

**Province of Kent**

**The History of**

**The Paddock Wood**

**Lodge**

**No. 4291**  
**1921-1967**

**BY**

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**PREFACE**

The History of the Paddock Wood Lodge No. 4291 in the Province of Kent has been written and compiled from the Minute Books, Signature Books and Documents in my possession and from notes on the early years of the life of the Lodge kindly supplied by the late Wor. Bro. A. J. Harland P. P. G. Reg.

Without the assistance of these notes much of the History could not have been written. I do most gratefully acknowledge this help.

I would also, like to express my appreciation to my own brother Wor. Bro. Alfred Walker P. P. D. G.Reg. , Secretary of the Reculvers Lodge, No. 4123, for the help and advice he gave to me regarding the layout, style and presentation of this History.

The task of compiling this History took some considerable time but it was a task which gave me much pleasure and satisfaction.

I hope that all the Brethren who read this History will have their interest in the Lodge still further stimulated and will strive to maintain the high traditions of the Lodge so well established by our Founders.

J. Percy Walker P. M.  
P.G.St.Br. P.P.S.G.D.

Secretary of the Lodge.

June 1967.

## **THE HISTORY OF THE PADDOCK WOOD LODGE, NO.4291**

The Paddock Wood Lodge was founded in 1921, some three years after the end of the First World War.

During this war there had been very little progress in Freemasonry in the Province of Kent, and from 1913 to 1918 no new Lodge had been consecrated in the Province.

Immediately the war ended in 1918 there was a tremendous upsurge in Freemasonry, such that, in 1919, the first year of peace, no less than 129 new Lodges were constituted by the United Grand Lodge of England, and of these 129, 5 were in the Province of Kent.

The following year, 1920, the total number of new Lodges had risen to 191, and of these, 7 were in our Province, and in 1921, although the total number of Lodges constituted had dropped to 158, 8 were consecrated in the Province. Of these 8, one was the Paddock Wood Lodge.

So it was quite evident that Freemasonry in Kent was beginning to flourish rapidly once again.

### **Preliminary Meetings**

On many occasions prior to the First World War the formation of a Masonic Lodge in Paddock Wood had been discussed by Bro. A. J. Harland, the Headmaster of the local Boys School, Bro. John Hunt, a local businessman, and Bro. Dr. F. M. Sealy, the "beloved physician of Paddock Wood, but the coming of war prevented any further development.

After the war, Bro. Harland became a Joining member of the Medway Lodge, Tonbridge, No.1678, and it was in this Lodge that he expressed his desire regarding a Lodge at Paddock Wood, to Bro. George Breeze, who was landlord of the South Eastern Hotel, Tonbridge, to Bro. C. H. Worrin, an Estate Agent and to Bro. Stephen Britcher, a London business man residing in Tonbridge. These three Brethren became very interested and on 11th February, 1921, with 21 other Brethren of the Medway Lodge and from the surrounding district, together with that great Freemason, W. Bro. J. H. Podmore, who was then Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Kent, met at the Railway Hotel, now the Hop Pocket Hotel, Paddock Wood. At this first meeting W. Bro. George Breeze took the Chair.

At this meeting it was agreed to endeavour to form a new Lodge at Paddock Wood and after some preliminary discussion a further meeting was arranged to take place at W. Bro. Breeze's Hotel at Tonbridge.

At this second meeting W. Bro. Britcher was in the Chair with Bro. Harland acting as Secretary. It was at this meeting that it was decided to proceed with the formation of the new Lodge to be called the Paddock Wood Lodge. It was also decided that the Founder's fee should be 5 guineas, the Joining fee 5 guineas, the initiation fee 12 guineas and the Annual Subscription 2 guineas. Other matters discussed and decided upon were that the working should be as near as possible to Emulation, that there should be 8 meetings held each year on the second Wednesday in the months of October to June, excluding January, with the Installation meeting in June. Later the June meeting was discontinued and the Installation meeting was arranged to be held in May.

As so many of the probable Founders were members of the Medway Lodge it was decided to ask that Lodge to sponsor the new Lodge.

Much had been going on behind the scenes and it was stated that the Provincial Grand Master would be prepared to consecrate the new Lodge on 5th November, 1921, at Paddock Wood and that the ceremony would be followed by a dinner. To make the necessary arrangements for the Consecration Ceremony and Dinner, a Sub-Committee was appointed comprising of, W. Bro. J. H. Podmore as Chairman, Bro. John Hunt, Bro. A. J. Harland, Bro. George Breeze, Bro. Tom Millen and Bro. E. G. Penn. Bro. Breeze was asked to buy all the necessary Lodge furniture, second-hand if

possible, or at the best possible price and several offers of gifts were received. All the first Officers of the new Lodge were to be asked to buy their own collars of Office and present them to the Lodge.

Where the Lodge was to meet in Paddock Wood was not really a serious problem as there was only one suitable building in the village - the Parochial Hall in the centre of the village near the Railway Station, and it was agreed to rent this hall at a fee of 12 guineas a year for the 8 meetings.

As Paddock Wood was in the centre of the hop growing district of mid Kent it was agreed that the Crest should be the Square and Compasses, supporting the white Rampant Horse of Kent with the Invicta and surrounded by a bunch of hops. So the Crest was most appropriate having two Great Lights, the badge of Kent, and a symbol of the local industry.

A further meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Paddock Wood, on 25th August, 1921, when Bro. Breeze presented his financial report after purchasing the essential furniture and his report showed that the new Lodge would be in debt before the first year's work had even started. It was, therefore, decided that the Founder's Fee should be increased by an additional one half guinea making it five and a half guineas, and that the Country Member's subscription, that is those members residing outside a radius of 25 miles from Paddock Wood, be one guinea.

### **The Consecration of the Lodge**

The Lodge was consecrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 5th November, 1921, in the Parochial Hall, Paddock Wood, by the Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel F. S. W. Cornwallis C. B. E. , D.L. , J. P. , Past Grand Warden, assisted by:

W. Bro. John White P.G. Deacon,

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W. Bro. Lt. Col. C. E. P. Sankey, D.S.O.,

Prov. S. G. Warden.

W. Bro. Francis P. Piper, M.B.,

Prov. J. G. Warden.

W. Bro. Rev. Canon John R. Leigh, M. A.,

Prov. S. G. Chaplain.

W. Bro. Maurice Edward Balston, M.A., Assist. G.D. Ceremonies.

Prov. G. Secretary.

W. Bro. Alfred Ernest Hobbs, P.P.A.G.St.Br.

Prov. G. D. Ceremonies.

W. Bro. Harry E. Kemsley,

Prov. G. Purs. as I.G.

W. Bro. Frederick Clayson Bayley,

Prov. G. Organist.

All these Brethren were made Honorary Members of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, Col. Fiennes S.W. Cornwallis later became Baron Cornwallis, then Deputy Grand Master and in 1935 Pro. Grand Master but, Unfortunately, he died before his investiture. He was the father of our present Provincial Grand Master, The Right Honourable and the Right Worshipful, The Lord Cornwallis.

The ceremony of Consecration completed, the Provincial Grand Master vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. John White P.G.D. who then installed W. Bro. Stephen Britcher P.G.St.Br. Worshipful Master Designate, as the First Master of the Paddock Wood Lodge No.4291.

W. Bro Britcher appointed and invested his officers as follows:

### **First Officers and Founders**

W.M. W. Bro. Stephen Britcher P.G.St.Br.

I. P. M. W. Bro. George Hemsley Breeze P.P.J.G.D.

s. w. Bro. Sir Robert Gower O. B. E.

J.W. Bro. Carrington Hastings Worrin.

Treasurer W. Bro. George Frank Stacey P.P.S.G.D.

Secretary Bro. Alfred John Harland.

D. C. W. Bro. John Herbert Podmore Prov. J. G. W.  
 S. D. W. Bro. Charles Ernest Skilton.  
 J. D. Bro. Tom Newsom.  
 A. D. C. Bro. George Fawcett White.  
 Organist Bro. Dr. Francis Marmaduke Sealy.  
 I. G. Bro. Robert Sager Cowans.  
 Stewards Bro. John Hunt, Bro. William Lawrence, Bro. John George Kingston,  
 Bro. Arthur Sydney Reeves, Bro. Thomas Richard Millen.  
 Tyler Bro. William John Austen

Bro. Alfred Edward Wheeler.  
 W. Bro. Wilfred Harold Robinson.  
 W. Bro. Walter Samuel Taylor.  
 Bro. Edward Stockwell.  
 W. Bro. Henry William Peach.  
 Bro. William James Johnson.

The first Original Joining Members proposed at this Consecration meeting were:

Bro. E. G. Penn, Bro. S. Graham, and Bro. H. E. Pope.

Many years later Bro. Pope became Secretary of the Lodge from 1940 - 1957.

Mr. Frederick Beverley Morgan, of Mascalls, Paddock Wood and Mr. John Leslie Percival Hunt, son of Bro. John Hunt, were proposed at the first initiates.

At the Consecration Ceremony there were present, 5 Grand Lodge Officers, 39 Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and 104 Brethren making a grand total of 143, all of whom signed the signature book.

### **Consecration Luncheon**

A Luncheon, not a Dinner following as was previously suggested, preceded the Consecration Ceremony and was held at the Boys' School, Old Kent Road, Paddock Wood.

The tickets costing 15/- per head, inclusive of wines, liquors and cigars. The Luncheon was such as to suit this auspicious occasion. The menu being:

#### Soups

Oxtail and Tomato

#### Fish

Turbot and Mayonnaise

Lobster and Oyster Patties

#### Removes

Roast Beef, Ham, Ox Tongue

Roast Saddle of Lamb, Mint Sauce

Veal and Ham Pies

Salads and Potatoes

#### Sweets

Christmas Pudding, Brandy Sauce

Cream Meringues. Charlotte Russe

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Cheese, Butter, Celery

Dessert

Coffee

### **First Regular Meeting**

The First Regular Meeting was held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday, 14th December, 1921, when the Joining Members were elected and the first two Candidates Initiated. At this meeting Bro. E. G. Penn was invested as Almoner and Bro. H. J. A. Shoobridge and Bro. W. G. Gorrings as Stewards.

How keen and enthusiastic were the Founders and First Joining Members is shown by the furniture and ornaments etc. they presented to the new Lodge, all of which were announced at this first meeting. Most of these articles are in use today

The furniture and ornaments presented were as follows:

The W. M.	W. Bro. Britcher,	Volume of Sacred Law.
I. P. M.	W. Bro. G.H. Breeze,	Working Tools.
S.W.	Bro. Sir Robert Gower,	Lodge Carpet.
J. W.	Bro. C.H. Worrin,	Tyler's Sword.
D. C.	W. Bro. J. H. Podmore,	Master and Wardens Chairs and Honours Board.
S. D.	W. Bro. C. E. Skilton,	S. Deacon's Wand.
J. D.	Bro. Tom Newsom,	J. Deacon's Wand.
I. G.	Bro. R. S. Cowans,	Poinard.
Almoner	Bro. E. G. Penn,	Broken Column Alms Box, Ballot Box and Balls, S.W. and J.W. Columns.
	Bro. Dr. F. F. Sealy,	Organ
	Bro. John Hunt,	"
	Bro. Dr.F.M. Sealy,	Curtains
	Bro. John Hunt,	"
	Bro. T. R. Millen	"
	Bro. W. Johnston,	"
	Bro. A. J. Harland.	"

A Lodge of Instruction was formed with W. Bro. George Breeze as Preceptor and this L.O.I. has continued to flourish ever since.

During the first year of our Lodge 1921 - 1922 there were 23 Founders, 7 Joining Members and 11 Initiates, making a membership of 41 at the commencement of the 2nd year. A really flourishing start.

### **The First Master**

It was the unanimous wish of the Founders that the First Master should be W. Bro. Stephen Britcher P. G. St. Br., for he had done so much to bring the Lodge into being and devoted so many years to the cause of Freemasonry, He was a Past Master of the Philanthic Lodge No. 3032, a Past Master of the Acacia Lodge No.1314 and a Past Master of the Borough Lodge No.2589.

In 1917 he was honoured with London Grand Rank and in 1920 was honoured by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and given the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Britcher was a Founder of the Men of Kent and Kentish Men Lodge No. 4273 and Secretary of that Lodge from 1922 to 1927. Founder and First Principal of the Medway Chapter of Royal Arch Masons No.1678, in 1923. He was a very generous supporter of all the Masonic Charities and he died very suddenly in October 1928, at the early age of 52 years.

### **The First Secretary**

Paddock Wood Lodge was most fortunate in having as its first Secretary that outstanding character, Bro. Alfred John Harland, who for so many years, in conjunction with that other outstanding character in the Lodge, W. Bro. Podmore, guided the Lodge in its early years.

After the first year he became Junior Warden of the Lodge and the 4th Master in 1924, He again became Secretary in 1927 and remained Secretary until 1940. In 1935 he was honoured by the Provincial Grand Master by being appointed Past Provincial Grand Registrar.

His year of office as Master constituted a record for the Lodge as during his year he initiated 18 candidates, in 9 pairs, there being 4 Emergency Meetings. He performed the Ceremony of Passing 3 times, Raising 4 times, and he was very proud of the fact that at one Regular Meeting he performed the complete ceremonies of the three degrees. A feat that required a tremendous amount of physical and mental effort.

At the end of his year as Master, his 18 Initiates presented him with a Past Master's Collar and Collar Jewel with their names engraved on the back.

For many years he was the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. He was a Founder member and the second First Principal of the Pilgrims Chapter No.5008, a Founder member of the Stanley Wykeham Lodge, No.6599 and its first Chaplain, a Founder and the first First Principal of the Stanley Wykeham Chapter, No.6599.

He played an important part in the formation of the Paddock Wood Freemasons Hall Co. Ltd. and for several years was Secretary of that Company.

Bro. Harland for many years resided in Paddock Wood and later at Brenchley. As already stated by profession he was a schoolmaster and was headmaster of the Paddock Wood Boys' School. Many of the Brethren of the Lodge were pupils of his in their early school days and owed much to him for guidance, help and advice.

He frequently proposed the toast of the Initiate, especially if the Candidate was an old pupil of his; and on these occasions he always included a talk on some aspect of Freemasonry. He was a well-known figure among educationalists of the county and was at one time, President of the Kent County Association of the National Union of Teachers.

During the Second World War he was Chief Civil Defence Air Raid Precaution Warden for Paddock Wood and District.

Bro. Harland died in May 1962 in his 87th year and so passed on the last of the Founders of the Lodge. On a plaque beneath a stained-glass window erected to his memory in Paddock Wood Church, towards which the Paddock Wood Lodge subscribed, are the words "A well-loved Mason" beneath the square and compasses.

### **The First Director of Ceremonies**

The Paddock Wood Lodge was again fortunate in having another outstanding character as one of its Founders in the person of W. Bro. John Herbert Podmore who became the first Director of Ceremonies and then Treasurer for eighteen years, from 1922 to 1940.

The Lodge owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Bro. Podmore, as it was due to him, with Bro. Harland, that the Lodge was built on such sure foundations in its early days. He often delivered the Charge to the Initiate from the dais and with such impressiveness that no initiate ever forgot it. Bro. Podmore was Worshipful Master of the Camden Place Lodge, Chislehurst, No.3042, in 1911 and was honoured with the rank of Prov. Junior Grand Warden in 1921. In 1926 he was honoured by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master with the rank of P.A. G. D. C. He was also, Worshipful Master of the Agricola Lodge, Maidstone, No.4501, in 1922, and First Principal of the Agricola Chapter, No. 4501, in 1929.

At our Regular meeting held on 8th February 1939, the Worshipful Master drew the attention of the Lodge to the fact that W. Bro. J. H. Podmore, P.A.G.D.C. had just completed 50 years as a mason. On behalf of the Lodge and to commemorate the event as a token of the goodwill, affection and good wishes of the Lodge he was handed the cost of a Stewardship to be credited to the Lodge at the 1940 Boys' Festival.

Bro. Podmore was Chairman of Metropolitan Properties Co. Ltd., Chairman of Consolidated London Properties Co. Ltd., and a director of many other companies in the City of London and it was mainly due to him and to his knowledge of finance and Company procedure that Paddock Wood has such a fine Masonic Hall.

He died in 1940. In Brenchley Parish Church is a stained-glass window with the Square and Compasses and the letter G to his memory.

### **Lodge Banner**

At the Installation meeting in June 1923, Bro. John Hunt, on behalf of his wife, presented to the Lodge a Banner in grateful thanks that her only son, Bro. John Leslie Percival Hunt, the first Initiate, had been safely returned after serving throughout the First World War of 1914-1918.

The Banner was received into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Carrington Hastings Worrin, and unveiled and dedicated by W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Hickin, P. A. G. Chap. who referred in very moving terms to the feelings of thankfulness which prompted the donor to make this beautiful gift.

The Banner is beautifully designed and worked and its lovely colouring and skilful handiwork have been commented on by many visitors to our Lodge. In the centre is worked a representation of a bunch of Hops surrounding the Kent emblem of a white Rampant Horse, as on the Lodge Crest, over which is the date of the Consecration of the Lodge, November 5th, 1921. Above is the "All Seeing Eye" with the name of the Lodge just beneath. On the lower part of the Banner is the number of the Lodge 4291 with the three Great Lights, the Square and the Compasses and the Volume of the Sacred Law on a cushion. At the bottom of the Banner is worked "Presented by Mrs. John Hunt". After 40 years of service the Banner was restored to its beautiful state again by the generosity of the son of the Donor, W. Bro. John Leslie Hunt. He died soon after in 1966.

### **The Masonic Temple**

The Consecration and earlier meetings of the Lodge were held in the Parochial Hall, Paddock Wood, and the Festive Board in the Club Room of the Kent Arms Hotel, now John Brunt V.C., which is named after the son of

W. Bro. T. H. Brunt P. S.G.D., a Past Master of the Lodge.

This necessitated a great deal of work because the Lodge Room had to be arranged specially for each meeting and after the meeting dismantled until the next meeting was held. Between meetings the furniture etc. was stored.

When one looks back at the large number of emergency meetings held in the first few years of the Lodge's history one can perhaps imagine the amount of heavy work involved in arranging and dismantling of the Temple for the meetings. This work was done by the Tyler with the assistance of members of the Lodge. It soon became evident that as the Lodge grew, other more suitable accommodation would have to be found, or restrict the intake of new members, which was not desirable.

The question of building a Masonic Hall was raised at various Committee Meetings and, after many deliberations and with the full support and advice of Bro. Podmore, it was finally decided to proceed to build a Hall on a site of which the option to purchase had been secured by Bro. E. G. Penn. The building was to serve three purposes:

1. To provide a home for Masonic activities in Paddock Wood.
2. To provide a hall for village use for dances, concerts and meetings etc.
3. To provide accommodation for a licenced Men's Club.

This was becoming very necessary in Paddock Wood as the Parochial Hall was very restricted, as under the Deeds of this Hall no dancing could take place nor intoxicating drinks could be consumed on the premises.

To raise the money to build the Masonic Hall a private limited company was formed with an authorised share capital of 1200 shares of 2/6d each and 3 1/2 % Debenture of £5 each for each share. Articles of Association were drawn up and members of the Lodge were invited to subscribe. 885 Debentures were issued each with a 2/6 a share and a total of approximately £4,500 was raised. Much of this came from W. Bro. Podmore, who had guaranteed to make up the difference between what was subscribed by Lodge members and the total amount required.

On his death in 1940 he bequeathed his debentures and shares to the Provincial Grand Lodge Trust and they now form the greater part of the Paddock Wood Lodge Trust in the Provincial Grand Lodge Accounts. This Trust now holds £2540 of 3 1/2% Debentures and 500 Ordinary Shares of 2/6d each.

It was hoped that the Company would not only provide a permanent home for Masonic activities in Paddock Wood but would also be able to pay a dividend.

For various reasons, since 1949 no dividend has been paid but the Hall has been maintained.

Members of the Lodge did a considerable amount, without the prospect of any fees, to bring the Hall scheme to fruition. Bro. E. G. Penn, a builder and who was Junior Warden at the time, built the Hall, Bro. A. S. Kilby, an architect, produced the plans and supervised the work. W. Bro. Sir Robert Gower, the second Master, a solicitor of Tunbridge Wells, did the legal work, W. Bro. Podmore, the Lodge Treasurer, all the financial side, and W. Bro Harland acted as Secretary.

The site was purchased for £350 and late in 1924 work on the building commenced.

Monday, 9th February, 1925, was a great occasion in the history of the Paddock wood Lodge for on the afternoon of that day, at 3.30 p. m. was held the Masonic Ceremonial of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Paddock Wood Masonic Hall by the Right worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Fiennes Stanley Wykeham Cornwallis C. B. E., D.L., J.P. etc., Past Grand Warden, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Bro. John White P.G.D. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Stone was well and truly laid at a Masonic Ceremony that is rarely seen. The musical responses were made by the Brethren from Rochester Cathedral Choir.

The inscription on the Foundation Stone is according to the rubbed impression.

Under the Foundation Stone were deposited two Copper Caskets.

One Square Casket contained:

1. Copy of Consecration Ceremony, Paddock Wood Lodge, 5th November, 1921,
2. Notice of Paddock Wood Lodge Meeting, 11th February, 1925.
3. Copy of Lodge By-Laws.
4. List of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1924.
5. Copy of Ceremonial of Laying Foundation Stone of Paddock Wood Masonic Hall, 9th February, 1925.

The other Round Casket contained:

1. Photograph of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master.

2. Coins:-

Sovereign dated 1924,

Half Sovereign dated 1924.

Half Crown dated 1924.

Two Shilling Piece dated 1924.

One Shilling Piece dated 1924.

Six Penny Piece dated 1924.

Threepenny Piece dated 1925.

One Penny dated 1920.

Half Penny dated 1924.

Farthing dated 1924.

The Silver Trowel used on this historic occasion was presented by the Master to the Provincial Worshipful Grand Master.

### **The War Period 1939 - 1946**

The Lodge continued to prosper and flourish and then came the Second World War. It was fortunate for the Lodge that in 1939 the secretary was w. Bro. A. J. Harland, who was also Managing Director of the Paddock Wood Freemasons Hall Co. Ltd., Chairman of the Men's Club and Chief Air Raid Precautions Warden for the whole area.

A company of Queen Victoria Rifles arrived in the village shortly after the outbreak of war and one of the officers came to see W. Bro. Harland as a preliminary to the commandeering of the whole building. Bro. Harland raised objections and on the same day was visited by the commanding officer. Bro. Harland pointed out to him the reasons for his objections to which he replied "I quite understand, I am a mason myself". An invitation was promptly extended to him and any other masons in the Q.V.R. to attend the Lodge and use the Club, which was accepted on several occasions.

Shortly afterwards the Company of Q.V.R. was drafted to France and at the time of Dunkirk put up that wonderful heroic defence of Calais and resistance to the German armies along the coast road which enabled the evacuation at Dunkirk to be accomplished. practically all of the Q.V.R. were either killed or taken prisoner.

Throughout the War the Temple was left alone. The Main Hall was, however, earmarked as a Rest Centre in case of bad casualties from air raids and the Temple and Ante Rooms were equipped to serve as an Emergency Hospital in case of need. Fortunately, they were never required.

Later the Main Hall became a store for Pockets of Hops, which were packed tight to the ceiling and the Brethren walked through an avenue of them to their 'Banquet' of Bread and Cheese with a Glass of Beer served on the stage.

Throughout the war the Lodge continued to meet, except for one brief period in 1939 when all Masonic meetings were suspended by Grand Lodge and no meeting was held in October of that year, but this suspension was subsequently lifted.

The attendances at meetings were naturally small, as was to be expected, as Paddock Wood was right in the centre of the Battle of Britain and Flying Bomb area. Even despite these great difficulties there were 10 Initiates and 2 Joining members during the war years.

In 1942 a Special Dispensation was granted to hold the Installation on 8th April, instead of May, as the Master Elect, Bro. Arthur George Penn, was expecting shortly to be called up for military service. Soon after his Installation he was called. For a while he remained in England and on occasions was able to attend the Lodge and occupy the Chair.

At the next Installation, Bro. Penn was not expected to get away from his military duties to install his successor, Bro. James Percy Walker, and so W. Bro. Harland, the most Senior Past Master occupied the Chair.

Soon after the Lodge was opened there was a knock on the door and the Inner Guard announced W. Bro. Arthur Penn, the W. M., complete in full military uniform. He took over the Chair and rendered the first part of the ceremony and gave the Address to the Worshipful Master. W. Bro. Harland performed the Inner Working. W. Bro. Penn returned to his unit in the Isle of Wight soon after. It has often been said that W. Bro. Penn, being a Warrant Officer in the Royal Engineers Regiment at the time, pulled a few strings and obtained, 24 hours leave, but only Bro. Penn will ever know the truth. Like Bro. Penn, the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Percy Walker was called for military service and in early August of that year found himself in the Middle East without having performed any ceremony in the Regular Lodge.

Both the Worshipful Master and the I. P. M. being away, W. Bro. Harland again took over the duties of the Chair.

In 1946 the Lodge was faced with an unusual situation. The Senior Warden did not wish to advance to the Chair, and as the Junior Warden also did not wish to do so, there was no alternative but to elect a Past Master to the office of Worshipful Master. Consideration was given to the fact that, as W. Bro. J. Percy Walker had not had an opportunity of performing any work in his own Lodge during his year of office, he was unanimously elected as next Master.

At the time of the election in April, however, Bro. Walker was serving in Jerusalem and knew nothing of the happenings in the Lodge. Fortunately, he was demobilised and arrived home ten days before the Installation meeting, the Lodge Committee having made all arrangements regarding Officers. Being the first year after the cessation of hostilities it was a very enjoyable year for the Lodge; the attendances for each meeting averaging 75/80.

The Lodge was very fortunate during the war, not one member lost his life or was wounded and the Masonic Hall remained intact and undamaged.



### **Father Initiating Son**

On three occasions in the Paddock Wood Lodge has a father initiated his own son.

The first occasion was on 11th November 1925, when the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Tom Newsome, extended the privilege to W. Bro. J. H. Podmore. P.P.J.G.W., the Treasurer, of allowing him to initiate his only son Richard Edward Podmore M.C. The Charge was delivered by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. John White P.G.D.

Also attending on this great occasion were the Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. M.E. Balston M.A., A.G.D.C., the Prov. Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. J. F. Johnson, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. A. E. Hobbs J. P. P. A. G. St. Br., together with 37 other visitors making a grand total of 93.

Our sixth Master, W. Bro. E. G. Penn, when Worshipful Master, initiated his only son, Arthur GeorgennPenn, on the 13th April 1927, which was performed by Special Dispensation, as Bro. Penn was then under the age of 21 years, the Charge being delivered by W. Bro. A.E. Hobbs P.G.D., who had just received promotion in Grand Rank, and who was also the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. Very sadly W. Bro. E. G. Penn died shortly after.

In 1945, W. Bro. F. J. Hampton, also when Worshipful Master, initiated his only son I.B.F.C. Hampton.

On one occasion a Grandfather initiated his Grandson. W. Bro. John Hunt, P.P.S.G.D, initiating John Hinton Jones (Jnr) in 1944.

### **Subsequent Gifts and Memorials**

In April 1925, just before the Installation meeting, W. Bro. George Breeze P.P.J.G.D., the Secretary, died very suddenly and W. Bro. Worrin took over the duties of Secretary. To mark the memory of her husband, Mrs. Breeze donated to the Lodge the Secretary's Table, a gift which has been of great service ever since.

When the fifth member of the Walker family, making father and four sons, was initiated into the Paddock Wood Lodge, to mark the great occasion, a Worshipful Master's Pedestal was presented to the Lodge. The inscription reads:-

'Presented by the five Bros. Walker in commemoration of the Initiation of the fifth, 1929'

At the same time Bro. John Hinton Jones (Snr) presented the Senior Warden's pedestal and W. Bro. J.H. Podmore the Junior Warden's pedestal. These pedestals are in use today.

Early in 1952 W. Bro. John Hinton Jones P.P.S.G.D., the Charity Representative, died and his family wishing to perpetuate his memory donated to the Lodge 2 beautiful chairs, one for the Director of Ceremonies and the other for the Assistant D.C. This gift was very appropriate as the late W. Bro. Jones was the A.D.C. of the daughter Lodge, Stanley Wykeham Lodge. The presentation was made in open Lodge by his son Bro. John Hinton Jones (Jnr) on 8th December, 1954, and the chairs were dedicated by W. Bro. Rev. W. Turton, P.P.G.Chap.

The Lodge suffered another great loss in the death of W. Bro. C.J.Edwards P.P.S.G.D. in January 1961. For many years he was the D.C. and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. In December 1961, his widow gave to the Lodge in his memory, a Kneeling Stool to be used before the Worshipful Master's pedestal.

Early in 1964, the senior member of the Walker Bros. died, Bro. James Albert Walker P.P.G.Purs., in his 92nd year. He had been a member for over 43 years and Almoner of the Lodge for 33 years, the office he held at the time of his death. In 1957 the youngest Walker Brother was granted Provincial Rank and this made a father and his 4 sons, who were all initiates of the Paddock Wood Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge Officers of the Province of Kent, a record that will be hard to beat. To perpetuate the-memory of their father, the four sons presented to the Lodge, furniture for the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers Clothing Room of a beautiful polished oak Table and the Lodge purchased 8 oak chairs to match.

At the Installation meeting in May 1968, the Rt. W. Bro. Hon. Fiennes Cornwallis O.B.E., P.G.W. represented the Provincial Grand Master. As the collars worn by the Officers had been in use for over 40 years he suggested to the Secretary of the Lodge that if every past Master of and in the Lodge contributed one pound towards the cost of new Collars he would defray the outstanding balance. Every past Master was advised of this offer with the result nearly all of them subscribed. The collars were purchased and the original Jewels re-plated. The Lodge has been grateful to the Rt. Wor. Bro. Cornwallis for his generous gesture.

On 4th December 1965, one of our most respected Past Masters died, W. Bro. Gerald Wynne Williamson, P.P.S.G.D. He had been Treasurer for 17 years following W. Bro. Podmore and when he gave up that office in 1957, he was unanimously elected an Honorary Member. In his will he bequeathed to the Lodge the sum of £100.

### **Daughter Lodges**

During the war, men had learned what it meant to find comradeship and a willingness to help others especially in times of need. When many of these men returned to their normal way of life again it was their desire to continue that feeling towards their fellow men and quite naturally their thoughts turned to Freemasonry and so there was another great upsurge in Freemasonry as there had been after the First World War.

Paddock Wood Lodge was no exception and candidates for Initiation were numerous. During the period 1945-1949 there were 24 Initiates and 11 Joining members. It was, therefore, quite evident that those Brethren who were making that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and keen to progress would have to wait a long time before taking Office or even reaching the Chair.

The only sensible thing to do was to form a new Lodge and so 34 Brethren, 19 from Paddock Wood Lodge and the others from surrounding Lodges petitioned for a Charter, which was sponsored by the Paddock Wood Lodge.

The new Lodge was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Cornwallis K. B. E., M. C. Past Grand Warden, at the Masonic Temple, Paddock Wood, on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 1948.

The Founders wished to be associated in the name of the Lodge with the name of our Prov. Grand Master, but it was not possible to name the Lodge, The Cornwallis Lodge, as there was already a Lodge of that name in the Province of Kent and so it was agreed, with the Prov. Grand Master's permission, to use his Christian names of Stanley Wykeham. W. Bro. Arthur Penn, like W. Bro. J. Percy Walker, had his year of office with the Mother Lodge, interrupted by the war and as he was such a keen and hard worker for the Craft, it was the unanimous wish of the founders that he be the First Master. The two Wardens were also Brethren from the Paddock Wood Lodge.

Since the formation of the Stanley Wykeham Lodge in 1948, there had been only one other Lodge, the Southborough Lodge, consecrated in the Tunbridge Wells - Tonbridge - Paddock Wood areas and yet each Lodge was growing at a fast rate. A certain number of Brethren of Tunbridge Wells met at "Bradley House" for private rehearsals and it was these Brethren who, in 1963 approached the Secretary of the Paddock Wood Lodge, to ascertain if help could be given in forming a new Lodge. Naturally the Paddock Wood Lodge promised all possible help and it was stated that if a new Lodge came into being it would like to make its home at the Masonic Temple, Paddock Wood.

A Warrant was granted, the name of the Lodge being, "The Bradley Lodge" named after the connection with Bradley House, and it was consecrated at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1964, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Sidney Day, J.P., P.G.D. in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master.

There were 21 Founders with W. Bro. James Algernon Toop, a Past Master of the Stanley Wykeham Lodge and also the first Initiate of that Lodge, as first Master.

The Stanley Wykeham Chapter was consecrated at the Masonic Temple in November 1949 by The Grand Superintendent, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Cornwallis K. B. E., M.C., Past Grand Scribe, N. The First Principal was W. Bro. A. J. Harland, the Second principal, W. Bro. W.J. Crutch and the Third principal W. Bro. E.D.Y. Grasby.

On the 18th November 1964, the Paddock Wood Mark Master Masons Lodge was consecrated by W. Bro. Sir Eric Studd, Bt. , O.B.E., P.G.D., who is the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of the Province of Kent.

### **The Lodge of Instruction**

The Paddock Wood Lodge has always had a Lodge of Instruction. In the early days it met at the Parochial Hall, Paddock Wood. The first meeting was on 17th December, 1921, soon after the consecration of the Lodge. W. Bro. George Breeze was elected Preceptor, Bro. Cowans, Secretary and Bro. E.G. Penn, Treasurer.

An annual subscription of 5/- was fixed for each member of the Lodge but that for members of other Lodges an entrance fee of 2/6d in addition to the annual subscription.

After the sudden death of W. Bro. Breeze in April, 1925, for the time being, the duties of Preceptor were taken over by W. Bro. J. H. Podmore with Bro. T. R. Millen as Secretary. At the General Meeting of the L.O.I. in September 1925, Bro. A. J. Harland was elected Preceptor, although he had not been installed, with Bro. E.J. Noakes Secretary. These Brethren continued in office until October 1927, when Bro. Alfred Walker took over the Secretary's office and in 1929 W. Bro. John Hunt that of Preceptor. He continued to act as Preceptor until 1949 when he relinquished the office of Director of Ceremonies in the Regular Lodge, and was succeeded as Preceptor by his son W. Bro. Leslie Hunt. When W. Bro. C.J. Edwards was appointed D.C. of the Lodge in 1951 he also was elected Preceptor of the L.O.I. He held this position until his death in 1961 when he was succeeded by the present Preceptor W. Bro. J. Percy Walker; who is also the Secretary of the Lodge.

In the early days the attendance at the L.O.I. was extremely good. Often the number reached 25 or more and competition for offices was very keen. No wonder the standard of work was high.

### **Building Fund**

As time went on it was quite obvious that the Temple and Ante Rooms would need redecorating and renovating. There was insufficient money in the Lodge funds to provide for this work. There were also other Masonic Bodies using the Temple who would help to deteriorate the condition more quickly. The question of raising the money to

offset this cost was a major item and to avoid increasing the rents, W. Bro. F. E. Perkins suggested inaugurating a Building Fund. So, in 1958 a committee was appointed of representatives of all the Masonic Bodies using the Temple with W. Bro. Perkins as organising Secretary.

To start the scheme each brother using the Temple was asked for a loan of £5 and an annual subscription of £1 (not Country Members). The majority of the Brethren subscribed, and the work of redecorating commenced.

After five years the Building Fund was in a position to repay the loans by ballot in three stages, but many Brethren agreed to donate the money to the Fund. The annual subscription has since been reduced to 10/6d.

In 1965 a Maintenance Fund was started to provide means of maintaining, repairing and replacing any of the furniture and fittings in the Temple and Ante Rooms.

The Paddock Wood Lodge subscribes £20 per annum and the two Daughter Lodges £10 each per annum.

### **Masonic Bodies Using the Temple**

The Paddock Wood Lodge No.4291, consecrated 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1921.

The Stanley Wykeham Lodge No.6599, consecrated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1948.

The Bradley Lodge No.7929, consecrated 7th January, 1964.

The Stanley Wykeham Royal Arch Chapter No.6599, consecrated 27th July, 1949.

The Paddock Wood Mark Master Masons Lodge No. 1292, consecrated 23rd November, 1964.

### **Masonic Charities**

#### **The 1930 Festival**

The first Kent Festival the Lodge was able to participate in was the 1930 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls, under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master of that time, Rt. W. Bro. Col. F.S.W. Cornwallis P.G.W. In the Ante Room there hangs a photograph of the P.G.M. taken at that time and presented to the Lodge.

The Lodge list amounted to £600 there being just 100 members.

#### **1940 Festival**

At the time of the 1940 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys the Lodge membership had dropped to 90. The outbreak of war also affected what might have been a really remarkable effort, but nevertheless £675 was subscribed by the Lodge and Brethren.

#### **1950 Festival**

In 1950 the Lodge gave splendid support to the Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The membership of the Lodge by this time had risen to 103, and as the Second World War was over, the Lodge set it-self a target of £1000. The response was so great that £1100 was subscribed by the Lodge and members. Each brother subscribing for Stewardship received a signed photograph of the Chairman, Rt. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, K.B.E., M.C., Patron, Treasurer and Trustee, Provincial Grand Master for Kent.

#### **1960 Festival**

Undoubtedly the greatest effort made by the Lodge was for the 1960 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls again under the Chairmanship of our Provincial Grand Master. The target the Lodge aimed at this time was £1200 and this amount was greatly exceeded by the Lodge subscribing £1341. 19. 0d.

In a message to the Lodge expressing his great appreciation of the splendid response to the Festival appeal, the Province of Kent subscribed over a quarter of a million pounds, Lord Cornwallis wrote:

"Every brother in the Province of Kent will, I know, share with me the feeling of pride in our achievement for the recent Festival of the Girls' Institution. I as your Provincial Grand Master had the honour and privilege of acting as president of the Festival, and I am unable to express adequately to you all my grateful thanks for your wonderful support.

It was not, and never should be thought of as my personal Festival, by your generosity and enthusiasm you have made 1960 your Festival. you have, once again, proved that the Province of Kent is mindful of its "obligations to our great Masonic Institutions.

You have all, once again, set an example to the Masonic Brotherhood and have shown what can be achieved by quiet, unostentatious effort for a worthwhile cause. Perhaps I may be allowed a very personal word.

The Province has now honoured my family in the person of my father and myself by accepting us as your P. G. M's for over 55 years. "I have been in that proud position for 25 years. Your overwhelming loyalty and friendship during those years has been so wonderful that it is impossible to measure it by my gratitude. You have now crowned those treasured years for me with this tremendous triumph. "

The Grand Master was pleased to approve that the 1960 Festival Jewel should be worn as a permanent Jewel by the Stewards in the province of Kent. In the same year the Lodge and Brethren also contributed 500 guineas to the Royal Masonic Hospital Extension Scheme.

### **The Province of Kent Charity Committee**

On Thursday, 24th February 1939, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent Charity Committee held its Spring meeting at Paddock Wood under the Banner of the Paddock Wood Lodge who entertained about 100 Charity Representatives of the Lodges of Kent to lunch and tea. 27 Years later the Province held its Autumn Charity meeting at Paddock Wood on the 4th November 1966, this time under the Banners of the Paddock Wood Lodge, the Stanley Wykeham Lodge and Bradley Lodge. 186 Charity Representatives of Kent were entertained to lunch and tea which was presided over by W. Bro. Sidney Day J.P., P.G.D., The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported by the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

### **The Royal Masonic Hospital**

The Royal Masonic Hospital has always had keen support from the Lodge and members.

When the scheme for the building of the new hospital and nursing home at Ravenscourt park, to replace the old hospital and nursing home in the Fulham Road was launched the Lodge in 1925, became a Founding Lodge by subscribing 100 guineas. A framed certificate to this effect hangs in the Ante Room.

In the minutes of the Lodge dated 10th October 1934, it states that "The W. M. reported that one page of the Book of Founding Lodges of the Royal Masonic Hospital was turned over every morning and on the 2nd August, 1934, the record of the Paddock Wood Lodge No.4291, as one of the original Founding Lodges of the Freemason's Hospital and Nursing Home was exposed to view in the Bronze and Crystal Casket".

In May 1954 the Lodge became a patron of the hospital by subscribing 100 guineas and in 1956, when the Hospital Extension Scheme was launched the Lodge agreed to an all-out effort to raise 500 guineas. This object was achieved by 1960 and by so doing became a "Founding Lodge 1956", which will be permanently recorded in the new wing of the hospital in a pleasing and appropriate manner, although at this time the 1960 Kent Festival for the R.M.I.G. was in full swing.

A further 100 guineas was donated to the hospital by the Lodge in 1964 and so became a Double patron of the hospital. All these certificates hang in the Ante Room.

Altogether since the Lodge was consecrated in 1921, a total amount of £1460.18.4d. has been subscribed by the Lodge and its members, a really remarkable effort and this sum does not include the Memoriam contributions of £127.2.0d in respect of the late w. Bro. F. E. Perkins, P.P.S.G.D., £17.0.0d for the late W. Bro. Leslie Hunt P.P.J.G.D. and nearly £40 the late W. Bro. Harry Whitty, P.P.G.Supt.Wks.

In 1966 the Paddock Wood Lodge subscribed £1212.8.0d to the Most Worshipful Grand Master's appeal to the fund of the 250th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England and by doing so qualified for the Commemorative Jewel which is now worn on the Worshipful Master's Collar.

### **Festive Board**

It is interesting to compare how our Brethren fared at the Festive Board in the early days of the Lodge:-

For example, at the Installation of W. Bro. E.G. Penn on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1926 the menu for the dinner was as follows:-

#### Hors d'Oevres

Croutes a la Burlington

#### Soups

Clear Oxtail

#### Fish

Severn Salmon - Mayonnaise Sauce

Cucumber

#### Entrees

Veal Cutlets and peas

#### Removes

Hind Quarter English Lamb

Ox Tongue - York Ham

Galantine of Veal

Dressed Salad - Potato Salad

#### Sweets

Ice Pudding

Peach Charlotte - Maraschino Jelly  
 Tipsey Cake - Strawberry Cream  
 Cheese - Butter - Biscuits  
 Dessert  
 Coffee

The cost of this dinner was 15/- per head which also included wines, spirits, liqueurs and cigars.

A special cheap ticket at a cost of 6d. return on the Railway from Tonbridge to Paddock Wood was arranged for this occasion.

During the evening a musical and entertainment programme was enjoyed.

At this Installation W. Bro. E. G. Penn presented to the members of the Lodge a Silver Plated Ash Tray, suitably inscribed with the date, name of the Lodge and the Square and Compasses.

At his Ladies' Festival in January 1927, as well as the Ladies receiving a gift, all the Brethren received a Silver-Plated Match Box suitably inscribed similar to the Installation gift.

40 years later - in May 1966 - the Menu for the Dinner at the Installation was:

Asparagus Soup  
 Cold Turkey and Ham  
 Salad  
 New Potatoes  
 Garden Peas  
 Iced Gateau  
 Biscuits Cheese and Butter  
 Coffee

The cost was £1 which included wine only.

Music and entertainment at the Festive Board latterly has been discontinued.

At every Installation up to the first year of the war, 1939, all the Brethren wore evening dress.

It has always been the custom at the Festive Board at Installations to decorate the dining tables and the stage with flowers. This has been arranged by wives of some of the Brethren and we are indeed greatly indebted to them.

At our December meeting a Christmas Dinner is provided and as the pudding, glowing with lighted brandy is taken around the darkened dining hall by the Chef, a carol is sung.

#### **PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Decd.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Provincial Rank</u>	<u>Date</u>
1921	•	S. Britcher,	P.G.Std.Br.Eng	
1922	•	Sir Robert Gower,	P.P.S.G.W.	1930
1923	•	C.H. Worrin,	P.P.J.G.D	1933
1924	•	A.J. Harland,	P.P.G.Reg	1935
1925	•	T. Newsome		
1926	•	E .G. Penn		
1927	•	Dr. F.M.Sealy		
1928	•	John Hunt,	P.P.S.G.D.	1937
1929	•	A.C. Brooks,	Prov.J.G.W	1940
1930	•	W. Lawrence,	P.P.J.G.D.	1942
1931	•	T.R. Mallen		
1932	•	H.J.A. Shoobridge		
1933	•	H.E. Pope,	P.S.G.D.	1944
1934	•	J.L.P. Hunt,	P.P.J.G.D.	1946
1935	•	H. Cogger,	P.P.D.G.Reg	1948
1936	•	J.H. Jones,	Prov.S.G.D	1948
1937	•	G.W. Williamson,	P.P.S.G.D.	1949
1938	•	D.A.J. Walker,	P.P.G.Std.Br.	1950
1939	•	E.J. Noakes,	P.P.S.G.D.	1951
1940	•	C.J. Edwards,	P.P.S.G.D	1954
1941	•	H.W. Love,	P.P.S.G.D.	1952
1942		A.G. Penn,	Prov.S.G.D	1953
1943		J.P. Walker,	P.G.Std.Br.Eng, P.P.A.G.D.C. 1954	P.P.S.G.D. 1959

1944	• H.S. Tapping		
1945	• F.J. Hampton		
1946	J.P.Walker, P.G.Std.Br.Eng,	P.P.A.G.D.C. 1954	P.P.S.G.D. 1959
1947	A.H. Beeching, P.P.A.G.D.C.		1956
1948	J.C. Walker, P.P.A.G.D.C.		1957
1949	H.A. Skinner		
1950	R.F.Jones, P.A.G.D.C. Eng	Prov.G.Stwd. 1955	P.P.S.G.D 1959
1951	L.J. Hadler, P.P.A.G.D.C.		1961
1952	E.R. Whillier, Prov.J.G.D.		1962
1953	H.J. Skinner, Prov.A.G.Std.Br.		1963
1954	S.C. Prior, P.P.A.G.D.C		1964
1955	• H. Whitty, P.P.G.Suot. Wks		1966
1956	T.H. Brunt, Prov.G.SStwd	1958 P.P.S.G.D.	1966
1957	R.C. Hillier, P.P.A.G.Reg.		1967
1958	J. Leys		
1959	H.C. Johnson		
1960	G. Mann		
1961	• F.W. More		
1962	W.S. Kember		
1963	E.F. Wyld		
1964	G.W. Johnson		
1965	R.E. Lawrence		
1966	E.C. Bissenden		

#### **PAST MASTERS IN THE LODGE SINCE CONSECRATION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge No.</u>
* George Hemsley Breeze, P.P.J.G.D.	1050
* George Frank Stacey, P.P.S.G.D.	1678
* John Herbert Podmore, P.A.G.D.C.	3042
* Charles Ernest Skilton	1678
* Walter Samuel Taylor	
* Henry William Peach	1678
* Ashley Scarlet Kitby	4834
**Richard Edward Podmore ,M.C. , Prov. J.G.W.	5226
* Richard Sidney Harrison, P.P.J.G. .	2200
* Henry Rendell Amore	3781
Leslie Charles Norton	5422
Valentine William Frank Ashdown, P.P.G.St.Br. (Sussex)	2434
Alfred Thomas Walker, P.P.D.G.Reg.	4123
**Albert Edward Norton	6599
* Frederick Ernest Perkins, P.P.S.G.D.	6599
* Gerald Bruce Parkinson, P.P.S.G.D.	6599
* Donald Cecil Stevenson	6599
Ronald Jack Parker, P.P.A.G.D.C.	6599
Alec Dunn Elvy, P.P.G.Ord.	874
Henry Connor	7203
Hon. Fiennes N.W. Cornwallis ,O.B.E., J.G.W., P.P.S.G.W.	1962
Ronald Francis Spence	1678
William Anthony Bridger	7929

\*Deceased \*\*Resigned

During the course of the history of the Lodge there have been four members honoured by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master with the rank of Grand officer of the United Grand Lodge of England:-

1920 W. Bro. Stephen Britcher, P.G.St.Br.

1926 W. Bro. John Herbert Podmore, P.A.G.D.C.

1963 Rt. W. Bro. Hon. Fiennes Cornwallis, O.B.E., J.G.Warden

1963 W. Bro. James Percy Walker, P.G.St.Br.

1967 W. Bro. Reginald Fielding Jones, P.A.G.D.C.

Also 4 1 Members have been honoured with Provincial Rank.

**TREASURERS OF THE LODGE**

1921 – 1922	George Frank Stacey
1922 - 1940	John Herbert Podmore
1941 – 1957	Geoffrey Wynne Williamson
1957	Edward Reginald Whillier

**SECRETARIES OF THE LODGE**

1921 - 1922	Alfred John Harland
1922 - 1925	George Hemsley Breeze
1925 - 1927	Carrington Hastings Worrin
1927 - 1940	Alfred John Harland
1940 - 1957	Henry Edwin pope
1957	James Percy Walker

**CONCLUSON**

Such is the History of the Paddock Wood Lodge No. 4291.

May the Paddock Wood Lodge and Freemasonry continue to flourish.

May the brethren of the Lodge continue to enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford and may our children and our children's children continue to celebrate with joy and rejoicing Freemasonry in The Paddock Wood Lodge.