

THE CLAPHAM LODGE

1879-1979

It has been my very pleasant duty to trace the history of Clapham Lodge from its birth in 1879 to date.

The Minute Book, the only source available, has little to say about its formation but it was clear the beginning was far from promising. Despite the early difficulties there has been built up over the century a fine tradition and a Lodge recognised as outstanding. In fact a worthy inheritance.

These pages have been prepared primarily for the members of Clapham Lodge: it is also a memorial to our Founders.

T.W.A.

THE CHARTER

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD G.M.
TO ALL AND EVERY OUR
Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren
We,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD
PRINCE OF WALES
Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter
Etc. Etc. Etc.
GRAND MASTER
Of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons of England
SEND GREETING

Know Ye, THAT WE, by the authority and under the sanction of the Union Grand Lodge of England, vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Brethren, LOUIS HIRSCH, CHARLES THOMAS PEARCE, ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE, Wm. WORRELL, ALFRED POCOCK, ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW, WILLIAM CARLTON HALE and R. FRANCIS FAIRLIE, Do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Title or Denomination of

"THE CLAPHAM LODGE" NO. 1818,

The said Lodge to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, in the parish of Clapham, in the County of Surrey, on the fourth Monday in the months of January, February, March, April and November, empowering them, in the said Lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons according to the antient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. AND FURTHER, at their said Petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the abovenamed Brethren, WE DO APPOINT the said LOUIS HIRSCH to be the first MASTER, the said CHARLES THOMAS PEARCE to be the first Senior WARDEN, and the said ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE to be the first Junior WARDEN for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge, shall be installed in antient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office. AND WE DO require you the said LOUIS HIRSCH to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they, and all other Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of

Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us, or our Successors, Grand-Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND WE DO enjoin you to make such By-Laws, for the Government of your Lodge as shall, to the majority of the Members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. AND we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an Account of the Proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. AND you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge and the Names and Description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and moneys payable thereon; it being our will and intention that this our WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge, And you, the said LOUIS HIRSCH, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

GIVEN under our hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 13th July, A.L 5879, A.D. 1879.

BY COMMAND of the M.W. Grand Master (Signed) SKELMERSDALE, D.G.M. (Signed) JOHN HERVEY, G.Sy.

HISTORY

The first and only record in the Minute Book left to us by the Founders of the events leading to the formation of Clapham Lodge is as follows:

Various meetings of the Brethren proposing to form The Clapham Lodge were held at the Belmont Hall, Grafton Square, Clapham.

At these Meetings it was decided that a petition should be proposed praying for a warrant for a new Lodge, to be held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common and the name to be called "The Clapham Lodge". It was proposed, seconded and carried that

Bro. Louis Hirsch should be the first W.M.

Bro. Dr Charles T. Pearce should be the first S.W.

Bro. Archibald Fairlie should be the first J.W.

Bro. Robert Fairlie should be the first Treasurer

Bro. William Worrell P.M. 766 should be the first Secretary

Bro. Alfred Pocock should be the first S.D.

Bro. William C. Hale should be the first J.D.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow should be the first I.G.

The above named Brethren being the founders of the Lodge.

At the meeting held on the 19th May, Bro. Hirsch informed the Brethren that the Warrant for The Clapham Lodge, No. 1818 had been granted and was ready for delivery.

Bro. R. F. Fairlie having expressed a wish that a sub-Treasurer should be appointed Bro. Clay Sudlow consented to act in that capacity.

At a meeting of the Founders held on the 29th May it was decided that 24th June should be the date for the consecration of the Lodge subject to the approval of Grand Officers. A representative from Arthur Kennings was present and submitted various specimens of Lodge Furniture some of which were afterwards purchased.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that M.W. Grand Master's sanction should be obtained for Bro. James Terry to perform the ceremony of consecration. This was afterwards granted."

24th November 1879

(Signed) LOUIS HIRSCH

The Clapham Lodge was consecrated at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on the 24th June 1879. The Consecration Officer was:

Bro. James Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, assisted by
Bro. The Rev R. J. Simpson P.G.Ch.

Bro. Wm. Clark P.G.D.C. Suffolk

Bro. H. G. Buss Asst. Grand Secretary

Bro. J. Morrell P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Durham

Bro. A. R. Cranch 1216

Bro W. Worrell P.M. 766

Chaplain

D.C.

S.W.

J.W.

J.W.

J.G.

Secretary

In addition to the consecrating Officers and the Founder Members, the following visitors were present:

Dr. J. Dixon P.M. 73, A. Massey P.M. 619, W. Morrell P.M. 111, E. G. Harty P.M. 1201, A. E. Taylor P.M. 1201, L. D. Berry P.M. 179, G. G. Johnston P.M. 1402, F. R. Cranch 1216, F. H. Cozens 1216, A. Hubbard 813, H. Manchester 1201, G. J. Wright 1426, H. Ashton 1185, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, F. Mead P.M. 227, J. W. Worley P.M. 1201, G. T. Goodinge 171, W. W. Morgan Jnr 1385, W. Handone 847.

Bro. L. G. Reinhardt was invested as Tyler of the Lodge.

The following applicants were proposed as candidates for initiation:

W. E. Moore

Dr. Louis Evans

Aubrey G. Repton

Sydney Pocock

George T. Hankins

and Bro. Henry Manchester as a Joining Member.

During the Banquet the W.M. expressed regret that no members of the Royal Leopold Lodge were among them.

It has been confirmed that the Royal Leopold Lodge No. 1669 was the Sponsoring Lodge.

GENEALOGY

1765—Saint Luke's Lodge No. 144

1845—Zetland Lodge No. 511

1853—Beadon Lodge No. 619

1870-Sphinx Lodge No. 1329

1877—Royal Leopold Lodge No. 1669

1879—CLAPHAM LODGE NO. 1818

1883—Abbey, Westminster Lodge No. 2030

1923—St. Margaret, Westminster Lodge No. 4518

The year 1879 was not conspicuous for outstanding events politically or historically and would have passed without comment but for an occasion in Masonry which heralded the birth of Clapham Lodge. The one responsible was a Brother named Alfred Pocock. What do we know of him? The Minutes of that time tell us very little other than that he was a Founder Member of the Lodge, the first S.D. and that he resigned in February 1881. Fortunately the Freemasons Journal published a very full account of the Consecration Ceremony and of the Banquet which followed, the closing paragraph of which reads:

"It was intended to propose a special toast to Alfred Pocock as the originator of Clapham Lodge but time did not permit."

A flash of fame quickly dissipated. But for that brief reference we should have been unaware of the importance of the role he played in the formation of the Lodge. We now pay our tribute to him.

The birth pangs of Clapham Lodge were painful. Following the Consecration ceremony the first regular meeting was arranged for November. Meanwhile three emergency meetings were held, the first in July to initiate four applicants, the second in October at the Grosvenor Hotel to discuss a request from the Alexandra Hotel to find accommodation elsewhere and also to deal with a letter of resignation from Bro. R. T. Fairlie, Treasurer, and again early in November at the Grosvenor Hotel where the Lodge met until January 1883. Another enforced move then took place, this time to the Westminster Palace Hotel. Ten months later yet another meeting place—the Army and Navy Hotel, later to be known as the Windsor Hotel. Here a resting place was found for five years before leaving for the Criterion Hotel in 1888 where the Lodge remained until November 1934, forty-six years later when came the final move to Freemasons Hall. Five meeting places in nine years can hardly be described as a promising start.

Following the resignation of the Lodge Treasurer in October 1879, at the regular meeting held in November 1880, the W.M., as reported in the Minutes, "complained of the language used to him by the J.W. (the Master elect) at the Audit meeting and in accordance with the Book of Constitutions he should displace him from the J.W.'s Chair which he accordingly did and invested Bro. G. T. Goodinge in his stead". Bros. A. P. Repton and G. T. Hankins resigned (later Hankins withdrew his resignation) and at the next meeting in January 1881 letters of resignation were received from Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, A. Pocock and S. M. Burroughs. In November 1882 the Lodge Secretary in company with the W.M. W. Carlton Hale, on completion of his term of office also resigned and Dr. C. T. Pearce, the first S.W. was excluded. Hence by the end of 1882 one Founder Member only remained. Moreover, between the

Consecration of the Lodge and the year 1890, a period of eleven years, forty-three new members were received: at the close of 1890 there remained thirteen of those members and one founder member.

A sad beginning for those who had embarked on this venture with so much enthusiasm and high hopes and we owe much to the Brethren who undeterred by these setbacks pressed forward to brighter days and eventual success.

During this time the Lodge prepared and passed its Bye Laws in 1880 which with a few minor amendments remain much the same today. On the formation of the Lodge it was agreed that the regular Meetings should be held on the 4th Monday of January, February, March, April and November, the Installation Ceremony to be in November.

At the March meeting in 1880 a motion was submitted for the meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday. However an amendment to meet on the 4th Wednesday was carried. In 1887 it was agreed to discontinue the April meeting and for nearly a century the Lodge meetings have so continued, apart from the War years.

It was on the 20th November 1880 that a proposal was submitted to form a Lodge of Instruction and on the 28th November 1883 it was agreed to sponsor a proposed new Lodge to be known, as the Abbey, Westminster Lodge.

In the early part of 1887 Grand Lodge submitted proposals for celebrating the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria of which the following were supported by the Lodge.

- 1. A great representative meeting of English Freemasons in Masonic clothing either at the Albert Hall, or if numbers exceed limits of the hall, at Olympia.
- 2. A special Jubilee Jewel to be worn by all Freemasons who are subscribing members of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England.
- 3. To provide a purely Masonic Memorial not open to those who are not Masons.

In 1893 the Treasurer, who was the first W.M. and the only remaining Founder Member found it desirable to give up his Office and applied to be transferred to the Country List. It transpired later he had objected to an incident which took place outside the Lodge and which was consequently not open for discussion in it. It could be described as history repeating itself.

At this stage a proposal was submitted and agreed that a Bank account should be opened in the name of the Lodge.

During an Emergency Meeting in April 1899, news was received that Louis Hirsch had died. A Founder Member, the first W.M. and then Treasurer until he transferred to the Country List in 1893. In the early years of the Lodge he usually occupied the Master's Chair at the Installation Ceremonies and conducted many of the other Ceremonies.

There now followed a quiet period Masonically despite the outbreak of the war in South Africa which had little or no repercussions in the Lodge. So we reach the end of the Nineteenth Century with a Lodge well established and ready to face the future.

At the opening of the Twentieth Century a letter was received from Grand Lodge appealing for funds to assist in relieving the distress occasioned by the War of loyal members of the Lodges under the English Constitution in South Africa. The sum of £1,000 had been voted from the funds of Grand Lodge. Clapham Lodge made a grant of ten guineas.

In the following year 1901 there is a special minute "In consequence of the lamented death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria the previous evening the Lodge and Brethren were clothed in mourning and no banquet was held." So ended the Victorian era.

It was at this time the Brethren decided that the Lodge should not expand too rapidly and amended the Bye Laws providing that the "number of members belonging to the Lodge shall not exceed forty-five exclusive of Honorary and Country Members."

January 1903 saw the remaining unbroken personal link with the Consecration Ceremony severed by the death of W. Bro. G. T. Goodinge, the Senior Member of the Lodge. He had attended that Ceremony as a guest and at the first regular meeting thereafter was elected a Joining Member.

This was followed by a happier event when W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow applied to rejoin the Lodge and it is worthwhile quoting the relative minute—"Bro. Sudlow was one of the Founder Members of The Clapham Lodge and was its first I.G. and although he had been obliged to resign its membership he had always evinced great interest in its welfare and he had since attained a position of prominence in the Craft being one of the greatest exponents of the ritual." Thus Bro. R. Clay Sudlow I.G. returned to the fold as W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow P.A.G.D.C. Within twelve months he was followed by the "originator" of Clapham Lodge—Alfred Pocock. The broken link with the consecration of the Lodge was now reforged.

Up to the 1914/18 War steady progress was being maintained and the following minute provides a sidelight on the calibre of the members of the Lodge who had steered it through troubled waters into calm. It is taken from a press cutting in the Minute Book dated 1909. "Death of A. H. P. Dale P.M. Assistant General Manager of London & South Western Bank,

Borough Treasurer of Camberwell, Hon Treasurer of Peckham & Kent Road Pension Society, Hon Treasurer Peckham Mutual Building Society and among the Chief Mourners was the General Manager of the Bank Mr. John Liscombe", (presumably the Treasurer of Clapham Lodge). Obviously W. Bro. A. H. P. Dale was a brother of many parts. He was initiated in 1889.

It was in 1908 that the Grand Lodge wrote asking Lodges to select a P.M. and worthy representative of the Lodge to receive from the Grand Master a distinction for long and meritorious service to be known as "London Rank". The first recipient in Clapham Lodge was the Secretary W. Bro. Harold Smith and in 1910 the Treasurer W. Bro. John Liscombe was similarly honoured.

The cause of Charity has always been to the forefront of the Lodge and to put it in an orderly form a resolution was submitted in January 1910 "that 5% of the Annual Subscription, Initiation and Joining fees shall be placed annually in a special Charity Fund Account to be available only for members and past members of the Lodge or their widows and orphans and then only when in need." This was agreed unanimously and in the following month the rules were submitted and agreed, the Fund to be called "Clapham Lodge Benevolent Fund" and to this day it so remains.

Of special moment to Clapham Lodge was the passing of H.M. King Edward VII as it was during his period of office as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that the Warrant of the Lodge was Granted.

In the early days of 1914 there was forwarded to all the Lodges a copy of the report of a Special Committee appointed to consider whether it was advisable and necessary for the better government of the Craft to alter the present Constitution and if so to prepare a Scheme of reform. The report to be considered by each Lodge and a return of the voting on the proposals sent to the Grand Secretary. Clapham Lodge voted as follows:

For the proposals NIL Against 18

As there is no further reference to this matter it must be assumed that the majority of Lodges voted against any change or the outbreak of war precluded any further discussion.

Thus we reach the opening of the 1914/18 War and in the October of 1914 a meeting of P.M's, Officers and Auditors was held at 170 Fenchurch Street. It was agreed unanimously that the Lodge meetings be held on the usual nights at the Criterion Hotel, that no banquets be held and the subscription reduced to £1.1s.0d. until further notice and the Brethren should wear morning dress. This was followed in the following year by a notice from Grand Lodge which is quoted in full. "That in order to

prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed it is necessary that all Brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the War attend any meeting of Grand Lodge or of Provincial or District Grand Lodge or a Private Lodge or any other Masonic meeting and that such Brethren be and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of every Lodge".

The Brethren were delighted to hear from W. Bro. Edgar Herring that his son Captain R. E. Herring had been awarded the Military Cross whilst serving in East Africa. Later he became a member of the Lodge and subsequently an Honorary member.

During the War years, in 1917 to be precise, Grand Lodge announced a meeting in celebration of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England 1717 to 1917 to be held on Saturday, 23rd June at 3 o'clock in the Royal Albert Hall and a Masonic Service on Sunday, 24th June at 11 o'clock.

In 1918 the Lodge suffered the grievious loss of its Worshipful Master by death. This is the only occasion recorded in the Minutes of such a tragic event.

This year saw the end of the war. The cream of the Country's men had been killed. The World bleeding from its wounds. Could Masonry continue to thrive in a world in chaos?

The early years of the 1920's saddened by unemployment and starvation became the years of disillusionment. England faced its first General Strike contained by good humour and tolerance. During this period Clapham Lodge was pursuing a steady course with nothing of great moment to report except that from the end of 1918 to the close of 1929, thirty-three new members were received into the Lodge and from 1930 to the February of 1939 another sixteen members were admitted—an excellent record for a small Lodge during a time of upheaval and general frustration.

As a matter of interest, it was not until November 1921 that the names of the Members and Visitors attending the Lodge were entered in the Minute Book. Up to that time the minute read . . . "the names of the Brethren and Visitors present will be found duly recorded in the signature book".

Notwithstanding the economic blizzard, 1924 saw Grand Lodge launch its Million Memorial Fund and the Brethren agreed unanimously to become a Hall Stone Jewel Lodge and promised to meet the financial liabilities involved. Hence we are privileged at each Installation Ceremony to pass from Master to Master the Jewel for which our Brothers in Clapham Lodge so generously qualified.

The year 1929 is a memorable one being the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Lodge. But for a note in the Minute Book it could have passed unnoticed. This reads "The Treasurer gave notice of the proposal that £200 conversion Loan held by the Lodge should be transferred to the Masonic Hospital Fund". This was carried unanimously at the February Lodge Meeting. It was also reported that of £325 promised £125 had already been received from the Brethren.

Four years later a letter was received from the Hospital stating that the name of Clapham Lodge No. 1818 would appear on the opening page of the Book of Founding Lodges and it would be in order for any of the members to attend the Ceremonial at 11 a.m. There is no report of any festivities to mark this 50th Anniversary so it must be assumed that the Lodge felt there was no better way of celebrating than by supporting this very worthy cause.

During April 1933 W. Bro. A. C. Goodinge L.G.R. passed to the Grand Lodge above. By his death the last link with the Consecration Ceremony was severed. At that Ceremony his Uncle G. T. Goodinge was a visitor and a joining member at the first Regular meeting on the 24th November 1879—he died in 1903. J. W. Goodinge, his father, was initiated on the 26th March 1884 and died in 1910 and A.C. was initiated on the 27th February 1889. Overall a period of fifty-four years.

Once again the clouds of war were gathering as Clapham Lodge continued on its way quietly and efficiently. As will be seen from the list of members, applications to join were received regularly and the membership maintained and increased. It was in January 1940 that the Lodge went to war when it agreed that meetings should be held in January, February, March and April, but a little later altered to the 4th Wednesday in June, July, March and April, although minor adjustments were made as circumstances dictated.

So far as one can judge from the records Major John Norman, M.C. was the only Brother away on duty with H.M. Forces. In 1942 Lt. Basil A. Burn R.N.V.R., Lt. F. Allan Wintle R.A., and in 1945 Lt. A. Alan Burn R.N.V.R. were proposed and seconded. Difficulties in proceeding with Ceremonies were encountered by the calls of the Services although all were Initiated in Clapham Lodge.

A number of Brethren suffered injury or damage by enemy action. W. Bro. Moss, Tyler, suffered from shock. He had already lost his business in the early days of the air raids of 1940. W. Bro. T. E. Main received injury during a day raid and property damage was suffered by W. Bros. Herring, A. Baron Burn, Dove, Jack Craft, Tinto, Boobyer and Courtice. Other Brethren may have suffered in various ways, although there is no official record.

There are no reports of Lodge Meetings being disturbed or cancelled due to enemy action and one can only express admiration for the Brethren who carried out their Masonic duties with such admirable fortitude. It must have been with much relief that in July 1945 a proposal was carried unanimously that the Lodge should revert to its Bye Law dates of meetings.

A Special note in the Minutes reported that W. Bro. E. N. Davis had in 1945 completed fifty years membership having been initiated in 1895. He was the first of the Brethren to have reached that goal. A much respected Brother, he died in 1953.

This record has since been equalled first by W. Bro. R. E. Herring who was initiated in 1918 and then by Dr. R. J. Saunders initiated in 1920 and W. Bro. E. G. Cambria in 1922, W. Bro. A. Baron Burn in 1926 and W. Bro. A. D. Pierrepont in 1928. A record of which the Lodge can be proud. Of these Brethren W. Bro. Cambria died in 1974, W. Bro. R. J. Saunders in 1979 and W. Bro. R. E. Herring in 1977.

The end of the Second World War saw Masonry with a new look. Evening dress, etc. were dispensed with and when the war time restrictions were removed dark morning dress continued to be worn and has been accepted generally.

Early in 1952 the sad news was received of the death of a Past Grand Master, H.M. King George VI. Later in the year the Lodge heard with great pleasure that the M.W. The Grand Master had appointed the Lodge Treasurer W. Bro. B. H. Davis, P.G.D. L.G.R. to be Grand Superintendent of Works in and over the Province of Surrey.

We now arrive at what might be called "Modern Times" as the Lodge history of these years is within the knowledge of the majority of the members. Many will look back with envy to the Minute entry in 1960 when the Lodge subscription (including dinners at four meetings) was raised to £7.7s.0d.

The following year the Lodge learned with great pleasure that W. Bro. A. Baron Burn had been selected to receive Grand Honours—namely that of Past Grand Standard Bearer and the Brethren agreed with acclamation to present him with dress regalia.

In 1966 the 250th Anniversary of the founding of Grand Lodge was commemorated by the setting up of a Trust the Lodge contribution being on the basis of £1 for each subscribing member.

With the centenary celebrations in mind it was a pleasant surprise to receive a letter from Bro. J. A. Fairlie of Theobalds Lodge 4726, offering as a gift the Founders Jewel presented to his Grandfather, Archibald Fairlie, the first J.W. of the Lodge. This was gratefully accepted and agreed it should be displayed at the time of the Lodge centenary.

A Minute of gratitude in 1968 makes pleasant reading. W. Bro. A. Baron Burn reported that since 1919 (i.e. nearly fifty years) the Lodge of Instruction had met at 168 Fenchurch Street but was then having to leave the building by reason of re-development. The accommodation had been arranged originally with Barclays Bank by W. Bro. Wakeford, continued by W. Bro. Burton and later W. Bro. Burn had liaised with them. Other accommodation has been provided by the same Bank and we owe the management a debt of gratitude for their generosity over so many years.

In December 1978 W. Bro. E. J. Moss L. G. R. known affectionately as "Mossy" passed to the Grand Lodge above. He had been a Mason for fifty-nine years and was twice W.M. of Norfolk Lodge but more particularly had been our Tyler for thirty-one years from 1942 to 1973. He was elected an Honorary Member of Clapham Lodge in 1974. We have in W. Bro. George Vincent a worthy successor.

As we look back over the years we feel proud of the many happy occasions we met together as we catch a glimpse once again of those outstanding Masters whose command of the ritual and deep sincerity helped to raise an elegant edifice. No Lodge could have been more fortunate in its succession of Masters and Officers but on this Anniversary those memories are tinged with sadness as we remember those who have passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Notwithstanding the changes that have taken place over the century the Lodge proceeds on its way, proud of the past, happy in the present, with high hopes for the future, holding fast to the fundamental Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

It is in this spirit that we stand at the gate of the next Century and peer into the unknown and trust that one hundred years hence the history of this Lodge will have lost none of its former splendour but remain unsullied as it has been handed down to us.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES

Individually the Brethren of the Lodge have generously supported the Masonic Charities and, from its funds the Lodge itself has over the years contributed substantially to the Institutions.

In 1914 it became a Founding Lodge of Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home, in 1956 a Founding Lodge of the Wakefield Wing Appeal and in 1972 a Grand Vice-Patron Lodge of the Royal Masonic Hospital. It is also a Vice-Patron Lodge of each of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For many years it has additionally contributed to the funds of the Hostel of God.

EPILOGUE

Lodge Secretaries are notorious for providing bare bones and no flesh when writing Minutes. Hence apart from the plain facts there is little information on which to build a coherent and interesting history. Year by year Clapham Lodge has performed its ceremonies with little else to report—this may be the Hallmark of a successful Lodge but it leaves little for the "Historian" to bite on. We have done our best and trust that what we have been able to produce will prove of interest to the Brethren.

Finally, the Lodge owes much to a number of Brethren for their strong influence and guidance, in early years particularly to the Bros. Goodinge, to Howard Smith, John Liscombe, J. A. Anderson, E. N. Davis and then more recently to Edgar Herring, E. J. Wakeford, B. H. Davis and A. Baron Burn. These are the names that stand out but we must not forget the many Brethren who in their quiet way did much to mould the Lodge into a Brotherhood worthy of Freemasonry

The past is your inheritance. The future your responsibility.

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE LODGE—24th JUNE 1879

Bro. Louis Hirsch	W.M.	
Bro. Dr. Chas. T. Pearce	S.W.	
Bro. Archibald Fairlie	J. W.	
Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson M.A.	Chaplain	
Bro. Robt. F. Fairlie	Treasurer	
Bro. Wm. Worrell	Secretary	
Bro Alfred Pocock	S.D.	
Bro. Wm. Carlton Hale	J.D.	
Bro. Robt. Clay Sudlow	I.G.	
Bro. Dr. Lewis Evans	D.C.	1.7.1879.
Bro. Aubrey G. Repton	Steward	1.7.1879.
Bro L. G. Reinhardt	Tyler	

FIRST HONORARY MEMBERS

Bro. James Terry	P.P.J.G.W. Herts
Bro. H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary
Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson	Past Grand Chaplain
Bro. W. Clarke	P.G.D.C. Suffolk
Bro. Dr. John Dixon	

TREASURERS

SECRETARIES

R. J. Fairlie	1879	W. Worrell	1879 / 1881
L. Hirsch	1880/1893	A. Turner	1882/1883
J. Liscombe	1894/1910	G. T. Goodinge	1884
J. A. Anderson	1911/1924	Howard Smith	1885/1920
E. Herring	1925/1935	S. F. Herbage	1921/1922
B. H. Davis	1936/1959	G. E. Le Maitre	1923/1936
T. W. Anniss	1960/1965	E. Wakeford	1937/1941
T. G. Main	1966/1974	A. J. Burton	1942/1954
D. Simcock	1975/	A. G. Courtice	1955/1965
		F. A. Wintle	1966/1973
		E. T. Wilcox	1974
		G. F. F. Hammond	1975/1976
		L. S. Davis	1977/

DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Lewis Evans H. Thorn S. Edmeston J. Clever S. Breuell S. C. Dodd G. T. Goodinge J. Clever G. T. Goodinge J. W. Goodinge J. A. Anderson	1879 1880 1881/1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889/1895 1896/1902 1903/1910	G. E. Le Maitre E. Herring J. D. Duncan B. H. Davis E. Wakeford A. J. Chapman A. Baron Burn A. D. Pierrepont B. A. Burn A. A. Burn L. S. Davis	1921/1922 1923/1924 1925/1933 1934/1935 1936 1937/1954 1955/1962 1963/1965 1966/1967 1968/1973 1974/1976
J. A. Anderson S. F. Herbage	1903/1910 1911/1920	L. S. Davis K. R. Ackrill	1974/1976 1977/

THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE—25th JUNE 1979

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W. Bro. J. W. Hodge	A.D.C.
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Bro. B. J. Burton	Steward
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FORMERLY LONDON RANK

Howard Smith	1908	
John Liscombe	1910	
J. A. Anderson	1911	
A. C. Goodinge	1914	
W. Laver	1918	
J. J. Spear	1919	
L. N. Choveaux	1922	
G. E. Le Maitre	1927	
J. B. Duncan	1931	
H. Holloway	1933	
R. E. Herring	1935	
E. J. Wakeford	1937	
L. Nenk	1938	
B. H. Davis	1941	A.G.D.C. 1946, P.G.D. 1951
A. J. Chapman	1943	71.G.B.C. 1740, 1.G.B. 1901
E. G. Cambria	1945	
A. J Burton	1947	
A. Coppin	1949	
A. Baron Burn	1951	P.G. St B. 1962
A. D. Pierrepont	1953	1.0. 50 5. 1702
C. G. Dove	1955	
H. W. Roberts	1958	
A. G. Courtice	1961	
E. T. F. Hubbard	1964	
B. A. Burn	1966	
F. A. Wintle	1971	
A. A. Burn	1973	
T. W. Anniss	1975	
T. G. Main	1978	
G. I. Russell	1910	Popularita I ala DACDO
S. F. Herbage	1910	Regularity Lodge P.A.G.D.C.
Edgar Herring	1910	Essex P.P.G.J.D.
W. S. Main	1924	Radiant Lodge P.A.G.D.C. 1933
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Name	Initiated or Joined		Hon Member Excluded Resigned Country List	Died
Louis Hirsch Dr. C. T. Pearce Archibald Fairlie	F 24.6.1879 F 24.6.1879 F 24.6.1879	1879/80	CL 1893 Ex 1882	1899
R. F. Fairlie	F 24.6.1879		1881 1879	1887
Wm. Worrell	F 24.6.1879		1882	1007
Alfred Pocock	F 24.6.1879		1881	1915
W. Hale	F 24.6.1879	1881	1882	
R. Clay Sudlow	F 24.6.1879		1881	1914
L. G. Reinhardt	24.6.1879		1880	
W. E. Moore	1.7.1879		1880	
Dr. Lewis Evans	1.7.1879	1882	1903	
A. G. Repton	1.7.1879		1880	
S. Pocock	1.7.1879		1881	
L. H. Phillips	24.11.1879	1000		1906
G. T. Goodinge S. M. Burroughs	J 24.11.1879	1883	1001	1903
G. T. Hankins	26.1.1880		1881	
J. Zedor	26.1.1880		1881	
Howard Smith	23.2.1880 22.3.1880	1001	1899	1001
H. J. Thorn	26.4.1880	1884	1001	1921
H. A. Smith	23.2.1881		1884 1883	1918
B. M. Woollan	23.2.1881		1881	
P. S. Boult	23.2.1881		1881	
W. Wilson	23.3.1881		1885	
J. S. Edmeston	J 23.3.1881	1885	1005	1887
A. Turner	27.4.1881	1000	1893	1007
W. J. Sperring	J 25.1.1882		1885	
D. H. Harrison	J 22.11.1882	1886	CL 1910	
F. S. Gillett	J 22.11.1882		1887	
J. Belfrage	J 22.11.1882			
A. Wolton	J 24.1.1883		1884	
J. Clever	J 24.1.1883	1887	1891	
T. B. Jackson	24.1.1883		1885	
F. G. Dart	24.1.1883			1889
C. A. Betts	J 23.3.1883			
S. B. Breuell	J 28.3.1883		1888	
J. B. Brooks	28.3.1883		1886	
J. W. Goodinge	26.3.1884	1889		1910
F. Manby	J 26.11.1884	1890	1909	
R. Norton	26.11.1884	1888	1893	

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G. W. Brooks John Liscombe	26.11.1884	1001	1887	
J. Jeffreys	J 28.1.1885	1891		1911
C. E. G. Dodd	27.1.1886			1916
A. H. Dodd	27.1.1886		1915	
W. J. Ansell	27.1.1886 23.11.1887		1891	
H. J. Thorn	J 23.11.1887		1893	
T. D. Manning	28.11.1888		1889	
S. E. Gabriel	27.11.1889	1802	1899	
A. C. Goodinge	27.11.1889	1892	1911	4000
A. H. P. Dale	27.11.1889	1893 1894		1933
S. G. Budd	22.1.1890	1895	1918	1909
F. A. Jewson	J 25.3.1891	1896	1910	1000
W. T. Snell	J 25.11.1891	1897	1902	1900
J. B. S. Evans	J 27.1.1892	1077	1904	
W. B. Smith	27.1.1892		1898	
H. B. Nelson	23.11.1892		1070	
J. A. Anderson	22.11.1893	1898		1938
G. Wingrave	22.11.1893	1899	1938	1941
C. B. Hughes	28.11.1894		1910	1,11
C. Penny	27.11.1895	1900	1903	
F. Straker	27.11.1895		1927	
E. N. Davis	27.11.1895	1901		1953
S. W. Hall	J 25.11.1896		1903	
T. Hartley Jones	J 25.11.1896		1903	
A. Jones	J 27.1.1897	1902		1931
R. T. Smith	27.1.1897		1900	
W. F. Venning S. Wildash	24.11.1897		1913	
R. Dillon	J 23.11.1898	1903	1918	
W. Laver	23.11.1898	1904		1920
P. Herbage	23.11.1898	1905		1935
T. Ballom	J 25.1.1899		1902	
W. Curtoys	23.3.1899 23.3.1899	1007	1916	
E. A. B. Stutfield	J 26.4.1899	1906	1000	1928
J. H. Swann	J 22.11.1899		1909	
B. H. Wallis	22.11.1899		1907	
R. Roberts	22.11.1899	1907	1916	
S. F. Herbage	J 28.2.1900	1907	1929	1022
E. V. Grimes	28.11.1900	1909	1012	1923
	20.11.1700	1707	1912	1954

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W. M. Stavers	28.11.1900		1912	
A. D. Watson	27.11.1901		1910	
A. G. Hayman	J 26.11.1902		1710	1904
J. J. Spear	J 26.11.1902	1912		1921
S. Trott	23.2.1903		1911	1/21
L. N. Choveau	25.11.1904	1910	1929	
C. T. Morgan	28.1.1904		1907	
H. Goadby	23.11.1904	1911	1926	
C. Coleman	J 25.1.1905			1913
T. N. Warden	22.11.1905		CL 1910	1920
T. W. Cole	J 22.11.1905	1913		1919
H. H. Hancock	28.11.1906		1913	
A. March	J 27.2.1907		1911	
W. V. Higgins	J 25.11.1908		1912	
J. M. Webster	24.2.1909		CL 1912	
G. A. Lecocq	26.5.1909		1911	
G. I. Russell	24.11.1909	1914		1950
G. Wells	26.1.1910		CL 1923	1941
H. Sim	26.1.1910		1954	
E. Herring	23.2.1910	1915	1952	1956
H. D. Francis	25.1.1911	1919		1947
G. H. Fletcher	25.1.1911		CL 1912	Killed in
0.7.				Action
G. E. Le Maitre	22.2.1911	1916	Cl 1942	1953
F. Gale	24.1.1912	1917	Died in office	1918
A. Stern	28.2.1912	1929	CL 1944	1959
Shand Kydd	27.3.1912		1916	
W. Reid	27.11.1912			•
N. R. Byres	27.1.1915		Drowned	1917
F. C. B. Lawrence	27.1.1915	1918	1949	1952
J. B. Duncan	26.1.1916	1920	CL 1934	
J. A. McCleary	28.11.1917	1921		
H. Holloway	10.12.1917	1922		1940
R. L. Matthews	27.2.1918	1925		1931
R. E. Herring	27.11.1918	1923	HM 1952	1977
J. G. V. Ball	28.1.1920		1923	
L. Nank	28.1.1920	1927	CL 1942	1968
E. J. Wakeford	J 28.1.1920	1924		1941
Dr. R. J. Saunders	24.3.1920	1926	40	1976
H. W. Roper	19.5.1920		1933	

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F. A. Titmus B. H. Davis C. Greene E. G. Cambria T. S. Conoley	25.1.1922 25.1.1922 1928 25.1.1922 22.2.1922 1930 22.2.1922	CL 1932 Ex 1930	1970 1938 1974
A. J. Chapman	22.2.1922 { 1931	LX 1750	1070
W. H. Newman L. V. Reed	24.1.1923 21.2.1923 1932	1938	1970 1953
R. Norman A. H. Booth E. Daniels	21.2.1923 1933 28.3.1923 28.3.1923	1955 1937	1961
R. Goodwin A. J. Burton C. R. Jaggs	J 28.11.1923 1934 28.1.1925 1935 28.1.1925	1930	1961 1955 1941
A Coppin A. E. Moss J. A. Harrison	25.2.1925 1936 25.2.1925 25.2.1925	1970 1930	1959
F. J. Venning A. Baron Burn	25.2.1925 27.1.1926 1937	1942 CL 1976 HM 1977	
A. M. Booth R. P. Marchant E. C. Odel	27.1.1926 26.1.1927 1938/39 26.1.1927	1931 CL 1958 1946	1959 1948
A. D. Pierrepont C. G. Dove H. Dyer	27.1.1928 1940 27.1.1928 1941 27.4.1928	CL 1976 CL 1970 CL 1933	1935
H. C. Wintle W. A. Tinto A. E. Cox	23.1.1928 1942/43 22.1.1930 22.1.1930	CL 1700	1955 1951 1951 1958
D. T. W. Colt H. A. Stirzaker S. Griew D. G. Henderson	25.1.1931 25.1.1931 1944 27.1.1932	Ex 1939 1946	1964
H. W. Roberts A. F. Norman T. E. Main	J 23.3.1932 25.1.1933 1945 24.1.1934	1955	1946 1960 1961
J. E. Main J. W. Craft G. W. D. Mulgan	24.1.1934 1945 23.1.1935 1946 22.1.1936 1947		1961 1957 1959

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H. V. Britten	27.1.1937	1948		1960	1960
H. S. R. Sarson	26.1.1938				1961
L. Grew	26.1.1938			1940	1941
E. Underhill	25.1.1939			1956	
J. Norman	22.2.1939		CL	1966	
H. B. Boobyer	14.2.1940	1949			1973
W. A. Turner	23.4.1941		Ex	1950	
H. P. Dixon	23.7.1941		CL	1952	1959
B. A. Burn	2.5.1942	1952			
F. A. Wintle	27.6.1942	1953			
A. G. Courtice	28.4.1943	1950			1976
W. S. Main	J 25.6.1943	1951			1964
E. F. T. Hubbard	26.5.1944	1954	CL		
D. Solomon	26.5.1944		O.	1960	
F. G. Hitchings	J 25.4.1945	4055	CL	1953	1969
A. A. Burn M. Milhofer	25.4.1945	1955			
R. A. Moule	25.4.1945		CI	1055	
K. A. Moule	23.1.1946		CL	1955	
G. H. Aitken	J 27.11.1946		Ex	1976	1060
J. D. Craft	22.1.1947		Ex	1960	1968
J. I. Tinto	22.1.1947		Ex	1955	1976
D. M. Mulgan	26.1.1948		LX	1962	
J. W. Davies	25.2.1948			1902	1956
T. W. Anniss	25.2.1948	1957			1930
J. L. Bradby	26.1.1949	1707		1961	
W. J. Shaw	26.1.1950	1958		1,01	
T. G. Main	24.1.1951	1959			
R. H. Everett	23.1.1952	1960			
G. Sanders	25.1.1953	1961	CL	1969	
L. J. Ireland	25.1.1953	1962			
L. S. Davis	27.1.1954	1963			
R. G. H. Maclean	27.1.1954		CL	1957	1968
C. A. Cripps	26.1.1955	1964			1972
W. T. Taverner	23.3.1955	1965	Ex	1971	
D. J. Williams	25.1.1956			1973	
K. J. Dunlevy	25.1.1956		Ex	1971	
J. W. Blackah	28.1.1957			1974	
D. E. Argent	28.1.1957		CL	1961	
P. M. Beney	27.2.1957	1966			

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E. T. Wilcox E. Berrisford R. A. Chalker G. C. Read	22.1.1958 1967 28.1.1959 CL 1970 28.1.1959 1971	
W. D. Bullman S. H. Hill F. O. Sanders	27.1.1960 1969 27.1.1960 CL 1964 25.1.1961 Ex 1973 J 25.1.1962 1972	1074
C. Bursell I. J. A. Clarke	25.1.1962 1968 J 24.1.1962 1970	1974 1973
G. F. F. Hammond K. R. Ackrill A. W. Nelson	26.1.1963 1971 26.1.1963 1972	
R. H. Watson G. F. C. Genner D. Simcock	22.1.1964 Ex 1971 22.1.1964 CL 1968 27.1.1965 1974 J 24.3.1965 1973	
J. W. Hodge D. W. F. Kershaw T. J. Laver	26.1.1966 1975 26.1.1966 Ex 1971	
J. N. K. Billett P. E. Wakelin J. S. Pearman	25.1.1967 CL 1973 25.1.1967 24.1.1968 1976 J 27.11.1968 1977	
P. A. R. Burn A. R. Burn D. M. Unwin	22.1.1969 28.1.1970 CL 1974	
B. J. Burtonwood R. A. S. Griffiths J. E. Crisp	28.1.1970 1978 27.1.1971 CL 1975 J 26.1.1972 26.1.1972	
G. A. Ramm S. J. Sinfield A. S. Green P. A. Wintle R. W. H. Lockhead	26.1.1972 24.1.1973 24.1.1973 23.1.1974	1977
N. E. Roll E. J. Moss B. J. Burton K. C. Hollingdale R. J. F. Hammond M. J. Jacobs	23.1.1974 J 27.3.1974 27.3.1974 HM 1974 22.1.1975 22.1.1975 28.1.1976	1978
D. P. C. Samm S. Lipfriend	28.1.1976 26.1.1977 J 26.1.1977	

Initiated Installed or Joined as W.M.	Hon Member Excluded Resigned Country List	Died
25.1.1978		
	or Joined as W.M. 25.1.1978	or Joined as W.M. Excluded Resigned Country List

Notes

M. Newton

 $F = Founder Member \quad J = Joining Member \quad HM = Honorary Member$ $Ex = Excluded \quad CL = Country List$ No initial letters indicates resignation.

J 23.1.1979

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Lodge subscription including dinner and Grand Lodge dues was originally £3.3s.0d. annually.

That the annual subscription was payable in advance by November and if unpaid the member was ineligible to hold office or partake of refreshment.

That if a subscription was not paid by the following November, quote "his name shall be erased from the list and he shall cease to be a member of the Lodge unless a satisfactory reason is given for such non-payment".

That a member proposing a candidate paid a deposit of £1.1s.0d. as part of the Initiation fee. If the Candidate failed to attend the Lodge for three successive Lodge Meetings including that of his election the deposit was forfeited to the Lodge.

That a Joining member likewise paid a guinea deposit which was forfeited to the Lodge if the balance was not paid within three months and the election declared void.

That the failure to return the postcard sent with the Summons incurred a penalty of 5s.0d. if no satisfactory explanation was forthcoming.

That an Emergency Meeting called for the convenience of a Candidate increased his initiation fee from twelve guineas to sixteen guineas.

That at the January meeting in 1880 two Candidates were initiated and three raised.

That at the March meeting 1880 one Candidate was initiated, one passed and two raised in addition to "a discussion of considerable length on a proposal to change the Lodge meeting night and an amendment thereto considered at great length".

That in November 1899 at the installation meeting two Candidates were initiated, two raised and one joining member elected.

That in 1883 Bro. R. Clay Sudlow a Founder member and first I.G. of the Lodge became a Committee member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and was its Leader for thirty years.

That Bro. R. Clay Sudlow was the Founder of the world famous emblem the "Silver Match Box" (See Inman's Emulation-Working Explained).

That the Clapham Lodge first subscribed to the "Hostel of God" in 1896. It was then known as the "Free House of the Dying" and Masonic donations entered under the title of "Our Brother's bed in the Free House of the Dying".

That W. Bro. R. E. Herring was W.M. when the Hall Stone Jewel was presented to the Lodge.

That in 1966 Grand Lodge issued a special Jewel to be attached to the Master's Collar in acknowledgment of the contribution to the 250th Anniversary Fund.

That in addition to the Bros. Fairlies and the Bros. Goodinge, Uncle, Father and Son, we have other families in the Lodge:

W. Bro. E. N. Davis and our late Treasurer W. Bro. Bernard
Davis—Uncle and Nephew. W. Bro. E. Herring and Son W. Bro. R. E. Herring, W. Bro. A. Baron Burn and his Sons W. Bro. Basil Burn and W. Bro. A. Alan Burn and his Sons Bro. P. A. R. Burn and Bro. A. R. Burn. W. Bro. T. E. Main and his Son W. Bro. T. G. Main and Uncle W. Bro. W. Stafford Main. W. Bro. H. C. Wintle and his Son W. Bro. Allan Wintle and his Son Bro. Peter Wintle, and W. Bro. G. F. F.

No Centenary celebration could end on a happier note.

Hammond and his Son Bro. R. J. F. Hammond.