

A HISTORY OF PALATINE LODGE, No 97  
A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
of  
Bro Thomas Grieve - Tyler



Bro Thomas Grieve, PM, PG Tyler

Tylers of the Lodge

The Lodge has been exceptionally well served by a succession of devoted Tylers; the exceptional and regrettable incident in the case of Bro F Fenbow in November 1809 after a service of 13 years emphasizing the fact.

Tyler's Dress

In the early period the Tyler's duties included the delivery of lodge summonses, for which he received 6d a meeting, and was evidently supplied with a distinguishing uniform, as, on June 25th 1812 he was supplied with a new Hat for the Procession to the Town Hall and on Feb 14th 1819: --

" The Tyler's dress being worn out, it was decided to buy him a new dress but only such as could be worn on Lodge nights ----- a naval dress with a cocked hat ---- which would in some measure correspond to the name of the 'Sea Captains Lodge'.

W M Laws

In 1875 the Lodge recorded its tribute to a former Tyler, Bro W M Laws, PM, PPG Tyler (1851to 1869) as follows:

"The brethren wish to testify to the uniform kindness of his disposition, their sense of his unflinching urbanity in the discharge of his duties, as well as to the zeal and ability he always displayed in promoting a knowledge of the Mystic Art, and to leave on record that, as he lived respected, so he died regretted".

T Grieve

Bro Thomas Grieve, PM, PG Tyler was appointed Tyler of Palatine Lodge in 1890, and at the present time is the trusted Tyler of all the Town lodges --- Craft, RA, Mark and Ark Mariners ----- his Provincial Rank being dated from 1890.

He was initiated into the Furness Lodge, No 995 on March 5th, 1872, and installed as WM of the Baldwin Lodge, No 1398, in 1880, who presented him with a PM's Jewel in 1882 on his removal to Barrow - in - Furness, where he joined the Hartington Lodge, No1021.

In 1886 he removed to Sunderland, bringing with him a beautifully illuminated Address presented to him by Lodge, No1021 as a token of their esteem.

Whilst at Barrow he was exalted in the Abbey Chapter No 1225 in 1882 and installed 3rd Principal in 1886.

In Nov: 1900, he was presented with a Purse of Gold & a Silver Match Box as a memento of his services as Tyler to the Lodge of Instruction --- by his brethren of Williamson Lodge, no 949, of which Lodge he is a member.

He is an ideal "Almoner" for the Town.