

The History of the First 150 Years Succession of Worshipful Masters

Comment

This is a remarkable section showing, in most cases, in tabulated form the name, rank and profession of the WM and the names of the Installing Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler from the very start of the lodge and on for each individual year for 150 years and more.

Bro Watson dwells at some length to show that the Moderns had proper forms of installing their Masters.

He fully quotes Bro George Garbutt's (author of the 1819 History of Sunderland) assessment of the beneficial effect of John Biss's 20-year mastership of the Lodge.

Every unusual event, coincidence, every twist and turn during this long period is examined and faithfully recorded and gives us an unusual insight of the social and professional mix in the lodge from the time prior to the Anglo/French wars through to and beyond the Victorian era.

NB

The images of the Worshipful Masters have been taken from their original locations as the author feels that they serve a better purpose here.



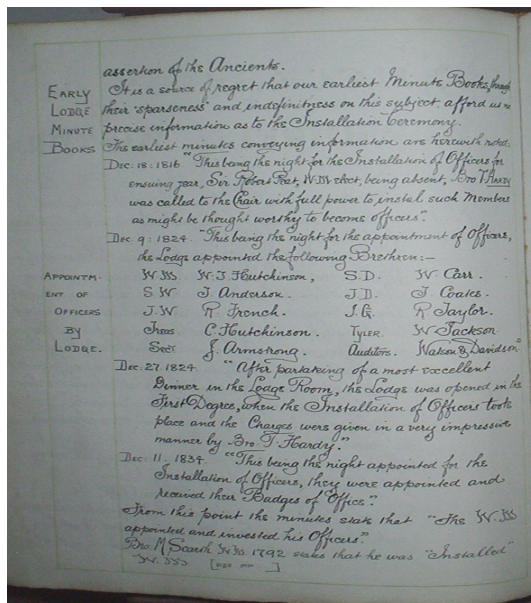
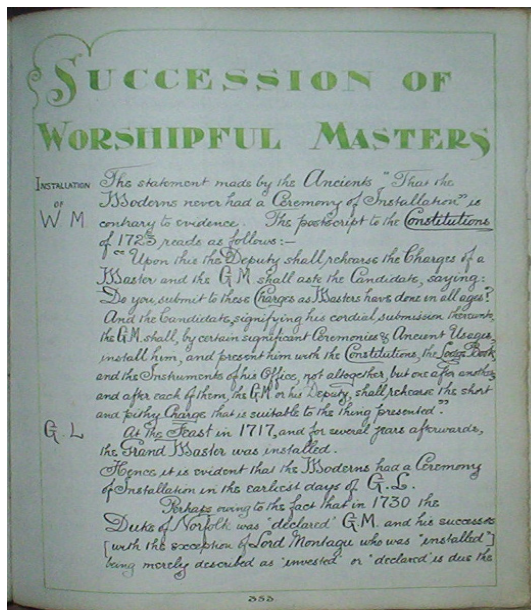
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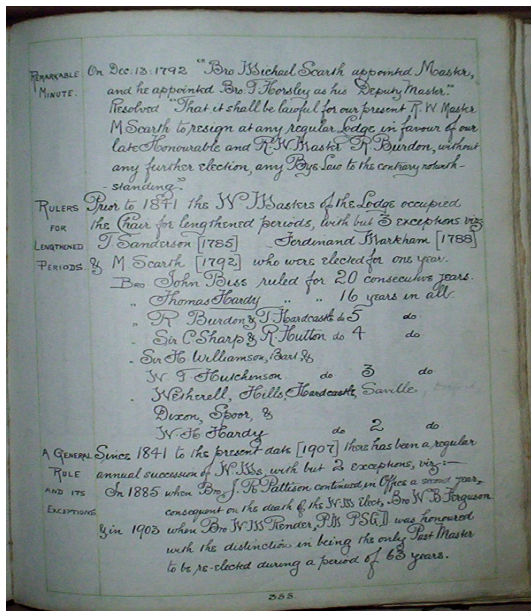


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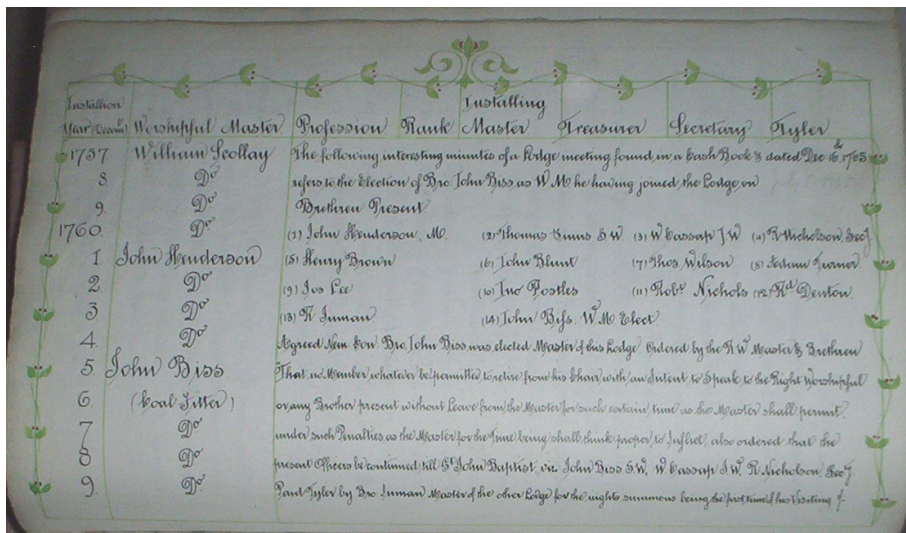




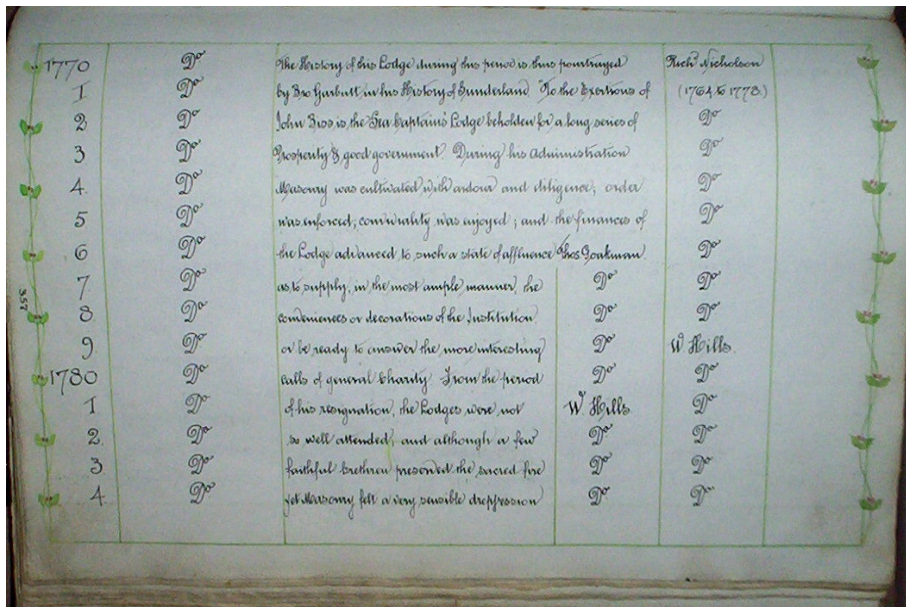
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Biss (1765-1784)



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He only served 1 year 'officially'

Installation	Worshipful Master	Profession	Bank	Installing Clerk	Treasurer	Secretary	Other
1785	Thomas Henderson			R. Wright	W. Hills	W. Hills	
6	Thomas Withersell			J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	
7	J ^o			J ^o	J ^o	G. Wright	
8	Edmund Markham			J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	
9	William Hills			J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	
1790	J ^o			J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	
1	Richard Burdon M.P.		P. & M.	W. Hills	M. Scarth	G. Nicholson	D. Mathew
2	Michael Scarth		P. & M.	J ^o	G. Nicholson	W. Hills	J ^o
3	Richard Burdon M.P.		P. & M.	M. Scarth	Geo. Brown	J. Grayfield	J ^o
4	J ^o		J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	P. Taylor	J ^o
5	J ^o		J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
6	J ^o		J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
7	Thomas Handcastle				M. Scarth	Paterson Dixon	Thos. Lambton
8	J ^o				Osbert Wilson	J ^o	J ^o



1794	J ^o				J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
1800	J ^o				J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
1	J ^o				J. Kemm	J ^o	J ^o
2	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	P. & M.	J. Handcastle	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
3	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	D. Kopper	J ^o	J ^o
4	James Honehouse	Woolen Draper	P. & M.	J. Hardy	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
5	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
6	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
7	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	P. & M.	J. Honehouse	D. Kopper	J ^o	J ^o
8	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
9	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	W. Mathew
1810	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
1	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	G. Hutchinson	J ^o	J ^o
2	Robert Button	Woolen Draper	P. & M.	J. Hardy	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o
3	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o	J ^o



Installation	Respectful Master	Profession	Rank	Installing Clerk	Treasurer	Secretary	Tyler
1814	Robert Hutton	Shoemaker	094 W	J. Hardy	W. Hutchinson	Thomas Dixon	W. Hutchinson
5	"	"	"	"	"	J. L. Hutton	"
6	Dr Robert Peat, D.D.	Electd but not installed	Dr W. Gordon	J. W. Lang de W. M.	"	"	"
7	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	094 W	Dr Wright	"	"	"
8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	Thomas Dixon	Shipbuilder	"	J. Hardy	"	"	"
1820	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	094 W	J. Dixon	"	"	"
2	"	"	"	"	"	John Brumby	"
3	W. Thomas Hutchinson	Coal Merchant	094 W	J. Hardy	"	"	"
4	"	"	"	"	"	"	W. Jackson
5	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	094 W	W. Hutchinson	W. Hutchinson	"	"
6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7	Dr Robert Sharp	Collector of Duties	094 W & G. W. Lang	J. Hardy	"	"	"

Spoors Williamson Husdell Davison



Smith White Scott Crosby Ranson Crawford Saville Wilkinson Brooks Johnson



Installation	Respectful Master	Profession	Rank	Installing Clerk	Treasurer	Secretary	Tyler
1813	Thomas Hardy	Woolen Draper	094 W	J. Davison	G. Bohm	De Merit	John Tyler
4	Richard Smith	Shoemaker	"	J. Hardy	J. Crosby	"	"
5	Thomas White	Surgeon	094 W	"	"	"	"
6	Joseph Crawford	Wine Merchant	"	"	J. Brown	"	"
7	John Brown	Wine Merchant	094 W	"	W. Smith	Joseph Mason	"
8	John Scott	Druggist	"	"	"	"	John Laws
9	John Crosby	Wine Merchant	094 W	"	"	"	"
1850	George Smith Ranson	Scholar	"	"	"	"	"
1	John Crawford	Master Mariner	094 W	"	"	J. Halliday	"
2	Robert Saville	Surgeon	094 W	"	"	"	William Laws
3	Robert Reynolds	Merchant	094 W	"	"	"	"
4	Robert Thomas Hutchinson	Scholar	094 W	"	"	John Brooks	"
5	Benjamin Brooks	Wine Merchant	094 W	W. Davison	"	"	"
6	Robert Johnson	Wine Merchant	094 W	J. Brooks	"	"	"



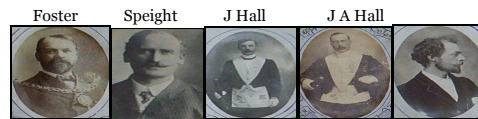
1857	Benjamin Levy	Clothier	1844	B. Brooke	2 ^d	J. W. Hunt	2 ^d
8	Edmund Kilhampton	Quilman	1846	B. Levy	1. Crosby	2 ^d	2 ^d
9	Francis B. Kahn	Merchant	1847	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
1860	Edmund Evans	Grocer	1848	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
1	Thomas Hanson	Common Traveller	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
2	James Hamilton	Shipbroker	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
3	W. Hodgson Fairclough	House Builder	1850	Graham M ^o	2 ^d	J. W. Campbell	2 ^d
4	Joseph Doxford	Wine Merchant	1851	1852	Thomas Hanson	2 ^d	2 ^d
5	Thomas Jopling	Draper	1853	B. Levy	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
6	Robert Laithe	Surgeon	1854	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
7	Joseph Stainsby	Sup. of Police	1855	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
8	George Lord	Ship Owner	2 ^d	2 ^d	B. Levy	J. Younger	2 ^d
9	Matthew Allison	Chocoler	1857	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
1870	William Skelton	Grocer	1858	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	W. Skelton
1	John James Clay		1859	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d



	Installation	Profession	Bank	Installation	Secretary	Treasurer	Secretary	Treasurer
1872	Robert Humphrey	Grocer	1849	J. J. Day	J. Hanson	Samuel Allan	J. Hanson	1872
3	Samuel W. Currie	Shipbuilder	1851	R. Humphrey	W. Skelton	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
4	Thomas Younger	Boatwright	1852	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
5	Archibald Currie	Agent N. S. R.	1853	J. J. Day	J. Younger	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
6	Thomas Twizell	Agent N. S. R.	2 ^d	2 ^d	W. Allison	T. M. Watson	2 ^d	2 ^d
7	Frederick Sharp	House Builder	1854	T. Twizell	2 ^d	W. Skelton	2 ^d	2 ^d
8	Thomas William Watson	Accountant	1855	2 ^d	T. Twizell	G. C. Watson	2 ^d	2 ^d
9	Henry Tomkinson	Ironmonger	1856	G. C. Watson	2 ^d	J. W. Moor	2 ^d	2 ^d
1880	George Wm Watson	Schoolmaster	1857	2 ^d	2 ^d	J. R. Pattison	2 ^d	2 ^d
1	John Henry Leech	Agent N. S. R.	1858	Geo Wm Watson	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
2	Edw. McNamara	Reverend	1859	2 ^d	2 ^d	R. Lington	John Tomkinson	1883
3	John Leitham Moor	Journalist	1860	J. W. Skelton	J. Tomkinson	Geo Wm Watson	J. Brown	2 ^d
4	Joseph Robert Tomkinson	Registrar	1861	J. W. Moor	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d
5	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d	2 ^d



6	Robert Singleton	Schoolmaster	1848	J R Watson	J M Watson	J Grundy	Q ^a
7	Christopher Morgan Wake	Registrar	1849	J R Singleton	Q ^a	J M Watson	Q ^a
8	John George Marshall	Schooler	1849	J M Wake	Q ^a	W Birch	J Swain
9	John Robert Cutter	Smith, Ship	1849	J M Watson	Q ^a	J Grundy	Q ^a
1840	Edward Guy Watson	Schoolmaster	1849	J R Cutter	Q ^a	W Redhead	J Grieve
1	William Cook	Schoolmaster	1849	J M Watson	J R Cutter	R Lee	Q ^a
2	Alfred Grundy	Schoolmaster	1849	Q ^a	Q ^a	J Robinson	Q ^a
3	William Redhead	House Merchant	1849	J Grundy	Q ^a	W J Robinson	Q ^a
4	Robert Lee	Schoolmaster	1849	Q ^a	Q ^a	J M Watson	Q ^a
5	Thomas Robinson	Infantry Guard	1849	J Robinson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
6	William James Robinson	Schooler	1849	J R Cutter	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
7	William Middleton Render	Painter	1849	W J Robinson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
8	James McMillan	Monumental Sculptor	1849	W M Render	J Robinson	Q ^a	Q ^a
9	Thomas Tait	Builder	1849	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
1840	Thomas James	Quarry Manager	1849	W J Robinson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a



	Installation	Worshipful Master	Profession	Bank	Instaling	Master	Secretary	Treasurer
1801	Frederick Foster	Banker	1849	J M Watson	J Robinson	J M Watson	J Robinson	J Robinson
2	Paul Wayman	Local Merchant	1849	Fred Foster	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
3	William Middleton Render	Painter	1849	Paul Wayman	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
4	Alfred William Siphon	Commercial Man	1849	W M Render	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
5	William Thomas Reed	Q ^a	1849	A W Siphon	J M Watson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
6	Peter Pherson	Ship Builder	1849	W S Reed	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
7	William Speight	Architect	1849	P Pherson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
8	James Hall	Ship Builder	1849	P Pherson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
9	William Joseph Foreman	Sherry Manager	1849	James Hall	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
1810	Joseph Arthur Hall	Photographer	1849	W R Foreman	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
1	Arthur Stafford	Builder	1849	P Pherson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
2	George Alley	Printer	1849	Arthur Stafford	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
3	Arthur Lane Dodson	Druggist	1849	George Alley	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a
4	Robert William James Dixon	Booker	1849	P Pherson	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a	Q ^a

1915	Winton Goddard	draughtsman	F.S.S. W. W. & Dixon	2°	9°	9°
6	John Goddard	local Merchant	F.S.S. 50			
7	Robt William Hawes	Commercial Trav ^r	F.S.S. D.			
8	George Wm Pearson	Southend Scales	F.S.S. B			
9	Henry Carr	Schoolmaster				
1920	Richard C Deans	Commercial Trav ^r				
1	John J Gray	Bank Cashier	P.G.T.D			
2	Henry Dixon	Butcher				
3	Reg. A Neah	Grocers haulier				
4	Joseph M Swirick	Marine Engineer				
5	James P. Kirtley	Exp Works Manager				
6	John Terry	Forge Manager				
7	Robt Milton Ernest Dixon	Director				
8	Charles M. Harold	Shipyard Manager				
9	Henry Parker	Ironmonger				

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Installation	Worshipful Master	Profession	Rank	Installing Master	Treasurer	Secretary	Clerk
1930	John A. Forbes	Marine Engineer					
1	William D. Campbell	Quilting Merchant					
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During this long period of 150 years we note, in the long succession of W. B. S. S. 3 instances of Father and Son as having been installed W. B. S. viz:-
 Bro Thomas Hardy, in 1802.
 " William A Hardy - 1838.
 a lapse of 36 years intervening,
 Bro Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. in 1835.
 " Sir Hedworth Williamson Bart. - 1858.
 a lapse of 23 years intervening;
 and Bro. George Carr Watson in 1880.
 " Edward Hugh Watson - 1890.
 a lapse of 10 years intervening.
 Two instances of W. B. S. who died during their year of Office are noticed in
 Bro W. H. Hervey in 1829.
 and " Charles Fair - 1899,
 whilst two instances are recorded of the W. B. S. elect not being installed, viz:-
 In 1876 Bro Sir Robert Peat, and
 " 1885 " W. B. Ferguson.
 There is only one instance on record during this long period of a W. B. S. elect having had his Installation postponed, when on Dec 10, 1865 Bro Drott P. M. proposed and Bro Long P. M. seconded that the Minutes of the last General Lodge, so far as related to the Election of the W. B. S. (Bro W. B. Fanchough W. B. S.) be not confirmed, was negatived by 16 votes to 13, a majority of 3. Bro Fanchough P. M. 1830 then installed Bro Fanchough W.

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W. M.
AND
LODGE
AT
VARIANCE

On August 24. 1848 a Meeting of the Permanent Committee was held at Bro. C. Davison's Saddle Inn, in consequence of the W. M. closing the Lodge on August 10. 1848, until the 2^d Thursday in November.

Hesford. - That a deputation consisting of Bro. J. Boxford P.M., S. S. Hanson S.W., & Crawford S.W. do wait upon Bro. J. Grove W.M., and point out to him that according to the Bye-Laws of the Lodge it is imperative that the General Lodge be held on the second Thursday in every month, and respectfully request him to instruct the Secretary to issue the Notices for a General Lodge on Thursday Sep. 11. 1848 as usual. And in case the W.M. declines so to do, that the said deputation immediately forward a statement of the case, with a Copy of the Bye-Laws, to the P.M. Bro. G.M., requesting his Instructions how to act."

Sunderland Aug. 25th 1848.

Worshipful Master,

I regret extremely that we had not the pleasure of your company at the Firm Committee of the Palatine Lodge last night. The meeting requested Bro. Boxford, Crawford, and myself to wait upon you respecting a General Lodge in September, and I therefore will feel obliged if you will inform me, at your earliest convenience, when and where it will suit you to give us the interview.

Remain Sirs
Your Obedient & Grateful
G. S. Hanson, S.W.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Sunderland
Aug. 25. 1848.

Sir & Brother,

Yours of this morning I duly received and note its contents. I must acknowledge I feel sorry that my absence last night should have caused either you or any other Brother of the Firm Com. the least annoyance, though I cannot see why it should have done so. But with regards to the interview, all times are alike to me, therefore if you request it, make it to suit yourself, both in time or place, but understand me I have nothing to bring forward at such meeting. If you can see the necessity of a General Lodge being held in September, you can do so equally without my presence, for, if it was allowed an opinion, Freemasonry in the Palatine Lodge is nothing less than a Barbed in common sense. At all events you can use your own pleasure in the matter and go on, as I shall not interfere in the case under any circumstances whatever.

The only wish I have is, that you may meet for the future as Masons ought to do - in Harmony - and Discord not known amongst you.

Such is the sincere wish of
Yours Respectfully
John Grove W.M.

To the S.W.
of Palatine Lodge N^o 114.

REPLY
OF
W. M.
TO
DEPUTATION

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Sunderland 6 Sep. 1848.

W. M. Bro. G.M.
Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a Copy of the Bye-Laws of the Palatine Lodge, N^o 114, with a Copy of the Resolutions of the Firm Com., and the Correspondence that has taken place in pursuance of such Resolutions, and to ask your advice and assistance under the circumstances of the unfortunate affair.

You will observe by the 1st Bye Law that it is imperative upon the Members to assemble on the second Thursday in every month, and such meetings shall be deemed General or Public Lodge nights, and by the 11th Rule "each Member obligating to attend shall for every meeting forfeit 6^d such Times by Rule 15 to go towards defraying the expense of the education of our Orphans."

At the General Lodge on Aug 10th the W.M. without intimating his intention to the Officers, closed the Lodge himself until the 2^d Thursday in November, and the same was stated with us the time, in his determination (which was come to it is believed in consequence of some difference between him and the Secretary) and the papers were closed. The Permanent Committee having met on other Business shortly afterwards the subject also into consideration, and a Resolution of which I herewith send a copy, was sent. In pursuance of that same Resolution, a letter was written to the W.M., a copy of which is also sent, together with the reply of the W.M.

Notwithstanding the honour of the W.M.'s reply, the Deputation considered it advisable to see him personally, and accordingly last evening he was waited upon, but pleading Business, he declined giving the

EXPLANATORY
LETTER
FROM
S. W.
TO
BRO JOHN
TAWCETT
R.W.P.M.

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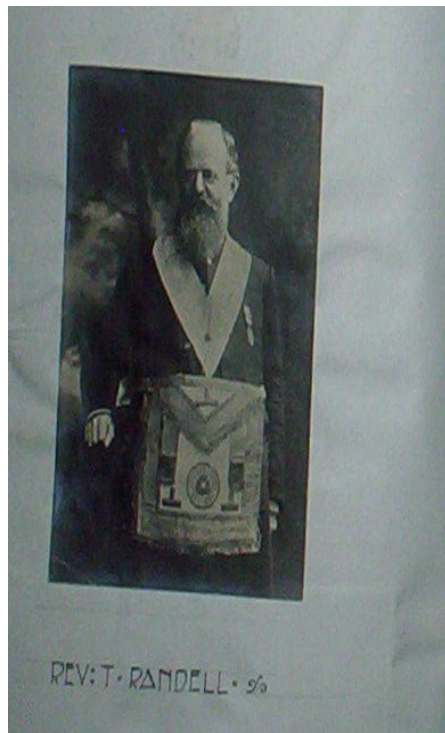
Deputation a private interview; and as the meeting took place in the public room of a Tavern, no further steps could be taken. Under these painful circumstances the Deputation has nevertheless endeavored to act on the Deputation, and to ask your Instructions on the subject. Should no Annual Lodge be held this month or next the Funds of the Lodge will materially suffer in consequence of NO FINES being receivable and the Education of the Boys must consequently be neglected, and unless the W.M. calls the Lodge it is much doubted whether it can legally meet as the Books, constitutions of G.L. call for the Town to the W.M. some cases to summon a Lodge does this fear not prevent for a case similar to the one. The next Annual Lodge ought to be held on the 14th inst, and in loss of holding it, it is hoped your Instructions will be communicated to the Deputation.

Yours faithfully
 J. Hanson S.S.
 of the R.W.P.M. of Durham.
 The R.W.P.M. Bro. John Hancock replies that he had given immediate attention to their communication and had instructed the P.P. Secretary to give instructions to the W.M. and Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO W.M. AND SECRETARY
 Newcastle Sep 7th 1848.
 Sir and Brother,
 I am instructed by the R.W.P.M. to inform you that the usual summonses are immediately to be issued for the Meeting of Salamis Lodge on Thursday next.
 I am, Sir and Brother,
 Yours faithfully,
 J. Hanson S.S.
 P.P. Secretary of Salamis Lodge.



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Some Joining Members

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