

**PEEL MOAT LODGE No.7633
A POTTED HISTORY.**

The idea to form a new Lodge based in the Heaton was conceived (perhaps appropriately in a pub) by a small group of like-minded, local Freemasons who regularly met over a pint in The George and Dragon, Heaton Chapel where one of their party, Bro. Ron Russell, was the landlord.

The members of the group were all in various Lodges in East Lancashire and Cheshire and their wish was to create their own Lodge which would meet near to their homes. As a part of the formal procedure the applicants were obliged to submit a name for the new Lodge and, to this purpose, the then young Bro. Russell was charged with coming up with suggestions.

Ron knew that on Heaton Moor golf links there was an historical site known as "Peel Moat".

Peel Moat is a listed site comprising a slightly raised, perfectly square plot of land, 140 feet x 140 feet, surrounded by a moat which averages 20 feet wide by about 12 feet deep.

In medieval times the moated island housed a Peel (or "Pele", pronounced "Pail") Tower which was erected as a safe haven, within the square, for the local populace and their cattle etc. when marauders threatened.

It seemed appropriate on all counts to name the embryo Lodge, "Peel Moat".

In recent years local historians have discovered that the site was originally created by Roman legionaries in A.D.69 as a signal station to serve the military fortress of Manuciam (Manchester).

The new Lodge found a sponsor in Prince Edward Lodge No.2109 and found a home at the Assembly Rooms above the Reform Club, Heaton Moor. We soon moved some 400 yards down Heaton Moor Road, along with our Mother Lodge, Prince Edward and our Sister Lodge, Heaton Moor Lodge, to the Masonic Rooms above the Heaton Moor Conservative Club.

Our location above Heaton Moor Conservative Club meant that we, along with those Lodges and Chapters sharing our premises, were the most Southerly and Easterly Masons in the very large Province of West Lancashire. The A6 main road, about half a mile to our east, constitutes the border between West and East Lancashire, whilst the River Mersey, about one and a half miles south, constitutes the border between West Lancashire and the Masonic Province of Cheshire.

We stayed at Heaton Moor Conservative Club until four years ago when a change of management obliged us to seek alternative premises.

After a long and diligent search, no suitable premises could be found within the geographic confines of the South Eastern Group and the quest went beyond our boundaries into "foreign" parts (East Lancashire and Cheshire).

We finally found a new home at the Davenport Hotel, Stockport; some two miles into Cheshire.

With the very welcome help of the two Provincial offices, we were granted the necessary dispensations to meet, as West Lancashire Freemasons in Cheshire.

Though we had invested a substantial amount of money and a great deal of time and effort into the new Lodge Room, after a sojourn of two years, the company that owned the premises evicted the occupants and closed the Hotel.

Once again we found ourselves looking for a new home for the three Craft Lodges, one Royal Arch Chapter and one Mark Lodge that comprise The Heaton Moor Masonic Club.

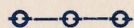
Our search ended with the premises which we currently occupy in The Edgeley Grange Club where we enjoy a mutually beneficial, symbiotic relationship with the Club's members.

Peel Moat lodge's family tree goes back to The Lodge of Lights, Warrington and, we believe, beyond that to The Warrington Lodge of which Elias Ashmole was a member.

In some ten weeks we will celebrate our sixtieth birthday and if we can continue in the same atmosphere of cheerful fraternal harmony, we are, I believe, good for at least sixty more.

W. Bro. P. N. Beswick
Peel Moat Lodge Treasurer

FOUNDERS




W. Bro. Fred Shepherd, P.Pr.G.D.
W. Bro. L. S. Davenport, P.Pr.G.D.C.
W. Bro. Leonard A. Griffith
W. Bro. Alexander Farries
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PEEL MOAT LODGE



No. 7633



Consecration



REFORM CLUB
HEATON MOOR ROAD, STOCKPORT
WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY, 1959

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE
(Western Division)

Consecration
OF
PEEL MOAT LODGE
No. 7633

at the
**REFORM CLUB, HEATON MOOR ROAD,
HEATON MOOR, STOCKPORT**

on
WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY, 1959 at 3 p.m.

by
Right Worshipful Bro. L. E. RUTHERFORD,
Provincial Grand Master

Installing Master:

Worshipful Bro. THOS. W. WARD, P.G.D.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Assisted by

Worshipful Bro. C. B. RILEY, P.G.D.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
and
Grand and Provincial Grand Officers

W.Bro. LEONARD A. GRIFFITH Master Designate
W.Bro. ALEXANDER FARRIES S.W. Designate
Bro. JOHN GRIFFITH J.W. Designate

Presenting Officers:

W.Bro. T. SMITH, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. J. T. GRIFFITHS, P.Pr.G.W.

W.Bro. H. A. FRY, T.D., LL.B., P.G.D.,
Provincial Grand Secretary

Officiating Brethren

Consecrating Officer:

R.W.Bro. L. E. RUTHERFORD,
Provincial Grand Master

Installing Officer:

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W.Bro. CHARLES B. RILEY, P.G.D.,
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Assisted by

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W.Bro. L. A. PARDEY, Pr.S.G.W. S.W.
W.Bro. R. B. BROOKES, Pr.J.G.W. J.W.
W.Bro. Rev. J. LOWREY, Pr.G.Chaplain Chaplain.
W.Bro. H. A. FRY, P.G.D., Prov.G.Sec. Secretary
W.Bro. P. A. SHAW, P.G.D., Pr.G.D.C. D.C.
W.Bro. I. SPENCE, Pr.S.G.D. S.D.
W.Bro. A. HODGSON, Pr.J.G.D. J.D.
W.Bro. H. J. EDWARDS, Pr.G.Swd.B. Swd.B.
W.Bro. W. A. HEATON, P.Pr.G.W., P.D.G.D.C. D.D.C.
W.Bro. L. M. STUART, Pr.D.G.D.C. D.D.C.
W.Bro. J. PINDER, Pr.G.Std.B. Std.B.
W.Bro. R. MacG. WARD, Pr.G.Std.B. Std.B.
W.Bro. E. WATKINSON, P.A.G.D.C. Organist.
W.Bro. J. H. PEACOCK, P.Pr.G.D. I.G.
W.Bro. T. H. BENTLEY, Pr.G.Stwd. Steward.
W.Bro. S. BAILEY, Pr.G.Stwd. Steward
W.Bro. W. C. WORTHINGTON, Pr.G.Tyler. Tyler.

Consecration Ceremony

Order of Procedure

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, having entered in procession, takes the Chair, and appoints his Officers *pro tem*.
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

4.

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.

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Prov. G. Chaplain to give the

Opening Prayer

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

6. The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
7. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.

8. The Brethren of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.

9. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.

10. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

11. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

12.

An Oration

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution by the Prov. G. Chaplain.

13.

Anthem

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is
for Brethren to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon 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.

14. **Dedication Prayer**

(First portion).

15. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Musical Response—"GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD."

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

The Invocation

17. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
18. The Prov. G. Chaplain reads II. Chron., chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.

The Consecration

19. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.
20. The Prov. G. Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.

21. 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.

22. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer scattering Corn—the symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

23. *Musical Response*—"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

24. The Prov. G. Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x, verse 39.

25. The Brethren sing—

When there, a shrine to Him alone
They built with worship sin to foil;
On threshold and on Corner-stone
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

26. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

27. *Musical Response*—"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

28. The Prov. G. Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

29. 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 Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

30. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

31. *Musical Response*—"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

32. The Prov. G. Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.

33. The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord we pray,
Keep this, our temple, from decay.

34. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

(Solemn music during his perambulation)

35. *Musical Response*—"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

36. **The Consecrating Officer
Dedicates the Lodge.**

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

37.

Anthem

(Dedication Prayer of King Solomon).

I have surely built Thee an House to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide for ever. But will 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 toward the place of which Thou hast said, "My Name shall be there." And the Lord said unto 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!

38. The Prov. G. Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East.

(Solemn music during his progress)

39. **Dedication Prayer.**

(Second portion).

40. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

41. **The Consecrating Officer
Constitutes the Lodge.**

42. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

43.

Hymn

Glory to God on high,
Let heaven and earth reply,
Praise ye His name;
Masons His love adore,
Tyled in their mystic lore,
And cry out evermore,
Glory to God.

So mote it be.

44. **Patriarchal Benediction.**

45. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

CHOIR

W.Bro. E. WATKINSON, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. NORMAN BLUNDELL, P.Pr.G.D.

W.Bro. BEN CROMPTON

Bro. TOM MERRYWEATHER

LODGE IS RESUMED IN
SECOND DEGREE

Installation of Master Designate:
W.Bro. LEONARD A. GRIFFITH.

BUSINESS

- Election of Treasurer.
- Election of Tyler.
- Appointment and Investiture of Officers.
- Election of Charity Representative.
- Election of Group Representative.
- To adopt Draft By-Laws.
- Propositions for Honorary Members.
- Propositions for Initiation and Joining.
- Any other Business.
- To close the Lodge.

OFFICERS

W.Bro. Leonard A. Griffith W.M.
W. Bro. John L. Gracie I.P.M.



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Bro. Eric Morris Organist
Bro. C. Hawkridge I.G.
Bro. B. N. Ghent Steward
Bro. J. A. Potter Steward
Bro. Eric Morris Steward
Bro. G. Hayes Steward
W.Bro. R. Bamford Tyler



Group Representative :
W.Bro. L. S. Davenport, P.Pr.G.D.C.

Charity Representative :
W.Bro. F. Shepherd, P.Pr.G.D.