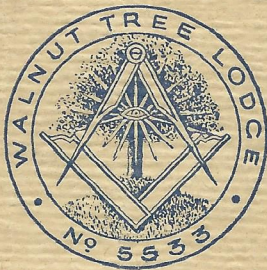


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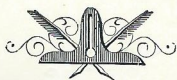
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THE FIRST
TWENTY—ONE YEARS



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to the

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of the

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FOREWORD

To mark the Coming of Age of our Lodge it was felt that a short history of its foundation would be appropriate of the occasion, information hitherto unknown to the later members and perhaps a reminder to those who were responsible for the Lodge coming into being. W.Bro J. A. Mallard has been of great assistance in probing the archives for information and data, which it is hoped will be useful for reference by all.

If this little booklet is preserved and treasured, then the efforts in producing it will not have been in vain.

R. W. Hellings

PATRON LODGE

To celebrate our Twenty First Year, the Lodge has become a Patron Lodge of the Royal Masonic Hospital and it is hoped that in the not too far distant future we shall become Patrons of all the Masonic Charities.

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BENEVOLENT FUND

From the contents of the Charity Gavel Brethren in need have been helped and we have also donated to the Essex Provincial Charity & Benevolent Funds the sum of £150 these Funds assist Brethren and their Dependants in time of need, at very short notice

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APPEAL BY THE PROV. GRAND MASTER

In 1963 the R.Wor. Provincial Grand Master will be President of the Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for girls and it is hoped every Member of the Lodge will do their utmost to support this grand effort.

THE FIRST MASTER



W. Bro. H. N. CROWE, P.P.G.W., P.M. 3907-4699
Secretary 1937-1949

THE BEGINNING

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PRE CONSECRATION

The Formation of the Lodge was under discussion for a long time but finally the band of Brothers were able to get their full compliment to complete the crew and sail the craft under the title of WALNUT TREE. This title was derived from the area in Dagenham where the idea was first conceived by several Brothers who came down from London to commence the development of the Becontree Estate for the L.C.C. and in a field shown on the Tithe Maps as the Walnut Tree Field with a frontage in Green Lane. A temporary building was erected in this field as an office, and the discussions on the formation of the Lodge took place there, they were joined by some Brethren from the Dagenham Council staff and with a fair sprinkling of Brethren from other sources who were brought in to keep the Craft on an even keel the Lodge was duly Consecrated by the R.Wor. the Pro. Grand Master, for Essex, on the 15th of October 1935 at the Lord Lambourne, Masonic Temple. Romford, under the guidance of W.Bro H. N. Crowe, P.P.G.W. who was a past Master of the Sponsoring Lodge, (the Lodge of Old Friendship No. 3907.

The Ceremony of Consecration

WILL BE PERFORMED BY

R.W.Bro.

Brig. Gen. Sir RICHARD COLVIN, K.C.B.

Lord Lieutenant of Essex

R.W.Provincial Grand Master

ASSISTED BY

W.Bro. Sir FREDERIC SENIER, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.

Asst. Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. Brig. Gen. K. KINCAID SMITH, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
as S.W.

W.Bro. Dr. R. A. WOODHOUSE, M.A. *as J.W.*

W.Bro. V.Rev. DEAN OF BOCKING, P.A.G.C., PROV.G.CHAP.
as Chaplain

W.Bro. HERBERT J. GOODWIN, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W., PROV.
G.SEC. *as Secretary*

W.Bro. W. J. SLIPPER, P.A.G.D.C., PROV.G.D.C.,
as Dir. of Cers.

W.Bro. A. STOKES, P.G.STD.B., PROV.DEP.G.D.C.,
as Asst. Dir. of Cers.

W.Bro. Capt. J. HEARN, PROV.G.SW.B. *as Sword Bearer*

W.Bro. W. JAKES, PROV.G.ORG. *as Organist*

W.Bro. C. E. HARFORD-ROBERTS, PROV.A.G.D.C. *as I.G.*

Bro. F. J. SLADE, PROV.G.TYLER *as Tyler*

Ceremony of Installation

of the MASTER DESIGNATE

WILL BE PERFORMED BY

W.Bro. HERBERT J. GOODWIN, P.A.G.D.C.,

P.P.G.W., Prov.G.Sec.

FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE

W.Bro. H. N. CROWE, P.M. 3907, 4699 *W.M.*

W.Bro. S. J. NORTON, L.R., P.M. 2632
Acting I.P.M.

Bro. I. A. MASON *S.W.*

Bro. W. W. HARRINGTON *J.W.*

W.Bro. E. MEREDITH, P.M. 5070 *Treasurer*

Bro. E. J. E. GAGE *Secretary*

W.Bro. L. R. J. WEBSTER, P.M. 5146 *D.C.*

Bro. H. W. AMIES *S.D.*

Bro. A. E. STICKLAND *J.D.*

Bro. H. TROW *A.D.C.*

W.Bro. H. E. STRATTON, P.M. 4960 *Almoner*

Bro. G. T. CARTER *Organist*

Bro. W. A. E. GEAR *Asst. Sec.*

Bro. S. C. EMBERSON *I.G.*

W.Bro. H. O. GREENE, P.D.S.G.W. *Tyler*

CHARITIES

Brethren if you are observant you will see this important question falls on the Centre pages of this short history this is not by chance it is by design.

It is to symbolise the Centre Pin of Freemasonry which is Charity our great Craft revolves to a great extent round this Symbol; as we all agreed when we were admitted into the Craft to support the Charities. The total amount that the Lodge and the L.O.I have contributed is nearly Two Thousand Pounds our outstanding effort was the appeal of the Royal Masonic Inst. for Boys, in 1951. when the R.Wor. Prov Grand Master for Essex Sir Frederick Senier. was President at the 153rd. Anniversary Festival the total from the Province was £132.486 18 8 the total for this Lodge was £687 12 8 which was largely due to the untiring effort of our then Almoner W.Bro H. E. Stratton P.P.G.W Many Past Masters have Sponsored the other Charities during the year of office, Last years effort was on behalf of the R.M.H. this Charity needs all the support that we can give it at the present as it has an extensive building programme in progress and when completed will increase its accommodation by 50per cent the new wing will cost £700,000 to complete.

Special reference must be made of the very fine effort of the Lodge of Instruction for the wonderful way that they have supported the charities with the proceeds of their Charity boxes, by the end of this season they expect to reach a total of £200.

REPORT of the CONSECRATION Meeting held on the 15th October 1935, at the Lord Lambourne Masonic Hall, Romford.

The Lodge was opened in due form by W.Bro. H. J. Goodwin, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Brig.Gen. Sir. Richard Colvin. K.G.B. accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession.

The R.Wor. Prov. Grand Master, took the Chair and appointed the Officers

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the Warrant and the Founders having signified their approval of the Officers named therein the Lodge was duly Consecrated.

The R.Wor. Prov. Grand Master, vacated the Chair in favour of W.Bro H. J. Goodwin, who proceeded with the Ceremony and Installed W.Bro. H. N. Crowe as First Master.

It was Proposed by W.Bro. Harrington, and Seconded by Bro. I. A. Mason, and carried unanimously that the Election of Treasurer be left in the hands of the Worshipful Master.

It was proposed by Bro E. J. E. Gage, Seconded by W.Bro. L. R. S. Webster and carried unanimously that W.Bro H. O. Greene P.D.S.G.W. be elected as Tyler.

The W.Master then appointed his Officers

The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, were very ably rendered by the P.G.D. of Ceremonies.

It was Proposed by Bro. H. W. Aimes and Seconded by W.Bro Emberson and carried unanimously that W.Bro. Stratton be elected as Charity representative.

It was proposed by Bro. H. W. Amies. Seconded by Bro. A. E. Stickland and carried unanimously that the Committee for the Framing of the Bye Laws should consist of the W.Master acting I.P.M. Senior and Junior Wardens; Treasurer; Secretary; and Director of Ceremonies.

It was proposed by the W.Master; and Seconded by Bro. I. A. Mason and carried unanimously that all the Consecrating Officers be elected Honorary Members of the Lodge. This was accepted by the R.Wor. Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Consecrating Officers with thanks and all good wishes to the W.M. for the Prosperity of the Lodge.

The meeting was well attended by the Provincial Officers. Masters and Brethren as recorded in the Minutes the whole company numbered Sixty Six including Thirty Nine Visitors.

WALNUT TREE LODGE No. 5533

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Charities Association

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

This association was formed in 1953, and up to the present, half of the active Members of the Lodge have claimed membership, for a lodge with such a reputation as ours, this is not good enough, for although Charities have been well supported in the past, it is the ambition of the Association to have every lodge member contributing, for after all it is one of the Masonic obligations we all have undertaken.

In its short existence the Association has allocated nearly £200 to various Charitable Organisations, but there are many demands that are still worthy of our efforts.

LANDMARKS

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Our first home was the Lord Lambourn Masonic Temple Romford where the Lodge was Consecrated, it was a most imposing Building and had without doubt the finest Temple outside London, the building was erected through the foresight of prominent Masons in the Province, but alas in 1941 it was taken over by the Government for the use of the Forces which meant that all Lodges meeting here had to seek other accommodation which took us finally to the Seven Kings Hotel, where we first met on the 5th February 1941 this was entirely different to our previous home but we carried on here under adverse conditions until 1946. The only Music that was available was a Piano so at each meeting W.Bro H. V. Morgan had an organ conveyed from his home and collected the following day at his own expense. In February 1946 we were invited by Canon Elvin, P.A.G.Chap the Vicar of Saint Michaels, Gidea Park, to hold our meetings in the Parish hall, with other Lodges in the Province we contributed towards the cost of furnishing but our stay was very short as we found it very uncomfortable in the Winter. The design of this building was carried out by our Treasurer W.Bro E. Meredith, P.P.G.D., to be used for Badminton. Finally we moved to our present home the Chingford Masonic Hall, where we are all very happy.

FOUNDERS AND PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

F W.Bro. H. N. Crowe, P.P.G.W.	1st Master <i>I.P.M. 1936/7</i>
F W.Bro. S. J. Norton.	<i>Acting I.P.M</i> 1st Master
xF W.Bro. I. A. Mason.	2nd Master
xF W.Bro. W. W. Harrington, P.P.A.G.D.C.	10th Master
xF W.Bro. E. Meredith, P.P.G.D.	
F W.Bro. E. J. E. Gage, P.P.G.Std.B.	3rd Master
xF W.Bro. L. R. J. Webster, L.R.	
F W.Bro. H. W. Amies.	4th Master
F W.Bro. A. E. Stickland, P.P.G.S. of Wks.	5th Master
F W.Bro. H. Trow, P.P.A.G.S. of Wks.	6th Master
F W.Bro. H. E. Stratton, P.P.G.W.	
F W.Bro. G. T. Carter.	
F W.Bro. W. A. E. Gear, P.P.A.G.S. of Wks.	7th Master
F W.Bro. S. C. Emberson, P.P.G.D.	8th Master
W.Bro. E. H. Huber, P.P.A.G.D.C.	9th Master
W.Bro. S. G. Lane, P.P.A.G.D.C.	11th Master
x W.Bro. J. A. T. Ashby, P.P.G.Std.	12th Master
W.Bro. J. A. Mallard, P.P.G.Swd.B.	13th Master
W.Bro. A. V. Batley, P.P.G.Purs.	14th Master
W.Bro. H. D. Jones.	15th Master
W.Bro. G. T. B. Winstanley.	16th Master
W.Bro. J. Line.	17th Master
W.Bro. H. E. Brooks.	18th Master
W.Bro. A. H. Line.	19th Master
W.Bro. R. R. R. Steel	20th Master
W.Bro. H. J. Simpson	21st Master

x Deceased

F Founder

SECRETARIES

- 1935/6 W.Bro J. E. Gage, P.P.Grd.Std.B.
1936/7 W.Bro W. A. Gear P.P.A.G.Supt of Wks
1937/49 W.Bro H. N. Crowe, P.P.G.W
1949/ W.Bro J. A. Mallard, P.P.G.Swd.B

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TREASURERS

- 1935/49 W.Bro E. E. Meredith, P.P.G.D.
1949/54 W.Bro A. E. Stickland, P.P.G.S of Wks
1954/ W.Bro E. H. Huber, P.P.A.G.D.C

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DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

- 1935/41 W.Bro L. R. J. Webster, L.G.R.
1941/7 W.Bro E. J. E. Gage, P.P.G.Std.B
1947/54 W.Bro H. E. Stratton, P.P.G.W
1954/ W.Bro S. G. Lane, P.P.A.G.D.C

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ALMONERS

- 1935/49 W.Bro H. E. Stratton, P.P.G.W
1949/54 W.Bro J. A. T. Ashby, P.P.G.Stwd
1954/ Bro. R. W. Hellings

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

This came into being following pre Consecration Meeting, and as a School of Instruction with W.Bro. A. E. Gear P.M., P.P.A.G., of Wks at St. Peters, Church Hall. Becontree as Secretary, it was here that W.Bro J. A. Mallard, and Bro R. W. Hellings had their first introduction to Masonry, they were taken to this hall for an interview and on arrival with four others were shown into the Toilet to wait. All saw the somewhat funny side of this. In 1938 the school was able to move to more suitable accommodation at the Eastwood Club Goodmayes the condition here was ideal but alas in the following year we had to quit to allow the Civil Defence to take possession This meant looking for other accommodation to keep the flag flying, but it was not so easy until our smiling W.Bro. Sidney Emberson came to our aid by offering the use of his large front room over his shop at Chadwell Heath, without charge for lighting heat etc. It was home from home for always on arrival that genial wife of Sidney had the kettle boiling to provide a cup of cheer to those who had come straight down from Town. It was also in this room in 1940 that the Brethren decided to apply for a collecting box on behalf of the Masonic Hospital, and the same box is still in use at the Lodge of Instruction. In 1945 the Lodge of Instruction was formed with its meeting place the Coopers Arms with W.Bro J. A. Mallard, as Secretary and W.Bro. H. E. Stratton, as Preceptor and the work they have carried out here is shown in the team work that we see in the Lodge today. When the committee was formed they decided to have a general Charity box as well as the Hospital box, up to date the Samaritan fund of the Royal Masonic Hospital, has received over £100 whilst the second box has donated about the same amount to other Masonic and Local Charities.

MENU

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SOUP
CREAM OF TOMATO

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CRESCENT ROLLS AND BUTTER

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GRILLED PLAICE

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ROAST CHICKEN
GAME CHIPS
SEASONING
ROAST POTATOES
CREAMED POTATOES
GARDEN PEAS
VEGETABLES IN SEASON

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FRUIT MELBA

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CHEESE, BISCUITS and BUTTER

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GRACE

For these and all thy Mercies given
We bless and praise thy Name O Lord.
May we receive them with thanksgiving
Ever trusting in thy Word,
To thee alone be honor, glory,
Now and henceforth for evermore, Amen.

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The Masters Song. Will be rendered by Bro. E. J. Powell

TOASTS

THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT
THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SCARBROUGH
K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., T.D.

THE R.W. THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
THE Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF DERBY, M.C..

THE R.W. THE ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER
MAJOR-GEN. SIR ALLAN ADAIR. Bt., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
AND GRAND OFFICERS. PRESENT AND PAST

THE R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
THE REV. CANON R. STAFFORD MORRIS. M.A., P.G.Chaplain

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
W.Bro. Dr. A. G. DUNCAN, P.G.D.

THE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS
W.Bro. S. A. WILLIAMS, M.A., P.G.D.
W.Bro. J. CROCKFORD, M.B.E., P.G.D.
W.Bro. T. R. BOULTON, P.G.D.

and PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS, PRESENT AND PAST

THE MASTER OF THE LODGE
MASONIC INSTITUTIONS

Proposed By

Bro. R. W. Hellings

Reply By

W.Bro. F. W. Torrens, P.A.G.D.C.

THE FOUNDERS

Proposed By

W.Bro. R. R. R. Steel

Reply By

W.Bro. H. N. Crowe, P.P.G.W.

THE VISITORS

Proposed By

W.Bro. H. V. Morgan

Reply By

W.Bro. H. C. Parry, J.P., L.C.R.

THE INSTALLING MASTER

Reply By

W.Bro. H. J. Simpson

PAST MASTERS and OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Proposed By

Bro. A. D. Sherman

Replies By

W.Bro. S. G. Lane, P.P.A.G.D.C,

Bro. R. F. Spall

THE TYLER'S TOAST

GIFTS TO THE LODGE

1939.

CUSHION FOR THE V.S.L.
The Joining Members 1935/9.

WORKING TOOLS

Initiates 1935/9.

1940.

LODGE BANNER

W.Bro. H. W. Amies.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the dedication and Consecration of the Banner did not take place until 1952, at the Chingford Masonic Hall, when the then Asst. Prov. Grand Master W.Bro. the Rev. Canon R. Stafford Morris, M.A., P.A.G.C., P.P.G. carried out a very impressive ceremony.

1942.

TRACING BOARDS

W.Bro. S. C. Emberson, P.P.G.D.

1943.

GAVELS AND ASHLARS

School of Instruction

1944.

COLUMNS FOR WARDENS PEDESTALS

W.Bro. E. H. Huber, P.P.A.G.D.C.

SPHERICAL GLOBES FOR COLUMNS

W.Bro. H. V. Morgan

SQUARES FOR USE IN THE LODGE

W.Bro. H. V. Morgan.

CHARITY GAVEL

W.Bro. Post.

WANDS.

School of Instruction

1946.

POINARD

Bro. A. H. Brown.

GAVEL FROM JERUSALEM

Bro. H. H. Trow.

BALLOT BOX

W.Bro. Post.

1947.

FOUNDERS JEWEL

W.Bro. H. V. Morgan.

TYLERS SWORD

W.Bro. Post.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 1956-57

W.Bro. G. W. E. Sarazin	Master
Bro. R. F. Spall	Senior Warden
Bro. C. J. Gresswell	Junior Warden
W.Bro. S. C. Emberson, P.P.G.D.	Chaplain
W.Bro. E. Huber, P.P.A.G.D.C	Treasurer
W.Bro. J. A. Mallard, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Secretary
W.Bro. S. G. Lane, P.P.A.G.D.C	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. A. H. Brown	Senior Deacon
Bro. A. H. Hope	Junior Deacon
W.Bro. G. T. B. Winstanley	A.D.C.
Bro. R. W. Hellings	Almoner
W.Bro. H. V. Morgan	Organist
W.Bro. W. A. E. Gear, P.P.A.G.S. of Wks	Ass. Secretary
Bro. H. J. Line	Inner Guard
Bro. H. A. Trow	Steward
Bro. A. Boyes	Steward
Bro. L. Brooks	Steward
Bro. E. Skelhorn	Steward
Bro. H. Jefferey	Steward
Bro. E. Howells	Steward
W.Bro. H. J. Singleton, P.P.G.D.	Tyler
W.Bro. H. J. Simpson	I.P.M.