CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1919 \sim 2019



OF

The Lodge of Chivalry No 3974

OF ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

COPY OF LODGE WARRANT

ARTHUR, G M

TO all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren: We, ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, SEND GREETING;

KNOW YE, That we, by the authority and under "the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William John Cook, James Fazackerley Howell, James Arthur Houghton, Jabez Brookes, Stamford Botley, Edward Woodward, William Hill and others, Do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or Denomination of "THE LODGE OF CHIVALRY," No 3974. The said Lodge to meet at the Carlton Hall, Eberle Street, Liverpool, on the Second Saturday in January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November, and December, empowering them in the said lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons, according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World.

AND further, at their said Petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above-named Brethren, we do appoint the said William John Cook to be the first Master, the said James Fazackerley Howell to be the first Senior Warden, and the said James Arthur Houghton to be the first Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed; Strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted lodge, shall be installed in ancient form and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office.

AND we do require you the said William John Cook to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other Members of the said lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being.

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AND we do enjoin you to make such By-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft; a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us.

AND we do require you to cause all such By-laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose.

AND you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the Fees and Moneys payable thereon; it being our Will and intention that this Our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge.

AND you, the said William John Cook, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

GIVEN under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at London, this 26th May, A.L. 5919, A.D. 1919.

By Command of His Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master.

T F HALSEY, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER P COLVILLE SMITH, GRAND SECRETARY

The Lodge is a Daughter Lodge of Woolton Lodge of Unity No 1056, a Grand Daughter Lodge of Derby Lodge No 724 and a Great Grand Daughter Lodge of Merchants Lodge No 241.



Pictured above is what is believed to be WBro R W Morgan PAGDC who was Junior Deacon in 1919 and was Worshipful Master in 1923/24 .

LIST OF FOUNDERS

JABEZ BROOKES, PPrGP, 216, 3632	PM	2714
FRED WILKINSON, PPrGJD, 2714, 3101	PM	594
EDWARD WOODWARD, PPrAGDC (Ches) 35 14	PM	1086
STAMFORD BOTLEY	PM	249
JAMES A HOUGHTON	PM	2889
JAMES F HOWELL	PM	2042
WILLIAM J COOK, 724	IPM	3632
WILLIAM HILL	AS	249
THOMAS RALPH LUTTON		2501
ARTHUR ARMITAGE		215, 3632
JOHN R. BROWN		3263
OWEN SEARLES		249
WILLIAM O BRANWOOD	JS	1756
FRANK A WILLIAMS	AS	3401
GEORGE T HOLLIDAY	AS	3401
WILLIAM E SMITH		823
WILLIAM BESWICK		594
THOMAS S BRIDGE		2714
JOHN JONES		2714
JOHN E H MANN	SC	1124 EC 823
EARNEST S SEDGWICK	AS	724
HUBERT G MORRIS		249
ROBERT W MORGAN		2714, 3632
JOHN ROBERTS		3581
DAVID THOMSON		2042
GEORGE A CRESSWELL	AS	3593
JOHN B BAYLIS		249
ATHUR BIRCHALL		3632

The warrant creating the Lodge was granted on 26 May 1919 and the Consecration of the Lodge of Chivalry, No 3974 took place on Thursday 6 November at 4 pm at the Carlton Hall, Eberle Street, Liverpool. The Consecrating Officer was Very Worshipful Bro Louis Winsloe, Past Grand Treasurer, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he was assisted by Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and numerous Brethren.

The Consecration Address was delivered by WBro Rev J Kirk Pike, Past Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplin. WBro W J Cook was duly installed as the first Worshipful Master. The first regular meeting was held on 13 December, 1919, and the first Initiate was Rev H J Holman, Wesleyan Minister, who became the first Chaplin of the lodge in 1920.

The lodge uses Bottomley ritual. Bottomley ritual is used in a number of lodges in Liverpool and on the Wirral, it emerged in the mid-late nineteenth century. The ritual uses more descriptive flourishes and has additional explanations to embellish the working. It refers candidly to "Antient Freemasonry", especially in the first degree, and has an almost Victorian fancy to the ritual

The regular meeting of the lodge on 4 March 1922, marked the occasion of the lodge moving from Eberle Street to the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool.

The installation meeting of the lodge was in May to celebrate the Issue of the warrant from 1920 to 1926. This was moved to September from 1927-1936. From 1937 to the present date the installation has taken place in October.

In September 1937 the lodge treasurer, WBro A Armitage, PPrGW, appointed as Chairman of the Fourth Liverpool Group. In 1939 he received Grand lodge Honours the first to be held by a member of the lodge. His rank, PAGDC.

The Silver Jubilee of the lodge was celebrated on 4 November 1944, each Brother was sent a copy of the Consecration address by Rev J K Pike PPrAGChaplain.

The Sum of 25 guineas from lodge funds was donated to West Lancashire Masonic Charities as a special contribution to mark the twenty fifth birthday of the lodge.

WBro R W Morgan, PPrGDC presented to the care of the Worshipful Master the lodge banner (the cost being defrayed by the Brethren).

The banner of blue silk embroidered with the symbolic figure of St George in the act of slaying the dragon, a replica of the lodge crest, inscribed with the tenets of Freemasonry.



The lodge has had since it's first meeting a number of members who served in the Royal Navy and the Merchant Fleet. It is believed that after the festive board, during the toasts as near to 8pm eight bells were sounded to signal a toast to "Absent and Seafaring Brethren" The bells are followed by a Brother asking Brethren to stand and the toll of absent Brethren is given, the first and last verses of the Hymn, Eternal Farther, strong to Save are then sung, followed by the toast to "Absent and Seafaring Brethren".

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" is a British hymn traditionally associated with seafarers, particularly in the maritime armed services. Written in 1860, its author William Whiting was inspired by the dangers of the sea described in Psalm 107. It was popularised by the Royal Navy in the late 19th century, and variations of it were soon adopted by many branches of the armed services in the United Kingdom and many Seafaring Lodges.

Hymn Lyrics

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits to keep
O Hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the water heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word
Who walkest on the foaming deep
And calm amid the storm didst sleep
O Hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease
And give, for wild confusion, peace
O Hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Great Architect of love and power,
Our Brethren shield in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus ever more shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

So mote it be



Pictured above is the Lodge of Chivalry Bell.

Over the years the bell has been repaired on several occasions, it is not known if it is the original bell that was used at the first festive board. In April, 1964 WBro R W Morgan, PAGDC, celebrated 50 years in Masonry. To commemorate the occasion, WBro R W Morgan, PAGDC, presented the Lodge with a Silver Alms Plate.



The silver Alms Plate donated by WBro Morgan.

Also to mark the occasion the youngest Initiate pinned WBro R W Morgan's founder's Jewel to the Lodge Banner.

Golden Jubilee

To mark the Golden Jubilee in November 1969 the Lodge donated the sum of one hundred guineas to Masonic Charities. They also commissioned a plate (pictured on the right) to mark the occasion, which was given to each member of the Lodge.

THE MASTERS COLLAR

The Rehearsal Class, as their contribution to the Golden Jubilee presented a sliver chain to be worn over the Worshipful Masters collar.

On the links of this chain are inscribed the names of the Past Masters. Originally the chain was worn over the Worshipful Master's Collar, as a permanent link with the past.

To cement this link to the past and as the chain has been increased in size to two rows as the years have passed it has been attached to the Worshipful Master's collar.

The November and December meetings of the lodge in 1968 were held at Garston Masonic Hall following the fire at Hope Street, which resulted in damage to Lodge Records and equipment including the Warrant of the lodge.





The fire damaged warrant is pictured above.

A warrant of Confirmation (pictured below) was received in time for the Installation meeting in October 1968.



In January 1974 WBro Tommy J Birch, PPrJGW, celebrated his 50 years in Freemasonry.

At the installation meeting in October 1974 Bro RA Thompson celebrated his 50 years in Freemasonry and was invested with the collar and jewel of PPrAsst-GStdB by WBro D Ryan MA, PJGD, PAPrGM.

At the December meeting in 1975 WBro FH Elderton, PPrJGW celebrated his 50 years in Freemasonry.

During his year in office Bro Tom Bradshaw along with Bro Charles Jones (Senior Warden) and Wilf Cheetham (Junior Warden) attended Grand Lodge at the annual investiture in April 1975 seeing the Most Worshipful The Grand Master HRH The Duke of Kent GCMG, GCVO, ADC proclaimed as the Grand Master.



Pictured above from left to right, are: Bro Wilf Cheetham, Bro Tom Bradshaw and Bro Charles Jones.

At the regular meeting of the Lodge on 2 April 1977. It was proposed by WBro G Pye and seconded by Bro N Kinrade that the Lodge became "wet", this was approved by a show of hands thus ending 58 years of Temperance.

At the installation meeting in October 1978 a baton for use by the Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge was presented by WBro Birch's nephew WBro WG Smith PrGStwd a member of Pacific Lewis Lodge No 38 T C of Tasmania.



The baton presented from Pacific Lewis Lodge No 38.

In April 1979 WBro WG Smith, PGStwd of the Pacific Lewis Lodge No 38 TC of Tasmania visited the Lodge and was presented with three gavels and blocks from the lodge for his generosity in his gift of the baton.

The baton is not currently used by the DC and sits on the secretaries table along with the WBro RW Morgan, Silver Alms Plate, the WBro Norman Kinrade plate, the ballot box donated by Bro JR Brown (founder member) and certificates of patronage.



The Worshipful Master 1986/87 WBro RG Howard presented a Dagger (Pictured below) which is presented to the candidate in the first degree ceremony.



WBro Norman Kinrade was initiated on 5 Feb 1972, he sadly passed away on 3 April 1989.

The plate (pictured on the right) was given to the lodge by Norman's widow Joyce and this daughter in remembrance of Norman.



Many members of the lodge have celebrated 50 years as members of the lodge. Sadly as has been mentioned the records of many of these members has been lost. However, one member WBro Thomas Birch PPrJGW is still remembered, mainly due to his long service as Director of Ceremonies an office he held for 30 years. WBro Tommy celebrated his 50th, 60th and 70th anniversary of being initiated into the lodge in January 1924. On the same night Tommy celebrated his 70 years in Freemasonry, WBro Keith Murden PPrSuptofWks was initiated. He was Worshipful Master in 1987/88 and has held an office in the lodge for the last 29 years since he was IPM.

In January 1998 after 79 years the Lodge moved its meetings from Hope Street in Liverpool to Ormskirk Masonic Hall and it still meets there today.

In December 2003 WBro Ron Richmond sadly passed the Grand Lodge above. Ron was initiated in March 1962. Ron served as Charity Steward for several years and he left the lodge a large bequest. To honour Ron's memory the Lodge purchased a presentation box with the working tools of the three degrees, which is placed in the centre of the lodge and the tools are displayed in the degree the lodge is working in.



The working tools and the presentation case.



In October 2010 WBro Tomas Bradshaw was installed in the chair of King Solomon for the second time to mark his 50 years in Freemasonry, which was celebrated on 4 December 2010. At which meeting WBro John V Moore PSGD, APrGM took the chair and presided over the celebration meeting.

WBro Bradshaw was the last member to celebrate his golden anniversary in the first 100 years of the lodge.

Tom initiated his youngest son Andrew while in the chair in his 50th year. Andrew served as WM in 2017/18 and 2018/19. Sadly Tom passed to the grand Lodge above on 5 March 2019.

WBro Tom Bradshaw PPrJGW.

The Lodge celebrated its Centenary on 7th December 2019. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro James Anthony Harrison, who was accompanied by members of his Provincial team.

To mark the Centenary the Lodge donated £3,974 to The West Lancashire Masonic Charitable Foundation 2021 Festival which qualified the lodge as a Grand Patron of the Festival, £3,974 to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity and £3,974 to the Ormskirk Masonic Hall Association.

The Lodge also presented each member with a Centenary Jewel (Pictured on the right) to mark the occasion.



PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

1919/20 WBro W J Cook PPrJGW	1971/72 WBro G Pye PPrAGDC
1920/21 WBro F Howell PPrGOrg	1971/72 WBro J W Aldred PPrGJD
1921/22 WBro A Armitage PAGDC	1972/73 WBro S Rimmer
1922/23 WBro W M Hill PPrGDC	1973/74 WBro J Dixon PPrAGDC
1923/24 WBro R W Morgan PAGDC	1974/75 WBro T Bradshaw PPrJGW
1924/25 WBro F A Williams PPrAGDC	1975/76 WBro C Jones PPrAGDC
1925/26 WBro E S Sedgwick PPrJGD	1976/77 WBro W Cheetham PPrAGDC
1926/27 WBro T S Bridge PPrJGD	1977/78 WBro A E Fowler
1927/28 WBro W E Smith	1978/79 WBro T K Williams PPrAGDC
1928/29 WBro D Thopson PPrJGD	1979/80 WBro K J Greener PPrJGD
1929/30 W Bro A H Riley MA PPrJGD	1980/81 WBro R A Richmond PPrSGD
1930/31 WBro L Kerr	1981/82 WBro B L Cope PPrJGD
1931/32 WBro F Lewthwaite PPRAGStdB	1982/83 WBro E Jacques PPrJGW
1932/33 WBro T Morgan PPrJGD	1983/84 WBro J Winstanley PPrJGD
1933/34 WBro H Sedgwick PPrJGD	1984/85 *WBro A Pye PPrGSuptofWks
1934/35 WBro J R Kay	1985/86 WBro N Kinrade
1935/36 WBro H Tracy	1986/87 WBro R G Howard PPrSGD
1936/37 WBro T Singleton BEM PPrJGD	1987/88 *WBro K H Murden PPrGSuptofWks
1937/38 WBro H Cook PPrJGD	1988/89 *WBro K T Johnson PPrGSuptofWks
1938/39 WBro H W Wheeler	1989/90 WBro C R Jones PPrGSuptofWks
1939/40 WBro T E Stirrup	1990/91 WBro J Gaskell PPrSGD
1940/41 WBro W T Porter PPrJGD 1941/42 WBro A Leeson PPrJGW	1991/92 *WBro C W BrewerPPrJGD 1992/93 WBro G J Bayliss PPrJGD
1942/43 WBro E Williams PPrJGD	1993/94 *WBro J E Duckworth PPrGSuptofWks
1943/44 WBro F H Elderton PPrJGW	1994/95 WBro R Williamson PPrAGSuptofWks
1944/45 WBro R Davies	1995/96 WBro G Webster PPrAGDC
1945/46 WBro W Pugh	1996/97 *WBro A W Hodgson PPrDGSuptofWks
1946/47 WBro T Birch PPrJGW	1997/98 *WBro C W Frodsham PPrGSuptofWks
1947/48 WBro C M Hannah PPrJGW	1998/99 *WBro A Pye PPrGSuptofWks
1948/49 WBro G L Watts BEM	1999/00 *WBro W Goulden PPrJGW
1949/50 WBro L Rimmer PPrJGD	2000/01 *WBro W Goulden PPrJGW
1950/51 WBro A J Rees	2001/02 *WBro C W Brewer PPrJGD
1951/52 WBro W Robinson	2002/03 *WBro J E Duckworth PPrGSuptofWks
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1952/53 WBro J C Marsh	2003/04 *WBro B Wilson PPrAGStdB
1953/54 WBro G E Bowcott PPrAGDC 1954/55 WBro G A L Maude PPrSGW	2004/05 *WBro D J Miller PPrJGD 2005/06 *WBro M L Holloway MBA PPrSGW
1955/56 WBro R A Codling PPrGSuptofWks	2006/07 *WBro D A Dugdale PPrSGD
1956/57 WBro K A Clarkson PAGDC	2007/08 WBro D Hughes
1957/58 WBro F Morris PPrJGD	2008/09 *WBro M J Gray PPrDGSuptofWks
1958/59 WBro W L Pritchard	2009/10 WBro M K Jackson PPrSGD
1959/60 WBro S Metcalf PPrAGDC	2010/11 WBro T Bradshaw PPrJGW
1960/61 WBro J R Mawdsley	2011/12 WBro D Chetwynd
1961/62 WBro J W Brady PPrAGDC	2012/13 *WBro A Hodgson PPrDGSuptofWks
1962/63 WBro S D Dickinson PPrAGDC	2013/14 *WBro J Duckworth PPrGSuptofWks
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1963/64 WBro H Mayhew PPrAGDC	2014/15 *WBro C Frodsham PPrGSuptofWks
1964/65 WBro W A Perkins	2015/16 *WBro C Frodsham PPrGSuptofWks
1965/66 WBro H G Wolloey	2016/17 *WBro D A Dugdale PPrSGD
1966/67 WBro E Collins	2017/18 *WBro J A Bradshaw
1967/68 WBro L Jones	2018/19 *WBro J A Bradshaw
1968/69 WBro W R Hughes	* • • • • • • •
1969/70 WBro E G Pearse	* = Subscribing Member

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Pictured above is one of the Past Masters Jewel's, they are worn by all Past Masters in the lodge until they receive Provincial Honours.

LODGE OFFICERS 2019 / 2020

Worshipful Master 2019

Bro Martin David Stewart

Immediate Past Master
WBro James Andrew Bradshaw

SW WBro Brian Wilson PPrAGSwdB

JW Bro Martyn Fenton

Chaplain WBro Arnold Pye PPrGSuptofWks

Treasurer WBro Michael J Gray PPrDGSuptofWks

Secretary WBro Mark L Holloway MBA PPrSGW

DC WBro David Dugdale PPrSGD

Almoner WBro Keith H Murden PPrGSuptofWks

Charity Steward WBro David J Miller PPrJGD

Mentor WBro C W Frodsham PPrGSuptofWks

SD Bro Stuart Flynn

JD Bro Adam Woods

ADC WBro James Andrew Bradshaw

IG Bro Wayne McGuffie

Steward WBro William Goulden PPrJGW

Steward WBro Charles W Brewer PPrJGD

Tyler WBro Alan W Hodgson PPrDGSuptofWks

Musical Director WBro Frank Laird (5343) Honorary Member 3974

THE LODGE OF CHIVALRY No 3974

Membership in December 2019

		Date Initiated
WBro Arnold Pye PPrGSuptofWks		06 Nov 1971
WBro Keith Murden PPrGSuptofWks		05 Jan 1974
WBro Kenneth Johnson PPrGSuptofWks	S	02 Nov 1974
WBro Charles Brewer PPrJGD		03 Nov 1979
WBro John Duckworth PPrGSuptofWks		09 Jan 1982
Bro William Harrison		03 Nov 1984
WBro Alan Hodgson PPrDGSuptofWks		02 Feb 1985
WBro Colin Frodsham PPrGSuptofWks		02 Nov 1985
Bro Peter Williamson		05 Nov 1988
WBro William Goulden PPrJGW		04 Nov 1989
WBro Brian Wilson PPrAGSwdB		06 Nov 1993
WBro David Miller PPrJGD		02 Nov 1996
WBro Mark Holloway PPrSGW		01 Dec 1997
WBro David Dugdale PPrSGD		06 Mar 1999
WBro Michael Gray PPrDGSuptofWks		08 Jan 2000
WBro James Bradshaw		02 Apr 2011
Bro Martin Stewart		04 Feb 2012
Bro Marytn Fenton		01 Mar 2014
Bro Adam Woods		18 Nov 2017
Bro Stuart Flynn (No 8544)	Joined	05 Jan 2019
Bro Wayne McGuffie		05 Jan 2019
Bro Zachary Lewis		02 Nov 2019



Bro M Fenton (JW), Bro M Stewart (WM), B Wilson (SW), WBro D Miller (Charity Steward), WBro W Goulden (Steward), Bro W Harrison, WBro A Bradshaw (IPM), Bro S Flynn (SD), Bro Z Lewis, WBro F Laird (Musical Director) and WBro A Hodgson (Tyler). WBro D Dugdale (DC), Bro A Woods (JD), Bro W McGuffie (Inner Guard), WBro M Holloway (Secretary), WBro M Gray (Treasurer), The members of the Lodge are pictured in December 2019 from left to right, seated are: WBro K Johnson, WBro John Duckworth, WBro A Pye (Chaplain), WBro K Murden (Almoner), WBro W Brewer (Steward), WBro C Frodsham (Mentor). Standing, are:



CONCLUSION

Born in the aftermath of War, and nurtured during the long period of depression and unemployment which followed, great credit is reflected on the Founders and Officers of the Lodge for their vision and foresight which have enabled the Lodge to proceed and progress to maturity. The temporary setback at the outbreak of the Second World War, the greatest struggle of mankind in history, was weathered with pride and distinction. The Suez crisis, the Korean, Vietnam and two gulf war's, terrorist attacks, the banking crisis, recession and Brexit have all tested our resolve. However, with the assistance of the Great Architect and our own endeavours we can face the future with confidence, so that the present generation, who have shown their enthusiasm for Freemasonry, will continue with the erection of the Lodge worthy of its foundation and the name it bears.

May the spirit of Chivalry saturate our hearts and actions in the future, and the tenets and principles of Freemasonry continue to be proclaimed and spread by our Lodge throughout the Universe from generation to generation.

So mote it be.