

Fallowfield Lodge

No. 3693

Consecrated 19th December 1913

Centenary Celebrations

1913 - 2013

Introduction

The suburban area of Fallowfield lies roughly 3 miles south of Manchester city centre and it was here during the peaceful days of 1912 that thirteen Brethren who felt that a Lodge should be formed in the Fallowfield area met to discuss the formation of a new Lodge. Thus it was that Fallowfield Lodge, No. 3693 was conceived.

The founders made application for a warrant to United Grand Lodge of England, which was granted on 21st October 1913. Accommodation was found for the new Lodge at the Holy Innocents Church School, at the corner of Wilmslow Road and Wilbraham Road in Fallowfield; and The Royal Protector Lodge No 3471, agreed to sponsor the new lodge. W. Bro. J. T. Ripplingham, a well-known resident of the district was then designated as first Worshipful Master.

The Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Freemasons Hall, Edge Lane, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy on Saturday 21st December 1963 under the Mastership of W. Bro. Joseph Holland. The present members of the Lodge are greatly indebted to the Brethren of the Lodge who compiled the programme and historical notes commemorating the 50th Anniversary. Those historical notes, to a large part, contributed to this Centenary history.

The Founders

The thirteen men, listed below, whose vision we owe our gratitude for the creation of the Lodge were all local residents coming from many different business backgrounds and from Lodges near and far.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>Business</u>
W. Bro. John T. Ripplingham	Royal Protector	3471	Church Hall, Stretford, Manchester	Estate Agent & Builder
W. Bro. William G. Goodacre	Starkie	1070	Masonic Hall, Lord Street, Southport	Agent
W. Bro. George W. Potter	Social Friendship	497	Masonic Temple, Baluchistan, India	Retired Army Officer
W. Bro. John W. Hewitt	Callender	1052	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Cashier
W. Bro. Frank Ogden	Manchester Dramatic	2387	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Metallurgist
	Royal Protector	3471	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	
W. Bro. Alexander McKechnie	Manchester Dramatic	2387	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Chemical Manufacturer & Brass Founder
W. Bro. Herbert Taylor	Callender Lodge	1052	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Agent
W. Bro. George H. Wood	Chorlton Chapter	1387	Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-hardy	Schoolmaster
W. Bro. William H. Morgan	Manchester Dramatic	2387	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Railway Official
W. Bro. Robert Ripplingham	Royal Protector	3471	Church Hall, Stretford, Manchester	Estate Agent
W. Bro. Thomas Chalmers	Derby Lodge	1055	Victoria Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester	Building Contractor
W. Bro. William Smith	Manchester Dramatic	2387	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Solicitor
W. Bro. James A. Seal	Manchester Dramatic	2387	Freemasons Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester	Licensed Victualler

The Consecration

The consecration of Fallowfield Lodge took place at the Holy Innocents School, Fallowfield on Friday, 19th December 1913 at 4:00 p.m. The consecrating Master was the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, The Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.V.O., M .P. who was ably assisted by the following Brethren:

W. Bro. Louis Slade-Winslow	P.G. Treasurer (Eng.) Deputy Prov G.M.
W. Bro. H.C. Rodewald	Provincial Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. S.E. Job	Provincial Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Rev. R.A. Winter, M.A.	Provincial Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. A.O. Bentham	Provincial Grand Treasurer
W. Bro. C.A. Hill, M.A., M.D.	Provincial Grand Secretary
W. Bro. J. J. Hewson	Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. A.R. Harrison	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. S.A. Allen	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. G.F. Gordon	Provincial Junior Grand Deacon

Present to witness this very impressive ceremony were 97 brethren in total including Grand Officers, Provincial Officers of this and other Provinces, Masters of Lodges and Past Masters representing over 20 different Lodges.

The Lodge having being consecrated in due form according to ancient custom, a board of Installed Masters was formed and W. Bro. J.T. Rippingham, a past master of the Royal Protector Lodge No. 3471, was installed in the Chair of King Solomon by W. Bro. Louis Slade Winslow, Pr.G.Treas. (Eng.) Deputy Provincial Grand Master. W. Bro. J.T. Rippingham then appointed the following brethren to their respective offices

Bro. J.W. Hewitt	Senior Warden
Bro. F. Ogden	Junior Warden
Bro. W.H Morgan	Treasurer
W. Bro. W.G. Goodacre	Secretary
Bro. A.M McKechnie	Senior Deacon
Bro. H. Taylor	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. G.W. Potter	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. G.H. Wood	Asst. Director of Ceremonies
Bro. R. Rippingham	Asst. Secretary
Bro. T. Chalmers	Inner Guard
Bro. W. Craig Royle	Tyler

After the founders had been invested in their respective offices the following six distinguished Brethren were elected honorary members of the Lodge.

The Hon. Arthur Stanley, MP	R. W. Prov. Grand Master
W. Bro. L. S. Winsloe	Deputy Prov. Grand Master
W. Bro. W. Goodacre	P.Pr.G.Secy
W. Bro. H. Nall	P.Pr.G.Treas.
W. Bro. Major W. M. Derry	P.Pr.G.Treas.
W. Bro. F. B. Goodacre	Prov. G. Secy

The Lodge was then closed in due form at 6:20 p. m. after which a banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester.

Meeting Places

The first meeting place of the Lodge was at the Holy Innocents Church School, shown below, at the corner of Wilmslow Road and Wilbraham Road in Fallowfield.



Holy Innocents Church School

The Lodge continued to meet at the School until November 1914 after which, due to the demands of War, the Lodge was obliged to find a new home; the School having been commandeered by the War Office for use as a Military Hospital.

The Lodge was fortunate in finding accommodation at the Masonic Hall in High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. From December 1914 to April 1936 the Masonic Hall at High Lane, shown below, became the regular meeting place of the Lodge.

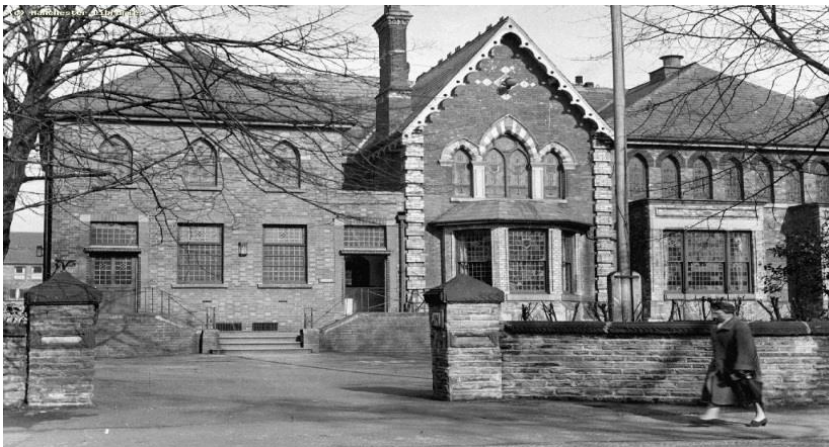


Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, 1959.

At the meeting of 9th May 1930 a letter from the secretary of the Hands and Heart Lodge No. 4109 was read in open Lodge. The letter was an invitation to all Lodges in the South Eastern Group to co-operate in a scheme to build a new Freemasons Hall at Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-hardy.

At the meeting of 10th April 1931 the Lodge resolved that £100 be taken from its funds and invested in the South Manchester Freemasons Hall Company which was set up to build and manage the new Masonic Hall.

The new Hall at Edge was completed in early 1936 and in the meeting of 8th May 1936 the following notice of motion was proposed by Bro. S. A Cradwell



Masonic Hall, Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, 1959.

'that By-law no. 1 be deleted and in substitution thereof the following By-law No. 1 be inserted "The lodge shall meet at the South Manchester Masonic Hall, Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-hardy in the Province of West Lancashire, on the fourth Friday in January, February, March, April, September, October and November and on the 3rd Saturday in December at such time as the Master shall appointment" '.

Thus, from Friday 25th September 1936 the Masonic Hall at Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-hardy shown below, became the Lodge's third regular meeting place.

The Lodge spent many happy years meeting at Edge Lane and many brethren still reminisce on the several notable installation meetings, ladies evenings and other social functions held at the hall over the years. However, due to the high cost of maintaining the building, the management committee and shareholder Lodges made the painful decision to sell the building. In 2005, the South Manchester Masonic Hall was sold to developers and the Lodge moved to its present home in Urmston.



The Masonic Hall, Urmston

Some Extracts from the Lodge Minutes

At the regular meeting of on Friday 2nd January 1914, the second regular meeting of the Lodge, Five Brethren were initiated, the first candidate Bro. H.P Hardman, was subsequently appointed as Provincial Grand Registrar.

In 1917, three years after its consecration the first honours was received by the lodge, when W. Bro. J.T. Ripplingham, the first worshipful Master was appointed Past Provincial Grand Deacon.

On 31st March 1924 Brethren were summoned to an emergency meeting of the Lodge as a mark of respect to W. Bro. John Macaulay PAGDC, Provincial Secretary for the Province of West Lancashire, whose death occurred on 12th March 1924. By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Fallowfield Lodge along with other Lodges in the Province of West Lancashire went into a month long mourning. Masonic mourning taking the following form:

Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past

Three rosettes of black crepe on the Badge and one on the point of the collar, immediately above the jewel

Masters, Past Masters and Master Masons

Three rosettes of black crepe on the Badge and one on the collar

Fellowcrafts

Two rosettes of black crepe at the lower end of the Badge

Entered Apprentices

One rosette of black crepe on the Badge

On 28th April 1924 the Brethren were again summoned to another emergency meeting. On that occasion, the meeting was convened as a mark of respect to the memory of W. Bro. J. T. Ripplingham, PPrSGD, the first WM and W. Bro. Thomas Chalmers, both founder members, whose deaths occurred on 4th and 5th of April 1924. The Lodge for the second time in the same year went into a month long mourning.

In 1926, W. Bro. W.H. Morgan, P.Pr.G.D was the appointment Vice Chairman of the South Eastern Group and subsequently was appointed Chairman a few years later.

At the meeting on 11th October 1929, W. Bro. George Potter, PPrGSwdBr and founder member of the Lodge, celebrated fifty years in masonry. At the meeting, W. Bro. Walter Johnson, PPrGW, Chairman of the South Eastern Group presented W. Bro. Potter with a wallet containing £56 a gift from the Brethren of the Lodge. At the meeting, W. Bro. W. H. Morgan PPrGD, Treasurer of the Lodge presented a short history of the lodge with full particulars since its Consecration.

In 1930 the Lodge was honoured when W. Bro. H.P Hardman received the first Provincial Acting Rank. W. Bro. Hardman having been promoted to the rank of Provincial Grand Registrar

On Friday 25th September 1936, the 205th meeting and the first meeting of the Lodge at the South Manchester Masonic Hall, a new VSL, presented to the Lodge by W. Bro. W.H. Morgan, PPrGD was dedicated. The VSL is still in use today.

In 1938 W. Bro. W.H. Morgan PPrGD brought yet another honour to the Lodge when he became the first member of the Lodge to receive Grand Rank. W. Bro. W.H. Morgan was promoted to Past Grand Standard Bearer.

A letter dated 4th September 1939 from Grand Lodge was read in the meeting of 27th October 1939 announcing the suspension of all Lodge regular meetings. This was in response to H. M. Government Emergency Orders on the War. However, in spite of this command the Lodge continued to meet at its regular meeting place and time throughout the war.

August 1944 saw the initiation of Bro. Derek Rastall, a name which many present masons, in the Lodge, South Eastern Group and the Province of West Lancashire in general, still remember with pride. He was installed in the Chair in 1960 and served as Director of Ceremonies for many years. In 1969 he was appointed Secretary of the South Eastern Group, Vice Chairman in 1975 and Chairman in 1979. He served as Chairman of the South Eastern group for eleven years. Derek Rastall became the second member of the Lodge and first Initiate to receive Grand Rank honours when in 1977 he was appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremony and subsequently promoted to PJGD in 1988.

In 1957, the Lodge decided that a junior Class of Instruction should be formed, to prepare the brethren for their future offices. The Junior Practice classes have since continued with constant support and enthusiasm of the junior Brethren. The benefits of these additional rehearsals are now in evidence.

The 50th Anniversary of Fallowfield Lodge was celebrated at the South Manchester Masonic Hall, Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy on Saturday 21 December 1963 under the Mastership of Bro. Joseph Holland. In attendance was W. Bro. G. W. Hughes PGD, A.P.G.M. There were 86 Brethren present to celebrate that milestone but unfortunately none of the founding members were alive to enjoy the success of their decision to come together and form the Lodge. However, the brief history of the Lodge compiled by brethren of the Lodge to commemorate the 50th Anniversary has been used quite extensively in preparing this Centenary history.

Another distinguished member of the Lodge worth noting is W. Bro. W. F. J. Evans who was appointed Provincial Grand Steward in 1976. In 1980, W. Bro. Evans was appointed Vice Chairman South Eastern Group an honour which saw the top two offices within the South Eastern Group, Chairman and Vice Chairman occupied by two members of Fallowfield Lodge. In 1984, W. Bro. Evans was appointed to Grand Lodge and received the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremony.

Two other members who are fondly remembered by members of the Lodge are W. Bro. David Webb PPrJGW and W. Bro. Ernest Fielding PPrSGW. W. Bro. Webb was Hall Steward of the South Manchester Masonic Hall for 26 years and W. Bro. Fielding a board member and Treasurer of the Hall for many years.

In 2002, W. Bro. D. Renshaw, PPr.S.G.D, donated a set of collars and jewels to the Lodge. As a result of this generous donation, W. Bro. Rev. Canon H. Callaghan, P.S.G.D, A.P.G.M., wrote an explanation about each collar and jewel. In the dedication ceremony on Friday 25th October 2002 the Lodge was honoured when W. Bro. Rev. Canon H. Callaghan invested each officer of the Lodge with their new collar and jewel and gave the explanation of the jewel.

The steady progress of Fallowfield Lodge through the years has not gone unnoticed by successive Provincial Grand Masters, for in the past 100 years the Lodge has been honoured with several appointments into Provincial Grand Lodge of which the following ten have been acting ranks;

Year	Name & Rank	Appointment
1930	W. Bro. J. P. Hardman	Provincial Grand Registrar
1939	W. Bro. J. R. Townson	Provincial Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works
1944	W. Bro. H. Williams	Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
1948	W. Bro. F. Garth	Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
1963	W. Bro. C. A. Kain	Provincial Grand Steward
1974	W. Bro. W. H. Downing	Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar
1976	W. Bro. W. F. J. Evans	Provincial Grand Steward
1987	W. Bro. R. D. Day	Provincial Grand Steward
1989	W. Bro. D. W. Webb	Provincial Grand Steward
2012	W. Bro. S. During	Provincial Grand Steward

During the life of the Lodge, the Brethren have been well versed in the principles of the Order, and their contributions to the various Charities have been most gratefully accepted. Through their support, in 1981 and again in 1997, the Lodge was Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (R.M.B.I) festivals.

100 Years and beyond

And so we come to the present, 100 years after consecration. Whilst we look back with pride and pleasure, it is to the future that we the present members of the Lodge must look with undiminished fervour.

The photograph below was taken on 13th September 2013 after the 704th meeting of the Lodge. At that meeting, W. Bro. Andrew Clark PPrGSuptWks, one of the longest serving Initiate of the Lodge, celebrated 60 years in Masonry. W. Bro. Clark first became involved in Freemasonry when he was proposed by his father, W. Bro. Andrew Clark senior and initiated into Fallowfield Lodge on 27th March 1953. Coincidentally, W. Bro. Clark, third from right in the front row, was initiated in the same year as the coronation and therefore shares his diamond jubilee with that of the Queen. Following his progression of offices in the Lodge, W. Bro. Clark was installed as Worshipful Master in December 1966.



Members of Fallowfield Lodge No. 3693

Brethren in the photograph

Back row, left to right

W. Bro D. Lusack PPrGSuptWks , W. Bro. J. Hardman PPrJGW (visitor, Phoenix Lodge No. 1730), Bro. S. Kondeh, Bro. V. Wilkinson (visitor, Cornucopia Lodge No. 4553), W. Bro. D. Benson PPrAGDC, Bro. E. Cleeve, Bro. A. Davies, Bro. A. Wallace, Bro. I. Wallace, W. Bro. S. During PPrGStwd.

Front row, left to right

W. Bro. R. Spragg, W. Bro. V. Mambu, W. Bro. M. Adams PAGDC, Chairman, S. E. Group, W. Bro. Clark PPrGSuptWks , W. Bro. C. Bevan PPrJGD, W. Bro. D. Emmett PPrGSuptWks

Members not in photograph

W. Bro. C. Anstice P.Pr.A.D.C, W. Bro P. Hunt, W. Bro. Desmond Leopold-James, Bro. C. E. Edwards, Bro. J. R. Edwards, Bro. C. Delamore, Bro. T. Brett, Bro. A. Cole

The Brother who has the honour of leading the Lodge into this exciting next stage of its existence is Bro. Andrew Davies who was initiated into Fallowfield Lodge on 12th September 2008.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

2013—2014

Bro. A.J. DAVIES	W.M.
W. Bro. D. LEOPOLD-JAMES	I.P.M.
Bro. E.A. CLEEVE	Senior Warden
Bro. S. KONDEH	Junior Warden
W. Bro. D.A. LUSACK P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	Chaplain
W. Bro. D. EMMETT P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks	Treasurer
W. Bro. R. SPRAGG.	Secretary
W. Bro. S. DURING P.Pr.G.Stwd.	D of C
W. Bro. C. BEVAN P.Pr.J.G.D.	Almoner
W. Bro. C. BEVAN P.Pr.J.G.D.	Charity Steward
W. Bro. D. LEOPOLD-JAMES	Mentor
Bro. I. WALLACE	Senior Deacon
Bro. C.D. DELAMORE.....	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. V. C. E. MAMBU	A.D.C.
Bro. S. KONDEH	Asst Secretary
Bro. A.WALLACE	Inner Guard
W. Bro. D. BENSON P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	Tyler

Stewards

Bro. C. E. EDWARDS Bro. J. R. EDWARDS
Bro. T. E. BRETT

Group Representative

W. Bro. D. EMMETT P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.

Honorary Members

W. Bro. Rev. Canon H. CALLAGHAN, P.S.G.D., P.A.Pr.G.M.
W. Bro. A. Clark P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks

Past Masters of the Lodge

J.T.Ripplingham. P.Pr. G.D.	1913-14	J.Holland	1963-64
J.W.Hewitt	1914-15	W.H.Chesworth P.Pr.S.G.D.	1964-65
F.Ogden	1915-16	J.Ryder	1965-66
A.McKachnie P.Pr.G.D.	1916-17	A.Clark P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks	1966-67
H.Taylor	1917-18	J.F.Holland	1967-68
G.H.Wood	1918-19	C.Hinchcliffe	1968-69
W.H.Mogan P.A.G.D.C	1919-20	C.Needham P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1969-70
R.Ripplingham P.Pr.G.D.	1920-21	E. Fielding P.Pr.S.G.W.	1970-71
T.Charmers	1921-22	J.Wilcock P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1971-72
W.Smith	1922-23	W.F.J. Evans P.A.G.D.C.	1972-73
H.P.Hardman P.Pr.G.Reg.	1923-24	A.H.Faulkner	1973-74
J.W.Clough P.Pr.G.D.	1924-25	R.M.Brown P.Pr.J.G.D.	1974-75
J.H.Hall P.Pr. D.G.D.C.	1925-26	H.I.Jones.P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1975-76
J.R.Townson P.Pr.A.G.Supt.Wks	1926-27	J.Lambert P.Pr.S.G.D	1976-77
G.Rollitt P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1927-28	M.E.Lord P.Pr.S.G.D.	1977-78
J.R.Steephenson	1928-29	A. Howarth, M.B.E., P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	1978-79
H.A.Yates P.Pr.G.D.	1929-30	A.Jones	1979-80
G.A.Sumner	1930-31	R.Edwards	1980-81
C.A.Henry	1931-32	R.D.Day P.Pr. J.G.W.	1981-82
C.Lomas	1932-33	A.S.Hill	1982-83
A.E.Ellis	1933-34	G.Carrington	1983-84
F.Brierley P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1934-35	D.W.Webb P.Pr.J.G.W.	1984-85
F.Brookes	1935-36	E. Nash P.Pr.J.G.W.	1985-86
F.Gath P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1936-37	W.P.Poole P.Pr.S.G.D.	1986-87
H.McLeod P.Pr.G.D.C.	1937-38	B. Hutchinson P.Pr.S.G.D.	1987-88
W.F.Dobson P.Pr.G.W.	1938-39	D. Emmett P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks	1988-89
A.Glynn Taylor	1939-40	P.R. Wilton P.Pr.J.G.W. (E.L.)	1989-90
W.Hindle	1940-41	D. A. Lusack P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks	1990-91
A.Freeston Riley	1941-42	P.Gray	1991-92
H.R.Reading	1942-43	J.H. Mellor P.Pr.S.G.D	1992-93
A.Neild	1943-44	D. Cowsill P.Pr.J.G.D.	1993-94
T.A.Todd P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1944-45	B.Slingsby P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1994-95
G.W.Robson	1945-46	D.W.Webb P.Pr.J.G.W.	1995-96
W.A.Tanner P.Pr.G.D.	1946-47	D. Renshaw P.Pr.S.G.D.	1996-97
A.W.Moir P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1947-48	W. Hall P.Pr.S.G.D.	1997-98
B.A.Gradwell P.Pr.G.W. (E.L.)	1948-49	N.D. Renshaw P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg.(E.L.)	1999-2000
C.R.Richmond P.Pr.G.D.	1949-50	A. Woolley	2000-01
T.H.Hindle	1950-51	C. Bevan P.Pr.J.G.D.	2001-02
F.B.Kelly	1951-52	E.A. Knowles	2002-03
V.A.Bell P.Pr.G.D.	1952-53	C. Anstice P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	2003-04
B.G.B.LeMaltra	1953-54	C. Anstice P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	2004-05
W.Onions	1954-55	G. Buckley	2005-06
A.Walklate	1955-56	R. Spragg	2006-07
C.A.Kain P.Pr.G.D.	1956-57	S. During P.Pr.G.Stwd.	2007-08
G.Ramsbottom P.Pr. S.G.D.	1957-58	P. K. Hunt	2008-09
A.C.Gosling P.Pr.S.G.W. (Staffs)	1958-59	P.R. Wilton P.Pr.J.G.W. (E.L.)	2009-10
A.Ravenscroft	1959-60	L. A. Carabine	2010-11
S.D.Rastall. P.J.G.D	1960-61	V. C. E. Mambu	2011-12
H.R.Taylor	1961-62	D. Leopold-James	2012-13
F.G.Lloyd P.Pr.J.G.D.	1962-63		

Surviving Photographs



W. H. Morgan
Founding Member
W. M. 1919 - 1920



R. Ripplingham
Founding Member
W. M. 1920 - 1921



Founding Treasurer's jewel
belonging to
W. Bro. W. H. Morgan, 1913

Epilogue

Our founders would be proud of the Lodge they created 100 years ago, which despite the many changes taking place around us, is still a closely knit and friendly one. May the LOVE, Peace and Harmony which exists amongst the brethren of the Lodge, continue to be transmitted to all future members, until time shall be no more. SO MOTE IT BE.

Text assembled and written by:

W. Bro. Sylvester During P.Pr.G.Stwd.

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