

Palatine Lodge No 97
Rowland Burdon's Iron Bridge

Record of planning the Procession and the Laying of the foundation Stone for:-

The unique and original account of a magnificent world event
from the original pages 57 to 64 inclusive of the Minute Book 1791 to 1794
The foundation stone was laid on 24th September 1793.

This picture was originally in the possession of the Lodge.
Presented by the brethren to the RW Master, Rowland Burdon



Ironbridge Gorge Museum
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ELTON COLLECTION

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B. Hilvington
B. Hutchinson
B. Atkin
B. M^c Nab
B. G. Parker
B. Hinde — *prop'd to a F. L. — Chair'd to a M. —*
B. Towell
B. Oliver
B. Friend
B. Stanfield
B. Huguenot — Visitor — Wakefield Lodge

Resolved
That The W^m Master, Senior, & Junior Wardens
Wentley, B^r Mills, & B. Hewitt shall & hereby approve
to meet a like Number of the Phoenix Lodge
to regulate the intended procession for laying the Foundation
Stone of Worsborough Bridge. That the W^m Master, Wardens &
Brethren of the above Comonite be hereby empowered to
pay out of the Provincial such Sums of Money as they may
think proper for, or towards the Expenses of the said Procession
B^r Hutchinson proposed W^m Hast to be made a Mason &
aid a Deposit of 100^l — the General Lodge was closed &
Followed by the Master Lodge where specie for passing &
was given by B^r Parker & B^r Hinde. — *Attest*
Adjourned to 19th Sep^r 1793. — *W^m Hill*

And that the Provincial Grand Master had complied therewith
and gave an Order accordingly of which the following is a copy (this)

"In compliance with the annexed request, I hereby appoint a
Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at the time and place and for the
purpose therein mentioned - and order the Provincial Grand
Secretary to issue summonses accordingly."

Given under my hand this 14th day of Sept. 1773

W. H. Lambton

The W. M. appointed Mr. Burcastle to represent him that day, he
having to fill his own office in the P. G. L. as J. G. Warden; and
after making other necessary appointments for the occasion, adjourned
to the Phoenix Lodge to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose
before mentioned; from which place the procession proceeded out of
Lodge in the following Order (viz.)

Speakers with Names

Tiler of S. Captains Lodge Sundry other Warrants, Mace, Drum, Taps, &c. G. Moku, Wapping W. Seasley, Liverpool G. Deumont, Warrington J. Taylor W. Anderson, South J. Wade, Belfast J. McPherson, St. George Davison, St. Giles Grant, — do Lake, — do Robson, Union J. Hill, — do	Tiler of Phoenix Lodge, with Mace & Sword W. Winlands Hugh Quinn, Wakefield G. Richardson, Warrington Moor, Warrington Sanderson, Halifax A. J. Ray Dehon, St. George, St. Giles Scott, St. Giles, St. Giles South, — do Frost, Union, Gateshead Chambers, do Hoop, — do
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Wilson, Lion
 Findall, D°
 T. Harrison, St. Nicholas
 Geo. Howe, Sea Captains
 W. Haddock, D°
 G. Eastonby, D°
 Hawcy, D°
 Huntley, D°
 Hinde, D°
 Fleming, D°
 Davison, D°
 De Bello, D°
 Brown, D°
 Oliver, D°
 Donnison, D°
 Henderson, D°
 James, D°
 J. Young, D°
 Witton, D°
 J. Vaux, Phoenix
 G. Wake, D°
 R. Hayton, D°
 G. Todd, D°
 J. Douglas, D°
 Bailey, D°
 Malkham, D°
 W. Irvine, Junr, D°
 W. Robinson, D°
 Gilkison, D°
 Orton, D°
 J. Scott, D°

Donkin, Lion, N° Shields
 Irving, St. Nicholas, M. Castle
 Elderton, Swallowell
 W. Hay, Sea Captains
 G. Matthews, D°
 Hunter, D°
 Cook, D°
 Hogg, D°
 W. Shields, D°
 Gaps, D°
 Simpson, D°
 Glover, D°
 Downey, D°
 J. Baile, D°
 Russell, D°
 Taylor, D°
 McRab, D°
 Jameson, D°
 Burr, D°
 R. Stout, Phoenix
 J. Quashon, D°
 W. Story, D°
 G. Robinson, D°
 G. Boyd, D°
 Fay, D°
 J. Booth, D°
 G. Wilkinfa, D°
 W. Irvine, Junr, D°
 R. Turner, D°
 W. Friend, D°

B° and B° with two Phoenix Banners

Kennedy, Secy, St. George's
 Byars, D°, Union
 Isaac, D°, St. Nicholas
 G. Wright, D°, Phoenix

Avak, Secy, St. Kilda
 Holband, D°, Lion
 Hurst, D°, Sea Captains

Guy, Treasurer,
Lees, - - - do -

Larkin, Treasr., Seafaptains

Drummond, Highland Drap, with seven more

Banaroo, Band of Music, &c. &c.

Ramohaw, J. W. St. Wills

Allan, J. W. Union

W. Curry, J. W. Lion

Moffet, J. W. St. Nicholas

J. W. Granby

Howell, J. W. Seafaptains

Stanfield, J. W. Chance

Snackoon, J. W. Philanthropy, Rockton

Lewis, S. W. St. Wills

Littlefair, S. W. Union

Hall, S. W. Lion

Laney, S. W. St. Nicholas

Castle, J. W. Granby

Jacker, J. W. Seafaptains

Egley, J. W. Chance

Spower, J. W. Philanthropy

McDonald, Master, St. George

Rain, Master, St. Wills

Bonker, - - - B. Union

Kaonill & Pitta, B. Lion

Milner, - - - B. St. Nicholas

Bright, - - - B. Granby

Thar castle, B. Seafaptains

Ferguson, B. Philanthropy

Siddall, L. G. Steward

W. Charlton, L. G. Steward

W. Hills, - - - B.

J. Stout, - - - B.

J. Bulmer, L. G. J. W.

G. Wood, L. G. J. W.

F. Eldon, - - - B.

Rowley, G. Steward

Wilson, as G. Architect, with Blake. -

J. Wilson, G. Steward

{ R. Wright, with G. St. Nicholas, G. Steward }
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Rev. Hesketh, Chaplain

Rev. Hesketh, G. Chaplain

Bone, G. Secretary

Longington, G. Treasurer

A. Kedley, G. Steward

{ Rev. W. Brewster as Master }
{ of Philanthropy amongs B. }
{ of Contributions. - - - }

W. Spott, G. Steward

Scarth, G. J. Warden

B. Brown, G. J. Warden

Fried, L. G. W.

Nicholson, G. M. Bearer

B. Borden

B. Lambert, G. W.

A. Hoo

After the Br. had gotten out of the Lodge they were joined by the Commissioners appointed for Building the Bridge, Magistrates for the County, Neighbouring Clergymen, Commissioned Officers of the Army and Navy, &c. &c. and proceeded in regular Procession to Church, there heard Divine service and an occasional sermon preached by Br. Heskitt, - on which occasion was sung a Paraphrase on 122^d. Psalm, written by Br. Stanfield. - After the sermon, the Procession was reassembled and proceeded to the place where the Foundation stone was laid, which is the N.W. corner of the N. West front; When Br. Burdon addressed his Brethren and then assembled on that occasion and afterwards deposited under the Foundation stone a Plate on which was engraved the following Inscription,

Duo tempore
 Civium Gallicorum ardor vesanus
 Intra jubentium
 Genta turbavit Europaeas
 Ferreo bello,
 Rolandus Burdon Armiger
 Meliora colens
 Vidua
 Ripas, scopulis praeruptas,
 Ponte conjungere ferreo
 Statuit.
 Felicitate fundamenta posuit
 Octavo calendae Octobris,

1770

Anno salutis humanae

M, DCC, XCIII.

Gregorii tertii XXXIII.

Probatante

Gulielmo Henrico Lambton Armigero

Summo provinciali Magistro

Fraternitatis Societatis Architectonicae

Et sacerum Comitatus Dunelmensis

Spetabili coronâ.

Opuli quoque plurima comitante caterva.

Mancant Vestigia hui

Non irrita spei.

Imitated in English

At that time

When the mad Fury of French Goblins,

Dictating Acts of extreme Depravity,

Disturbed the Peace of Europe

With Iron War;

Rowland Burdon Esq. M. D.

Striving at worthier Purposes

Hath Resolved

To join the steep and craggy Shore

Of the River Wear
With an Iron Bridge.

He happily laid the Foundation
On the xxiv. Day of September,
In the year of human salvation
M, DCC, XCIII.

And the xxxIII of the Reign
Of George the third,
In the presence of

W. Henry Lambton Esq. M. D. L. G. M.
With an respectable circle

Of the Brethren, of the Society
Of Free and Accepted Masons,
And of the Magistrates and principal Gentlemen
Of the County of Durham;

Attended by

An immense concourse of people.

Long may the Vestiges endure

Of a Hope not form'd in vain.

After which he (Br Burdon) laid the Foundation Stone
due form amidst the joyful acclamations of many thou-
sands of People. - The Grand Chaplain then delivered a

Justable Oration, and the Reception was again reassembled
and returned in like Order to the (Seafarmer's) Lodge, and
was closed in due form. —

The page below is interesting in that musicians and singers are requesting a reward for their services rendered in the Church on the day that the Bridge foundation Stone was laid.

Festival 27th Dec. 1798.

Members.

W. M. Seath A. M.
 Hardcastle S. M.
 Parker — S. M.
 Hewitt S. D.
 Hutchinson A. S. D.
 Taylor, Secretary
 Shields — Mackintosh
 Hasley Tithe
 Young — Jowsey.
 Harrison
 Maddison
 Hawey
 Rendwick
 Truitt
 Atkin
 Atkin
 Houseman
 Hills
 Henderson
 Nis
 Frost
 Hurst
 Carr
 Runyan
 Brown
 Wright, Lecturer.

Visiting Brethren.

Dr. Brown P. S. & S. G.
 Ferguson P. S.
 Inwood D.
 Robinson D.
 Robinson D.
 Hunter D.
 Martin D.
 Smith D.
 Wilson D. & S. G.
 Stanfield D.
 Waide, St. George's Lodge N.
 Richard — Tithe of the P. S.

The Lodge was opened in the first Dec.
 P. Taylor Secy, read the Resolutions
 the Committee for the School, and the
 M. moved that a Subscription be entered
 into for the further support thereof; and
 was immediately complied with, and
 £10. 5. 0 collected.

Sundry Tines received, amounting
 to. 15. 6.

Received a Letter from the Singers and Musicians
 Sunderland Church, soliciting a Reward for performing
 Anthem the Day the Foundation-Stone of Weavershall Church
 was laid. — referred to the next General Lodge Night.

In Gratitude
 P. Taylor Secy