

The History 1907 to 1936



W Bro John J A Forbes, PM
Worshipful Master 1930 to 1931

JOHN JAMES ALEXANDER FORBES
1930 - 1931

The Installation of Bro John J A Forbes on Thursday 10th March 1930 was a matter of great interest on account of the long connection of his family with British Lodge. His grandfather John Forbes having been installed in the Lodge as far back as 1809 and was a subsequent member for over 60 years.

The Installation Ceremony was well performed by W Bro Henry Pithot and there was a large attendance of members and visitors to the meeting and the Reception which followed.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF GRAND LODGE

Leaving out of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the 3rd Dec 1930 in the Kingsway Hall, London, which was attended by some thousands of members including one from the Grand of Durham, considerable interest was shown in the

meeting on account of a notice of motion which had to be brought forward by the President of the Grand of Devon, to increase the payable to Grand Lodge. In the House of Grand O. G. B. addressed the Grand Lodge on this matter and specially mentioned the attention, pointing out that this additional levy would take £1000 from the Lodges in the Province of Durham, on whom would they could all afford. The Lodge to which W Bro Pithot had the honour to belong, as was much appreciated by the experience on the east coast. The Hall which the Lodge had built was a member £200 per annum, which they pay themselves without adding Grand Lodge to help. In Durham he continued to use engineering the highest industrial reputation in the west. Some of our shipyards are closed, as are others, and out of our 200,000 are doing nothing and hundreds of unemployed waiting about. We are doing our best for our Province, those who are interested are being helped. The motion appeared to Grand Lodge not to pass. The day

on the steady great basket home by the Province of Durham.

W Bro E W Baynes of Phoenix Lodge attended Grand Lodge on the subject, and eventually the W Bro Grand Master moved the adjournment of the debate.

An special Grand Lodge was held in the Royal Albert Hall, London on the 2nd April 1931 to further discuss the financial proposals when over 7000 Brethren from all parts of the English jurisdiction were present. The W Bro Grand Master, Sir John Phipps, presided.

After several Brethren had spoken on the subject, a proposition was put forward which was generally accepted.

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE MEETING

An Emergency Meeting of the Lodge was held on the 2nd March 1931, for the purpose of a Lecture by W Bro John Kefford M.A. on Anglo-Sanskrit Relationship, Edinburgh. The class was taken by W Bro James Shell A.G.C. 2935 W, and there was a large attendance.



W Bro Lt Col J Woodbury Thompson, VD, PDGSwdB
Assistant Deputy Provincial Grand Master

The lecture, which was illustrated by some excellent lantern slides, was greatly appreciated and a vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer for his services.

INSTALLATION OF LT COL JOHN WOODBURY THOMPSON

A SPECIAL MEETING OF GRAND LODGE

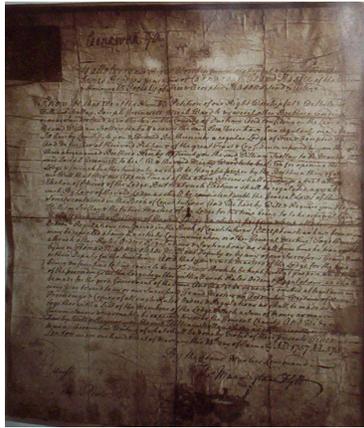
At the General Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Southampton on the 17th June 1931 Lt Col John Woodbury Thompson, VD, Deputy Grand Master, Devon was appointed and installed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham.

W Bro Thompson was born at Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1861.

Bro Forbes played J Thompson was for many years a member of the Area Lodge, No 100, in that town.

At that of Woodbury Thompson was included in the Victoria Commemorative Service Medal, No 244 (now the Reserve Service Lodge of Northampton) in 1901, being killed in 1908.

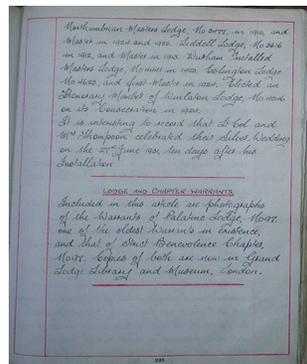
He is a founder of the following Lodges - Cornwall Lodge, No 200, in 1903, and Essex Lodge, No 200, in 1903, and Essex Lodge, No 200, in 1903, and Essex Lodge, No 200, in 1903.



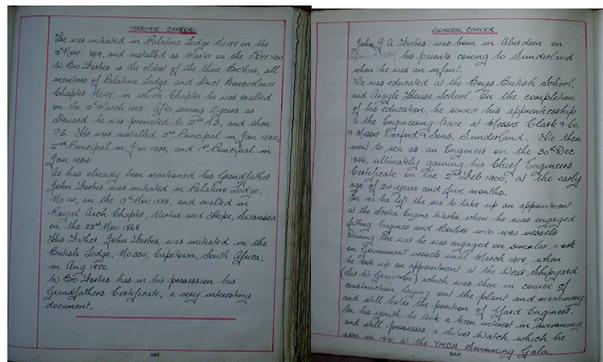
Palatine Lodge No 97
Photographed from Original Warrant dated 14th January, 1757,
under which the above named lodge is worked



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Strict Benevolence Chapter No 97
Photographed from the Original Charter dated 30th March, 1797,
now in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, London,
A Conformation Charter was Granted 7th November, 1821



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