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A Commemoration of the First Fifty Years of St Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835

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Back Row GB Andow, E Martin, J Deaville, JJ Lambe, PE Grindley, GF Walker, DR Truman.

Absent EB Nixon, MA Vozza, NW Johnson & E Brook

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foreword by the Worshipful Master

Little did I imagine early in 1995 when I became a joining member that I should attain the Wasters chair of St Peter ad Vincula Lodge quite so quickly.

It came as even more of a surprise when I realised that this achievement would coincide with not one, but two very special reasons for celebration within the Lodge. I refer firstly of course to this, the 50th anniversary of its founding, and I am very conscious of the honour bestowed on me. I can only hope to emulate the example of the founding fathers and those who followed by making my own contribution to the traditions and well being of the Lodge.

Like many others we, are experiencing difficult times, especially in respect of falling membership, like them however we look forward with confidence into the new millennium, our second very good reason for celebration.

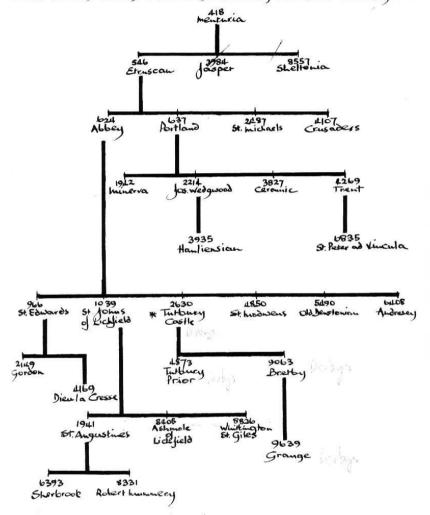
My thanks go to all those who have contributed to this Golden Jubilee celebration.

Dieter funk W.M.

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St Peter ad Vincula Lodge 6835 1949 to 1999

In producing this book we make no apology for including in its entirety, the contents of that booklet produced 25 years ago by our predecessors to celebrate our Silver Jubilee. Time of course moves on and cannot be put into convenient compartments such as the first or second 25 years, the reproduction of that first history, however, does give a valuable insight into the characters and activities of those involved in the formation of the Lodge at that time.

What we have attempted to do in this publication is to enlarge upon the original notes and to update them to the present time.

The facts and figures are easy to reproduce; they are historical fact and as such can be gleaned from a close inspection of our various minute books. Simply listing these facts and figures would tell nothing of the character of our Lodge and be a disservice to those who went before. In particular we hope that such small additions to the Silver Jubilee history as the photographs of past masters, and the reproduction of some of the early documentation will help to preserve the memory of our founders and their immediate successors. We have decided to include observations about past and present brethren of the Lodge in the hope that these might add a little warmth and colour to the personalities who have shared experiences in the continued existence and well being of the Lodge.

Mention has already been made of the various minute books, and therein lies another story. It was thought that each Secretary had handed down our earliest minute books to his successor, but not so. At some stage the books had been stored in a bank for safe keeping, but which bank or branch had remained a mystery. George Pagon during the time that he was the Master of the Lodge undertook to discover their whereabouts, and made diligent enquiries but to no avail. No one had any knowledge of any books in storage under the name of the St Peter ad Vincula Lodge. Then came the breakthrough. A check through the names of past members of the Lodge who had worked in the banking profession revealed one ex member who it was subsequently discovered still worked for the same bank, and had deposited the books for safe keeping under his own name without any reference to the name of the Lodge. To everyone's relief the books were found and returned.

Over the years, we have lost many friends and revered brethren and though our numbers, like many others have fallen, we hope to continue with the wealth of quality and experience that we have inherited from those who came before.

Sadly the remaining links with our founders are now very tenuous. Bro. John Lambe, himself a member for 27 years, holds the distinction that both his father and uncle are named on our Warrant. Unfortunately Johns' father died a few years ago and so never saw his son receive his Provincial honours for long service to the Lodge. John now serves the Lodge as Almoner.

His cousin Brian, also a member, upheld the family tradition as innkeeper before his untimely death at a relatively early age. Brian is best recalled for his magnificent bushy moustache and as "mine host" at The Jolly Potters, Hartshill and The Cross Keys at Woore.

We remember with affection, Vin Davis; he came to our Lodge as a joining member being originally a Shropshire Mason. Vin famed for his singing prowess was also an expert in the production of ceramic colours and lustres. He related one experience when experimenting with a Copper Cyanide lustre when he took the unfired vase outside to blow away any excess lustre; obviously not a seamen he did not spit to see which way the wind was blowing and was rewarded with a shower of Copper Cyanide.

Vin was no stranger to trying his luck. At one time he was the owner of a racehorse called Fuschian Way a winner of the Gold Cup at Ayr. A member of many orders and several Craft Lodges Vin's memory lives on as a superb ritualist and generous brother. Many of us remember his glorious and moving rendition of both the Masters and the Ladies song.

Another character who is sadly missed is Pat Cadogan; with such a name you would expect to find Pat a typical Irishman, rather than as the archetypal Englishman we who knew him found him to be; a little research revealed that neither view was entirely true.

Pat's grandfather was the Mayor of Waterford in the late 19th Century. His father Captain Anthony Cadogan went to sea at 17 and was a Captain by the time he was 24 years old. In later years Captain Cadogan became a close friend of one Theodore Roosevelt, later to become President Teddy Roosevelt. Thus the first link between our Lodge and an American President was formed. (admittedly before the Lodge was a twinkle in anyone's eye). The article printed in a New York newspaper celebrating Captain Cadogans retirement speaks of his capture by a chivalrous German officer in 1916 and his later command of the ship Vassari which throughout the war served as a troop and munitions carrier.

Captain Cadogan retired to his home in Brooklyn and it is there that Pats child-hood was spent. At the age of twelve, his family moved to Britain settling in Croydon. To those of us who remember Pats shy diffidence, it comes as a shock to realise that he was by birth an Irish American who came to England when he was twelve years old!

A fine ritualist Pat did not suffer fools gladly and a sotto voce correction could often be heard from the Secretary's table. Pat was always good-natured and his heart was in the right place.

Mention of American Presidents brings us to the Lodges second transatlantic connection; Jack Burton MBE. During the war Jack served as a liaison officer with the U.S. forces. On very rare occasions Jack spoke of his wartime duties including his acquaintance with General Eisenhower later to become President Eisenhower. What Jack never spoke of were the numerous commendations he received for his liaison work. Copies of three have come to light, perhaps the most interesting dating from December 13th 1943.

The commendation was sent by a United States Colonel Kofahl to Lt.Colonel J.Profumo (of later fame). Its contents read like a description of Jack's Masonic career.

The second paragraph reads, "His efforts were untiring, and his devotion to duty was an inspiration to all of us with whom he worked. His mission was most successfully completed."

The commendation contains a hand written addendum stating the following: -

"In passing this communication to Captain Burton will you please do so with my congratulations."

H.R.Alexander General C in C allied Forces in Italy

On August 28th 1944 the Evening Sentinel carried a story announcing the award of the MBE Military Division to Capt. JET Burton R.A.

As a mason Jack was always the first to congratulate a brother for good work; the first to put an inexperienced brother at his ease, and the first to offer assistance when required. These attributes made Jack an excellent preceptor of our Lodge of Instruction, an office he filled for many years. Little mention is made of Jack Burton in the first history of our Lodge, which is typical of the first authors modesty. It is our privilege to amend this omission.

Two other characters recalled are Albert Henshall and Percy Axon. Albert, already mentioned, was a great ritualist, although it must be said that some of his work remained a mystery to all but himself. Percy was always able to extract the maximum Charity fee with the minimum of fuss. Their names are mentioned together as they would often absent themselves or turn up late to Lodge. These absences coincided with either a football match or some other function connected with Stoke City F.C. Both men were directors of the club; indeed Percy went on to become its chairman.

How well the team fared under their direction may be a matter for discussion, but it has to be admitted that at least they were then in the top division.

We must also remember Jim Goodier: indeed we are not allowed to forget him! Our summons, presently in its third reincarnation: was designed by Jim and such bears his signature. Ever the purist Jim always insisted on pronouncing the word Vincula as a Wincula. (Latin scholars may well sympathise, many brethren did not)

Jim made frequent use of this design at Ladies nights when he used the design as the heading for his beautifully produced table plans, usually personalised with the names of the Master and his Lady and afterwards given to them as a memento

Harry Joines, one of several of our masters who have occupied the chair twice, was as far as we know our only operative mason. Harry who was initiated into a lodge in the Scottish Constitution was also a founder member of a lodge in the Middle East (Bahrain St Andrews Lodge). The brethren were permitted the use of a Nissen Hut by the American Company for which he worked, in which he helped build the Masonic Temple.

On his return from Bahrain he was regularly sent copies of the Lodge Summons to distribute to the other members resident in the U.K. One day the summonses failed to arrive and Harry never heard from them again, and never found out what became of that particular Lodge.

Gerald Gillam previously mentioned for his speaking voice and expertise in his explanation of the Tracing Boards is also remembered for his oft repeated claim that his first action on receipt of a Lodge summons was to look for the asterisk against his name (deceased) before replying.

D.W.K. Jimmy James is, we believe, still in circulation, but not in this part of the country. Jimmy who resigned from the Lodge at the same time as that other stalwart Norman Degg was a keen and gifted amateur thespian, and he brought all of his dramatic abilities to bear when he was engaged in Masonic Labour, and is still remembered for his impeccable delivery. It was generally accepted that Jimmy bore more than a little resemblance to Omar Sharriff. It is perhaps because of this that he was a great favourite with the ladies. Another reason might be that his position as a sales manager with Chanel, allowed him to donate many generous gifts of their perfumes to our social evening raffles. To Jimmy goes the distinction of being the only person to render Jim Goodier speechless. During one Lodge meeting the Tyler delivered a note which was duly read out in Lodge asking if the owner of a car causing an obstruction was present. Jimmy in his own inimitable style asked the brethren of St Peter ad Wincula if the offending Wehicle was a WolWo.

Walter Clare another great stalwart of the Lodge followed Norman Degg into the chair a position that he again occupied in 1980. Walter was for many years our Lodges Charity Steward.

A great character he made his mark in WW2 by surviving a crash in which his plane, in which he was the navigator crashed into a hillside. Fortunately it was in the UK, and not some foreign field. Although he was injured himself his first thought was for the welfare of others. He went for help, and in doing so probably saved the lives of his comrades.

Of those Lodge members who celebrated our Silver Jubilee only a few remain active in the Lodge.

Derek Wise is the most senior; Derek who joined the Lodge in 1955 has the distinction of being by far the longest serving Director of Ceremonies that our Lodge has known. Many of our Brethren have reason to be grateful for Derek's assistance and guidance over the years. More recently Derek has directed his attention to the Widows. With his wife's assistance he purchases all the food and little luxuries which are used to make up the Christmas hampers which John Lambe and David Truman hand out every year.

A few years ago Derek was succeeded as Director of Ceremonies by his long time assistant Dennis Jones. Dennis is no mean ritualist having taken the chair on two successive years 1978 and 1979. On the occasion of his second installation he tells that he was stuck in a traffic jam caused by the building of the Etruria roundabout, at the last minute he left the car and ran all the way to Shelton arriving just in time if perhaps a little warm. Fortunately for Dennis his passenger was able to drive the car and arrived later.

Arthur Allen joined the Lodge in 1971 just after Brian Lambe and Dennis Jones. He later took the office of Secretary as a temporary measure after Pat Cadogan, finally passing on the office to Eric Harvey after fifteen years sterling service to our Lodge. Many past masters owe much to Arthur who was always there to advise them during their tenure in the chair. Arthur does not now enjoy the best of health but this does not deter him from a regular attendance and the occasional foray onto the floor as a Deacon or a Warden.

Eric Harvey who joined the Lodge just after Bob Hulme in 1972 took up the mantle of Secretary in 1995 from Arthur and has proved to be equally capable. Eric has the distinction of having worn the colours of all three of our armed forces during the latter stages of WW2. The first while still at school when he joined the ADCC (later to become the Air Training Corps) having aspirations to become a Brylcream Boy. It was not to be however, and when the time for call up came, the Royal Navy was the only one on offer. After considerable time training and awaiting a ship, D-Day came and he was

compulsorily volunteered to join the ranks of the Army in a Tank regiment. Those who know Eric will realise that he would have no problem fitting into a tank, perhaps the navy had no midget submarines.

Bob Hulme, a police officer, preceded Eric into the chair, Bob an accomplished ritualist was a gifted exponent of the Second Degree tracing board, unfortunately ill health caused his premature retirement from our Lodge, but we live in hope of his imminent return.

Eric was followed into the chair by Arthur Allen, whose accession was delayed by ill health; nevertheless Arthur has rendered our Lodge sterling service, as previously explained.

Andrew Clare followed Arthur, and proved to be another fine ritualist, the son of Walter Clare by whom he was initiated.

After a busy and successful year Andrew installed his successor Adam Bialkowski ("pronounced Bottle o' Whisky" as Adam was forever reminding us). Unfortunately Adam resigned during his tenure, and so as IPM Andrew shouldered much of the responsibility for the work throughout the second year.

The last of the "25 ers" (Lodge members at the time of the silver jubilee) making seven in total, Jeff Bossons joined the Lodge in April 1974 just before the celebratory meeting, Jeff is also a founder member of the Round Table Lodge in Sandbach Cheshire. He holds the distinction of having been the Master of both lodges simultaneously. Jeff served for some years as Chaplain and more recently as Charity Steward. For many years he and his wife have hosted a barbecue through which we have raised several thousands of pounds for our charities.

One of those "25 ers" who has helped more than most to shape our Lodge is Ellis Nixon. Ellis was Master of the Lodge during our Silver Jubilee celebration, he was our Lodges chief exponent of the presentation of The Grand Lodge Certificate. However he will be remembered mostly for the many years of sterling work he did for the Lodge as Treasurer.

Ellis was forced to retire from office due ill health, and shortly afterwards he resigned from the Lodge. In recognition of his services he was made an honorary member in 1998.

September 1976 saw the initiation of one J Terence Holland (Train Driver). Terence soon established a reputation as a fine ritualist and among other pieces, he soon made the Second Degree Tracing Board his own. Many of us speculated on the number of signals missed whilst he studied his little blue book. Terence reigned as Master for two successive years, 1987 and 1988; during this time he made full use of his invitations to other Lodges, and soon, because of his fine bearded appearance, became known amongst his fellows as "The Rabbi", a title in which he revelled.

Indeed on one occasion following a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting he was approached by a Bishop, who shook him by the hand saying, "I hear we are in the same line of business!"

Terence is very active in several Masonic orders and can be credited with restoring the link between the Lodge and its Royal Arch Chapter (Ceramic Chapter No. 3827). In private life he is a keen genealogist. Few of us were surprised to learn that at one point his family owned every pub in Alsager!

In 1989 and 1990 the chair was occupied by David Truman an industrial chemist. He is the Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge and the preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction and also produces much of the Lodge printing, including this booklet. David has also been responsible for the manufacture of the Golden Jubilee commemorative plates.

David was succeeded by Ted Martin, a joining member in 1988 from a Surrey Lodge, Newark Priory No. 5396. At that time Ted held the rank of P.Pr.G.Stwd, in Surrey, a past rank not usually conferred in Staffordshire. Ted wore his maroon apron proudly for several years until being awarded the ultimate honour for a Surrey mason, a Staffordshire Provincial rank. He now wears the royal blue apron as a P.Pr.A.G.D.C. Ted has recently surprised us all by getting married.

Mike Stone a joining member in 1986 and a Past Master of the Arts and Aldersgate Lodge No.1657 reigned briefly, resigning after his installation. He did however perform one ceremony in our Lodge, prior to his installation. Whilst a Warden he used one of our meetings to pass a brother to the second degree, he having previously been initiated in his mother Lodge in London.

1994 saw the installation of Mike Vozza. Two of our present day stalwarts, Brian Truman and Peter Hollyoak were initiated during his year of office. Unfortunately, shortly after his year ended, Mike had to emigrate to the U.S.A. Happily for us he returned after a short period and immediately rejoined our Lodge. He is now serving as Senior Deacon.

Peter Fielding a member of an old pottery family (Fielding's Crown Devon) was installed as Master in 1995, having quite a busy year completing the ceremonies for Brian and Peter. A change of occupation has meant that Peter spends much of his time abroad, in consequence of which he is unable to take an office at present.

George Pagon a retired District Works Officer joined St Peter ad Vincula in 1993, fulfilling his ambition of becoming a Master of a Staffordshire Lodge three years later in 1996.

George's Masonic affiliations are of epic proportions and we apologise for any omissions, but limited space requires that we include only a précis.

George was initiated into the Old Hall Lodge 4601 in West Lancs; in 1954, becoming its Master in 1967. He then joined St. Martins Lodge 98 in 1969. He has been promoted several times in the Staffordshire Provincial Grand Lodge. Over the years George has been a member of many orders, holding high rank in many; including the Royal Arch, the Mark degree, K.T. and Rose Croix. He was also instrumental in bringing a number of other orders to Shelton; he was a founder of The Staffordshire Masonic Study Circle becoming its president in 1986, and he served as the Staffordshire Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle between 1979 and 1998.

Throughout his Masonic career George has raised a great deal for charity and is a Grand Patron of the Masonic Institute for Girls and a Vice Patron of the New Masonic Samaritan Fund.

Standing alone amongst a sea of Port Vale and Stoke City enthusiasts, Phillip Grindley, (The Crewe Alexandria season ticket holder); became Worshipful Master in 1997. Phillip both during his year in office and as I.P.M. when he took the chair on several occasions served the Lodge well, installing both his successor Geoff Walker and the present Master Dieter Funk.

Geoff Walker another joining member (Old Wellinburian Lodge No. 5570) became Master in 1998, and was in turn succeeded by Dieter in 1999.

Dieter Funk the Master during our golden jubilee year is German by birth but has become a British subject. Dieter has made his *mark* raising charitable funds for another Masonic order! His installation was *marked* by the attendance of no less than five Grand Lodge Officers. Our Worshipful Masters career almost finished before it had begun. Whilst serving as a steward on the cruise ship "Laconia", a disastrous fire broke out and the ship sank with tragic loss of life. Dieter was fortunate to be one of the survivors. In 1971 Dieter came to work in London and in 1979 he was initiated into the New Camberwell Lodge No. 7817. Later he moved to Staffordshire to work in Stone and joined Chartley Lodge No. 7569 before joining us in 1995.

Of the remaining members of the Lodge Joe Deaville, a joining member from a Wigan Lodge (Greenhill Lodge No. 6260), does stalwart service as the Inner Guard and Assistant Secretary. Brian Truman our Senior Warden and Peter Hollyoak our Junior Warden have served the Lodge well, both delivering a Masonic lecture whilst still serving as Stewards.

Brian has served in the Royal Navy latterly on HMS Hermes and for nearly twenty years he has been a member of the Staffordshire Fire Brigade.

Peter worked for many years at the Shelton Steel Works as an electrical inspector. Shortly after joining the Lodge Peter became very seriously ill, and was for many days kept in the Intensive Care Unit. It was shortly after this whilst still in hospital, in the High Dependency Ward; his main preoccupation wasn't his precarious state of health but how much he owed the Lodge Treasurer!

The remaining two other brethren of the Lodge are Eric Brook a retired industrial chemist and Geoff Andow a care worker have yet to be given the chance to show their worth

St Peter ad Vincula was consecrated shortly after the Second World War, a time of hardship for everyone. In forming the Lodge our founders were signalling their confidence that future generations would continue their work and traditions.

The present day is proving a difficult time for most Lodges, but in celebrating this our Golden Jubilee, we the brethren of St Peter ad Vincula Lodge, are reaffirming our founders belief in the values of freemasonry and their confidence in its future.

St Peter ad Vincula Lodge

No. 6835

SILVER JUBILEE MEETING

PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD

At whose decree our brethren came to found this Lodge,
we now give thanks for all thy blessings
and goodness down the years,
beseeching thee to continue in us the good work
which was begun,
that all our members being joined together
with the sacred chains of fidelity and truth
may grow up into thee in all things
and ever glorify thy holy name.

Written by:-

The Rev. Preb. F.S.L. Ramsden, P.A.G.Chap.

St Peter ad Vincula Lodge

No. 6835

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1974

- To read and if approved to confirm the Minutes of the last Regular Lodge held on 22nd April, 1974.
- The Minutes of the Consecration Meting will be read by W.Bro. B.S. Penington , P.P.A.G.D.C.
- The appreciation and thanks of the Lodge to the Founders given by W.Bro. A.A. Henshall P.P.G.D.
- 4. An address by W.Bro. Rev. Dr. C.W. Healey, P.A.G.Chap., PPGW.
- Prayer by W.Bro. Rev. Preb. F.S.L. Ramsden, P.A.G.Chap, Prov. G.Chap.
- 6. Hymn Now thank we all our God.
- 7. To Receive Grand Lodge Communications.

MENU

Minestrone Soup

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Roast Beef

Yorkshire pudding

Roast & Cream Potatoes

Cauliflower

Peas

Gravy

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Peach Melba

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Cheese & Biscuits

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Coffee & Cream

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WINES.

Beaujolais

Lutomer Riesling

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Silver Jubilee Toast List

- 1. The Queen and the Craft. *Proposed :- The Worshipful Master.*
- 2. The M.W. The Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C. *Proposed :- The Worshipful Master.*
- 3. The M.W. The Pro. Grand Master, The Right Hon. the Earl Cadogan, M.C., D.L. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Major-General Sir Allan Adair, Bt., K.C.V.O.,C.B.,D.S.O.,D.L., The R.W. Assistant Grand Master, Bro. Frank William Radford Douglas, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past.

Proposed: - The Worshipful Master.

- The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Major H. Wilson Keys,
 M.C.,T.D. Proposed:- W.Bro. C.P.Edwards, PPGD.
- 5. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. J.E.V.Toney, Past Grand Sword Bearer, The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro.Stanley Barrington, T.D. Past Grand Deacon, and the rest of the Officers Present and Past of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire. Proposed:- W.Bro. J.H.Goodier.
- 6. The Founders of the Lodge.

Proposed: - W.Bro. A.R.Harley-Jones

- 7. The Worshipful Master *Proposed :- W.Bro. W.Clare. I.P.M.*
- 8. The Visitors. *Proposed:- W.Bro. P.Axon. P.P.A.G.D.C.*
- 9. The Tylers Toast.

St Peter ad Vincula Lodge No 6835

The First Years

In the immediate post war years there were three lodges meeting at the Church rooms in Stoke.

They were :- Portland Lodge No. 637 Ceramic Lodge No. 3827

Trent Lodge No. 4269

A number of the senior brethren of these three lodges, led by W.Bro. A Gould P.P.G.W. decided to try to form another lodge.

Thy signed a petition which was granted and as they were so close to Stoke parish church, they decided to call the new lodge after the patron saint of that Church, St Peter ad Vincula.

This church name is virtually unique as the only other church with the same patron saint is the one in the Tower of London.(Errata)

The architect for the Lodge Room was one of our founders W.Bro.Piggott P.P.G.Swd.B.

The Founder Members were:-

W.Bro. A.Gould P.P.G.W 4269 W.Bro. H.Grindley P.P.G.R. 4269 W.Bro. H.Smith P.P.G.D. 4269 W.Bro. P.J.Penson P.P.G.D 637 W.Bro. J.R.Piggott P.P.G.Swd.B. 4269 W.Bro. F.W.Howell P.P.A.G.D.C. 3827 W.Bro. T.M. Robertson 3827 W Bro G H Lambe 637 W.Bro. J.J.Lambe 637 W.Bro. A.P.Dobson 4269 W.Bro. F.M.Pinfold 4269 Bro. A.S.Fox 637 Bro. P.Bailey 4269 Bro. N.Beech 4269 Bro. F.E.Shufflebottom 3827 Bro. F.S.Jones 3827 Bro. H.L.Mawby 637

"Lyndhurst,"

Allerton Road,

Trentham,

Stoke-on-Trent.

November 26th, 1948.

Dear Bro.

Proposed New Lodge, Stoke

A meeting of the Brethren who have expressed their willingness to become Founders of the proposed new Lodge will be held at the Lodge Rooms, Victoria Institute, Stoke-upon-Trent, on Wednesday, December 15th, 1948, at 6-30 p.m. prompt.

It is desired that at this meeting conclusion can be arrived at on most general matters, so that the proposal can go forward with the least possible delay.

In this respect, it was proposed at the last meeting that the founders should attend this meeting, and bring with them, or forward to the Acting Secretary, Lodge Clearance Certificate from every Lodge, of which the founder is, or has been, a member.

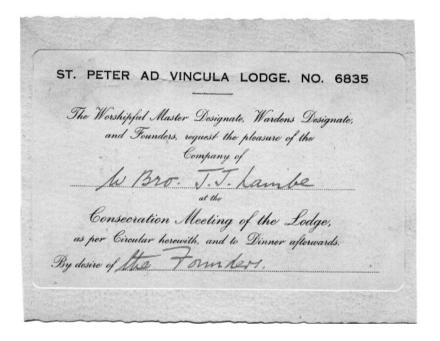
It was also further proposed that in order to create funds, Founders should at the same time pay their Founder's Fee, which it was agreed should be £10 10s. od.

Unfortunately, the last meeting was not fully representative, and it is desirable vou should make it a personal matter to be present.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY SMITH, P.P.G.D.
Acting Secretary.

Copy of a letter sent out by W.Bro. Henry Smith the lodges first Secretary asking all potential founders to attend a meeting. Note that no name is given to the Lodge at this time.

An Invitation to attend the Consecration Meeting of the new Lodge sent to W. Bro. J J Lambe (a founder) from the founders



Consecration of the Lodge

The Consecration of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835 took place at the Masonic Temple, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, on Tuesday, the 24th May, 1949. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, The Rt.Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth G.C.V.O., TD., D.L., who was unable to be present owing to the illness, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent C.B.E., TD., D.L., P.G.Swd.B. was the Consecrating Officer assisted by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. R.B.Mummery. P.G.D..

The following Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers occupied the various offices:-

W.Bro. S.W. Maslen-Jones.P.S.G.W.	Senior Warden
W.Bro. R. Whitmore. P.J.G.W	Junior Warden
V.W.Bro. Rev. Preb. A.T.S.Talbot P.G.Chap.	Chaplain
W.Bro. Major H.Wilson Keys. A.G.Swd.B., P.G.D	D.C. D.of C.
W.Bro. C. Williams. P.S.G.D	S.D.
W.Bro. F.H. Heath. P.J.G.D.	J.D.
W.Bro. Col. J.R. Piggot. P.G.Swd.B.	Sword Bearer
W.Bro. C.L. Baxter. P.P.D.G.D.C	Asst.D of C.
W.Bro. J.P. Savage. P.G.Std.B.	Standard Bearer
W.Bro. H. Keys. P.P.G.Std. B.	Standard Bearer
W.Bro. F.J. Harrison P.G.Org.	Organist
W.Bro. W.I. Simcock. P.P.S.G.D.	Inner Guard

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After the Ceremony of Consecration , the Founders of the Lodge were arranged in order , the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. H.E. Mitchell P.A.G.D.C. read the warrant and the Founders then approved their consent in Masonic Form.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, The Very Worshipful Brother, Rev. Preb. A.T.S. Talbot. P.G.C., gave an oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution.

The Brethren turned to the East and the Consecrating Officer pronounced the Invocation.

The Consecrating Officer then scattered Corn -- The Symbol of Plenty and Abundance, poured Wine -- The Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness, and poured Oil —— The Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

Salt the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship -- was then Sprinkled.

After the Ceremony there were Choral renderings by the Lichfield Cathedral Ouartet.

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Installation of the First Worshipful Master

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master then Obligated the Master Designate, W.Bro. A.Gould P.P.G.W., and he was duly installed in the Chair of the St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835. according to Ancient Custom. The Worshipful Master then Invested his Officers as follows:

W.Bro. H.Grindley P.P.G.R.	S.W.
W.Bro. P.J.Penson P.P.G.D	J.W.
W.Bro. F.M.Pinfold	Chaplain
W.Bro. J.J.Lambe	Treasurer
W.Bro. H.Smith P.P.G.D.	Secretary
W.Bro. F.W.Howell P.P.A.G.D.C.	D. of C.
Bro. H.Mawbey	S.D.
W.Bro. G.H.Lambe	J.D.
W.Bro. J.R.Piggott P.P.G.Swd.B.	Asst. D. of C.
Bro. F.S.Jones	Almoner
Bro. P.Bailey	I.G.
Bro. T. Hughes. P.P.G.T.	Tyler
Bro. F.E.Shufflebottom	Charity Rep.

Many of these officers gave great service to the Lodge and perhaps we should mention W.Bro. A.Gould who became a Grand Lodge Officer in 1953 and led the Lodge until his death in 1967. Today we miss not having a Grand Lodge Officer of his calibre.

W.Bro. J.J.Lambe who was responsible for raising the finance to start the Lodge and served as Treasurer until 1962.

W.Bro. F.W.Howell who was D.C. till 1957 and was responsible for the ritual.

W.Bro. H. Smith who was secretary from the start till 1961 with the exception of years 1957 and 1958.

The First Regular Meeting of the Lodge

The first regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th September, 1949, when the first initiate was Bro. A.R. Harley-Jones, who also became the first Master to come from the initiates. Bro C.P.Edwards and Bro A.A.Henshall, were also initiated during W.Bro. .Gould's year as Master of the Lodge.

Also at this first meeting it was proposed by W. Bro. A.Gould and seconded by W.Bro. H.Grindley that the officers who came from the province to act as officials at the Consecration should be made honorary members of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge and these Brethren were duly elected at the November meeting.

They were: W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent. P.G.Swd. B. D.P.G.M.

W.Bro. R.B.Mummery P.G.D. A.P.G.M.

W.Bro. H.E.Mitchell P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. S.W. Maslen-Jones. P.P.G.W.

W.Bro. R. Whitmore. P.P.G.W

W.Bro. Major H.Wilson Keys. A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. H. Bayliss. P.P.G.Chap.

Also on January 14th 1950 W.Bro. H.F.Lawton who was the Past Master of the Trent Lodge No. 4269.

Of all these brethren all have passed on but one , he is our Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. H.Wilson Keys. M.C.,T.D.

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Dedication of the Lodge Banner

The Dedication of the Beautiful banner took place on Wednesday the 31st of October, 1951.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Master The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth, G.C.V.O., T.D., D.L.,

It is interesting to note that W.Bro. J.R.Piggott was responsible for bringing into being the lovely full scale design of the banner which so ethereally depicts St. Peter ad Vincula. (St Peter in Chains).

The Lodge of Instruction

The Lodge of Instruction was founded in September, 1950 and the first Preceptor was F.W.Howell P.P.A.G.D.C. who from the beginning set a very high standard of Masonic Ritual, which has stood the Lodge in good stead ever since. He was assisted by W.Bro. J.R. Piggott. The other Senior Mason who did much to guide the Lodge in his earlier days was W.Bro. H.Smith who was the secretary of this Lodge from the start until 1961 with the exceptions of the years 1957 and 1958.

Other brethren who have done great work are :-

W.Bro. F.Morris P.P.G.D. W.Bro. A.A.Henshall P.P.G.D. W.Bro. D.G.Wise P.P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro. J.E.T. Burton.

The Meeting Place of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge

In the early years the festive board was held in the café below the Church Rooms and the Stewards had do deal with refreshments, including supplying and accounting for drinks and the payment for meals. This was however changed in March 1954, when the festive board was held in the North Stafford Hotel. Soon after this difficulties arose about the leasing of the Lodge Room, as the lease of the building had not been renewed. So the Lodge had to say a sad farewell to the lovely Temple at Stoke.

A Thanksgiving Service for the manifold blessings that the Brethren of the Stoke Lodges had received in the past followed this meeting. This service was conducted by the Rev. B. Paton-Jones, P.P.G.Chap.

On Monday, the 23rd September, 1957, the Lodge held its first meeting at its new home, The Masonic Hall, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. The Masonic Club of the Stoke Lodges was later disbanded and the Lodge received a share of the accumulated funds, which were invested into the shares of the Shelton Masonic Hall Co. Ltd.

The large hanging lights in the main temple at Shelton were those that were originally in the Lodge Rooms at Stoke.

The furniture in the second Lodge room at Shelton was that used originally at Stoke.

The principal executive officers of the Lodge were appointed at the first meeting viz. W.Bro. F.W.Howell D.of C., W.Bro. J.J.Lambe. Treasurer, and W.Bro H.Smith Secretary. They continued to act in these capacities until the end of the 1950's, when the first three initiates had served as W.M. and then these three took over.

W.Bro. A.A. Henshall as D. of C., W.Bro. C.P.Edwards as Treasurer and W.Bro. Harley-Jones as Secretary and this continued until 1968.

During this period we were to suffer the loss of W.Bro. J.R.Piggott who died in November, 1966., and W.Bro. A.Gould who died in March, 1967.

W.Bro. A.A.Henshall has continued until this year as D. of C. and has in all served for twelve years in this capacity with great distinction.

W. Bro. E.T.Owen took over as Secretary in 1969 after one year as Treasurer, but he died last year.

W.Bro. E.R.Hall took over as Treasurer in 1969 an held that office until last year, when W.Bro. G.H.Gillam took over after being the Charity Representative for several years.

Ceremonies

In addition to the three ceremonies of Initiation, Passing and Raising, we have had in many years nights when lectures have been given. In most cases these have been done by brethren from the floor of the Lodge. In May 1954 the Introductory Address 4th and 5th section of the first lecture were given by Bro. A.A. Henshall and Bro. J.R.F. Boulton and in September the 6th and 7th sections were given by Bro. W.S. Mansfield and Bro. E.R. Hall. In October the Introductory address and 1st and 2nd section of the Second Lecture were given by Bro. C.Dawson and Bro. A.D. Murfin. In 1959 Lectures were given at the May meeting by Bro. H.P. Maw, Bro. A.A. Henshall, Bro J.E.T. Burton. In 1962 the 1st Degree by Bro. A.P. Cadogan and Bro H.A. Hewens. In 1964 the 2nd Degree Extended Tracing board by Bro. G.H. Gillam who also did this again in 1966 and then did the 1st Degree Tracing Board in 1967, 1968 and 1970. In 1971 the 1st Degree Lectures were done by Bro. R. Rowley and Bro. W.H. Joines.

Masonic Charities

There have been two Festivals in the Province of Staffordshire since the Lodge was founded. The first was in 1951 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and although the Lodge was only one year old a total of £311-10-0 was subscribed to this.

The second was in 1962 and was for the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys and for this the only reference to be found in the minutes was in those of February, 1954, when Bro. F.E. Shufflebottom a founder who was the Charity Representative reported that every member of the Lodge was a covenant holder and was subscribing regularly.

The total raised by the Lodge for this Festival was £1382.

The next festival for the province is the 1976 Girls Festival and for this up to the 31st December 1973 our total stands at £1608-57.

There was also in 1954 a Festival for the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls held under the Presidency of R.W.Bro. Sir Sydney White, at that time Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England.

This Festival was not held under the auspices of any particular province, but the Province of Staffordshire sent in a total of £18,577 and many members of the Lodge were Stewards of this Festival.

This is a very brief History of St Peter ad Vincula Lodge for its first 25 years. I hope that the brethren will forgive any errors or omissions that have been made.

ST PETER AD VINCULA LODGE NO. 6835 RECORD OF EVENTS-THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

1949 W.M. W.Bro. A.Gould P.P.G.W. (May 24th)



Sept. G.A.Gould & W.Tilsley (Joining) 1st A.R.Harley Jones

Oct. F.C.Morris (Joining) 1st C.P.Edwards

Nov. Election of Honorary Members 1st A.A.Henshall

Dec. 2nd A.R.Harley Jones & C.P.Edwards Jan. W.Bro. H.Lawton made Honorary Member,

3rd A.R. Harley Jones

Feb 3rd C.P.Edwards

1950 W.M. W.Bro. H.Grindey, P.P.G.R. (March 28th)



Apr. 2nd A.A.Henshall May 3rd A.A.Henshall

Sept. 1st H.Kelsall & J.R.F.Boulton

Oct. W.E.Gott (Joining) 2nd H.Kelsall & J.R.F.Boulton

Nov. 1st P.T.Pinfold

Dec. 3rd H.Kelsall Jan.9th 3rd J.R.F.Boulton

Jan. 23rd 1st E.T.Owen & C.Dawson

Feb. 1st J.W.Rowley

1951 W.M. W.Bro.P.J.Penson P.P.G.D. (March 27th)



Apr. 2nd P.T.Pinfold & E.T.Owen

May 2nd C.Dawson & J.W.Rowley

Sept. 3rd E.T.Owen

Oct. W.S.Mansfield (Joining) 3rd P.T.Pinfold

Nov. 3rd C.Dawson Dec. 3rd J.W.Rowley

Jan. A.D.Murfin (Joining) 1st E.Longmore

Feb. 1st L. Evans

1952 W.M. W.BroH.L.Mawbey (March 25th)



Apr. 2nd E.Longmore & L.Evans May 1st B.S.Pennington

Sept. 3rd E.Longmore Oct. 3rd L.Evans

Nov. 1st A.B.Snow

Dec. 2nd B.S.Pennington & A.B.Snow

Jan. 3rd B.S.Pennington Feb. 3rd A.B.Snow

1953 W.M. W.Bro G.H.Lambe (March 24th)



Apr. 1st C.Radford May 1st J.A.Scott Sept. 2nd C.Radford Oct. 2nd J.A.Scott Nov. 3rd C.Radford Dec. 3rd J.A.Scott

Jan. 1st E.R.Hall Feb. 2nd E.R.Hall

1954 W.M. W.Bro F.M.Pinfold (March 23rd)



Apr. 3rd E.R.Hall

May 1st Deg. Lecture. Introductory address. 4th & 5th Sections by A.A. Henshall & J.R.F.Boulton Sept. 1st Deg. Lecture. 6th & 7th Sections by

W.S.Mansfield & E.R.Hall

2nd Deg. Lecture. Introductory address. 1st

& 2nd Sections by C.Dawson & A.D.Murfin

Nov. 1st T.J.Stanistreet Dec. 2nd T.J.Stanistreet

Jan. 3rd T.J.Stanistreet

Feb. A repeat of the May Lectures

1955 W.M. W.Bro F.C.Morris (March 22nd)



Apr. 1st H.P.Maw May 2nd H.P.Maw Sept. 3rd H.P.Maw Oct. 1st D.G.Wise Nov. 2nd D.G.Wise Dec. 3rd D.G.Wise Jan. 1st G.H.Gillam Feb. 1st P.Axon

1956 W.M. W.Bro A.R.Harley Jones (March 27th)



Apr. 2nd G.H.Gillam May 2nd P.Axon Sept. 3rd G.H.Gillam Oct. 3rd P.Axon Nov. 1st J.E.T.Burton Dec. 2nd J.E.T.Burton Jan. 3rd J.E.T.Burton Feb. 1st A.R.Lindop

1957 W.M. W.Bro C.P.Edwards (March 26th)



Apr. There was no ceremony as Bro. A.R.Lindop was

May 1st A.P.Cadogan This was the last meeting held at the Victoria Institute, Stoke-on-Trent.

Sept. 2nd A.R.Lindop & A.P.Cadogan This was the first meeting at Shelton

Oct. 3rd A.P.Cadogan Nov. 1st R.Bentley

Dec. 1st Rev. A.Perry who was at this time the Lord

Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent

Jan. 1st R.A.Reynolds

Feb. 3rd A.R.Lindop

1958 W.M. W.Bro A.A.Henshall (March 24th)



Apr. 2^{nd} R.Bentley & R.A.Reynolds May 2^{nd} Rev. R.A.Perry Sept. 3rd R.Bentley

Oct. 3rd Rev. R.A.Perry Nov. 1st B.Emmott

Dec. 3rd R.A.Reynolds Jan. 2nd B.Emmott Feb. 3rd B.Emmott

1959 W.M. W.Bro J.R.F.Boulton (March 23rd)



Apr. 1st F.A.Kent

May 1st degree lecture by A.A.Henshall, J.E.T.Burton, A.D.Murfin & E.R.Hall

Sept. 1st H.A.Hewens Oct. 2nd F.A.Kent Nov. 2nd H.A.Hewens Dec. 3rd F.A.Kent Jan. 3rd H.A.Hewens Feb. 1st J.R.Dimond

1960 W.M. W.Bro E.T.Owen (March 28th)



Apr. 1st K.B.T.Folkes S.J.B.Skyrme (Joining)

May 2nd J.R.Dimond Sept. 2nd K.B.T.Folkes Oct. 3rd J.R.Dimond

Nov. 3rd K.B.T.Folkes Dec. 1st T.C.Scott Jan. 1st A.C.Beaton

Feb. 1st T.I.Williams

1961 W.M. W.Bro C.V.Davis (March 27th)



Nov. 3rd A.C.Beaton Dec. 3rd T.I.Williams Jan. 1st R.R.Nield Feb. 2nd R.R.Nield

1962 W.M. W.Bro B.S.Pennington (March



Apr. 1st J.H.Goodier May 2nd J.H.Goodier Sept. 3rd R.R.Nield Oct. 3rd J.H.Goodier Nov. 1st N.Degg

Dec. 2nd N.Degg A.R.Hamnett (Joining)

Jan. 3rd N.Degg

Feb. 1st Degree Lecture A.P.Cadogan & H.A.Hewens

1963 W.M. W.Bro E.R.Hall (March 25th)



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Feb. 2nd Degree Lecture D.G.Wise & J.E.T.Burton

1964 W.M. W.Bro T.J.Stanistreet (March 23rd)

Apr. 1st S.G.Allison May 2nd R.Dobell Sept. 1st E.B.Nixon Oct. 2nd S.G.Allison

Nov. 3rd R.Dobell (Past Masters Night)

Dec. No Candidate

Jan. 2nd E.B.Nixon

Feb. 2nd Tracing Board (Extended) G.H.Gillam

1965 W.M. W.Bro G.H.Gillam (March 22nd)



Apr. 3rd S.G.Allison

May 3rd E.B.Nixon (Past Masters Night)

Sept. 1st G.Benbow Oct. 1st B.Morley Nov. 2nd G.Benbow Dec. 2nd B.Morley Jan. 3rd G.Benbow Feb. 3rd B.Morley

1966 W.M. W.Bro D.G.Wise (March 28th)



Apr. 1st J.T.Lycett May 1st J.S.Pound Sept. 2nd J.T.Leycett Oct. 2nd J.S.Pound Nov. 3rd J.T.Leycett

Dec. 2nd Tracing Board (Extended) G.H.Gillam

Jan. 3rd J.S.Pound Feb. Business Meeting

1967 W.M. W.Bro P.Axon (March 26th)



Apr. 1st R.Rowley 1st W.J.Stanley May 2nd R.Rowley Sept. 2nd W.J.Stanley Oct.

3rd W.J.Stanley (Past Masters Night) Nov.

1st Tracing Board G.H.Gillam 3rd R.Rowley Dec.

Jan. Business Meeting Feb.

1968 W.M. W.Bro J.E.T.Burton (March 25th)



1st A.J.Murden Apr. Mav 1st D.W.K.James 2nd A.J.Murden Sept. 2nd D.W.K.James Oct. Nov.

3rd A.J.Murden 1st Tracing Board G.H.Gillam Dec.

3rd D.W.K.James (Past Masters Night) Jan.

Feb. **Business Meeting**

1969 W.M. W.Bro B.Emmott (March 24th)

1st J.A.Bonell Apr. May 1st J.E.Bettany 1st R.H.Henshall Sept.

2nd J.A.Bonell & R.H.Henshall Oct.

3rd R.H.Henshall Nov. 2nd J.E.Bettany Dec. 3rd J.A.Bonell Jan. 3rd J.E.Bettany Feb.

1970 W.M. W.Bro A.P.Cadogan (March 23rd)



Apr. 1st F.Henshall
May 1st D.A.Jones
Sept. 2nd F.Henshall
Oct. 2nd D.A.Jones
Nov. 3rd F.Henshall

Dec. 1st Tracing Board G.H.Gillam Jan. 3rd D.A.Jones (Past Masters Night)

Feb. Business Meeting

1971 W.M. W.Bro J.H.Goodier (March 22nd)



 Apr.
 1st B.A.Lambe

 May
 2nd B.A.Lambe

 Sept.
 1st A.O.Allen

 Oct.
 1st R.D.Hulme

 Nov.
 3rd B.A.Lambe

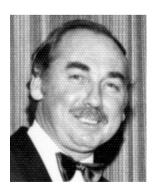
Dec. 2nd A.O.Allen & R.D.Hulme

Jan. 2nd A.O.Allen

Feb. Lectures in the three degrees W.H.Joines &

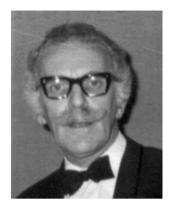
R.Rowley

1972 W.M. W.Bro N.Degg (March 27th)



Apr. 3rd R.D.Hulme
May 1st E.R.Harvey
Sept. 1st A.Elsmore
Oct. 2nd E.R.Harvey
Nov. 2nd A.Elsmore
Dec. 3rd E.R.Harvey
Jan. 3rd A.Elsmore
Feb. Business Meeting

1973 W.M. W.Bro W.Clare (March 26th)



Apr. 1st A.Bialkowski May 2nd A.Bialkowski Sept. 1st J.J.Lambe Oct. 1st A.W.N.Clare

Nov. 2nd J.J.Lambe & A.W.N.Clare

Dec. 3rd A.Bialkowski Jan. 3rd J.J.Lamb Feb. 3rd A.W.N.Clare

1974 W.M. W.Bro E.B.Nixon (March 25th)



Apr. 1st T.H.Woodcock and A.J.Bossons

May

Sept. 1st N.W.Johnson Oct. 2nd A.J.Bossons

Nov. 2nd T.H.Woodcock and N.W.Johnson

Dec. 3rd T.H.Woodcock Jan. 3rd A.J.Bossons Feb. 3rd N.W.Johnson In presenting this Brochure our especial thanks is given to W.Bro.C.V. Davies P.P.G.W. who has presided over and guided the Organising Committee for this Silver Jubilee Celebration; to W.Bro. A.R.Harley Jones PPDGDC. who has prepared and written the History of the Lodge; to W.Bro J.H.Goodier who has designed and prepared the block for its beautiful cover; and to Bro. A.O.Allen who has undertaken the preparation and duplicating of the subject matter,

J.E.T.B.

The Worshipful Masters Tribute.

What you have read in the foregoing pages is a list of names – interesting enough, to those who know them, but to many of our visitors it **is** just a list of names. It will not convey anything to those Masons who celebrate the Golden Jubilee in 1999 let alone of those attending the centenary in 2049. It is an accurate account of the ceremonies held each month; but accuracy is not the essence of life.

Masonry is about people; people with human qualities of friendship, joy and laughter, and with the occasional human failing as well. It is as men with human qualities that the names of twenty-five years ought to be remembered. Let the names be touched with the divine spark that invests them with life and worth.

Worshipful Brother C.V.Davies could be any one of a million people – but to us Vin Davies is the sincere friendly man with the cheery face and the Welsh lilt in his voice, who sings the Masters song at installations and the Ladies song at ladies evenings in inimitable fashion with unlimited enthusiasm. That is the criterion, there are so many diverse characters in the Lodge, each with his own qualities. Fred Morris with the quiet dignified manner and the sudden warm smile lighting up his countenance, the supreme ritualist, the preceptor par excellence.

Gerald Gillam with his south-country accent, his superb readings of the tracing boards, and his occasional ventures into the extended workings – but perhaps his most memorable feat was his rendering of his charge to the initiate many years ago.

Jack Piggott, one of the founder members, sometime city architect and the designer of this wonderful temple at Shelton, also his brother Ernest, the tall shy man with the quiet smile and invariably courteous manner who served for so long as chaplain, and of course our present chaplain Jimmie James, whose great interest in dramatic art enabled him to bring the gifts of perfect dictation and mellifluous voice into the workings so that few lodges can have so distinguished an exponent.

So often the Lodge has been fortunate in having an officer with a beautiful

voice and excellent diction. Basil Pennington is a case in point. So too is Albert Henshall. Albert of course served for many years with distinction as D.C. and preceptor of the Lodge, but he really came into his own when taking the chair in the third degree ceremony; never was the language so magnificently delivered. Great ritualists beget great ritualists and few people would ever forget the quiet simple dignity of the ceremonies conducted by Jack Burton. He was the perfectionist who not only knew the words but also worked out every movement and every action to achieve the fullest effect. Another W.M. of great distinction was Derek Wise who now jointly takes his place as D.C. the same attention to detail was apparent in Pat Cadogans work, he now serves so efficiently as secretary. Jim Goodier as befits an artist and author was always intent on extracting the fullest meaning and significance from the ceremonies – and could be relied upon for an unusual approach to any toast he proposed at the festive board. Jim's year as W.M. was indeed a vintage year in that it produced a splendid group of candidates. They were Arthur Allen, Bob Hulme and Brian Lambe. Arthur Allen will be an asset to the Lodge for many years to come; Bob Hulme until recently was our youngest brother in age, and he brings immense vigour and vitality into the Lodge with his happy smile and keen attention to Masonic duties. Brian Lambe with his handlebar moustache – surely one of the finest in

Staffordshire.

Brian of course is the son of one of our beloved founder members, George Lambe. George with his sturdy erect bearing, his bright blue eyes glinting into a smile, his charming manner and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the ceremonies, word perfect in all of them. What should we do without him? His brother Jack, also a founder member; an installation at St. Peters without Jack Lambe as inner guard is unthinkable. Now Jacks son John is with us – a fine family tradition.

There's riches for you; speaking of founder members reminds us of Fred Shufflebottom whose business activities prevented him from going on to the chair of King Solomon, but who can hardly utter a sentence without Masonic phrases. Still in the early days wee recall the quiet dignity of Clifton Edwards and Russell Harley-Jones's long years as secretary. They served the Lodge so ably with distinction.

But it would be wrong for the Lodge to be always reminiscing. The brethren coming onto the floor are the ones on whom the honour of the Lodge will rest in time to come. Harry Joines with the cherubic expression and his Edwardian side-whiskers who his so keen that it is hard to find words to describe him. What a loss to the Lodge was his great friend Ray Rowley when he passed on so prematurely, how much we all miss Ray. The Lodge has at times had terrible losses, Ivor Williams with his quiet manner was marked out for a great Masonic career, and recently we lost Peter Owen another stalwart.

Returning to the younger Brethren, we have Dennis Jones quietly and efficiently executing his duties in the Lodge. Tom Lycett with his gravel voice and the deep infectious laugh doing yeoman service as S.D.

Strange to say football is occasionally mentioned in St. Peters for we have an ex footballer in Allan Elsmore and a prince amongst football men is Percy Axon. Percy amongst the youngest brethren? Why not? He is great, as J.W. isn't he? And doing a fine job too. Allen was initiated by that delightful character Norman Degg, as was Eric Harvey. Eric shows every sign of becoming a great Mason. So too does Adam Bialkowski who was initiated in the reign of Walter Clare a name that leads immediately to our youngest brother of all time the veritable baby of the Lodge. Andrew who was initiated by his father Walter, and whose potential is such that he will outstrip his previous predecessors.

We anticipate the return to the Lodge of John Bettany and Frank Henshall who have been unable to attend due to business commitments.

Ray Dobell whose qualities are well known to us all will be a great asset to the Lodge in years to come. W.Bro. B. Emmett with his quiet unassuming manner is shortly due for provincial honours.

Now we have to think of the festive board, what would it be without a glass of wine? And who better to select the wine for us than Albert Murden and Jack Dimond.

Now we have Ellis Nixon in the Chair. Ellis who did a perfect rendering of the charge to the candidate in the Lodge of Instruction about six weeks after being raised. He has already initiated Tom Woodcock and Jeff Bossons and we look forward with anticipation to their other ceremonies.

Unfortunately we have to stop. There are many people, people we have not mentioned, but, the intention is not to bore you with a great long list but to call attention to the fact that St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge is a friendly Lodge with a body of worthy masons who all add there own touch of distinction. So we close, but in doing so we inevitably turn back to the elder brethren and who better to round off this revue than John Rowley and Bill Nunn? John Rowley our worshipful organist who attends without fail, not only to the regular Lodge but also to the Lodge of Instruction; and dear Bill Nunn who appropriately enough gives the Tyler's toast.

A Salute to you all
In wishing YOU
Many happy years of Masonry.

ST PETER AD VINCULA LODGE NO. 6835 RECORD OF EVENTS SECOND TWENTY FIVE YEARS

1975 W.M. W.Bro W.H.Joines (March 24th)



Apr. Read the Byelaws May 1st A HULME Sept. 2nd A HULME Oct. 3rd A HULME Nov.

Dec. 1st D ROWLEY Jan. 2nd.D ROWLEY Feb. BUSINESS

1976 W.M. W.Bro W.H.Joines (March 22nd)

Apr. 3rd D. ROWLEY

May 1st ° Tracing board by WM

Sept. 1st J.T. HOLLAND Oct. 1st R.J. HOLDCROFT

Nov. 2nd J.T. HOLLAND &R.J. HOLDCROFT

Dec. 3rd J.T. HOLLAND Jan. 3rd R.J. HOLDCROFT

Feb. BUSINESS

1977 W.M. W.Bro D.W.K.James (March 28th)

Apr. 1st E LANCAKE May 2nd E LANCAKE Sept. 3rd E LANCAKE

Oct. 1st L H PARRISH Nov. 2nd L H PARRISH

Dec. 1st °Tracing board by WH Joines

Jan. 3rd L H PARRISH

Feb. BUSINESS

1978 W.M. W.Bro D.A.Jones (March 20th)



Apr. 1st C V BARKER
May 2nd C V BARKER
Sept. 3rd C V BARKER
Oct. 1st H BARKER
Nov. 2nd H BARKER
Dec. 1st E TRISTRAM
Jan. 3rd H BARKER
Feb. BUSINESS

1979 W.M. W.Bro D.A.Jones

(March 26th)

Apr. 2nd ETRISTRAM May 3rd ETRISTRAM

Sept. JW Rowley elected Hon Member Interesting features of Grand Lodge Lecture by Bro C.V. Davies

Oct. Section of 3rd^o Lecture D Rowley &

JT Holland

Nov. Dec.

Jan. 1st W WALMSLEY

Feb. BUSINESS

1980 W.M. W.Bro W.Clare (March 24th)

Apr. 2nd W WALMSEY May 3rd W WALMSEY

Sept. 1st Degree Tracing Board J T Holland Oct. 2nd Degree Tracing Board R D Hulme

Nov. 1st J R LOVATT Dec. 2nd J R LOVATT Jan. 1st G BEDSON SMITH

Feb. BUSINESS

1981 W.M. W.Bro R.D.Hulme (March 24th)



Apr. 3rd J R LOVATT
May 2nd G BEDSON SMITH
Sept. 3rd G BEDSON SMITH
Oct. 1ct. D B. TRUMAN

Oct. 1st D R TRUMAN Nov. 2nd D R TRUMAN

Dec. 2nd Degree Tracing Board J T Holland

Jan. 3rd D R TRUMAN Feb. BUSINESS

1982 W.M. W.Bro E.R.Harvey

(March 22nd)



Apr. 1st M W GILMORE May 2nd M W GILMORE Sept. 3rd M W GILMORE

Oct. 3rd Degree lecture J T Holland D R Truman Nov. Address on Grand Charity W.Bro E Lates

Dec.

Jan. 1st Deg. Tracing Board J T Holland2nd Deg. Tracing Board CV Davis

Feb. BUSINESS

1983 W.M. W.Bro A.O.Allen (March 28th



Apr. Talk on Bee keeping in Frrmasonry Bro G Hopkinson Chartley Lodge

May

Sept. 1st P Sanders

Oct. 1st TF Jackson

Nov. 1st AH Barker

Dec.

Jan. 2nd P Sanders

Feb. 2 T F Jackson BUSINESS

1984 W.M. W.Bro A.W.N.Clare (March 26th)

Apr. 2nd AH BARKER

2nd Degree tracing board Bro J T HOLLAND

Sept. 3rd P SANDERS Oct. 3rd T F JACKSON Nov. 3rd A H BARKER

Dec.

Jan. 1st DSBARBER

Feb. 1st A J YOUNG BUSINESS

1985 W.M. W.Bro A.Bialkowski (March 25th)

Apr. 2nd DS BARBER

Sept. 2nd AJ YOUNG DW HARDING JM 2nd Degree tracing board Bro JT HOLLAND

Oct. 3rd DS BARBER Nov. 3rd AJ YOUNG Dec. Jan. 1st MA VOZZA Feb. BUSINESS

1986 W.M. W.Bro A.J.Bossons (March 24th)

Jan.



Apr. 2nd MA VOZZA Sept. 3rd MA VOZZA

Oct. 2nd Degree tracing board Bro JT HOLLAND

Nov. 3rd Degree lecture DS BARBER & DR TRUMAN

Dec. W.Bro M D STONE Joining Member

Feb. BUSINESS 2nd F Fidler of Lodge No 1657

BY M D STONE

1987 W.M. W.Bro J.T.Holland (March 23rd)



Apr. 2nd Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOLLAND
Sept 1st Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOLLAND
Oct. 3rd Degree lecture DS RAPBER & DR TRIMAN

Oct. 3rd Degree lecture DS BARBER & DR TRUMAN

Nov. 1st PR FIELDING

Dec.

Jan. 2nd PR FIELDING

Feb. BUSINESS

1988 W.M. W.Bro J.T.Holland (March 28th)

Apr. DC MOORE Joining Member

Sept. 3rd P R FIELDING

Oct. E MARTIN Joining Member

Nov. 2nd DegreeTracing Board (EXT)

W.Bro RD HULME

Dec. Jan. 1st Degree tracing board

W.Bro JT HOLLAND

Feb. BUSINESS

1989 W.M. W.Bro D.R.Truman (March 30th)



Apr. B POLLARD Joining Member

Sept. 1st Dr SKA JAFRI Oct. 2nd SKA JAFRI

Nov. 1st DW GROSVENOR

Dec.

Jan. 1st A FRANKEL

Feb. BUSINESS 2nd DW GROSVENOR

1990 W.M. W.Bro D.R.Truman (March 26th)

Apr. 2nd A FRANKEL

2nd Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOLLAND

Sept. 3rd SKA JAFRI

Oct. 3rd DW GROSVENOR

Nov. 3rd A FRANKEL

Dec.

Jan. 1st AS CASTREY

Feb. BUSINESS 1st PE GRINDLEY

1991 W.M. W.Bro A.J.Bossons (March 25th)

Apr. 2nd AS CASTREY

Sept. 2nd PE GRINDLEY

Oct. 3rd AS CASTREY J DEAVILLE JM

Nov. 3rd PE GRINDLEY

Dec.

Jan. 3rd Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOL-

LAND

Feb. BUSINESS

1992 W.M. W.Bro E.Martin (March 23rd)



Apr.

Sept. 1st JJ WOOD

Oct. 2nd JJ WOOD

Nov. 1st DS LEESE

Dec.

Jan. 1st AK WHALE

Feb. BUSINESS 2nd DS LEESE GD Pagon

Joining Member

1993 W.M. W.Bro M.D.Stone (March 22nd)

Apr. 1st PV KITCHEN Sept. 3rd JJ WOOD Oct. 3rd DS LEESE Nov. 2nd AK WHALE

Dec.

Jan. 3rd AK WHALE

Feb. BUSINESS 2nd PV KITCHEN

1994 W.M. W.Bro M.A.Vozza (March 28th)



Apr. 3rd PV KITCHEN

Sept. Explanation of Grand Lodge Certificate & Tape

G.D.PAGON

Oct. Bro. GF WALKER Joining Member

Nov. 2nd Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOLLAND

Dec.

Jan. 1st BT TRUMAN

Feb. BUSINESS 1st WP HOLLYOAK

1995 W.M. W.Bro P.R.Fielding (March 27th)



Apr. 2nd BT TRUMAN

Sept. 2nd WP HOLLYOAK

Oct. 2nd Degree tracing board W.Bro JT HOLLAND

Nov. 3rd BT TRUMAN

Dec.

Jan. 3rd WP HOLLYOAK

Feb. BUSINESS

1996 W.M. W.Bro G.D.Pagon (March 25th)



Apr. Various Degrees in Masonry W.Bro GD PAGON Sept. 1st Degree Tracing Board W.Bro JT HOLLAND

Oct. 2nd Deg. Lecture BT TRUMAN

& WP HOLLYOAK

Nov. Recorded Talk Understanding Masonry

Bro R WELLS QCCC

Dec.

Jan. 3rd Deg. Lecture W.Bro GD PAGON

& Bro PE GRINDLEY

Feb. BUSINESS 1st E BROOK

1997 W.M. W.Bro P.E.Grindley (March 24th



Apr. 2nd E BROOK

Sept. 2nd O Tracing Board JT HOLLAND

Oct. Demonstration of 3rd

Nov. 3rd E BROOK

Dec. Jan.

Feb. BUSINESS

1998 W.M. W.Bro G.F.Walker (March 23rd)



Apr. CALL ON/OFF Discuss Openness

Sept. 1st GB ANDOW

Oct. 2nd GB ANDOW Nov. 2nd O Tracing Board JT HOLLAND

Dec.

Jan. 3rd GB ANDOW

Feb. BUSINESS

1999 W.M. W.Bro.D Funk (March 22nd)



Apr. CALL ON/OFF Discuss Jubilee Meeting May JUBILEE MEETING

Sept.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec.

Jan. Feb.

YOU WON'T FIND IT IN THE MINUTES!

Last year we had a crisis in the lodge, the present minute book was the only one we had and all previous books were missing. However, after some detective work they were discovered in a bank where they had been deposited by a former secretary, now deceased, whose wife objected to all the clutter!

We needn't have been too worried as they make the most uninteresting reading. They tell you when, what, by whom and for whom. They even tell you who was apologised for not being present. The founders of St Peter ad Vincula Lodge intended that it would reduce the waiting time for membership of their Lodges ie Trent, Portland and others, and that it would be a lodge for the businessmen of Stoke-on-Trent.

The meetings were originally held in the Victoria Institute Rooms, Lonsdale Street, appropriately facing the St Peter's ad Vincula Church. I cannot remember much of these rooms as we moved here to Shelton in 1957 two years after I joined. I do however remember after the meetings driving to the North Stafford Hotel where we had a private room for our festive board. The carpet and the furniture in the small temple here were brought up from our old rooms at the Victoria Institute. You won't find any mention of that in the minute books.

St Peter ad Vincula Lodge has had some important members. We had both the chairman of Stoke City Football Club (in the days when they were a football club!) and the chairman of Port Vale Football Club as active members at the same time. The rivalry between them was electric and the banter sidesplitting. You won't it in the minute books!

One of the aforementioned chairmen was Director of Ceremonies and I was privileged to be his assistant. The occasion – a third – the room in darkness; a low nasal snoring sound came from the D.C.'s chair - a pause in the ritual-silence- the correct prompt came from the D.C.

(I never found out how it was done) - again you won't find it in the minute books!

We have also had several brethren who distinguished themselves in the '39-'45 War. One walked nearly the length of Italy from a prisoner of war camp to meet up with the advancing allied troops. Another brother was a liaison officer between the British and American Forces in the Middle East and many more had stories to tell. We also had a Joining Member, an ex-submariner of high rank, or so he said. *His* 'story' however was a charade **not exposed in the minute book!**

One of the most esteemed senior brothers of the lodge after being D.C., Secretary and Chaplain became charity representative. As charity representative his books were always perfectly balanced despite no-one ever being asked for money. Again, you won't find this in the minute book.

In the top panel of the entrance door is a crack, which enabled one well-loved brother, of the lodge to stand on a chair and peep through. This was not unsafe as long as the Inner Guard bolted the door. On one occasion however the door was not bolted, the consequence of the tyler's unannounced entry was hilarious but dangerous. You won't find this in the minutes!

I was fortunate to represent the lodge in 1967 to witness the enthroning of the present Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent, at the Royal Albert Hall. On another occasion several brethren and their wives joined my wife and myself on a special train from Stoke station to London where we were escorted round the Grand Lodge Temple and the museum before we were all sat down in the Connaught Rooms (filling four dining rooms) for dinner and a talk on the Girls School Charity. Again there is **no mention of this in the minutes**.

Ladies Nights have changed a great deal over the years. In the 1950's and 60's (and even into the 1970's) it was the custom in this lodge that the wardens upwards were expected to wear white tie and tails. In those days we would fill the ballroom of the North Stafford Hotel with all the charm, courtesy and beauty of any ball. Not a mention of such splendour in the minutes!

We have had our down times too. My saddest time was when during my time as Worshipful Master my proposer and very best friend had a dispute with the Treasurer of the Lodge, the Treasurer refusing to settle a bill which he thought was over-priced. Without going into detail I recall how the dispute was passed to me. My hands were tied however as the lodge committee would not accept anything less than a large credit. We still remained friends after he resigned from the lodge, but there was always that something between us. Hard as you might look however you won't find a mention of it in the minutes.

Another sad occasion happened only a year or so ago when at the installation festive board the newly invested Worshipful Master made certain derogatory remarks about the Provincial Grand Lodge and the rulers of the Craft. Action had to be taken – the lodge committee would not compromise. It was only a few days after his installation that his resignation was accepted. Despite the enormity of the situation there is **no mention of it in the minute book.**

And finally, we all hear of it happening, but very few ever see it. Yes it does occur, the odd RED sock, or even light grey. And on one occasion a brother thought he would brighten up the proceedings with a very beautiful multicoloured tie. You won't find that in the minute book either!

Brethren, please, please ensure that you arrange to have a brother or brothers who can be journalists and record all the incidents surrounding your lodges, whether they be good or bad, funny or sad – whatever happens have them recorded. We old ones hope you and those to come will be able to read about us even if it is only an appendix to the minutes. In another 50 years time I hope that our successors will not have to search the records only to say that **you can't find it in the minutes!**

W. Bro. Derek G. Wise, P.P.J.G.W.

Consecration of the St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835

The Consecration of the St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835, took place at the Masonic Temple Shelton. Stoke-on-Trent. On the twenty Fourth of May One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Forty Nine. The Consecrating Officer Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master W. Bro. Col. W. J. Kent C.B. E. P.G. Swd. B. was assisted by the Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. R.B.Mummery P.G.D. with certain Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge officers. The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master entered the Lodge accompanied by Provincial Officers and occupied the Masters Chair, and appointed the Provincial Grand Warden W.Bro. S.W.Maslen - Jones to the Senior Wardens Chair, W.Bro. R. Whitmore Provincial Junior Grand Warden to the Junior Wardens Chair, & W.Bro. W.I.Simcock to the duties of Inner Guard. The opening Hymn was sung and A Lodge was opened in the three degrees.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent C.B.E. P.G.Swd.B entered the Lodge accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers and occupied the chair and appointed officers to assist in the Consecration Ceremony.

Solemn Prayer was said by the Chaplain W.Bro.H.Bayliss P.P.G.C.(errata P.G.C.)

The Consecrating Officer the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the Brethren on the motive of the meeting and spoke of the great disappointment to all present, not to have with them the Provincial Grand Master

R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth G.C.V.O. T.D. D.L. but he was pleased to report an improvement in his health and all hoped to see him at the Provincial Meeting.

The Founders of the New Lodge were arranged in order, while the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Warrant they approved their consent in Masonic Form.

The Chaplain gave an oration on the Nature and Principals of the Institution followed by the Anthem "Behold how good and powerful a thing it is Brethren to dwell in Unity". Which was rendered by the Lichfield Cathedral Quartet.

The Chaplain afterward gave the First portion of the Dedication Prayer.

The brethren turned to the East and the Consecrating officers pronounced the Evocation.

The Chaplain read from the II Chron. Chap. 2 Verses 11-16.

The Consecration

Before the First circuit the Chaplain read Psalm lxxii v 16
The Consecrating Officer scattered Corn The Symbol of Plenty and Abundance.
The Consecrating Officer poured Wine The Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
He also poured Oil The Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
Salt was sprinkled The Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

After the Lodge was dedicated the choir sang the anthem "O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings Thou Lord of Hosts" after which the Chaplain with the Censer perambulated the Lodge, followed by the Second Portion of the Dedication Prayer.

The anthem "God is a Spirit and they that Worship Him must Worship Him in Spirit and Truth" was rendered.

The Consecrating Officer Constituted the Lodge, followed by the Patriarchal Benediction.

The Lodge was resumed in the second degree. The Lodge retired from Labour to Refreshment and on resuming from Refreshment to Labour, the Installation of the Master Designate was proceeded with, by W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W.Bro. Alfred Gould P.P.G.W. W.Master designate was Presented and Obligated in the Second Degree.

The Lodge was resumed in the third degree and all below the rank of an Installed Master retired from the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed and W.Bro. Alfred Gould P.P.G.W. was placed in the Chair of King Solomon by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent C.B.E. P.G.Swd.B. The Worshipful Master invested W.Bro. A.P.Dobson as Acting I.P.M. of the Lodge.

The Board of Installed Masters was closed.

The Brethren entered the Lodge and passed and saluted the Worshipful Master as $M.M^s$. W.Bro. Alfred Gould was proclaimed Worshipful Master of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835 in the East by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. R. Mummery P.G.D. the W^k . T^s . of this degree were presented and explained by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Col. W.J.Kent.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree.
The brethren passed and saluted the Worshipful Master as F.C. and W.Bro. Alfred Gould was proclaimed Worshipful Master of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835 in the West by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the W. T. of this degree were presented and explained by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Lodge was closed in the second Degree.
The brethren passed and saluted the Worshipful Master as E.A^s. and W.Bro. Alfred Gould was proclaimed Worshipful Master of St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No. 6835 in the South by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the W^k. T^s. of this degree were presented and explained by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Warrant of the Lodge was presented to the Worshipful Master.

W.Bro. H.Grindley P.P.G.R. and W.Bro. Peter James Penson P.P.G.D. whose names having appeared on the Warrant of the Lodge as Wardens were invested. W.Bro. Harold Grindley as Senior Warden and W.Bro. Peter James Penson as Junior Warden. The Director of Ceremonies W.Bro. H. Wilson-Keys P.A.D.C. informed the Worshipful Master that on this occasion and this only, the election of Treasurer would be left in the hands of the Worshipful Master and called for a Proposition. W.Bro. Harold Grindley S.W. proposed & W.Bro. P.J.Penson J.W. seconded that the election of Treasurer be left in the hands of the Worshipful Master, the proposition was carried.

The Worshipful Master elected W.Bro. John James Lambe to the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

W.Bro. Lambe thanked the brethren for placing their confidence in him and proposed Bro. T Hughes P.P.G.Ty. as Tyler of the Lodge for the ensuing year, W.Bro. H. Smith P.P.G.D. seconded the proposition, which was put to the meeting and carried.

The Worshipful Master Appointed and Invested his Officers.

W.Bro. F.M.Pínfold as Chaplaín of the Lodge, W.Bro. H. Smíth P.P.G.D. as Secretary. W.Bro. F.W.Howell P.P.A.G.D.C. as "D.C." Bro. H.L.Mawby as "S.D." W.Bro. G.Lambe as "J.D." W.Bro. J.R.Píggott P.G.Swd.B. as Asst. "D.C." and Bro. Percy Baíley as "I.G."

The Worshipful Master.

Brethren of the St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge you are well aware of the suggested By-Laws of this Lodge, and I now propose that they be submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and to the Right worshipful Provincial Grand Master for approval.

The proposition was carried.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Assistant Prov. Grand Master and Officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge retired from the Lodge.

The WM W.Bro. A Gould proposed Bro. Gordon Alfred Gould. Hawthorn Bank. James Street, Stoke-on-Trent a member of Trent Lodge 4269.

Business address Hawley & Ingram Ltd. Stoke-on-Trent as a Joining Member.

The proposition was seconded by W.Bro. H.Smith P.P.G.D.

W.Bro. F.W.Howell P.P.A.G.D.C. and Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge proposed Bro. W.Tilsley, Lyndon, Allerton Rd. Trentham Stoke-on-Trent a member of the Ceramic Lodge 3827

Business address Messrs Tilsley & Lovatt Ltd Trentvale Stoke-on-Trent as a Joining Member, the proposition was seconded by W.Bro. H. Smith P.P.G.D.

W.Bro. J.R.Piggott Prov.G.Swd.B. proposed Mr Arthur Russell Harley-Jones 28 Sandon Avenue Newcastle Staffs. Age 45. Company Director, Business address Messrs Biltons Ltd. London Road, Stoke-on-Trent as a fit and proper person to become a Mason and a member of the Lodge. The proposition was seconded by the W.M. W.Bro.A Gould.

Bro. F.S.Jones Almoner of the Lodge proposed Clifton Percy Edwards, Silverwood Beechfield Rd. Trentham Stoke-on-Trent age 46 Business address Messrs Adams & Edwards Brook St. Stoke-on-Trent as a fit and proper person to become a Mason and a member of this Lodge. The proposition was seconded by W.Bro. A Gould the W.M..

W.Bro. H.Grindley P.P.G.R. proposed Mr Albert Alan Henshall, Westways, Chancery Lane Alsager, age 36, Certified Accountant. Business address 22 Glebe St. Stoke-on-Trent. as a fit and proper person to become a Mason & a member of the Lodge the proposition was seconded by Bro. F.E.Shufflebotham Charity Rep:-

The Secretary read the Prov. Grand Lodge communications.

There were many distinguished Masons who attended the Consecration Ceremony & their names are recorded herein.

W.Bro. W.J.Kent Dep. P.G.M. W.Bro. R.Mummery Asst. P.G.M. W.Bro. Maslen-Jones Senior P.G.W. W.Bro. R.Witmore Junior P.G.W.

W.Bro. H.E.Mítchell P.G.Sec.W.Bro. Wilson-Keys P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro.H.Bayliss P.P.G.Chap. W.Bro.J.R.Piggott P.G.Swd.B. W.Bro. A.P.Tiley P.G.D. W.Bro A.Moss P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro. A.Donald Harben P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro. W.S.Follwell P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro. F.R.Wolridge P.A.G.Std.B.

W.Bro. C. Williams Prov.S.G.D. W.Bro. F.H.Heath Prov. J.G.D. W.Bro. H.Keys P.P.G.St.B. W.Bro. F.J. Harrison Prov. G. Org. W.Bro.R.E.Jones Prov.Std.B. W.Bro. A.Hobson P.P.G.D. W.Bro. W.Barrington P.P.G.R. W.Bro. A.Bode P.Pr.G.D.C. W.Bro. G.R. White P.P.G.D. W.Bro. J.McMillan P.P.A.G.D. W.Bro. E.H.Richards P.P.G.D. W.Bro. R.J.Heath P.P.A.G.D. W.Bro. A.Bowen P.P.G.W. W.Bro. J.L.W.Lewis P.P.G.Chap. W.Bro. W. Heath P.P.G. W. W.Bro. C.S. Birbeck P.P.G. Treas. W.Bro. C.Birch P.A.G.D.C. W.Bro. J. Eckersley P.P.G.D. W.Bro. C. Walker P.P.G.W. W.Bro. H.Parker P.P.G.D.C. W.Bro. R.Cook W.Bro. A.Brown W.Bro.H.J.WoodW.Bro. P.Walker W.Bro.J.D.A.Teeton P.P.A.G.D.C. Bro.F.W.Riley 4269 Bro. Laverton 4269 W.Bro. V. Johnson 3827 W.Bro. F.W.Howel 3827 Bro. W.H.Solomon 637 W.Bro. J.M 4269 Bro. Gordon4269 Bro. L.Cotteril 662 Bro. C.G. Dobson 4269 Bro. S.W. Jones 4269 Bro. K. Tobois 2214 Bro. F. Hodgson 1039 Bro. G.Smedley 2437 Bro. C.A.Knight 2064 Bro. I. Dobson 3934 Bro. T. Vernon 451 Bro. F. Ward 4269 Bro. A. Ward 4269 Bro.W.G.Barnett 624 Bro.K.A.Barnett 624 Bro. T. Daniel 637 Bro. N. Smith 637 Bro. S.Downard 2214 Bro.F.A.Salmon 637 Bro. L.Hurd 637 Bro. C.Stubbs 4269 Bro. P. Taylor 4269 Bro. F.J. Knight 637 Bro. W.Tilsley 3827 Bro. G.N.Sherwin 637

Founders

W.Bro. A.Gould P.P.G.W. 4269 W.Bro. H.Grindey P.P.G.R. 4269 W.Bro. Henry Smith P.P.G.D. 4269 W.Bro.P.J.Penson P.P.G.D. 637 W.Bro.J.R.Piggott Prov.G.Swd.B. 4269 W.Bro. F. W. Howell P.P. A.G.D.C. 3827 W.Bro. J.M.Robertson 3827 W.Bro. G.Lambe 637 W.Bro. J.J.Lambe 637 W.Bro. A.P.Dobson 4269 W.Bro. F.M.Pinfold 4269 Bro. A.S. Foy 637 Bro. P.Bailey 4269 Bro. M.Beech 4269 Bro. F.E.Shufflebotham 3827 Bro. F.S.Jones 3827 Bro. H.L. Mawby 637

After Fraternal greetings by the visiting Brethren the Lodge was closed until the fourth Tuesday in September emergencies excepted.

The Charity Box contained £13.10.0

Minutes of the St. Peter ad Vincula Lodge No.6835 held at the Masonic Hall Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, on Monday 23rd. May 1974 at 6pm.

The Silver Jubilee Meeting

Present; W.Bro. E.B.Nixon (W.M.)., Bro.J.H.Joines (S.W.)., W.Bro P.Axon P.Pr.A.G.D.C.(J.W.)., Bro.D.W.K.James. Chaplain., W.Bro.G.H.Gillam P.Pr.G.D. (Treas)., W.Bro.A.P.Cadogan (Sec)., W.Bro.D.G.Wise P.Pr.A.G.D.C..(D.C.)., Bro.J.T.Lycett (S.D.)., Bro.D.A.Jones (J.D)., W.Bro.J.E.T.Burton P.G.Stwd.(Asst D.C.)., W.Bro.J.J.Lambe(P.Pr.A.G.D.C.) Almoner., Bro.J.W.Rowley P.Pr.G.Org.(Organist)., Bro.A.O.Allen (Asst Sec)., Bro.B.M.Lambe (I.G.)., Bros.R.D.Hulme., E.R.Harvey., A.Elsmore., and A.Bialkowski., (Stewards)., Past Masters., W.Bro.W.Clare (I.P.M.)., W.Bro.N.Degg., W.Bro.J.H.Goodier., W.Bro.F.C.Morris P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.G.H.Lambe P.Pr.A.G.D.C., W.Bro.C.V.Davies P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.B.Emmott., W.Bro.A.R.Harley-Jones P.Pr.D.G.D.C., W.Bro.C.P.Edwards P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.A.A.Henshall P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.B.S.Pennington P.Pr.A.G.D.C., and Members:-Bros.H.Kelsall., B.Morley., J.R.Desmond., A.J.Murden., F.Henshall., A.W.N.Clare., J.J.Lambe., T.H.Woodcock., A.J.Bossons., and Bro.W.Nunn P.Pr.G.Tyler (Tyler)

Visitors:- R.W.Bro.Major H.Wilson Keys M.C., T.D., Prov.G.Master., W.Bro.A.P.Richardson Pr.J.G.W., W.Bro.J.T.Bedson Pr.G.D.C., W.Bro.Eev.Dr.C.W.Healey P.A.G.Chap., P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.F.S.L.Ramsden P.A.G.Chap., Prov G.Chap., W.Bro.G.G.Parker Pr.D.G.D.C., W.Bro.F.C.Brown P.A.G.D.C..P.Pr.G.W.. W.Bro.R.L.D.Austerberry, P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.GH.Brown P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.T.R.Turner P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.J.A.Moxon P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro, N.Bradlev P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.F.Gartside P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.J.H.Lockett Pr G.Stwd., W.Bro.A.A.Wallace P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.G.Nicholson P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro E.Morrey P.Pr.G.Treas., W.Bro.J.R.Clare P.Pr.G.W., W.Bro.I.Dobson P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro. Dr. J.H.Wood P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.R.A.Martin P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro J.R.Jolly P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.R.S.Beech P.Pr.G.R., W.Bro.C.B.Ball P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.H.T.Hadley P.Pr.G.R., W.Bro.E.M.Jones P.Pr.G.D., W.Bro.J.T.Green P.Pr.G.Std.B., W.Bro.H.T.Bettany P.P.G.R., Bro.J.Doorbar (4054), Bro.C.Bramner (7481), Bro.R.A.McDarmaid (4008), W.Bro.G.Mellor (3827), BroWilliams (2992), Bro.H.K.Capper (6101), Bro.B.Buttery (546), Bro. W.R.Pope (1495), W.Bro.C.G.Dobson (4269), Bro.B.Day (4169), Bro.T.H.Evans (6710) Bro.J.E.Drew (98), Bro.G.Cornes (4107), Bro.E.Copeland (4107) Bro.E.C.Boulton (637), Bro.R.A.Shenton (637), Bro.Rev.P.Harrison (418), Br.W.A.Evans (2149) Bro.E.Hyatt (2149),

Bro.T.Adams (4054), Bro.R.Brassington (7448), Bro.C.K.Griffiths (5389), W.Bro.W.Burton (3935), Bro.A.Shaw (6393), W.Bro.T.W.Hadley (7569), W.Bro.F.S.Mawby (637), W.Bro.W.Moss (418), W.Bro.A.Clare (4269), Bro.D.Crowshaw (546), W.Bro.J.M.B.McBratney (3827) Bro.J.Oliver (637), Bro.J.H.Clarke (8355), W.Bro.G.D.Pagon (98), Bro.J.Rawsthorne (2149), Bro.D.Billington (4054), Bro.R.Bowers (3622), Bro.B.F.Foster (5093), W.Bro.H.L.Mawby (P.Pr.G.D).

The Worshipful Master in the chair, with proper Officers attending, the Lodge was opened in the 1st. Degree with Solemn Prayer. By command of the W. Master the Summons convening the meeting was taken as read. The Lodge was opened in the 2ndDegree. The Lodge was opened in the 3rdDegree. W. Bro. J.T.Bedson P.P.G.W., Prov G.D of C., announced the arrival of R.W. Bro. Major H. Wilson-Keys. Prov. G. Master who entered the Lodge accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. Gd. Master occupied the chair and appointed W. Bro. A.P.Richardson Prov J. G.W., to occupy the S.W. chair, and W.Bro. G.H.Brown P.Pr.G.W. to occupy the J.W. chair. The Lodge was resumed in the 1st Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last regular Lodge held on Monday April 22nd 1974 which were confirmed by the brethren and signed by the P.G.Master, and the W Master. The P. G. Master then requested the W. Master to re-occupy the Chair.

The minutes of the Consecration meeting were then read by W.Bro. B.S.Pennington P.Pr.A.G.D.C.

The appreciation and thanks of the Lodge to the Founders was given by W.Bro. A.A.Henshall P.Pr.G.D.

An address, acopy of which is interleaved was given by

W.Bro. Rev. Dr. C.W.Healey P.A.G.Chap., P.Pr.G.W.

There followed a prayer by W.Bro. Rev. Preb. F.S.L.Ramsden P.A.G.Cap., Prov.G.Chap.

A hymn "Now thank we all our God". Was then sung.

The Lodge was then resumed in the 3rd. Degree.

The Lodge was closed in the 3rd. Degree.

The Lodge was closed in the 2nd. Degree.

On the first Rising, a pamphlet dated 25th. April 1974 regarding the Report of the Grand Masters Committee of Inquiry on Masonic Charity, and containing a statement by the M.W. The Grand Master was referred to as a copy had been sent to all the brethren.

On the 2nd. Rising an apology for absence from the Dep Pro. G. Master V.W.Bro.J.E.V.Toney P.G.Swd.B. was read. Apologies were also received from the Prov.S.G.Warden., and the Prov. G.Secretary.

The Prov.G.Master then congratulated the W.M, and brethren on the Lodge

attaining its Silver Jubilee, and thanked them for a most interesting ceremony.

The P.G.Master., Grand Lodge Officers, and Prov. G. Lodge Officers retired from the Lodge.

A letter of congratulations from the Lodge Bahrein St Andrew was read. Apologies were received from W.Bro.E.R.Hall P.Pr.G.D., Bro.J.E.Bettany.,and W.Bro.J.R.F.Boulton P.Pr A.G.D.C.

W. Bro. P.Axon P.Pr.A.G.D.C., announced that it was his intention to propose at the next regular Lodge meeting that the sum of £300 be paid from the Charity Box Account to the 1976 Girls Festival. Bro. A.O.Allen gave notice of his intention to propose Mr. Nigel William Johnson, age 31 years, Schoolteacher of 27 Sheldon Grove, Cesterton, Newcastle, Staffs into Freemasonry, and a member of this Lodge. This was seconded by W.Bro. W.Clare.

After fraternal greetings from the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed with Solemn Prayer, and remains closed until Monday 24th. September 1974.

(signed) E.B.Nixon Worshipful Master.

1959 The Tenth Anniversary



W.Bro. H Smith P.P.G.D. was responsible for the arrangements for the consecration and the organising of the Lodge, and was also to become the first Secretary

W.Bro J J Lambe was responsible for helping to raise the money necessary to form the Lodge, and was appointed Treasurer to the new Lodge, an office he has held ever since.



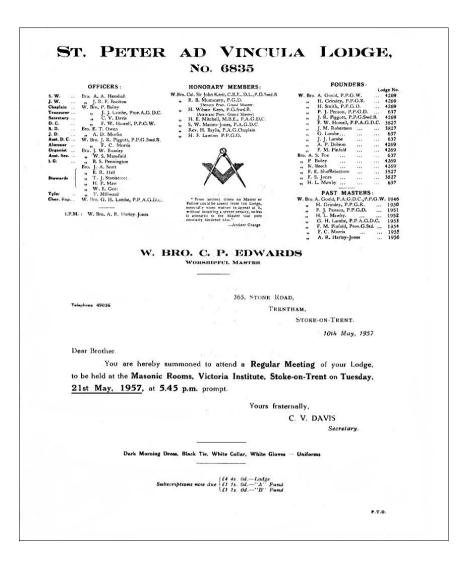


W.Bro. F W Howell P.P.A.G.D.C. who as Director of Ceremonies, laid down details of the ceremonies carried out by the new Lodge; he was also the first Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction during is early years and the good work he applied into the laying of this foundation is now reaping its just rewards.

W. Bro. Howell was ably assisted in this work by the Assistant Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. J R Piggott, P.P.G.Swd.B., who also assisted as a preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction

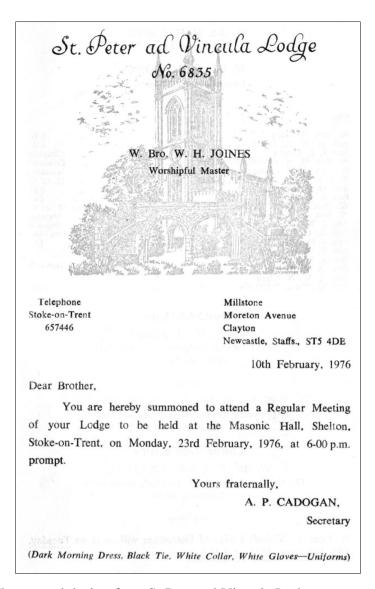


The Installation Menu for W. Bro. J R F Boulton in 1959 was a very elaborate publication. It consisted of 12 sides of text, and included photographs of the first ten Masters of the Lodge & four other brethren who had been instrumental in the founding and subsequent running of the Lodge. The document also lists the contributions these four brethren made to the Lodge



The original design for a St Peter ad Vincula Lodge summons. Used up to March 1959

This particular summons was issued for the last ever meeting of the Lodge at Stoke on 21st May 1957. Bro. Pat Cadogan was initiated at this meeting



The second design for a St Peter ad Vincula Lodge summons.

Used from March 1959 to March 1977

This particular summons was issued for the meeting of the Lodge at Shelton on 23rd February 1976. (A business meeting)



76 MEAFORD ROAD, BARLASTON STOKE ON TRENT ST12 9EB TEL 01782 372828

Dear Brother.

You are hereby summoned to attend a regular meeting of your Lodge to be held at The Masonic Hall, Shelton, Stoke on Trent at the time and date stated overleaf.

Yours fraternally,

E.R.Harvey Secretary

DARK MORNING DRESS, BLACK TIE, WHITE COLLAR, WHITE GLOVES

ANTIENT CHARGE

From antient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear thereat, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appear to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The third design for a St Peter ad Vincula Lodge summons. Used from March 1977 to the present

This particular summons is used at the present day and makes use of the motif designed by W. Bro. JH Goodier

PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

*	W.Bro. A. Gould P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.W	1949
*	W.Bro. H. Grindey P.Pr.G.Reg.	1950
*	W.Bro. P.J. Penson P.Pr.A.G.W.	1951
*	W.Bro. H.L. Mawby P.Pr.J.G.D.	1952
*	W.Bro. G.H. Lambe P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1953
*	W.Bro. F.M. Pinfold P.Pr.J.G.D.	1954
*	W.Bro. F.C. Morris P.Pr.J.G.D.	1955
*	W.Bro. A.R. Harley-Jones P.Pr.J.G.D.	1956
*	W.Bro. C.P. Edwards P.Pr.S.G.D.	1957
*	W.Bro. A.A. Henshall P.Pr.S.G.D.	1958
*	W.Bro. J.R.F. Boulton P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1959
*	W.Bro. E.T. Owen P.Pr.J.G.D.	1960
*	W.Bro. C.V. Davis P.Pr.S.G.W.	1961
*	W.Bro. B.S.Pennington P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1962
~	W.Bro. E.R. Hall P.Pr.J.G.D.	1963
*	W.Bro. J.T. Stanistreet P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1964
*	W.Bro. G.H. Gillam P.Pr.J.G.D.	1965
	W.Bro. D.G. Wise P.Pr.J.G.W.	1966
*	W.Bro. P. Axon P.Pr.J.G.D.	1967
*	W.Bro. J.E.T. Burton MBE, P.Pr.G.Reg.	1968
*	W.Bro. B. Emmott	1969
*	W.Bro. A.P.Cadogan P.Pr.J.G.D.	1970
*	W.Bro. J.H.Goodier P.Pr.J.G.D.	1971
*	W.Bro. N. Degg P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	1972
*	W.Bro. W. Clare P.Pr.S.G.D.	1973 & 1980
#	W.Bro. E.B. Nixon P.Pr.G.Reg.	1974
*	W.Bro. W.H. Joines	1975 & 1976
~	W.Bro. D.W.K.James P.Pr.A.G.Sec	1977
	W.Bro. D.A. Jones P.Pr.G.Reg.	1978 & 1979
~	W.Bro. R.D.Hulme P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1981
	W.Bro. E.R. Harvey P.Pr.G.Reg.	1982
	W.Bro. A.O.Allen P.Pr.J.G.W.	1983
~	W.Bro. A.W.N. Clare P.Pr.A.G.Sec.	1984
*	W.Bro. A. Bialkowski	1985
	W.Bro. A.J. Bossons P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	1986 & 1991
	W.Bro. J.T. Holland P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	1987 & 1988
	W.Bro. D.R. Truman P.Pr.J.G.D.	1989 & 1990
	W.Bro. E. Martin P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	1992
~	W.Bro. M.D. Stone	1993
	W.Bro. M.A. Vozza	1994
	W.Bro. P.R. Fielding	1995
	W.Bro. G.D. Pagon P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks.	1996
	W.Bro. P.E. Grindley	1997
	W.Bro. G.F.Walker	1998

^{*} Deceased ~ Resigned # Honorary Member

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 1999-2000

W.Bro. D. Funk

Worshipful Master

W.Bro. G.F.Walker

Immediate Past Master

Bro. B.T. Truman S.W.

Bro. W.P.Hollyoak J.W.

W.Bro. P.E.Grindley Chaplain

W.Bro. E.Martin P.Pr.A.G.D.C. Treasurer

W.Bro. E.R. Harvey P.Pr.G.Reg. Secretary

W.Bro. D.A.Jones P.Pr.G.Reg. D. Of C.

Bro. J.J. Lambe P.Pr.G.St.B. Almoner

W.Bro. A.J. Bossons P.Pr.G.Supt.Wks C.Stwd.

W.Bro. M.A. Vozza S.D.

Bro. E. Brook J.D.

W.Bro. D.R. Truman P.Pr.J.G.D. Asst. D. of C.

To be appointed Organist

Bro. J. Deaville Asst. Secretary

Bro. J. Deaville I.G.

Bro. G.B.Andow Steward

To be elected Tyler