

The Ancient Palatine Lodge No 97

Bro Benjamin Levy

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Presented to Bro Benjamin Levy P.M.
on his retirement from Office
as W.M. on 9 Dec 1858
by the Brethren of Palatine Lodge N^o 114
Sunderland
as a mark of esteem and paternal regard
for his many valuable services to the Lodge
and Craft in general.

Alderman Benjamin Levy. P.M., P.P.J.G.W.

EARLY LIFE
Bro Benjamin Levy, son of Moses Levy, a well-known Shipowner of London, was born in 1827. On attaining his majority, he commenced business as a Clothier & Draper in Holborn, but removed in 1850 to Sunderland, opening a shop at the foot of George Street, at present the site of The Grass Home, where he resided above 30 years. He removed to the corner of Newell Street, near the site of the Havelock House, and later to his present shop 214 High Street West, just ten years ago.

PROSPERITY
So greatly did he prosper that he opened Branch Shops at Shields, Stockton, Widdlesley, W. Charlton, & Bursay, his operations being conducted on a large scale.

MASONIC CAREER
On March 27. 1851. he was initiated in Palatine Lodge and in 1857 elected and installed its W.M.
On June 10. 1858 he was deputed to represent the Lodge at the Ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of The Scottish Metropolitan Lodge in Edinburgh on the 27th inst. He was appointed P.S.G. in 1855, P.G. in 1862 & P.J.G.W. in 1867.

R. A. DEGREE.
In the R.A. Chapter he attained the 1st Rank of Jun 1866 & H in 1873, and also 1884.
At the time of his death he was the senior P.M. of his Lodge & Strict Benevolence Chapter, and an Hon. Member of High 97