

The 150th Anniversary

Prior to 14th January 1907 the members of Palatine Lodge No 97 felt that it was desirable and fitting to celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

The pages below describe the detailed preparations undertaken by the Permanent Committee which decided to recommend:-

1. That the Celebration take place on Monday, January 14th 1907 in the Victoria Hall and that a Special Dispensation be obtained for holding the Lodge there at 4-30 pm
2. That Bro E G Watson, PM, PPDGDoFC prepare, and deliver, a brief History of the Lodge at the meeting.
3. That a Special Fund be raised by the Brethren for the purpose of endowing one, or more, of the Chairs of the Lodge in one, or more, of the Royal Masonic Institutions; and in devoting a portion to one or more, of the Local Charities.
4. That a Banquet is held in the evening-Tickets 5/- each; and that Bro Hall of the Grand Hotel is invited to cater.
5. That the invited guests of the Lodge be:-
 Lord Barnard, Rt Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
 Victor A Williamson, Rt Worshipful DProvGM
 J C Moor, Provincial Grand Secretary and
 The Mayor of Sunderland, Bro S M Swan.
6. That Bro W S Reed, WM, P Phorson, SW, F Foster, PM,
 I Mc Millan, PM, Treasurer, and E G Watson, PM, Secretary be empowered to carry out arrangements.

These recommendations were approved by the Lodge and duly implemented.



Frontispiece for the above Anniversary Booklet designed by Bro Martin A Speight



