

Changes in Names, Numbers and Places of Meetings

Comment

When the lodge was constituted in January 1757 the identification of all lodges on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England was by a number only and the number 218 was given to this lodge.

However, the first meetings were held in the Marquis of Carnarvon Inn that was situated just off High Street East, on the south side of the River Wear in the Port of Sunderland, England.

The locals knew the lodge as the Marquis of Carnarvon Lodge No 218 and it was perhaps just a coincidence that the Warrant of the lodge was granted by the Marquis of Carnarvon (later to become the Duke of Chandos) who was Grand Master at that time.

Whatever the living conditions were like when the lodge was constituted, they undoubtedly got very bad, as time went on, due mainly to the rapid influx of migrant workers from Scotland and Ireland attracted by the fast development of the township. The better to do moved further west, up the High Street towards Sunnyside etc. Almost 100 years later, Nelson Wake the Inspector appointed for Sunderland under the 1848 Public Health Act would describe in graphic detail the innumerable open sewers and cess pits in this area of the town and indeed further west.

This may well have had a marked effect on lodge attendance in those times and it is recorded that there were insufficient members to hold a meeting on one occasion in 1845.

In Watson's handwritten pages below he traces how, why and when the lodge's name, number and location were changed to adapt to its own and the combined circumstances of other lodges which were later formed in the Port and Town of Sunderland up to the end of the 19th Century.

In 1830 the name of the lodge was changed to PALATINE LODGE and its number to 114 for reasons set out below.

The Lodge's number changed to No 97 in 1863 so that today, having celebrated its 250th Anniversary, it is still proudly named; -

PALATINE LODGE No97

A magnification of 125% is suggested for the following pages.



Public houses, Inns and Hotels from 1757 to 1870
and then into the luxury of
PARK TERRACE TEMPLE

Changes in NAMES, NUMBERS AND Places of Meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF PALATINE LODGE
 When our Lodge was Constituted on January 14, 1757 by Bro. John Thornhill W.M. of Phoenix Lodge, assisted by two Officers Lodges were not officially recognized by Names, but simply by their Number, on the Roll of the G.L. of England.

MARQUIS OF CARNARVON
 Due to the fact that the Lodge held its earliest meetings at the Marquis of Carnarvon's Head, and also to the coincidence that the Marquis of Carnarvon, afterwards Duke of Chandos, was the G.M. who granted the Warrant for its Constitution, may be attributed its earliest locally known name of The Marquis of Carnarvon Lodge, N^o 218.

SEA CAPTAINS
 In obvious reasons this name was exchanged, in 1768, to "The Sea Captains Lodge", by which name it was known and honoured throughout the Province, until 1830, when, on April 8th, it met under the title of Palatine Lodge.

PALATINE
 The minutes bearing on this change are dated January 28, 1830. Bro. Hardcastle gave notice of the propriety of changing the Name of the Lodge from its present appellation of Sea Captains Lodge to a more suitable one, giving as his reason that the present name was not now applicable.

seeing the great majority of Members were Merchants and Tradesmen".

On MARCH 11, 1830 - On the proposition of Bro. W. J. H. H. the name of the Lodge was changed to Palatine in pursuance of a suggestion by His Earl of Durham R.N. F.R.G.M. with the unanimous consent of the Brethren. That the interest taken by His Lordship in the destiny of the Lodge was "deep rooted" is fully testified to in the following:

DEC. 27, 1829 Lord Durham took occasion to pay a tribute of respect and honour to the Sea Captains Lodge on its high and estimable character both as a Lodge and also as regarded its Members in their private situations of life, and stated his ready acquiescence, immediately on the receipt of the Invitation sent to him by the W.M. to be present on this their Annual Festival, and that it would be his constant theme to hold them up for example to all the Lodges within the Province as Pattern and Guiding Star in Masonry.

NOV. 13, 1834 Bro. Thomas Hardy W.M. proposed "Bro. The Right Hon. The Earl of Durham F.R.G.M. to become a Member of this Lodge, having expressed a voluntary wish to that effect."

NOV. 21, 1839 vide Special Issuing pp Palatine! What's in a name? To the Members of this Lodge it is a name to be justly proud of. It is a simple statement of fact that the title 'Palatine' was deliberately chosen to appropriately

LORD DURHAM
AND
PALATINE

TITLE OF LODGE
 distinguish the Sea Captains Lodge and thereby implying that, as Palatine was the distinguishing title of this County of Durham, so Palatine shall be the distinguishing title of so famous a Lodge as The Sea Captains'.

LODGE NOS
 The Number of the Lodge, N^o 218 at first, has several times been changed, from time to time, on account of the removal of lapsed Lodges from the Roll.

The Numbers and dates of changes are as follow:

DATE	N ^o	NAME OF LODGE	PLACE
1757	218	"Marquis of Carnarvon"	Marquis of Carnarvon
1770	177	"Sea Captains"	King's Head
1780	143	do	do
1781	144	do	do
1792	129	do	Queen's Head
1814	*153	do	do
1832	114	"Palatine"	do
1863	97	do	Bridge Hotel

LOCAL LODGES
 On the union of the Grand Lodges, a general renumbering of the Lodges took place [note 5p] resulting in the N^o 129 being changed to N^o 153, thereby accounting for the fact that the younger Lodge, St. John's, Sunderland is credited with a senior number to Palatine.

Before the Union the N^{os} were Palatine [number] 129 and St. John's [Atrod] 94; subsequently changed to 153 & 118 respectively.

PLACES OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE	SITUATION
	1757 to 1766	Marquis of Carnarvon	Low Lane
1766 - 1768	"Mason's Arms"	Low Street	
1768 - 1799	"King's Head"	High Street	
1799 - 1803	"Golden Lion Hotel"	do	
1803 - 1805	"House of Bro. Part"	Maudie's Lane	
1805 - 1837	"Queen's Head"	Queen Street	
1837 - 1847	"Hay's Hotel"	"Golden Lion"	
1847 - 1860	"Bridge Inn"	Flag Lane	
1860 - 1870	"Bridge Hotel"	Sundaland Street	
1870 -	"Masonic Hall"	Park Terrace	

MARQUIS OF CARNARVON'S HEAD.
 The "Marquis of Carnarvon's Head", afterwards known as the "West Country Arms", was situated on the Low Lane at the foot of the Long Bank, and approached from the High Street. It was the principal house in the town of Sea Captains to gather in, hence the origin of the name given to the Lodge.

MASON'S ARMS.
 The "Mason's Arms" was situated in the Low Street at the foot of Water Lane, near the Bodlewell Lane. Its name was subsequently changed to the "Stratford Arms" and was much frequented by the Craft at this date. The Phoenix Lodge 1756-1764, Sea Captains Lodge 1764-1770 and St. John's Lodge, March to Dec. 1806, held their meetings here.

GOLDEN LION HOTEL

The "Golden Lion Hotel," known also as "Hay's Hotel," was situated at the foot of Queen Street, and included Coach Houses and a Stable Yard with a splendid Well of Water. In the yard, on the bank grew some very large trees and beautiful flowers.

In close proximity is Doodwell Lane, which derived its name from a Well or Spring from which Water was applied as the price of a bottle or 2 paining per stool. The nozzle of a Tap in the wall now marks the place.

When in Iron, this House was used by the Tompsett family, and afterwards by the Pines and Lonsdales. It was at the front door of this Hotel where the Bro. attacked the Marquis in his carriage, pelting him with mud and "eggs," when the Marquis in his rage, declared that he would make the grass to grow in the streets of Sunderland.

Opposite, in Queen Street, was the Froony establishment of Sports, one of whose sons - Richard - became W.M. of Palatine in 1830 and 1831; Mayor of Sunderland in 1837, and fought a duel at Burslem in 1842.

The Lodges holding their meetings here were -

Phoenix Lodge 1755-1756 and 1770-1778.

Palatine " 1799-1803 and 1837-1847.

S^t John's July 1843 - Feb. 1847.

The popularity of this Hotel was due, in a great measure to the proximity of the Exchange and the Diamond Mission.

Generally speaking, the immediate reason for removing

REMOVAL REASONS

The Lodge from place to place, was "want of accommodation the cause of leaving the Golden Lion in 1803 is thus accounted for by the Minutes

At 11. 1802. In consequence of the Landlord [M^r Smith] refusing to accommodate the Brethren with Supper, under what they consider "an exorbitant price," and other disagreeable business since his management it was unanimously decided to remove the Lodge.

Although M^r Smith granted better terms, the Brethren in July, 1803, decided to remove to the Phoenix Hall, provided Terms could be amicably arranged. The Terms being deemed "Immoderate"

HOUSE OF BRO. PEART

The House of Bro Peart, situated in Maude's Lane, was placed at the disposal of the Brethren. This house stood in the middle of the street, on the left hand side, from High Street, and was approached by a flight of steps.

During the short stay in this House of Bro Peart, we may picture "the comforts" of our Brethren from one or two instructive minutes

"SEP. 8. 1803 - Is granted to Bro Peart as a recompense for alterations in making the Lodge room fit for reception."

"APRIL 12. 1804 - Bro Peart, having complained to having sustained a loss by providing Suppers for Brethren it was agreed to discontinue them."

QUEEN'S HEAD

After a brief sojourn at Bro Peart's the Lodge removed to the Queen's Head, in Queen Street, where on March 10th 1814, S^t John's Lodge paid their first fraternal visit to Palatine

MASONIC HALL

S^t John's Lodge held their meetings in this Hotel from May, 1820, until November, 1822.

The Plans of The Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, was exhibited in S^t John's Lodge on April 13. 1869, and the Foundation Stone was laid, with Masonic Honours, on July 6. 1869, the Speeches being the following:-

Resigned to S. J. Wade, Esq. W.M. of S^t John's Lodge, N^o 80, on his laying the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Hall. July 6. 1869.

At the formation of the Masonic Hall Co. Palatine Lodge desired to have conjoint powers with S^t John's, who were the sponsors of this undertaking. To this request the latter demurred, and while willing to grant every facility for using the Hall, they wished to have it as belonging to and controlled by themselves.

Alterations, from time to time, have been made in the Constitution, which is now a limited liability Co. with a share capital of £2,000 in 11 shares, of which Palatine holds 52, exclusive of Shares held by its individual Members.

	No. of Shares	No. of Members included	No. of Shares	Observation	Notes
SHARES HELD BY PALATINE LODGE.	503	1677-1681	5		Bro P. Peart
	504	1743-1752	10		
	505	1847-1856	10		Bro P. Peart
	506	2909-2918	10		appointed Jan 9 1903
	508	2254	1		
	509	2797-2801	5		
	528	3, 1044-1053	11	Presented to Lodge by Bro P. Peart N ^o 80	of one share
			52.		

Report of Permanent Committee

Removal from The Bridge Street to the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace

Palatine Lodge N^o 97.

Your Committee have to Report that 3 places were mentioned as suitable for this Lodge viz:-

- Queen's Hotel
- Palatine Hotel
- The New Masonic Hall.

[1] - On applying to M^r Smith he at once stated he had no accommodation for us, or any other Lodge in the Queen's Hotel.

[2] - M^r Thompson, who has taken the Palatine Hall as Tenant from November next, told us that it was probable he might not be able to get possession until the Term. He was however, anxious to find accommodation for this Lodge and offered the Large Room with Ante-room at a Rental of £15 per an. - no extra charge for Gas or attendance except for Dinners when a charge would be made. Refreshments at same rate as now paid.

[3] - We met the Directors of the new Masonic Hall who were willing to let us have the use of the large Hall, and Rooms as used at present by S^t John's Lodge on the same terms viz. £25 per annum. For this amount we are to have the use of the Lodge & Ante-room, Refreshment room together with one Store Room and Cellar.

Water, Coals Rates & ordinary Cleaning to be paid by the Proprietors.

These places will be at the service of the Lodge every Thursday during the year except when wanted (4 times only) by the Pall Chapter of St. Andrew's.

The Company also undertake to take charge of the Furniture & belonging to the Lodge and to be responsible for any damage to it.

They offer to grant a Lease for 7 years a to let at a yearly Tenancy, each giving 6 months notice to quit, the Rent to be paid Quarterly.

Your Committee have inspected the Palatine Hotel and are of opinion that it is not and cannot be made a fit and appropriate place for the use of this Lodge.

They are also of opinion that the New Masonic Hall is well adapted for our use.

Although there is apparently a difference of £10 between the Rent of the two places yet when the saving on the supply of Gas which is estimated as from £10 to £12 per an is taken into account this difference disappears.

Your Committee have therefore come to the conclusion unanimously that it is desirable that this Lodge should be removed to the Masonic Hall Toward Road & strongly recommend to agree to such removal.

Bro. W. Lory moved the adoption of the Report & recommended that the Lodge do remove to the Masonic Hall which was seconded by Bro. P. S. Lord.

The voting resulted - FOR 17. AGAINST 2.

The N. 335 Bro. W. Wilson declared the motion carried.

REPORT BY PERMANENT COMMITTEE

REMOVAL OF LODGE TO MASONIC HALL.

Membership of Palatine Lodge No 97
 as last removed on OCTOBER 19, 1870
 from the Bridge Hotel in Sunderland Street
 to the Masonic Hall in Park Terrace.

DATE	NAME	PROFESSION	DATE	NAME	PROFESSION
1838	Torbes John	MASTER MARINER	1854	Stainsby Joseph	DRAPER
1839	Donkin James	INN KEEPER	"	Richardson W ^m	INN KEEPER
1843	Tanson Geo Smith	SOLICITOR	1860	Ryder James	MILLER
1847	Williamson Richard	GENTLEMAN	"	Bedford W ^m	M ^r MARINER
1850	Johnson Rich ^d A	WINE MERCHANT	1861	Crisp Joseph	M ^r MARINER
"	Sanderson Tho ^s	M ^r MARINER	"	Dauber W ^m C	SEWING
1851	Lory Benjamin	CLOTHIER	"	Tindell John	GROVER
1852	Parkin Robert	M ^r MARINER	"	Vaux Cuthbert	WINE MERCHANT
"	Williamson Charles	GENTLEMAN	"	Serry Robert	FRUITER
1854	Turnbull Tho ^s Scott	DRAPER	"	Moore David	M ^r MARINER
1855	Ragg John	SHIPWRIGHT	"	Younger Thomas	DRAPER
"	Spanson Tho ^s	CO ^r TRAVEL	"	Gourley E J	M ^r MARINER
"	Patterson Alex	M ^r MARINER	1862	Lord George	SEWING
1857	Barber Anthony	INN KEEPER	"	Reed James R	COACH
"	Wadton John	PLUMBER	"	Stryer Henry	FRUITER
1858	Hall W ^m	BUTCHER	1863	Theoderson Henry	M ^r MARINER
"	Williamson Wm ^r	GENTLEMAN	"	Allison Wm ^r Heath	SEWING
"	Toppling Tho ^s	DRAPER	"	Corn Isidorus	SEWING
1859	Kear Robert	TAILOR	1864	Miller George	GROVER
"	Isbeer Carl W	SHIP BROKER	"	Barnoy John	COACH
"	Horn William	M ^r MARINER	"	Shotton Robert	GROVER

DATE	NAME	PROFESSION	DATE	NAME	PROFESSION
1864	Knott W ^m	M ^r MARINER	1868	Haswell E H	SOLICITOR
"	Wilson W ^m	CONTRACTOR	"	Austin Sam ^l P	SEWING
"	Robinson Geo H	DRAPER	"	Pacey Robert	M ^r MARINER
"	Tankinson H	PLUMBER	"	Woodlin Robert	SURGEON
1865	Whitfield J	SAIL MAKER	"	Denton George	FREE LANCER
"	Steeble W ^m	GROVER	"	Phillpot W ^m	M ^r MARINER
"	Whayman Don ^l	M ^r MARINER	"	Sheppard Fred ^d C	ACCOUNTANT
"	Clay Alfred	MERCHANT	1869	Pomeroy Carl E	AGENT
"	Bell W ^m	SOLICITOR	"	Sanderson Ar. E	- DO -
1866	Dawson Cha ^s	PAINTER	"	Reed Charles W	SEWING
"	Hall Tho ^s J	M ^r MARINER	"	Cooke John	AGENT
"	Stephenson Geo	GROVER	"	Athey Ja ^s	M ^r MARINER
1867	Clay John J	MERCHANT	"	Crosby Joseph P	M. D.
"	Humphrey Pa	GROVER	"	Scott Walter	AGENT
"	Dixon H	SOLICITOR	"	Yeoman George	INN KEEPER
"	Humphrey Ja ^s	SHIP BROKER	"	Coulson John P	H. M. COSTUME
"	Alan Natham ^s	INSPECTOR TOLLS	"	Robson Crosby W	PRINTER
"	Dixon W ^m H	SURGEON	1870	Chambers W ^m S	ARCHITECT
1868	Sherwood A Tho ^s	AGENT	"	Tob George	M ^r MARINER
"	Crosby John	- DO -	"	Saville J J	SURGEON
"	Ramshaw W S	INN-KEEPER	"	Penney Tho ^s H	COMEDIAN
"	Taylor Tennessee	SHIP BROKER	"	Abrahams P L	CLOTHIER
"	Barker C W	SOLICITOR	"	Johnston Tho ^s	
"	Candlish John	M ^r MARINER	"	Cuffels David	WESLEYAN MINISTER
"	Stainsby Rob ^t	TRAFFIC MANAGER	"	Barnes H	M ^r MARINER
"	Prosser Alex ^s	HATTER	"	Torothy A Pel	GLASS HOUSE MANAGER
Nov 10 th 1870	Harle Ja ^s Henry	MERCHANT	NEWCASTLE	SECRET MEMBER	INTITUTE
Nov 10 th 1870	Black James	IRON FOUNDER	LODGE 240	JOINER	
Dec 6 th 1870	Davis E D	COMEDIAN	LODGE 243 685	WESLEYAN	
				SECRETARY [TOTAL - 97]	