

The History 1907 to 1936



W Bro John Taylor Gray, PM, PP&GD  
Worshipful Master 1921 to 1922

**JOHN TAYLOR GRAY**  
1861 - 1922

When Bro John Taylor Gray was nominated amongst the rulers of the Lodge, much interest was taken in the fact that he was able to attend with the Ruler of the Lodge by the name of Successor at the W. M. S. Grand Lodge, Bro Grant Secretary, W. M. S., and also by the fact that Bro Gray appeared as his chosen Brother, Bro Henry Dixon, Brother to the Bro Grant Secretary, when the Lodge was returned to the first degree at the Annual Meeting, to Bro R. D. Baker. Dixon presented a special photograph of himself in his grand lodge clothing to the Lodge, which was graciously accepted by the Worshipful Master.

The Annual Festival was afterwards held on the Palestine Hotel, when 52 Brothers met there in an excellent banquet, after which the usual Address and report of the year were submitted and duly received, the accounts of the evening being read in harmony.

to obtain for our Lodge.

**LETTER FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

On 11th May 1902 a letter was sent from the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Kinnaird, thanking the Brothers for their kind expression of sympathy in the recent illness and confinement of the Master, and also for the fact that the Lodge would convene and hold its meeting on the 14th.

**WORK ON MASONIC HISTORY**

At this meeting 11th May 1902, Bro R. D. Baker, P.M., proposed that Bro Taylor Gray should be appointed to investigate the history of the Lodge, and to report on the same at the next meeting.

It was decided to accept the proposal, and Bro Taylor Gray was appointed to the position of Investigator.

Bro Taylor Gray has since then been busy in his investigations, and has already reported to the Lodge on several occasions.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

On the 21st January 1902, the Lodge met a letter from Bro Taylor Gray in connection with the Grand Lodge of England, naming Bro Taylor as an account and they read any Lodge held under the name of a new name in the Lodge Minutes.

**THE PROPOSAL TO BE MADE**

On 9th March 1902, the following resolutions of the Provincial Committee were brought before the Lodge. That a Bro Memorial be placed in the Lodge room, and that the Worshipful Master, Bro R. D. Baker, should be directed to cause the same to be made and placed in a place with an amount of no less than £100. The purpose of this resolution was to Bro Taylor Gray, P.M., secondly to Bro R. D. Baker, who was only named and not the Bro Memorial should be duly placed in the Lodge room, and covered in the case of which a full account will be given in due course.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE OF CONCORDANCE**

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