

25th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY
OF
PEGASUS FORCES LODGE No. 9393

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iii Foreword

This Province is immensely proud of its connection with the Armed Forces and a number of our Lodges were founded on the strength of that association. There are fourteen such Lodges on the Provincial Roll, the oldest of which has been working for 133 years and is the Mother Lodge of Pegasus Forces Lodge, which is the youngest and is now celebrating its silver jubilee. It is consistent with the best traditions of our Military Lodges that Pegasus Forces should decide to mark the occasion by the production of this history, which provides a fascinating insight into the Lodge both before and after its Consecration, but more particularly into the ethos and culture of our Airborne Forces.

From the outset considerable thought was given to emphasise the Lodge's connection with the Airborne Forces and these are detailed in the text. Those relating to the ceremonial have to be experienced for their full effect to be apparent – something which I was privileged to witness as the Consecrating Senior Warden of the Lodge. I well remember the very moving Oration, the unique Closing and the special After Proceedings at the Royal Aldershot Officers' Club. A great day that marked the dawn of a Lodge, which is now celebrating 25 years of service to the Province, whilst providing an appropriate Masonic Unit for Members of the Airborne Forces and their connections.

The selection of V.W.Bro. Roger Jago to take responsibility for the production of the narrative was an inspired decision, as he is well known for his love of history, the Military, and Freemasonry; and in this manuscript those three loves come together to produce an inspiring and compelling read for all who are privileged to get their hands on a copy. It is a great credit not only to the Lodge and its Members over the past 25 years, but also to the courage and discipline of those Units which make up our Airborne Forces.

I commend it to all Freemasons as an example for others to follow – very apt for Pegasus Forces.

**R.W.Bro. Michael J. Wilks
Provincial Grand Master
Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

iv Preface

I was flattered when Charles Bailey asked me to write the history of the first twenty-five years of Pegasus Forces Lodge and I readily volunteered. As an old soldier, I should have known better, as I did not realise how absorbing and time consuming the task would prove!

Although I was only recently honoured with Honorary Membership, I have been involved with the Lodge since its inception. While in the Chair of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge No. 1971 I gave the notice of motion in November 1989 that: "This Lodge should sponsor the formation of Pegasus Forces Lodge to meet at the Edward Street Masonic Hall in Aldershot". The proposal was not balloted upon until May 1990, by which time I had installed my successor and as a result he signed the Petition. Thereafter, I attended the Consecration, have been a regular visitor and have acted as Senior Warden seven times during the Inner Working at Installation meetings.

Also I have close connections with the Airborne Forces. My proposer into Freemasonry in 1969 was W.Bro. Maj. John Went P.A.G.D.C., who as Adjutant of 7 (L.I.) Para. parachuted into France on D-Day. In addition during the late seventies I set up the Medical Support Teams at Hereford that enabled the Anti-Terrorist Squad of the Special Air Service to use the weapon systems that did so much to ensure the success of the storming of the Iranian Embassy in May 1980 and the survival of 19 of the 20 hostages.

The military ranks, honorifics and Masonic ranks detailed are those contemporary with the period described. All Provincial Masonic ranks refer to Hampshire and Isle of Wight, unless otherwise delineated. Brackets () surrounding the abbreviation used for Military Units indicate that the Brother concerned had retired from the services at the time his name is mentioned.

The final draft has been edited and proof read by W.Bro. Col Mike Thomas P.J.G.D. and I am most grateful for his time, expertise and enthusiasm.

**V.W.Bro. Maj. Roger H. Jago P.G.SwdB.
Honorary Member**

1 Quotations

“Every Man an Emperor”

"What manner of men are these who wear the red beret?

They are firstly all volunteers and are then toughened by hard physical training. As a result they have that infectious optimism and that offensive eagerness, which comes from physical well-being. They have jumped from the air and by doing so have conquered fear.

Their duty lies in the van of battle; they are proud of that honour and have never failed in any task. They have the highest standards in all things whether it be skills in battle or smartness in execution of all peacetime duties.

They have shown themselves to be as tenacious and determined in defence as they are courageous in attack.

They are in fact, men apart”.

F.M. the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O., P.C.¹

“As a military man, and speaking from experience, I can say that I have known many soldiers who were Masons, but never a good Mason who was a bad soldier”.

F.M. the Viscount Combermere G.C.B., G.C.H., K.C.S.I., P.C.²

¹ Commissioned as a 2/Lt in the 6th Regiment of Foot (R.Warks) in September 1908. He saw action in the First World War, was seriously wounded and was awarded the D.S.O. During the Second World War he commanded the Eighth Army from August 1942 in North Africa until the final Allied victory in Tunisia. This period included the Battle of El Alamein, a turning point in the Western Desert Campaign. He subsequently commanded the Eighth Army in Sicily and Italy before being given responsibility for planning the D-Day invasion in Normandy. He was in command of all Allied ground forces during Operation Overlord from the initial landings until after the Battle of Normandy. He then continued in command of the 21st Army Group for the rest of the campaign in North West Europe. As such he was the overall field commander for the unsuccessful airborne attempt to capture the bridge over the Rhine at Arnhem. On 4th May 1945 he took the German surrender on Lüneburg Heath in Northern Germany. After the war he became C-in-C of the British Army of the Rhine and then Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

² Commissioned as a 2/Lt in the 23rd Regiment of Foot (R.W.Fus) in February 1790, transferred to the VIth Drag.Gds (Carabiniers) as a Capt. in 1793 and later served with the XXVth and XVIth L.Drags. He served as C-in-C of Ireland (1822 - 25) and C-in-C of India (1825 - 30). Served as Prov.G.M. for Cheshire (1830 - 60).

2 Pre-Consecration

The Parachute Regiment Lodge No. 9315 was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London in June 1989 and several ex-Airborne soldiers from the Aldershot and Farnborough area attended the ceremony. They decided not to become involved because it was not a "closed" Lodge and showed little interest in recruiting outside of the Metropolis. However, the idea of a Lodge solely for Airborne Soldiers took root in their minds.

Around that time a discussion took place in the bar of the Masonic Centre in Mole Road, Sindlesham, Berkshire between W.Bros Robbie Parsons and Bill Ayling as to how Robbie could fulfil his dream of forming such a Lodge. Bro. Bill was a Past Master of Charles Nichol Lodge No. 7318 and had acted as Bro. Robbie's Masonic Mentor since his initiation in Aldworth Lodge No. 5191 (the Reading Bluecoat School Lodge). Clearly Robbie was persuaded to take the idea further and at a meeting of the Aldershot Branch of the Parachute Regiment Association raised the matter with some of the Members that he knew to be Masons – namely Bros Vic Carmichael, Roy Cole, Ted Dent, Albert Gould and George Stow.

So the seed was sown and news of a prospective Airborne Lodge swiftly circulated around the local Lodges, neighbouring Provinces and also to former Regimental comrades. Fellow enthusiasts were soon identified in the persons of W.Bros Ernie Caley and Brian Pugsley and Bro. Charles Bailey. Along with Robbie Parsons they formed a "Founders' Formation Group", which met at Sindlesham and agreed the basis of the prospective Lodge's *raison d'être* prior to calling a meeting of the other potential Founders. Bro. Ernie volunteered to be the Founding Secretary and wrote to all the Airborne Masons, who had expressed an interest in the project – the rest is history!

As Master of the sponsoring Lodge, the Author gave the "notice of motion" to sign the Petition three months before the first Founder's meeting was actually held, so it is clear that the members of the Founders' Formation Group were sure from an early stage that they would get the necessary support.

The first meeting of the Founders was held at 19.30 hrs on 6th February 1990 in the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, Aldershot, with 20 Brethren in attendance. The prospective Founders introduced themselves and signed the attendance register. Clearly the groundwork done by the Founders' Formation Group had been successful as the following decisions were swiftly agreed: -

1. The Lodge would be called "Pegasus Forces Lodge".
2. The Lodge would be formed "primarily for the convenience of serving and ex-Members of the Airborne Forces and those closely connected with them".

3. The Pegasus crest³ would be used: -



4. The Lodge motto would be “Superbe Serviunt” (“Proudly we serve”).
5. The Lodge would use Emulation Ritual.
6. Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge No. 1971 would be asked to act as the Sponsor Lodge.
7. The Master-designate would be: - W.Bro. Robin Parsons.
The Treasurer-designate would be: - W.Bro. Ron Follett P.Pr.S.G.D.
The Secretary-designate would be: - W.Bro. Ernie Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R.
The Master-designate announced that he would appoint the following as the principal Officers: - As Senior Warden: - W.Bro. James Ackerman.
As Junior Warden: - Bro. Roy Dachtler.
As Director of Ceremonies: - W.Bro. Brian Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D.
(Middlesex).
8. The Lodge would meet at the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, Aldershot, on the fourth Wednesday in February (Installation), April, September and November.
9. The Founders’ fee would be £95.
The Annual subscription would be £30.
The Initiation fee would be £65.
The Joining and Re-Joining fees would be £20.
The Dining fee would be £7.
10. The Lodge Committee would consist of all Past Masters of and in the Lodge, plus the two Wardens and Deacons.
11. Candidates for Initiation and potential Joining Members would be interviewed by a Committee consisting of the W.M., S.W., J.W., Treasurer and Secretary. In the event of any of the above not being available a Past Master would stand-in and be entitled to vote.
12. The Airborne Forces tie would be worn at meetings.

³ In Greek mythology the winged white stallion (Pegasus) was captured by Bellerophon and ridden by him in the defeat of the Chimera. It was chosen by Lt Gen. Sir Frederick (Boy) Browning G.C.V.O., K.B.E., D.S.O., L/G.Gds as the Divisional badge of all the Regiments and Corps that took to the air. It is thought that his wife, the Novelist Daphne du Maurier, actually suggested the design to him.

A committee was appointed consisting of the proposed W.M., S.W., J.W. and D.C. to produce details of the style of Emulation working to be adopted and how proceedings at the Festive Board should be arranged. The meeting closed at 21.00 hrs and the Founders enjoyed a curry supper provided free of charge by the Aldershot Caterer.

A second meeting of the Founders was held at the Masonic Centre, Alexandra Road, Farnborough on 28th May. The Committee set up to look into the detail of the new Lodge's working produced a most detailed three page foolscap document on the subject. Although the Secretary-designate was not originally appointed to sit on the Committee, he in fact signed the document, along with the Master-designate, on the 15th April. It certainly bore the imprint of Bro Ernie's single-mindedness. The decision to sing the first and third verses of the National Anthem at the end of each meeting was suggested because of the line in verse three that states that: "All men should brothers be". The Committee also ensured that the Founders would have control of the Lodge for the foreseeable future by writing into the rules of procedure that a two thirds majority of the Founders would be required to change any aspect of the Lodge's working until less than three of them survived. Thereafter, the Lodge Committee would take over the responsibility. This document and the draft By-laws were adopted unanimously by the Founders. A booklet was later produced containing the By-laws and Founders' Rules.

The Secretary announced that the Prayer of Petition for the new Lodge would be signed in Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge on 29th May 1990 and that all Founders were invited to attend the meeting in order to witness this important event. Wednesday 5th December had been agreed as the date for the Consecration of the Lodge.

The Petition was duly signed by the newly installed Master of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, W.Bro. Maj. Dougie Covill M.B.E., D.C.M. (XthHus) on the said date.

A third meeting of the Founders was held at Farnborough on 10th October and the detailed programme for the Consecration was discussed. Initial rehearsals were arranged for 23rd October and 27th November. A final rehearsal would be held at 10.30 hrs on the morning of the Consecration, followed by lunch at 12.30 hrs and the ceremony would commence at 14.30 hrs. It was agreed that regular meetings would be tyled at 17.00 hrs and that tea would be provided from 16.00 hrs for those travelling long distances – a tradition that survives to this day. The D.C. would aim to commence dinner by 19.30 hrs so that Brethren would have plenty of time to socialise afterwards.

Throughout this period W.Bro. Bertie Fordham had been working tirelessly behind the scenes creating many articles of Lodge furniture adorned with the Pegasus emblem.

Before the Consecration W.Bro. Ernie Caley persuaded the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Nigel Buckingham P.A.G.D.C.⁴ to agree that Members should be allowed to wear the maroon Airborne Forces tie depicting the Pegasus and that the following variations to the ritual when the Master processed in and out of the Lodge could be adopted as follows: -

⁴ As a National Serviceman W.Bro. Nigel had served as a Sergeant Dispenser in 23 P.F.A. during the Suez crisis.

- a) **Opening** – The D.C. would call the Brethren to order and then announce: “The Worshipful Master will emplane”.
- b) **Closing** – Once the outgoing procession had been formed the D.C. would announce: “Red on, Inner Guard to the door”. The Inner Guard would then open the Temple doors and the D.C. would announce: “Green on, go”.

One additional detail not listed in the Founders’ rules was introduced by W.Bro. Eric Wright and has become a tradition at 21.00 hrs at the Festive Board when Fallen Comrades are remembered. A gong, hand-fashioned from a brass shell-case is sounded nine times and the words of the funeral oration delivered by the Greek Philosopher Pericles to the Athenians after they had beaten the Spartans are quoted: -

“Monuments may rise and tablets be set up in their own land, but on far off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced. It is graven, not on stone or brass, but on the living heart of humanity. Take these men as your example. Like them remember that prosperity can only be for the free; that freedom is the sure possession of those alone, who have the courage to defend it”.

These words are not delivered as a toast and no fire is given, but the Brethren are asked to stand for a moment in memory of “Fallen Comrades”. This is followed by the Airborne Forces Collect⁵: -

"May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our going down, through all our days and all our nights, until dawn when the Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in his wings for the peoples of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

⁵ The Collect was written by the Senior Chaplain of the 1st Airborne Division in 1941, Padre John Hodgins and links men of all arms, who wear the red beret. It is based on the Book of Malachi – Chapter 4, Verse 2.

3 The Founders

The names of the following six Brethren appear on the Warrant of Pegasus Forces Lodge: -

W.Bro. Robin E. Parsons (6 A/B. Wksp R.E.M.E.), a Past Master of Aldworth Lodge No. 5191 – Master designate.

W.Bro. James A. Ackerman (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.), a Past Master of Yateley Lodge No. 9107 – Senior Warden designate.

Bro. Roy J. Dachtler (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy), a Member of Sandhurst Lodge No. 8505 – Junior Warden designate.

W.Bro. Ernie Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R. (Gl.P.Regt), a Past Master of Earl of Malmesbury Lodge No. 4919, Lodge of Brotherly Union No. 8649 and Yateley Lodge No. 9107 – Secretary designate.

Bro. Albert H.J. Gould (2 Para.), a Member of Aldershot Camp Lodge No. 1331.

W.Bro. Ron B. Follett P.Pr.S.G.D. (7 (L.I.) Para.), a Past Master of Loyalty Lodge No. 7154 – Treasurer designate.

W.Bro. Brian P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex) (3 Para.) a Past Master of Syon Lodge No. 7394.

The following Brethren were also Founders and are detailed in accordance with their Masonic rank and seniority: -

W.Bro Sam Northway P.S.G.D. (2 Para.) a Past Master of Industria Cambrensis Lodge No. 6700, Kenfig Lodge No. 8289 and Alwarestoch Lodge No. 7805. Assistant Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division.

W.Bro. J. Stuart Peters P.S.G.D. (16 (Welsh) Para. (T.A.)) a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 6626, Lodge of Benevolence No. 7305 and Lord Swansea Lodge No. 8364. Assistant Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division.

W.Bro. Harry W. Hovell P.Pr.G.SwdB. (R.E. Chindits), a Past Master of Yateley Lodge No. 9107.

W.Bro. Edward Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.S.G.D. (Durham) (6 A/B. R.Sigs) a Past Master of Amity Lodge No. 3193.

W.Bro. Graham C. Scopes P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex) (2 Para.) a Past Master of Wyke Green Lodge No. 8208.

W.Bro. Frank H. Maidment P.Pr.G.Stwd (Surrey) (22 S.A.S.) a Past Master of Turner Lodge No. 4181.

W.Bro. Edward P. Fitzgibbons (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.) a Past Master of Lodge of Unanimity No. 4327 and St Barbara Lodge No. 8724.

W.Bro. Robert (Bertie) A. Fordham (301 Para. Sqn R.E.) a Past Master of United Technical Lodge No. 8027.

W.Bro. William (Bill) R. King (Dep. Para.) a Past Master of Panmure Lodge No. 723.

Bro. Charles A. Bailey (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy) a Member of Bishops Waltham Lodge No. 8190 and Cherry Tree Lodge No. 8749.

Bro. Keith (Tex) D. Banwell B.E.M., N.S.C. (10 Para.), a Member of Kensington Battalion Lodge No. 3624.

Bro. Terence W. Dalton (3 Para.), a Member of Syon Lodge No. 7394.

Bro. David Edwards (Para. Sqn R.A.C.), a Member of Circle of Sussex Lodge No. 7905.

Bro. Gregory R.J. Marshall (R.E.M.E. A.A.C.), a Member of Barra Hall Lodge No. 8096.

Bro. David I. Parker (1 A/B. Recce Corps), a Member of Earl of Malmesbury Lodge No. 4919 and Yateley Lodge No. 9107.

Bro. Noel Ross B.E.M., M.M. (156 Para.), a Member of Earl of Malmesbury Lodge No. 4919.

Bro. George W.D. Stow (1 Para.), a Member of Ferneberga Lodge No. 6314.

Bro. David A. Sykes (3 Para.), a Member of Earl of Malmesbury Lodge No. 4919.

Bro. Eric G.Wright (3 Para.), a Member of Lodge of Friendship No. 928.

Bro. Brian Van Wyk (1 Para.), a Member of Waller Rodwell Wright Lodge No. 2755.

4 Consecration

Pegasus Forces Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday 5th December 1990 at the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, Aldershot in the presence of all but one of its Founders (see photograph on page 11). The absentee was W.Bro. Graham Scopes, who was in Italy celebrating the birth of his first grand-child. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. James E. Bullen. Music was provided by W.Bro. Tom Eaton P.Dep.G.Org., Prov.G.Org., who also directed the Provincial Choir, which consisted of seven Brethren.

The Founders and their guests assembled in the Lodge room after lunch and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Alan Chun M.B.E., P.G.SuptWks accompanied by the Grand Officers and the Consecrating Team entered in procession at 14.30 hrs. V.W.Bro. Chun occupied the Master's Chair and invited the following to act as Consecrating Officers: -

W.Bro. M.J. Wilks Prov.S.G.W.⁶ as Senior Warden.
W.Bro. P.A. Berman Prov.J.G.W.⁷ as Junior Warden.
W.Bro. the Rev. R.A. Miller P.A.G.Chap., A.Prov.G.Chap. as Chaplain.
W.Bro. N.J. Buckingham P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Sec. as Secretary.
W.Bro. M.E. Slater P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.D.C. as Director of Ceremonies.
W.Bro. C.F. Dixon Prov.A.G.Purs. as Inner Guard.
W.Bro. R.E. Jackson P.Pr.J.G.W., Prov.G.Tyl. as Tyler.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master declared a Lodge and opened it in the first degree. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order and V.W.Bro. Chun was saluted with five. Having acknowledged the fraternal salutation, he then opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees.

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. James E. Bullen then entered the Lodge, accompanied by his six Assistant Provincial Grand Masters – W.Bros Maj. A.C.L. Calloway O.B.E., P.S.G.D., (R.M.), Brig. R.J. McGarel-Groves O.B.E., P.Dep.G.SwdB., (L/R.M.), R.K. Mills-Goodlet P.S.G.D., E.F.R. Moss P.S.G.D., Cdr R.A. Champion P.S.G.D., (R.N.) and R.A. Atkins P.A.G.D.C. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order and R.W.Bro. Bullen was saluted with seven. He thanked the Brethren for their generous fraternal salutations and then addressed them on the object and purpose of the meeting.

The Warrant authorising the constitution of the new Lodge was read by the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Petitioners unanimously signified their approval of the Principal Officers named therein. W.Bro. the Rev. Tony Miller then delivered an inspiring oration. He commented that all the Founders had been prepared to parachute into action to fight for the survival of democracy and justice and to ensure long term peace and prosperity. In a military Lodge it was possible to find that special spirit of comradeship, the friendships forged in combat being rekindled in the bonds of Masonic love and brotherhood. He concluded by wishing the Lodge well and feeling assured that its future would be both productive and fun.

⁶ R.W.Bro. Wilks is currently the Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

⁷ W.Bro. Berman P.Dep.G.SwdB. is currently the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

The Consecrating Officer then proceeded to dedicate, consecrate and constitute the new Lodge as “Pegasus Forces Lodge No. 9393”.

Having thanked all those who had assisted him during the ceremony, R.W.Bro. Bullen called-off the Lodge and the Brethren withdrew from the Temple for tea. After the Lodge was called-on the senior Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Allan Callaway proceeded to induct W.Bro. Robin E. Parsons as the Primus Master. W.Bro. Bill King was then invested as Acting Immediate Past Master. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master presented the Master with the Warrant of the new Lodge from the M.W. the Grand Master and a copy of the *Book of Constitutions*. The Master then appointed the following Founders as Officers of the Lodge: -

Senior Warden	W.Bro. J.A. Akerman.
Junior Warden	Bro. R.J. Dachtler.
Chaplain	W.Bro. H.W. Hovell P.Pr.G.SwdB.
Treasurer	W.Bro. R.B. Follett P.Pr.S.G.D.
(After declaration of election)	
Secretary	W.Bro. E. Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R
Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsey P.Pr.S.G.D. (Middlesex)
Senior Deacon	Bro. D.I. Parker.
Junior Deacon	Bro. G.W.D. Stow.
Almoner	Bro. A.H.J. Gould.
Charity Steward	W.Bro. F.H. Maidment P.Pr.G.Stwd (Surrey).
A. Director of Ceremonies	Bro. C.A. Bailey.
Almoner	W.Bro. A.H.J. Gould.
A. Secretary	W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbon.
Inner Guard	Bro. D.A. Sykes.
Stewards	W.Bro. B.A. Fordham.
	Bro. K.D. Banwell B.E.M., N.S.C.
	Bro. T.W. Dalton.
	Bro. D. Edwards.
	Bro. G.R.J. Marshall.
	W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. South Wales E.D.). ⁸
	W.Bro. S. Northway P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. South Wales E.D.). ⁹
Tyler	Bro. V.T. Carmichael.
(After election)	

The Address to the Master was delivered by W.Bro. Allan Callaway, to the Wardens by W.Bro. Nigel Buckingham and to the Brethren by W.Bro. Robin Atkins.

Alms were collected and amounted to £400.

The Provincial Grand Master and his Consecrating Officers then withdrew.

⁸ Bro. Peters remained as a Steward until his installation as Master in 2010.

⁹ Bro. Northway remained as a Steward until his appointment as Chaplain in 1994.

Propositions were passed that R.W.Bro. Bullen and W.Bros Calloway & Buckingham be elected as Honorary Members of the Lodge, that the By-laws and Founders' Rules be approved and that £500 be donated to the 1994 Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (R.M.B.I.). Nine Joining Members and three Candidates for Initiation were proposed. The Secretary read letters of congratulation from R.W.Bro. Maj. Gen. Denis Beckett C.B., O.B.E., D.S.O., P.J.G.W., a former Commanding Officer of 2 Para. and from Pegasus Lodge No. 9124 meeting in Caergwrle, Wrexham, North Wales.

The Members (numbering 26) entertained the Consecrating Team (numbering 25) and 154 Visitors to a banquet in the Royal Aldershot Officers' Club, during the course of which significant quantities of wine were consumed and the formal Masonic toasts were honoured. The menu consisted of: -

Smoked Trout Fillet.

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding,
Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Florets and Petit Pois.

Apple Flan with Cream.

Cheese and Biscuits.

Coffee.

Photograph of the Founders at the Consecration Meeting



Back row (L>R)

Sam Northway, George Stow, Brian Pugsley, Bill King, Stuart Peters, Gregory Marshall and Keith Banwell.

Middle row (L>R)

Noel Ross, Albert Gould, David Edwards, David Sykes, Edward Fitzgibbons, David Parker, Frank Maidment, Terence Dalton, Bertie Fordham, Edward Hold, Eric Wright, Ron Follett and Charles Bailey.

Front row (L>R)

Brian Van Wyk, Vic Carmichael, James Ackerman, Robbie Parsons (W.M.), Roy Dachtler, Harry Hovell and Ernie Caley.

Absent – Graham Scopes.

5 The First Eight Years 1991 - 99

The first regular meeting was held on 27th February 1991 and was attended by 24 Members and 56 Visitors. Nine Joining Members were elected, of which two – Bros Robert Kennedy and John Rogers – were immediately appointed as Stewards and Bro Vic Carmichael was welcomed as the Lodge's Tyler (he had been elected at the Consecration meeting before he officially became a Member). In addition, three Candidates were elected for Initiation, two of whom, Richard Parsons and Donald Hayward were then admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. It was announced that R.W.Bro. Bullen was standing down as Provincial Grand Master and that V.W.Bro. Alan Chun would be his successor. Two additional Honorary Members were proposed.

At the April meeting W. Bro. Allan Calloway presented Bro. Vic Carmichael, who had joined from St Ninian Lodge No. 66 in the Scottish Constitution (S.C.), with his English Grand Lodge certificate. The Secretary announced that he was withdrawing the proposal that W.Bros the Rev. Tony Miller P.A.G.Chap., Prov.A.G.Chap. and J.E. Marchant P.Pr.A.G.D.C. be elected as Honorary Members. The Founders had decided that this honour should be reserved solely for serving or ex-Members of the Airborne Forces and those closely connected to them– he had diplomatically explained to the said Brethren why this decision had been taken! A further four Joining Members were elected, four Candidates for Initiation were balloted for and Derek Thompson and William Wood were initiated. The Secretary announced that, in view of the number of Candidates coming forward for Initiation, the Committee had decided on a trial basis to work two ceremonies at each meeting rather than incur the expense of increasing the number of meetings. The news that the Worshipful Master had been appointed as the Prov.G.St.B of Berkshire was greeted with acclaim.

In September the Lodge welcomed its Visiting Grand Officer (V.G.O.), W.Bro. Keith Muir-Hunt P.A.G.D.C. for the first time. Four more Joining Members were elected and a Candidate for Initiation was successfully balloted for. The Master invited W.Bro. Bill King to occupy the Chair in order to pass Bros Thompson and Wood. The Lodge was then called-off for half-an-hour. On being called-on, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the North of the Province, W.Bro. Robin Atkins P.S.G.D. was admitted and duly saluted with five. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Christopher Frost and Robert Watchorn. Donations of £50 were made as follows: - to the New Masonic Samaritan Fund (N.M.S.F.), to the Provincial Comforts Fund (Prov.C.F.) and to the Building Bricks Fund (a local children's charity). The W.M. thanked W.Bro. Bertie Fordham for the beautiful Tracing Boards and others items of Lodge furniture that he had so expertly made.

In November the Lodge entertained W.Bro. Digby Woods P.S.G.D., Dep.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire) in his capacity as W.M. of Aldworth Lodge and 51 other Visitors. It proved to be the first meeting at which no Initiates or Joining Members were balloted for. However, Alan Mortimer and James Bain were initiated, the former becoming the Lodge's 50th Member. Ballots were taken for the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. A further £500

was donated to the 1994 Festival for the R.M.B.I., but a slightly sour note was introduced when the annual subscription was raised to £33. W.Bro. Robin Parsons presented the Lodge with a beautiful Master's Chain Collar; Bro. Charles Bland presented an aluminium plaque wrought in the form of a souvenir ticket for a flight to Arnhem, made from part of a glider that crashed there during Operation Market Garden; and a Lectern was presented, which had been carved and constructed by Bro. Bertie Fordham. In December the Secretary drew up an inventory of Lodge property which is detailed in Chapter 10.

Bros Frost and Watchorn were passed by Elvetham Lodge No. 4013, meeting in Hartley Wintney on 28th January 1992.

Thus commenced a stream of second and third degree ceremonies worked for Pegasus over the next 16 years by less fortunate Lodges, who were struggling for Candidates.

The summons for the Installation meeting in February 1992 was issued under the authority of the Senior Warden, W.Bro. James Ackerman, as the W.M. had died suddenly on 10th December the previous year. The Lodge was opened with due solemnity by the Acting I.P.M., W.Bro. Bill King. Albert Gould delivered a moving eulogy on the late Robbie Parsons, who had been the Lodge's Founding Father and the Chaplain read the Airborne Forces collect. Fortuitously an Organist had been found that evening in the person of W.Bro. Charles Kennedy of Charles Nicholl Lodge, who then played the "Ride of the Valkyries".¹⁰ In the early days of the Lodge both the music and collect were to become a feature after eulogies to late Members. W.Bro. King then proceeded to induct W.Bro. James Ackerman as the second Master. The custom of asking the Masters of local Lodges to occupy the S.W., J.W. and I.G. Offices for the installation ceremony was instituted with W.Bro. P.J. Banham, the W.M. of Panmure Lodge; W.Bro. I.F. Hovell, the W.M. of Aldershot Royal Engineers' Lodge No. 4178; and W.Bro. J.W. Stephenson, the I.P.M. of Yateley Lodge taking the respective Offices. The new Master was presented with a pair of silver Pegasus cufflinks to be worn during his year in the Chair, which had been donated to the Lodge by Bro. John Horsburgh (Jun.) of Aldershot Camp Lodge.

Bros Hayward and Parsons were passed by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9263 in Winchester on 28th February 1992.

In April Bros Thompson and Wood were raised and W.Bro. Charles Kennedy was officially appointed as the Lodge's acting Organist. He was to serve the Lodge faithfully in this role until September 1997. The Secretary announced details of the special 275th Anniversary Meeting of Grand Lodge to be held at the Earls Court Arena on 10th June 1992 and the Thanksgiving Service to be held in the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot four days later. The Lodge donated £100 to obtain a 275th Anniversary jewel to be appended to the Master's collar. The Anniversary meeting was "open", in that the Press and non-Masons

¹⁰ The "Ride of the Valkyries" (German: *Walkürenritt* or *Ritt der Walküren*) is the popular term for the music at the beginning of Act 3 of *The Valkyrie* (*Die Walküre*), the second of the four Operas by Richard Wagner that constitute his Ring Cycle (*Der Ring des Nibelungen*). It is the music of the Quick March of the Parachute Regiment.

(especially wives) were invited to attend. It was a magnificent occasion, with over 12,500 people present. As an aside, W.Bro. Mike Thomas and the Author were privileged to have been invited to help provide medical cover for the event.

An emergency meeting was held in June when two In-Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Sgt Arthur Butler B.E.M. and Sgt Thomas Battle were initiated. These two spritely “Old Soldiers” thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and looked resplendent in their crimson frock-coats complete with Para. wings and numerous medals. At the regular meeting in September another Joining Member was elected and Bro. Watchorn was raised.

Bro. Bain was passed by Alder Tree Lodge No. 9289 in Aldershot on 5th May and then raised by Landport Lodge No. 1776 in Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth on 17th September. Bro. Mortimer was passed and raised by Mercury Lodge No. 4581 in Farnborough on 28th October and 27th January 1993.

In November a further three Joining Members were admitted, one of whom, Bro. James Tweedie was required to take an obligation to the United Grand Lodge of England (U.G.L.E.) as he was a member of Airdrie St John Lodge No. 166 (S.C.). George Lambe and William Smith were initiated.

At the Installation meeting in February 1993 the Lodge entertained R.W.Bro. James Terry P.J.G.W., O.S.M., who had long been associated with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (R.M.B.I.) and the Brethren saluted him with seven. They then saluted V.W.Bro. Digby Woods P.G.SuptWks, Dep.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire) with five. W.Bro. Capt. D.E. Morgan (R.E.), W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. Lt Col G.E. Evans O.B.E., A.R.C.M. (D.M. R.M.S.M.), W.M. of Andover Combined Services Lodge No. 8300 as J.W.; and W.Bro. C.T.H. Hazell B.E.M. (Q.M.S.(S.) R.M.), W.M. of Royal Marine Portsmouth Lodge No. 6423 as I.G. Bro. David Parker was then installed as the third Master. The Lodge was called-off. On being called-on, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Malcolm Slater P.A.G.D.C. announced the arrival of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro Alan Chun M.B.E. He was admitted, saluted with seven, occupied the Chair and proceeded to dedicate the Lodge Banner in due form in the presence of 43 Members and 122 Visitors. The new Banner was trooped around the Lodge by Bro. Albert Gould and an Oration was delivered by W.Bro. the Rev. Bill Wilson P.A.G.Chap. Sadly no copy of what he said has survived.

The intentions of the Founders are clearly demonstrated by the symbols decorating the Lodge banner. The sky-blue Pegasus ridden by Bellerophon on a maroon background acknowledges the colours and emblems of the Airborne Forces. This badge is complimented by the great emblems that adorn every Freemason's Lodge, namely the Squared Pavement, the two Great Pillars supporting the Celestial and Terrestrial Globes, the Working Tools of the three degrees and the Rough and Smooth Ashlars. In addition the Square and Compasses are bordered by the Lodge's Latin motto – “Superbe Serviunt”, which is a fitting sobriquet for Members of the Masonic Brotherhood, who have had the honour of wearing the red beret.

The banner was designed by W.Bro. Gerry Cooper P.Pr.J.G.D, a Past Master of Ferneberga Lodge, who was a local Printer.



The Lodge Banner

A note by W.Bro. Ernie Caley is attached to the minutes reference the bronze Pegasus surmounting the Banner Pole: -

“You will be interested to know that the Pegasus on the top of our Banner Pole was moulded from bronze nails taken from the Mary Rose,¹¹ a Tudor warship, which was raised from the sea near Portsmouth. They fell into a kit-bag that found its way to the Para. Depot in Aldershot. A mould was made, the nails were melted down and eight Pegasus models were caste. A very well-known Paratrooper, Capt. John Ridgeway M.B.E., who rowed the Atlantic while still serving¹² and who owned the kit-bag had four, the Ex-Pioneer Sergeant had two and the Ex-Pioneer Corporal had two. W.Bro. Ron Follett told me about them and now the Ex-Pioneer Corporal has one and £35. He has been a good friend to the Lodge, having painted our Lodge Honours Board”.¹³

¹¹ The Mary Rose was a carrack-type warship in the Tudor Navy of King Henry VIIIth. After serving for 33 years, she saw her last action on 19 July 1545 and while leading the attack on a French invasion fleet she sank in the Solent. The wreck of the Mary Rose was discovered in 1971, salvaged in 1982 and is now on display in the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

¹² Capt. John Ridgeway rowed the Atlantic (approx.: 3,500 miles) from Cape Cod to Kilronan in Aran along with his old Platoon Sergeant, Chay Blythe in a 20 foot open dory named “English Rose IIIrd” in 92 days (4th June - 3rd September 1966).

¹³ The Honours Board is mounted on the South wall of the Farnborough Temple.



"English Rose III"rd



Pegasus Forces Lodge Honours Board (as at Dec 2011)

In April Leslie Myers and William Dunt were initiated and W.Bros Ron Follett and James Ackerman were congratulated on their forthcoming promotion to P.Pr.J.G.W. and appointment as P.Pr.J.G.D. respectively. W.Bro. James had also been appointed as the Prov.Dep.G.D.C. of Berkshire – this news drew additional applause. The Secretary also announced that W.Bro. Eric Wright had been installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, meeting in Petersfield. In September a further two Joining Members were recruited and James McCready and Edward Sines were initiated. Despite the annual subscription being increased to £35, donations were made as follows: - £75 to the N.M.S.F., £75 to the Prov.C.F., £50 to the Airborne Forces Security Fund (A/B.F.S.F.) and £50 to a charity of the W.M's choice (not named). The Secretary announced that due to the problems associated with accommodation and especially dining in Aldershot the Founders had decided to restrict membership to approximately 80 and that in future all prospective Joining Members would be informed that they would be expected to take an active part in Lodge affairs.

Bro. Lambe was passed by Mercury Lodge on 27th October, Bro. Bain was passed by Aldershot Royal Engineers Lodge on 9th November and Bro. Myers was passed by Loyalty Lodge on 11th November 1993. All three meet at Farnborough.

In November Bros Butler and Battle were passed and the election of Officers for the ensuing year was undertaken before the Lodge was called-off. On being called-on, the acting Provincial D.C., W.Bro. I.M. Middleton B.E.M., Prov.A.G.D.C. announced the arrival of the A.Prov.G.M., W.Bro. Bob Mills-Goodlet P.S.G.D., who was making an official visit. He was duly saluted with five. W.Bro. Charles Bailey then took the Chair and initiated John Rowney and Dennis Priestley. It was agreed that the number of meetings should be increased to five and that the additional one should be held on the 4th Wednesday in March. The Secretary announced that Province had given permission for the Pegasus tie to be worn by duly qualified Visitors to the Lodge, but had refused to allow other Corps, Regimental or Battalion ties to be worn – a rule that is now widely ignored!

Bro. Dunt was passed by Lodge of Friendship in Petersfield on 4th January 1994.

At the Installation meeting in February 1994 W.Bro. Maj. F. Conroy (R.E.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. G.G. Andrews, W.M. of Ferneberga Lodge as J.W.; and W.Bro. J. Jennings, W.M. of Aldershot Camp Lodge as I.G. Bro. George Stow was then installed as the fourth Master. Sadly, the Treasurer had to announce the exclusion of two Members for failure to pay their annual subscriptions.

Bros Lambe and Smith were raised by Loyalty Lodge on 10th March 1994.

At the March meeting the Lodge welcomed its new V.G.O., W.Bro. Wally Woods P.A.G.D.C., who, as an ex-R.E.M.E. Warrant Officer, was eminently qualified for the appointment. Three more Joining Members were elected and Bros McCready and Sines were passed to the second degree by W.Bro. Brian Pugsley. The Lodge was then called-off and when called-on again Terrance Hollingsworth and Louis Bonnefin were initiated.

Bros Priestley and Rowney were passed by Loyalty Lodge on 14th April 1994.

In April the Lodge's first Lewis, Wayne Gould B.E.M. was initiated. Originally, like his father, he had served in 2 Para., but at the time he was balloted for he was a W.O.1. (Conductor¹⁴) in 25 Freight Distribution Squadron (The Carmens) of the Royal Logistic Corps, based at the Gun Park, Bicester. His father, W.Bro. "Dad" acted as J.D. during the ceremony; the Working Tools were presented and explained by Bro. "Brother-in-law" D. Vaughan of Aldershot Camp Lodge; and the Charge after Initiation was delivered by W.Bro. "Uncle", W. Kerr P.Dist.S.G.D. (Gibraltar) of Royal Lodge of Friendship No. 378 meeting on the Rock. A very special evening was witnessed by 40 Members and 56 Visitors.

Bro. Dunt was raised by Culham College Lodge No. 2951 in Oxford on 11th June 1994.

In September the death of Bro. Christopher Frost was marked with suitable tribute paid by W.Bro. Charles Bailey, who had served with him in the Guards Independent Parachute Company. The mood of the Brethren was elevated by the initiation of two more Candidates in the persons of John Cox and Brian Faulkner D.C.M. Donations were made as follows: - £75 to the N.M.S.F., £75 to the Prov.C.F., £50 to the A/B.F.S.F. and £50 to a charity of the Master's choice (not named).

Bro. Bonnefin was passed by Mitcham Lodge No. 2384 in Surbiton on 17th October, Bros Sines and Priestley were raised by Mercury Lodge on 26th October, Bro. Myers was raised by Aldershot Royal Engineers Lodge on 11th October, Bro. Faulkner was passed by Leigh Chase Lodge No. 6804 in Southend-on-Sea on 5th November and Bros McCready and Rowney were raised by Loyalty Lodge on 10th November 1994.

At the November meeting the death of Bro. Brian Van Wyk was marked by suitable tribute and Keith Elliott and James MacKenzie were initiated. The Secretary announced that the Lodge had joined the Circle of Service Lodges, which had been formed in 1993.

Bros Butler and Battle were raised by City of London Rifles Lodge No. 5608 in Great Queen Street, London on 13th December 1994 and Bro Bonnefin by Mitcham Lodge on 20th January 1995.

At the Installation meeting in February 1995 W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Cruickshank (R.C.T.), the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. I.D.G. Marshall, W.M. of Ferneberga Lodge as J.W.; and W.Bro. S.J. Williams, W.M. of Earl of Malmesbury Lodge as I.G. Bro. David Sykes was then installed as the fifth Master. After the investiture of the Lodge Officers, a silver teapot was presented to W.Bro. Ron Follett to mark his retirement as Treasurer. The Secretary announced that in future it would only be possible to dine a maximum of 107 Brethren. In the event of numbers exceeding this figure, which was only likely to happen on Installation evenings (127 were dining that evening), the Master-elect would have first call on guests after the Brethren had been accommodated and thereafter places would be allocated to Member's guests by ballot. W.Bros Caley and Fitzgibbons

¹⁴ The appointment of Conductor R.L.C. is the most senior Non-Commissioned rank in the Army, senior to all other W.O.1s including R.S.Ms. It is the only Non-Commissioned rank to be recorded on the Statute Books in Westminster.

presented the Lodge with two Pegasus models to be placed on the pedestals of the S.W. and J.W.

Bro. Gould was passed by Culham College Lodge on 11th March 1995.

In March the Past Masters initiated Patrick O'Leary. W.Bros Brian Pugsley acted as W.M., Doug Nimmo as S.W., Bill King as S.D., David Parker as J.D., Harry Hovell as I.G and Terence Dalton continued as J.W. The Working Tools were presented and explained by Bill King and the Charge after Initiation was delivered by Norman Howes. The announcement that Bill King and Bertie Fordham had been appointed as P.Pr.A.G.D.C. and P.Pr.A.G.SuptWks respectively and that Brian Pugsley had been promoted to P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg in Middlesex was greeted with acclaim, as was the news that the Lodge had qualified as a Patron of the R.M.B.I.

Bro. O'Leary was passed by Mitcham Lodge on 12th September 1995.

At the September meeting Bros Elliott and MacDonald were passed to the second degree, but the morale of the Brethren was somewhat dented when it was necessary to increase the annual subscription to £45. However, the Charity Steward was still able to make the following donations: - £100 to the N.M.S.F. (mini-Festival), £100 to the Provincial Grand Charity (Prov.G.C.) – the Tommy Langton Fund (1995/97 mini-Festival) and £75 to the Prov.C.F. The announcements that W.Bro. Oliver Atkins had been promoted to S.L.G.R., that W.Bro. Edward Fitzgibbons had been appointed to L.G.R. and that Charles Bailey had been installed as the second Master of Household Division Lodge No. 9545 were greeted with acclaim. The Secretary announced the resignation due to ill-health of W.Bro. Eric Small P.Pr.G.Reg. (Somerset), one of the few remaining survivors of the fighting on the Bridge at Arnhem. Bro. Ernie had informed Bro Eric that he would always be welcome to attend meetings if he ever felt able to travel from Taunton. Bro. Wayne Gould presented the Lodge with a set place mats for the dining table.

Bro. O'Leary was raised by Mitcham Lodge on 16th October 1995.

In November three more Joining Members were welcomed and Bros Hollingsworth and Faulkner were raised to the third degree.

Bro. Cox was passed by Lodge of Benefaction No. 5318 in Great Queen Street, London on 20th December 1995 and Bro. Gould was raised by Loyalty Lodge on 8th February 1996.

At the Installation meeting in February 1996 W.Bro. Lt Col W.G. Withers R.L.C., the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. D.M. Welch, the W.M. of Panmure Lodge as J.W.; and W.Bro. Capt. A.G. Newing (R.M.), the W.M. of Royal Marine Portsmouth Lodge as I.G. W.Bro. Bill King P.Pr.A.G.D.C. was then inducted as the sixth Master. W.Bro. Bertie Fordham presented the Lodge with a Jacob's Ladder that he had crafted.

In April the death of Robert Bell was marked with suitable tribute and Steve Hood and Richard Stacey were initiated. A donation of £450 was made to the Prov.G.C. mini-festival.

A By-law change was agreed to enable the Treasurer to present the annual Lodge accounts in April. In September another Joining Member was elected and Bros MacKenzie and Hood were passed by the W.M. After a break for tea, W.Bro. Charles Bailey took the Chair and initiated Paul Smith and John (Blue) Cole. The W.M. presented W.Bro. Ernie Caley with a maroon Glider Pilot Regiment tie, which had been sent to the Lodge by W.Bro. Maj. Jack Easter an ex-Member of that Regiment in appreciation of the welcome he had received when he visited the Lodge. The promotion of W.Bro. Nigel Buckingham, the Consecrating Prov.Sec to J.G.D. was announced to acclaim.

Bro. Smith was passed by St Mary Lodge No. 7304 in Havant on 30th October and Bro. Hood was raised by Loyalty Lodge on 14th November 1996.

In November W.Bro. Lt Col John Harvey A.G.D.C. (R.A.M.C.) made his first visit as the Lodge's new V.G.O. That evening the Lodge also entertained the Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, R.W.Bro. Digby Woods, who was duly saluted with seven. Bros MacKenzie and MacDonald were raised and £75 was donated to the Prov.C.F. The Master of the Parachute Lodge, W.Bro. Don Tidiman presented the Lodge with gauntlets for the W.M., S.W. and J.W., which were gratefully received and immediately worn by the said Officers.

Bro. Stacey was passed by Panmure Lodge in Aldershot on 14th January and Bro. Elliott by Loyalty Lodge on 13th February 1997.

At the Installation meeting in February 1997 the Lodge received an official visit from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. George Davies P.S.G.D, who was admitted and saluted with five under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Alan Hamilton. W.Bro. Lt Col W.G. Withers R.L.C., the I.P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. K.R. Burnigham, the W.M. of Panmure Lodge as J.W.; and W.Bro. C.W. Laskey P.Pr.S.G.W. (South Wales E.D.), a P.M. of Howardian Lodge No. 5317 as I.G. W.Bro. Alan Lee P.Pr.J.G.D. (South Wales E.D.) was then inducted as the seventh Master. To complete a South Wales evening the A.Prov.G.M. and P.A.Pr.G.M. of that Province, W.Bros Stuart Peters and Sam Northway delivered the addresses to the Master and Wardens respectively and it was announced that Bro. John Profitt was to be appointed as its Provincial Tyler. In addition, W.Bro. Frank Maidment was to be promoted to P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg in Middlesex. Two alms bags made from red berets were presented by Bros Brian Faulkner and Blue Cole. The former informed the Brethren that his had been worn on Mount Longdon during the Falklands campaign and the latter assured them that his had been worn at a 2 Para. "Smoker"!

Bro. Cole was passed and raised by Old Portmuthian Lodge No. 8285 in the Phoenix Rooms, Old Portsmouth on 20th January and 17th March, Bro. Stacey was raised by Landport Lodge on 20th March and Bro. Smith was raised by Portus Magnus Lodge No. 6530 in Cosham on 11th April 1997.

In April the Lodge mourned the death of its second Master, W.Bro. John Ackerman P.Pr.J.G.D. The mood of the Brethren was elevated when the Lodge's 100th Member was initiated. It is not clear as to which of the two Candidates – Reginald Planson and Paul

Wright – qualified for this honour as they appear in that order on the summons for ballot, but are referred to in the reverse order throughout the minutes of the ceremony. The Author has favoured the summons rather than the minutes in the Roll of Members. The Lodge welcomed as a Visitor, W.Bro. R. Allen P.Pr.S.G.D. (Durham), a Member of Peace and Unity Lodge No. 6312, who had served in the Parachute Regiment at its inception in 1940. A donation of £75 was made to the Gurkha Welfare Trust. W.Bro. William Gardiner P.Pr.J.G.D. (Kent) reported on a most enjoyable visit he had made to the American 82nd Airborne in Virginia with W.Bro. Ted Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.J.G.W. (Durham) and Bros John Farrington, Edward Sines and Norman McKay. The Master congratulated W.Bro. Ernie Caley on his promotion to P.Pr.S.G.W. and W.Bro. Doug Nimmo on his appointment as a Prov.A.G.D.C.. It was also announced that W.Bro. John Profitt Prov.G.Tyl. (South Wales E.D.) had been installed as Master of St Catherine's Lodge No. 9503 and W.Bro. Ian Petty as Master of Andover Combined Services Lodge.

On 9th July M.W.Bro. the Rt Hon. the Earl Cadogan M.C., D.L., P.Pro.G.M.¹⁵ died and three months Masonic mourning was ordered.

Bro. White was passed by Andover Combined Services Lodge on 15th September 1997.

In September the Lodge's usual acting Organist was not able to undertake the duty due to ill health and W.Bro. E.L. Whiting P.Pr.G.SuptWks (E. Kent) stood in for him. The death of Bro. Arthur Butler B.E.M. was suitably acknowledged and the Brethren also stood to order in memory of the Past Pro-Grand Master. Three more Joining Members were elected, one of whom, Bro. Neil McCreadie, being a Member of the Gael Lodge No. 609 (S.C.), took the necessary obligation of loyalty to the U.G.L.E. Thereafter George Murphy and John Batty were initiated and £75 was donated to the Prov.C.F. The Charity Steward announced that the Lodge had achieved its target of £912-50 in respect of the Tommy Langton Fund (Prov.G.C.) mini Festival and had received a certificate to that effect. The Secretary announced that W.Bro. Charles Bailey had been appointed as P.Pr.S.G.D. in Buckinghamshire and that W.Bro. David Edwards had been installed as Master of Circle of Sussex Lodge. He reported the death in Taunton of a one time Member, W.Bro. Eric Small, who had fought in A Coy 2 Para. on the Bridge at Arnhem alongside W.Bro. Graham Scopes. He also stated that another Arnhem veteran, W.Bro. Joseph Roberts P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.) had presented the Lodge with a gavel, which had once been the property of Capt. Harry Roberts 1 A/B. Wksp R.E.M.E., who had been seriously wounded on landing by glider at Arnhem. The head was made from a stone from King Solomon's mines in Jerusalem and the handle from a piece of acacia wood. Bro. Joe felt that its fitting resting place should be with the effects of Pegasus Forces Lodge. The Secretary then announced the results of a postal ballot held to determine the Member's views on the proposed Aldershot re-building project. The vote was 68 against and three for. The Lodge Committee would recommend to Aldershot Properties that a Working Party be set up to consider combining resources with Farnborough. Finally, Charles Bailey reported that 20 potential Founders had been identified

¹⁵ Won his M.C. as a Capt. in the C.Gds and on transferring to the Reserve of Officers commanded the R.Wilts Yeo. as a Lt Col

for a Pegasus Forces Royal Arch Chapter and that at least 10 Brethren had declared an interest in being exalted.

In November Bros Murphy and Batty were passed and W.Bro. E. Harris P.Pr.G.Reg (E. Kent) stood-in as Organist.

Bro. White was raised by Andover Combined Services Lodge on 15th December 1997, Bro. Murphy was raised by Loyalty Lodge on 8th January 1998 and Bro. Planson was passed and raised by Old Tauntonian Lodge No. 5735 (the Author's Old School Lodge) in Great Queen Street, London on 5th December 1997 and 6th February 1998.

At the Installation meeting in February 1998 the death of the Lodge's acting Organist, W.Bro. Charles Kennedy P.Pr.J.G.D. (Berkshire) was suitably acknowledged. His place was filled by W.Bro. Robert Begg, the W.M. of In Arduis Fidelis Lodge No. 3432 (the R.A.M.C. Lodge, which meets in Great Queen Street, London), who played "The Ride of the Valkyries" as a mark of the Member's respect for departed merit. Bro. Begg was to fill the role of acting Organist until the Lodge moved to Bordon in September 1999. W.Bro. Col D.C. Robson (L/R.A.M.C.) the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge acted as S.W.; W.Bro. K. Marsh the W.M. of Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 6664 as J.W.; and W.Bro. S.M. Allum, the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge as I.G. Bro. Albert Gould was then installed as the eighth Master. A visitor of note that evening was W.Bro. Maj. Jim Webber M.C., P.J.G.D. (a past Prov.G.M. of Somerset in the Mark Degree), who had jumped with and later commanded "A" Coy, 7 (L.I.) Para. on D-Day in Normandy. He was the guest of W.Bro. Ron Follett P.Pr.J.G.W., who had been one of his N.C.Os that day. Both had been wounded during the course of capturing and holding the bridges crossing the Caen Canal and the River Orne at Bénouville and Ranville and were treated in the Dressing Station set up in what is now the Pegasus Café. The Author's proposer into Freemasonry, W.Bro. Maj. John Went P.A.G.D.C., also jumped with them that day.

Before the close of the meeting the Secretary announced that R.W. Bro. Alan Chun was standing down as Prov.G.M. and that V.W.Bro. Ernest Moss would be installed in his place at the Provincial meeting in July. The Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Cdr Michael Higham P.G.J.W., (R.N.) would also be retiring and W.Bro. Jim Daniel S.G.D. had been appointed in his place. W.Bro. Allan Calloway's apologies for absence because of a heavy cold were recorded and the Secretary noted that: "Royal Marines and Sailors always seemed to catch something when they visited Pompey and that was probably why Airborne types liked to keep to a nice town like Aldershot"! A Collar's Stand was presented by Bro. Hugh Calder and was used for the first time that evening during the investiture of the Lodge Officers.

In April another Joining Member was recruited and Christopher Chambers and Alan Holmes were initiated. The sum of £450 was donated to Aldershot Masonic Properties towards the purchase of lightweight dining tables. The Secretary announced that Stuart Peters had been promoted as Dep.Prov.G.M. of South Wales E.D. and would be invested as such on 18th March. In addition Doug Nimmo had been promoted to P.Pr.Dep.G.D.C. The W.M., Albert Gould informed the Members that he had attended St Thomas Lodge No. 6574 to celebrate

W.Bro. Allan Callaway's 50th anniversary in Freemasonry and had presented him with a suitably engraved tankard from the Lodge.

In September David Murphy and Alan Goreing were initiated and £75 was donated to the Prov.C.F. It was announced that W.Bro. Alan Lee had been promoted to P.Pr.J.G.W. in South Wales E.D. and that W.Bro. Bertie Fordham P.Pr.A.G.SuptWks had been appointed to L.G.R. W.Bro. Charles Bailey announced that he had only been able to get 14 potential Founders for a Pegasus Forces Chapter and that this number was insufficient to go ahead with the project. He would revisit the idea in two or three years time. The Members were saddened to learn that as a result of the formation of 16 Air Assault Brigade on 1st September, which had become part of the Tri-Service Joint Helicopter Command the Pegasus shoulder flash would no longer be worn by Airborne Soldiers and would be replaced by an Eagle. In November W.Bro. Brian Pugsley took the Chair in order to initiate Terrance McCourt and Graham Bolt. The Secretary announced the resignation of Bro. Oliver Atkins on the grounds of advancing age. He had commented in his letter that it was 55 years since he had done his parachute training with one 2/Lt Anthony Farrar-Hockley.¹⁶

Bro. Holmes was passed and raised by Old Tauntonian Lodge on 4th December 1998 and 5th February 1999.

Prior to the meeting in February 1999 the possibility of moving to Bordon had been investigated, as the problems associated with converting the Aldershot Masonic Temple into a dining room after meetings had been causing a considerable amount of grumbling among the Members. A package had been negotiated with Bordon Masonic Properties, which included rent at £183-75 per meeting, plus the Temple and dining room being set up and cleared for £50 per meeting (£10 extra if over 100 dined) and a £20 levy to employ an extra person in the bar if more than 60 dined. Meeting dates would have to be changed to the second Wednesday in February (Installation), April, September and November. A questionnaire had been circulated to all the Members and they voted 79 for and 5 against the move, which would entail an additional 11 mile journey for most of them. At the February meeting the Members attending voted 45 to 4 to move to Bordon, thus achieving the necessary two-thirds majority needed to change the By-laws. In the event the Lodge left Aldershot, their home for eight years (the Consecration, 36 meetings and one emergency meeting had been held there) amicably and in acknowledgment of the hospitality they had received there donated the Lodge's £50 share to Aldershot Masonic Properties. W.Bro. Flt Lt P.F. Jowitt (R.A.F.) the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge then occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. D.E. Waple the W.M. of Camelot Lodge No. 8553 the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. A. Wingfield P.Pr.Dep.G.D.C., the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Edward Fitzgibbons P.Pr.S.G.D. (Berkshire), L.G.R. was then inducted as the ninth Master. The

¹⁶ Gen. Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O. & Bar, M.C. retired from the Army in 1982, his last appointment being C-in-C North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (N.A.T.O.) Allied Forces in Northern Europe. During an eminent military career "Para. Farrar" had commanded 3 Para. (1962 - 64) and 16 Para. Bde (1966 - 68).

Brethren acknowledged the work of Bro. Dennis Priestley, who had refurbished the Lodge Officer's collar, as good as new!

In April another Joining Member was welcomed and Joseph de Hoop and Arlen Richardson were initiated. It was announced that V.W.Bro. Stuart Peters Dep.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.) had that afternoon been invested in Grand Lodge as P.G.SwdB. and that W.Bro. Doug Nimmo P.Pr.Dep.G.D.C. and Charley Bailey P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire) were to be appointed to active Provincial Office as Prov.Dep.G.D.C. and Prov.A.G.Purs. respectively.

The first meeting in the beautiful new Temple at Bordon was held on 8th September 1999, all the necessary changes to the By-laws having been approved by Province. Bordon Masonic Centre is fondly referred to as the "Tesco Temple", due to the funding provided by that Supermarket Chain towards its construction – they had needed to demolish the old Temple in order to gain access to the site for their new store. The death of Bro. Tex Banwell B.E.M., N.S.C. was marked with suitable tribute and W.Bro. Derek Attree P.Pr.A.G.St.B., a stalwart of Bordon Masonry and an ex-B.S.M. of 2 Para., acted as Organist for the first time. Another Joining Member was elected and Bro. Blue Cole had the pleasure of seeing his Candidate and father, Gordon Cole initiated. Donations were made as follows: - £2,005 to the 2005 Festival for the N.M.S.F., £75 to the Prov.C.F. and £50 to the A/B.F.S.F. The W.M. thanked Bro. Hugh Calder for the beautiful Wand Holders he had presented to the Lodge and congratulated W.Bro. Louis Bonnefin on being installed as Master of Mitcham Lodge.

The decade ended with the November meeting when Bro. Richardson was passed to the second degree. During the ceremony, W.Bro. Bill King withdrew with the Entered Apprentices, a move that heralded the beginnings of mentoring.

During its first eight years the Lodge had increased its numbers from the original 27 Founders to 94 Members – an amazing success story by any Masonic standard. A total of 47 Brethren had joined and 44 had been initiated. Seven Members had died, including four Founders, 13 had resigned and four had been excluded.

6 The Decade 2000 - 09

The new millennium began on a sad note with the death of Bro. Gordon Phillips being marked with suitable tribute. W.Bro. Maj. P.W. Stevens (R.A.M.C.) the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. A. George the W.M. of Woolmer Forest Lodge No. 3872 occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. R.C. Bettles, the W.M. of Bordon Garrison Lodge No. 7538 acted as I.G. Bro. Alan Mortimer was then installed as the tenth Master, the first of the 21st century. When he invested his Officers he made special mention of the fact that W.Bro. Ernie Caley was standing down as Secretary after ten years, having nurtured the Lodge through its birth pangs and guided it towards insipient maturity. The Members immediately elected Ernie as an Honorary Member and he remarked that: "It's a bit like going to heaven, without having to die first!" – his comment was to prove sadly prophetic. It was announced that W.Bro. Bob Kirby was to be appointed as Prov.G.St.B. in Middlesex.

In April W.Bro. D.A. Bunn of Cherry Tree Lodge acted as Tyler in the absence of Vic Carmichael. The Lodge received a visit from the Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. Ernest Moss. He was admitted and saluted under the direction of the Prov.G.D.C., W.Bro. Allan Gregory P.A.G.D.C. and witnessed the initiation of John Tovey M.B.E. The Prov.G.M. then presented a mounted and inscribed Pegasus to W.Bro. Ernie Caley. He remarked that Ernie had been a Member of the Craft for 40 years, a Founder of three Lodges and Secretary of two, including ten years in that Office in Pegasus. The Charity Steward then presented the Prov.G.M. with a cheque for £1,000 towards the 2005 Festival for the N.M.S.F. The new Secretary, W.Bro. Charles Bailey announced that the following appointments were to be made at the Provincial meeting in July: W.Bro. Doug Nimmo as Dep.Prov.G.D.C. for a second year, W.Bro. Harry Hovell P.Pr.G.SuptWks to be promoted to P.Pr.J.G.W., W.Bro. Charles Bailey Prov.A.G.Purs. to be promoted to P.Pr.S.G.D. and W.Bros David Parker and Eric Wright appointed as P.Pr.S.G.D. and P.Pr.A.G.D.C. respectively. In addition the Lodge's acting Organist W.Bro. Skip Attree P.Pr.A.G.St.B. was to be promoted to P.Pr.G.SwdB. The following appointments were also to be made in other Provinces: - W.Bro. Edward Fitzgibbons as P.Pr.G.SwdB. in Berkshire, W.Bro. John Coles as P.Pr.J.G.D. in Surrey and W.Bro. William Gardiner as Pr.A.G.D.C. in E. Kent.

Bro. Richardson was raised by Mercury Lodge on 26th April 2000.

In September the Lodge was shocked to learn of the sudden death of W.Bro. Ernie Caley three days before the meeting – he had collapsed and died while eating his supper. W.Bro. Albert Gould delivered a moving tribute, the Acting Chaplain, W.Bro. Eric Wright delivered the Airborne Forces Collect and W.Bro. Skip Attree played "The Ride of Valkyries". The Author had the privilege of delivering Ernie's eulogy at the Aldershot Crematorium five days later. Ernie was held in great affection by all the Brethren, a fact borne out by the £600 collected in his memory – £500 was donated to the 2005 Festival for the N.M.S.F. and £100 to the A/B.F.S.F. That evening the Lodge received a first visit from its new V.G.O. W.Bro.

Col Mike Thomas P.A.G.SwdB. (L/R.A.M.C.), who had served as R.M.O. of 2 Para. (1964 - 67). Perhaps the ideal qualifications to look after the welfare of the Lodge? Another Joining Member was elected and Thomas Bridges and James Sorbie M.B.E. were initiated. For the first time the booklet "Welcome to the Initiate" was presented to the Candidates by the V.G.O. Donations were made as follows: - £1,000 to the 2005 Festival for the N.M.S.F., £75 to the Prov.C.F. and £50 to the A/B.F.S.F. Multiple apologies were received from Brethren unable to attend due to the shortage of fuel caused as a result of a blockade of the oil refineries by a tanker drivers' strike.

In November Bro. Tovey was passed by the W.M. and, after the Lodge had been called-off for tea, W.Bro. Doug Nimmo took the Chair and initiated Christopher Trinick. A ballot to exclude four members for failure to pay their annual subscriptions was only passed by 28 votes to 10, but nevertheless achieved the necessary two-thirds majority much to the relief of the Treasurer. W.Bro. John Coles P.Pr.J.G.D. (Surrey) was elected as Master for the ensuing year, but was forced to stand down a few weeks later due to ill health. As a consequence an emergency meeting was held on 24th January 2001 at which the 16 Members present elected W.Bro. Brian Pugsley P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex) in his stead. W.Bro. Brian said it was probably the first time in the history of the Lodge that it had a Master-elect, who did not want that honour, as it belonged to his dear friend and comrade. However, in the circumstances he would perform the duties for Bro. Roy and the Lodge to the best of his ability.

Bro. Tovey was passed by Cherry Tree Lodge in Bordon on 8th February 2001.

In February 2001 W.Bro. Capt. A.J. Barnes (A.C.C.) the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. T. Scott L.G.R. the W.M. of Woolmer Forest Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. M.A. Bailey (Charles Bailey's son), the W.M. of Cherry Tree Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Brian Pugsley P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex) was then inducted as the 11th Master. In April the Lodge mourned the death of W.Bro. John Coles P.Pr.J.G.D. (Surrey) and the acting Organist W.Bro. Mick Kerley P.Pr.J.G.D. played the "Ride of the Valkyries". The Brethren also acknowledged the death of the Past Pro.G.M., M.W.Bro. the Rt Hon. Lord Farnham.¹⁷ Thereafter Bernard Tharme was initiated. The sum of £1,000 was transferred from the Amenity Account to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The news that Doug Nimmo was to be re-appointed as Prov.Dep.G.D.C. for a third year and George Stow was to be appointed as P.Pr.A.G.SwdB was greeted with acclaim. At the Festive Board a collection raised £282 as sponsorship for the parachute jump that the Dep.Prov.G.M., V.W.Bro. Brian Bellinger was about to make in aid of the Festival.

On 12th September the Master called upon the Brethren to stand to order to pay silent tribute to those who had died in the Islamic terrorist attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center building in New York the previous day. Although on a larger scale (2,996 people were killed) the carnage brought back memories of the I.R.A. bomb in the Aldershot Parachute Regiment Officer's Mess in February 1972 when five female Mess Staff and the Roman Catholic Padre of 2 Para, Father Gerry Weston C.F. were killed. W.Bro. George

¹⁷ Served as a Lt in the R.H.Gds.

Stow then took the Chair and passed Bros Bridges and Tharme. The Master delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board and then, after a short break, initiated Frank Gargan. Another decorated Second World War veteran was elected as a Joining Member in the person of Bro. Robert Reiber M.M. The Secretary reported that Serving Soldiers, who were Members of the Lodge had had their membership of the Order questioned by non-Masons within their units. They were advised that perhaps they should be less open about their Freemasonry unless in conversation with a potential Candidate.

In November the Brethren stood to order in memory of W.Bro. Hugh Calder and donations were made as follows: - £75 to the Prov.C.F. and £25 to Barnardo's through the Arnhem Veterans' Parachute Team.

In February 2002 V.W.Bro. Brian Bellinger was elected as an Honorary Member in recognition of his having joined the parachuting fraternity. In order to support their consanguineous brother W.Bros Alan and Barry Farrington, both Past Masters of Willesden Lodge No. 2489, took the Senior and Junior Warden's Chairs respectively. W.Bro M. Gill of Woolmer Forest Lodge acted as Inner Guard and Bro. Thomas Farrington was thereafter installed as the 12th Master. At the next meeting the news that W.Bro. Alan Mortimer was to be appointed as Prov.G.Stwd and Bro. Vic Carmichael as P.Pr.A.G.Purs. in Surrey was greeted with acclaim.

Bro. Bridges was raised by Cherry Tree Lodge on 23rd May 2002.

In September the Brethren stood to order as a mark of respect on the death of W.Bro. Charles Bailey's son Michael. Thereafter Harvey Thorneycroft and Michael Chapman were initiated. The sum of £3,000 was donated to the N.M.S.F. for the 2005 Festival. The Member's delight at Charles Bailey's promotion to P.Pr.G.Reg in Buckinghamshire was somewhat muted in view of the earlier sad news.

Bro. Tharme was raised by Dormer Lodge No. 2222 in Surbiton on 14th September 2002.

In November the Brethren voted 32 to 4, with one abstention, to move the place of meetings to Farnborough. This change of venue was likely to make travel easier for most of the Members and the Temple and dining facilities at the Farnborough Masonic Centre were well able to cater for the numbers now attending meetings. Donations were made as follows: - £100 to the A/B.F.S.F. and £75 to the Prov.C.F.

The Installation meeting in February 2003 was held by dispensation at Farnborough. W.Bro. Brig. R.N. Maddy (L/A.C.C.) the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. B.F. Cooper the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. A. Duff, the I.P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. Bro. Roy Dachtler was duly installed as the 13th Master by his fellow Founder and ex-comrade in No.1 (Guards) Independent Parachute Company, W.Bro. Charles Bailey. On assuming command W.Bro. Roy presented the Lodge with a Pegasus flag. Donations were made as follows: - £150 to the Children's Ward at Frimley Park Hospital and £150 to the National Heart Foundation. W.Bro. Eddie Fitzibbons P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Berkshire) L.G.R. was congratulated on his

appointment as P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. in Middlesex. Sadly four resignations were announced, but two Joining Members helped towards balancing the books.

In April the Lodge received an official visit from W.Bro. Mike Wilks P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M., who presented W.Bro. Sam Northway with a framed certificate and lapel badge to mark his 50 years as a Freemason. W.Bro. Ron Follett also presented W.Bro. Sam with a Pegasus statuette from the Lodge Members in grateful thanks for all he had done as a Founder. A cheque for £2,000 for the N.M.S.F. was given to W.Bro. Wilks in his role as Appeals Director for the Festival. Bro. Frank Gargan was raised and the By-laws were amended to allow the Lodge to meet in Farnborough on the fourth Friday in February (Installation), April, September and November. The Almoner reported that he had been in contact with the wives of Members serving in the Gulf War offering them any support that they might require in the absence of their loved ones. The appointment of W.Bro. Doug Nimmo as P.A.G.SwdB. and W.Bro. Frank Maidment's promotion to P.Pr.G.SwdB in Surrey were noted with acclaim, as was the news that the Lodge's newest Honorary Member, V.W.Bro. Brian Bellinger was to be installed as Prov.G.M.

In September the Brethren marked the death of Bro. Tommy Battle and Paul Cooper was initiated. The Working Tools were presented and explained by Bro. David Goldie a long-time friend of the Candidate. Despite the annual subscriptions having to be increased from £45 to £55, the Charity Steward was able to announce that to date the Members had contributed £14,502-85 towards the 2005 Festival – he hoped one final push would enable the Lodge to achieve a bronze award for their efforts in supporting this good cause. In November Nicholas Wright was initiated.

At the Installation meeting in February 2004 W.Bro. the Rev. J.M. Loveday S.C.F., the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. Lt Col I.C. Hockney (R.E.), a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. A. Duff, a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Bob Kirby P.Pr.G.St.B. (Middlesex) was duly inducted as the 14th Master. W.Bro. George Stow, having recently been appointed by the Author¹⁸ as the Royal Arch Representative for the Lodge, explained the benefits of taking the final step in Pure Antient Masonry by being exalted into the R.A. and pointed out that Connaught Chapter No. 1971 was the appropriate Unit for military Brethren to join.

In April the promotion of W.Bro. Bill King to P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg., the appointments of W.Bros Ian Petty and Alan Lee as P.Pr.J.G.D. and P.Pr.A.G.D.C. respectively and of Bro. Vic Carmichael P.Pr.A.G.Purs. (Surrey) as P.Pr.A.G.St.B. were all greeted with acclaim. The Brethren were reminded that W.Bro. Ron Follett had a supply of Lodge shields available at £35 each. In September W.Bro. Sam Northway was elected as an Honorary Member as ill-health no longer allowed him to travel to meetings from Wales. Sadly he died the following month. It was announced that Bro. Robert Reiber M.M. was one of just a hundred D-Day

¹⁸ The Author served as M.E. Grand Superintendent in and over Hampshire and Isle of Wight from 2001 until 2011 and one of the initiatives introduced during his tenure, in an effort to attract more Master Masons to join the Royal Arch, was the appointment of a R.A.Rep. in every Lodge.

veterans awarded the Chevalier Legion d'Honneur by the French Government in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe.

In November, after the initiation of Robert Hilton, W.Bro. George Stow announced that the 2005 Festival for the N.M.S.F. had been celebrated in Brighton in May and had raised the amazing sum of £6,888,151! He was pleased to report that Pegasus had qualified for the bronze award – the certificate was presented to the new Master in February. The Lodge also celebrated the fact that Bro. Frank Gargan was in the process of attempting to row across the Atlantic¹⁹ in the “Britannia Endeavour” with a comrade from 1 Para., Michael Perrens. At the Festive Board a collection realised £267-19 for the Royal British Legion (R.B.L.), his

¹⁹ Gargan and Perrens left San Sebastian in La Gomera at 14.05 G.M.T. on 12th November and arrived in Port St Charles, at 07.33 G.M.T. on 23rd December 2004 – 40 days 17 hours and 28 minutes later! They thus became European record holders (smashing the old record by eight days) and clocked the third fastest crossing time in the World.



The “Britannia Endeavour” leaving La Gomera

chosen charity. During the meeting the following donations were made: - £100 to the A/B.F.S.F. and £75 to the Prov.C.F.

In February 2005 the Brethren suitably acknowledged the death of Bro. Derek Thompson. W.Bro. Col M.J.G. Thomas P.A.G.SwdB., V.G.O. (L/R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. Lt Col I.C. Hockney P.Pr.G.SwdB. (R.E.), a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. P.G. Vosser, the W.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Brian Shaw was then inducted as the 15th Master. In April the Brethren were saddened by the death of W.Bro. Alan Mortimer, but morale was raised by the appointments of W.Bros Albert Gould and William Wood as P.Pr.J.G.D. and P.Pr.A.G.Reg. respectively and the appointment of the W.M., W.Bro. Brian Shaw as P.Pr.J.G.D. in Middlesex.

In September Geoffrey Nuzum was initiated by W.Bro. Brian Pugsley and Bro. Frank Gargan was congratulated on completing his row across the Atlantic – an amazing feat of endurance. In November the Lodge suffered the double blow of the deaths of W.Bros Graham Scopes and William Gardiner and the usual memorial was carried out. Morale was lifted by an official visit by W.Bro. David Flemming P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M., but as the Candidate for passing was unable to attend a demonstration had to be performed.

In February 2006 W.Bro. George Stow had the pleasure of installing Bro. David Murphy as the 16th Master. W.Bro. Col M.J.G. Thomas P.A.G.SwdB., V.G.O. (L/R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. D. White, the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. M.J. Sergeant P.Pr.G.SuptWks, a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. The sum of £200 was donated to Teddies for Loving Care. In April the Brethren mourned the death of its Honorary Members, W.Bro. Maj. Alan Callaway O.B.E. (R.M.), who had inducted the Primus Master of the Lodge at the Consecration ceremony in December 1990. The Honorary Organist played “A Life on the Ocean Waves” as a suitable tribute to a former “boot-neck”. The Members were delighted to learn that the M.W. the Grand Master had seen fit to appoint their Treasurer, W.Bro. John Profitt as P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. Thorneycroft was raised by Syon Lodge in Cole Court, Twickenham on 3rd May 2006 by Pegasus Forces Lodge's new Master, W.Bro. David Murphy, who was a Member of that Lodge.

This brought to an end a period of 16 years when the Lodge had a surfeit of Candidates and in order not to hold up their Masonic progression had farmed out second and third degree ceremonies to less fortunate Lodges.

In September Michael Collins was initiated and £150 was donated to the Airborne Assault Section at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. Further donations were made at the next meeting as follows: - £100 to the A/B.F.S.F. and £75 to the Prov.C.F.

In February 2007 the Members mourned the death of W.Bro. Alan Dunham in the usual manner before W.Bro. Eric Wright P.Pr.A.G.D.C. was inducted as the 17th Master. W.Bro.

Lt Col B.S. Dyson P.G.St.B. (A.C.C.), the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. Lt Col. I.C. Hockney P.Pr.G.SwdB. (R.E.), a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. P. McCaw, the W.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Ron Follett was elected as an Honorary Member in gratitude to the immense amount of work he had done for the Lodge since its Consecration – not least as Editor of its News-letter for the first ten years of its existence. W.Bro. Bob Kirby was congratulated on his promotion to P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. in Middlesex. In April the death of Bro. Reg Planson was marked with suitable tribute and W.Bro. Charles Bailey was congratulated on his promotion to P.Pr.S.G.W., a rare accolade that had only been conferred on one other Member – W.Bro. Ernie Caley. W.Bros Ted Fitzgibbon and Brian Pugsley were also applauded on their appointments as P.Pr.G.SwdB and P.Pr.J.G.D. respectively. Donations were made as follows: - £200 to the Prov.G.M's appeal on behalf of Portsmouth Cathedral and an unspecified amount towards a new horsebox for the Parachute Regiment mascot.

In November Robin Horsfall²⁰ was initiated. Later in the meeting the Lodge's V.G.O., W.Bro. Col Mike Thomas presented the long serving Tyler, Bro. Vic Carmichael with a framed certificate and lapel badge marking his 50 years as a Freemason. Sadly six Members had to be excluded for failure to pay their annual subscriptions and a resignation was also received.

In February 2008 the Members marked the passing of W.Bro. Eddie Fitzgibbons, who had served as D.C. for six years and was a peripatetic Mason, holding S.L.G.R. and Provincial honours in Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Berkshire and Middlesex. V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. J. Mullervy, the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. R.A. McNeilly, the W.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Bob Peel was then duly inducted as the 18th Master. The following donations were made: - £100 to the A/B/F.S.F. and £75 to the Prov.C.F. In April the Members congratulated W.Bro. Tom Farrington on his appointment as P.Pr.A.G.D.C. In September the Lodge mourned the death of W.Bro. Nigel Buckingham, an Honorary Member and the Consecrating Provincial Secretary. To add to the bad news the annual subscription was increased from £75 to £85. In November Clifford Gilfoyle was initiated and the usual donations were made to the A/B.F.S.F. and Prov.C.F.

At the Installation meeting in February 2009 W.Bro. Charles Bailey P.Pr.S.G.W., P.Pr.G.Reg (Buckinghamshire) was inducted as the 19th Master. V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. J.J. Neave P.Pr.G.SuptWks, the W.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. R.A. Suter, the W.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. Two more resignations were announced. In April the Lodge received an official visit from W.Bro. Mike Codd P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M., but as the Candidate for passing was unable to attend a demonstration was undertaken. W.Bros Harry Butler and Roy Dachtler were congratulated on their

²⁰ Robin Horsfall was a member of the S.A.S. Anti-Terrorist "Pagoda" team that successfully stormed the Iranian Embassy on 5th May 1980. The event is dramatically recorded in his book *Fighting Scared*, published by Cassell of London in 2002.

appointments as Prov.A.G.Reg and P.Pr.G.St.B. respectively and W.Bro. Bob Peel on his appointment as P.Pr.J.G.D. in Berkshire. The sum of £1,000 was donated to Help for Heroes (H4Hs). No work was possible during the year and a further demonstration ceremony was worked and a lecture was received from W.Bro. Capt. Derek Hall P.Pr.S.G.W. (R.C.M.P.) entitled “Rudyard Kipling – a Master Mason unashamed”.

During the decade a total of 10 Brethren had joined and 15 were initiated. Seven Members had died, including two Founders.

7 The Period 2010 to date

The third decade of the Lodge's life commenced in February 2010 with V.W.Bro. Stuart Peters P.G.SwdB. being inducted as 20th Master of the Lodge. W.Bro. Capt. D.E. Lilley (Para.), the W.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. S.M. Allum P.A.G.D.C., a P.M of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. Maj. E.D Marlow (R.E.M.E.), the W.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. In April the Lodge mourned the deaths of M.W.Bro. the Rt Hon. Lord Corwallis O.B.E., D.L., P.Pro.G.M.²¹ and R.W.Bro. James Bullen P.Pr.G.M., an Honorary Member and the Lodge's Consecrating Officer. In September the death of W.Bro. Ron Follett P.Pr.J.G.W. hm was also marked with suitable Pegasus tribute. The Lodge's long serving Acting Organist, W.Bro. Derek (Skip) Attree P.Pr.G.SwdB., who had played since February 1999, was elected as an Honorary Member. In November the new Treasurer resigned saying he could not make sense of the accounts that had been handed over to him, but thankfully W.Bro. Charles Bailey volunteered to try and sort them out. Bro. Charles worked on them for 14 months and then passed on the responsibility to W.Bro. Col Mike Thomas, who had stood down as the Lodge's V.G.O. so that he could become a Joining Member in order to apply his long experience of Masonic accounts to what appeared to be an insoluble problem.

In February 2011 V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. B. Cooper, a P.M of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. A. Duff P.Pr.J.G.W., a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. Bro. Paul Cooper was then installed as the 21st Master. The Lodge's Tyler since its Consecration, Bro. Vic Carmichael P.Pr.A.G.St.B., P.Pr.A.G.Purs. (Surrey) stood down after 21 years loyal service. The next meeting was held by dispensation on 6th May as a result of a late Easter clashing with the usual date. W.Bro. Mike Thomas presented Bro. Noel Ross B.E.M., M.M. with a framed certificate and lapel badge in recognition of his 50 years as a Freemason. He commented that Bro. Noel's Masonic career mirrored his many postings after the War, starting with his initiation in the Lodge of Somaliland No. 3946 (S.C.) in 1960 and thereafter joining Johore Royal Lodge No. 3946 in Malaya, Keys of Munster Lodge No. 881 (G.L.B.F.G.) in B.A.O.R., Phoenix Lodge No. 847 (G.L.B.F.G.) in Berlin, Loyal Vacation Lodge No. 6209 in Wiveliscombe (Somerset) and after 37 years' service finally settling in Aldershot and joining Earl of Malmesbury Lodge. During the meeting it was announced that Bro. Eddie Stokes had been proposed as a Joining Member in 27th November 2009 and unfortunately due to an administrative error no ballot had ever been taken on the proposal despite him having been invested as a Steward earlier in the year! In September he, along with Mike Thomas, were duly elected as Joining Members and Bro. Paul Smith was elected as a Re-Joining Member. W.Bro. Lt Col Ian Hockney P.A.G.SwdB. (R.E.) took over as the Lodge's V.G.O. The Members congratulated W.Bro. Harry Butler on his appointment as P.Pr.S.G.D.

²¹ Served as a Capt. in the C.Gds.

In February 2012 V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. Lt P.K. James P.Prov.G.Reg., (R.N.), a P.M. of Woolmer Forest Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. M.J. Sergeant P.Pr.J.G.W., a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Harry Butler P.Pr.S.G.D. was duly inducted as the 22nd Master. Bro. Vic Carmichael was elected as an Honorary Member and £1,800 was donated to the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys (R.M.T.G.B.) in respect of the 2016 Festival. In April the death of one of the Lodge's Founders and a brave Arnhem veteran, Bro. Noel Ross B.E.M., M.M. was marked with the usual tribute. The Lodge received an official visit from the Prov.S.G.W., W.Bro. Maj. George Mars (R.E.), who witnessed the raising of Bro. Stephen Swallow. W.Bro. David Murphy was congratulated on his appointment as P.Pr.J.G.D. In September the death of another of the Lodge's decorated Second World War veterans, Bro. R.A. Reiber M.M., L.d'H. was marked in the usual Pegasus manner and the Brethren also stood in silent tribute to mark the death of R.W.Bro. Allan Chun M.B.E., P.Pr.G.M., who as Dep.Prov.G.M. had opened the Lodge at the Consecration meeting. W.Bro. Brian Shaw's appointment as P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. in Middlesex was acknowledged with acclaim. In November Everton Roach was initiated and thus became the Lodge's 150th Member.

The Installation meeting in February 2013 was marred by the news that Bro. Stephen (Hank) Hood, a veteran of the Falkland's campaign had taken his own life (see Chapter 9), but morale was lifted by the news that the Lodge's Honorary Organist W.Bro. Skip Attree had been promoted to P.Pr.S.G.W. – the third Brother associated with Pegasus to be so honoured. V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. K.T. Hutchins, a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. M.J. Sergeant P.Pr.J.G.W., a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. W.Bro. Brian Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex) P.M. was duly inducted as the 23rd Master – the first Brother to serve the Office twice. Following the appointment and investiture of the Officers the Lodge was called-off to hear the "Masonic Ambassador" lecture read by W.Bro. Adrian Bean Prov.A.G.D.C.

In April the death of W.Bro. Frank Maidment was marked in the usual manner and a donation of £25 was made in his memory to the R.B.L. A further donation of £25 was made to H4Hs in memory of Hank Hood. W.Bro. Charles Bailey informed the Members of a visit he had made to Sunderland to represent Pegasus at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the initiation of one of the Founders, W.Bro. Edward Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.S.G.W. (Durham). He had been accompanied by W.Bro. Roy Dachtler and Bro. James Mackenzie – a good evening had been had by all! The Lodge was called-off to witness the Power-point presentation on the R.M.T.G.B. 2016 Festival given by W.Bro. Mike Sergeant P.Pr.J.G.W. It was announced that the new Area Chairman, W.Bro. Lt Col Ian Hockney P.A.G.SwdB. had been forced to stand down as the Lodge's V.G.O. and that W.Bro. Rod White P.Pr.A.G.SwdB. had been appointed as Visiting Officer (V.O.) to replace him. As an aside Bro. Rod is, like the Author, an Old Tauntonian!

In November, in order to finally sort out the Lodge's finances, the Treasurer, W.Bro. Mike Thomas proposed that a levy of £35.00 be paid by all subscribing Members and that the Annual Subscription be raised to £130.00 with effect from 1st January 2014. He also proposed that any Member whose subscription remained unpaid be excluded from the Lodge in accordance with By-Law No. 6 and Rule 181 B.o.C. These propositions were seconded by W.Bro. Charles Bailey and duly approved by the Brethren. Two joining Members were recruited, a Candidate for Initiation was successfully balloted for and W.Bro. Bill King was elected as an Honorary Member. W.Bro. Rodney Johnson presented the Lodge with some Pegasus Forces plaques, which he hoped the Charity Steward would be able to sell to the Brethren for charity. He was duly thanked for his generosity by the W.M.

At the February meeting in 2014 Bro. David Morgan was installed as the 24th Master. V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; W.Bro. K.T. Hutchins, a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair; and W.Bro. E.P. Robinson P.Pr.G.SuptWks., a P.M. of Mercury Lodge acted as I.G. The Brethren were relieved to be able to pass a set of Accounts that showed a positive balance in all three funds and Bro. Mick Channon presented the Lodge with a magnificent, if rather large, brass Pegasus, which was placed in front of the Master's place setting at the Festive Board. In April the death of Bro. Donald Hayward, one of the Lodge's first pair of Initiates was marked with suitable solemnity and V.W.Bro. Stuart Peters was elected as an Honorary Member. In November the initiation of Timothy Dineen and Michael Bateman brought back memories of the Lodge's early days when double ceremonies were the norm.

At the February meeting in 2015 The Lodge received an official visit from the A.Prov.G.M. for the North-East Corner, W.Bro. Lt Col W.G. Withers P.S.G.D., (R.L.C.). After the visitors had been welcomed and the A.Prov.G.M. saluted with five, Bro. Robin Horsfall was installed as the 25th Master. V.W.Bro. Maj. R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB., (R.A.M.C.), a P.M. of Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge occupied the S.W. Chair; and W.Bro. D.D. Jones, a P.M. of Loyalty Lodge occupied the J.W. Chair. The representative of Mercury Lodge failed to appear so W.Bro. Andy Bryce, one of the Lodge's Stewards, who was already acting as I.G. continued in that Office. After the installation ceremony W.Bro. Rod White, the Lodge's V.O. called the Installed Masters to form a circle around the new Master on the floor of the Lodge and expertly delivered a Charge on "The point within a circle" – a first for the Lodge. Following the admission of the Fellow Craft, the Lodge enjoyed another first when W.Bro. Andy Bryce gave the long explanation of the Second Degree Working Tools. The members were delighted to see W. Bro. Allan Lee back in the Lodge after a long absence. He is now an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

At the 100th regular meeting of the Lodge in April 2015 the Brethren stood to order in memory of V.W.Bro Stuart Peters, a Founder and Past Master of the Lodge, who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 3rd April. Charles Bailey delivered a moving oration and Skip Attree played the "Ride of the Valkyries. The mood was raised by the election of a Joining Member, the passing of Bro. Michael Bateman and the announcement that W.Bros Taff Gould and Brian Pugsley were both going to be promoted to the rank of P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. and

W.Bro. Bertie Fordham to the rank of P.Pr.A.G.Reg. It was also acknowledged that Brian had been promoted to P.Pr.J.G.W. in Middlesex and W.Bro. Edgar Stokes had been appointed as a Prov.G.Stwd in Surrey. A donation of £2,000 was voted to the R.M.T.G.B. in respect of the 2016 Festival.

In September another Joining Member was recruited, Denzil Connick was initiated and the Author had the honour of being elected as an Honorary Member. A donation of £500 was made to Julia House, a children's hospice in Dorset. In November a ballot for Candidates for Freemasonry was held for twin brothers – Gary and Leigh Tiplady – a very special way to end the Lodge's first twenty-five years. The Master then initiated Bro. Gary, who thus became the Lodge's 159th Member. Unfortunately, his twin was unable to attend as he was undertaking security duties in Basra. W.Bro. Henry Peters, the Master of Royal Union Lodge No. 246 and youngest son of the late V.W.Bro. Stuart Peters had found his father's Past Master's Jewel among his effects and presented it back to the Lodge. W.Bro. Charles Bailey gave Notice of Motion that at the next Regular meeting he would propose that the Lodge donates £115.00 to W.Bro. Skip Attree, for the purchase of an electric organ to be used in Farnborough. Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge and Loyalty Lodge had agreed to donate similar amounts. Finally, to add to the joy of the evening it was announced that the Pegasus shoulder flash had been re-instated for all Airborne soldiers with effect from 25th November 2015.²²

²² Command of 16 Air Assault Bde had returned to the Commander Field Army, thus enabling the Pegasus to be restored.

8 Valour

All the members of the Lodge have enjoyed distinguished military careers and the Sovereign has acknowledged the outstanding bravery in action of a select few. Lodge details have been added for information in italics.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.)

The Distinguished Conduct Medal was introduced by Royal Warrant in 1854 for acts of bravery by non-commissioned ranks of the Army. Two years later these were specified as acts of bravery, which did not quite deserve the award of the Victoria Cross (V.C.).

The medal bears an effigy of the Sovereign with the words “For Distinguished Conduct in the Field” on the reverse. It is hung from a scroll clasp with a red and blue ribbon.



The following Brother was awarded the D.C.M.: -

Bro. B. Faulkner (3 Para.)

1 – 1994

C/Sgt Brian Faulkner was awarded the D.C.M. for his actions in the battle of Mount Longdon during the Falklands War (*London Gazette* – 10th November 1982), while serving with 3 Para.

On observing a group of Argentinian Marines advancing towards his Regimental Aid Post on the western slope of the mountain and realising that some 20 wounded Paratroopers were about to be captured (or worse) he deployed anyone fit enough to defend the position. He relates that he: "... ... picked three or four blokes and got up on a high feature. As I did so, a group of twenty or thirty Argentines came towards us. We just opened fire on them. We

don't know how many we killed, but they got what they deserved because none of them were left standing when we had finished with them”.



Brian Faulkner

Brian Faulkner left the Army in 1989 having achieved the rank of C.S.M.

Military Medal (M.M.)

The Military Medal was instituted on 25th March 1916 for acts of bravery, not of sufficient heroism as to merit the D.C.M., carried out by non-commissioned ranks of the Army, including the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Division.

The medal bears an effigy of the Sovereign with the words “For Bravery in the Field” on the reverse. It is hung from an ornate scroll with a blue ribbon with five equal narrow central stripes of white, red, white, red and white.



The following Brethren were awarded the M.M.: -

Bro. N. Ross (156 Para.)	<i>F - 1990</i>
Bro. R.A. Reiber (5 (Scottish) Para.)	<i>J - 2001</i>

Lance-Corporal Noel Rosenberg (he changed his name to Ross in 1951) dropped with 156 Para. on 18th September 1944 as part of Operation “Market Garden”. His Bn were deployed to secure the high ground north of Arnhem in an effort to halt the approaching German forces. With wireless communications practically non-existent, Rosenberg volunteered to carry messages. As he moved about he was continuously under fire and killed many of the enemy. He later said: “I didn’t see them as men, only as targets.”

With 156 Para. reduced to a third of its strength just 36 hours after landing, the remainder had to fight for survival, and Rosenberg was regularly heard encouraging others. He was so dependable that he was promoted in the field to Sergeant by his Company Commander, Major Geoffrey Powell, who subsequently commanded what was left of the Battalion.

Rosenberg was particularly conspicuous during 4 Para. Bde’s withdrawal to the 1st A/B. Div’s defensive perimeter at Oosterbeek. When a wooded hollow had to be cleared Major Powell decided on a seemingly suicidal charge. Rosenberg directed devastating covering fire on the enemy by giving clearly shouted fire orders, simultaneously disposing of two of the enemy, who suddenly emerged from behind a bush.

By now surrounded, the Bde Commander decided on a desperate second charge to reach the defensive perimeter, ordering Powell to select a man for covering fire. Rosenberg was that soldier and was given a Bren gun, 12 magazines, six hand grenades and six phosphorous grenades for the task, which he duly carried out with devastating effect.

Powell and his men were then ordered to withdraw to the Rhine for evacuation and Rosenberg was detailed, with another man, to find a boat. This involved getting into the river and sinking to shoulder level to avoid a patrol. Powell eventually managed to get his men across, but because the boat was full, Rosenberg and his comrade had to hang on to the stern.

After these actions Rosenberg was awarded the MM – he had initially been recommended for a DCM.

He had previously been Mentioned in Dispatches in North Africa.

In 1964 Ross was posted to the Far East Training Centre in Singapore, where he was involved in the Borneo Confrontation, and with only a small staff handled the repatriation of some 45,000 soldiers from 15 nations. Ross was instrumental in helping the smooth dispatch of large numbers of these troops from the Far East to Britain and he was awarded a B.E.M. (*Supplement London Gazette* 1st January 1968).

He left the Army in 1974, having achieved the rank of C.S.M.

He settled in Aldershot and worked as an Army Welfare Housing Officer until he retired in 1996.



Noel Ross (Rosenberg)

Robert Reiber enlisted initially in the 1st Bn the Tyneside Scottish (Black Watch – Royal Highland Regt) and volunteered for the airborne forces in 1943. After his parachute training he joined 5 (Scottish) Para. and saw active service in Italy, Southern France, Greece and Palestine.

His M.M. was awarded for gallantry while a Sergeant during Operation Manna in Greece in 1944/45 (*Supplement London Gazette* – 10th May 1945).

Initially 2 Ind. Para Bde, consisting of 4, 5 and 6 Para. were dropped in Greece with the aim of harassing the German Forces as they withdrew from the Balkans. However, they were soon involved in vicious fighting against Greek Communist rebels as that country descended into what amounted to Civil War.

Because of his Swiss parentage he was nicknamed “The Baron”.



Robert "The Baron" Reiber

Mentioned in Dispatches (M.I.D.)

A soldier mentioned in dispatches is one whose name appears in an official report written by a superior Officer and sent to the High Command, in which his gallant or meritorious action in the face of the enemy is described. The award is acknowledged by an oak leaf superimposed on the Campaign Medal awarded for the conflict in which the action occurred.



The following Brethren were awarded a M.I.D.: -

Bro. N. Ross 156 Para.	<i>F - 1991</i>
Bro. R.A. Stacey 2 Para.	<i>I - 1996</i>

Cpl Richard Stacey was mentioned in despatches while serving with 2 Para. in Northern Ireland in 1994 (*London Gazette* – 22nd November 1994).

He was on duty in the New Lodge area of North Belfast when his patrol was ambushed and came under fire. A female member of the R.C.M.P. was hit three times. Cpl Stacey rapidly chased through the contact point smashing and diving through the window of the house from which the shots had come. He cleared the ground floor, secured the weapon that had been used by the gunman and then apprehended two known terrorists as they attempted to leave through the rear garden. After handing them over for arrest by the RUC he returned through the house and briefed the Commander of the cordon that had secured and sealed off the area. While he was doing so a device exploded within the building destroying most of its frontage and causing serious damage to neighbouring properties. No doubt the occupants had been moved out before the terrorists set up their ambush and “come on”, but this again demonstrated their total disregard for the lives and wellbeing of the people they claimed to defend.

Luckily there were no further casualties.

As a result of his prompt action two wanted men were apprehended and a weapon retrieved.



“Nothing to do with me Guv”!



Richard Stacey

**Verzetshedenkingskruis (V.H.K.)
(Netherland's Silver Cross (N.S.C.))**

The Verzetshedenkingskruis (the Dutch Resistance Memorial Cross or the Dutch Resistance Commemorative Cross) was instituted by Royal Decree on 19th December 1980, following the 35th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of the Netherlands. It was awarded to Members of the Dutch Resistance, who had opposed the German Army of Occupation during the Second World War. In England, due to its form and design, it is simply known as the Netherland's Silver Cross (N.S.C.).

The medal comprises a silver hall-marked cross hung from a striped ribbon. The obverse of the cross bears the Dutch royal crown above a sword in flames. The dates 1940 - 1945 are engraved on the vertical element, and the inscription "De Tyranny Verdryven" ("To destroy tyranny") on the horizontal element. The reverse bears a Dutch lion. The ribbon is coloured with asymmetric stripes – the left half is red-white-blue (representing the Dutch flag) and the right half is orange (the national colour of the Netherlands) with a black border on each edge in memory of the brave fighters who died for the cause of freedom.



The following Brother was awarded the N.S.C.: -

Bro. K.D. Banwell 10 Para.

F – 1990

Keith Deamer Banwell joined the British Army in 1936. initially serving with the Coldstream Guards and later with the Royal Hampshire Regiment. His career during the Second World War progressed through every form of Special Forces then in existence, beginning in 1942 when he joined the Long Range Desert Group. He was captured at Tobruk, but soon escaped in a German half-track and returned to the British lines. He later joined the Commandos and was captured during an operation on Crete, but once again succeeded in escaping, this time in a German landing-craft. He eventually arrived in North Africa after drifting at sea for over a week having run out of diesel. While he was recovering from exposure the Hospital Staff noticed his resemblance to General Montgomery and this led to him being driven around North Africa as Montgomery's double to confuse the German spies. As he was taller than the General, he was instructed to remain seated while in public view! Bored with this role, he joined the 10th Bn when the 4th Para. Brigade was formed in the middle-east.



Keith "Tex" Banwell

He was a Platoon Sergeant in A Company, 10 Para. when he took part in Operation Market Garden in September 1944. He was wounded and captured, but escaped while being transported by train to a Prisoner of War Camp, along with Lt Leo Heaps 1 Para. (a Canadian) and S/Sgt Alan Kettley Gl.P.Reg. The three escapees made contact with the Dutch Resistance and when the other two were evacuated across the Rhine to the Allied lines, Banwell volunteered to stay and act as a weapons instructor in order to teach the Dutch how to use the Bren guns that they had acquired, but had no idea how to operate. He adopted the code name "Tex" and was involved in several resistance ambushes on the occupying German troops. Eventually, he was again captured and flown to Berlin, where he was interrogated by the Gestapo. He refused to betray his comrades in the Resistance and faced two dummy firing squads before he was sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There he was confined in a 6 foot square cage and survived four months on a starvation diet until he was liberated by the Red Army in March 1945. He had lost half his body-weight.

After the war, Banwell continued to serve in the army until the 1970's. He then joined the Post Office, and became a Special Constable. He continued parachuting as a hobby, and made his 1,000th jump from a Dakota over Ginkel Heath, Arnhem (formerly D.Z. - Y) on the 40th anniversary of the battle in September 1984 and his 1,001st and final jump ten years later on the 50th anniversary – he was then aged 77!

His wartime experiences were included in the book *The Grey Goose of Arnhem*, published in 1977 by Leo Heaps, the Canadian who had escaped with him. He was awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours in 1969 and the N.S.C. was presented to him by the Mayor of Arnhem in 1982 – he is thought to be the only Member of the British Armed Forces to have received this award.

Legion d'Honneur (L.d'H.)

The rank of Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur is open to men of all ranks and only merit or bravery count towards its award. The French Government conferred it on 100 selected D-Day veterans on 6 June 2004.



The following Brother was made a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur: -

Bro. R.A. Reiber 5 (Scottish) Para.

J - 2001

9 The Ultimate Sacrifice

“Greater Love hath no man than this – that he lay down his life for his friends”.

New Testament – St John Ch.15, v.13.

“From this day to the ending of the World,
But we in it shall be remembered –
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother...”

Henry V, Act IV, Scene III. – Shakespeare.

Service in the Armed Forces has always been a dangerous profession and the casualty figures for the First World War reveal the horrendous carnage associated with military action. However, not all deaths are the result of combat injuries. Prior to the Second World War and the introduction of antibiotic therapy, many died as a result of sepsis complicating relatively trivial wounds and the great epidemic diseases, such as cholera, typhoid, typhus and dengue fever also resulted in a significant number of deaths – indeed during the Crimean War they accounted for the majority.

However it wasn't until the latter part of the First World War that “Combat Stress”²³ was eventually recognised as a serious complication of prolonged active service. At that time it was labelled as “Shell Shock”. Later studies by Military Psychiatrists led to it being re-designated as “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder”. Sadly, when not adequately treated, it leads to a significant number of suicides, who rightly should be considered as deaths associated with action.

The Member, who died at his own hand as a result of active service, appears in the list of Members under the general classification of “killed as a result of action” (kra).

Falklands War

Bro. S. Hood 2 Para. – took his own life in January 2013.

I – 1996.

²³ Sadly not before many young men had been executed as cowards rather than treated for a serious psychiatric disability.



Steve "Hank" Hood

At the Coroner's inquest held at Ruffin in North Wales on 28th June 2013 it was stated that Steve Hood had never fully come to terms with his experiences in the Falklands, despite earning his living in another stressful environment on the North Sea oil-rigs. At the end of 2012 the President of Argentina, Mrs Cristina Kirchner renewed her country's claim to sovereignty over the Islands and this served to re-ignite his nightmares and flashbacks and eventually lead to his suicide.

A sad end to the life of a brave man.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them".

"For the fallen" – Binyon.

10 Family Tree

Lodge of Economy

No. 70

(Date of Warrant 1761)

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Panmure Lodge

No. 723

(Date of Warrant 1857)

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Aldershot Camp Lodge

No. 1331

(Date of Warrant 1870)

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Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge

No. 1971

(Date of Warrant 1882)

/

Pegasus Forces Lodge

No. 9393

(Date of Warrant 1990)

11 Inventory of Lodge Property

In December 1991 (a year after the Lodge was consecrated) W.Bro. Ernie Caley drew up an inventory of the Lodge's property and for the purposes of insurance and the accounts allocated a value to each piece. They are recorded in the Minute Book as follows: -

One three drawer box (engraved with the Pegasus Badge and Lodge number) complete with working tools.	£322-00
Set of three gavels and blocks with Pegasus Badges.	£103-50
Two Warden's Columns with Pegasus Badges.	£250-00
One drop cloth with Lodge Crest for the Master's pedestal.	£400-00
One 7.5 inch square with Pegasus Badge.	£9-35
One 9.5 inch square with Pegasus Badge.	£10-35
One 10.5 inch square with Pegasus Badge.	£11-35
One presentation Parachute Regiment fighting knife and box.	£200-00
One Airborne Forces fighting knife.	£50-00
One shell case and bullet gong.	£75-00
Two broken columns with Airborne shoulder flashes attached.	£130-00
One single drawer ballot box with Pegasus Badge.	£125-00
One set of black and white ballot balls.	£30-00
One square and compasses in a presentation Box.	£30-00
One plumb rule with Pegasus Badge.	£20-00
One level with Pegasus Badge.	£20-00
One Regimental sword.	£100-00
Two cable-tows in Airborne Forces colours.	£20-00
Two pairs of slip-shods.	£30-00
Two hood-winks.	£20-00
Three small metal drinking vessels.	£24-00
Three goblets, each engraved with the Lodge Name and Number.	£36-00
One begging bowl.	£25-00
One table top Pegasus stand.	£15-00
One Bible (gold engraved).	£250-00
25 Officer's collars and jewels.	£500-00
13 Past Master's jewels engraved for the years 1991 to 2003.	£208-00
Four wands for the D.C., A.D.C., S.D. and J.D.	£160-00
One framed third degree tracing board (small).	£60-00
One third degree grave cloth.	£50-00
Six Entered Apprentice aprons.	£42-00
Six Fellow Craft aprons.	£51-00
One framed toast list.	£5-00
One framed Warrant.	£150-00
One Master's chain collar and jewel.	£165-00

Three sets of covers for the Warden's pedestals and Secretary's table.	£175-00
One set of three tracing boards.	£550-00
One pair of silver Pegasus cuff-links for use by the Worshipful Master.	£100-00

Total Value: - **£4,522-55**

(Except for the Master's cuff-links and Past Master's jewels all the above items are stored in the Lodge Locker.)

Since the above inventory was drawn up the following items are listed in the minutes as having been added to the Lodge's list of property: -

One aluminium plaque in the form of a souvenir ticket for a flight to Arnhem, made from part of the hull of a glider that crash-landed there.

One lectern.

A set of dining table place mats.

One Jacob's ladder.

A set of Pegasus cuff-links to be worn by the Senior Warden during his year in Office.

Three pairs of gauntlets for the W.M., S.W. and J.W.

Two alms bags made from red berets.

One souvenir gavel.

One collar stand.

Four wand holders for the D.C., A.D.C., S.D. and J.D.

A Pegasus flag.

A large brass Pegasus.

12 Lodges that have assisted with Ceremonies

Name:	Passing:	Raising:
Panmure Lodge No. 723	S	
Lodge of Friendship No. 928	S	
Landport Lodge No. 1776		S,S
Dormer Lodge No. 2222		S
Mitcham Lodge No. 2384	S,S	S,S
Culham College Lodge No. 2951	S	S
Elvetham Lodge No. 4013	D	
Aldershot Royal Engineers Lodge No. 4178	S	S
Mercury Lodge No. 4581	S,S	S,D,S
Lodge of Benefaction No. 5318	S	
City of London Rifles Lodge No. 5606		D
Old Tauntonian Lodge No. 5735	S,S	S,S
Portus Magnus Lodge No. 6530		S
Leigh Chase Lodge No. 6804	S	
Loyalty Lodge No. 7154	S,D,S	D,D,S,S,S
St Mary Lodge No. 7304	S	
Syon Lodge No. 7394		S
Old Portmuthian Lodge No. 8285	S	S
Andover Combined Services Lodge No. 8300	S	S
Cherry Tree Lodge No. 8749	S	S
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9263	D	
Alder Tree Lodge No. 9289	S	
Total:	25	27

S = Single ceremony.

D = Double ceremony.

13 Lodges that have provided Officers on Installation Evenings

Name:	Office:		
	S.W.	J.W.	I.G.
Panmure Lodge No. 723	1	2	
Aldershot Camp Lodge No. 1331			1
Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge No. 1971	22		
Willesden Lodge No. 2489	1	1	
Woolmer Forest Lodge No. 3872		3	1
Aldershot Royal Engineers Lodge No. 4178		1	
Mercury Lodge No. 4581			12
Earl of Malmesbury Lodge No. 4919			1
Howardian Lodge No. 5317			1
Ferneberga Lodge No. 6314		2	
Royal Marine Portsmouth Lodge No. 6423			2
Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 6664		1	
Loyalty Lodge No. 7154		12	2
Bordon Garrison Lodge No. 7538			1
Old Portmuthian Lodge No. 8285		1*	
Andover Combined Services Lodge No. 8300		1	
Camelot Lodge No. 8553		1	
St Matthew of Wyke Lodge No. 8563			1*
Fareham Lodge No. 8582	1*		
Cherry Tree Lodge No. 8749			1
Yateley Lodge No. 9107			1

*Consecrating Officers.

N.B. A Pegasus P.M. acted as I.G.in February 2015 when the representative of Mercury Lodge was unable to attend.

14 In Conclusion

At the time of publication the Lodge has increased its membership from its original 27 Founders to 50 Brethren. In 25 years 65 new Masons have been initiated, 67 Joining Members have been recruited and four Brethren have re-joined having previously resigned. In addition honorary membership has been conferred on 12 distinguished Masons. Nine of the Founders remain as Members and one as an Honorary Member, the senior subscribing Member being W.Bro. R.J. Dachtler P.Pr.G.St.B., P.M., the Lodge's Founding Junior Warden. The senior Past Master is W Bro G.W.D. Stow P.Pr.J.G.D., P.M., who was installed in 1994 and the senior Honorary Member is R.W.Bro. B.C. Bellinger P.Pr.G.M., who was elected in February 2002.

Two of the Founders were Grand Officers, two Members have been appointed to Grand rank, one Joining Member was a Grand Officer and another was a Past Grand Steward at the time they became Members. Two of the Founders, W.Bros Ernie Calley and Charles Bailey and the Lodge's Honorary Organist, W,Bro. Skip Attree have been appointed as P.Pr.S.G.Ws, a rare honour in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight at the time they received the rank.

The Lodge still continues to delight its Members with a brand of Masonry that is unique to Airborne soldiers. It prides itself on the standard of its ritual and ceremonial and yet always provides a relaxed environment in which to enjoy the company of long standing comrades.

The Author is confident that the Lodge stands poised to move forward with confidence in the new climate of Masonic openness.

15 Roll of Members

F – Founder.	d – Deceased.
I – Initiate.	r – Resigned.
J – Joined.	e – Excluded.
R-J – Re-joined.	kra – Killed as a result of action.
	hm – Honorary Member.

1990

1	F	W.Bro. J.A. Ackerman (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	d 1997
2	F	Bro. C.A. Bailey (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)	
3	F	Bro. K.D. Banwell B.E.M., N.S.C. (10 Para.)	d 1999
4	F	W.Bro. E. Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R. (Gl.P.Regt)	d 2000
5	F	Bro. R.J. Dachtler (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)	
6	F	Bro. T.W. Dalton (3 Para.)	r 1998
7	F	Bro. D. Edwards (Para. Sqn R.A.C.)	
8	F	W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	d 2007
9	F	W.Bro. R.B. Follett P.Pr.S.G.D. (7 (L.I.) Para.)	hm 2007
10	F	W.Bro. R.A. Fordham (301 Para. Sqn R.E.)	
11	F	Bro. A.H.J. Gould (2 Para.)	
12	F	W.Bro. E. Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.S.G.D. (Durham) (6 A/B. R.Sigs)	
13	F	W.Bro. H.W. Hovell P.Pr.G.SwdB. (R.E. Chindits)	r 2006
14	F	W.Bro. W.R. King (Dep. Para.)	hm 2013
15	F	W.Bro. F.H. Maidment P.Pr.G.Stwd (Surrey) (22 S.A.S.)	d 2013
16	F	Bro. G.R.J. Marshall (R.E.M.E. A.A.C.)	e 1993
17	F	W.Bro. S. Northway P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.) (2 Para.)	hm 2004
18	F	Bro. D.I. Parker (1 A/B. Recce Sqn)	r 2000
19	F	W.Bro. R.E. Parson (6 A/B. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	d 1991
20	F	W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.) (16 (Welsh) Para. (T.A.))	hm 2014
21	F	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex) (3 Para.)	
22	F	Bro. N. Ross B.E.M., M.M. (156 Para.)	d 2012
23	F	W.Bro. G.C. Scopes P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex) (2 Para.)	d 2005
24	F	Bro. G.W.D. Stow (1 Para.)	
25	F	Bro. D.A. Sykes (3 Para.)	r 1998
26	F	Bro. E.G. Wright (3 Para.)	
27	F	Bro. B.K. Van Wyk (1 Para.)	d 1994

1991

28	J	W.Bro. O.W.H. Atkins L.G.R. (2 Para.)	r 1998
29	J	Bro. V.T. Carmichael (Para. Bln Trg Coy R.A.F.)	hm 2012
30	J	Bro. R.A.E. Kennedy (9 Para. Sqn R.E.)	e 1997
31	J	Bro. J.R. Rogers 2 Para.	r 2001
32	J	Bro. T.W.G. Cole (3 Para.)	r 1994
33	J	Bro. R. Bell (3 Para.)	d 1996
34	J	Bro. G.H. Phillips (7 (L.I.) Para.)	d 2000
35	J	W.Bro. R.E. Silverton P.G.Stwd (5 Ind. Para. Batt. R.A.)	r 2003
36	J	Bro. B. Hutchinson (4 Para.)	?
37	I	Bro. R. Parsons (1 Para.)	e 1993
38	I	Bro. E.D. Hayward (3 Para.)	e 2013
39	J	Bro. H.H. Balfour 10 Para. (T.A.)	e 1997
40	J	Bro. P.A. Heims (1 Para.)	r 2011
41	J	W.Bro. A.G.A. Dunham (8 Para.)	d 2006
42	J	Bro. J.R. Coles (3 Para.)	d 2001
43	I	Bro. D.G. Thompson (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)	d 2005
44	I	Bro. W. Wood I.S.M. (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E)	r 2010
45	J	Bro. C.J. Bland (1 A/B. R.C.M.P.)	r 1997
46	J	Bro. M. O'Leary 2 Para.	r 1994
47	J	Bro. J-P. Harrer (8 Regt Para. Inf. Mar.)	r 1996
48	I	Bro. C.R. Frost (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)	d 1994
49	I	Bro. R.E. Watchorn (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	r 1994
50	I	Bro. A.R.F. Mortimer 10 Para. (T.A.)	d 2005
51	I	Bro. J. Bain (1 A/B. R.Sigs)	e 2006

1992

52	J	W.Bro. A.E. Lee P.Pr.J.G.D. (South Wales E.D.) (8 Para.)	
53	J	Bro. N.J. McKay 10 Para. (T.A.)	
54	J	Bro. I. Petty (2 Para.)	e 2007
55	I	Bro. A.H.E. Butler B.E.M. (1 Para.)	d 1997
56	I	Bro. T. Battle (3 Para.)	d 2003
57	J	Bro. B.M. Shaw 10 Para. (T.A.)	
58	J	W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo (1 Para.)	r 2006
59	J	Bro. J.W. Tweedie 9 Para. Sqn R.E.	e 2000
60	J	Bro. R. Bell (1 Para.)	d 1996
61	I	Bro. G. Lambe (1 Para.)	e 2002
62	I	Bro. W.J. Smith (1 Para.)	e 2012

1993

63	J	Bro. R.F.B. Greening (2 Para.)	r 2000
64	J	Bro. T.G. Farrington (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	

65	I	Bro. L Myers (216 Para. Sigs Sqn)	d 2010
66	I	Bro. W.C. Dunt (3 Para.)	r 2006
67	J	W.Bro. E.L. Small P.Pr.G.Reg. (Somerset) (2 Para.)	r 1995
68	J	W.Bro. P.R. Low P.Pr.A.G.SwdB. (301 Para. Sqn R.E. (T.A.))	e 2000
69	I	Bro. J. McCready (16 Para. R.C.M.P.)	
70	I	Bro. E.J. Sines (1 Para.)	r 2013
71	I	Bro. J.W. Rowney (16 Para. R.C.M.P.)	r 1999
72	I	Bro. D.A. Priestley (16 Para. R.C.M.P.)	r 2002

1994

73	J	W.Bro. N.D. Howes Prov.S.G.D. (1 A/L. Bde (S.Staffs))	r 1996
74	J	Bro. J.V. Parrington (10 Para. (T.A.))	r 2004
75	J	W.Bro. R.C. Manders M.B.E., T.D., P.Pr.J.G.W. (Middlesex) (11 Para.)	e 2004
76	I	Bro. T.N. Hollingsworth (3 Para.)	r 2002
77	I	Bro. L.D.F. Bonnefin (3 Para.)	d 2000
78	I	Bro. W.R. Gould B.E.M. (2 Para.)	
79	I	Bro. J.R. Cox (1 Para.)	e 2000
80	I	Bro. B. Faulkner D.C.M. (3 Para.)	r 2010
81	I	Bro. K. Elliott (1 Para.)	r 2000
82	J	Bro. J.S. MacKenzie (16 Para. A.P.T.C.)	

1995

83	J	Bro. E.C. Dent (2 Para.)	r 2006
84	J	Bro. J. Profitt (3 Para.)	r 2010
85	J	Bro. A.W. Frame M.B.E. 9 Para. Sqn R.E.	e 2007
86	J	Bro. E.E. Richards (9 Para. Sqn R.E.)	
87	I	Bro. P.J. O'Leary (21 S.A.S.)	r 1999
88	I	Bro. J. MacDonald (3 Para.)	
89	I	Bro. J.I. Hirst (2 Para.)	r 1995
90	J	Bro. J.A.W. Dyer (16 Para. R.C.M.P.)	
91	J	Bro. D.H. Easter (216 Para. Sigs Sqn)	r 2000
92	J	Bro. H.C. Calder (R.E.M.E. A.A.C)	d 2001

1996

93	J	Bro. J.J. Ashlin (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	r 1998
94	I	Bro. S. Hood (2 Para.)	kra 2013
95	I	Bro. R.A. Stacey 2 Para.	
96	J	W.Bro. W. Gardiner P.Pr.J.G.D. (W. Kent) (9 Para.)	d 2005
97	I	Bro. P.P. Smith (1 Para.)	e 2000
98	I	Bro. J.T. Cole 10 Para. (T.A.)	r 2004
99	J	W.Bro. R.C. Kirby (10 Para. (T.A.))	

1997

100	I	Bro. R.C. Planson (3 Para.)	d 2007
101	I	Bro. P.I. White (3 Para.)	e 2002
102	J	Bro. J.A. Hollingsworth (7 Para. R.H.A.)	r 2002
103	J	Bro. N. McCreadie (5 (Scottish) Para.)	r 2013
104	J	W.Bro. K.R.W. Newman-Knott P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Sussex) (2 Para.)	
105	I	Bro. G.H. Murphy (2 Para.)	r 2004
106	I	Bro. J. Batty (11 Para.)	r 2011

1998

107	J	Bro. J.R. Swale (23 P.F.A.)	r 2012
108	I	Bro. C.J. Chambers (9 Para. Sqn R.E.)	
109	I	Bro. A. Holmes (23 P.F.A.)	r 2014
110	I	Bro. D. Murphy (23 P.F.A.)	
111	I	Bro. A.J. Goreing 3 Para.	r 2005
112	I	Bro. T. McCourt 2 Para.	r 2002
113	I	Bro. G.P. Bolt (3 Para.)	e 2006

1999

114	J	Bro. R.W.E. Peel (1 Para.)	
115	I	Bro. J. de Hoop (1 Para.)	r 2005
116	I	Bro. A.G. Richardson (2 Para.)	e 2007
117	I	Bro. G.I. Cole (33 (Light) Para. R.A.)	r 2004
118	J	Bro. F.B. Mee (10 Para. (T.A.))	e 2007

2000

119	J	W.Bro. W. Hunter (2 Para.)	r 2011
120	I	Bro. J.S. Tovey M.B.E. (10 Para. (T.A.))	r 2011
121	J	Bro. Y.R.J.D. Evans (3 Para.)	r 2002
122	I	Bro. T.S. Bridges 9 Para. Sqn R.E.	r 2008
123	I	Bro. J.T. Sorbie M.B.E. 16 Para. R.C.M.P.	r 2012
124	I	Bro. C.J. Trinick Para. Sqn H.Cav.	r 2013

2001

125	I	Bro. B. Tharme (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)	r 2003
126	I	Bro. F.J. Gargan 1 Para.	
127	J	Bro. R.A. Reiber M.M. (5 (Scottish) Para.)	d 2012

2002

128	J	Bro. D.E. Morgan (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)	
129	I	Bro. H.J.G. Thorneycroft 16 A.A.Bde A.G.C.	r 2008
130	I	Bro. M. Chapman (1 Para.)	r 2006

2003

131	J	W.Bro. A.D.S. Lawrie (1 Para.)	r 2007
132	J	Bro. B. Tegg (1 Para.)	r 2006
133	I	Bro. P.A. Cooper 9 Para. Sqn R.E.	
134	I	Bro. N. Wright 7 Para. R.H.A.	r 2008

2004

135	I	Bro. R.P.C. Hilton (2 Para.)	r 2011
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2005

136	I	Bro. G. Nuzum (63 Para. Sqn R.C.T.)	e 2007
137	J	W.Bro. W. Gascoigne (10 Para.)	r 2008

2006

138	J	W.Bro. J. Sergison-Main 1 Para.	r 2007
139	I	Bro. M.B. Collins (2 Para)	r 2007

2007

140	I	Bro. R.E. Horsfall (22 S.A.S.)	
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2008

141	J	W.Bro. H.D. Butler (33 (Light) Para. R.A.)	
142	I	Bro. C.J. Gilfoyle 1 Para.	

2009

143	J	W.Bro. P.F. Gayler P.Pr.J.G.W. (Middlesex) (33 (Light) Para. R.A.)	r 2013
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2010

144	J	Bro. R. Johnson (4 Para. (T.A.))	
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2011

145	I	Bro. S. Swallow (3 Para.)	
146	J	W.Bro. Dr M.J.G. Thomas P.J.G.D. (R.A.M.C. - R.M.O. 2 Para.)	
97	R-J	Bro. P.P. Smith (1 Para.)	

147 J Bro. E.D. Stokes (3 Para.)
 44 R-J W.Bro. W. Wood P.Pr.A.G.Reg., P.M.
 (16 Para. Wksp R.E.M.E.)

2012

148 J Bro. J.M. Driscoll (3 Para.)
 122 R-J Bro. T.S. Bridges 9 Para. Sqn R.E. r 2015
 118 R-J Bro. F.B. Mee (10 Para.)
 149 J Bro. G. Brown (15 (Scottish V.) Para.)
 150 I Bro. E.M. Roach (1 Para.)

2013

151 J W.Bro. D.W. Smart P.Pr.A.G.Reg. (E. Kent) (2 Para.)
 152 J Bro. A.A. Bryce (4 Para. (T.A.))

2014

153 J Bro. P.J. Tiernan (1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy)
 154 I Bro. T.J. Dineen (3 Para.)
 155 I Bro. M. Bateman (3 Para.)

2015

156 J W.Bro. K.J. Lyons (1 Para.)
 157 J Bro. S.D. Petralia (23 P.F.A.)
 158 I Bro. D. Connick (3 Para.)
 159 I Bro. G. Tiplady (216 Para. Sigs Sqn)

16 Roll of Honorary Members

1990

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| 1 | R.W.Bro. J.E. Bullen Prov.G.M. | d 2012 |
| 2 | W.Bro. Maj. A.C.L. Callaway O.B.E., P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. (R.M.) | d 2006 |
| 3 | W.Bro. N.J. Buckingham P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Sec. (23 P.F.A.) | d 2008 |

2000

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| 4 | W.Bro. E. Caley P.Pr.S.G.W., L.G.R. (Gl.P.Regt) | d 2000 |
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2001

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| 5 | V.W.Bro. B.C. Bellinger Dep.Prov.G.M. | |
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2004

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| 6 | W.Bro. S. Northway P.S.G.D., P.A.Pr.G.M. (South Wales E.D.)
(2 Para.) | d 2004 |
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2007

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| 7 | W.Bro. R.B. Follett P.Pr.J.G.W. (7 (L.I.) Para.) | d 2010 |
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2010

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| 8 | W.Bro. D.H. Attree P.Pr.G.SwdB. (2 Para.) | |
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2012

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| 9 | Bro. V.T. Carmichael P.Pr.A.G.St.B., P.Pr.A.G.Purs. (Surrey)
(Para. Bln Trg Coy R.A.F.) | d 2013 |
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2013

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| 10 | W.Bro. W.R. King P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg., P.M. (Dep. Para.) | |
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2014

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| 11 | V.W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.G.SwdB., P.Dep.Pr.G.M. (South Wales E.D.)
(16 (Welsh) Para.) | d 2015 |
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2015

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| 12 | V.W.Bro. Dr R.H. Jago P.G.SwdB. (R.A.M.C.) | |
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17 Roll of Masters

1990 - 92	W.Bro. R.E. Parsons.
1992 - 93	W.Bro. J.A. Ackerman.
1993 - 94	W.Bro. D.I. Parker.
1994 - 95	W.Bro. G.W.D. Stow.
1995 - 96	W.Bro. D.A. Sykes.
1996 - 97	W.Bro. W.R. King P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
1997 - 98	W.Bro. A.E. Lee P.Pr.J.G.D. (South Wales E.D.).
1998 - 99	W.Bro. A.H.J. Gould.
1999 - 2000	W.Bro. W. Wood I.S.M.
2000 - 01	W.Bro. A.R.F. Mortimer.
2001 - 02	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex).
2002 - 03	W.Bro. T.G. Farrington.
2003 - 04	W.Bro. R.J. Dachtler.
2004 - 05	W.Bro. R.C. Kirby P.Pr.G.St.B. (Middlesex).
2005 - 06	W.Bro. B.M. Shaw.
2006 - 07	W.Bro. D. Murphy.
2007 - 08	W.Bro. E.G. Wright P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
2008 - 09	W.Bro. R.W.E. Peel.
2009 - 10	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.W., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire).
2010 - 11	V.W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.G.SwdB., P.Dep.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.).
2011 - 12	W.Bro. P.A. Cooper.
2012 - 13	W.Bro. H. D. Butler P.Pr.S.G.D.
2013 - 14	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
2014 - 15	W.Bro. D.E. Morgan.
2015 - 16	W.Bro. R.E. Horsfall.

18 Roll of Principal Officers

Roll of Chaplains

1990 - 94	W.Bro. H.W. Hovell P.Pr.G.SwdB.
1994 - 2002	W.Bro. S. Northway P.S.G.D., A.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.).
2002 - 04	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
2004 - 07	W.Bro. E.G. Wright P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
2007 - 08	W.Bro. A.E. Lee P.Pr.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.), P.M.
2008 - 09	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
2009 - 15	W.Bro. G.W.D. Stow P.Pr.A.G.SwdB., P.M.
2015 to date	W.Bro. E.G. Wright P.Pr.Dep.G.SwdB., P.M.

Roll of Treasurers

1990 - 95	W.Bro. R.B. Follett P.Pr.S.G.D.
1995 - 2004	W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo.
2004 - 08	W.Bro. J. Profitt P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.) & Prov.G.Tyl. (South Wales E.D.).
2008 - 10	W.Bro. E.G. Wright P.Pr.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.
2010 - 11	W.Bro. P. Gayler P.Pr.J.G.W. (Middlesex).
2011 - 12	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.W., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire), P.M.
2012 to date	W.Bro. Dr M.J.G. Thomas P.J.G.D.

Roll of Secretaries

1990 - 2000	W.Bro. E. Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R.
2000 - 03	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey Prov.A.G.Purs. P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire).
2003 - 05	W.Bro. A.R.F. Mortimer Prov.G.Stwd, P.M.
2005 - 08	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire).
2008 - 12	W.Bro. R.C. Kirby P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
2012 to date	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.W., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire), P.M.

Roll of Directors of Ceremonies

1990 - 97	W.Bro. B.P.Pugsley P.Pr.S.G.D. (Middlesex).
1997 - 2000	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey.
2000 - 06	W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons P.Pr.S.G.D. (Berkshire), L.G.R.
2006 - 08	W.Bro. R.C. Kirby P.Pr.G.St.B. (Middlesex), P.M.
2008 to date	W.Bro. D. Murphy P.M.

Roll of Almoners

1990 - 97	Bro. A.H.J. Gould.
1997 - 98	Bro. J. MacDonald.
1998 - 99	Bro. B. Faulkner D.C.M.
1999 - 2000	Bro. J. MacDonald.
2000 - 15	W.Bro. A.H.J. Gould P.M.
2015 to date	Bro. J. MacDonald.

Roll of Charity Stewards

1990 - 95	W.Bro. F.H. Maidment P.Pr.G.Stwd (Surrey).
1995 - 2001	W.Bro. E.G. Wright.
2001 - 05	W.Bro. G.W.D. Stow P.Pr.A.G.SwdB,. P.M.
2005 - 06	W.Bro. T.G. Farrington P.M.
2006 - 08	W.Bro. R.W.E. Peel.
2008 - 13	Bro. N.J. McKay.
2013 to date	W.Bro. B.M. Shaw P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.

Mentor

2013 to date	W.Bro. R.C. Kirby P.Pr.S.G.D., P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
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Roll of Acting Organists

1990 - 91	No appointment.
1991 - 97	W.Bro. C.W. Kennedy.
Sep 1997	W.Bro. E.L. Whiting P.Pr.G.SuptWks (E. Kent).
Nov 1998	W.Bro. E. Harris P.Pr.G.Reg. (E. Kent).
1998 - 99	W.Bro. R.H. Begg.
1999 to date	W.Bro. D.H. Attree P.Pr.A.G.St.B.

Roll of Tylers

1990 - 2011	Bro. V.T. Carmichael.
2011 - 15	Bro. J. MacDonald.
2015 to date	W.Bro. R.W.E. Peel P.Pr.A.G.Reg., P.Pr.J.G.D. (Berkshire), P.M

19 Grand Honours

1999	P.G.SwdB.	V.W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.S.G.D., Dep.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.).
2003	P.A.G.SwdB.	W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo.
2006	P.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro. J. Profitt.

Members of the Lodge, who were Grand Officers/Grand Stewards as Founders or when they joined

1990	F	P.S.G.D.	W.Bro. S. Northway A.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.).
1990	F	P.S.G.D.	W.Bro. J.S. Peters A.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.).
1991	J	P.G.Stwd	W.Bro. R.E. Silverton.
2012	J	P.J.G.D.	W.Bro. Dr M.J.G. Thomas.

20 Provincial Grand Honours

1993	P.Pr.J.G.W. P.Pr.J.G.D.	W.Bro. R.B. Follett P.Pr.S.G.D. W.Bro. J.A. Ackerman P.M.
1995	P.Pr.A.G.D.C. P.Pr.A.G.SuptWks	W.Bro. W.R. King. W.Bro. R.A. Fordham.
1997	P.Pr.S.G.W. Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro. E. Caley P.Pr.G.SuptWks, L.G.R. W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo.
1998	P.Pr.Dep.G.D.C.	W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
1999 - 2002	Prov.Dep.G.D.C.	W.Bro. D.J.F. Nimmo P.Pr.Dep.G.D.C.
1999	Prov.A.G.Purs.	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire).
2000	P.Pr.J.G.W. P.Pr.G.SwdB. P.Pr.S.G.D. P.Pr.S.G.D.	W.Bro. H.W. Hovell P.Pr.G.SwdB. W.Bro. D.H. Attree P.Pr.A.G.St.B. (A/Org.). W.Bro. D.I. Parker P.M. W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.A.G.Purs., P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire).
	P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro. E.G. Wright.
2001	P.Pr.A.G.SwdB.	W.Bro. G.W.D. Stow P.M.
2002	Prov.G.Stwd	W.Bro. A.R.F. Mortimer P.M.
2004	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. P.Pr.J.G.D. P.Pr.A.G.D.C. P.Pr.A.G.St.B.	W.Bro. W.R. King P.Pr.A.G.D.C., P.M. W.Bro. I. Petty. W.Bro. A.E. Lee P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.), P.M. Bro. V.T. Carmichael P.Pr.A.G.Purs. (Surrey).
2005	P.Pr.J.G.D. P.Pr.A.G.Reg.	W.Bro. A.H.J. Gould P.M. W.Bro. W. Wood I.S.M., P.M.
2007	P.Pr.S.G.W. P.Pr.G.SwdB.	W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire). W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbon P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Berkshire), P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).
	P.Pr.J.G.D.	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
2008	P.Pr.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro. T.G. Farrington P.M.
2009	Prov.A.G.Reg. P.Pr.G.St.B.	W.Bro. H. D. Butler. W.Bro. R.J. Dachtler P.M.
2010	P.Pr.Dep.G.SwdB. P.Pr.S.G.D. P.Pr.J.G.D.	W.Bro. E.G. Wright P.Pr.A.G.D.C., P.M. W.Bro. R.C. Kirby P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M. W.Bro. G.W.D. Stow P.Pr.A.G.SwdB., P.M.
2011	P.Pr.S.G.D.	W.Bro. H. D. Butler P.Pr.A.G.Reg.
2012	P.Pr.J.G.D.	W.Bro. D. Murphy P.M.
2013	P.Pr.S.G.W.	W.Bro. D.H. Attree P.Pr.G.SwdB., hm.
2014	P.Pr.A.G.Reg. P.Pr.A.G.SwdB.	W.Bro. R.W.E. Peel P.Pr.J.G.D., (Berkshire), P.M. W.Bro. B.M. Shaw P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.

2015	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg.	W.Bro. A.H.J. Gould P.Pr.J.G.D., P.M.
	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg.	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M.
	P.Pr.A.G.Reg.	W.Bro. R.A. Fordham P.Pr.A.G.SuptWks, L.G.R.

21 London Grand Rank and Provincial Honours in other Provinces

1991	Prov.G.St.B. (Berkshire).	W.Bro. R.E. Parson W.M.
1993	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex). Prov.Dep.G.D.C. (Berkshire). P.Pr.S.G.D. (Berkshire).	W.Bro. G.C. Scopes P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex). W.Bro. J.A. Ackerman P.M. W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons.
1994	P.Pr.J.G.W. (Durham). P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. E. Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.S.G.D. (Durham). W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex).
1995	S.L.G.R. L.G.R.	W.Bro. O.W.H. Atkins L.G.R. W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons P.Pr.S.G.D. (Berkshire).
1997	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Surrey). P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire). Prov.G.Tyl. (South Wales E.D.).	W.Bro. F.H. Maidment P.Pr.G.Stwd (Surrey). W.Bro. C.A. Bailey. Bro. J. Proffitt.
1998	Dep.Prov.G.M. (South Wales E.D.). P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.). L.G.R.	W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.S.G.D., P.A.Pr.G.M. (South Wales E.D.). W.Bro. A.E. Lee P.Pr.J.G.D. (South Wales E.D.), P.M. W.Bro. R.A. Fordham P.Pr.A.G.SuptWks
2000	P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex). Prov.G.SwdB. (Berkshire). P.Pr.J.G.D. (Surrey). P.Pr.A.G.D.C. (E. Kent). Prov.G.St.B. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. G.C. Scopes P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex). W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons P.Pr.S.G.D. (Berkshire), L.G.R. W.Bro. J.R. Coles. W.Bro. W. Gardiner P.Pr.J.G.D. (W. Kent). W.Bro. R.C. Kirby.
2001	P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).
2002	P.Pr.J.G.W. (South Wales E.D.). P.Pr.G.Reg. (Buckinghamshire). P.Pr.A.G.Purs. (Surrey).	W.Bro. J. Profitt Prov.G.Tyl. (South Wale E.D.). W.Bro. C.A. Bailey P.Pr.S.G.D., P.Pr.S.G.D. (Buckinghamshire). Bro. V.T. Carmichael.
2003	P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Surrey). P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. F.H. Maidment P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Surrey). W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Berkshire), L.G.R.
2005	P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. B.M. Shaw.
2006	S.L.G.R.	W.Bro. E.P. Fitzgibbons L.G.R., P.Pr.G.SwdB. (Berkshire), P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).

2007	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. R.P. Kirby P.Pr.G.St.B. (Middlesex), P.M.
2008	P.Pr.S.G.W. (Durham).	W.Bro. E. Hold I.S.M., P.Pr.J.G.W. (Durham).
2009	P.Pr.J.G.D. (Berkshire).	W.Bro. R.W.E. Peel P.M.
2012	P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg. (Middlesex).	W.Bro. B.M. Shaw P.Pr.J.G.D. (Middlesex), P.M.
2015	P.Pr.J.G.W (Middlesex). Prov.G.Stwd (Surrey).	W.Bro. B.P. Pugsley P.Pr.Dep.G.Reg., P.Pr.G.Reg. (Middlesex), P.M. W.Bro E.D. Stokes.

22 Record of Lectures/Presentations

Date:	Lecturer/Presenter:	Title of Lecture/Presentation:
Nov 2009	W.Bro. Capt. D.M. Hall P.Pr.S.G.W. (R.C.M.P.)	“Rudyard Kipling – a Master Mason unashamed”.
Nov 2010	V.W.Bro. J.S. Peters P.G.SwdB., W.M.	“Freemasonry in the Armed Forces”.
Feb 2013	W.Bro. A.M. Bean Prov.A.G.D.C.	“The Masonic Ambassador’s Scheme”.
Apr 2013	W.Bro. M.J. Sergeant P.Pr.J.G.W.	“The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys Festival Presentation”.

23 Military Units in which Members served

1st Airborne Division²⁴

1 st Air Landing Brigade (South Staffordshire)	1 A/L. Bde (S.Staffs)
5 th (Scottish) Battalion the Parachute Regiment ²⁵	5 (Scottish) Para.
11 th Battalion the Parachute Regiment	11 Para.
156 th Battalion the Parachute Regiment	156 Para.
1 st Airborne Division Reconnaissance Squadron	1 A/B. Recce Sqn
1 st Airborne Division Royal Signals	1 A/B. R.Sigs
1 st Airborne Division Provost Company Royal Corps of Military Police	1 A/B. R.C.M.P.

6th Airborne Division²⁶

7 th (Light Infantry) Battalion the Parachute Regiment ²⁷	7 (L.I.) Para.
8 th (Warwickshire) Battalion the Parachute Regiment ²⁸	8 Para.
9 th (Essex) Battalion the Parachute Regiment ²⁹	9 Para.
6 th Airborne Divisional Workshop Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	6 A/B. Wksp R.E.M.E.
6 th Airborne Division Royal Signals	6 A/B. R.Sigs

16th Independent Parachute Brigade³⁰

(The number was incorporated from 1st and 6th Airborne Divisions³¹)

Depot the Parachute Regiment	Dep. Para.
1 st Battalion the Parachute Regiment	1 Para.
2 nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment	2 Para.
3 rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment	3 Para.
7 th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery	7 Para. R.H.A.
33 rd Airborne (Light) Regiment Royal Artillery	33 A/B. (Light) R.A.
Parachute Squadron Household Cavalry	Para. Sqn H.Cav.
No.1 (Guards) Independent Parachute Company	1 (Gds) Ind. Para. Coy
23 rd Parachute Field Ambulance	23 P.F.A.

²⁴ Formed in October 1941 and disbanded in November 1945.

²⁵ Formed from the 7th Bn The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1942. The forerunner of 2 Para.

²⁶ Formed in April 1943 and disbanded in February 1948.

²⁷ Formed from the 10th Bn The Somerset Light Infantry in 1942.

²⁸ Formed from the 13th Bn The Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1943.

²⁹ Formed from the 10th Bn The Essex Regiment in 1942.

³⁰ Formed on the disbandment of the 6th Airborne Division in February 1948.

³¹ Became 16 Air Assault Brigade (16 A.A.B.) in 1999.

16 Parachute Brigade Workshops Royal Electrical
and Mechanical Engineers
216th Parachute Signals Squadron
63rd Parachute Squadron Royal Corps of Transport
16 Parachute Brigade Provost Company Royal Corps
of Military Police
16 Parachute Brigade Army Physical Training Corps
16 Air Assault Brigade Adjutant's General Corps

16 Para.Wksp R.E.M.E.
216 Para. Sigs Sqn
63 Para. Sqn R.C.T.

16 Para. R.C.M.P.
16 Para. A.P.T.C.
16 A.A.Bde A.G.C.

Other Airborne Units

4th Battalion the Parachute Regiment (Territorial Army)
10th (City of London) Battalion the Parachute Regiment
(Territorial Army)³²
15th (Scottish Volunteer) Battalion the Parachute
Regiment³³
16th (Welsh) Battalion the Parachute Regiment³⁴
(Territorial Army)
Parachute Squadron Royal Armoured Corps
9th Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers
301st Squadron 131st Parachute Regiment Royal
Engineers (Territorial Army)

4 Para. (T.A.)

10 Para. (T.A.)

15 (Scottish V.) Para.

16 (Welsh) Para. (T.A.)
Para. Sqn R.A.C.
9 Para. Sqn R.E.

301 Sqn 131 Para. Regt R.E
(T.A.)

Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Army Air
Corps
Parachute Balloon Training Company Royal Air Force
Glider Pilot Regiment
5th Independent (Parachute) Battery Royal Artillery
33rd Light (Parachute) Regiment Royal Artillery
63rd Parachute Squadron Royal Corps of Transport
8e Regiment de Parachutistes d'Infranterie de Marine

R.E.M.E. A.A.C.
Para. Bln Trg Coy R.A.F.
Gl.P.Regt
5 Ind. Para. Batt. R.A.
33 (Light) Para. R.A.
63 Para. Sqn R.C.T.
8 Regt Para. Inf. Mar.

Special Forces

21st Special Air Service (Artist's Rifles) (Reserve)
22nd Special Air Service Regiment
Royal Engineer Chindits

21 S.A.S.
22 S.A.S.
R.E. Chindits

³² Formed from the 2nd Bn The Royal Sussex Regiment in 1943, but transferred to the City of London when it became a T.A. Unit.

³³ Formed from 1st Bn The King's Regiment in India in 1945, but transferred to Scotland when it became a T.A. Unit.

³⁴ Originally formed from the 16th Bn The South Staffordshire Regiment in 1945, but transferred to Wales when it became a T.A. Unit.

24 Other Abbreviations Used

Military Units

Royal Marines

	Royal Marines	R.M.
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Household Cavalry

	Royal Horse Guards	R.H.Gds
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Dragoon Guards

6 th	The Carabiniers	VI th Drag.Gds
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Dragoons

10 th	Prince of Wales's Own Royal Hussars	X th Hus
16 th	Light Dragoons	XVI th Drags
25 th	Light Dragoons	XXV th Drags

Foot Guards

1 st	Grenadier Guards	G.Gds
2 nd	Coldstream Guards	C.Gds

Regiments of Foot

6 th	Royal Warwickshire	R.Warks.
23 rd	Royal Welsh Fusiliers	R.W.Fus

Corps

	Army Catering Corps	A.C.C.
	Royal Army Medical Corps	R.A.M.C.

Royal Corps of Military Police	R.C.M.P.
Royal Military School of Music	R.M.S.M.
Royal Engineers	R.E.
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	R.E.M.E.
Royal Logistic Corps	R.L.C.
Adjutant General's Corps	A.G.C.

Military Ranks

Royal Navy (R.N.)

Commander	Cdr
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Royal Marines (R.M.) and Army

Lance Corporal	L/Cpl
Sergeant	Sgt
Colour Sergeant	C/Sgt
Quarter Master Sergeant	Q.M.S.
Band Sergeant Major	B.S.M.
Company Sergeant Major	C.S.M.
Warrant Officer Class 1	W.O.1
Regimental Sergeant Major	R.S.M.
Second Lieutenant	2/Lt
Captain	Capt.
Major	Maj.
Lieutenant Colonel	Lt Col
Colonel	Col
Brigadier	Brig.
Major General	Maj.Gen.
Lieutenant General	Lt Gen.
General	Gen.
Field Marshal	F.M.
Late	L/

Royal Air Force (R.A.F.)

Flight Lieutenant	Flt Lt
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Orders and Decorations

Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order	G.C.V.O.
Commander of the Order of the Bath	C.B.
Commander of the Order of the Bath	K.C.B.
Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	G.C.B.

British Empire Medal	B.E.M.
Member of the Order of the British Empire	M.B.E.
Officer of the Order of the British Empire	O.B.E.
Knight of the Order of the British Empire	K.B.E.
Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	G.B.E.
Knight Commander of the Star of India	K.C.S.I.
Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Guelphic (Hanoverian) Order	G.C.H.
Member of the Privy Council	P.C.
Distinguished Conduct Medal	D.C.M.
Distinguished Service Order	D.S.O.
Military Cross	M.C.
Military Medal	M.M.
Victoria Cross	V.C.
Mentioned in Despatches	M.I.D.
Imperial Service Medal	I.S.M.
Legion d'Honneur	L.d'H.
Dutch Silver Cross	N.S.C.

Military Terms

Airborne Forces Benevolent Fund	A/B.F.B.F
Battalion	Bn
British Army of the Rhine	B.A.O.R.
Chaplain to the Forces	C.F.
Senior Chaplain to the Forces	S.C.F.
Commander in Chief	C-in-C.
Director of Music	D.M.
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	N.A.T.O.
Regimental Medical Officer	R.M.O.
S.	Signaller

Civilian terms

Associate of the Royal College of Music	A.R.C.M.
Deputy Lieutenant	D.L.
Doctor	Dr
Help for Heroes	H4Hs
Junior	Jun.
National Health Service	N.H.S.
Reverend	Rev.
Right Honourable	Rt Hon.
Royal British Legion	R.B.L.
Batchelor of Medicine	M.B.

Batchelor of Surgery
Master of Arts
Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

B.Chir.
M.A.
F.R.C.A.

Masonic terms

Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany	G.L.B.F.G
New Masonic Samaritan Fund	N.M.S.F.
Order of Service to Masonry	O.S.M.
Royal Arch Representative	R.A.Rep.
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	R.M.B.I.
Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys	R.M.T.G.B.
Provincial Comforts Fund	Prov.C.F.
Provincial Grand Charity (The Tommy Langton Fund)	Prov.G.C.
United Grand Lodge of England	U.G.L.E.
Scottish Constitution	S.C.
Visiting Grand Officer	V.G.O.
Visiting Officer	V.O.

Lodge Officers, Grand and Provincial Grand Rank abbreviations are according to the Book of Constitution.

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26 About the Author

V.W.Bro. Maj. Roger Hugh Jago (R.A.M.C.) M.A., M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.A., P.G.SwdB.

Born Yealmpton, Devon on 16th February 1944.

Educated at Taunton School (1955 - 63); Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (1963 - 66); St Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London (1966 - 69); and the Royal Army Medical College 1970.

Commissioned in the R.A.M.C. as a Medical Cadet in 1966. Initial military service as Regimental Medical Officer of the 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (1970 - 73) and thereafter as a Hospital Specialist in Anaesthesia and Resuscitation. Retired as a Consultant in the rank of Major in April 1983. Civilian Consultant Adviser to the Director General Army Medical Services at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot (1990 - 96).

Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospitals N.H.S. Trust, Reading (1983 - 2003).

First Initiate Taunton School Lodge No. 8215 in September 1968, W.M. 1987. Joined Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge No. 1971 in November 1978, W.M. 1989; Old Tauntonian Lodge No. 5735 in December 1988, W.M. 1993; Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9263 in July 1992 and an Honorary Member since 2006; and Thomas Dunckerley Lodge No. 9514 in March 2002, W.M. 2007. An Honorary Member of Pegasus Forces Lodge No. 9393 since 2015. Formerly a Member of Saxony Lodge No. 842 (G.L.B.F.G.) (1981 - 95); and Caius Lodge No. 3355 (1994 - 2004), W.M. 1996.

Prov.G.Stwd 1992, Prov.S.G.D. (Somerset) 1993, Prov.S.G.W. 1997, L.G.R. 1999, P.A.G.D.C. 2001, Dep.G.SwdB. 2003, G.SwdB. 2005 and P.Pr.S.G.W. (Somerset) 2007.

Exalted in the Old Tauntonian Chapter No. 5735 in April 1974, M.E.Z. 1989, 1996 and 2012. Joined Connaught Chapter No. 1971 in November 1986, M.E.Z. 1993; Bard of Avon Chapter No. 778 in July 2005, M.E.Z. 2009; and St John's Chapter No. 9395 in June 2014, M.E.Z. 2014. A Founder of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No. 9263 in November 1996 and an Honorary Member since 2005. Also an Honorary Member of 16 other Chapters. Formerly a Member of the Chapter of Rectitude No. 335 (2003 - 12).

Prov.G.Stwd 1995, Prov.G.SwdB. 1998, L.G.C.R. 1999, 2ndProv.G.P. 2000, P.G.St.B. 2001 and M.E.G.Supt (2001 - 11).

Also a holder of Grand rank in the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees and a Member of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.