

Bro Michael Scarth installed as Master of Sea Captains' Lodge

From the original pages 27 to 31 inclusive of the Minute Book 1791 to 1794 Scarth was effectively Master for a number of years.

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General Lodge held 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1792 continued —  
The following Brethren were unanimously chosen by  
the Members present to be Officers for the ensuing year, viz.  
M. Scarth — to be Master —  
T. Hunt — to be 1<sup>st</sup> Wardens  
T. Hardcastle — to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Wardens  
G. Robinson — to be Treasurer —  
After the Master was invested and installed, he invested  
the Wardens and Treasurer and appointed the following  
Brethren to be also Officers for the Year ensuing — viz.  
T. Rowley — to be Deputy Master  
W. Aitch — to be Secretary —  
J. Carter — to be 1<sup>st</sup> Serjeant  
J. Amott — to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Serjeant  
R. Wright — to be Lecturer —  
D. Mahonith — to be Tiler —  
The following Members were appointed Auditors to examine  
the late Treasurer's Accounts, viz. G. Young, W. Shields, and W.  
Lonsdale  
General

General Lodge 13 Dec. 1792 continued.

Resolved, that it shall be lawful for our present R. W. Master, M. Scarth to resign at any regular Lodge in favour of our late Honorable and R. W. Master, R. Burdon: without any further election - any Bye-Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, that when ever a Brother is proposed to become a Member of this Lodge, the Member proposing him shall at the time of such proposal deposit  $\frac{1}{2}$  on the Pedestal; but if such Brother on ballot should be rejected the same to be returned.

Attest W. Mills

Festival the 7th December 1792

Present

Members

- W. Heath - Master
- J. Bowley - D. M.
- J. Mills - S. M.
- J. Handcastle - J. M.
- C. Mitchell - Treasurer
- W. Bell - Secretary
- J. Carter - S. D.
- J. Keate - J. D.
- C. Wright - Lecturer
- W. Miller - J. Waring
- W. Fenwick - T. Sanderson
- C. Bryson - M. Friend
- J. Gonyer - W. Smith
- C. Young - J. Wilson
- C. Baker - C. Smith
- J. Hunt -
- W. Boston

Visiting Brethren

- Master
- W. Brown
- Lewis de Belle
- Towell
- Dr. Wilkinson
- Geo. Graham
- J. F. Stanfield
- John Wood
- Jonathan Wood
- J. Cawdell

Resolved, that Bro. Cawdell be requested to perform on Monday the 7th of January next, the Tragedy of the Tragedy, and appear and act against them.

Resolved unanimously, that the W. Master be requested to make Application for a Dispensation for a Public Procession from this Lodge to the Theatre to see the above Play, and Tapes.

Adjourned to the 7th of Jan'y next at 10 o'Clock in the Afternoon

W. Heath M.  
W. Hills Secy

To seek a Dispensation for a public procession to the theatre at the next meeting. Bro Cawdell, a visitor, was Manager and actor of the Drury Lane Theatre, off High Street. Bro Stanfield was a member of Cawdell's travelling troupe of Players.

On the Visitors' List the name Stanfield (James Field Stanfield)

Extra Lodge held the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1793 -

Present

M. Scarth Master  
 T. Hensley D. M.  
 T. Newcastle J. W. S. M.  
 J. Newton J. D. as J. M.  
 T. Nicholson Treas.  
 M. Wells Secy  
 J. Hurst as J. D.  
 P. Young as J. D.  
 R. Knight Lectur.  
 W. Bellier J. Wilson  
 W. Fenwick  
 W. Buryan  
 J. Gossey  
 D. Baxter  
 W. Friend  
 W. Shields  
 J. Hill  
 J. Young  
 John Athin  
 J. Wilson

Visitors -

R. Milbank Esq. of London  
 Cawdell  
 Graham  
 Kempfield  
 S. Bell  
 J. Wood  
 Jona. Wood  
 J. Law  
 Geo. Cutler  
 Geo. Wright  
 J. Akerwike  
 W. Irvine

W. Newcastle proposed Capt. John Athin to be immediately made a Mason and the Lodge consented to and he was regularly made and afterwards joined the Brethren to the Theatre -

Extra

Extra Lodge continued

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After the Lodge was opened as due from the W. M. M. informed  
the Brother that in consequence of the Resolution of the last  
Lodge he had made Application for a Dispensation for a Public  
Procession to the Theatre this Evening which he had obtained which  
was immediately read as also the Form of the Procession - after which  
the Officers and Brothers (proceeded by Torchlight) to the Theatre in due  
Form attended by the Bees Officers and an excellent Band of Martial  
Music and after the Performance of the Evening was over they returned  
in the same manner in good order to the Lodge Room - After drinking  
his Majesty's Health and other Loyal Toasts and voting Thanks to  
W. Campbell for his attention on the occasion the Lodge was regularly  
adjourned to Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> Proximum being the General Lodge

Wm. Hills Secy

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After the candidate was initiated a torchlight procession was made to Drury Lane Theatre, off the High Street, to see;

'The True Born Tar' and 'Appearance is against Them'

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