

# A HISTORY OF PALATINE LODGE No 97

## BIOGRAPHY

of

Victor A Williamson



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Victor Alexander Williamson was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford University in November 1857, at the age of 19 years, and served the office of secretary and SW in his Mother Lodge.

On May 13 1858 he was elected a joining member of Palatine Lodge continuing as an active subscribing member until he resigned owing to his many other duties.

On Oct. 10; 1907, the Lodge honoured itself by unanimously electing him an honorary member.

In 1865 he was appointed JGW in Grand Lodge.

This was a somewhat unusual appointment, as he had not then filled the Chair of any Lodge. At the last moment the original appointee failed and the GM, Lord Zetland appointed him to the office.

This led to a curious result, for attending the September meeting of Grand Lodge, he was the highest in rank present, and was therefore called upon to preside, consequently the first Chair of a Masonic Lodge that he filled was the Throne of Grand Lodge - a unique case.

In 1866 he was installed as WM of the Churchill Lodge, Oxford and of the Westminster Keystone Lodge, No 10, London in 1870.

In 1878, he was PSGW Durham, and installed as WM of the Lambton Lodge No 375 in 1884.

In 1878 he was WM of the Northern Bar Lodge No 1610, London of which he is one of the founders.