

GARSTON LODGE OF INSTALLED MASTERS



No. 9403

OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



Souvenir Booklet

Consecrated, Friday 6th December 1991
The Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool

25th Anniversary Celebration

Lodge Meeting, Wednesday 14th December 2016.
Masonic Hall, Garston, Liverpool.

Introduction

To write a history about a Lodge we need to go back in time.

Lodges just don't form overnight; they evolve over a period of time.

We should therefore go back to the 1920's when Freemasonry was a strong part of the Garston community. Several Lodges met in the area and their minutes show they had been using pubs, hotels or community rooms to hold their meetings for considerable time.

The Brethren of these Lodges, especially those of the Lodge of Harmony No 220, decided that the time was right to have their own Masonic Hall and on the 21st May 1924, the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, W.Bro John Hearn Burrell laid the foundation stone of our Temple, here in Island Road South, Garston, Liverpool.

Then there were 4200 Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England.

We know that this was a very successful achievement because the Hall flourished so much that by the 1960's it was almost to its full capacity, mainly of local Lodges.

Masonic Hall Gaston circa 1946



Foundation stone being laid on the 21st May 1924 by the R.W.Prov.G.M Bro John Hewin Burrell PGD W.Bro L.C.Bailey PGD Dept.P.G.M. and W.Bro A.Rushton PGD. Lord Mayor of Liverpool

In the mid 60's there were 8000 Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England. There was a devastating fire at the Liverpool Masonic Hall, Hope Street, on the 13th October 1968 which resulted in several Lodges becoming temporary homeless.

Garston Masonic Hall came to some of these Lodges assistance and these Lodges moved here. Some found that this venue suited them and never went back to Hope Street, so the Hall was now home to a maximum number of Lodges and was attracting new Masons from a wider area than previous. Several changes took place as time went on but the fabric of the building was constant.

For a considerable time the hall was under the chairmanship Of W.Bro Vince Pheonix who was not one for change. In the late 1980's it went under the chairmanship of W.Bro Norman Long, who sadly passed away to The Grand Lodge Above, recently on the 16th March 2016. During his time the Hall modernised its image and the Lodges flourished, even though the signs that some Lodges where struggling, had appeared.

New Lodges were being consecrated and in April 1989 a warrant was issued for The Sure and Steadfast Lodge No 9326 to meet at the Liverpool Masonic Hall, Hope Street.

This got a number of Garston Masons thinking on why can't have a new Lodge here in Garston Masonic Hall.

The country was slowly recovering from the 1980's period of turmoil and recession, and changes were in the air. The large retail shops had just defied the trading laws and opened their shop on Sundays.

Russia had finally lost its grip on all the counties around its boarders with the fall of the Berlin Wall and The Warsaw Pact had been dissolved.

All these controversies in the World did not deter these determined Masons in Garston to explore the possibility of a new Lodge and the rest is history.

As the present day Lodge Secretary, I have endeavoured to produce a booklet to celebrate the Lodge's first 25 years of existence as a souvenir to mark the occasion. This would not have been possible but for the excellent and meticulous records made and kept by W.Bro Alan Johnson, the Lodge Secretary for the first 6 years, who is still an active member and mentor in Freemasonry and the Lodge today.

W.Bro David Charles Jones P.Pr.J.G.W.

Secretary, Garston Lodge of Installed Masters No 9403.

The Garston Lodge of Installed Masters No 9403

Brief history of the Lodge's first 25 years

Early Interest in forming a New Lodge

The creation of this new Lodge was originally stimulated by a group of Masonic friends, from various Lodges throughout the Provinces of West Lancashire and Cheshire.

These Masons met regular at either Craft Lodges or Side Degrees meeting at Garston Masonic Hall.

In total there were members from 29 Lodges showing an interest in a new Lodge.

These Masons also met fairly regularly, to socialise, on a Saturday afternoon in the south Liverpool area

These meetings were held in the back room of W.Bro Richie Palmer's shop at 350 Smithdown Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

The room had been converted into a comfortable lounge with ample hospitality facilities for all to enjoy.

Masonry both local and generally was the common topic of conversation.

In due time and with the interest in the numbers involved, it was suggested that it might be possible to form a new Lodge. However, discreet enquiries revealed that due to falling numbers amongst some of the older established Lodges, this was not possible.

The matter remained dormant but regularly mentioned especially when a new Lodge was consecrated in Hope Street in 1989

That year, some of these friends were discussing Masonic matters in the lounge of Garston Masonic Hall with members of the Lodge of Harmony No 220.

A member of that group casually mentioned that there was no Past Masters Lodge in the Liverpool area. Coincidentally all of these friends were Past Masters of Lodges and the idea was born.

It was decided to do a feasibility study into the formation of a Lodge of Installed Masters, with the Lodge of Harmony No. 220 being the sponsoring Lodge.

Enquiries were made of all the Lodges and Side Degrees meeting at Garston Masonic Hall to ascertain interest. The interest was immense especially from some members of the Side Degrees who where Past Master of Lodges from other areas.

Lodges meeting in both Liverpool Masonic Hall and Woolton Masonic Hall were informed and Past Master invited to become founder members.

Accordingly, in August 1989, a preliminary meeting of all the prospective members took place at Garston Masonic Hall. A frank discussion took place and the aims and principals of the new Lodge agreed.

W.Bro William Jones, a Senior Past Master of the Lodge of Harmony No 220, agreed to be the Chairman / Secretary of this new committee and diligently kept the minutes of the several monthly meetings that followed. Preliminary approaches were made to both the Provincial Office and the Officers of the Second Liverpool Group.

These were not dismissed but received for favourable consideration

Formation of the Garston Lodge of Installed Masters

During this period the Brethren discussed a suitable name for the new Lodge.

It was very quickly agreed that the new Lodge should have the name Garston and when agreed that it would be a Lodge of Installed Masters it was natural to call it "The Garston Lodge of Installed Masters" or "G.L.I.M." in short, as we now are more commonly known by in South Liverpool and the Province.

Once the name was agreed The Lodge of Harmony No 220 printed a Notice of Motion on their summons, dated Wednesday, 28th March 1990, that they were sponsoring the formation of a new Lodge to be called The Garston Lodge of Installed Masters to be held at Garston Masonic Hall, Liverpool L19 5NT



Copy of the Lodge of Harmony No 220 Summons proposing the new Lodge on the 28th March 1990

It was decided that as it was to meet at Garston Masonic Hall the emblem on the Founders Jewel would depict St Michaels, the Parish Church of Garston, being probably the oldest building in Garston, which its self is a very old district in Lancashire before it became part of Liverpool.

Also, as far back as 1926, the Brethren of The Lodge of Harmony No 220 together with other Garston Freemasons attended a unique service at the Parish Church for the unveiling of the Memorial Board commemorating the ringing of a peal of bells by Freemasons of the Garston area when the new Church was consecrated 50 years ago.



St Michael's Parish Church Garston 2016

This beautiful Wooded Plaque is situated on the right hand wall, just inside the main porch at the entrance into the Church.

It is adorned with the Masonic Square and Compasses at the top and briefly below it states that :- “By a band of Free and Accepted Masons to welcome the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Very Worshipful Brother A.A.David D.D. Past Grand Chaplain of England. First Peal rung by a band of Freemasons outside London”

The Peal was also recorded in a Peal Book which records all Peals rung by Freemasons which is kept in the care of the Grand Librarian, Freemasons Hall, Great Queens Street, London.

It should be noted that there has been a church on this site since 1225. This was destroyed and replaced in 1715 and finally the present Church completed in 1877 paid for by public subscriptions and consecrated by the Bishop of Chester. It has always had connections with the several families that once lived at Speke Hall.

The then Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro A.F.Ferris P.P.G.D., was approached and asked to support a Petition to Grand Lodge. After a meeting with a delegation of Founders, who were able to supply answers to all of his questions, it was agreed

In November 1990, it was learnt that the Petition had been approved and that the number 9403 had been allocated to the new Lodge. Due to the amount of preparation and the availability of the Senior Officers of the Province for the occasion it took until December 1991 to finalise .

The Lodge was then consecrated on Friday 6th December 1991 and its full title is :-
The Garston Lodge of Installed Masters No 9403 or G.L.I.M

Consecration and Banner Ceremony

There were 36 Founder Members with most of them present and partaking in the Consecration Ceremony. Unfortunately W.Bro L.F. Mansley, who was the youngest Founder Member, died a month prior to the Consecration. His Founder's Jewel is now given to the Immediate Paster Master whilst he is in that Office for the year.

The Garston Lodge of Installed Masters No 9403 was consecrated at The Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Friday 6th December 1991.

The Lodge's permanent place of residence is the Garston Masonic Hall, Island Road South, Garston, Liverpool. L19 5NT.

The Consecrating Officer was R.W. Bro K.E.Moxley Provincial Grand Master. This was followed by the Installation of the Lodge's first Worshipful Master, W.Bro R.W.Palmer P.Pr.A.G.Supt.of Wks (Cheshire)

The Installing Master was V.W.Bro E.Houghton P.G.Swd.B. Deputy Prov. G.M.

To celebrate the consecration the Lodge donated the sum of £1000.00 to Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls 1997 Festival.

During the discussions to form the new Lodge it was agreed that the Lodge should have its own Banner and a design was produced acceptable to all.

The Banner depicts St Michael's Church, flanked by the Pillars of the Doric and Corinthian Order supporting the Globes Celestial and Terrestrial. Above is the name and number of the Lodge and below is the consecration date.

The Banner was dedicated to the Lodge on Wednesday 13th May 1992.

The following pages are a copy of the summons for those occasions.

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No. 9403

OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



Consecration

on

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1991

2.30 for 3.00 p.m.

at

THE MASONIC HALL

HOPE STREET, LIVERPOOL

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE

GARSTON LODGE OF INSTALLED MASTERS
No. 9403

CONSECRATION

at the

MASONIC HALL, HOPE STREET, LIVERPOOL

on

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1991

by

Right Worshipful Brother KENNETH E. MOXLEY
Provincial Grand Master

and

INSTALLATION

of

W.Bro. R. W. PALMER, P.Pr. A.G. Supt of Works (Cheshire)

by

V.W.Bro. EDWARD HOUGHTON, P.G.Swd.B.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

assisted by

Other Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers

Sponsoring Lodge

LODGE OF HARMONY No. 220

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Order of Procedure

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master enters in procession and opens a Lodge in the Three Degrees.
3. The Provincial Grand Master accompanied by Acting Provincial Grand Officers enters in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his officers pro tem.

Opening Hymn

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid
All Created things were made,
Heaven and earth, Thy vast design
Hear us, Architect Divine.

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

By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

So mote it be.

4. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to give

Opening Prayer

Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be"

5. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
6. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
7. Brethren of the new Lodge are then arranged in order.
8. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
9. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
10. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

11. **An Oration**

On the nature and Principles of the Institution by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

12. **Anthem**

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for
Brethren to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious ointment on the head
that ran down unto the beard, even unto
Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts
of his clothing.
It is like the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the
hill of Zion.
For there the Lord promised His blessing, and
life for evermore.

So mote it be.

13. **Dedication Prayer (First Portion)**

14. Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be"

Musical Response - "Glory be to Thee, O God".

15. The Brethren turn towards the East, and the
Consecrating Officer gives

The Invocation

16. Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be".

17. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads II Chronicles,
Chapter ii, verses 1 to 16

The Consecration

18. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to
be uncovered.

19. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii,
verse 16.

20. The Brethren sing:

When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

21. The Vessels containing the Elements of Consecration
will be carried around the Lodge, the Consecrating
Officer scattering the Corn - the symbol of Plenty and
Abundance.

(Solemn Music during the Procession)

22. Musical Response - "Glory be to God on High".
23. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chapter x, verse 39.
24. The Brethren sing:
When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship ah to tell,
On threshold and on Corner-stone,
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
25. The Vessels containing the Elements of the Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Wine - the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
(Solemn music during the Procession)
26. Musical Response - "Glory be to God on High".
27. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Exodus, Chapter xxx, verses 25 and 26.
28. The Brethren sing:
And we have come, fraternal bands
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him by votive hands,
With streams of Cock, and Wine, and Oil.
29. The Vessels containing the Elements of the Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring the Oil - the symbol of Peace and Uranimity.
(Solemn music during the Procession)
30. Musical Response - "Glory be to God on High".
31. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, reads Leviticus, Chapter ii, verse 13.
32. The Brethren sing:
No offer our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power,
And may Thy presence, Lord we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.
33. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt - the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
(Solemn music during his Perambulation)
34. Musical Response - "Glory be to God on High".

35. **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.**
Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be".

36. **Anthem**
(Dedication Prayer of King Solomon)

I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide forever. But God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less the house that I have builded! Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord, my God, that Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day, even towards the place of which Thou hast said, "My Name shall be there". And our Lord said to Solomon: "I have heard thy prayer, I have hallowed this house which thou hast built to put My Name there for ever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually, Hallelujah!"

37. **The Provincial Grand Chaplain takes the censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East.**
(Solemn music during his progress)

38. **Dedication Prayer (Second Portion)**

39. Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be".
40. **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.**
41. Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be".

42. **Hymn**
Glory to God on High,
Let heaven and earth reply,
Praise ye His name;
Masons His love adore,
Tyld in their mystic lore,
And cry on for evermore,
Glory to God.
So mote it be.

43. **Patriarchal Benediction**

44. Chant (Omnes) - "So mote it be".

The Lodge is resumed in the Second Degree

Installation of Master Designate

W.Bro. RICHARD W. PALMER

Presenting Officers

W.Bro. D. C. ELLIOT, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. S. BENSON, P.J.G.D.

BUSINESS

Election of Treasurer

Appointment and Investiture of Officers

Election of Tyler

To Elect Two Auditors

To Approve Draft By-Laws

To Ballot For as Honorary Members

R.W.Bro. K. E. MOXLEY

Provincial Grand Master

V.W.Bro. E. HOUGHTON, P.G.Swd.B.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. J. N. HULL, P.S.G.D.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Propositions for Joining Members

Any Other Business

To Close The Lodge

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

W.Bro. R. W. FALMER, P.Pr.A.G.Supt. Works (Cheshire)	W.M.
W.Bro. W. B. JONES, P.Pr.J.G.D.	L.P.M.

W.Bro. H. T. CLEMENTS, P.Pr.J.G.W.	S.W.
W.Bro. J. L. KIDD,	J.W.
W.Bro. R. R. GALE, P.Pr.J.G.W.	Chaplain
W.Bro. J. W. RUDDICK, P.Pr.D.G.Swd.B.	Treasurer
W.Bro. G. A. JOHNSON, P.Pr.J.G.W.	Secretary
W.Bro. G. J. HILL, P.Pr.J.G.W.	D.C.
W.Bro. W. FARRER, P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	Almoner
W.Bro. T. W. GRIFFITHS, P.Pr.S.G.D.	Charity Steward
W.Bro. A. HIGGINSON, Pr.D.G.Supt. Works	S.D.
W.Bro. A. CRITCHLEY, P.Pr.A.G.D.C.(Cheshire)	J.D.
W.Bro. E. S. HUGHES, P.Pr.J.G.D.	A.D.C.
W.Bro. T. G. HUGHES, P.Pr.J.G.D.	Asst. Sec.
W.Bro. S. L. HUGHES, P.Pr.J.G.D.	L.G.
W.Bro. F. A. O. HOBSON, P.Pr.A.G.D.C. (Cheshire)	Steward
W.Bro. D. A. HORROCKS	Steward
W.Bro. H. C. FENNINGS	Steward
W.Bro. F. E. WRIGHT, P.Pr.J.G.D.	Steward
W.Bro. M. JACKSON, P.Pr.J.G.D.	Steward

W.Bro. W. BENNETT	Tyler
Bro. E. ADAMS	Musical Director

FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE

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W.Bro. F. E. WRIGHT, P.Pr.J.G.D.

GARSTON LODGE
OF
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No. 9403



DEDICATION OF THE BANNER

at Garston Masonic Hall
Island Road South, Liverpool 19
on Wednesday, 13th May, 1992
at 6.30 pm

Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Richard Walter Palmer, P.Pr.A.G.Supt. Wks (Ches)

DEDICATION OF BANNER
OF
GARSTON LODGE OF INSTALLED MASTERS
No 9403

BY
W. Bro. James N. Hull
Past Senior Grand Deacon
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
of the Province of West Lancashire.

ASSISTED BY

W. Bro. H.T. Clements P.Pr.J.G.W.	Senior Warden
W. Bro. F.O.A. Hobson P.Pr.A.G.D.C.(Ches.)	Junior Warden
W. Bro. Revd. J.C. Sharples P.G.Chap.	Provincial Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. K.L. Walmsley Pr.D.G.D.C.	Provincial Deputy Grand DC
W. Bro. L. Ashcroft Pr.D.G.D.C.	Provincial Deputy Grand DC
W. Bro. A. Higginson Pr.D.G. Supt. Wks.	Senior Deacon
W. Bro. A. Critchley P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. I.G. Fletcher P.A.G.D.C.	Provincial Grand Organist
W. Bro. S.L. Hughes P.Pr.J.G.D.	Inner Guard

ACCOMPANIED BY

W. Bro. J.C. James P.J.G.D.
Chairman of the Second Liverpool Group of Lodges
and other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

BANNER BEARER

W. Bro. H. Boscow P.Pr.S.G.W.
St. Oswald Lodge No 5170.

PROVINCIAL CHOIR

W. Bro. W.G. Bullough	P.Pr.J.G.W.
W. Bro. A. Ford-Giltrap	P.Pr.J.G.W.
W. Bro. G. Murray	P.Pr.J.G.D.
W. Bro. B.D. Stockton	P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
W. Bro. J.W. Hindle	
Bro. E. Jackson	

THE CEREMONY OF DEDICATION

The Lodge is Opened in the Third Degree. The Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies is admitted and announces the arrival of the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master enters in procession. The Master offers him the Gavel which he accepts and he occupies the Master's Chair.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master appoints Provincial Grand Officers to assist him.

Salutations are given under the direction of the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Labour is resumed in the First Degree.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master addresses the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master calls upon the Choir to sing an Anthem.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master calls upon the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a Deputation to carry the Banner into the Lodge.

The provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies forms the Deputation.

1. The Opening Hymn:

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME,
OUR SHELTER FROM THE STORMY BLAST,
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME,

BEFORE THE HILLS IN ORDER STOOD,
OR EARTH RECEIVED HER FRAME,
FROM EVERLASTING THOU ART GOD,
TO ENDLESS YEARS THE SAME,

A THOUSAND AGES IN THY SIGHT
ARE LIKE AN EVENING GONE;
SHORT AS THE WATCH THAT ENDS THE NIGHT
BEFORE THE RISING SUN,

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME,
BE THOU OUR GUARD WHILE TROUBLES LAST,
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME.

SO MOTE IT BE

The Banner is collected from outside the lodge room. The Deputation passes round the Lodge and displays the Banner to the assembled brethren.

11. The Provincial Grand Chaplain renders the Dedication Prayer:

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, we beseech thee to bless and hallow this Banner, which we here dedicate as a symbol of our Masonic fellowship, and to the honour and glory of thy Holy Name. Grant to all who gather beneath its shadow wisdom to teach, humility to learn, and grace to fulfil their obligations. Pour down upon them, and all members of our fraternity, the continual dew of Thy blessing, that we may daily increase in love of Thee and of each other, and when earth's fitful day is past, greet us as glorious entry into Thy heavenly temple, where, amid the company of Thy faithful people, we may shine as the stars for ever and ever.

SO MOTE IT BE

12. The Assistance Provincial Grand Master calls upon the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to cause the Banner to be carried to the east.

13. The Assistance Provincial Grand Master delivers the Lodge Banner into the keeping of the Master, on behalf of the Lodge.

14. The Master accepts the Banner and requests the Assistant Provincial Grand Master's permission for it to be placed on its stand in the East.

15. The Brethren of the Banner Deputation resume their seats.

16. The Choir will sing Psalm 150.

17. The Provincial Grand Chaplain delivers an Oration suitable for the occasion.

18. The closing Hymn:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,
WITH HEARTS, AND HANDS, AND VOICES;
WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE
IN WHOM HIS WORLD REJOICES;
WHO, FROM OUR MOTHER'S ARMS,
HATH BLESSED US ON OUR WAY
WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF LOVE,
AND STILL IS OURS TODAY,

O MAY THIS BOUNTIFUL GOD
THROUGH ALL OUR LIFE BE NEAR US,
WITH EVER JOYFUL HEARTS
AND BLESSED PEACE TO CHEER US,
AND KEEP US IN HIS GRACE
AND GUIDE US WHEN PERPLEXED,
AND FREE US FROM ALL ILLS,
IN THE WORLDS AND THE NEXT.

SO MOTE IT BE

19. The Provincial Grand Chaplain pronounces the Patriarchal Benediction.

20. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master invites the Master to re-occupy the chair.

21. The Worshipful Master thanks the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and his Team.

22. The Charity Collection.

23. To close the Lodge.

Garston Lodge

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Warrant No.	Warrant Date	Warrant No.	Warrant Date
Warrant No. 1	Warrant Date 1/1/19	Warrant No. 2	Warrant Date 2/1/19
Warrant No. 3	Warrant Date 3/1/19	Warrant No. 4	Warrant Date 4/1/19
Warrant No. 5	Warrant Date 5/1/19	Warrant No. 6	Warrant Date 6/1/19
Warrant No. 7	Warrant Date 7/1/19	Warrant No. 8	Warrant Date 8/1/19
Warrant No. 9	Warrant Date 9/1/19	Warrant No. 10	Warrant Date 10/1/19
Warrant No. 11	Warrant Date 11/1/19	Warrant No. 12	Warrant Date 12/1/19



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Warrant No. 15	Warrant Date 15/1/19	Warrant No. 16	Warrant Date 16/1/19
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No. 5408

SECOND LIVERPOOL GROUP

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W.M. M. BENNETT T.W.M.
Bro. E. ADAMS Musical Director



The first 25 years

The Lodge meets four times a year on the second Wednesday of the months of March, May, October and December with the Installation at the May meeting.

The purpose of the Lodge is as printed on the first page of the Lodge By –laws:-

“The Lodge is established to provide an opportunity for Installed and Past Masters of Lodges meeting at the Garston Masonic Hall and other venues in the Province of West Lancashire to meet and thereby continue and cement the friendship formed during and after their year of Mastership, to exchange ideas, promote their knowledge of Masonry by ways of Lectures, Talks and Demonstrations, and to render service to Masonry in general.”

Over the last 25 years The Lodge has fulfilled that promise with an abundance of Lectures, Talks and Demonstrations, too many to quote but here are just a few to show the variation.

During the summer of 1992 the Brethren, wives and friends visited the two Cathedrals of Liverpool and had high tea afterwards in the Anglican Cathedral.

United Grand Lodge of England celebrated its 275 anniversary on the 10th June 1992 and W.Bro Frank Gale P.Pr.J.G.W. attended the meeting. He then gave a detailed account of his visit to the Lodge at the meeting on Wednesday 10th October 1992.

At the December 1992 meeting W.Bro F.Bellis P.A.G.D.C. from the St Bueno Lodge No 6733, North Wales, temporarily took the chair and invited other Brethren to assist him in opening a Board of Installed Master according to the old tradition and the explanation of the working tools. This was enjoyed by all the Brethren present.

At our Christmas meeting in December 1994 W.Bro Sid Benson P.J.G.D. entertained us on how Music and Freemasonry interacted with each other.

Being Free and Accepted Masons we were delighted to have with us at our March 1996 meeting a Brother who was an Operative Mason, working at the Anglican Cathedral, Bro Tony Baker. He brought all of his operative tools and workbench and showed how each tool would be used operatively rather than symbolically.

He also showed what the operative Lewis was and how that bond between two stones was so strong.

The meeting for the 12th March 1997 was called from labour to refreshment so that W.Bro. A.White P.Pr.J.G.D. Cheshire, could present his talk on American Freemasonry and their regalia. He concluded showing a Film of Grand Lodge in America which was narrated by W.Bro Burl Ives, a legendary American Country singer.

In 2001 it was decided to have a ceremony of perambulating new joining members around the Lodge to introduce them to all the Officers of the Lodge and for that Officer to identify himself and explain his duties. This has continued to the present day.

At the September meeting in 2001 W.Bro. V.Sereno P.Pr.J.G.W. gave a talk on the effects on Freemasonry at the Napoleonic and 1st and 2nd World Wars.

The W.M. W.Bro D.C.Marley P.Pr.J.G.W. at his October 2002 meeting gave a talk on the life and Masonic involvements of Elias Ashmole in Lodges in Warrington.

The W.M. W.Bro D.C.Jones P.Pr.G.Supt.of Wks at his October 2007 meeting gave a talk on all Famous Freemasons with surnames from A to Z.

W.Bro J.A.Stewart P.Pr.S.G.W. and W.Bro D.A.Horrocks P.Pr.J.G.W. gave a joint presentation on Mark Masonry at the March 2010 meeting which proved a success.

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A Dispensation was then requested and granted from Provincial Grand Lodge for an emergency meeting in June for the Installation. W.Bro Todhunter, having recovered from his hospitalisation was Installed on the 11th June 2014 but only after the Secretary had to read out the Dispensation from U.G.L.O.E and then followed by the Dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Representative of the R.W.P.G.M. that evening was W.Bro H.R.Griffiths P.J.G.D. Chairman of the Garston Group of Lodges, who is also a member and Past Master of the Lodge.

A truly memorable Installation for the Lodge, probably never to witnessed again.

It has always been the tradition since its consecration, to invite wives, partners, family and friends to the Christmas Meeting Festive Board. In the early days this was slightly frowned upon by the Province but it did not deter G.L.I.M. The evening is enjoyed in the true Christmas spirit with Carol singing and on some occasions the music is provide by Garston Parish Church campanologists using hand bells.

General Information about the Lodge

The Lodge's first Worshipful Master was bestowed upon W.Bro R.W. Palmer P.Pr.A.G.Supt.of Wks (Cheshire) by the Founder Members for his enthusiasm in the formation of the new Lodge.

Since that date until recently it was the practise that the W.M. would select his Officers without progression and that he would draw out of a hat the name of a Founder Member who had not been in the Chair of this lodge before and who wished to be considered for the Office of W.M. for the following year.

The Office of Treasurer, Secretary, Almoner, Charity Steward, Director of Ceremonies and Tyler, being static as in other Lodges.

Continued as normally with the same Officer occupying that duty

This practise continued up until 2007.

The last remaining Founder Members W.Bro W.B.Jones and W.Bro D.C.Jones realised that they were the oldest and youngest members left, wishing to go into the Chair.

The honour of being the last of the Founders Members to attain the Chair was given to W.Bro W.B.Jones P.Pr.S.G.W. in 2008.

In 2009 the Senior Joining Members became eligible and they are now selected with the Officers now being progressive.

Over the years the Lodge membership has remained around the 30's but has dropped to the 20's so we are having a recruitment drive for more members.

When the Lodge was first consecrated it was expected that each Founder Member would remain with his Mother Lodge and even though it was not in the By-Laws it was also not expected that you would leave your Mother Lodge at a later date.

Unfortunately since then a lot of Brethren have become Masonic orphans due to their Mother Lodge, either amalgamating with another Lodge, and the new night being not being suitable for them to attend, or their Mother Lodge closing down completely.

This has now resulted in GLIM being their only Masonic Lodge.

That is something that was never envisaged those 25 years ago. These Brethren are now able to enjoy their special anniversaries in Freemasonry amongst friends.

To date we have celebrated the following non attached Brethren anniversaries :-

12th March 2008, W.Bro A.G.Thomson P.Pr.J.G.D. 50 years

14th May 2008, W.Bro J.A.Stewart P.Pr.S.G.W. 65 years

15TH October 2009, W.Bro R.A.Williams P.Pr.J.G.W. 60 year

In the year 2013 W.Bro S.T.Jones P.Pr.J.G.D. celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry but due to serious illness was unable to enjoy his celebrations that year. His Mother Lodge has closed therefore he is only a member of G.L.I.M. The Garston Group Chairman W.Bro H.R.Griffiths, visited him at his home and presented him with his certificate. W.Br Jones is now recovered.

It is customary for the Brethren of the Lodge to always wear their full dress regalia at every meeting.

The Lodge Festive Board was always a full Banquet meal. Being a Past Master Lodge, the membership age was initially Masons in their late 60's, 70's and 80's but the Joining Membership has rectified this problem with Masons of all ages being members and bringing the average down considerably.

Every Member will have been a W.M. in another Lodge prior to joining and therefore will have had his Ladies Night on that occasion. For that reason the early Ladies Nights did not attract too much support and were unfortunately abandoned after a few years. Lately the Christmas Festive Board has rectified this by inviting wives, partners, family and friends to an excellent Christmas feast.

The Festive Boards at present have been reduced to the standard meal except for the Installation and Christmas.

This was instigated by the Brethren in keeping the costs down and a little bit of diet control. At the Festive Board every effort is made to satisfy the Brethrens appetite both in sustenance and honouring the Charities.

Since our existence the Lodge has supported all the Festivals gaining the maximum recognition for their donations and also supporting in general the West Lancashire Charities or more recently some local non Masonic charity.

To date we are Patron for the Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls

And Grand Patron of the New Masonic Samaritan Fund 2010 Festival.

In the Masonic year 2011/2012, the Garston Group Chairman, W.Bro H.R.Griffiths P.A.G.D.C. was the Worshipful Master. One of his goals in his year of Office was to introduce the Lodge to Past Masters of other Lodges who are not members extending a warm welcome for them to join and enhance their Masonic Knowledge. His other goal was to assist the Masonic Hall in promoting itself for all types of Masonic and non Masonic Functions so that the future of the Hall is secure.

The Meeting of Wednesday 14th December 2016 is to celebrate that the Lodge is 25 years old having been consecrated on Wednesday 6th December 1991.

The Lodge will open in due form and the business will be to celebrate the 25 years of its formation. The Secretary will then read out extracts of the minutes of its consecration and then the W.M. will conduct any other business.

The Lodge will close in due form and the Brethren will then retire to the Festive Board for refreshments.

The Festive Board will consist of the Brethren, Wives, Partners, family and friends to enjoy a Christmas feast with Christmas entertainment and Carol Singing.

The theme for the evening is to give thanks for 25 years of G.L.I.M.'s existence and wish it good fortune in new members for the future.

There is a lot more to be found out about the Garston Lodge of Installed Masters and the best way is to become a Joining Member.

If you wish to know more either about our Lodge or Joining the Lodge then please speak to any of our Members.

Otherwise you can contact the Secretary W.Bro David C.Jones P.Pr.J.G.W on 0151 7243278 or email daveglasfryn@yahoo.co.uk

The Last Word

The History of this Lodge would not be complete without thanks given to all the Brethren who were the Founders of this Lodge.

Also the Brethren who joined the Lodge since its consecration have been the life line of the Lodge's future.

Without prejudice to any Brother who has or still is a member of the Lodge, it would be remiss not give special thanks to the following Founders, who have since ascended to the Grand Lodge above, and made the Lodge what it is today.

W.Bro Richie Palmer, first W.M., who's continuous determination succeeded in the formation of a new Lodge in Garston.

W.Bro Bill Jones who co-ordinated all the interest and Chaired and Scribed all the early meetings in Garston Masonic Hall.

W.Bro Bill Farrar who refreshed us at those meetings and raised funds so that the Lodge's Charity Fund was healthy on day one.

He also took on the duties of Lodge Almoner for several years.

W.Bro Graham Thompson would organise social days out with the Brethren, family and friends to nurture harmony amongst us all.

W.Bro Ian Ruddick, the Lodge Treasurer, who accurately envisaged the costs and administered our finances in the early days to provide the healthy accounts for the future.

W.Bro Gordon Hill, the Director of Ceremonies, who co-ordinated all the different ceremonies that the different Past Masters wanted, into the present day ceremony,

W.Bro Sid Benson, the only Grand Officer Founder Member, who simplified the Inst. Inner Workings Ceremony unique to the Lodge.

All the other Founder Members played their very important part in the Lodge by regular attendance and encouraging new members.

Garston Lodge of Installed Masters

W Bro. Lewis P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Smith P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Jones P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Day P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Taylor P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Brown P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. White P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Green P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Black P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Gold P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Silver P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Bronze P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Iron P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Steel P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Lead P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Tin P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Copper P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Zinc P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Nickel P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Cadmium P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Mercury P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Platinum P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Palladium P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Rhodium P.Pr. S.W.



W Bro. Baker P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Miller P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Davis P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Wilson P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Moore P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Taylor P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Parker P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Scott P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Adams P.Pr. S.W.
W Bro. Nelson P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. King P.Pr. S.W.	W Bro. Wright P.Pr. S.W.
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W. Bro. M.K. Mcintosh P.Pr. A.G. S.W. Br. Worshipful Master
W. Bro. W.R. Skuter P.Pr. J.G.W. Immediate Past Master

Officers 2016/17

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W. Bro. D. Yoxall, P.Pr. A.G.D.C. Chaplain
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W. Bro. J. Jackson, P.Pr. G. S.W. B. Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. M.K. Mcintosh, P.Pr. A.G. S.W. B. Almoner
W. Bro. K. Williams. Charity Steward
W. Bro. K. Ashcroft. Senior Deacon
W. Bro. R. Jones P.Pr. S.G.D. Junior Deacon
W. Bro. P.A. Brown. Inner Guard
W. Bro. W.H. Toddhunter P.Pr. J.G.D. Tyler



The Regular Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of the months of :-
March, May (Installation), October and December

BUSINESS

To Open the Lodge

Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meeting

To read extracts from the minutes of the Lodge meeting held on the
6th December 1991 at the Masonic Hall, Hope St. Liverpool.

To Celebrate the Lodge's 25th Anniversary
Since its Consecration

Collect Arms

Correspondence

Close the Lodge

Christmas Festive Board 7.15pm
Brethren, Ladies, Family and Friends
Followed by Christmas Entertainment.

Next Committee Meeting: Friday 24th February 2017

The Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the months of :-
September, November, February and April, commencing at 7.00pm

The Brethren are reminded to adhere to the new Dining Arrangements

Agreed at the Installation Meeting dated 12th May 2010.

Any changes must be notified to the Treasurer

Any Officer unable to attend the Regular Meeting should inform the D.C.

W.Bro. J. Jackson, P.Pr.G.Supt of Wks. Tel: 0151 260 7669

So that alternative arrangements can be made.

GARSTON LODGE OF INSTALLED MASTERS



No. 9403

OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS





Courtesy of W.Bro Peter McFall Founder Member

This is the Photograph taken of the Founder Members present at the
first Regular Meeting of the Garston Lodge of Installed Masters
On Wednesday, 11th December 1991
At Garston Masonic Hall.

Happy to Meet
Sorry to Part
Happy to Meet Again

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