

# Kingston Temple Lodge

No. 4722

HALL STONE LODGE

Of  
Ancient  
Free



And  
Accepted  
Masons

PROVINCE OF SURREY

## **The First Seventy Five Years**

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*Additional Historical Facts From 2000 Onwards  
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## **Notes on W. Bro. Brian Frederick Crome PPGReg. PPJGW (Essex)**

Brian was initiated into the Kingston Temple Lodge in September 1962, Passed in January 1963, raised in March 1963. He has had many family members in the Lodge including the founder Harry Overton a College Principal of Redwood Lodge no. 3411, who was our first Senior Warden and our second Master. His son Harry S. C. Overton was the donor of the H. S. C Overton Fund to the Lodge. He split his legacy equally between our Lodge, the Redwood Lodge and a friend.

Brian's Grandfather was Master in 1934 and his Father W. Bro. Frederick Hawtree Crome became a founder of The Surrey Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge Number 8297 and was Master there in 1981.

Brian was educated at the Royal Masonic School for Boys at Bushy.

He joined Hainault Lodge no. 4367 in the Province of Essex in November.

1964 and was Master there 1973 and again in 2005. He set up their Benevolent Fund and was its Secretary & Treasurer from 1971- 79. Between 1979 and 1995 he was Lodge Secretary for 9 of those years. Between 1974 and 1990 he was for 10 years Charity Steward. For all this Work on behalf of Hainault he was promoted to PPJGW.

He became our Master in 1979, later being promoted to PPGReg. having served as KTL Charities Association Treasurer for 16 years 1971-87. He later became Treasurer of the Lodge 1987- 2004, for 17 years.

There have been many other members of the Lodge, whom have been related to Brian through marriage into his family e.g. W. Bro. Cecil Eames W.M. 1962 who initiated him (Uncle) and also a cousin Bro. Peter Eames. Bro. Phillip F. Overton who was initiated at age 18 by Dispensation as he was joining the RAF in 1946. Via collateral branches of his family, he is related to W. Bro. Patrick Chalk.

In his private life, he was a leading light in the building of a beautiful wood constructed Church, near West Hornden close to Brentwood in Essex.

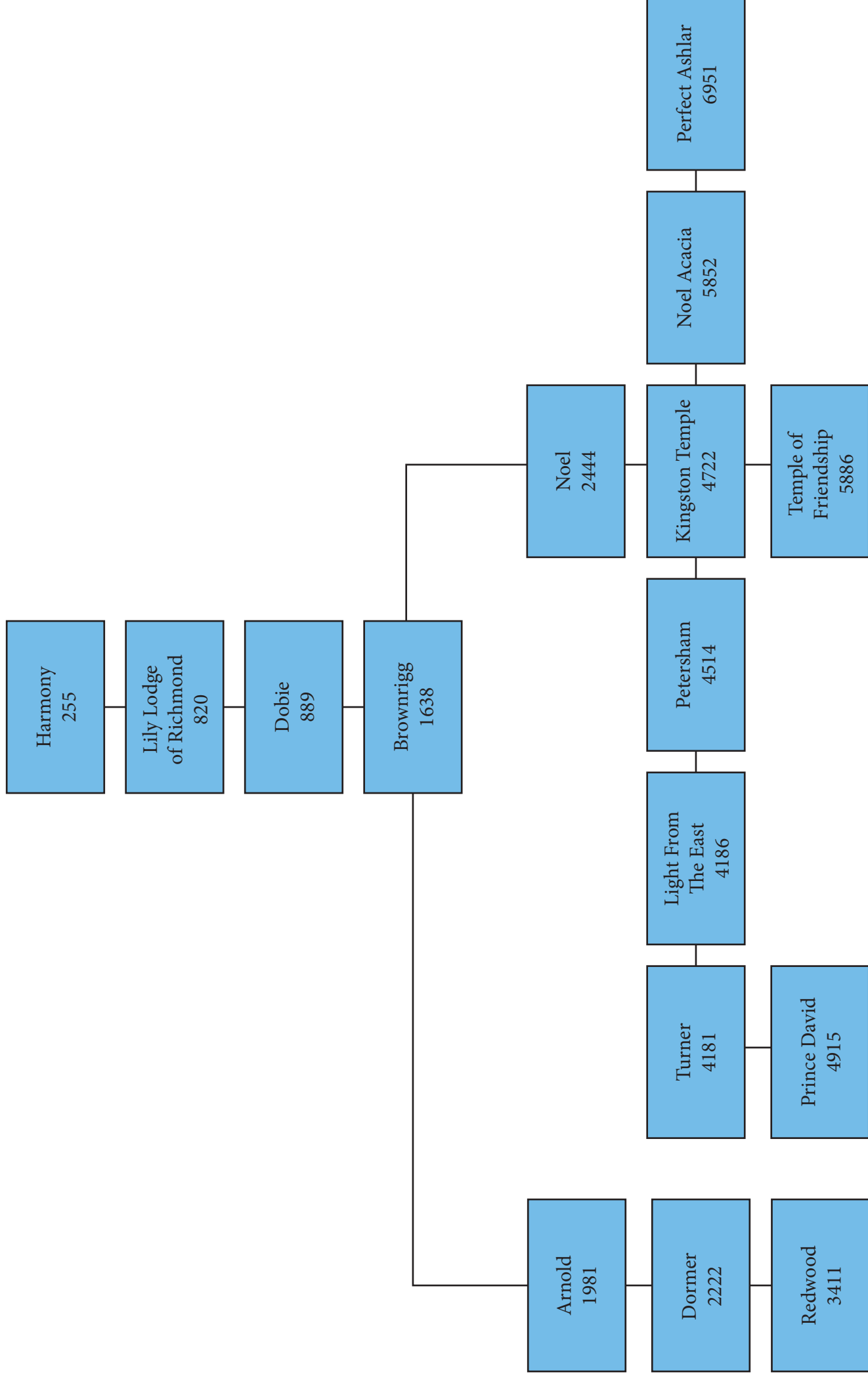
He and his wife Barbara have now in 2006 moved to Wells in Somerset. Their adult children live in the area of Wells also. Despite the long trip to Surbiton Masonic Hall we still see Brian at our Meetings.

### **Brian Crome Update: Somerset**

Brian is now in 2012 an Honorary Member of Hainault Lodge and unfortunately the oldest member of Thames Estuary Chapter (so there's only one place to go!). In Somerset, he joined Avalon Chapter No.446 (that meets in Wells Cathedral) in May 2009 became 'J' in November 2010, 'H' in November 2011 and due to be 'Z' this November. He also became Preceptor of the Chapter of Improvement in February 2011 and has re-vamped and standardised the Exaltation Ceremony in line with the Provincial recommendation to divide up the Principal's and Sojourner's work.

He joined Pilgrim's Lodge No.772 in January 2012 and became the Lodge Secretary at their February meeting. This includes administration of the Masonic Hall, in Glastonbury, which is owned by the Lodge; this means trying to get to know the members, other users of the Hall, the ways of Somerset Province and sorting out the programme for the nine meetings. When Barbara and Brian moved to Somerset, they thought that he was going to sit on the sidelines and enjoy passive masonry!

# Lineage of Sponsorship



# The Consecration

Kingston Temple Lodge No.4722 was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Surbiton on 23rd April, 1925, under the warrant of the Noel Lodge No.2444.

At 4.30 pm around eighty Brethren, assembled in the Temple and the Lodge was opened.

The Consecrating Officers were as follows:

W.Bro G.H. Redwood P.G.D., Dep.Prov.G. Maste	Consecrating Officer
W.Bro G.V.A. Schofield, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G Secretary	Installing Officer
W.Bro. Harry Bladon P.G.Std.B, Prov.S.G.W.	Senior Warden
W.Bro. John Hooke Prov.J.G.W.	Junior Warden
W.Bro. Rev. G. Freeman Irwin B.D., P.A.G.Chap.	Chaplain
W.Bro. G.R. Saunders P.A.G.D.C.,	Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. W.A. Latham P.A.G.Purs., Prov A.G.Ses.	Inner Guard
W.Bro. H. Francis	Tyler

The Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren, saying they had met that evening to consecrate the first Lodge recommended by the M.W.Prov.Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. etc.), since his investiture as the Prov. Grand Master for Surrey; W.Bro Redwood exhorted the Brethren to make this fact an additional incentive to their best endeavours.

The Brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order and the Director of Ceremonies then read the Petition and Warrant. Approval of the Officers, named in the Warrant, was given. The Chaplain delivered the oration (printed overleaf) on the Nature and Principles of the Institution.

The W.M. designate (W.Bro L.T. Yates) was installed as the first Worshipful Master; he then appointed and invested his officers.

**The first officers of Kingston Temple Lodge were as follows:**

W.Bro Lenard T. Yates	Worshipful Master
W.Bro John D. Willoughby	Immediate Past Master
Bro. Harry Overton	Senior Warden
Bro. Alfred E. Grellier	Junior Warden
Bro. Frederick W. Paine	Treasurer
Bro. Harry Overton	Secretary Pro Tem
W.Bro. Thomas J.H. Stevens	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. George D. North	Senior Deacon
Bro. Alfred Jeff	Junior Deacon
Bro. Charles Winstone	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. George O. Mallows	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Walter Higgins	Inner Guard
Brs. Alfred A. Cuell	Steward
Bro. Julius Kohnstam	Steward
Bro. Alexander Gamble	Steward
Bro. H. Francis	Tyler

## The Founders

W. Bro Lenard T Yates (Soft Drinks Man)	PM Noel Lodge No. 2444
W. Bro John D. Willoughby as I.P.M.	
Bro. Harry Overton (College Principal)	Redwood Lodge No. 3411
Bro Alfred E. Grellier (Banker)	Skelmsdale Lodge No. 1658
Bro. Frederick W. Paine (Undertaker)	Surbiton Lodge No. 2146
W. Bro. Thomas J. H. Stevens	
(Garage Proprietor)	South Middlesex Lodge No. 858
Bro. George D. North (Policeman)	Redwood Lodge No. 3411
Bro Alfred Jeff (Café Owner)	Noel Lodge No. 2444
Bro Charles Winstone (Licensee)	Domatic Lodge No. 177
Bro George O. Mallows.	Star in the East Lodge No. 650
Bro. Walter Higgins (Bachelor)	Noel Lodge No. 2444
Bro. Alfred C. Cuell	Turner Lodge No. 4181
Bro. Julius Kohnstam	Turner Lodge No. 4181
Bro Alexander Gamble (Police Sergeant)	Turner Lodge No. 4181

From the above list of Founders you will realise the Main support of the Lodge came from three Lodges The Noel lodge No 2444, Redwood Lodge No.3411 and Turner Lodge No 4181.

## The Lodge's Origin

As you can see from the chart overleaf Kingston Temple Lodge as well as the three main supporting Lodges mentioned above, all originated from the Harmony Lodge No.255, which was Founded in 1785.

The line then descended through the Lily Lodge of Richmond No 380 founded in 1860, the Dobie Lodge No.889 was formed in 1861, to the Brownrigg Lodge Founded in 1876.

From the Brownrigg Lodge came the Arnold Lodge No 1981, which ultimately lead to the Redwood Lodge No 341I. and the sister Lodge Noel No.2444 which lead to both the Turner Lodge being formed in 1920 and the Kingston Temple Lodge No 4722 in 1925.

Kingston Temple's daughter Lodge Temple of Friendship No.5886 was consecrated in 1943.

Out of the Turner Lodge came Prince David Lodge No 4915, with which Kingston Temple Lodge has always had close connections, which remain to this day; the Master of Kingston Temple Lodge is made an Honorary Member during his year of office.

# **The Consecration Oration**

*By W. Bro. Revd. G. Freeman Irwin B.D. PAChap.*

“We all unite in offering our heartiest congratulations to the founders of this new Lodge, the Kingston Temple Lodge, the eighty-second on the roll of the Province. Bro Founders you have had great honour as well as a great responsibility conferred on you. You have the pleasure this evening of seeing the well-deserved consummation of many hopes and plans in this beautiful Ceremony of Consecration.

But this is only a beginning, a beginning of the work of a Lodge which will hold a warm place in the affection of its present and future members and will bring honour to our Province of Surrey. to which we are all so deeply attached and for the honour of which we all so willingly work under the leadership of our R.W.Prov.G. M. the Prince of Wales and his deputy {W. Bro Redwood} whose work on our behalf we all appreciate.

We all must, and especially those who are founders of the new Lodge, ask ourselves what our Lodges stand for. There are many Lodges in this district and collectively they represent in it, the great principles of Freemasonry.

Our order is everywhere, judged by the character of its Lodges and by the high standard of conduct its Members maintain. Each Lodge contributes its share to the general impression Freemasonry makes, and If any Lodge fails to sustain the high standard the whole Order suffers, and frequently all are condemned for the failure of one. As we can see, this brings home to us the important fact that ultimately the character of Freemasonry in general and of any Lodge in particular, depends upon the character of its individual members. At a time when Freemasonry is growing rapidly and there are many applicants for admission to our ranks, it is of the utmost importance for us to make sure, that only those are permitted to join us, who will do credit to their Lodge and our Order.

Your Lodge will maintain the high standard of work in carrying out the ritual and in the performance of our ceremonies, which characterises the Lodges of our Province. Excellent work indicates a high sense of duty, and a recognition of the beauty and symbolism of our ritual.

We aim at the best in these matters. But you will not misunderstand me when I say that this is not all, nor is it indeed the most deed the most important part of our work, or of the purpose of our existence. We value our ritual. We value Our secrets and our signs, but as I heard a keen and hard working Brother, who was vacating the Master's Chair of a Lodge in the Province the other evening, express it, the true secret of Masonry- the vital thing in masonry - is the character, the manliness of its members. That is the truth we ought always to have before us and bear in mind.

On what is that Masonic character founded? We some times speak of charity as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart That is so. But it is no mere mechanical or thoughtless charity, no mere giving of money or relief. That act must be the symbol of something deeper and inward, the spirit of brotherhood. That is the underlying principal of our order. It rests, broad based, upon brotherly love , which is our foundation bed rock on which the whole structure is built. And not only our Masonic structure, but in truth , the whole structure of our social order, Our civilisation itself, all that unites me in the beneficial action for the welfare of the race. Brethren , to make brotherly love a greater reality in every way than it has ever been before, to make it the chief motive in the relationship of man to man, is the aim of our order.



Of the importance and significance of that aim it is scarcely necessary to speak to you. Masonry has a splendid history and noble tradition. For three hundred years with ever growing power it has maintained in our own land the principle of brotherly love as one of the great permanent unchanging factors in our human life.

Amid changes and vicissitudes of many kinds in dynasties and institutions, it has manifested the power of love in many ways, relieving the wants of the distressed, and in contributing to the sum of human happiness. Freemasonry has had great opportunities and it has used them well, as the foundation and growth of our great charities testify. The organisation of the new institutions to meet the needs, such as the Masonic Hospital, is evidence that the same spirit is still among us.

But we are facing a new era in the world's history, with greater difficulties and dangers than ever before and consequently with greater opportunities and possibilities, yes and responsibilities of usefulness. Time does not permit me to dwell upon the influences at work to-day, some of them destructive of our Social system and our civilization and leading to decay. I will not only emphasise the truth that Freemasonry has before it a splendid work, especially for its younger members, in maintaining and developing the great principles for which we stand. Your Lodge will take its place beside the oldest and most venerable, in carrying out the work. Your members will be alert to see and to use the opportunities which the progress of life will bring to them, and they will see that Masonry, as far as they are able will rise to the height of its calling.

I should fail in my duty this evening did I not add one last and greatest thought of all. We are engaged in a solemn duty of a sacred and religious character. We are invoking the G.A.O.T.U.O. in our undertaking. We are consecrating this Lodge to the honour and glory of His name. As at our Initiation we affirmed our trust in Him, so in the Consecration of a new Lodge, we affirm even more strongly that it is from Him our strength is derived, that from Him all goodness emanates, that to Him we look for guidance.

Relying then on that support, we go forward without fear, knowing that this Lodge, Consecrated this evening, will transmit pure and unsullied to those that come after us, the great principles of which it is the symbol, and of which it is now constituted now in a Treasury.”

# The Intervening Years

## The First 25 Years

At the first regular meeting of the Lodge on the 9th May 1925 Mr. A Winstone, Mr. H. Grellier, Mr. H.T. Crome and Mr. H.W. Harper were initiated and passed at the next meeting on the 6th June 1925 .Bros. A. Winstone, H.T. Crome and H.W. Harper were raised on the 4th July 1925. Bro H Grellier was raised on the 25th July 1925.

The growth of any new lodge is usually fairly rapid in, the early years, but Kingston Temple Lodge; seem to have had an ex-potential growth.

In the next two years the Lodge met twenty four times and there were fifty five candidates and three Joining Members. During and after this period it was not uncommon for three degrees to be worked at the same meeting. For example, at the June meeting in 1926 two from three candidates were initiated, two from five passed and two from four raised, in addition there was a ballot for a joining member and a ballot for eleven candidates for initiation.

The Regular Meetings of the Lodge were held on the first Saturday In January, June, September, November and the second Saturday in May for Installation. In 1931, it was proposed and agreed the June meeting should be transferred to March as it now.

In January 1935, a W. Bro. proposed that a sum of not exceeding £15 he expended from the Lodge funds to purchase copies of the "Oxford Bible for Masons", that would be presented to each future Master and Initiate on which to take their obligations This practice was discontinued in May 1942.

The autumn of 1936 no doubt had a lasting effect on the history of the Lodge, because in September Mr. Roderick Chisholm was proposed as a candidate for initiation and, other than some of the founders. W. Bro. Rod has probably had more influence on the direction and well being of the Lodge than any other Brother.

At the following November Meeting. Bro. H. H. Moses was initiated and for the last 58 years Bro Bert has been the Lodge's organist.

By March 1937 there were 124 members and in reading the minutes, one may wonder what happened when balloting, prior to November 1937, because it was questioned whether an approved ballot box should be provided for use in the Lodge, together with the necessary number of balls. It was then proposed they be purchased.

## The War Years

The first thing of note was the relaxation in dress. Up to the end of 1939 it was always Evening dress for Installation Meetings and Morning dress for all other meetings. From January, it was stipulated morning dress or uniform for all meetings.

The next was that the dues were reduced to 2 guineas with revised menus to reflect rationing. In addition a sum of 10 guineas was set aside to provide comfort for members serving in H.M. Forces.

In September 1942, the Surbiton Masonic Hall advised that they couldn't cater for Ladies' Nights and Garden Parties due to stipulation by the Ministry of Food, and whilst the conditions remained in force.

However, this period didn't see much slackening in the number candidates coming forward for membership. So much so, that in October 1942 a letter was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary concerning the rapid growth of the Lodge and stated that the Province didn't desire a large number of members in any one lodge.

Within six months, on the 8th April 1943, it was decided to recommend that the Lodge sponsor a petition for a new lodge to be known as Temple of Friendship.

This Lodge was consecrated on the 21st August 1943, with eight members of Kingston Temple Lodge being the founders.

At the September Meeting in 1942 it was proposed and agreed that the business of January meeting should be transacted by the Past Masters, this was rescinded in September 1943.

As requested by Grand Lodge a record was produced of Members serving in the Forces during the 1939-45 hostilities.

It was as follows:

Army	12
Royal Air Force	11
Royal Navy	3
Merchant Navy	1
Home Guard	4
Police	6
Civil Defence	6

Bro. F. S. Francis was awarded a D.F.C and Bro. W. T. Holmes and Bro. L. M. Driscoll were both awarded M.B.E's. Four members were injured due to enemy action. No Brother of the Lodge made the supreme sacrifice.

There was no loss of Lodge records or property and all meetings were held on the usual dates, plus there were four emergency meetings in 1943.

### **The Post War Years**

Still the candidates were coming back thick and fast and at an Emergency Meeting on the 5th April 1946, it was recorded that 7 were waiting for initiation, 6 for passing and 4 for raising; at this meeting it was decided to not accept any further propositions for initiation for twelve months. During the year there were two other emergency meetings and at the May Installation meeting two candidates were also initiated.

## **Second 25 Years**

After the phenomenal growth during the first twenty-five years, the second appeared to be a period of consolidation. The Lodge reached its highest membership in 1952 when there were 162 members. At this time, it was proposed and agreed that only one degree would be worked at future meetings.

The Installation Meeting in 1955 saw the end of an era when there was change of both Secretary and Treasurer.

W. Bro. Alec Gamble had been in post for 21 years and W. Bro. Harry Overton for 25 years.

It is interesting that up to 1960 it had always been the tradition to propose two of the newest members to serve on the Audit Committee (as the current Treasurer, I am sure that this was for their experience and not that they may be easily hoodwinked).

However, following a general directive from the Board of General Proposes, this duty has since been bestowed on two more senior and experienced brothers.

In 1960 W. Bro. J.T. Kingham, in conjunction with Bro. R. C. Wheeler of Grosvenor Lodge, presented the 4th section of the Second Lecture. Then in November 1964 Bro. G. Saunders of the Lodge of Lorraine presented the 4th and 5th sections of the First Lecture. Slightly unusual, in June 1969, three members were all conferred with the rank of Past Provincial Grand Deacon; these were W. Bros. J.T. Kingham, E.C. Chalk and A. E. Adams.

## **Third 25 Years**

Unfortunately, the third 25 year period, in the life of Kingston Temple Lodge, has coincided with a dramatic fall in membership, to its current level of thirty five this is less than 22% of the membership at its peak. There have no doubt been many contributing factors to this such as raging inflation, poor public image, and a decision to become a non-dining lodge. Partly due to the inflationary trend and the reduction in membership, it caused the subscription to more than double the ten years between 1988 and 1998.

Whilst there was a reduction in the number of degrees worked, it has enabled members and visitors to enjoy leaning about other aspects of Masonic history and symbolism.

W. Bro. D.J.W. Richards and W. Bro. R.M. Chisholm (Snr.) presented the 1st Lecture. Following their first visit in 1973, members of the William Cobbet Lodge returned 1989, to demonstrate the "18th Century working of a lodge meeting, including the making of a mason in the costume of the period, circa 1790."

W. Bro. E.E. Melhuish twice gave a full and detailed explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board, in 1990 and 1998. In 1992 he gave a paper on King Solomon's Temple, with illustration. Then in 1995 he presented a paper on the "Symbolism of the First Degree".

A member of the Monitor Lodge No 7064, W. Bro. R. G Taylor PPGSwdB (Derbyshire) gave an illustrated talk on "Freemasonry in the USA - A Casual Glimpse".

In March 1995 W. Bro. R. M. Chisholm (Jnr.) and Bro. J. I. Williams worked the 1st section of the Second Lecture and later that year Bro. J. I. Williams and W. Bro. D. D. Waters worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the Lecture, the 2nd section was again worked by the same brethren in 1997 and 1998.

In 1995 W. Bro. R.M. Chisholm (Snr.) presented a paper, first given in 1968 to the North Surrey Masters by V. W. Bro. Revd. Neville Barker-Cryer Past Grand Chaplain. PProv.GM entitled 'A Freemason and the belief in a Supreme Being'.

A significant epoch in the twenty five years was on the 4th January 1997, when letters, from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Shannon were presented to W. Bro. R. M. Chisholm (Snr.) and to Bro. H. H. Moses to mark the 60 years they had both been in freemasonry.

The death of Lord Cadogan in 1997 has had a lasting effect on the Lodge, because after the period of mourning the black border that had been added to the front page of the summons was changed to blue and has remained so ever since.

### **The Future**

The thanks of the brethren of the Lodge are due to the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters under whose direction we have progressed along the highway of the past seventy-five years.

We are proud of the tradition of service which has been their inspiration; their names are recorded in the minute books, as are their actual work and dedication. May we raise upon these foundations a super structure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. There has always been a wonderful atmosphere of friendship, goodwill and a measure of humour at the right time. Long may this continue!

During the last decade, we have seen a number of fine young men initiated into the Lodge. These brethren have already made their mark, on the Lodge and it is felt that Kingston Temple Lodge is in for an exciting and successful period during the next twenty-five years.

## Past Masters of the Lodge

1925	W. Bro. L. T. Yates	1963	W. Bro. P. D. Vincent
1926	W. Bro. H. Overton	1964	W. Bro. J. W. G. Kingham
1927	W. Bro. A.E Grellier	1965	W. Bro. R. Douglas
1928	W. Bro. GD. North	1966	W. Bro. F. B. Powell
1929	W. Bro. A. Jeff	1967	W Bro. J. R. Strutton
1930	W. Bro. A Gamble	1968	W. Bro. G. W. Vallance
1931	W. Bro. W. Higgins	1969	W. Bro. J .A. Thurlow
1932	W. Bro. G. O. Mallows	1970	W. Bro. R. W. C. Farrent
1933	W. Bro. A. Winstone	1971	W. Bro. H. W. F. Oakey
1934	W. Bro. H. T. Crome	1972	W. Bro. H. Sargent
1935	W. Bro. H.W. Harper	1973	W. Bro A. E. V. Dyckhoff
1936	W. Bro. W. H. Allsop	1974	W. Bro. D. J. W. Richards
1937	W. Bro. A. T. Cross	1975	W. Bro. D. R. Raggett
1938	W. Bro. E. Wills	1976	W. Bro. E. C. P. Chalk
1939	W. Bro. J. Wills	1977	W. Bro. B. E. Thurlow
1940	W. Bro. T. E. Jukes	1978	W. Bro. R.R Potten
1941	W. Bro. H. R. Rjbbins	1979	W. Bro. B. F. Crome
1942	W. Bro. H. Hall	1980	W. Bro. W. J. L. Oliphant
1943	W. Bro. M. A. Thurlow	1981	W. Bro R. R. Potten
1944	W. Bro. j. Garrett	1982	W. Bro. E. E. Melhuish
1945	W. Bro. S.H. Pratt	1983	W. Bro. C. R. Ricks
1946	W. Bro. H. Hammond	1984	W .Bro. C. J. Penn
1947	W. Bro. W. F. Dixon	1985	W. Bro. G. Moore
1948	W. Bro. G. J. Vallance	1986	W. Bro. R. M. Chisholm (Jnr.)
1949	W. Bro. J. H. Hart	1987	W. Bro. T. V. Brooks
1950	W. Bro. R. G. Groombridge	1988	W. Bro. J. S. Edser
1951	W. Bro. A. S. Harvey	1989	W. Bro. D. D. Waters
1952	W. Bro. W. A. Roberts	1990	W. Bro. R. Corbett
1953	W. Bro. R. C. Lamb	1991	W. Bro. D. F. Brocklesby
1954	W. Bro. J. H. Tapping	1992	W. Bro. M .J. Crossnan
1955	W. Bro. W. G. Pinhorn	1993	W. Bro. L. J. Speller
1956	W. Bro. E. C. Chalk	1994	W. Bro. R. Corbett
1957	W. Bro. R. M. Chisholm (Snr.)	1995	W. Bro. G. J. Elsbury
1958	W. Bro J. I. Cross	1996	W. Bro. G. J. Elsbury
1959	W. Bro. L. G; Cope	1997	W. Bro. B. E. Reeve
1960	W. Bro. J.T. Kingham	1998	W. Bro. J. I. Williams
1961	W. Bro. F. J. Cook	1999	W. Bro. W. J. Carpenter
1962	W. Bro. C. F. Emes	2000	W. Bro. S..F. Brierley

For those Past Masters of the Lodge from 2000 onwards see page 14.

# The 4722 Association

The association was founded by W. Bro. Mike Crossman Bros. Stephen Brierley & Colin Ellis in 1992, with £1000 from W. Bro. Roy Corbett's profits from the Ladies Nights he ran. The idea was to support Master's who may be unable to sustain such an event. Any surplus above the £1000 made from functions to go to Charity both Non-Masonic & sometimes Masonic. The £1000 to remain each year as the Balance. Events are run on a regular basis.

## Treasurers

1925-29	W. Bro. F.W. Paine
1929-55	W. Bro. H. Overton
1955-62	W. Bro. P.D. Vincent
1962-71	W. Bro. R.J.S. Douglas
1971-83	W. Bro. J.A. Thurlow
1983-86	W. Bro. W.J.L. Olipant
1986-2004	W. Bro. B.F. Crome
2004-	W. Bro. C.L. Ellis

## Secretaries

1925-27	W.Bro. J.J. Wagner
1927-34	W.Bro. T.H.J. Stevens
1934-55	W.Bro. A. Gamble
1955-59	W.Bro. R.G. Groombridge
1959-77	W.Bro. R.M. Chisholm (Snr)
1976-82	W.Bro. C.J. Penn
1982-85	W.Bro. R.M. Chisholm (Snr)
1985-87	W.Bro. C.J. Penn
1987-2004	W.Bro. C.H. Day
2004-2012	W.Bro. T.V. Brooks
2012	W.Bro. M.J. Crossman

## Directors of Ceremonies

1925-27	W.Bro. T.H.J. Stevens	1960-61	W.Bro. A. Winstone
1927-28	W.Bro. L.T. Yates	1961-63	W.Bro. J.H. Tapping
1928-29	W.Bro. H. Overton	1963-68	W.Bro. J.I. Cross
1929-35	W.Bro. L.T. Yates	1968-69	W.Bro. R. Douglas
1935-37	W.Bro. W. Higgins	1969-76	W. Bro J.T. Kingham
1937-40	W. Bro. A. Jeff	1976-77	W. Bro. J.R. Strutton
1940-45	W.Bro. A. Winstone	1977-93	W.Bro. G.W. Vallance
1945-46	W.Bro. L.T. Yates	1993-99	W. Bro. R.R. Potten
1946-57	W.Bro. M.A. Thurlow	1999-04	W.Bro. R.M. Chisholm (Jnr)
1957-58	W. Bro. W.H. Allsop	2009-13	W. Bro. S.F. Brierley
1958-60	W.Bro. H. Hammond	2013-	W. Bro. M.G. Carslake

## Chaplains

A Chaplain was not appointed in 1925, 1926, 1929 and 1930. Although six brethren served for two years, it appeared to be the office held by the brother leaving the I.P.M's chair until 1958.

1959-68	W. Bro. W.G. Pinhorn	1985-86	W. Bro. E.P.C. Chalk
1968 -74	W. Bro. F.J. Cook	1986-92	W. Bro. C.R. Ricks
1974-75	W.Bro. H.W.F. Oakey	1992-98	W. Bro. D.J.W. Richards
1975-76	W. Bro. J.G.W. Kingham	1998-2004	W. Bro. J.A. Thurlow
1976-78	W. Bro. A.E.V. Dyckhoff	2004-2010	W. Bro. D.D. Waters
1978-79	W. Bro. R.W.C. Farrant	2010-2012	W. Bro. T. Shoosmith
1979-85	W. Bro. A.E.V. Dyckhoff	2012-	W. Bro. G.J. Elsbury

## Almoners

1926-27	J. Kohnsham	1958-70	W.Bro. E.C. Chalk
1927-28	W.Bro. T.H.J. Stevens	1970-85	W.Bro. G.W. Vallance
1928-29	W.Bro. L.T. Yates	1985-95	W.Bro. R.W.C. Farrant
1929-44	W.Bro.C. Winstone	!995-2003	W.Bro. E.E. Melhuish
1944-45	W.Bro. W. Higgins	2003-04	W.Bro. G.J. Elsbury
1945-55	W.Bro. H. Hall	2004-	W.Bro. R.S. Shephard
1955-58	W.Bro. H. Hammond		

## Charity Stewards

An office originated by the Grand Lodge in 1975 for Lodges to include. Subsequent appointments.

1976 -83	W.Bro.F.H. Crome	1991-2004	W. Bro. D.D. Waters
1983-87	W. Bro. W.E. Sleigh	2004 -2011	W. Bro. G.J. Elsbury
1987-91	W. Bro.E.E. Melhuish	2011-	W. Bro. J.D.C.Gocher

## Tylers

1925-48	W. Bro. H. Francis	1972-90	Bro. M. J. C. Dyer
1948-68	W. Bro. D. E. Carter	1990-03	W. Bro. J. S. Edser
1968-71	W. Bro. J. Trow	2003	W. Bro. Robin M. Chisholm
1971-72	W. Bro. J. I. Cross-		



## For The Record

The youngest Initiate to date is Phillip F. Overton who at the age of 18, was initiated with his older brother Harry S. C. Overton at an Emergency meeting & held on Saturday 21st August 1926. This was by special dispensation due to him serving in the R. A. F. and being posted abroad. November. 1934 saw Bro, A .C Burford. a member of the United Services Lodge South China. become a Joining member. At the Installation meeting. In May 1939 W. Bro. E. Wills installed his blood brother as the next Master.

Bro. John Gell a bricklayer from the Lodge of Union No.250 Dunfermline under the Scottish Constitution was raised in the Kingston Temple Lodge, on the 3rd March 1945 at the written request of the Worshipful Master and Secretary and counter signed by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. Eric Maitland Brandebourg had the shortest lodge membership of just six weeks, having rejoined on 1/11/47 and died on the 12/11/47.

In May 1960, W. Bro. .J. T. Kingham became the youngest brother to be Installed as Worshipful Master of Kingston Temple Lodge and, at 37 years of age, W. Bro. Jim still remains the youngest installed master. At the other end of the scale, Bro. W. A. J. Palmer remains the oldest brother to be initiated into the Lodge. This brother was the uncle of W. Bro. Derek J. W. Richard and known affectionately to all members as Uncle Bill. The oldest brother to become the Lodge's a Worshipful, Master is none other than, W. Bro. Wally Carpenter who was 79 years and three months when he was installed in May 1999. He has moved to Las Vegas to be near his son Jon.

The only brethren to have occupied the Mastership for more than one year are W. Bro R. Corbett said W. Bro. G. J. Elsbury and W. Bro. R.S. Shephard. The last two in consecutive years of 1995 and 1996 and 2002 and 2003 respectively.

Bro. H. H. Moses has the distinction of being the longest serving officer, in the Lodge. On the 9th of May 1047. Bro. Bert was appointed and invested as the Organist - the office he had held until and including our 75th Anniversary Meeting. On Saturday 13th May 2000. i.e. 58+ years. Bert having passed to the Grand Lodge Above. This will take some beating.

### Sad Times

Whilst there have no doubt been many sad moments, in the Lodge, particularly sad times would have been at the death of W. Bro. Len Yates, W. Bro. Alec Gamble and W. Bro. Harry Overton, all founders who had done so much for the Lodge and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Other times would have been at the death of W. Bro. W. F. Dixon, who, died whilst he was the reigning Master and at the deaths of Bro. E. A. Nash and Bro. W. F. Hunt who both died while they were Senior Warden and never made it to the Master's Chair. Bro. Nash's name had appeared a few times in the Lodge minutes having presented the Working Tools and the Second Degree Tracing Board, he was also the Lodge's Librarian for a number of years.

Two other sad losses both occurred in late 2009 on 15th October W. Bro. Charles Day 17 years our secretary and in early 2010 on 31st March we lost our only Grand Officer W. Bro Rod Chisholmwho had been secretary for two periods, for a total of twenty years Passed to the Grand Lodge above .

### Masters of the Lodge since 2000

W. Bro. S.F. Brierley	2000	W. Bro. C.L. Ellis	2001	W. Bro. R.S. Shehard	2002/3
W. Bro. S.J. Shephard	2004	W. Bro. M.G. Carslake	2005	W. Bro. J.P. Ring	2006
W. Bro. T. Shoosmith	2007	W. Bro. J.L.M. Taylor	2008	W. Bro. J.D.C. Gocher	2009
W. Bro. C.F. Johnson	2010	W.Bro. J.L.M. Taylor	2011	W..Bro..P.G. Morley-Smith	2012
W. Bro. S.F. Brierley	2013				

# Honoured Members

## Honorary Members

Kingston Temple Lodge like most others made all the Consecrating officers honorary members of the Lodge and many of these distinguished brethren took a keen interest and became regular visitors. Up to the 1950's it became the practice to Invite all Provincial Grand Masters, their Deputies and Assistants, as well as Provincial Grand Secretaries to become honorary members.

During the first 75 year Life of the Lodge, there have been only six members who have been given honorary membership for the part they have had in building and sustaining the Lodge.

The first three were all founders – W. Bro. T. H. Jack Stevens PPAGDC, W. Bro. Harry Over-ton PGStdB., PPJGW and Bro, Arthur C Cuell PPGStwd. Then there was W. Bro. A. Winstone PPGSD, the first Initiate. After his death in October 1946 the Lodge was without any honorary members for a number of years.

Having attended the Lodge's meetings both officially and unofficially. the V.W. Bro. Revd Neville Barker-Cryer MA, Past Grand Chaplain, PProvGM, accepted honorary membership in the early 1980's.

By the mid 1980's W. Bro. Frederick H. Crome PPGStwd., had been honoured for his contribution for all the Lodge's printing since it's inception and running the Charities Association for 29 years.

In 1993 the award of Honorary Member was accepted by W. Bro. Roderick Malcolm Chisholm PAGDC., PPJGW in recognition of his services to the Lodge, which included 19 years as Lodge Secretary and a number of years as the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. Died later on Saturday 3rd March 2007. W. Bro. Charles Henry Day SLGR, PPDepGSwd.B, was made an honorary member of the Lodge in recognition of his seventeen years service as Secretary of the Lodge. Died 3rd January 2009. W.Bro. Reg Potten PPGJW (Died 2010) W.Bro. Fred Rutherford PPGReg, were also made Honorary Members.. W. Bro. John Thurlow was made an Honorary Member in May 2011 and W. Bro. Chris Rashbrook PGSD APGM on 7th January 2012. On 11th May 2013 W. Bro. Brian Crome PPGReg, PPJGW(Essex) was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his excellent service to the Lodge and for composing the first section of this Lodge History.

W. Bro. Derek Richards PPGSupt.Wks. was so respected for his excellent Ritual that A Lord Mayor of London Sir Lindsay Ring, had him join his own Renaissance Lodge Number 3408. W.M 1971. LGR 1981. At our Lodge's meeting, in January 1991. W. Bro. Derek gave an interesting paper on the history, development and purpose the Surrey Provincial Stewards Lodge. Derek was also an avid Yachtsman and one of our Brethren Barrie Barfoot-Gay was his Yacht Master. They and their wives later moved to Morbihan in Brittany, where Derek has become a member of a Lodge under the French Constitution. In 2011 The UGLE withdrew recognition of this Constitution. Hence Barrie is not allowed to attend there with Derek.

## Grand Officers

During its first seventy-five years, four members of Kingston Temple Lodge have been honoured by having Grand Office conferred on them.

They are:

W. Bro. L. T. Yates PAGStdB.	1940
W. Bro. H Overton PGStdB.	1948
W. Bro. P. D. Vincent PGStdB.	1970
W. Bro. R.M. Chisholm PAGDC	1982

## Grand Stewards

Many members of the Lodge have been recognised by Provincial Grand Lodge, having been appointed to various ranks. They are too numerous to record here.

The following Brethren however, were appointed Provincial Grand Stewards for their dedicated service to masonry.

Bro. A. C. Cuell	1951	Bro. R.J.S. Douglas	1964
Bro. F.H. Crome	1967	Bro. H. H. Moses	1972
Bro. C.J. Penn	1979	W.Bro. D.J.W. Richards	1983
W.Bro R.S. Shephard	2006	W.Bro T. Shoesmith	2010

Bro. Frederick H. Crome became a Founder of the Surrey Provincial Stewards Lodge, which was consecrated on the 29th September 1969, and was later installed as its Worshipful Master, on the 4th September 1981.

## Benevolence and Charity

Little is mentioned about the running of the Benevolent Fund. other than W. Bros. Overton and Yates were appointed the first trustees in June 1930 and in April 1931, Bro. Simmons said that he was unable to continue as President. W. Bro. Jeff was appointed to succeed him.

The Lodge appears however, to have taken it's commitment to charity seriously. Even during the war years, as in 1943 it became a Vice Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a Patron of the Royal Masonic Hospital. At installation meetings an annual donation was approved for the Hospital and the charity collection, for those meetings went to the RMH Samaritan Fund.

The Lodge is currently a Patron of the R M Benevolent Institution a and the RM Institution for Girls, Founding and Patron Lodge of the Royal Masonic Hospital, and is Vice Patron of the RM Institution for Boys.

In addition to its Masonic giving, the Lodge has been involved in external giving. From its early days, it used to make an annual donation to the Greater London Fund for the Blind, as well as one off donations such as that to the 1934 Grosford Colliery Disaster Fund. At the November Meeting, in 1971

W. Bro Jim Strutton, was allowed to make a collection for the Kingston upon Thames Multiple Sclerosis Society to help with tile transport costs of taking the disabled Christmas Shopping; This became an annual collection that remains to this day.

Closer to home the Benevolent Fund has made a number of grants to both distressed brethren and widows, and has successfully applied for annuities and grants from the RM Benevolent Institution and the Board of Benevolence. The daughter of Bro. L. Smyth was educated by the RM Institution for Girls, whilst the sons of W. Bro. G. O. Mallows and the son of Bro. Brodrick were educated at the RM Institution for Boys. The compiler of this booklet also had the advantage of being a pupil .at both the RM Junior and Senior Schools at Bushey.

# Kingston Temple Lodge Charities Association

No mention was made of the Association until 1936, when a vote of thanks was made to Bro. A. T. Cross and Bro. A. Jeff for their work in connection with the Charities Association, they then appeared in the summons as the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It was next mentioned at the Permanent Committees in April and July 1946 when a call was made to set up a meeting to elect a President, Treasurer and Secretary. This was followed in January 1947 by a vote of thanks in Lodge to the Executive Officers of the Kingston Temple Lodge Charities Association, especially W. Bro. M. A. Thurlow and Bro. H. Seff, in re-organising the Association. The officers mentioned are:

## Presidents

There was no mention of Presidents of the Association until 1952 when the following were shown:

W. Bro. H. Overton	1955-58
W. Bro. E. C. Chalk	1958-71
W. Bro. J. A. Thurlow	1971-92

In 1992, it was decided that the reigning Master would automatically be the Association's President.

Treasurers		Secretaries	
W. Bro. A. Jeff	1937-40	W. Bro. A. T. Cross	1937-41
W. Bro. W. H. All	1944-46	W. Bro. W.F. Dixon	1941-46
W. Bro. M. A. Thurlow	1946-58	Bro. H. Seff	1946-48
W. Bro. J.A. Thurlow	1958-71	Bro. W. E. Thurlow	1948-54
W. Bro. B.F. Crome	1971-87	W. Bro. F.H. Crome	1954-83
W. Bro. J.I. Williams	1987-92	Bro. W.E. Sleigh	1983-87
W. Bro. S.F. Brierley	1992-98	W. Bro. E.E. Melhuish	1987-92
W. Bro. M.G. Carslake	1998-	Bro. B.C. Barfoot-Gay	1992- 98
		W. Bro. J.D.C. Gocher	1998-11
		Bro. Ray Saevitz	2011

## Crest and Banner & Jewel



The Crest was designed at the Lodge's inception. Not only has it appeared on the Lodge's summons and stationery it has been the main constituent of the Founder's and Past Masters Breast Jewels as well its being the central feature of the Lodge Banner.

Whilst there is some uncertainty of its origin, it is believed to have emanated from a member of staff or a pupil of the Kingston Technical College and Day Commercial College where W. Bro. H. Overton was principal.

In the centre is a drawing of Glenmore House, which became Surbiton Masonic Hall. Although the Hall, was in use before the Lodge was consecrated, Kingston Temple Lodge became a Founding Lodge of the Surbiton Masonic Hall, through the foresight of the founders. Perhaps also slightly unusual is that all the Lodge's Meetings, including its consecration, have been held in the same venue.

Whilst the crest is surmounted by the Square and Compasses to show the Masonic connection, the base features a fish to show the connection with the Borough of Kingston which features three fishes in its crest.

The original design was in blue with a gold outline border.

The Lodge Banner was dedicated by W. Bro. Revd. Cannon Morris Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the Installation Meeting on the 12th May 1934. It was perhaps an appropriate occasion, as W. Bro. A. Winstone had just installed his successor W. Bro. H. T. Crome and both were among the first Initiates of the Lodge; all previous Masters having been founders.

**The ladies of the Brethren of the Lodge, first presented the banner to the Lodge in the year 1933. In 2005 it was in need of refurbishment, this was most expertly done by Mrs Christine Chisholm that same year. The wife of W. Bro. Robin Chisholm, PGRG. The Worshipful Master in 1986.**

# Lodge of Instruction

Although it was set up and running immediately after the foundation of the Lodge, it was not until 1937 that it was first mentioned in the minutes as meeting at 48 Eden Street, this was a Café owned by W. Bro. A Jeff. In 1944 the summons ceased to mention the venue but by January 1948. it had moved to the Three Tuns Public House in London Road. During the autumn of 1957, the L of I was transferred to Surbiton Masonic hall where it has remained to this day.

Whilst it has always been known as the Kingston Temple Lodge of Instruction, for a period, during the 1950's . it was jointly run with the Temple of Friendship – the daughter Lodge.

## **Preceptors were as follows:**

W. Bros. L. T. Yates, A. Gamble, A. Jeff, W. H. Allsop, R. G; Groombridge, M. Shea, R. M. Chisholm (Snr.), J. I. Cross, R. Douglas, D. R. Raggett, G. W. Vallance, and B. E. Reeve. S.F. Brierley

## **Secretaries have included:**

W. Bros. W. Roberts, A. Thurgar, C. H. Day, E. C. P Chalk , B. E. Reeve, E. E. Melhuish, R. M. Chisholm (Jnr.), T. V. Brooks, L. J. Speller, and W. Bro. C. F. Johnson. Bro. Richard Hill

# Ladies' Nights

One of the highlights in the yearly calendar of the Lodge. was its Ladies Festival. In the early years they were organised for the New Years Eve and held in the large dining room, of the Masonic Hall The upper dining rooms set aside for a Beetle or Whist Drive for the not so active members and their ladies.

The Ladies Festival in 1937 was held as usual on 3st December, which was a Friday. This was followed by a meeting the next day Saturday 1st January 1938 - at which, in spite of the festivities of the previous evening, three degrees were worked.

During the Summer, the Lodge organised a Garden Party on the large lawns. in the grounds of the Masonic Hall. Due to the war and lack of general support, there were no Ladies Nights in the years 1939 through to 1942. During 1942 it was decided to restart these nights The Lodge however, was advised by the secretary of the Masonic Hall, that due to a stipulation by the Ministry of Food, that they could not cater for Ladies Nights or Garden Parties whilst the emergency conditions were in force.

Unlike the present time when, under the old name of Glenmore House, the Masonic Hall is looking to cater for additional functions, there came a period during the War when they were unable to do so. At this time the Lodge was forced in to using other venues.. Since then, various Masters have held their Ladies Nights in a variety of restaurants and hotels, both in London, and within a local radius of Surbiton. such as at the Sandown Race-course.

Also now further a field such as the ladies weekends held both in the countryside and seaside. Combined with the other social and fund raising activities, that have been held in the recent years, they are the ideal way for wives, partners and families to feel included.

## **Acknowledgements**

My thanks, as compiler of this booklet, must go to all of the past Secretaries for the minutes they kept, during the first seventy five years. In particular, I would give special thanks to W. Bros. Roderick Chisholm, John Thurlow, Patrick Chalk and Charles Day for the information, encouragement and advice they have given. I hope I haven't either annoyed or bored them too much.

*Brian F. Crome.*

# Additional Historical Notes of Kingston Temple Lodge - Number 4722

The 75th Anniversary 379th Meeting was held on Saturday 13th May 2000 at Surbiton Masonic Hall Surrey at 2pm.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was represented by Lt.Col.W. Bro. H.M. Sharp PGSwd.B, APGM , accompanied by W. Bro. R.A. Hawker Prov.Dep.D.C.

26 Members and 55 Visitors attended. W. Bro. Walter J. Carpenter was Worshipful Master and installed his successor W. Bro. Stephen Francis Brierley into the Chair of King Solomon for the ensuing year.

A demonstration of the building of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem was performed in a most graphic and informative manner by the Cleveleys Lodge of Mark Master Masons Number 1176 from the Province of Lancashire.

This was followed by a sumptuous Festive Board where numerous prizes had been donated for the Raffle. W. Bro. Stephen Brierley who was later in 2006 to initiate his son Craig into the Lodge installed his successor W. Bro. Colin Leslie Ellis a Chartered Accountant who had for many years with the assistance of his wife Debbie, organized our very successful Ladies Nights.

Upon installing his footballer friend W. Bro. Robert Stephen Shephard into the chair for the first of two times, Colin took over as Treasurer from W. Bro. Brian Frederick Crome PPGReg. PPJGW (Essex) who wrote the history of the Lodge for the first Seventy Five Years.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Province of Surrey in June 2000 at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

The R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Earl of Shannon Provincial Grand Master of The Province Successor R. W. Bro. Terence Doyle was to be the new Provincial Grand Master of our Province.

Our new PGM launched a new initiative to float a new Provincial fund of £500,000 to support non Masonic charities within the Province of Surrey.

This was strongly supported by our Lodge. A letter of thanks from the PGM is in the minutes of the November 2000 meeting.

At the Installation Meeting, the 399th of the Lodge, on Saturday 8th May 2004 W. Bro. Charles Henry Day PPJGD LGR who had been the Lodge Secretary for a full 17 years finally was succeeded by his assistant, the man who made him our Secretary in 1987 W. Bro. Terence V. Brooks PPJGD.

The Worshipful Master was W Bro. Stephen John Shephard the Owner Director of the Pentagon Building Facilities Company and a Helicopter Pilot, who that day had been installed into the Chair of King Solomon by his Brother twice our Master W. Bro. Robert Stephen Shephard.

At the November meeting the Worshipful Master W. Bro. Stephen Shephard presented Fifty Years plus Certificates of Service to Freemasonry to W. Bro. John Arthur Thurlow PPGReg., who was Initiated into the Lodge on 5th March 1949 and also to W. Bro. Derek Jess Wilton Richards PPG Supt.Works, LGR. initiated into the Lodge on 6th November 1954.

**To the right is the photograph of W. Bros. Steve, John, Rod and Derek with the Certificates.**





At the Ladies night for Vanessa & Stephen Shephard the many prized Raffle and Auction, of a ride for 30 minutes around the West Sussex countryside in Stephen's Helicopter. was shared equally by the Breast Cancer & Prostate Cancer charities a Total of £1920 was raised - a magnificent sum.

In the Auction W. Bro. Colin Ellis won the bid for his father-in-law, Mr Carslake, the father of Martyn, who was to be our Worshipful Master in 2005.

By the May 2005 Installation of W. Bro. Martyn George Carslake the method of communication with respect to minutes and summons were mostly done by electronic mail.

Also the Treasurer W. Bro. Colin Ellis took over the printing of the summons and minutes from the Secretary, who had since being in office printed these himself. Colin's work was to be at no cost to the Lodge. Martyn was a most excellent proof reader correcting any mistakes made by the Secretary prior to printing.



By 2006, 29 members out of the 39 full members were on e-mail. This Number has since risen to 35 out of 40 and is likely to increase. Thus saving postage and paper.

On the 13th May 2006 The Worshipful Master Martyn George Carslake installed his successor W. Bro. John Paul Ring into the Chair of King Solomon.

This year was to prove to be our best yet for receipt of Provincial Honours. The reason for this was no doubt because the Province were on Wednesday 24th May to have a new Provincial Grand Master in place of R.W. Bro. Col. Denis Phipps in the person of R.W. Bro. Eric Stuart-Bamford whom several of us supported at his Installation.

We were well represented again at the AGM in June where W. Bro. Charles Henry Day SLGR was promoted to PPDep.GSwdB. as was W. Bro. Bert Reeve SLGR PPDepGSwdB. Likewise W. Bro. David Douglas Waters to PPDep.GSwdB., W.Bro. Robert Stephen Shephard who had been on the Provincial Charities team was rewarded with the rank of Provincial Grand Steward. Last but not least Bro. Cyril John Elsbury was rewarded with the rank of PPAGPursuivant for his services to the Lodge. His son is our hard working Charity Steward W. Bro. Geoffrey John Elsbury PPGStdB. W. Bro. Geoff was also twice in consecutive years our Worshipful Master, for 1995 & 1996.

At the 6th January 2007 Meeting the R.W. Bro. Eric Stuart-Bamford Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Surrey demanded admission to our Lodge where a procession was formed by the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies W. Bro. David Worsfold.. W. Bro. John Paul Ring in the Chair. The PGM presented a Framed Certificate for 70 years Service to Freemasonry to W. Bro. Roderick Malcolm Chisholm PAGDC PPJGW who was initiated into the Lodge on 2nd January 1937.

On the same day the Provincial Grand Master also presented W. Bro Edward Charles Patrick Chalk PPJGD with his framed Certificate for 50 + years Service to Freemasonry. Pat having been Initiated by his father W. Bro. Ted who at the time was IPM on. 1st September 1956. Pat was seconded by W. Bro. Harry Overton a founder of the Lodge and former principal of Kingston Technical College.

At the Festive Board the PGM also Presented Rod, with a copy of John Hamill's "History of Freemasonry" on five cassettes and a hard copy of the same book with illustrations. Also a lapel badge in Royal Blue & Gold, showing 70 years thereon.

## THE PGM

The Secretary had intended to present Rod with a copy of W. Bro. The Rev'd Neville Barker Cryer's wonderful book "York Mysteries Revealed". Rod however would not be able to read the book with his eyesight. So having purchased this work of comprehensive research, which the Rev'd Neville kindly signed to Terence Brooks.

The Secretary set to and read it. The most interesting book on Freemasonry that he has read. It has 493 pages is available from Ian Allen Masonic Publishers ISBN 0955317703 £14.95 + Post & Packing. This book is recommended to the Brethren by the Lodge Secretary.

## PROVINCIAL AGM 2007

At this event in the Grand Temple our W. Bro. Bob Shephard was honoured with the Active rank of Prov. Asst. GSupt.Wks in recognition of his work for the Province as Prov. G Stwd. on the Charity Committee. Our W. Bro. Colin Ellis received a first appointment as PPJGD in recognition of the work he has done as Treasurer of this Lodge and the expense he has saved us by publishing all our Papers at no cost to the. Lodge.

## PG.M's. YOUNG MASON'S

### ORDER OF MERIT

Bro. Jonathan David Charlton Gocher was awarded the above honour by the Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Eric Stuart-Bamford for his excellent work both in and out of the Lodge, since the Secretary can thoroughly recommend this superb book Lodge joined the Craft on Saturday 2nd March 2002. This award is only given to superb ritualists and extremely hard working Freemason's. Very few get this recognition.

W.Bros. Colin Ellis & Terry Brooks in The Grand Temple at Great Queen St. Such photos are no longer allowed.  
Bro. Jonathan Gocher W. Brothers Colin Ellis & Terry Brooks after Jon's Award - Connaught Rooms.  
Our Worshipful Master for 2007, W. Bro. Terry Shoosmith. raised £550 for Great Ormond Street Hospital and the same sum for the R.M.T.G & B. At his Bar B.Q. at his barn in East Clandon for the Big Event weekend. in July 2007.

He subsequently raised another £1000 + for the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls & Boys. This easily passed our £7000 Bronze Award target. Later he went on to qualify for a Grand Patron Jewel and raised more than £5000 in total for the RMTG&B.

This sum was largely responsible for the Lodge to achieve the Silver Award from W. Bro. Chris Rashbrook PSGD APMG. Later in 2008 Terry and the Macmillan fund raisers were able to present a Cheque to Macmillan Nursing of £2400 of which Messrs Boots the Chemist provided the £700.

At our January 2009 Meeting our W. Bro. Bill Oliphant's service to the Lodge and to Freemasonry was recognized & he was presented with his 50+years Certificate by W. Bro. Chris Rashbrook.PSGD APMG.

#### NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

W. Bro. Charles Day SLGR PPDepGSwdB. was made an honorary member in recognition of his seventeen years as Secretary of the Lodge on Saturday 12th May 2007.. W. Bro. Reg Potten PPJGW was also made honorary member along with W. Bro..Fred Rutherford PPGReg.of St Davids Lodge on 3rd January 2009 In recognition of his help to our Lodge over many years.

## TWO OF OUR WIDOWS

### REACH AGE 100

Mrs Doris Dawson in 2008 and on 12th January 2009. Mrs Ellen Hill seen with her brother John a KTL Brother & Terry Brooks Secretary. Who presented her with an engraved cut glass Crystal Vase from L4722.

Ellen died In June 2010 age 101.yrs

### RELUCTANT HERO

Just before the London Marathon, W.Bro. Stephen Shephard went with his friend Aktar, to Aktar's Bangladesh Village, to fit the village out with fresh water. He purchased a £500 pump & bored a hole 30 feet deep, in the soil. Where he found lovely fresh drinking water which he pumped to a stand pipe and tap. This delighted the folk and children of the village.

On his return to the U.K. He along with three Others, ran in the London Marathon on behalf of Macmillan Nursing raising £14000 for that Excellent Charity.

Unfortunately Steve injured him self at the Tower Bridge area and with the assistance of one of his team, elected to continue to the finish in the Mall. It was a struggle and quite painful. None the less he was determined to make it all the way, so that he could legitimately say, he had completed The London Marathon . Which he managed in just under seven hours.

### PROVINCIAL DEBATE

The Provincial Debating Team under the chairmanship of W. Bro. Anthony Machin PSGD APMG. On 21st March 2009 held a debate under Oxford Rules "English Freemason's are misunderstood in today's Community." The Lodge were hosts at this event. 51 persons attended 5 of Grand Rank. After good points of view made by W. Bro. Stephen Davids for the motion & W.Bro.Dr. Miguel Godfrey against. There was much good in put from the members and the visitors.

The vote was in favour of the motion 30 to 12 Against, with 5 abstentions. Passing and

Raising in other Lodges. Bros. Ray Lau & Dean Shephard were passed in L7470 Lodge of Service on 3/3/09. With superb work by W.Bro. Paul Edser, son of John a P.M in of our own Lodge. On 27/11/09 in the 800 year old Chapel of Kingston Grammar School. W.Bro. Chris Eley W.M. Of Lovekyn Chantry Lodge No 6807 with W. Bro Steve Shephard doing the Obligation, W.Bro. Bob Shephard the Working Tools Father & Uncle respectively of Bro. Dean Shephard who was Raised to the Third Degree, in a most impressive manner, in this superb setting.

Surely this event will never fade from the memories of those of us who were present. The setting was magnificent as is shown in the photograph below.

As indeed was the excellent Festive Board Held in the Grammar Schools dining room.

On Saturday 7th November 2009 W. Bro. John Thurlow PPGReg. was presented with Cufflinks and a 60 year lapel badge in commemoration of his 60 years of Freemasonry.

#### INITIATE MASTER & 60+ YEARS

Below is a photograph of the Initiate Bro. David Slade on 7th November 2009 having been Initiated by our Worshipful Master W. Bro. Jonathan D.C. Gocher in an excellent manner. Also in the frame is W. Bro. John Thurlow PPGReg who on this day was presented with commemorative cufflinks and a lapel badge showing that he had completed 60 years plus a few months in the Craft.

John was our Lodge Chaplain until 2004. He also served as our Treasurer for several years.

Bro. David Slade W.M. Jon Gocher & W. Bro. John Thurlow 7th January 2010.

Later in 2010 John became an Honorary Member. Likewise our own APMG W. Bro. Chris Rashbrook PSGD was made an Honorary Member at the January Meeting in 2012 for all the help he had given the Lodge during his time In charge of The St. Swithun's Group.

#### QUEEN'S VOLUNTARY AWARD

W. Bro. Robin Chisholm our bee keeper was awarded this prestigious award by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey at the Surrey County Show in September 2011, for Services to the County Show. He and Chris his wife, were lavishly wined and dined at Loseley Park and had a most enjoyable day. His Honey is memorable.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER HONOURS 2012

W.Bro. Bob Shephard PPJGD was promoted in the Royal Arch to be The Provincial Grand Charity Steward via Royal Borough of Kingston Chapter.