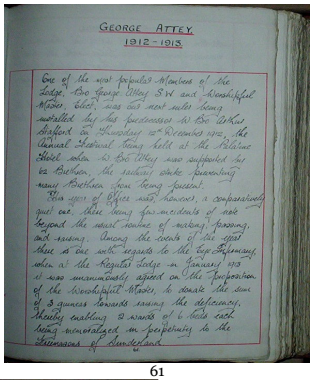
The History 1907 to 1937

W Bro George Attey
Worshipful Master 1912 to 1913



GEORGE ATTEY
1912 - 1913

One of the most popular Members of the Lodge, Bro George Attey SW and Worshipful Master Elect, was cut most suddenly installed by his predecessor W Bro Wilkes Stafford on Thursday 12th December 1912. The Annual Festival being held at the Palatine Hotel when Bro Attey was supported by 62 Brethren, the record date, preventing many Brethren from being present.

This year of Office was marked, a comparatively quiet one, these being few incidents of note beyond the usual routine of working, passing, and raising. Among the events of the year there is one with regards to the Top Deficiency, when at the Regular Lodge in January 1913 it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of the Worshipful Master, to donate the sum of 3 guineas towards raising the deficiency, thereby enabling 2 wards of 6 beds each being renovated in perpetuity to the Infirmaries of Sunderland.

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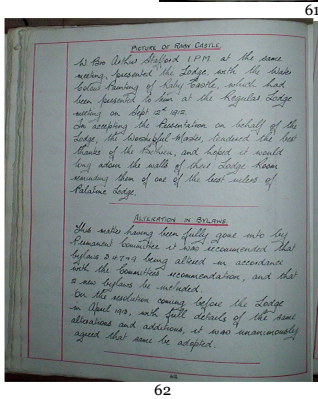

PRESENTATION OF RUBY CASTLE

W Bro Wilkes Stafford IPM at the same meeting, presented the Lodge, with the three beautiful Painting of Ruby Castle, which had been presented to him at the Regular Lodge meeting on Sept 12th 1912.

On accepting the Presentation on behalf of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, tendered the best thanks of the Brethren, and hoped it would long adorn the walls of their Lodge Room, remaining then of one of the best Lodges of Palatine Lodge.

AUTHORITY IN BYLAWS

This matter having been fully gone into by Financial Committee it was recommended that bylaws 2 & 7 & 9 being altered in accordance with the Committee recommendation, and that 2 new bylaws be inserted.

On this resolution coming before the Lodge in April 1913, with full details of the same alterations and additions, it was unanimously agreed that same be adopted.

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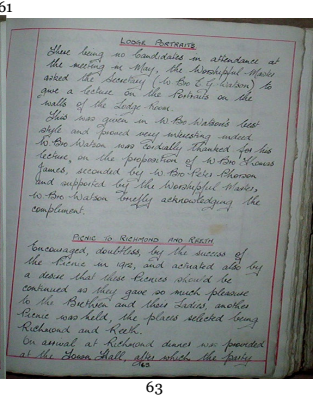

LODGE PORTRAITS

There being no candidates in attendance at the meeting in May, the Worshipful Master asked the Secretary (W Bro E G Watson) to give a lecture on the Portraits on the walls of the Lodge Room.

This was given in W Bro Watson's best style and proved very interesting indeed. W Bro Watson was totally thanked for his lecture, on the proposition of W Bro Thomas James, seconded by W Bro Ruby Thorson and supported by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Watson briefly acknowledging the compliment.

PICNIC TO RICHMOND AND REATH

Encouraged, doubtless by the success of the Picnic in 1912, and activated also by a desire that these pleasures should be continued as they gave so much pleasure to the Brethren and their Ladies, another Picnic was held, the places selected being Richmond and Reath.

On arrival at Richmond dinner was provided at the Town Hall, after which the party

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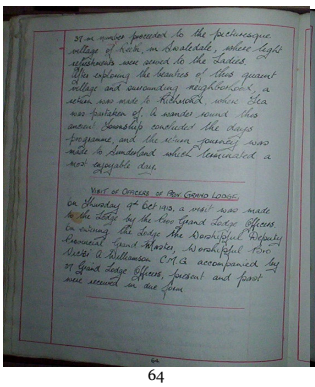

31 in number proceeded to the picturesque village of Reath, in Wensleydale, where light refreshments were served to the Ladies.

After exploring the beauties of this quaint village and surrounding neighbourhood, a return was made to Richmond where tea was partaken of, to wonder round this ancient Township concluded the days programme, and the return journey was made to Sunderland which terminated a most enjoyable day.

VISIT OF OFFICERS OF PROV GRAND LODGE.

On Thursday 9th Oct 1913, a visit was made to the Lodge by the two Grand Lodge Officers on visiting the Lodge the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Bro Walter A Williamson. O.M.G. accompanied by 27 Grand Lodge Officers, present and past were received on due form.

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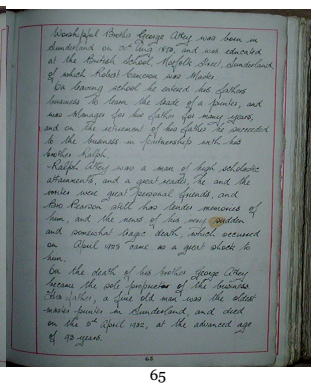

Worshipful Brother George Attey was born in Sunderland on 27th June 1879, and was educated at the Borough School, Norfolk Street, Sunderland of which Robert Donkin was Master.

On leaving school he entered the family business to learn the trade of a Joiner, and was Manager for his father for many years, and on the retirement of his father he succeeded to the business in partnership with his brother Ralph.

Ralph Attey was a man of high scholastic attainments, and a great reader, he and the writer were great personal friends, and Bro Pearson will have tender memories of him, and the news of his very sudden and somewhat tragic death, which occurred on April 1913 came as a great shock to him.

On the death of his brother George Attey became the sole proprietor of the business. This Attey, a fine old man was the oldest master joiner in Sunderland, and died on the 8th April 1932, at the advanced age of 92 years.

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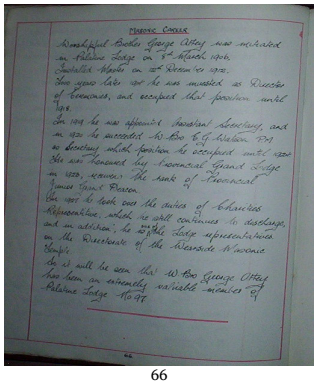

MASONIC CAREER

Worshipful Brother George Attey was initiated in Palatine Lodge on 5th March 1906.
Installed Master on 12th December 1912.
Two years later he was installed as Director of Ceremonies, and occupied that position until 1918.
In 1919 he was appointed Treasurer, and in 1920 he succeeded W Bro E G Watson PM as Secretary which position he occupied until 1932.
He was honoured by Provincial Grand Lodge in 1920, receiving the rank of Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.
He went to Bank over the duties of Scholarship Representative, which he still continues to discharge, and in addition, he is the Lodge representative on the Directorate of the Riverside Masonic Temple.
As it will be seen the W Bro George Attey has been an extremely valuable member of Palatine Lodge No 97.

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