

METROPOLITAN LODGE No. 1507

1974 - 1999

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The Centenary meeting was held at The Cafè Royal on 20th November 1974. As a reward for all the hard work and planning by the senior Lodge members the function was a great success.

We were honoured by the presence of the Assistant Grand Master Rt. W. Bro. The Hon. Fiennes Cornwallis O.B.E. who presented The Centenary Warrant. There were also eight other Grand Officers:-

W. Bro. J.D.E. Barnard Deputy Grand Secretary

W. Bro. S.W. Doran Assistant Grand Chaplain

W. Bro. L.J. Kingston Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W. Bro. Sir Cecil Mant Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works

W. Bro. R.W.T. Bray Junior Grand Deacon

W. Bro. N.A. Royce Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works

W. Bro. G.M. Stitcher Grand Standard Bearer

W. Bro. Roy Wells Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer

together with 46 Lodge members and 103 other guests making a total of 157 present.

It is comparatively common for provincial lodges to entertain their high ranking Grand Officers but much less so in London lodges, so it was quite a spectacle to see all the Grand Officers together with holders of London Grand Rank providing a procession for The Assistant Grand Master.

The warrant of the Lodge was read by W. Bro. E. A. Williams. The Centenary Warrant was read by the Deputy Grand Secretary and then presented to the Lodge by the Assistant Grand Master. This was followed by an oration by the Assistant Grand Chaplain and the presentation of the donations for the Masonic Charities.

In 1979 after 6 years at The Angus Restaurant we exercised our share option and moved to the newly opened London Masonic Centre (LMC). The stay was not a happy one as the initial “teething” problems did not ease and when the LMC started to get into financial trouble in 1981 we returned to the Angus. In 1983 we were forced to move again when The Angus closed its Temple. Our next venue was Shuttleworths Restaurant in Aldwych.

In 1992 W. Bro. Tony Burden was made a Grand Officer - this being the first such appointment within the Lodge since W. Bro. Jack May in 1943.

In 1994 Shuttleworths closed causing us, once more, to seek new premises. From then until now we have been at our current home - Corvinos.

Poised as we are, on the brink of a new Millennium it is difficult to resist the temptation of trying to peer into the future. While nobody can tell what really lies ahead, if we remain true to the age old truths contained in our ritual, and if we share our enthusiasm with others, there is no reason why our grand old Lodge should not continue going from strength to strength.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE No. 1507

1974	Appleton, N.A.J.	1987	Wickham, E.D.
1975	Mills, W.	1988	Kanabar, D.J.
1976	Norman, L.E.	1989	Boyle, T.J.
1977	Keska, P.S.	1990	Burden, A.E.
1978	Atkins, J.E.	1991	Williams, E.G.
1979	Gough, P.C.	1992	Harvey, G.C.
1980	Boult, A.G.	1993	Percival, E.D.
1981	Steward, W.E.T.	1994	Jones, F.M.
1982	George, F.J.	1995	Elliott, J.F.
1983	Appleton, N.A.J.	1996	Knox, D.S.
1984	Ashworth, J.R.	1997	Claham, S.A.D.
1985	Ashworth, J.R.	1998	Jones, A.
1986	Wickham, E.D.	1999	Herrington, P.V.

TREASURERS

1975/1995 Hotchkiss, A.I.

1996/1999 Atkins, J.E.

SECRETARIES

1975/1979 Randall, D.G.

1980/1986 Atkins, J.E.

1987/1994 George, F.J.

1995/1997 Jones, F. M.

1998/1999 Williams, E.G.

DIRECTOR of CEREMONIES

1975/1977 Brittain, A.D.

1978/1989 Burden, A.D.

1990/1993 Appleton, N.A.J.

1994/1997 Williams, E.G.

1998/1999 Clapham, S.A.D.

TYLERS

1975/1983 Terret, E.J.

1984/ Roake, R.W.

1985/1999 Chadney, A.

Meeting Places

1975/1983 Angus Restaurant, 74 Regent Street, W1

1983/1994 Shuttleworth's Restaurant, 1 Aldwych, WC2

1995/1999 Corvino's Restaurant, Beaufort House, 71 Middlesex St, London E1 7DA