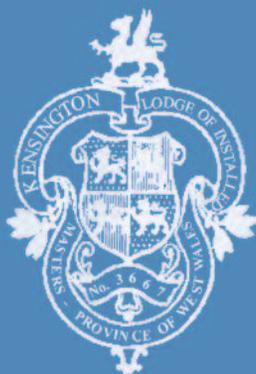


PROVINCE OF WEST WALES  
KENSINGTON LODGE  
OF  
INSTALLED MASTERS No. 3667



THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS

by  
Wor. Bro. Francis M. Williams, PAGDC



## Foreword

I am extremely proud and honoured to be the Worshipful Master of Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters during the celebration of this very auspicious and notable occasion. On behalf of myself and the Brethren of the Masonic Province of West Wales I congratulate the Lodge on attaining this historic milestone. Details regarding the formation and consecration of the Lodge are contained in this booklet which makes for interesting and informative reading. It will be an asset to the archives of the Lodge and, therefore, grateful thanks are due to W. Bro. Frank Williams and all who have assisted the compilation of this record.

When we consider the many changes that have occurred during the lifetime of this Lodge, it brings home to us the littleness of human life and the insignificance of human endeavour. We are also reminded that we too shall quickly pass by, leaving behind our greatest endeavours and achievements; as time unwinds and unfolds in generation after generation, others will step into our place, reminding us that “no man liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself”.

The Brethren who have occupied the chairs of this Lodge during its one hundred years have left their mark upon it and this is surely a cause for true thankfulness. As we witness the vitality of the Kensington Lodge today and consider the part it has played in upholding the value and prestige of the Craft, its loyalty to the Ancient Landmarks and its warm spirit of companionship, it must be obvious that every member has good reason for expressing his gratitude for having entered into so rich a heritage of Masonic traditions built up by loyalty, devotion and zeal of those who have gone before.

The primary purpose at a Lodge centenary celebration is to render thanks to The Great Architect of the Universe for “favours already received”. We also honour the memory of all those who played a part on that day in June 1913. But not only them; we remember with gratitude all those who followed them and continued to build upon that foundation which had been so carefully laid. Their efforts reflect and characterise countless brethren who have made this Lodge lively, flourishing and happy, proud of its past and confident of its future.

And we should be determined that it shall so remain and be handed on to our successors in good heart, that they too may know the companionship we know, and share in their turn the aims of freemasonry.

So we remember and honour those worthy Masons who well and truly laid the Foundation Stone of this Lodge. Our duty to them and to our successors is to continue the work of building, laying a course which will support what is to follow; generations past, present and future working together.

My heartiest congratulations to the Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters on a wonderful record and my very best wishes for its future growth and success.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Eric G. S. Mock

Provincial Grand Master.

## **The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, D.S.O.**

Provincial Grand Master South Wales Western Division. 1912 - 1938

The Rt. Hon Lord Kensington D.S.O. was born in September, 1873, and is the second son of the 4th. Baron and brother of the 5th. Baron, on whose death in June, 1900, from wounds received in action in the South African War, he succeeded to the title as 6th. Baron at the age of 27. He was gazetted a 2nd. Lieut. In October, 1896, to the 15th. The King's Hussars. He served in South Africa as A.D.C. to Lieut.- General Sir H. M. Leslie Randle, commanding the 8th. Division, and was awarded the D.S.O. and Queen's Medal with two clasps, being twice mentioned in dispatches. He resigned his commission in 1904, and in 1909 was appointed Hon. Colonel of the Pembrokeshire R.G.A.



*Lord Kensington 1873 - 1938*

On the outbreak of the Great War in August, 1914, he volunteered his services, and, at the request of the then Lord Mayor of Cardiff, raised the Welsh Horse, which was subsequently taken over by the War Office on the Yeomanry establishment, and of which he was appointed the command on August 18th. 1914. This Regiment left for dismounted service on the Gallipoli Peninsular in September, 1915, remaining there until the evacuation, when Lord Kensington was appointed to command the last party of 100 men, who left the centre sector of the defences on December 20th. following, at 3.30 am He subsequently served with his Regiment on the Suez Canal defences, moving to the Western Desert in August 1916. In January, 1917, owing to the exigencies of the service and the nature of the country, four Brigades of the dismounted Yeomanry were converted into three Brigades of Infantry. The Welsh Horse and the Montgomery Yeomanry formed one battalion, the command of which was given to Lord Kensington.. He was present with his battalion at the battles of Gaza in March and April, 1917, and during the ensuing summer served in the trenches in front of Gaza. On October 31st. His battalion was in the front line in the attack on, and capture of Beersheba, and, during the eight following days, went through hand fighting at Sheria, Hareira and Kuwelfeh, and all through the Turkish retreat northwards, and subsequent operations which culminated in the capture of Jerusalem on December, 9th. Lord Kensington was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. David's Lodge, No. 366, on September, 18th. 1902, passed to the 2nd. Degree the following November, and in January, 1903, was raised to the 3rd. Degree in the Lodge of Friendship, Meerut, N.W. Province of India. He was installed as W.M. of his mother Lodge in January, 1905, after his appointment to Prov. Grand Rank he was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1908, and, on the death of the late Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, C. B. was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales in October 1912. He was exalted in R.A. Masonry in the Hwlffordd Chapter in 1908, serving as its 1st Principal in 1911, and was appointed Grand Scribe N. and Grand Supt. of the Western Division of South Wales in 1912 the Province being consecrated at the same time by the Pro. First Grand

Principal, the Rt. Hon. Lord Amphill. The original warrant for this Prov. Grand Chapter was signed in July, 1896, and the ceremony of consecration was to have taken place that year together with the installation as Grand Supt. of Lord Kensington's father, who died shortly afterwards. Lord Kensington was advanced in the Picton Castle Mark Lodge in 1907, served as it's W.M. in 1910, became Prov. Mark Senior Warden in 1911, and was appointed the same year Mark Senior Grand Warden in the Mark Grand Lodge of England.

### **KENSINGTON LODGE No. 3667**

In 1912 Lord Kensington was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Province of South Wales Western Division.

On the Thursday, 27th. February, 1913, he convened a meeting held at Carmarthen of Past Masters of the Province to consider the question of forming a Past Masters' Lodge for the Province. Lord Kensington took the Chair.

At that meeting it was resolved

1. That a Past Masters' Lodge be formed
2. That the Lodge be called the Kensington Lodge of Past Masters.
3. That the Provincial Grand Master be the first Worshipful Master
4. That Wor. Bro. James Thomas be elected as Treasurer
5. That the Lodge meet three times in the year and that the Installation of the Master be held in June,
6. The meeting empowered Wor. Bro. A. H. Howard to carry through the formation of the Lodge and to arrange for the Consecration.

The Kensington Lodge No. 3667 took its name from Huw Edwardes, 6th Baron Kensington (03.09.1873 to 03.03.1938) The title Baron Kensington was created in 1776. Huw Edwards was the son of William Edwardes, the 4th. Baron Kensington and Grace Elizabeth Johnstone Douglas.

William Edwardes was the Provincial Grand Master of this Province 1885 - 1897

He served as a Lieut. in the 15th. Hussars and in 1900 / 1901 was posted to South Africa as an Aide to Lieutenant General Randal. In 1900 he was awarded the D. S. O. - Later promoted Colonel

The petitioners were:-

Lord Kensington

William Howell Walters

Robert Margrave

Jonathan Marsden

Rev. Canon David Bowen

Robert Lock

Thomas Rule Owen

William Robert Roberts

At 3.0 pm. on Thursday 12th. June, 1913 the Brethren assembled in the Lodge Room at Carmarthen and the following entered in procession

V. Wor. Bro. Sir Gd. Letchworth G.S.

V. Wor. Bro. Granville Grenfell G. D. C.

Wor. Bro. Robert Lock A. G. D. C. as Senior Warden

Wor. Bro. Robert Margrave Pr.A. S.W. as Junior Warden

Wor. Bro. L. H. Thomas Pr. G. R. as Inner Guard

and Consecrating Officers

Wor. Bro. J. Marsden, B.D.  
R. Wor. Bro. Lord Kensington

Pr.S.G.W. acting as Chaplain  
Pr. G. M.

The Kensington Lodge was then consecrated

V. Wor. Bro. Sir Gd. Letchworth then installed the following officers for the year

Wor. Master	Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Kensington
Immediate Past Master	Wor. Bro. T. Rule Owen
Senior Warden	V. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon D. Bowen
Junior Warden	Wor. Bro. W. Howell Walters
Chaplain	Wor. Bro. Rev. J. Marsden
Treasurer	Wor. Bro. I. D. Gerratt
Secretary	Wor. Bro. A.H. Howard
Senior Deacon	Wor. Bro. Thos. Walters
Junior Deacon	Wor. Bro. W. J. Watkins
Dir. of Ceremonies	Wor. Bro. Ed. Davies
Assist Dir. of Ceremonies	Wor. Bro. G. Mercer
Almoner	Wor. Bro. J. Campbell Hill
Organist	Wor. Bro. Col. W. R. Roberts
Assist. Secretary	Wor. Bro. R. W. Ward
Inner Guard	Wor. Bro. W. G. Seer
Stewards	Wor. Bro. E. J. Head
	Wor. Bro. W. R. James
	Wor. Bro. A. Davies
	Wor. Bro. J. M. Owen
	Wor. Bro. L. H. Thomas

After many congratulatory letters and correspondence were read the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

### **Why have an Installed Masters Lodge?**

There are many reasons to have such a Lodge but my belief is that at the time of consecration there was no Book of Ritual as we know it today. The ceremonies were handed down man to man thus various interpretations of the Ritual existed. Up until the Book of Ritual was published the Lodge entertained various demonstration teams to perform the various degrees. This is shown in the excerpts of the Lodge minutes later on. The Preceptor of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement (formed in 1823) was asked to visit the Lodge and demonstrate the degrees so that the Past Masters present could return to their own Lodges and pass the information on so that there would be some kind of uniformity in the Province. After the publication of the Book of Ritual our ceremonies apart from the Installation have mainly been Talks, Lectures and other demonstrations. Since 1935 Carmarthen has been the home of the Kensington Lodge. We now meet at Llanelli where facilities are better, particularly with the larger Temple and the parking area.

In 1914 World War 1 commenced and travel was severely curtailed. Many members were recruited into military service and the Lodge struggled to continue with at least one Master continuing on for a second year in the Chair. Membership suffered as a consequence but revived after hostilities ceased.

The Installation of the Worshipful Master was changed to the March Lodge, leaving the June meeting open for the wives to attend the Festive Board and this continues to the present time.

Many Provincial Grand Masters have been through the Chair of the Lodge including:-

Appointed Pr.G.M.		Year in Chair
1912	Lord Kensington	1913
1938	H. W. Thomas	1936
1945	Col. G. T. Kelway	1949
1986	E. P. M. Drewett	1974
1996	C. O. Dare	1989
1992	V.Rev. Dr. A. G. Macwilliam	1994
2001	Dr. J. B. Lloyd	1995
2008	E.G.S. Mock	2013

At the installation of Wor. Bro. H. R. Jones in 1996 he appointed Wor. Bro. Francis M. Williams as secretary, an office he held for the next 12 years before taking the Chair in 2008.

The membership although losing members over the last few years, is now picking up and the present membership is 180.

The office of Master is open to all members, but with so many members to choose from it has long been the custom to elect a Past Active Provincial Warden to serve as Master.

The Lodge has seen throughout its 100 years, two world wars and has witnessed riots, slaughter, holocausts and nuclear bombs. Conditions in the mining and steel industries were deplorable resulting in the growth of Trade Unions and the improvement of working conditions. Today we find ourselves in a different world with the improvement of transport, communications and the National Health Service. The Lodge has given us a sense of brotherhood and solidarity of character. It is good to look back and reflect on what we have been through but it is equally good to look forward to the future and to the next 100 years.

One of our Minute Books (1937 - 1959) is mislaid and I have been unable to recover it. The excerpts are taken from the Minute Books verbatim and may not be grammatically correct.

W.Bro. F.M. Williams, PAGDC

# Excerpts From the Minutes

**Thursday, 13th. November, 1913**

## **Emulation Lodge of Improvement**

It was proposed by Wor Bro. I. Campbell Hill and seconded by V. Wor. Bro. Canon Bowen that the Secretary write to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement with the request that one of their preceptors be invited to attend the next Lodge meeting to give the members instruction on points of ritual

### **Change Day of Meeting**

Wor. Bro. W. T. S. Tombs gave Notice of Motion to rescind Bye-Law No. 1 and of his intention to propose that the day of meeting be altered.

### **Clothing**

A discussion took place as to the proper clothing to be worn at this Lodge. It was decided that the Secretary should ascertain from the Grand Secretary a decision on this point.

**Wednesday, 12th. February, 1914**

## **Emulation Lodge of Improvement**

The Secretary read correspondence with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement showing that through ill-health they were unable to arrange a Preceptor to visit the Lodge that day.

On the proposition of Wor. Bro. I. Campbell Hill, seconded by Wor. Bro. W. Howell Walters it was agreed to leave matters in the hands of the Secretary, and for him to arrange a series of visits during the ensuing year.

### **Clothing**

The Secretary read correspondence with the Grand Secretary in reference to the dress to be worn at this Lodge to the effect that all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers should wear Undress but if not in possession of Undress then Full Dress. Past Masters to wear Past Masters Apron and Collar

**Wednesday, 10th. June, 1914**

**Collars and Jewels**

On the proposition of Wor. Edward Davies, seconded by Wor. Bro. F. Langford, the Secretary was instructed to order Past Master's Collars and Jewels for the Officers of the Lodge.

**Wednesday 10th. November, 1915**

**Close in Ample Form**

After discussion on Masonry it was agreed to recommend Lodges of the Province to close in Ample Form in 2nd. and 3rd. Degrees and not to take more than one candidate in the Third Degree.

**Wednesday, 9th. February, 1916**

**King and Country**

It was carried that a hearty vote of appreciation of the Services he is rendering to King and Country and in the cause of Justice be forwarded to R. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Kensington.

**19th. January, 1916**

**Letter received at Tenby Lodge from Provincial Grand Master**

The Welsh Horse, Eastern Mounted Brigade,  
British Mediteranian Expeditionary Force,  
19.1.16

Dear Wor. Master,

Yesterday I received through your Bro. Secy the good wishes of the Brethren of Tenby Lodge, No. 1177. Please express my most grateful thanks to the Lodge. It brings one nearer home when one knows that one is in the thoughts of all our friends, especially those of our Great Brotherhood.

May the G.A.O.T.U. direct and guide you in your honourable position and grant you a happy and prosperous year of office and to your absent Brethren a speedy return to their native land.

Yours fraternally,  
Kensington, P.G.M.  
S.Wales. Western Division.

**Wednesday, 8th. November, 1916**

**Subscribing Members**

Wor. Bro. W. T. Norris gave notice that he would at the next Lodge meeting move the following motion,

To adopt the following new Bye-Law saving the rights of persons initiated as members of this Lodge.

“No person shall be eligible to become or continue to be a member of this Lodge unless he is and continues to be a subscribing member of some other Lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England”.

**Wednesday 13th. June, 1917**

The motion standing in the name of Wor. Bro. W. T. Norris was postponed.

**Note** No other minute regarding the above could be found.

**Wednesday, 14th. February, 1917**

**Postponing Meetings due to the War**

The Wor. Master, Thomas Walters, referred to the omission from the agenda, of business which should have been transacted at this meeting:- the election of Wor. Master, Treasurer, Tyler and Auditors according to Bye-Law No. 2 and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Grand Secretary for advice on the matter, and at the same time to write as to the advisability of postponing meetings of the Lodge during the War.

**Wednesday, 13th. June, 1917**

**War Time**

Bro. Secretary read letters from the Grand Secretary and the Prov. Grand Secretary advising the Lodge how to act under the circumstances. After some discussion it was decided to ask the present Wor. Master to continue as Master which was carried unanimously.

**Wednesday, 10th. December, 1919**

**Request Emulation Lodge**

It was resolved that the Secretary write to Grand Secretary to enquire if he could suggest any Brother who would attend this Lodge to give instruction in the various ceremonies. He replied that he could not suggest anyone to act as preceptor, but mentioned that the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement sometimes arranges to send members to give exhibition of the working. The Secretary was written to and he replied that if a visit could be arranged for a convenient Saturday they would be pleased to give a demonstration. The deputation would consist of a party of nine and would require the payment of third class return fares from London and accommodation for the Saturday night.

The correspondence was sent to the Wor. Master and he communicated with Lord Kensington. The letters were read and it was agreed that a Saturday night was out of the question, and that a deputation of nine would be too expensive.

Resolved that the Secretary write to the Grand Director of Ceremonies to enquire if he or any Assistant could arrange to give a demonstration and information concerning the unwritten ceremonial.

**Wednesday, 10th. March, 1920**

**Emulation Lodge**

The correspondence with the V. Wor. Bro. Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was read. The Grand Director of Ceremonies wrote that he could not attend, and had handed the letter to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The Secretary of that Lodge states that it is necessary to know if detailed criticism of the ceremonial work is required, or whether only an address to the Brethren giving them such general direction as may be possible in that way. If the former, whether workers will be prepared to do either or all the four Ceremonies so that the visiting Grand Officer may be able either at once orally or later in writing to make such criticism or correction as he may think necessary.

It was resolved that their offer be accepted for the visit of a Grand Officer to the Lodge Meeting in September at Tenby for the purpose of criticism and general instruction on the proper performance of the unwritten ceremonial.

**Wednesday, 9th. June, 1920**

**Emulation Lodge**

The correspondence with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was read.

It was resolved that their offer be accepted for the visit of a Grand Officer to the Lodge Meeting in September at Tenby. There was considerable discussion regarding the criticism and instruction which would be desirable from the Grand Lodge Officer. It was resolved that the work to be performed should be the opening and closing in the three Degrees and the Installation Ceremony and that the Wor. Master, Immediate Past Master and the Wardens with the Secretary make arrangements for appointing Brethren to carry out this work. It was further resolved that all Wor. Masters, Immediate Past Masters, Wardens and Director of Ceremonies of the Lodges in the Province be invited to attend.

**Wednesday, 8th September, 1920**

**Surrender of Warrant**

The Wor. Master explained that in view of the Notice given by the R. Wor. The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, arrangements for the visit of an Officer of Grand Lodge in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Meeting was postponed. The action of the Wor. Master was approved.

A full discussion took place on the Motion of the R. Wor. Provincial Grand Master "That the Warrant of the Kensington Lodge of Past Masters be surrendered".

It was generally considered that the adverse conditions which have prevailed since its formation had not allowed a fair trial of the purposes for which it was originally started, and that there was a strong feeling against the Warrant being Surrendered.

It was resolved that leave be granted to the R. Wor. Provincial Grand Master to withdraw the proposal.

Resolved on the proposition of the R. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. Thomas Walters that an Officer of Grand Lodge be asked to attend the meeting in December next; the arrangements to be those agreed to at the June meeting.

**Wednesday, 8th. December, 1920**

**Emulation Lodge**

A letter was read from Wor. Bro. A. P. Grabb, Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement dated 4th. December, regretting that the Brother from Grand Lodge that had been approached finds that circumstances prevent him from leaving London.

Resolved that Wor. Bro. F. Hubert James of Newport be asked to attend the next Meeting for the purpose of directing the Brethren in the proper working more especially in the unwritten ceremonial. It was resolved that in the event of Wor. Bro. Hubert James being unable to attend, Wor. Bro. Morgan be asked.

Similar invitations to be sent to all Lodges in the Province.

**Wednesday, 9th. March, 1921**

**Ceremonial**

Wor. Bro. F. Hubert James, P.P.G.S.W. of the Province of Monmouthshire, and a member of several Lodges, who possesses a valuable library relating to Masonry and takes a deep interest in the Ritual addressed the Lodge upon the general working of the several Degrees, taking those parts which he considered to be the most essential. He emphasized the importance of conforming to the ancient landmarks and dwelt upon the necessity of a Lodge insisting upon a high standard of work so that all Masonic Ceremonial should not only be done well, but that it should be done accurately. The points illustrated and the information imparted were greatly appreciated and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Wor. Bro. James for his instructive and interesting address.

**Wednesday, 14th. September, 1921**

**Symbolism of Masonry**

A hearty vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. John Morgan, for his kindness in coming to the Lodge and enlightening and instructing the Brethren and for his most interesting address on the Symbolism of Masonry and the evolution of the Ritual was proposed by the Wor. Master and seconded by the Immediate Past Master.

**Wednesday, 14th. June, 1922**

**Instruction**

A Board of Installed Masters was then formed where Wor. Bro. W. Howell Walters, Wor. Bro. Harold Barker, Wor. Bro. G. P. Lewis and others gave instructive demonstrations as to the signs etc. connected with the ceremony of Installation, followed by a general discussion.

**Wednesday, 14th. March, 1923**

**1st. Degree Demonstration**

The Wor. Master and his Officers vacated their chairs in favour of the Past Masters of the Cambrian Lodge who worked the First Degree including the Tracing Board. The whole of the work was performed most efficiently and gave the Brethren the greatest pleasure and satisfaction.

**Wednesday, 12th. September, 1923**

**Demonstration of Third Degree**

The working of the Third Degree was then undertaken by the Officers of the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177. An interesting discussion followed in which Wor. Bros. David James, E. G. Head, Campbell-Hill, H. Barker and B. A. Lewis took part.

**Wednesday 12th. December, 1923**

**Refreshment Allowance**

In accordance with Notice of Motion, Wor. Bro. J. Campbell-Hill moved "that the allowance for refreshments be discontinued"

Several of the Brethren spoke on the Motion and on being put to a vote Wor. Bro. Hill's resolution was lost.

**Wednesday, 12th. March, 1924**

**Arms and Crest of Kensington Lodge**

A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master (The Right Hon. Lord Kensington) regarding the Arms and Crest used on the Lodge Summons Paper, and after consideration it was decided to inform his Lordship that the opinion prevailed that it was not intended that his Lordships' "Crest and Arms" should be used, and that whilst appreciating his offer of having a new die cut, any alteration now made would differ from the selected design of the Founders' Jewel on which it was based.

### **Letter from Lord Kensington**

4, Egerton Place S.W.

Dear Bro. Secy,

I regret I shall not be able to be present at the Meeting of Kensington Lodge of P.M's on 12th. March next.

I am afraid it has been remiss of me not to have noticed before that (if they are meant to be my Arms) the Arms and Crest you use at the top of your summons paper, are quite wrong. If it is wished to correct them, (always supposing that they meant to be mine) I would gladly have a new die cut and present it to the Lodge,

Yours faithfully and fraty,

Kensington The Secy, Kensington Lodge of I.M. No. 3667

### **Reply to Lord Kensingtons' Letter**

And that several designs for the Jewel were submitted when the present design was selected and that your Lordship concurred with the choice then made

The opinion seem to prevail that it was not intended that your Lordships' Arms and Crest" should be used, and until your letter was read the Brethren were not aware that the die used on the notice paper was meant to represent your Lordships' "Arms and Crest".

Whilst appreciating your Lordships offer of having a new die cut I am asked to point out that if any alteration is now made, it would differ from the design of the Founders Jewel on which it was based.

**Wednesday, 11th June, 1924**

### **Kensington Crest and Arms**

A letter was read from the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Kensington) with reference to the Founders' Jewel which was discussed at the March Meeting.

### **Reply by Lord Kensington**

4, Egerton Place, S.W.

29.3.24

Dear Sir and Bro.

Thank you for yours of 27th. The reason why I raised the question was that I had submitted to me Arms purporting to be mine, similar to those in use by Kensington Lodge.

I regret extremely that I could have concurred some year ago, but have no recollection of the matter. It is, however, as you say a pity to alter the die which would then differ from the Founders' Jewel.

Yours truly and fraty, Kensington.

### **Wednesday, 9th. September, 1925 1st. Dispensation**

A Dispensation appears in the Minutes Book. This appears to be the First time a copy of the Dispensation is recorded.

## **DISPENSATION**

### **Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (WESTERN DIVISION)**

I, Hugh, Baron Kensington, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales, do hereby grant permission unto the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the

*Kensington Lodge No. 3667*

to

*Hold their Meeting on 9th. September, 1925 in the Grand Cinema at Tenby*

*Dated this Eight day of September, 1925*

*By Command of the Provincial Grand Master*

*F. Langford*

*DPGM*

*T. Morgan*

*Prov. G. Secy.*

**Wednesday, 9th. September, 1925**

**Emulation Lodge**

At this juncture the Wor. Master invited Wor. Bro. Black of Emulation Lodge of Improvement, London, to take the Chair. Wor. Bro. Black explained that he had been asked to deputise Wor. Bro. Rankin who was unable to attend.

The Lodge was opened in the 2nd. Degree. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd. Degree.

Wor. Bro. Black then invited the Brethren to ask him questions in regard to Emulation Working which he would do his best to explain. A very instructive hour was spent in this way.

The Lodge was reduced to the 2nd. Degree. The Lodge was reduced to the 1st. Degree.

Wor. Bro. C. Hayden Williams then resumed the Chair as Acting Wor. Master.

**Wednesday, 9th. December, 1925**

**Oxford and Emulation Working**

Wor. Bro. Smith, at the request of the Wor. Master took the Chair and opened the Lodge in the 2nd. Degree and the 3rd. Degree - afterwards closing in these Degrees.

An interesting discussion ensued in regard to the differences between the Oxford and Emulation forms of working, after which the Wor. Master resumed the Chair.

It was resolved to reimburse Wor. Bro. Black the cost of his Railway fare 30/- when he visited the Lodge at Tenby on September 9th. last to give an address of Emulation Lodge Working.

**Wednesday, 8th. June, 1932**

**Number Present**

**Footnote**

This was certainly the most successful Meeting of this Lodge. 103 signed the Attendance Book, but there were many present who did not. There were not less than 120 present.

**Wednesday, 13th. September, 1933**

**Wor. Bro. Col. E. C. L. Fitzwilliams**

The Wor. Master extended a hearty welcome to the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master and also offered the congratulations of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. E. C. L. Fitzwilliams on his appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Wor. Bro. E. C. L. Fitzwilliams delivered a most interesting lecture on "The Pyramids of Egypt and their Message" and was heartily thanked by the Wor. Master supported by Wor. Bro. The Rev. John James, P. M. 1177.

**Wednesday, 11th. December, 1935**

**Change of Dates**

Wor. Bro. D. T. James, in accordance with the Notice of Motion duly given, then proposed, "That all Meetings of the Lodge be held at Carmarthen and that the Bye-Laws be amended accordingly". This was seconded by Wor. Bro. W. T. Norris and carried unanimously.

Wor. Bro. H. W. Thomas, S.W. gave the following Notice of Motion, "That the day for the meetings of the Lodge be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday and that the Bye-Laws be amended accordingly".

Wor. Bro. Col. E. C. L. Fitzwilliams, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, expressed his appreciation of the Wor. Master's efforts to infuse more interest in the work of the Lodge, and also initiated a discussion on various points of procedure in which Wor. Bros. Selby Clave, J.W., E. G. Head, J. Ll. Richards and H. W. Thomas, S.W. took part.

**Wednesday, 11th. March, 1936**

**Change of Dates**

The Notice of Motion given by Wor. Bro. H. W. Thomas, S. W. was discussed and it was decided to continue the meetings on Wednesday as at present.

**Wednesday, 10th. June, 1936**

**Representative on Prov. Benevolent and Educational Fund Committee**

The Wor. Master ruled that the Lodge had no right to appoint a representative to serve on the Provincial Benevolent and Educational Fund Committee of Management.

**7th. July, 1960**

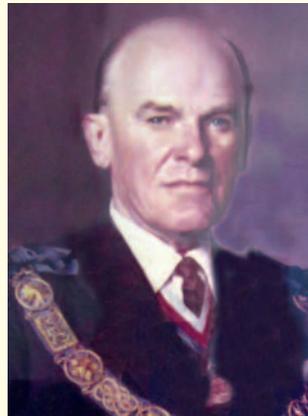
**Address by Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Col. G. T. Kelway, T.D; D.L.**

**The Past Master and The Lodge.**

He stated that on former occasions he had refused invitations from the then Master to address the Lodge, since he felt it might have been construed as interfering with the purely domestic business of the Lodge. However, having recently been invited to speak to the Past Masters Lodge of Monmouthshire, he felt that a similar invitation from the Master of Kensington Lodge could hardly be refused.

He then spoke of the role of a Past Master in the affairs of his own Lodge. A Past Master must be efficient, sound in advice when asked by the Wor. Master and be clear in the distinction between authority and opinion. He should exercise modesty, avoiding any suggestion of self glorification resulting from seniority, should beware of the insidious disease of the inveterate prompter, but should exercise help, loyalty, co-operation, guidance and support to the W. M. who at all times is and must be in control of his Lodge.

Thanks to the speaker for his excellent address were expressed by the Worshipful Master



**13th. July, 1961**

**Subscription Fees**

Wor. Bro. W. F. Johnson, on behalf of Wor. Bro. R. F. Foster, unavoidably absent, proposed that Bye-Law No. 3, be amended to read, "That the Lodge Dues shall be ONE POUND per annum". Seconded by Wor. Bro. H. S. Griffiths, and the motion duly passed by the Brethren.

**20th. September, 1961**

**Appeal**

Wor. Bro. W. F. Johnson, proposed that a donation of TWENTY GUINEAS be given from Lodge Funds to the Vicar of Monkton as a grant to be applied to restoration of the Masonic features of his Church.

This was seconded by Wor. Bro. C. G. A. Taylor. Wor. Bro S. A. Hughes, Wor. Bro. A. S. Colley and Wor. Bro. D. Williams spoke in support and Wor. Bro. H. Stone Thomas expressed his views against the proposal. The proposition was carried by show of hands.

**18th. September, 1963**

**No Speaker**

Wor. Bro. S. Hughes, Deputy Pr. G. M. then referred to the efforts made by the Wor. Master (Thomas Tipton) to arrange something of special interest for the meeting. The Wor. Master had tried to get a Demonstration of Bristol Working by Brethren from the Province, but owing to the illness of their Provincial Grand Secretary it had not been possible to complete the arrangements. Wor. Bro. Rev. W. S. Moss had then agreed to give an address on "The Bible and Freemasonry" but only days previously Bro. Moss had been taken ill and he was laid up.

The Wor. Master said it was a great disappointment to him that he had failed to provide something interesting.

The Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master added his own thanks to the Wor. Master. It was a good thing in the Lodge from time to time to provide something of special interest, but that was not the one and only object of the Lodge. It was well worth while that it should exist so that Installed Masters in the Province could meet together. There might be something that he or his Deputy or the Wor. Master or any of its members might want to bring up. The fact that it was in existence as a place where that could be done was justification for the Lodge to meet three times a year. He himself attended the

meetings of Grand Lodge. There had been many many meetings which had no special business at all. But he had never been there, even when the business was quite formal, without feeling that his journey from Pembrokeshire had been worth while. Brethren should look upon the Kensington Lodge in the same way and its members should so portray it to their own Lodges that when anyone was put into a chair of his Lodge he might think “Now I am qualified to obtain the privileges of becoming a member of the Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters. He hoped the Members looked on it in that way, as he did.

### 16th. September, 1964

#### **Wor. Bro. Sidney H. Hughes, Masonic Experiences in Australia**

Wor. Bro. Sydney H. Hughes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the Brethren on his “Masonic Experiences in Australia”. He and his wife had left Britain on the 18th. December 1963 on the S.S. Oransay on a three month visit to his wife’s brother in Australia. He had taken with him a letter of introduction from the Grand Secretary and his Masonic experiences started with a gathering of Brethren on the Oransay on the 10th of January when they were in the Indian Ocean. Forty seven Brethren mostly accompanied by their wives attended representing England, Scotland, New Zealand, North Dakota, (U.S.A.) Texas, Washington, Nairobi, British Columbia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland and he was elected to the Chair. At the time they had been to sea for three weeks and it was remarkable how, after the gathering men he had never previously spoken to became close personal friends for the remainder of the voyage.



They arrived at Melbourne on the 16th. January and motored to Portland about 230 miles away.

His first visit was to a Mark Lodge on the 22nd. January and he found the work there as in all the Lodges he visited in Australia, was of a very high standard. In Victoria, full evening dress is worn by all the Brethren. In New South Wales and Tasmania, dinner jackets are worn by Brethren not in Office but all officers wear full evening dress.

His next visit was to the Heywood Craft Lodge, about 30 miles from Portland. A 2nd. Degree was being worked and it was also election night. Over 60 visitors attended, several having driven over 75 miles to attend. Lodge was tyled at 7.45 p.m. and it was midnight when he responded to the toast of the visitors. The working was much the same as ours but there was much more music and singing.

He visited the Lodge of Memories at Portland, membership of which is confined to ex-service men and their descendants, and saw a 3rd. Degree most impressively carried through. In the Lodge, immediately before the First Rising, there is a commemorative service. The Brethren rise and an empty chair draped with the Australian Flag is placed in the centre of the Lodge. The Director of Ceremonies conducts the Lodge Bugler to the West. The Master requests the Brethren to turn to the East in prayer. The Bugler sounds the Last Post and a special hymn is sung. The reveille is sounded and the empty chair again placed at the side of the Lodge. He was particularly struck by the fact that in every Masonic Building he visited, there was a large portrait of the Queen in the South, as they call their dining rooms and the Loyal Toast was always enthusiastically received.

In February he went to Tasmania and called on the Grand Secretary at Hobart who invited him to an Installation Meeting of their Lodge of Research. He had the honour of acting as one of the escorts of the Grand Master, a former Bishop of the Diocese, who invited him to attend the Grand Lodge of Tasmania which took place in Devonport on 29th. February at which the Grand Master who holds office for three years was re-appointed.

A couple of weeks afterwards he visited Sydney the capital of New South Wales and then in Lodge Pembroke at Epping had gone out of their way to give him a welcome. Their first Master Wor. Bro. Cliff Owen and their third Master, Wor. Bro. Keith Downing had both visited Pembroke and Castlemartin Lodge. On his arrival at his hotel in Sydney he found a note from the Grand Master of New South Wales inviting him to attend an installation at Lodge Sir Francis Drake that evening. The Grand Master had arranged for his Grand Director of Ceremonies to call for him prior to calling for himself and they drove out to the suburb of Hurstville together. There he met Wor. Bro. George Watts who had visited him at Tenby and who was well entertained by Old Priory Lodge to whom he (Wor. Bro. Hughes) was very grateful. Over 200 were present that evening and to travel 100 miles or so to attend Lodge is quite commonplace.

Then came a visit to Lodge Pembroke on 25th. March. The Lodge was founded in 1955 and its crest has Pembroke Castle as a centrepiece. The name Pembroke was chosen as Pembroke Street, Epping is adjacent to the Masonic Temple, but now since the consecration there has been a close connection with our Pembroke and Castlemartin Lodge. After dinner in the South, Wor. Bro. Owen showed colour slides of Pembroke and Pembrokeshire including one of his own house and of many members of Castlemartin Lodge including Bros. Drewett, Ernest Williams and T. M. Williams. The return home on a Dutch ship, the Wilhelm Ruys via Panama and during the voyage they had several informal Masonic gatherings.

Wor. Bro. Hughes then detailed various small variations in ritual in Australia from ours.

**20th. September, 1967**  
**Freemasonry in Llanelli**

Wor. Bro. T. D. Barker, PAGDC, P.Pr.S.W., then spoke to us about Freemasonry in Llanelli. There had been little opportunity for younger Brethren to learn about Freemasonry in their district and Wor. Bro. Hubert Davies and he were preparing some historical notes. The four Lodges at Llanelli had recently formed a Study Circle in the hope that it would offer the Brethren who wished to know a little more about Masonry, a new understanding of what it really stands for in all its aspects, and an added zest to his masonry. He told us of the close harmony existing between the four Llanelli Lodges, and looked back to the 1920's as a great turning point in Llanelli masonry. There had been three men who had a big influence in his Masonic life at Llanelli. His father Wor. Bro. Harold Barker, who, amongst many other facts of freemasonry had taught him to appreciate the beauty of true ritual working. Wor. Bro. W. Bramwell Jones, a man whose knowledge of committee work was so excellent, and one who could always persuade others to follow his lead, and Wor. Bro. J. Campbell Hill, a Brother who had made almost a life story of local Masonic history, who was a brilliant ritualist. These three men contemporaries of each other undoubtedly left their mark on Freemasonry in Llanelli. Wor. Bro. Hill was Master of Prince of Wales Lodge in 1909 and became the first Master of St. Elli Lodge in 1917.

Bro. Barker then told us about Wor. Bro. Frederick Bolingbrooke Ribbans, the man entirely responsible for bringing Masonry in Llanelli, and for the formation of the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1856. It's first number was 969 but this was changed to 671 in 1873. Bro. Ribbans was a man of considerable ability. He had been headmaster of schools in Edgebaston and Birmingham before arriving at Carmarthen as headmaster of the Thomas Powells School. After many Masonic achievements in Ireland and in England, he was Wor. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen in 1844 and became the first Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge. The first, second and third meeting places of the Lodge was in different rooms at the Thomas Arms Hotel. In 1859, they found their fourth meeting place in the building adjoining the Thomas Arms Hotel where Masonry was practised for 77 years. The original subscription was £1.1.0 and each member present received 1/- out of Lodge funds towards refreshment. The Tyler was paid 2/6 per meeting. At a regular meeting of the Lodge held on December, 4th, 1856. (only eight months after its first meeting) a complaint was made that Lodge hospitality was being abused and it was resolved and recorded that "In future all refreshments beyond bread and cheese and one glass beer should be paid for by the Brother placing the order". In 1928 when he was initiated, some 39 years ago, beer was 4d a bottle and a generous measure of whiskey 6d. In those days at the Lodge supper, at the Prince of Wales Lodge and also at St. Elli and St. Teilo, the Thomas Arms Hotel provided

a sirloin of beef and a leg of lamb which together with hot plates and vegetables were brought in from the hotel. The Senior Warden carved the beef and the Junior Warden carved the lamb and the lodge stewards attended the tables. They were that night meeting in the Masonic Temple which is the fifth place where Masons had met in Llanelli.

He had omitted special reference to the formation of the other Llanelli Lodges, St. Elli, St. Teilo, and Unity and of the Chapter as such items were of local interest, but no talk of Freemasonry in Llanelli would be complete without reference to the formation of what ultimately became known as the Masonic Council, the governing body responsible for the smooth running of the Masonic Hall and Temple. He told us of the early discussions regarding the building of a new Masonic Hall and Temple which did not make much progress until 1924 when on the 23rd. June, a committee representing the Prince of Wales and St. Teilo was formed.

In December it was decided to open a fund. The annual subscription was increased to £3.3.0d and other fees increased - all the increases to be paid by each Lodge into the Building Fund. There were differences of opinion regarding the form of control but it was eventually decided in 1926 to adopt the suggestion of "Trusteeship" and for the joint committee shall be referred to as the Masonic Council. Several sites were considered and eventually the present site (the fifth site considered) was chosen and the foundation stone laid in 1935. The budget was £10,000, and the ultimate cost, including furniture, slightly over that sum. When the building was commenced there was still £1,000 required, but they eventually entered it "free of debt" and they all owed much to those working Brethren who directed the progress of Masonry in Llanelli, leaving then now with only the general upkeep to consider. The cost today would probably be between £35,000 and £40,000.

Bro. Barker then stressed the importance and the care they exercised in Llanelli, in attracting the right type of candidate for membership. An added difficulty was the increasing number of Ladies Lodges in the country one such having been opened in Llanelli.

The Wor. Master thanked Bro. Barker for the hard work he had made in preparing his address and for the excellent and able way he had presented it, and Wor. Bro. Frank Lowndes seconded a most hearty vote of thanks.

**11th. September, 1970**

**Address by Wor. Bro. Cyril G. A. Taylor**

**Notes on Development of Ritual**

Commencing with the old Operative Lodges he quoted from the Regius Pren dated about 1390, the earliest preserved document of Ancient Masonry, and from the records of Canterbury Cathedral of 1429 which refers to "the Masons of the Lodge". In 1472 a grant of "Arms" was given to the "Holecroft and Fellowship of

Masons” in London, a grant which makes the highest form of recognition and gave it status of one of the City Companies. The Jewel now worn on the Masters Collar in commemoration of the 250th. Anniversary of Grand Lodge embodies the central theme of those Arms. He referred to the early Masonic manuscripts or “Old Charges” which show the form of the early ceremony of admission was (1) an opening prayer (2) a reading of the legendary history (3) the candidate placing his hand on the Book (4) the Charge then read to the candidate who took the oath to observe those Charges. The Charges required a Mason to love God and the Holy Church, to be loyal to the King and to his Master and Fellows, and to be faithful to the Craft and its Regulations. The Oath was a solemn promise and there were no penalties.

Bro. Taylor then referred to the Schaw Statutes of 1598 and 1599, made for the purpose of regulating the Masonic Craft in Scotland. There were then Lodges in Edinburgh, Kilwinning and Stirling and it can be inferred from those Statutes that there was a two grade system of admission into the Lodge, namely Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and that the members shared a secret mark of recognition.

In England there is evidence of the Lodge of Acception in 1614 whose function was to make Masons, and a Lodge in Warrington in 1646.

The next evidence of early ritual comes from Scotland in the period 1696 to 1714 and manuscripts show it still as two degrees were known, one for the Entered Apprentice and the other for Fellow Crafts or Master. Bro. Taylor gave details from various manuscripts of early ritual and then explained that from the middle of the 17th. Century the Operative Lodges were beginning to lose much of their character as trade controlling bodies and acquiring characteristics of social clubs. They began to admit men who were not operative Masons (called Speculative Masons) but they still retained and practised their traditional ceremonies. These Speculative Masons had a great influence in the development of Masonry and its ritual over the next 100 years.

Bro. Taylor referred to the forming of the first Grand Lodge in 1717 when there was still only the two degrees, and to retain a reminder of this today because the Master is still obligated as Master of the Lodge in the Second Degree as was the case in 1717.

Within a few years, however, there is evidence of a three degree system in operation, and Bro. Taylor gave many details from various manuscripts and “Exposures” referring to different parts of the ritual, and to changes made therein which was one of the reasons, though not the only one, for the formation of the second or Ancient Grand Lodge in 1751.

For over 50 years the two Grand Lodges argued and fought each other mainly about ritual, and Bro. Taylor then told us of the formation of the Lodge of Promulgation in 1809 which greatly helped the reunion of the two Grand Lodges which took place in 1813 led to the Lodge of Reconciliation being formed to determine the ceremonies, so that thenceforth there shall be perfect unity in working.

No written records were made of the ceremonies so agreed. Members of the Lodge of Reconciliation visited other Lodges and gave instructions, and Lodges of Instruction came into being during the next few years. Stability Lodge of Instruction in 1817 and Emulation Lodge of Improvement in 1823. Without written records it is not surprising the variations in ritual occurred and still exist but in all basic essentials the rituals agree. Bro. Taylor finally referred to the Catechism or Lectures and the fuller explanations found therein of various parts of our ritual.

V. Wor. Bro. S. H. Hughes, Deputy Pro. Grand Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Taylor for his very interesting and instructive address, which must have entailed a great amount of research and he paid thanks to his zeal and fidelity to Masonry. The motion was carried with the applause of the Brethren.

## **25th. June, 1971**

### **The Early Days of Freemasonry in Haverfordwest**

The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Stephen Green, gave a talk on The Early Days of Freemasonry in Haverfordwest. The first Lodge was No. 189 constituted on 14th. April, 1741, meeting at the Ship and Castle in High Street. In 1766 it moved to The Three Crowns and in 1768 it adopted the name "The Tyrian Lodge". It had been renumbered, 121 in 1755 was again renumbered 95 in 1770 and was erased in 1773.

In January, 1812 the Hwlffordd Lodge was Warranted by the Ancients Grand Lodge as No. 59, meeting in the private room at the Kings Arms. Its first Master and both Wardens were members of Bristol Lodges, a reminder that a large proportion of the trade of Haverfordwest in those days was with Bristol, there being a regular passenger service by water between the two towns, twice weekly in summer and weekly in winter, in addition to the many vessels carrying goods. The Lodge was erased in 1828.

It is interesting to note that when St. David's Lodge was constituted in Milford in 1821, four of the founder members were members of Hwlffordd and when Loyal Welsh Lodge was constituted in 1824, the first Master was a Past Master of Hwlffordd and there were two other members among the founders.

Cambrian Lodge was Warranted in September 1839 and again the first Master, Bro. William Henry Scourfield was a Past Master of Hwlffordd, the other founders being members of St. David's or Loyal Welsh.

The Warrant authorised the Brethren to meet as The Cambrian Lodge, No. 683 at the Mariners Arms, Haverfordwest on the Friday next after every full moon but the Lodge never met on the Fridays deciding that Wednesdays were more convenient.

The first meeting must have been almost unique occasion as the Master was not present, having sent his apologies to a Wor. Bro. Parry who, as the only Past Master present took the Chair and indeed acted as Master until December 1840 when Bro. Scourfield who was M. P. for Haverfordwest, took his place in the Chair. Bro. Parry had been Master of St. David's Lodge in 1837, 1838, and 1839. In the first year 1840, there were 27 meetings and 15 candidates were initiated. Initiation fee was £4.4.0, Joining fee 10/- and dues 6/- per quarter.

In December 1841, Sir Richard Buckley Phillips Bart of Picton Castle was initiated and in January 1842 he was appointed Senior Warden. In February of that year he was passed to the Second Degree and in March Raised to the Third Degree. In January 1843 he was installed as Master. At that time he was M. P. for Pembrokeshire and Lord Lieutenant of Haverfordwest. He became Lord Milford in 1847 and in 1848 he was appointed the first Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Western Division.

Things did not always go smoothly. On three occasions in 1846 and again in 1847, Lodge meetings had to be abandoned through non attendance, but when they did get going they were not afraid of work. On numerous occasions two or even three degree ceremonies being worked on the same evening and until 1888 it was customary for a degree ceremony to be carried out on the same occasion as the installation of the new Master.

In October 1853 after some disagreement with the landlords of the Mariners over the bill, it was decided to meet in future at the Castle Hotel and on Thursday evenings instead of Wednesdays. The minute books so far found jump from 1855 to 1864 by which time the meeting place had reverted to the Mariners and Cambrian Lodge had been renumbered to 464.

In February 1869 the Rev. James Henry Alexander Phillips of Picton Castle (half brother to the late Lord Milford) was initiated. He was vicar of St. Mary's Haverfordwest from 1859 to 1875.

In July 1869 he granted a lease of the plot of ground on which the present Masonic Hall, in which we are meeting tonight is built, to the Lodge at a rent of £1.0.0 per annum. He, Wor. Bro. Green, had not been able to find how much the hall cost or how money was raised, but in 1871 a scheme was set up for raising £300 towards its completion by issuing shares of £5 each with 5% interest repayable by ballot and there is mention of Brethren organizing a bazaar and a mortgage from the Bridge Commissioners.

The first Lodge Meeting in the new building was held on June 13th. 1872 and on the 29th. September 1873 the Rev. J. H. A. Phillips conveyed the site together with the building to three Brethren as Trustees for the Lodge for £100.

In November, 1869, Lt. Col. the Honourable William Edwardes of the Wolstream Gardens was initiated, he was Passed in January, 1870, and Raised in November of that year. In 1876, after he had succeeded to the title of Lord Kensington he was appointed Junior Warden, in 1877 Senior Warden, and in 1878 installed as Master. He was appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1885.

Cambrian Lodge can thereafter claim to be one of surely very few Lodges in which two Provincial Grand Masters have been initiated and installed.

Bro. Green said the time did not know of any report covering the 99 years since the opening of the Masonic Hall but he hoped someone someday will produce such report for the information of the Haverfordwest Brethren and perhaps for the members of Kensington Lodge also.

In applauding the Wor. Master the Brethren showed their appreciation for a most interesting and informative address.

## **8th. September, 1972**

### **Variations in Installation Ceremonies**

Wor. Bro. F. M. Peebles, Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Province of Hereford then gave an address on “Variations in Installation Ceremonies”. He commenced by looking at the history of the Installation Ceremony, for it has not always been the accepted practice to have an “inner workings” or indeed a formal installation ceremony of any kind.

We all know of the breach which occurred in the first half of the 18th. Century, when Masonry in the country was divided into two opposing factions in the “Ancients” and the “Moderns”. The “Ancients” objected to certain practices of the other factor, which they dubbed the “Moderns” although the latter were actually the originals of the First Grand Lodge. They were accused of several departures from the ancient landmarks and one of these was that they allowed the ceremony of the Installation of a Master to fall into disuse. The Ancients insisted on the esoteric ceremony and would not allow a Brother who had not passed it to be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. In 1750, they are believed to have introduced an Installation Ceremony requiring the presence of Past Masters, whilst the “Moderns” were restricted to a short speech of advice or congratulation.

When the two factions came together in 1813 with the formation of a United Grand Lodge of England, the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed with the fact that the Installation Ceremony had become established part of English Masonic working. In Scotland, however, they were bitterly opposed to any Installation Ceremony and it was not until 1870 that all Scots Lodges accepted it.

In the Book of Constitutions we find the phrase “the Master so elected shall be only installed according to ancient usage” and although that was accepted as referring to the “extended workings” that view was not held by Sir Edward Litchworth, Grand Secretary in 1910 who wrote that “there was no doubt whatever that this so called “Ceremony” is entirely irregular and was never recognised by Wor. Brethren known to Grand Lodge as the Union in 1813, that the matter was brought before the Board of General Purposes some years ago, when they ruled that it was entirely irregular and should not be practised by any English Lodge.

In 1926, the extended ceremony was banned by Grand Lodge, but the protests were so strong that they later converted to the view that as it had been practised for so many years in numerous Lodges and in particular at Bath it agreed to it being worked, but defected the use of Signs, Token or Words unrecognised by the majority of English Installed Masters.

The permission was given subject to the Installing Master precisely declaring to the Master Elect that the Signs etc. are not known to and not required from Installed Masters generally and that no further Degree in Masonry is being conferred and the ruling applies to this day, but Wor. Bro. Peebles questioned whether this is carried out as strictly as it should be. Bro. Peebles then told us about the various variations he had found in different workings. He told us at some length of his very interesting visit to Bristol, and also of his study of various rituals mentioning the old Worcester Workings; the ceremony at his birthplace in Alnwick in Northumberland, at Exeter and in the West Riding of Yorkshire and of his visit to an Installation in Liverpool.

He then referred to the Irish Constitution where there is an approved ritual and to the ceremony in Malta. Finally he referred to the Installation Ceremony as practised in the U.S.A.. He was grateful to Bro. Alex Horne of California for details of the “open” and “closed” installations. An “open” installation is open to visitors - wives, families and friends while the “closed” installations were restricted to Master Masons and Installed Masters.

Whilst California has no knowledge of any “inner workings” in Georgia the esoteric practise may be conducted as an optional procedure, yet in Pennsylvania the Inner Workings is mandatory.

Bro Peebles address was listened to with very much interest by the Brethren and V. Wor. Bro. S. H. Hughes thanked him on behalf of the Lodge and said how grateful we were to him and to Wor. Bro. Rev. W. R. Griffiths the D.P.G.M. of the Province of Hereford through whose office Bro. Peebles was with us that evening. He also extended a warm welcome to Wor. Bro. Griffiths and told him how happy we were to have him with us.

**9th. March, 1973**

**Surnames to be Used**

The V. Wor. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, (Sydney H. Hughes) after explaining that the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master was unable to be present that evening, mentioned that sometimes when a newly installed Master was investing in Office a close personal friend, he addressed him by his Christian name only. This was a practice to be deprecated and should be discontinued. A Brother's surname should always be added when he was addressed by his Christian Name.

**8th. March, 1974**

**Wearing of Collars**

The Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Rt Wor. Bro. Col. G. T. Kelway, spoke to the Brethren regarding the wearing of Collars. He explained that the Apron worn by a Brother denoted his Rank and the Collar denoted the Office in which he was serving. It was not necessary, therefore, and indeed was not proper for a Brother to wear two Collars at the same time. If a Brother who held Grand or Provincial Grand Rank was serving in Office in a Lodge, he should wear his Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge apron to denote his rank, but should only wear the Lodge Collar of the Office in which he was serving.

**Excerpt from Guidance for Masters, Secretaries and Other Lodge Officers Contained in the Provincial Grand Lodge & Provincial Grand Chapter By-Laws Booklet.**

Ceremonies

A. Collars of Office

Only the Worshipful Master may wear the collar of his office. The Worshipful Master and his Officers wear their collars only within their Lodges or in the case of the Worshipful Master and his Wardens, when attending Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge. If a Past Master temporarily occupies the Master's Chair the Worshipful Master retains his collar and the Past Masters is clothed according to his rank. If a Past Master, Provincial Officer or Grand Officer takes office in the Lodge (for even one meeting) then the collar of that office will be worn over the Past Master's, Provincial or Grand Lodge collar. However, if a Lodge Officer is present but not acting as such, he will continue to wear the collar of his office.

**22nd. June, 1984**

**Freemasonry in Narberth**

**Wor. Bro. Hugh Morgan**

The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Hugh Morgan gave an address on “Extracts from the 100 years of Freemasonry in Narberth”. He began by tracing briefly the origin of the Town from the Bronze Age, through the Dark Ages and Medieval Days when it was known as “Castell yn Arberth” to the latter part of the nineteenth Century when “Anglicised” became Narberth.

In 1883 from Narberth Brethren and supported by Cambrian Lodge No. 464, petitioned the United Grand Lodge of England to form a Lodge to meet at the De Rutzen Hotel, Narberth.

A Charter was granted and on December 19th. 1883 the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Col. John Lloyd Phillips consecrated Narberth Lodge, No. 2001.

Commencing the year with 13 members, multiple ceremonies in 1884 increased membership to 29 by the end of the first year. Initiation fees were £5.0.0 the equivalent of at least £150.00 today.

The full moon played a large part as the meetings were held, firstly on the Thursday, then the Friday before Full Moon and continued until 1966.

In 1891, the Lodge purchased a ground floor building in Market Street, a first floor extension was added in 1909 and in 1965 the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Col. G. T. Kelway consecrated the present Temple.

The Wor. Master concluded by referring to notable personalities of the Lodge, it's three Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Masters who had been installed into the Chair of Kensington Lodge of which he was proud to be the 4th. from Narberth Lodge , No. 2001.

Very Wor. Bro. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Wor. Master for his most interesting historical address.

**Friday, 14th. September, 1984**

**Prestonian Lecture**

**Narberth Lodge**

The Prestonian Lecture was then delivered by Wor. Bro. Harry Mendoza, LGR, PAGDC whose theme was “Getting and Giving Masonic Knowledge.

**26th. June, 1987**

**A History of Masonry up to 1717**

**Dr. J. B. Lloyd**

An address was then received from Wor. Bro. Dr. J. B. Lloyd, Prov. G. Junior Warden, who spoke on “A history of Masonry up to 1717”. He examined the history of the Craft Guilds which showed the development of a basis or model, for the future government of the Craft. He then spoke on a collection of manuscripts later collated by Dr. John Anderson into the Book of Constitutions which threw light on the development of ceremonies.

He explained the use and development of the word “Lodge”, which was freed from its original meaning of the hut or building attached to the major building being constructed, to its use to describe a body which governed the affairs of Masons within a particular district.

Reasons for forming the Premier Grand Lodge were then discussed, together with factors influencing the rapid development of Freemasonry in the 1720’s.

The address was received with acclamation and the vote of thanks proposed by Wor. Bro. Robert Williams.



## 8th. September, 1989

### **Demonstration of Installation Ceremony by the Authors Lodge, No. 3456**

A demonstration of the Traditional Ceremony of the Installation of a Master was given by the members of the Authors Lodge, No. 3456. (Details of the ceremony are attached to these minutes).

The Demonstration Team was lead by Wor. Bro. Simon Ferie, who acted as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. R. Hart as Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. C. Horwood as Junior Warden and Wor. Bro. D. Laver as Inner Guard. Wor. Bro. Colin O'Dare acted as the Master Elect and he was duly inducted as Worshipful Master in accordance with the ritual attached.

The Demonstration Team then made a presentation to the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Colin O'Dare, of a Silver Trowel, plumb line, a formal copy of the ritual and a plan of King Solomon's Temple in commemoration of his induction.

The Wor. Master in thanking the Demonstration Team for their generous gifts, which would remind the members of Kensington Lodge of a happy and special evening, passed the gifts into the safe keeping of the Secretary.

#### *Foot Note*

The gifts mentioned above are now on display at Narberth Lodge.



## 9th. March, 1990

### **Wor. Bro. G. Berwyn Williams Installed as Wor. Master**

On 9th. March, 1990, Wor. Bro. G. Berwyn Williams, Past Prov. Grand Warden, was installed as Wor. Master of the Kensington Lodge, No. 3667.

Unfortunately Wor. Bro. G. Berwyn Williams passed away before the next meeting of the Lodge. At the next meeting on 22nd. June, 1990, the Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. Colin O'Dare continued acting as Master.

In the circumstances there was no Reception or Entertainment for the Brethren's Ladies as is customary at the June meeting.

**13th. September, 1991**

**Address by Wor. Bro. J.R.P. Thomas, “Man’s Inhumanity to Man”**

An address was given by the Wor. Bro. Secretary who took as his theme the Three Grand Principles of Masonry and the quotation of Robbie Burns, “Man’s inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn”. In relation to his personal experiences serving in a British Military Hospital in the Concentration Camp at Bergen, Belsen, describing the suppression of Freemasonry in Germany and the genocide of the Jewish Nation in Europe 1936 - 1945.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks

**11th. September, 1992**

**The Laws of Hywel Dda**

**Address by Wor. Bro. Hayden N. Lewis**

There followed an address by Wor. Bro. Hayden N. Lewis in which he referred to the history of the Law of Hywel Dda. 900 to 950 A.D. and which remained the official Laws of Wales until the Act of Union in 1536.

He spoke of the Social Classes, the Slaves and the Aliens, Crime and Punishment and the King’s and the Queen’s Sarhead, noting that the death penalty was imposed for theft but NOT for murder. The Laws of Court and those pertaining to women and inheritance.

A fascinating address to which compilation considerable research must have been made and the acclamation afforded to Wor. Bro. Lewis was well merited and emphasised by the vote of thanks proposed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Colin O’Dare.

**25th. June, 1993**

**King Solomon’s Temple**

**Address by Wor. Bro. L. C. Stokes**

An address was then given by Wor. Bro. L. C. Stokes on “King Solomon’s Temple and Freemasonry” in which he referred to the word Templum originally an open space for soothsayers and prophets, the first Temple being, perhaps, that at the foot of Mount Horeb presided over by the first three Grand Originals, The Ark of the Covenant and it’s tented housing. The responsibility of David and King Solomon in building the Temple at Jerusalem and details

of its construction and the importance of Adoniram with particular reference to the two great pillars and the reasons why King Solomon's Temple is of such an importance in Masonic teachings emphasising that these conclusions were expressing his own personal feelings.

Even so a most thought provoking address to which the vote of thanks was proposed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bro. C. O'Dare.

### **10th. September, 1993**

#### **Forces of the French Resistance 1940 - 1945**

The Wor. Master referred to the Honour of Honorary Membership of Wor. Bro. Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. R. P. Thomas, to the Forces of French Resistance, 1940 - 1945.

### **10th. September, 1993**

#### **Murder of Provincial Grand Master**

The Junior Warden, Wor. Bro. R. C. Warburton then presented an address to the Lodge, the subject being murder in 1876 of the then Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Johnnes. Wor. Bro. Warburton described the background of the Prov. Grand Master, born at Dolaucothi - son of another John Johnnes and who went to school in Lampeter, graduated Bachelor of Arts at Brasenose College, Oxford, later to become a Master of Arts and a Lawyer, being admitted to the Inner Temple at the age of 31.

Further description of his attainments, becoming a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant of the County, he retired to Dolaucothi to live with his two daughters and his son in law. In this house also lived an Irish Butler named Henry Temple with whom John Johnnes did not get on at all well, so much so that on a Saturday morning in August, Henry Temple mortally wounded John Johnnes with a shotgun, apparently for the persecution of Henry Temple by John Johnnes.

Temple then went back to the house and committed suicide. John Johnnes had been Prov. Grand Master for eleven years and his Memorial is in the Church in Caio where he caused to built a School, laying the Foundation Stone himself with a wooden gavel.

A vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Warburton was proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, V.Rev Dr. A.G.Macwilliam.

**Wednesday, 24th. June, 1994**

**Music in Freemasonry**

**Wor. Bro. Charles Mock**

The address for the June Meeting was given by Wor. Bro. Charles Mock, Provincial Grand Organist and was entitled, “Music in Freemasonry”.

He remarked on the variety of tunes in different Lodges for the Opening and Closing Hymns and those used in the three Degrees. Wor. Bro. Mock made the point that we should all do our best whether it be in behaviour, ritual, or music and he pointed out that the organist is not a Regular Office but an additional Office but quoted some illustrious names of Grand Lodge Organists.

Then he spoke of the influence of Mozart in Opera and in Freemasonry Music.

His address ended with Wor. Bro. Horace A. Williams playing the Adagio for Mozarts Clarinet Concerto in A Major with Wor. Bro. Mock accompanying on the flute.

A vote of thanks for a most interesting address was given by Wor. Bro. Colin O’Dare, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

**9th. September, 1994**

**JABULON**

The Wor. Master, Very Rev. Dr. A. G. Macwilliam, then addressed the Brethren drawing attention of the Lodge of the elimination of the term JABULON from the Royal Arch ritual in response to criticism that it’s use implied Polytheism in Masonry. In fact the compilers of the ritual were perfectly correct using Jabulon as a term to denote the three major cultural influences in the formation of Old Testament religion throughout two thousand years of history prior to the time of Christ.



1. The influence of the nomadic or travelling people of the Middle East who were represented by JAH, and who contributed the Ten Commandments and the concept of a personal God of History.

2. The influence of the farming society of the Canaanites represented by BUL which contributed the institutions of Festivals, Sanctuaries and Sacrificial Priesthood

3. The later influence of Egypt and Greece represented by ON which contributed the concepts of the immortal soul and life after death. The point that was being made in this address was that great religious and culture as they progress and expand, learn much from each other in broadening each others horizons and thereby adopting what was seen as best in each other. The lesson that Masonry contributes is that openness to other points of view enriches and deepens all institutions both religious and moral.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Wor. Bro. J. Vincent Davies.

**23rd. June, 1995**

### **The Traditional History of the Third Degree under the Irish Constitution**

**Wor. Bro. W. Apps**

Wor. Bro. Apps said that in the English Workings of the Third degree, the story of the untimely death of Hiram Abiff is called the Traditional History, In the Irish Workings it is called the Legend of a Master Mason.

Two main differences in the presentation:- English - story starts at the period when the Temple at Jerusalem was nearing completion. Irish:- story starts many years earlier and describes events leading to the building of the Temple.

English:- story broken into two parts. Irish:- whole story related continuously. Before reciting, the ritual described what happens in the Lodge room during the recitation because this is a talk and not a demonstration. Story includes description of the penal signs in the three Degrees. Emphasis on the decomposition which caused the “slips”.

A vote of thanks given with acclamation was proposed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bro. C. O’Dare.

**PROVINCE OF WEST WALES**  
**R.W. Bro. Eric G.S. Mock**  
Provincial Grand Master  
**V.W. Bro. Brian C. Hilling, PGSwdB**  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master  
**W. Bro. Stephen D. Hookey, PSGD**  
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

**KENSINGTON**  
**LODGE OF**



**INSTALLED**  
**MASTERS**

**R.W. Bro. Eric G.S. Mock, PrGM**  
Worshipful Master

**W.Bro. Dawson H. James, PPrGReg**  
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28<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I am directed by the Worshipful Master to request your attendance at a Regular meeting of this Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall, LLANELLI, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** at 4.00 p.m. punctually.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,  
S.M. Toy  
Assistant Secretary

Regular Meetings of the Lodge are held at the Masonic Hall, Llanelli, on the Second Friday in March (Installation), Fourth Friday in June, and the Second Friday in September.

### OFFICERS

W. M	R.W.Bro. E.G.S. Mock.
I. P. M.	W.Bro. S.F. Clench.
S. W.	W.Bro. D.H. James.
J. W.	W.Bro. A.C. Trumper.
Chaplain	W.Bro. R.A. Jenkins.
Treasurer	W.Bro. D.E. Littlejohns.
Secretary	W.Bro. G.J. Coles.
Dir. of Cer.	W. Bro. D.E. Rayson.
Almoner	W.Bro. J. Watson.
Char. Steward	W.Bro. D.M. Bradney.
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. D. Den-Hartog.
Junior Deacon	W.Bro. A.J. Ross.
Asst. Dir. Of Cer.	W.Bro. B.W. Davies.
Organist	W.Bro. D.T.J. Rees.
Asst. Secretary	W.Bro. S.M. Toy.
Inner Guard	W.Bro. P.G.B. Brickle.
Steward	W.Bro. W.A. Dennison
Steward	W.Bro. C.J. Harding.
Steward	W.Bro. G.R. Hicks.
Steward	W.Bro. E.A. Hoyle.
Steward	W.Bro. A. Littlejohns.
Steward	W.Bro. T.S. Thomas.
Tyler	W. Bro. G. Owen.

### SUBSCRIBING PAST MASTERS

1986	S. Morgan	PJGD	2005	T. M. Evans	PAGDC
1995	J. B. Lloyd	PPrGM	2006	D. N. Adams	PPrGW
1996	H. R. Jones	PAGDC	2008	F. M. Williams	PAGDC
1998	J. H. Nicholls	PPrGW	2009	T. Evan	PGSwdB
1999	L. C. Murphy	PDpPrGM	2010	B.C. Hilling	PGSwdB
2002	D. R. Harries	PPrGW	2011	B.W. Barton	PPrGW
2003	T.H. Brown.	PPrGW	2012	S.F. Clench	PPrGW
2004	P. H. S. Thomas	PAGDC			

**CENTENARY MEETING of  
Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**AGENDA**

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To read the dispensation.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the last Regular Lodge held at Llanelli, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. March, 2013.
4. To Invest Officers not present at the Installation.
5. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
6. To Ballot for, as Joining Members, Wor. Bros. H.M. Foster, A Thomas, M.A. Evans, R.G. Rumbold, M. Eckley, M.D. Kilsby, C. Jenkins, D. Owens and D.Taylor.
7. To ballot for as an Honorary Member, W.Bro. Selathiel Morgan.  
Proposed by W.Bro. F.M. Williams and seconded by W.Bro. P.H.S. Thomas.
8. To receive extracts from the Minutes of the Consecration Meeting from the “The First One Hundred Years” by W.Bro. F.M. Williams, PAGDC.
9. To receive the Centenary Warrant and present the Centenary Jewels.
- 10.To receive an Oration from W.Bro Rev. J. Keith Davies PAGC.
- 11.To Dedicate the Honours Boards.
- 12.To present a cheque for £5,000 to the Chairman of the 2015 Festival Committee. V.W. Bro Brian Hilling, PGSwd B.
- 13.To collect Alms.
- 14.To close the Lodge.



G.M.

**G**od the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Other Officers and Members of the Kensington Lodge No 5667 and all others whom it may concern

## GREETING

A Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their regular & Accepted Masons at the Masonic Hall, Carmarthen, South Wales under the title or denomination of the

## KENNINGTON LODGE

numbered 5667 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England. And Whereas the said Lodge now meets at the Masonic Hall, Spilman Street, Carmarthen, in the Province of West Wales

And Whereas satisfactory proof has been produced of the uninterrupted existence of the said Lodge for one hundred years dating from the 12th day of June 1815 And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge desire to be permitted to wear a commemorative Jewel and have prayed our sanction for that purpose

**W**e knowe that We having taken the petition into our consideration have acceded to their request and in virtue of Our prerogative **Do hereby give and grant** to all and each of the members from time to time of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all our Masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast by a Sky Blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a **JEWEL** or **MEDAL** of the pattern illustrated herein as a **CENTENARY JEWEL** But such Jewel shall be worn only by those Brethren who are bona fide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated Subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the United Grand Lodge of England or who having been Subscribing Members thereof as aforesaid shall within one year of ceasing to be such have been elected as Honorary Members.



Given at London this 12th day of June A.D. 1915 A.M. 2015  
By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent K.G., &c. &c. &c.

*Caroline G.S.*

## **The Oration**

### **The Nature and Purpose of the Institution.**

The special nature and purpose of our meeting is the celebration of this Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters which was consecrated at a meeting held in the Lodge Rooms at Carmarthen on 12th. June, 1913.

However, the title of this oration is “The Nature and Purpose of the Institution”. The celebration of a Lodge centenary is indeed a very auspicious occasion but it also affords us the opportunity of taking stock of ourselves. When we consider the great many changes that have occurred in and during the life of this Lodge, it brings home to us the littleness of human life and the insignificance of human endeavour.

It also reminds us that we too will quickly pass by, leaving behind us our greatest endeavours and achievements and, as time unwinds and enfolds in generation, others will step into our place and do things, perhaps far better than we have done, reminding us that ‘no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself’. In other words, no life is without bearing and influence upon the life of others.

Although the whole of mankind is bound together in what we call life, each individual must bear his share of responsibility for the well-being, or otherwise of us all. The Great Architect has a plan for each one of us; nothing is ever lost and nothing is ever wasted. Every life, however, short or however feeble, is lived to some purpose. This is especially true in the comparatively narrow compass of the Masonic Lodge, where every Master, officer and member makes his impression, for good or for bad, on the lives of his brethren. Each member who has occupied the chair of this Lodge during its one hundred years has left his mark upon it and that, surely, is a cause for true thankfulness

As we witness the vitality of this Lodge today and consider the part it has played in upholding the value and prestige of Freemasonry, its loyalty to the Ancient Landmarks and its warm spread of brotherly love, it is obvious that every member has good reason for expressing his gratitude for having entered into so rich a heritage of Masonic traditions, built up by the loyalty, devotion and zeal of those who have gone before.

Although we are gathered here today in joyous thanksgiving, the solemnity and importance of the occasion should re-ignite within us the ideals and fundamental principles of Masonry, and it should help us re-capture some of the first enthusiasm we experienced at our initiation and remind us of the promises we made.. It should also take us back, in our imagination, to that great ceremony when the Temple at Jerusalem was solemnly dedicated by King Solomon to Almighty God.

One hundred years ago this Lodge was consecrated and dedicated to that same God. However, a Lodge is not a material thing of stone or metal or wood. It is comprised of the living souls of men who are bound together in the speculative ties of Masonry. The Lodge is the past and present members as well as those who are to come.

As Masons, we can withdraw to our Lodges from the rush of a busy world and in a quiet and solemn atmosphere, find inspiration to put into faithful practice in the world outside the lessons which the Craft teaches us - the lessons we derive from our principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

As a system for living our everyday life Freemasonry enables us to be respectable in life, useful to mankind and an ornament to the society to which we belong. It gives every Brother a chance to be a leader among his fellows, but we need to remember not let self-respect degenerate into self-importance.

This Lodge, in common with every Lodge, has most important duties to perform in the world of human life, and may it continue to inspire its members to strive for the most complete fulfilment of the task which faces them and to strengthen their ability to carry out the great principles and tenets of our Craft.

The primary purpose of this part of today's proceedings is to render thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for 'favours already received', for the traditions and rich heritage which have been handed down to us from past, 'pure and unpolluted'. We are heirs to a heritage for which we are perpetual debtors.

Let our thanksgiving, therefore, inspire us to defend and maintain yet more earnestly the principles of our Masonic teaching, for those are the things which never change and which cannot be altered; they are the things upon which the whole structure of Freemasonry rests and the only foundation upon which a secure and peaceful humanity can ever be built.

May this Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters, under the guidance and leadership of its Worshipful Master, and so very appropriately during this centenary year, our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, continue to flourish and go from strength to strength, ever building on the firm foundation laid by its past and present members, and may the Blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon and guide the members of this Lodge as it moves confidently into the future.

Wor. Bro. Rev. J. Keith Davies,  
PAGChap.  
Provincial Grand Chaplain

Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters  
Thursday June 20th 2013

Menu

Melon with Parma Ham



Smoked Salmon



Sorbet



Coq au Vin

with seasonable vegetables



Strawberries and Cream



Cheese and Biscuits



Tea or Coffee and Mints



Served with Red and White Wines



Port



**Officers of the Lodge 2013 – 2014**

*From Left to Right: Back Row: E.A. Hoyle, C.J. Harding, T.S. Thomas, A. Littlejohns.*

*Middle Row: D.E. Rayson, D. den Hartog, G.R. Hicks, G. Owen, S. Toy, P.G.B. Brickle, W.A. Dennison, A.J. Ross, B.W. Davies.*

*Front Row: G.J. Coles, D.M. Bradney, R.A. Jenkins, D.H. James, E.G.S. Mock, A.C. Trumper, S.F. Clench, D.E. Littlejohns. J. Watson*



### Honours Boards

The two Honours Boards were commissioned to celebrate the Centenary of the Lodge.

The cost of these has been defrayed by contributions from all the existing Past Ministers of the Lodge. The cost of the lettering was generously met by a donation from the Worshipful Master R.W. Bro Eric G.S. Mock Pr.G.M.

# KENSINGTON LODGE OF INSTALLED MASTERS, No. 3667

## ROLL OF MASTERS

1913 LordKensington	1948 H. Stone Thomas	1983 W. H. Davies
1914 D. Bowen	1949 G. T. Kelway	1984 H. H. Morgan
1915 H. Walters	1950 J. Mendus	1985 W. T. Davies
1916 T. Walters	1951 W. D. H. Powell	1986 S. Morgan
1917 T. Walters	1952 W. F. Johnson	1987 P. Millington
1918 G. Mercer	1953 M. W. Fraser	1988 H. G. Hughes
1919 J. Thomas	1954 S. H. Hughes	1989 C. O'Dare
1920 W. R. James	1955 D. T. Owen	1990 G. B. Williams
1921 W. T. Norris	1956 J. W. F. Batley	1991 W. D. Davies
1922 H. Barker	1957 S. Davies	1992 W. G. Allen
1923 B. A. Lewis	1958 D. S. Evans	1993 R. K. Jones
1924 C. H. Williams	1959 A. Thomas	1994 A.G.Macwilliam
1925 N. P. Edmunds	1960 J. H. G. James	1995 J. B. Lloyd
1926 W. L. Lawrence	1961 J. E. Gibby	1996 H. R. Jones
1927 H. A. Jones-Lloyd	1962 C. G. A. Taylor	1997 N. J. Morgan
1928 T. V. Rees	1963 T. Tipton	1998 J. H. Nicholls
1929 E. W. Rees	1964 E. H. East	1999 L. C. Murphy
1930 E. J. Head	1965 R. E. Isaac	2000 W. J. G. Varney
1931 R. W. Ward	1966 F. Lowndes	2001 K. J. Morgan
1932 G. Lord	1967 J. J. M. Hughes	2002 D. R. Harries
1933 D. T. James	1968 P. J. Morgan	2003 T. H. Brown
1934 E. C. L. Fitzwilliams	1969 E. Williams	2004 P. H. S. Thomas
1935 W. H. Smith	1970 M. G. Hopkins	2005 T. M. Evans
1936 H. W. Thomas	1971 S. Green	2006 D. N. Adams
1937 S. Clare	1972 W. H. Symmons	2007 E. W. Brand
1938 H. W. Ramster	1973 G. M. Jones	2008 F. M. Williams
1939 W. E. Rees	1974 E. P. M. Drewett	2009 T. Evans
1940 A. R. Guntewr	1975 W. S. Moss	2010 B. C. Hilling
1941 P. R. Howells	1976 W.S. Thomas	2011 B. W. Barton
1942 G. J. Thomas	1977 D. J. Evans	2012 S. C. Clench
1943 G. T. Kelway	1978 F. T. Edwards	2013 E.G.S. Mock
1944 A. Edwards	1979 J. C. Lewis	
1945 C. Evans	1980 J. V. Davies	
1946 J. Williams	1981 H. Haries	
1947 R. F. Foster	1982 W. Mabe	

## Centenary Jewel



# Coast List

1. The Queen and the Craft.
2. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

*Above Proposed by the Worshipful Master*

3. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,  
Peter Geoffrey Lowndes.  
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,  
Jonathan Spence.  
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,  
David Kenneth Williamson,  
and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past.

*Proposed by the Senior Warden, W.Bro. D. H. James.*

4. The Provincial Grand Master.

*Proposed by the Immediate Past Master, W.Bro. S.F. Clench.*

5. The Kensington Lodge of Installed Masters, No. 3667.

*Proposed by R. W.Bro. Dr. J. B. Lloyd, P.Pr.G.M.*

Response by the Worshipful Master, R.Wor. Bro.  
Eric G.S.Mock.

6. Tylers Toast.

*Proposed by W.Bro. G. Owen.*



