to discuss the differences, I may briefly state that there is little doubt that the "Ancients" adhered to certain old institutions, whereas the older Lodge, or "Moderns," made certain innovations which the "Ancients" regarded as objectionable.

The "Ancients" were also termed Schismatics and Seceders – both terms equally incorrect. As the founders of the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients", were never members of Lodges under the old Grand Lodge, they could not be seceders from it, and it is due to their pertinacity that we are at the present time working in the same manner as before the days when the "Moderns" made alterations in the established forms.

We have on the walls of our Lodge interesting relics of the "Ancients," in the shape of two beautiful silver Deacon's jewels, *i.e.*, a figure of Mercury. These two Deacons' jewels were in use until 1884, when it was discovered that they were not in conformity with the Book of Constitutions, and fresh jewels were procured.

Our Charter is dated 1771, and was granted to hold a Lodge at the sign of the "Pelican," Bath. The warrant should be carefully read, as the wording is quaint and interesting. The names mentioned thereon, and the signatories to it, are of considerable Masonic interest.

Prince Edwin, whose name we may be proud to bear, was the first Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge of England. Although he is described in several old Masonic Charges as a son of Athelstan, King of England, who reigned 925-941, this is not in accord with English History, from which we learn that King Athelstan had no son, and it was in all probability King Athelstan's brother, Edwin, who obtained a Charter from the King to hold Masonic assemblies.

The suggestion that Edwin of the old Charges may be Edwin, King of Northumbria, can hardly be considered, as he was baptised in 627, some 300 years before the date named in our Charter. The Old Constitutions granted by Prince Edwin at York have, unfortunately, never been found, or they might throw some light on the subject.

The 3rd Duke of Athol was the Grand Master whose signature is seen at the head of our warrant. He was Grand Master from 1771 to 1774, and the name breathes Masonry; in fact, the "Ancients" were termed, among other more or less complimentary titles, "Athol" Masons.

The Deputy Grand Master who signed our warrant was the great Laurence Dermot. This noted Brother was formerly Grand Secretary, and is described by one historian (Gould) as the most remarkable Mason that ever existed. He was undoubtedly a great martinet, and would brook no opposition. He was fearless in the discharge of his duties, and this, added to the fact that he was an Irishman, of a somewhat quarrelsome disposition, and suffered severely from gout, led him to fiery outbursts, at the expense of the rival Grand Lodge, with which he was at bitter enmity. He was, however, without doubt, a most enthusiastic Mason, and it is recorded in the minutes of the Grand Stewards' Lodge that on one occasion he was carried into the Lodge in his bed, his attack of gout being so bad he "could not get his breeches on."

Laurence Dermot drew up the Book of Constitutions for the "Ancients," calling it Ahiman Rezon, and we find in our Lodge records a request for an edition of this book to be sent to us, but it is not to be found, unfortunately, with our other belongings.

Wm. Dickey, whose somewhat fantastic signature is seen on our warrant as Grand Secretary, was also an interesting Masonic character. For three years he was Deputy Grand Secretary to Dermot, subsequently Grand Secretary, President of the Grand Committee, and Deputy Grand Master from 1794 till his death in 1800.

Thomas Harper, who signed the endorsement transferring the warrant to Hythe in 1807, was Deputy Grand Master at the time. He and Robert Leslie (who also signed this endorsement) were two of the signatories to the Articles of Union which were signed at Kensington Palace, 25th November, 1813.

With this brief introduction, I will deal with the affairs of the Lodge as far as possible, in order of date. From 1771 to 1773 the lodge was held at Bath, where it appears to have folded. An endorsement on the warrant shows it was returned to Grand Lodge, where it remained until it was reissued in 1807.

In 1807—to be precise, 2nd March, 1807—Prince Edwin's Lodge, then No. 168, started at the Red Lion, Hythe, and one of the greatest treasures of the Lodge is the Book of Bye-Laws then adopted. This book bears on the first page the following declaration:—

Prince Edwin's Lodge, No. 168,
Red Lion,
Hythe.

The following Bye-Laws from Grand Lodge were adopted and established for and by us, the Members. In witness we have herunto sub-scribed our names this 2nd March, 1807.

A. LEVI, W. M.
Saml. HANNSFORD, S. W.

SIMON COMPERTZ, J. W.
Jos. TEACHER, P.M.
C. H. GILMAN, SECY.

Wm. GILBERT, TREASURER.
ROBERT LITTLE, S. D.
ROBERT DODD, J.D.
Wm. CRANSTON,
THOS. YOUNG.
GEORGE MATTHEWS.

The above named brothers (eleven in number) have subscribed one guinea each towards Defraying the Expenses at the Commencing of Prince Edwin's Lodge, Hythe.

Some of the Rules in this book are quaint.

ii. — That the Lodge shall meet at the Hours hereafter mentioned: viz., from the Vernal Equinox to the Autumnal Equinox, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, and fit till Ten; and from the Autumnal Equinox aforeaid to the Vernal Equinox following, from Six to Nine o'clock: and if any member be absent one Hour after the appointed Time of Meeting, he shall be fined sixpence; and if absent the whole Night or Time of Business, he shall be fined 1/0, except such Absentee be Sick, Lame, in Confinement, or upwards of Three Miles from the Place of Meeting; and that all such fines shall be deposited in the Fund for the Relief of indigent Brethren.

(The Vernal Equinox, upon or near 21st March; Autumnal Equinox, upon or near 22nd September).

iii. — That in the ballot for Master, each member gives one vote, but in the event of the number of votes being equal, the Master gives Two votes.

vii. — That on every Lodge night each member shall pay 2/-, out of which he shall have two checks for sixpence each for his liquor. That the Junior Warden shall keep an exact Accompt of the Reckoning, and acquaint the Lodge when the stated complement is in. And upon his negligence or Omiffion he shall be accountable for the Deficiency. And whereas the junior Warden is accountable for such Deficiency, it is hereby Ordered and Declared, That if any Member shall order any Liquor, etc., on the Lodge Accompt, without the consent of the said Warden the Tranfgreffor shall pay for the Quantity so ordered out of his private Pocket, exclusive of the stated expense of the night.

viii. — A visitor...if admitted to the Lodge Room, he shall perform a certain ceremony in the Master's Presence before he fits down.

xi. — If a Brother in the Lodge curfe, fwear, lay, or offer to lay Wagers, or use any reproachful Language, in Derogation of God's Name, or corruption of good Manners, or interrupt any Officer while speaking, he shall be fined at the Discretion of the Master and Majority.

xii. — If a Member of this Lodge come disguised in Liquor, he shall be admonished (by the Presiding Officer) for first Offence; for the second of the same nature he shall be fined One Shilling; and for the third he shall be excluded, and reported to the Grand Lodge,

The Rules are signed by Robert Leslie, G.S.

In 1811 we find that the Lodge was held at the Duke's Head, Dymchurch Road, and for a few months at "The Canteen," presumably at the School of Musketry, and later in the year at the King's Head.

1813.

On 25th November, 1813, the Articles of Union of the two rival Grand Lodges were signed, and it is remarkable that such an important event in Masonic History is not referred to in the minutes. The only record possessed by the Lodge is a communication in the Letter Book, in the shape of a notification from the Grand Secretary of the Ancients, Robert Leslie, which reads as follows:—

Tokenhouse Yard,
London,
30th Dec., 1813.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many thanks for your kind and brotherly attention to me on all occasions during the number of years I have had the honour to hold the very important office of Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England, according to the old Constitutions, by which kindness and brotherly attention I have been enabled faithfully to discharge the various duties of the said office.

H.R.H. 'The Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England, having upon the 27th inst. been pleased to appoint Bros. W. H. White and E. Harper, Joint Grand Secretaries for the year ensuing, your future communications on Masonic matters will be addressed to those Brothers at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, from whom I am confident you will receive due attention.....

I am Truly
Sir and Brother
Sgd. Robert Leslie
P.G.W. and G.S

I am inclined to think (Although I may be mistaken on the point) that our relations with the new Governing Lodge were not quite as cordial as under the Ancient Grand Lodge. For instance, I find the following letter addressed to the Grand Secretary.

Hythe,
10th May, 1814.

W. Sir and Bro.,

I am directed by the Worshipful Master to say that he is very much surprised that you have not answered my letter of the 4th April requesting two certificates for Bros. that have left this part of the country, which (by neglect of sending them) the Lodge comes to the expence of sending them to the Bros. free of expences.

I am further directed by the W. Master to state that this Lodge has been always respected, and whenever a letter was sent (on urgent business) to Bro. Leslie, he never neglected answering it by "return of Post.".....

It should be remembered that postage in those days was an expensive matter, the cost of a letter to, or from London being 1/6 or 1/8, and a parcel, 2/6 or more.

About this period several applications were received by the Lodge for relief, from Masons confined in the Fleet Prison. One Brother, who had a wife and four children in the Fleet, made applications to 600 Lodges, and his appeal was responded to by Prince Edwin's Lodge in the following terms:-

"It is with the unanimous consent of our small body, that Bro.— shall be relieved to the extent of 10/-, with the sincere wish that the example may be followed by the various Lodges throughout the fraternity, with that spirit that may enable him to return to the bosom of his family, in comfort once more, and that he may be an ornament to the society to which he belongs."

1814.

Minute, 13th June, 1814. — "It was agreed that a picture Representative of Masonic Charity shall be forthwith varnished with a gilt frame, and placed in the Lodge Room."

This picture still hangs on our walls, and is a very fine engraving by Bro. Bartolozzi, R.A., after a painting by Bro. Stothard, R.A.

The inscription beneath the picture reads as follows:-

To the Grand Lodge of England.

This Print, representing the Distinguishing characteristic of Masonic Charity exerted on Proper Objects, is by permission most respectfully dedicated, by their obedient Servant and Brother,

Wm. JEFFRYES.

In 1814. The Lodge became much reduced in numbers, as stated in a letter to Grand Lodge, " which is accounted for by the great change that has taken place, which has taken away many worthy Brothers from this part of the country, civil as well as military.

This no doubt, refers to the Peninsula War, the War with the United States, and the period of bloodshed second only to the World War (now going on), which ended with the crushing of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, in 1815.

The Members of the Lodge at this time were to a large extent Naval and Military, the latter belonging to what was then termed the Royal Staff Corps at the School of Musketry, and these were called away for service abroad. The diminution of members nearly cost the Lodge its ancient Charter, as the following letter will show.

Freemasons' Hall,
14th Sept., 1818.

W. Master,

In consequence of your Lodge not having made any Returns or payment to the Grand Lodge since January, 1815.....the Grand Lodge has directed to the Board of General Purposes to take such measures as may appear to them necessary to enforce a compliance with the laws of the Craft....

By order of the Board of General Purposes,

W. H. WHITE } GS
E. HARPER }

Reply.

Hythe,
29th Oct., 1818.

W.S.

I regret to inform you, in consequence of our reduced numbers the Lodge that I have the honour to belong to has not met to work since the Autumn of 1815.....

Do assure you I have always held the Craft in esteem, and have been a subscribing member since 1807 till the above period, but should the Board, in its judgment for the benefit of the Craft deem it necessary to recall the Warrant, shall be happy at all times to accede to their wishes.

Yours respectfully,
Wm. GILBERT, P.M. 205

Freemasons' Hall,
11th Nov., 1818.

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Sir and Brother,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 29th ult. I regret to learn that Masonry is at so low an ebb as not to allow of your keeping together a Lodge in Hythe.

If you cannot collect four or five members.....the Lodge must be considered extinct, and the Warrant returned to Grand Lodge.

Your early attention and reply will be esteemed.

Sir,
Your very obedient servant and Brother,
E. HARPER, G.S.

This was followed by a letter from D.P.G.M. for Kent to W. Bro. Gilbert.

Rochester,
25th July, 1819.

Sir and Brothers,

As I find from the Grand Lodge..... you are the only member left, and have the Warrant your Lodge has acted under, I beg you will send it to me directed to Rd. Thompson, Esq., D.P.G.M. for the County of Kent, Rochester

Fraternally yours,
R. Thompson, D.P.G.M.

Reply.

Hythe,
28th July, 1819.

W.S. and Bro.,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of yours this day.....worshipful sir. For Masonry I have the most unfeigned respect, and for its many virtues the profoundest veneration. It will be with real reluctance and painfull regret I return the Warrant, and as we have now 6 or 7 respectable brethren willing to become subscribing members of Grand Lodge, and whatever duly may be in arrears since our last return, are willing to pay up; also I expect a further increase in the Lodge, therefore humbly entreat you to let the Warrant remain a short time longer.

P.S.—Should this not meet with your approbation, let me know, and the Warrant shall be returned immediately.

I am, W.S. with profound respect,
Yours fraternally,
W. GILBERT, P.M. 205.

Rochester
1st Aug., 1819

Sir and Brother,

.....I will let the Warrant remain a little time longer in your hands.

You must exert yourselves, without which you will not raise a sufficient number to hold the Lodge.....

With wishing you success in raising members to keep up your Lodge,
I remain, Sir and Brother,
Fraternally yours,

To Bro. Gilbert, Hythe.
R. Thompson, D. P. G. M. Kent.

This ends the period of trial through which our Lodge passed, and from this date I record with pleasure that, thanks to the efforts of that grand old Mason, Bro. Gilbert, Prince Edwin's Lodge increased in numbers and importance, as will be shown by subsequent records.

In Sept., 1819, our Canadian Brethren will be interested to learn that the first Canadian joined Prince Edwin's Lodge. This was Sergt.-Major Luke Castry, who joined from Lodge 20, Lower Canada. I believe Lower Canada was the old name for that part of the Dominion now known as Quebec.

In 1819 another Brother, who worked well for the good of the Craft in Hythe, was initiated. This was Bro. Tiffin, a printer and bookseller who occupied premises beneath the Hall we now occupy. He became W. M. in 1821, and was Master on seven other occasions.

The V. of S.L. now in use was purchased from him in 1823, and he printed the Lodge Summons for many years.

It is mentioned in the current number of the "Hythe Reporter" that a son of Bro. Tiffin went to New Zealand, where he was the pioneer of the wine industry.

21 Mar., 1821. — Permission was obtained from Provincial Grand Lodge to alter the Lodge night from the first Wednesday in the month to the Wednesday nearest to the full moon, an example it might be well to follow in these times of lighting restrictions.

We find recorded in the minutes at this period, mention of Brethren being admitted to the Order of the Ark, and the Mark, and Past Master in the Chair.

This latter degree appears to have been conferred on members who had not presided over a Lodge, in order that they might be eligible to become Royal Arch Masons, as originally the Royal Arch Degree was only conferred on Masons who had passed the chair. The practice was forbidden in 1826.

In 1822. The Lodge was moved from the King's Head to a private Hall near the Church, previously occupied by the Society for Literary and Philosophical Recreation, the reason given in the minutes for this change being that the Lodge had "increased both in numbers and respectability."

24 June, 1822. — An application was made for permission to hold a Royal Arch Chapter, but it was not proceeded with, as there were not sufficient members to comply with Grand Lodge Regulations.

In 1834. — Wm. Tritton was elected W.M. of the Lodge. Curiously enough, his grandson, Sir Wm. Tritton visited Hythe only last week.

The Brethren are probably aware that Sir Wm. Tritton was responsible for certain designs in connection with the tanks.

Sir William Tritton presented to the Mayor of Hythe a letter written to Mr. Stewart Majoribanks, (who represented Hythe in Parliament, and was a member of this Lodge), by the late Prince Consort, acknowledging the welcome by the people of Hythe to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her visit.

In 1835 three brethren joined Prince Edwin's Lodge, who were men of some note. They were:

Stewart Majoribanks, Past S.G. Warden.
Thomas Quested Finnis.
Edwin Biron.

Stewart Majoribanks represented Hythe in Parliament, and his portrait now hangs in the Town Hall.

T. Q. Finns was Lord Mayor of London in 1856. He was born at Prospect Lodge, Hythe, and was buried in Hythe Churchyard.

E. Biron, Prov. Asst. Grand Chaplain, was Vicar of Lympe.

In Aug., 1836. — The minutes state that an elegant dress sword was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Thos. Monypenny, P.J.W. This sword is still in use.

30 Nov., 1836. — An especial Lodge was held for the purpose of adopting the following address of congratulation to H. R.H. the Duke of Sussex:

Most Worshipful G.M. of Freemasons.

To H.R.H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, etc., etc., etc.

May it please your Royal Highness.

We, the Master, Wardens of Prince Edwin's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 147, held at Hythe, in Kent. With the greatest personal attachment, and the most profound respect towards your Royal Highness as the Head of the Fraternity to which we have the happiness to belong, beg permission to offer our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations that it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. in his infinite mercy, to bless the means employed to restore to your Royal Highness the inestimable benefit of material light.

May the Most High accept our thanksgivings and grant that the life of your Royal Highness, in future health and happiness, may be prolonged to the Craft, over which you have for many years presided with so much honour to your Royal Highness and to the great and permanent benefit of the Masonic Institutions.

To this letter the following reply was received:

"Augustus Fk., G.M.

"W. Master and Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge, 147, Hythe, Kent.

"I thank you for your brotherly and affectionate address.

"In the midst of my afflictions and temporary privation of the inestimable blessing of sight, the sympathy and interest on my behalf expressed by the Fraternity at large has been to me a source of the greatest consolation.

"The confirmation of these sentiments, while it calls from me a new tribute of gratitude, will serve as an additional stimulus to exert my best endeavours for the integrity and advantage of the Craft in general, as well as for the benefit of each particular Brother.

"Holkham Hall, Norfolk,

"10 Nov., 1836. A.L. 5936."

19 June, 1837. — The W.M., Bro. Tiffin, addressed the Brethren, on quitting the chair; thanked the Brethren for their support, and asked them to accept a Lodge ornament, being a drawing of Masonic Grand Problem, in a glazed frame. This is still in possession of the Lodge.

19 July, 1837. — The Lodge appeared in mourning, out of respect to the memory of the late illustrious Grand Patron of the Order, His Most Gracious Majesty, William IV.

16 May, 1838. — On this date, a motion was brought forward in the Lodge, and it was resolved unanimously "That a tribute of respect and fraternal regard is especially due to our worthy and estimable Brother Wm. Gilbert, to whom the Lodge is in point of fact indebted for its continuance, seeing that, in the interval of the years 1815/1819, Bro. Gilbert had, of his sole accord and desire, retained the Warrant in its dormant state, attending to the correspondent duties of the period, through which happy circumstances the Lodge, since composed of numerous members, had arisen, so that its light again shone out.

Bro. Gilbert having consented to receive a small token of the esteem of the Brethren in the shape of a pair of silver spectacles with a case bearing a suitable inscription, it was resolved unanimously that, however inadequate the Lodge may deem the present, his wishes be complied with, and the same be immediately procured and presented to him in form.

This testimony of regard was presented to W. Bro. Gilbert at a Lodge Meeting on 3 June, 1838, at which were present—D.P.G.M. for Kent; the Provl. Grand Chaplain. Bro. D. Jones; Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. G. Jeffreys.

The W.M. Bro. Thomas Hallowes, P.G. Reg. in handing the, testimonial to W. Bro. Gilbert, remarked in terms of deserved commendation on the great benefit conferred upon Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in particular, by the conduct of Bro. Gilbert in preserving the Warrant of the Lodge, when it had been so reduced in numbers by deaths and removals as not to be able to constitute a Lodge meeting from July, 1815, to Oct., 1819, and in a truly Masonic manner pointed out the meritorious conduct of our Brother, not only in his having fulfilled, with great credit, the various stations, not only in the Lodge, but in the world, in the relative duties of husband, father, and friend, as together holding forth a bright example which it well became others to pursue.

Bro. Gilbert acknowledged with the warmest of feelings the compliment paid him by the W.M. and Brethren. He felt, he said, that what he had done, had, through the kindness of the Brethren, been overestimated by them. Happy was he, however, that his efforts in maintaining the station of the Lodge had been deemed serviceable.

It is gratifying to know that the spectacles and case presented to Bro. Gilbert are now in the possession of the Lodge, having been presented by his grandson, Bro. Pledge, of Sandgate.

This worthy Brother, in addition to serving various offices, was W.M. for eight or nine years, during which the Lodge bore three different numbers, i.e., 168, 205, and 147.

His portrait was painted by Bro. D. B. Hay, 621, Ramsgate, at the expense of the Lodge, and the picture now hangs on the walls of our Lodge — a lasting remembrance of one to whom we owe so much.

Bro. Gilbert died at the ripe age of 82, in 1854, and is buried in Hythe Churchyard, where his grave can be seen near the vestry door.

At the Lodge Meeting after his death, the W. M. spoke at some length of his good qualities and zeal for Masonry, after which his certificate was destroyed in the Lodge.

On 4th June, 1838, the Provincial Grand Festival was held in Hythe.

The Lodge was opened at Hillside House, lent for the occasion, and the D.P.G.M., desiring to confer marks of distinction on several Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge, called the following members to officiate in the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

Bro. P. Monypenny, P.G.J.W. to be P.G.S.W.
(pro-tem.)

Bro. W. Tritton (Mayor of Hythe) to be P.G.J.W.
(pro-tem.)

Bro. T. Hallowes, P.G. Recd. Keeper, to be P.G.
Orator.

Bro. W. Tritton to be P.G. Recd. Keeper.

Bros. G. Key, E. Skillman, and J. Le Gros to be P.G. Stewards.

After the Lodge business was over for the morning, an imposing procession was formed, (particulars of which can be seen on the programme hanging in the Lodge), and proceeded down Malthouse Hill, through the High Street to the Eastern Bridge, then by way of Dental Street to the Church, where a service was held, at which Bros. E. Biron and J. S. Le Gros, of Prince Edwin's Lodge, assisted. The sermon was preached by the P. G. Chaplain, Bro. D. Jones, and illustrated the virtue of benevolence and charity, and their application amongst Freemasons.

The Lodge returned in procession by the former route to Hillside House where the remainder of the Provincial business was carried through.

The banquet was held at the Guild Hall.

27 Dec., 1838. — At the Installation Banquet the W.M. presented a side of venison, which was greatly enjoyed; and Bro. Gilbert presented a snuff-box mounted in silver and suitably inscribed. This snuff-box remains one of the treasures of the Lodge.

At this time the Bye Laws of the Lodge were revised. The following rules are of interest:—

iii. — That every officer, not making his appearance on a stated Lodge night half-an-hour after the appointed time of meeting, shall forfeit and pay, as follows, except in case of illness, the death of a relative, or such other reason as shall be deemed sufficient by the Lodge: The W.M., S.W. and J.W., 6d. each; remaining officers, 4d. each.

vii. – It being presumed that every Mason knows how to conduct himself, rules of restraint are deemed unnecessary, but should any Brother be found so far forgetful of the regard due to his own character, and the order to which he belongs, as to behave unbecomingly, either in or out of the Lodge, he shall be subject to admonition from the W.M., and fine or exclusion, at the discretion of the Lodge in general.....

26 Feb., 1839. – All Lodges were placed in mourning for six months, on the death of the W.M. Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Zetland.

The intimation, and instructions as to mourning sent out by the W.M. Grand Master, The Duke of Sussex is preserved with our Lodge records.

20 Feb., 1839. – We have in our Letter Book a Copy of the First Rules and Regulations relating to the "Asylum for Worthy, Aged and Decayed Freemasons". This was really the origin of the present Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

We have an interesting minute in our book, dated 24 July, 1839, which is worth recording: On this occasion being the Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the special Lodge was opened in the Guild Hall, and the W. M and Brethren of 'Peace and Harmony,' Dover, visited the Lodge, in response to an invitation.'

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the Interrogatories of the First Degree passed round. An Eulogium on Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. Gilbert. The First Tracing Board was illustrated by a Dover Brother. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Interrogatories passed round.

The illustration of the letter G., as applied to Geometry was delivered by Bro. Field, and the 2nd Tracing Board illustrated by Bro. Ismay of. Dover.

The Lodge was further opened in the Master's Degree, and the Interrogatories thereupon made. The Masonic Ladder was illustrated by Bro. Harris. The W.M. thereupon addressed the Brethren on the occasion of their meeting, and the beneficial effects on the order which the inter course of visits is calculated to produce. The Lodge was then closed in the 3rd and Craftsman's Degrees, and the Hythe Lodge worked the 1st Section of the E.A. Lecture. The Dover Lodge then worked the Apprentices Lecture after their manner.

The Hythe Lodge worked the 2nd Section of the Apprentices' Lecture. The Lodge was then closed, with gratitude and reverence to the G.A.

In 1840. – The Tracing Boards were painted by Bro. D. B. Hay, of Dover. The cost was £5, which was paid partly out of the Lodge Funds and partly by subscriptions of the Brethren.

These still hang on our walls.

Bro. Hay's work, not only in his paintings, but in the help and assistance generally he gave to the Lodge, was so highly appreciated that, at a Lodge Meeting, 14/10/1840, the Secretary was instructed to write a testimonial in the following words:—

"To all whom it may concern. – We, the undersigned, Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge, 147, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, do testify that we, have received from Bro. David B. Hay very great assistance in our Masonic Researches and his instruction to us, not only in open Lodge, but also privately to individuals of the Lodge who sought his aid has been greatly enhanced by the very unassuming demeanour and kind manner in which it was gratuitously imparted, and his conduct has called forth the united thanks of the Brethren. We, therefore recommend him to the attention of all Lodges and Brethren who may require Masonic instruction. Bro. Hay has also painted for us a set, of Tracing Boards and a Portrait with great skill, and much to our satisfaction."

This was signed in Open Lodge.

In 1846. – A considerable quantity of new furniture was purchased, and W. Bro. W. H. Pullen, the W. M. presented a handsome box of Working Tools, which are in use at the present time.

W. Bro. Pullen subsequently became P.G.M., Isle of Wight.

On July 6, 1846. – The Provincial Festival was again held at Hythe.

The P.G. Lodge was opened at the Barracks, lately occupied by the Royal Staff Corps, and the following Brethren were honoured by being, called to fill the offices named
Bro. W. H. Pullen, W.M. to be P.G. Organist. Bro. G. Reynolds, S.W., to be P. G. Steward.

An imposing procession was formed, headed by the Chief Constable of Hythe, and passed along Military Road and High Street to the Church where, the Sermon, was preached by the P.G., Chaplain, Bro. D. Jones, on the subject of Masonic Charity, and the result of the collection which followed was equally divided between the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund and the National Schools at Hythe.

Newspaper cuttings from the *Kentish Observer* and *Kent Herald*, describing the proceedings, are preserved in our Minute Book.

During the same year, 1846, a great effort was originated in Kent by Prince Edwin's Lodge to establish additional funds for the Benevolent Annuity Funds. Circulars were sent to the Kentish Lodges.

In June, 1847. – The Lodge received an invitation to visit the Lodge d l' Amitie, Boulogne, on the occasion of their Anniversary Festival. The invitation was accepted, and a deputation attended, the meeting at Boulogne, where they were received with great hospitality and fraternal attention.

8 Nov., 1848. – On this date a petition to enable Brethren at Folkestone to form a lodge there was signed by the W.M., G. Reynolds, and the Wardens. This resulted in the formation of Temple Lodge, 558, which is still held in Folkestone

23 March, 1853. — A petition was signed in Open Lodge to grant a warrant to be formed at the New Inn, Sandgate. This was not the origin of Castle Lodge, presumably as this Lodge dates from 1873. Note: This was the Lodge of St John and St Paul 9 Apr 1853 then Lodge 898 (C.H.).

29th Sept., 1853. — At a Lodge meeting on this date the Brethren were honoured by the presence of the R. W., Prov. Grand Master for Kent, Bro. C. Purton Cooper, who, in the course of a lengthy speech, said that he thought it part of his duty "to visit every Lodge in the Province."

He was happy to meet the Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge not only as Freemasons, but on account of the high character which he had heard given of this Lodge, in particular, viz., that of being the model working Lodge of Kent.

The R.W. P.G. Master, with that kindness and urbanity for which he is so distinguished, concluded his address by expressing his earnest desire to do anything in his power to promote Freemasonry in the Province.

7 June, 1854. — The Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge paid a visit to New Romney, and held a Lodge of Instruction at the Assembly Rooms. They were joined by Brethren from Folkestone, Rye, Ashford, and Lydd. This meeting, it is stated, did much to infuse a spirit of Masonry in that part of Kent.

12 Oct., 1860. — On this date Lt. Taylor was initiated, although he was not of full age, a special dispensation having been granted by P.G. Lodge for that purpose.

18 Dec., 1861. — The D. P. G.M. for Kent, Bro. W. F. Dobson, honoured the Lodge with a visit, and made several useful suggestions, and complimented several of the Brethren on their zeal and good working.

5 Aug., 1863. — The Provincial Grand Festival was again held in Hythe, when the R. W. P.G. Master, Viscount Holmsdale, presided. The Brethren met at the National Schools, kindly lent for the occasion. Two Brethren were invested with P. G. offices, viz.,

Bro. Wm. Clarke as P.G. Pursuivant.

Bro. Buss as P.G. Steward.

The usual procession was formed, and, headed by a band playing a Masonic March, composed by Bro. Tolputt, of Folkestone, proceeded to the Church, where the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. John Cox, preached a sermon from the following text: I Cor., 13, 1st and 2nd vv,— "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals; and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and though I have all Faith, so that I can remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing."

Later a Banquet was served in the Town Hall.

In 1864. — A grand meeting of Kentish Lodges was held at Dover, presided over by Lord Holmsdale, P.G.M., to discuss a vote upon the advisability of discontinuing Masonic processions in public. Prince Edwin's Lodge was in favour of abandoning processions, as "they subjected the Brethren to many illiberal and humiliating remarks from spectators, and serving only to bring contempt and ridicule on the Craft."

It was found that a majority of Lodges were in favour of continuing the processions as heretofore.

In 1866. The Chart of Freemasonry now hanging on our walls was purchased. It is very interesting, and well worth studying.

An application was received by the Lodge for votes for admission to the R.M.B.A. of an old Brother belonging to a North Country Lodge, whose Masonic record is a remarkable one. Our Lodge stated, with regret, that, as their support had already been given to a local candidate, they were not in a position to assist. The Application, signed by the W.M. and Sec. of his mother Lodge, contained the following:— Born in 1795, initiated in 178 Wigan, 1815. By his exertions the charter of his Lodge was preserved for upwards of 20 years. For 50 years he was a subscribing member, and during that period he never missed attendance at a single Lodge, though living at a distance of three miles from its headquarters.

9 Nov., 1870. — The Lodge on this date appeared in mourning for the Father of the Lodge, W. Bro. Key, whose relations presented to the Lodge his portrait in oils, painted 26 years previously by Bro. D. B. Hay, who also painted, as previously stated, the portrait of W. Bro. Gilbert, and the Tracing Boards.

Bro. Key was initiated in Prince Edwin's Lodge in 1830; elected W.M. 1843-1865; was P. G. Steward and P.G. Organist for Kent.

21 Oct., 1874. — The picture of Masonic Emblems was presented to the Lodge by Bro. G. H. Ovenden. This picture still hangs on our walls.

28 April, 1875. — This was the date of the Installation of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, at the Albert Hall. The W.M. and Five Brethren of Prince Edwin's Lodge were present.

In our minutes the scene is referred to as follows:— "The ceremony was very impressive, as well as a brilliant affair. A magnificent carpet, with Masonic Emblems, was laid from West to East, where a Throne was placed, with the Prince of Wales Feathers in front of the grand organ. The arrangements were good, and the scene magnificent, and it was a common remark heard during the day, that "We shall never see such a sight again." Perhaps I may add the weather throughout the-day was all that could be desired.

20 March, 1878. — The following entry appears in the minutes.

A report was read from the Grand Lodge calling special attention to the 4th Resolution, which required the same to be read in Open Lodge, and as such to be entered on the minutes.

Resolution No 1. — "That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the steps taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all true and genuine Masons from the earliest to the present time."

Resolution No. 2. – “That this Grand Lodge whilst always anxious to receive in the, most fraternal spirit, the Brethren of any Foreign Grand Lodge, whose proceedings were conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as “True and Genuine Brethren any who have been initiated in Lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.”

5 Oct., 1881. – The Lodge moved to Bank Buildings, a room then used as the County Sessions Hall.

In 1881 an application was made to Grand Lodge for permission to wear a Centenary Jewel. It was found, however, that although the warrant was granted in 1771, the Lodge could not prove an uninterrupted existence from that date, which is essential.

13 Feb., 1884. – The P.G.M. for Kent presented a framed portrait of himself to the Lodge.

15 May, 1884. – The Lodge sent a letter of congratulation to Bro. J. S. Eastes, who was initiated in this Lodge, on his appointment as Grand Deacon of England.

11 June, 1888. – The portrait of Earl Amherst, P.G.M., was framed and, placed in the Lodge.

In 1907. – The Lodge having worked without interruption for 100 years, a Centenary Warrant was granted, and can be seen framed hanging on our walls. The warrant was read to the Brethren in Open Lodge on 21 Oct., 1907.

I will not attempt to give the modern history of the Lodge. This can be described by our old living members with local knowledge, and I hope someone will do so.

Before concluding I should like to call the attention of the Brethren to the handsome banner presented to the Lodge by Bro. Kelton; to the portrait of W. Bro. Hire, who was W.M. in 1884. and whose enthusiasm for Masonry many of us recollect; and to the handsome framed silk scarf with Masonic emblems engraved thereon, which Bro. Condry has lent to embellish the Lodge.

At the present time we have 234 members Of these 165 have their names on our Roll of Honour, as serving in the Navy or Army; 10 have received decorations in the present War; and 3 have made the Great Sacrifice.

It is a source of considerable pride to us that so many Canadians, having travelled thousands of miles, to take their share in the present struggle, have selected our Ancient Lodge to start their Masonic careers.

We have done our best to welcome them into the Craft, and, in return, they have demonstrated by their keenness and profound interest in the working, that they duly appreciate the value of Freemasonry, and have imprinted on their hearts the sacred dictates of Truth, of Honour, of Virtue.

*Message delivered by the Right Worshipful Grand Master
(Right Worshipful Brother Colonel F. S. W. Cornwallis)
at Prince Edwin's Lodge, No. 125, Hythe, on Monday, 15th April, 1918.*

The W.M. expressed his thanks and that of the Members for the Honour that the P.G.M. had conferred on the Lodge by his attendance here this evening, and regretted that owing to Military movements so few Canadian Brethren were present.

P.G.M.: W.M., I am really glad to be here this evening to make myself acquainted with you and the Members of your Lodge, and more especially, W.M., to meet our Canadian Brethren.

By the Records it proves that Membership of our Lodge has risen from 100 to 250.

You here in Hythe have had an opportunity of offering Masonic hospitality to our Canadian Brethren from over the seas. We are very proud indeed that they are here and that they have come to the help of the Mother Country in these times of stress, and we know that they do not want any words of thanks from us, for we one and all realise what is at stake in this War, but I do say that we here and in the County of Kent are glad of the privilege of offering them Masonic hospitality, and we hope that on their return to Canada – and may it not be long distant – that they will carry with them remembrances of the Masonic welcome accorded them during their stay in this Country, and more especially in this locality.

I especially wished on this my visit to make the acquaintance of our Canadian Brethren, but owing to the circumstances that have arisen, I regret with you, W.M., that the opportunity is denied us, and we can only say that they are still much in our thoughts and are glad to know that they take with them happy recollections and a feeling of Brotherhood, and we know that they take their Masonic obligations seriously in Canada, and wherever we meet we shall always meet as Brother to Brother and old friends.

W.M., I need not say anything more on this point, except that I am very glad as P.G.M. of this Province that we have been able to hold out a hand of fellowship to our visitors from our Colonial Empire.

Now, W.M., I must speak on the 1920 Festival and I shall look to Hythe to help make that Festival a success.

We are under a deep obligation to the Benevolent Institution. I understand that we have received from that Institution £20,000 but have only subscribed £8,000 to £9,000, therefore it is up to us to make good in 1920. We have 84 Annuitants receiving grants from the Institution amounting to the sum of £2,792 a year, and therefore I think you will see Brethren that we must substantially assist in the administration of this Charity; and I feel when asking you to subscribe £20,000 in 1920 that I am not making any undue call on the Province when I say this works out at about £1 per head per annum for the next 3 years for the Province.

Gloucestershire gave £6 8s. per head: therefore in asking Kent for £20,000 I make no undue demand on my Province.

There are a good many who now require help and there will be more, I am afraid will require help later, and we want to be in a position when the day comes to meet the calls upon the Institution.

I thank you, W.M., for inviting us here to meet the Members of your Lodge, and regret with you that it should have so happened that many of these left before my visit. It has been a pleasure for the first time to visit this old Lodge, and I hope at some future time you will give me an opportunity to come to Hythe again and see the working, of your Lodge.

E. W. S., 1918.

The first part of the history of Prince Edwin's lodge 1771-1918 was researched and recorded by W/Bro E W Stanton the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1917, at the conclusion of which he expressed the wish that it be kept updated by those who followed in his footsteps.

Unfortunately no positive attempt was made to carry out his wishes until 2002 when a sub committee was formed to organise the Bi-Centenary celebrations to take place in March 2007.

One very important aspect of this history has been the very close relationship between Prince Edwin's Lodge and the School of Musketry, later the Small Arms School.

Some of the earliest minutes in our possession record candidates from the School of Musketry and indeed our membership was greatly increased during the First World War by numbers of Canadian servicemen stationed in Hythe who joined us. In 1918 our numbers had risen to 250 and many 'Lodges of Emergency' were held to initiate, pass and raise these brethren before being sent overseas. The minutes of one meeting held in July of 1916 record eight brethren raised to Master Masons, three passed to the Second Degree and a further eight initiated, a total of 19 at one meeting. Many of these brethren remained subscribing members of the Lodge long after the end of the war and a return to Grand Lodge in 1922 lists a total membership of 346.

The close connection between the Armed Forces and ourselves continued until 1969 when the Small Arms School paraded through the town of Hythe for the last time, led by Major Douglas Maber, a member of Prince Edwin's Lodge until his death in November 2000.

Having dealt with this very important part of our history, I will continue with the events and affairs of the Lodge in date order.

OCTOBER 1921

On October 17th a Memorial Tablet was unveiled by W/Bro EAA de Salis DSO PPSGW (Lincolnshire), in honour of the 10 members of the Lodge who made the Great Sacrifice during the First World War. This oak tablet, still retained by the Lodge, was, because of its size, replaced by a smaller brass plate which also includes the name of Bro E Chipperfield, killed on active service during the Second World War. The original unveiling by W/Bro de Salis was at the personal request of the Provincial Grand Master of Kent who was unable to be present at that time.

MAY 1922

The first attempt to build our own Temple is recorded in these minutes with the purchase of land from W/Bro S Doust. The cost of this land, on the corner of Douglas Ave was to be £230 but when it was reported to the GP Committee that the cost to build would be between £5,000 and £6,000 the scheme was abandoned in favour of a long term lease of rooms over Lloyds Bank.

JANUARY 1927

This Installation Meeting was attended by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Col Cornwallis and during this meeting the members extended their heartiest congratulations to Col Cornwallis on his elevation to the Peerage. Also at the same meeting W/Bro C E Sprinks presented a handsome oak tablet to the Lodge whereon the names of Past Masters of the Lodge 1917 to 1946 are recorded.

NOVEMBER 1928

The sum of £20 was donated by members and from the Lodge Charity Fund for the dependants of those who lost their lives in the Rye Lifeboat Disaster.

JUNE 1931

It was during this month that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent Annual Festival was held at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone under the united banners of Prince Edwin's Lodge No 125, Temple Lodge No 558, Castle Lodge No 1436, Radnor Lodge No 2587, Shorncliffe Lodge No 4330 and Romney Marsh Lodge No 4743. This festival was preceded by a Church Service at the Parish Church Folkestone and was presided over by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon The Lord Cornwallis CBE.

In September of this year a Masonic Service was also held at this Church under the same six Banners in joint aid of the Freemasons Hospital London and the Organ Fund for the Church

SEPTEMBER 1934

A letter from the Royal Masonic Hospital is included with these minutes, the Chairman at this time being the Right Hon Viscount Wakefield of Hythe PGW, the letter confirming Prince Edwin's Lodge No 125 as one of the founding members of the former Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home.

SEPTEMBER 1935

A second attempt to build our own Temple was undertaken at the time, when a plot of land known as 'Tannersfield', Prospect Road, Hythe was purchased for £450. Once again, however, the cost to build (some £2000 less than in 1923) plus an annual expenditure of £160 for the upkeep of the building proved to be more than the Lodge could afford and a further extension of the lease at Lloyds Bank for seven years at £85 per annum was agreed.

APRIL 1937

It is recorded in these minutes that the new lease for the Lodge and also the relevant documentation for 'Tannersfield' as a garden were deposited with the bank for safe custody and no further mention of this site appears in any of our records.

MAY 1939 – MARCH 1940

No Masonic meetings were held during this period, no doubt because of the War and the Government decision to close all places of entertainment and large gatherings.

AUGUST 1942

The Lodge rooms were slightly damaged by a bomb blast during an air raid. However, speedy repairs ensured that only the September meeting had to be cancelled.

1940/1944

Unlike the period of the First World War, the Lodge did not see an increase of armed services personnel. This was because the Small Arms School was moved inland to Bisley, where it remained until after the war.

MAY 1944

The Worshipful Master welcomed W/Bro T W Bannan P M Belcher, Lodge No 180 Atlantis City as the first member of the United States Armed Forces to visit the Lodge.

MARCH 1957

The Sesqui-Centenary meeting of Prince Edwin's Lodge was held at the Institute, Hythe in March of this year when some 200 Masons were in attendance. At the General Purposes Committee following this event, a letter from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon the Lord Cornwallis KBE MC PGW was read regretting his unavoidable absence from this meeting. It is unfortunate that the Lodge Minute Book for this period cannot now be located, however, a detailed record of this anniversary was written up in the Freemasons Chronicle of April 1957.

1960

The Volume of the Sacred Law purchased from the shop of W/Bro W Tiffin in 1823 was in this year sent away for repair. The necessary repair work was obviously of a very high quality as the same book is still opened on each Lodge and Instruction night, 184 years later.

SEPTEMBER 1960

A letter was received by the Lodge from Lloyds Bank stating that our current lease was drawing to a close and that no further extensions could be granted, as they required the whole building. Various alternative venues were suggested, including a return to the Oddfellows Hall and also a build on the Church House Project. For various reasons none of these were carried through and from January 1962 to January 1963 the Institute at Hythe was rented on a monthly basis.

NOVEMBER 1962

The third and final attempt (this time successfully) to build our own Temple was now undertaken when land owned by W/Bro S Norrington was made available to the Lodge for £750, to be paid in ten instalments of £75. From conversations held with brethren at that time, it would appear that not every member was in favour of building. The site was considered by some not to be in a 'desirable part of town' and a number of objections were made by our own members and at Province. Fortunately at this time we had in our membership a certain Bro John Fredrick Fakley. 'Jack' as he was known to all was in favour of the project and had the determination and tenacity of a certain W/Bro William Gilbert before him, to the point where he mortgaged his own property to ensure enough funds were available to build the Temple. In February 1963 the Inaugural Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Windmill St, Hythe took place with 100 in attendance, the building constructed by W/Bro Gordon Mills who was Master of the Lodge in that year.

FEBRUARY 1965

The actual dedication of the new Lodge took place on 3 February 1965 in the presence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, The Lord Cornwallis and a plaque commemorating this event is to be seen in the Temple.

NOVEMBER 1965

The minutes of this meeting record for the first time details of Masonic Lectures held in conjunction with Temple Lodge No 558. These lectures have continued to be demonstrated every November since that date and are held alternately at Prince Edwin's and Temple Lodges.

MAY 1970

At this May meeting the Worshipful Master welcomed W/Bro B H Hodgson on completion of 61 years membership. Also welcomed were the following brethren who had each completed 50 years membership, Bro Ronald Walbourne, Bro Charles Churcher and Bro Robert Carr.

SEPTEMBER 1972

Additional land owned by W/Bro Stan Norrington and adjacent to the Masonic Hall was now made available by him to enable an extension to be built. This land was purchased by the Lodge for £1700 and a vote of thanks is recorded in the minutes for selling the land at well below the market price.

NOVEMBER 1972

On Sunday 19 November 1972 a special Church Service was carried out at St Leonard's Church to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the birth of W/Bro William Gilbert.

OCTOBER 1973

A new electric organ (the one in use today) was purchased at this time for £469.00.

NOVEMBER 1978

W/Bro S Norrington, by who's generosity the Lodge was able to build and later extend its own Masonic Hall passed to Higher Service 5 November 1978 age 76. He was initiated in 1956 and became the Worshipful Master in 1965.

MAY 1980

Work to build the extension to the Masonic Hall was commenced during the recess of this year and completed in 1982, the building and decorating completed by the brethren, who's names are recorded in the Minute Book of that period.

It was during this decade that two of our very well known and respected brethren W/Bro Percy Newble and W/Bro Henry 'Bunny' Cooper were called to Higher Service. W/Bro Newble was initiated in 1923, became Worshipful Master in 1934 and was Secretary for 11 years. W/Bro Cooper, initiated in 1942, became Worshipful Master in 1952 and held the office of Director of Ceremonies for almost two decades. He is also believed to be the person most responsible for the "subtle" variations in Prince Edwin's ritual.

SEPTEMBER 1989

The current Masonic carpet square is an outstanding memento to the memory of Bro Joe Orchard. Bro Joe became a joining member in 1983 and sadly passed to a Higher Service in 1989 age 91, never to see his gift laid on the floor in the lodge.

OCTOBER 1993

At the October meeting a new Lodge Banner was unveiled by the Provincial Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Brother John Bonomy OBE JP, assisted by the Dedicating Officer W/Bro D F Preston, Assistant Provincial Grand Chaplain. The two previous Banners which had hung in the Temple for many years are now hung in glass frames in the stairwell with dates etc as known recorded therein.

APRIL 1995

At the annual meeting of the Province of East Kent W/Bro J F (Jack) Fakley PPJGW was one of the first to be presented with the Provincial Grand Masters personal award for exceptional service to Masonry in East Kent by the Provincial Grand Master the Right Worshipful Bro J Bonomy OBE JP.

FEBRUARY 1997

The land to the rear of the Lodge building has now been purchased. This in no small way has been made possible by generous loans and donations from our members and will now be available to extend the premises in the years to come, all loans being fully repaid in 2003.

AUGUST 1997

On the 12th August 1997 W/Bro W H (Bert) Winsor initiated into Prince Edwin's Lodge in 1961 was called to Higher Service. W/Bro Bert had served the Lodge with distinction for many years including the Offices of Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Director of Ceremonies and Almoner. He had also held the post of Hall Warden for many years and is well remembered by all who knew him.

2002

It was during this year that the Lodge benefited by the generous gift of a stair lift, which has proved invaluable to a number of our members. This was as the result of a generous bequest of our late Bro Ronald Quinn, who became a joining member of the Lodge in 1997 and was originally initiated into Freemasonry in India during the Second World War.

JULY 2003

W/Bro John Frederick Fakley (Jack) who was initiated into Prince Edwin's Lodge on 16 February 1948, and became the Worshipful Master in 1962, passed to Higher Service on 8 July 2003. It was, as already stated, largely due to his efforts that the Masonic Hall in Windmill St was built. Jack was also Charity Steward of the Lodge for 10 years, 1985-1995. He was born and bred in Hythe and was promoted to the rank of Major in the Second World War and it is no wonder that at his funeral the Church of St Peter and St Paul was overflowing.

In March 2007, the Bi-centenary of Prince Edwin's Lodge No 125 took place in the presence of The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master David Kenneth Williamson, together with The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Michael Robin Bailey and members of the Grand and Provincial Executive. The Lodge will then have worked without interruption for 200 years and a Bi-centenary Warrant to this effect will be read to the Brethren in Open Lodge.

In concluding the second part of the Lodge history (1918-2007) I repeat the hope expressed by W/Bro E W Stanton, in that such history will continue to be updated.

I most sincerely apologise to all those worthy brethren, who over the past 200 years have and are still giving of their time, expertise and financial assistance to Freemasonry in general and to Prince Edwin's Lodge No 125 in particular, but who have not been mentioned individually. The list of names would be endless and I sincerely hope it is enough to record that you were then and are now, the very best of our ancient and honourable institution.

G.A. Garrett-Budd 2007

Grand Masters under whom Prince Edwin's Lodge has worked:

Athol or Ancients G.L. 1753-1813	{	1771-74	JOHN, 3rd DUKE OF ATHOL (who signed our warrant)
		1775-81	JOHN, 4th DUKE OF ATHOL
		1782-91	EARL OF ANTRIM
		1791-1813	JOHN, 4th DUKE OF ATHOL
		1813	H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT
		1813-43	H.R.H. THE DUKE OF SUSSEX
United G. L.	{	1844-70	EARL OF ZETLAND
		1870-74	EARL DE GREY AND RIPON (afterwards Marquis of Ripon)
		1874-1901	H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES (afterwards King Edward VII)
		1901	H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT <i>P.G.M. of Kent</i>
		1770	HON. ROBERT B. WALSINGHAM
		1774	CAPT. CHAS. FREDERICK
		1777	CAPT. GEO. SMITH
		1785	COL. JACOB SAWBRIDGE
		1794	WM. PERFECT, M.D.
		1810	SIR WALTER J. JAMES, BT.
		1814	GEN. SIR SAMUEL HALSE, G.C.B.
		1830	HON. WM. T. E. T. FIENNES
		1847	L. CHARLES HUMFREY, Q.C.
		1853	CHARLES PURTON COOPER, Q.C.
		1860	VISCOUNT HOLMSDALE
		1905	COL. F. S. W. CORNWALLIS
		1935	RIGHT HON. WYKEHAM STANLEY CORNWALLIS, 2ND BARON CORNWALLIS, M.C.
	Changed to Province of EAST KENT		
	1973-1981	RIGHT HON. WYKEHAM STANLEY CORNWALLIS, 2ND BARON CORNWALLIS, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., M.C., D.L. O.S.M.	
	1981-1992	JOHN ANDREW PORTER, T.D., J.P., D.L.	
	1992-2004	JOHN BONOMY, O.B.E., J.P.	
	2004-	MICHAEL ROBIN BAILEY	

ROLL OF MASTERS

No. 168.

1771.	Schaw, Thomas (At Bath)
1807.	Levie, Abraham
1810.	Tutty, John
1811.	Farnwell, John
1811.	Hayes, Robt.
1812.	Gilbert, Wm.
1813.	Tutty, John

No. 205.

1815-21.	Gilbert, Wm.
1822-23.	Tiffin, Wm.
1824-25.	Davidson, Andrew
1826.	Gilbert, Wm.
1827-28.	Tiffin, Wm.
1829.	Gilbert, Wm.
1830.	Tiffin, Wm.
1831-32.	Monypenny, Phillips

No. 147.

1833.	Gilbert, Wm.
1834.	Tritton, Wm.
1835-36.	Tiffin, Wm.
1837.	Monypenny, Phillips
1838-39.	Hallowes, Thos.
1840.	Monypenny, Phillips
1841-42.	Le Gros, James
1843.	Key, George
1844.	Monypenny, Phillips
1845.	Hallowes, Thos.
1845-46.	Pullen, Wm. Hyde
1847.	Reynolds, George
1848.	Le Gros, James
1849.	Ashdown, Edward
1850.	Harley, Henry
1851.	Wilson, Stephen Barton
1852.	Lambert, Wm. Leigh
1853.	Tiffin, Wm.
1854.	Wilson, Stephen Barton (Junior)
1855.	Brayne, Benjamin
1856.	Monypenny, Phillips

1857.	Clarke, Wm.
1858.	Buss, Thos.
1859.	Ashdown, Edward
1860.	Monypenny, Phillips
1861.	Tomalin, Edward C.
1862.	Monypenny, Phillips

No. 125.

1863.	Finn, Stephen
1864.	Key, George
1865.	Bailey, Chas. D.
1866.	English, George
1867.	Klitz, Philip
1868.	Horn, Wm.
1869.	Biron, Edwin
1870.	Ashdown, Edward
1871.	Hills, George
1872.	Davies, Samuel
1873.	Eccles, Chas.
1874.	Sandeland, Edwin C.
1875.	Clarke, Wm.
1876.	Ovenden, Geo. H.
1877.	Sladden, Fredk.
1878.	Rubie, Thos.
1879.	Cobay, Henry T.
1880.	Ashdown, Edward
1881.	Amos, Wm. M.
1882.	West, Daniel J.
1883.	Divers, Thos.
1884.	Hire, Edward
1885.	Shaw, John
1886.	Walter, Daniel
1887.	Kingsmill, Comfort
1888.	White, Samuel H.
1889.	Peden, George
1890.	Young, Chas. W.
1891.	Lloyd, Joseph
1892.	Greenstreet, Stephen H.
1893.	Edwards, Wm.
1894.	Dann, Robt.
1895.	Wilks, George Stringer
1896.	Osborne, Cecil A. P.
1897.	Armstrong, Cecil A.
1898.	Taylor, Geo.
1899.	Brooke, Joseph Hewlett
1900.	Murdock, Alan

1901. Jeal, John James
 1902. Morgan, Wm. Rhys
 1903. Butler, Fred. W.
 1904. Wilson, James
 1905. Greenstreet, Percy
 1906. Wallingford, Jesse A.
 1907. White, James G.
 1908. Doust, Samuel
 1909. Dallimore, Ivo. J. J. S.
 1910. Turner, Alfred G.
 1911. Martin, George W. H.
 1912. Paine, Edward Galpin
 1913. Hoskins, Philip
 1914. Blunt, George W.
 1915. Straughan, Chas.
 1916. Sharp, Sidney J.
 1917. Stanton, Ernest Wm.
 1918. Keeler, Stephen G.
 1919. Hodgson, Benjamin H.
 1920. Hodgson, Benjamin H.
 1921. Foad, William J.
 1922. Nickolls, Charles J.
 1923. Uden, Edward
 1924. Cole, John C.
 1925. Baldock, H P
 1926. Sprinks, Charles E.
 1927. Few, George
 1928. Southgate, Frank
 1929. Crunden, Sydney A.
 1930. Ashdown, John L.
 1931. Price, George R.
 1932. Sear, Robert C.
 1933. Andrews, Alfred G.
 1934. Newble, Percy E.
 1935. Head, Thomas J.
 1936. Plum, John
 1937. Capeling, Percy D.
 1938. Wood, Nelson
 1939. Capt G Few
 1940. Capt G Few
 1941. Dixon, Percy G.
 1942. Chipperfield, Albert V.
 1943. Stainer, Herbert
 1944. Wilmot, John H. B.
 1945. Godden, Robert W.
 1946. Harris, Frederick G.

1947. Dill-Russell, Wm S.
 1948. Carr, Robert W.
 1949. Austen, Benjamin
 1950. Aldridge, Leonard C.
 1951. Nickolls, Reginald C. W.
 1952. Cooper, Edmund H.
 1953. Chipperfield, John V.
 1954. Shaw, Harry
 1955. Sprinks, Edward A.
 1956. Ashton, Edward W. T.
 1957. Lepper, Benjamin F. N.
 1958. Strawson, Benjamin
 1959. Pay, Victor D. V.
 1960. Lepper, Thomas P. P.
 1961. Walter, Maxwell R.
 1962. Fakley, John F.
 1963. Mills, Gordon
 1964. Paramor, Wm E.
 1965. Norrington, Stanley
 1966. Giles, John C.
 1967. Hodgson, Edwin H.
 1968. Waters, Harry A.
 1969. Rose, Ernest J.
 1970. Coe, Michael J.
 1971. Gibson, John O.
 1972. Wright, Fred
 1973. Piper, James
 1974. Eatwell, Arthur T.
 1975. Wall, William D.
 1976. Boorman, Cecil A. J.
 1977. King, Percy W.
 1978. Newman, Maurice D.
 1979. Rutherford, Jamie
 1980. Robb, Arthur B.
 1981. Winsor, Herbert W.
 1982. Ashman, Leslie W. MBE
 1983. Phillips, John A. F.
 1984. Pluckrose, Anthony
 1985. Humphreys, Colin R.
 1986. Osmond, William J.
 1987. Wilkinson, Reginald R.
 1988. Link, James F.
 1989. Radford, John C.
 1990. Howell, Thomas O.
 1991. Crichton, Norman K.
 1992. Kent, Philip J.

1993.	Garrett-Budd, Geoffrey A.
1994.	Ross, Michael C.
1995.	Wright, Ian W.
1996.	Scott, Eric R.
1997.	Semple, Derek J.
1998.	Baker, Alan H.
1999.	Sedgwick, William A.
2000.	Biggs, Harry A. L.
2001.	England, John B.
2002.	Williams, David J.
2003.	Williams, David J.
2004.	Dean, Stanley
2005.	Bell, Ian
2006.	Marke, Melville C.
2007	Challis, John L.

Names of Members of Prince Edwin's Lodge, No 125 who served in His Majesty's forces during the Great War, 1914-1918.

<i>Unit</i>		<i>Name</i>		<i>Honours Gained</i>
C.E.F.	***	Acker, W. R.	***	
S. of M.	***	Acton, W. C.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Adam, J. S.	***	
	***	Adams, J. J.	***	M.M.
T.F.	***	Addison, J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Akerman, A. E.	***	
T.F.	***	Alderson, V. C.	***	
	***	Allberry, C. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Allan, F. M.	***	
	***	Allen, W. A.	***	
S. of M.	***	Allen, H. R.	***	
	***	Amos, A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Amos, T. V.	***	
S. of M.	***	Amy, R. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Ansell C.T.	***	
Red Cross	***	Armstrong, C. A., P.M	***	
R.F.A.	***	Arnold. F.	***	M.C.
	***	*Arnold, F. A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Aslin, T. A. J.	***	D.C.M.
	***	Atkinson, L.W.	***	
R.A.F	***	L Ayling W.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Barber, E. A.	***	
	***	Barran, R. E.	***	
	***	Barton, T. K.	***	
S. of M.	***	Barton, F. C.	***	
R.A.F	***	Bayley, W. L. J.	***	
	***	Bellingham, W. H.	***	
T.F.	***	Belsham, H. J.	***	
C.E.F	***	Bentley, A.	***	
Navy	***	Biron, H.	***	
	***	Blogg, Rev. O. W.	***	
M.G.C	***	Bloomfield, A. E. T.	***	M.C.
C.E.F.	***	Booth, F.	***	***
	***	Brander, A.T.	***	
	***	Breakey, N. J.	***	
Red Cross	***	Brooke, J. H., P.M.	***	
A.E.F	***	Broadley, J.	***	
T.F.	***	Brown, E. A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Bryce, G. W.		***

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Tanks	***	Butler, F. W., P.M.	***	M.C.
C.E.F.	***	Casson, G. D.	***	
	***	Chamberlin, C. C.	***	
	***	Clegg, W. E.	***	
	***	Cody, G. R.	***	
	***	Coffey, G. E.	***	
	***	Collinson, J.	***	
	***	Condy, A. F. T.	***	
	***	Copping, W. F.	***	
	***	*Coveney, W. R.	***	
	***	Cox, A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Dann, W.	***	
S. of M.	***	Davies, W. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Davis, H. S.	***	
R.A.F.	***	Dee, T. C.	***	
The Buffs	***	*Dennett, W. A. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Dobson, W. A.	***	
	***	Donaldson, A. H.	***	

Navy	***	Dray, P. T.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Dunford, W. C.	***	
	***	Durant, J. A.	***	
	***	Dyas, A. W.	***	
R.A.O.C.	***	Eccles, R. S.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Eden, W.	***	
R.A.O.C.	***	Ellis, R. R.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Ellis, C. B.	***	
	***	Ellis, A. W.	***	
	***	Emond, L. A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Fairs, S. E.	***	
	***	Ferguson, T. B.	***	
	***	Ferrier, J. W.	***	
M.G.C. (Cav.)	***	Few, G.	***	
	***	Foad, T. G.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Fradgley, A. N.	***	
T.F.	***	Funnel, L. S.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Gibbs, W. G.	***	
	***	Gibson, J. P.	***	
RAF	***	Gladdis, H.	***	
Navy	***	Goble, W. J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Godfrey A. H.	***	
	***	Gordon, D. D.	***	
	***	Graham, S. M.	***	
	***	Grant, I.	***	
T.F.	***	Green, J. S., jur.	***	
T.Y.F.	***	Greenstreet, P., P.M.	***	

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C.E.F.	***	Hall, H.	***	
	***	Hambly, M. D.	***	
	***	Hargreaves, E.	***	
Navy	***	Harman, G.	***	
T.F.	***	Harrod, P. G.	***	
Navy	***	Hartley, T. J.	***	
T.F.	***	Hearn, J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Hemming, E. P.	***	
	***	Henderson, J.	***	
	***	D. Hendricks, F. J.	***	
	***	*Herd, S.	***	
	***	Hick, T. J. W.	***	
O.T.C.	***	Hodgson B., H.	***	
Navy	***	Holland, E.	***	
	***	Hook, W. L.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Hopper, R. E. P.	***	
	***	Horne, J.	***	
R.M.E.	***	Hoskins, P., P.M.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Howie, G.	***	
	***	Hughes, W. St. Pierre	***	
	***	Hunt, F. J.	***	
	***	Hunt, J.	***	
	***	Hunt, 14	***	
T.F.	***	Hutchings, A.	***	
	***	Ingrain; G. F. H.	***	
S. of M.	***	Jeffcutt, F. J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Joannou, S.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Johnson, C. W.	***	
T.F.	***	Jones, J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Jorgensen, A. T.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Joudrey, G. G.	***	
	***	Joyce, C. M.	***	
	***	Judges, W. E.	***	
T.F.	***	Kelton, P. St. Goar	***	
Tanks	***	Kenchington, A. G.	***	
S. of M.	***	*Kennedy, J. R.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Kenyon, P. J.	***	M.C. Croix de Guerr
T.F.	***	Langhorn, R.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Last, A. C.	***	
T.F.	***	Latham, J. G.	***	
C.E.P.	***	Leach, G. S.	***	
	***	Leask, J. E.	***	
S. of M.	***	Lee, H. M.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Leyland, S. F.	***	
S. of M.	***	Lomax, G. F.	***	

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R.G.A.	***	Longly, E. S.	***	M.M. & Bar
	***	Longley H. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Luff, E. N.	***	
S.F.	***	Lyne, T.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Macfarlan, A. A.	***	
	***	Marlatt, S. P. H.	***	
	***	Marsh, R. W.	***	
	***	Marshall, H. G.	***	
Navy	***	Martin, G. W. H.	***	C.B.E.
C.E.F.	***	Martin, H. P.	***	
	***	Masters, J. F.	***	
S. of M.	***	MCCausland, L. C.	***	
C.E.F.	***	McCrum, J.	***	
	***	McFarlane, A. T.	***	
	***	McKay, J. B.	***	
	***	McKay, W. W.	***	
	***	McLean McGown, J.	***	
	***	Meaden, F.	***	
	***	Moffatt, J. M.	***	
	***	Monkman, L. C.	***	
	***	Montminy, G. H.	***	
	***	Montminy, N. A.	***	
	***	Moon, O.	***	
	***	Morgan, G.	***	
	***	Morley, W. D. E.	***	
S. of M.	***	Nain, T. J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Neale, J. B.	***	
Navy	***	Neil, P.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Newell, A. C.	***	
	***	Nickolson, W. McDonald	***	
	***	Norton A L	***	
C.E.F.	***	O'Brien, D. F.	***	
	***	O'Brien, H.	***	
	***	*Odd, T.	***	
	***	O'Keefe, A. J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Overs, W. C.	***	
Navy	***	Pain, J. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Paish, H. R.	***	
S. of M.	***	Parkes, W.	***	
R.A.F.	***	Payne, E. V.	***	
T.F.	***	Pearce, E.W.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Peart, G. A.	***	
R.A.F.	***	Pentney, C. H.	***	
Navy	***	Philip, H. E.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Pike, J. M.	***	D.C.M.

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T.F.	***	Pinhay, G. H.	***	
	***	Playfair, F. H.	***	
	***	Pollard, W. B.	***	
	***	Pracy, G.	***	
	***	Pragnell, G. S. T.	***	
	***	Price, G. R.	***	
	***	Pritchard, W.	***	
	***	Purdon, E.	***	
	***	Radcliffe, G. H.	***	
	***	*Rae, T. W.	***	
	***	Raker, A. J. E.	***	
	***	Raker, E. H.	***	
	***	Raymond, C. A. H.	***	
T.F.	***	Reid, C.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Rhodes, F. C.	***	
T.F.	***	Richards, R. E. F.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Riddiford, W. C.	***	
Suffolk R.	***	Ridley, A. F.	***	
	***	Ridley, A. T.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Robins, H. J.	***	
M.G.C.	***	Rosain, E.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Ross, D. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Saltmarsh, G. H.	***	
T.F.	***	Searle, A. J. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Sharp, W. A.	***	
Navy	***	Shaw, B.	***	
T.F.	***	Shreeves, A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Smillie, H. M.	***	
	***	Smith, H.	***	
	***	Smith, J.	***	
	***	Smith, G. E.	***	
	***	Somny, C. C.	***	
	***	Sparkes, T. G.	***	
	***	Stanion, O. B.	***	
	***	Stevenson, P.	***	
	***	Suchanski, C. P.	***	
	***	Taylor, J.	***	
	***	Taylor, G. H. K.	***	
	***	Taylor, G. T.	***	
	***	Thompson, D. N.	***	
T.F.	***	Thompson, C.	***	
S. of M.	***	Tidridge, J. H.	***	M.B.E.
	***	Timbrell, H. M.	***	
	***	Tompkins, H.	***	
Navy	***	Trevett, A. J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Turner, A. G., P. M.	***	M.C.

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A. E. F.	***	Ulrich, T. F.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Usher, L. S.	***	
Navy	***	Varlow, A. A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Van Wart, H. H.	***	
C.E.F.	***	*Wagar, Roy	***	
S. of M.	***	Walbourn, F.	***	
N.Z.E.F.	***	Wallingford, J. A., P.M.	***	M.C.
C.E.F.	***	Wadron, G. W.	***	
T.F.	***	Ward, H.	***	
A.P.C.	***	Wardley, B. M.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Warren, W.	***	
	***	Watson, C. S. S.	***	
	***	Webb, G. B.	***	
Navy	***	Webb, J.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Weldon, A.	***	
	***	Widdowson, D.	***	
T.F.	***	Williams, T. H.	***	
	***	Williams, W. A.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Williams, J. D. S.	***	
S.of M.	***	Wilson, J., P.M.	***	
C.E.F.	***	Wright, Percy	***	

*Made the Great Sacrifice

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The Various meeting places of Prince Edwin's Lodge

1807	The Red Lion
1811	The Dukes Head, The Canteen (School of Musketry) The Kings Head.
1822	Private Hall (Near Church) Increased both in numbers and respectability
1827	The White Heart
1909	Odd Fellows Hall
1912	Masonic Hall (Mount Street)
1923	Masonic Hall (Bank Street) Lloyds Bank
1962	The Institute Hythe
1963	Masonic Hall (Windmill Street)

Prince Edwin Lodge Gateshead No 4519

Prince Edwin's Lodge Bury No 128

No. 168

Atholl

Grand Master.

Wm. Clarke S.G.W. Lau. Dermott D.G.M. John Christian J.G.W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

WE the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable FRATERNITY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry, four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful and Most Noble John Duke and Marquis of Atholl Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Capt. & Constable of the Castle & Constabulary of Kinclaven, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland Knight of the most Noble Order of the Thistle, and in that part of Great Britain called England GRAND MASTER OF MASONS! The Worshipful Lau. Dermott Esqr. (DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, The Worshipful William Clarke Esqr. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, & the Worshipful John Christian Esqr. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, (with the approbation and consent of the WARRANTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of LONDON and WESTMINSTER) Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz. Mr. Thomas Schaw, one of Our MASTER MASONS, Mr. Jno. Blackway, his SENIOR WARDEN, and Mr. Wm. McCarthy, his JUNIOR WARDEN, to Form and Hold a LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid, at the Sign of the Pelican (or elsewhere) in the City of Bath upon the Second and last Monday of each Kalender Month and on all feasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said LODGE (when duly congregated) to admit and make FREE MASONS according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the ROYAL CRAFT in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorize and empower Our said trusty and Well-beloved Brethren Messrs. Thos. Schaw, Jno. Blackway and Wm. McCarthy (with the Consent of the Members of their LODGE) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as FREE MASONS, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every Sr. JOHN'S-DAY during the Continuance of this LODGE for ever. Providing the above-named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful GRAND LODGE, otherwise this warrant to be of no Force, nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the SEAL of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON, this Ninth Day of April in the Year of our LORD One thousand Seven hundred Seventy and one, and in the Year of MASONRY Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and one.

NOTE, This WARRANT is registered
in the GRAND LODGE, Vol.
Letter G.H.

Wm. Dickey GRAND SECRETARY.

ENDORSEMENTS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE ORIGINAL.

London. 25th Septem. 1773 The within Warrant I recd. on the twelfth day of July last by Post from Bath and it has remained in my Possession untill this day the Twenty-fifth of September One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three, therefore I do hereby Certify that all Admissions & Transactions &c. within the time here specified shall be held good and Sufficient as if they had been in Possession of said Warrant Providing that such admissions, &c. be conformable in every respect with the Rules and Orders of the Fraternity.

By Order,

Wm. Dickey G. Sec.

Let the within Warrant be
Transferred to Brother Abraham Levi, Master, Samuel Hanniford and Simon Gompertz Senr. and Junr. Wardens and their Successors being first registered pursuant to the Statute & to be holden at the Red Lion, or elsewhere at Hythe, Subject always and nevertheless to the within Proviso and condition and of due respect to and performance of all and every the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge by whom the within and these presents are granted.

Entered in the Books of the
Grand Lodge G. pa 194.

Robt. Leslie G. Sec.

Thos. Harper D.G.M.