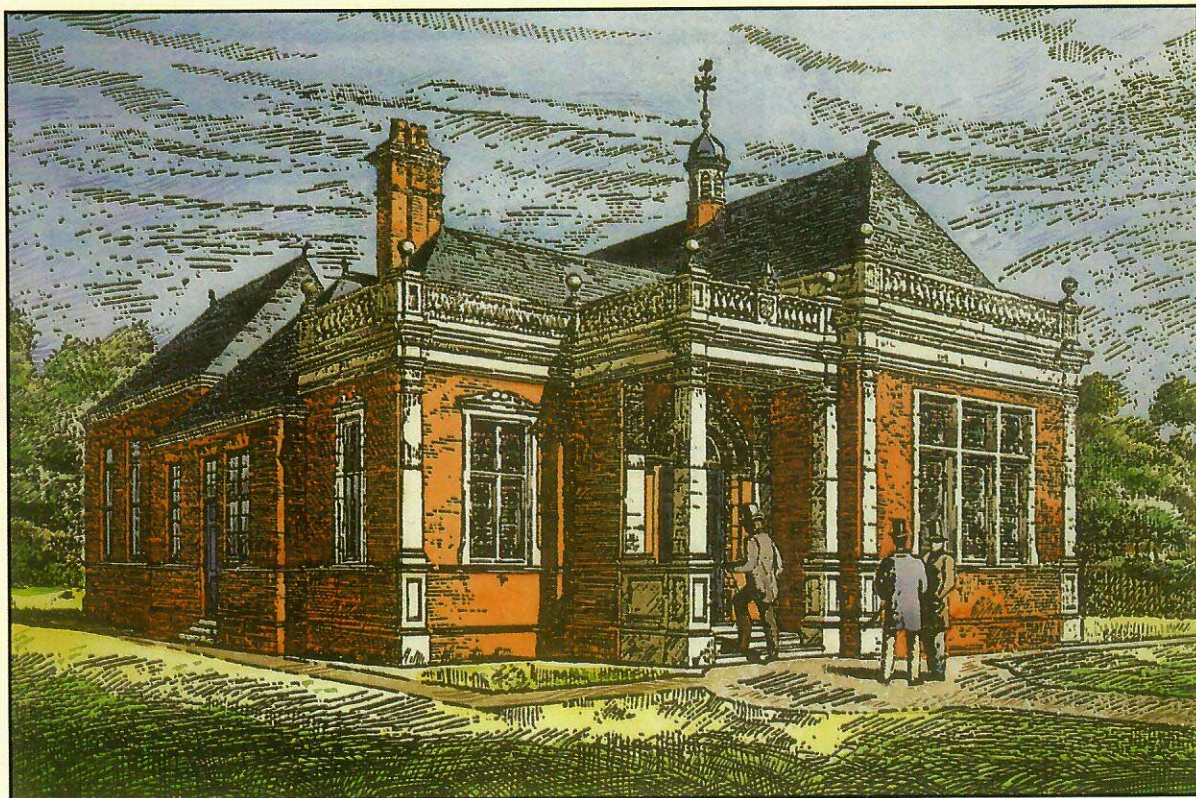
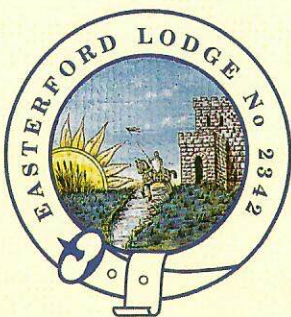
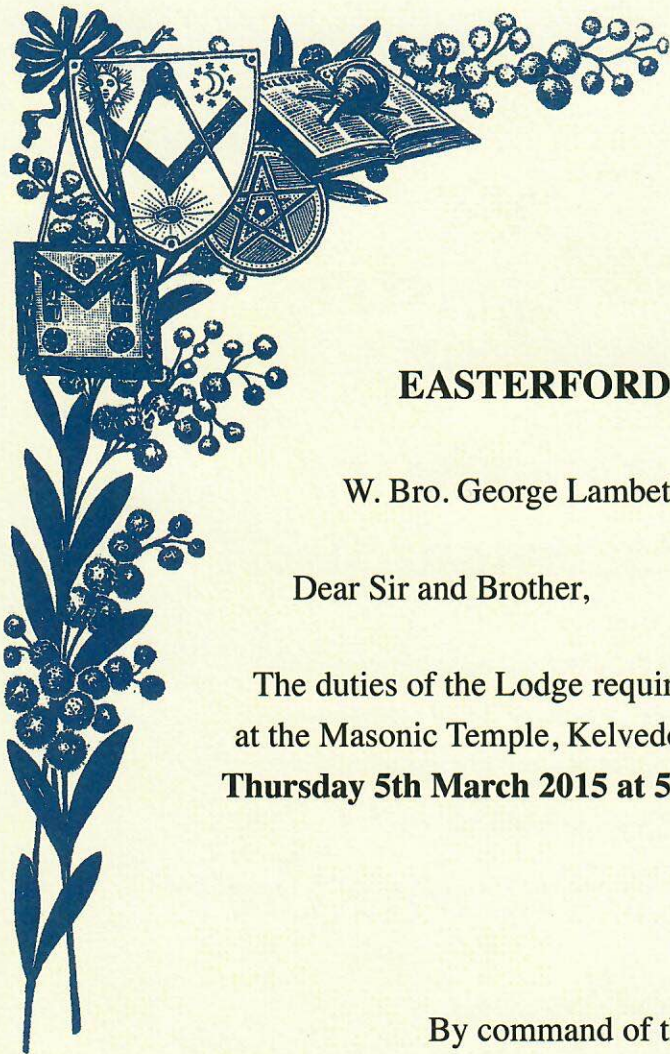




EASTERFORD LODGE
125th Anniversary 1890-2015

The Re-enactment of The Ceremony of Consecration

By The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
JOHN MICHAEL WEBB



EASTERFORD LODGE, No.2342

W. Bro. George Lambeth, P.P.J.G.W., Worshipful Master

Dear Sir and Brother,

February 20th 2015

The duties of the Lodge require your attendance
at the Masonic Temple, Kelvedon, CO5 9DX on
Thursday 5th March 2015 at 5.45 punctually.

Dress: Dinner Jacket
Full Dress Regalia

By command of the W.M.,
Norman R. Eastbrook, M.B.E., Secretary

BUSINESS

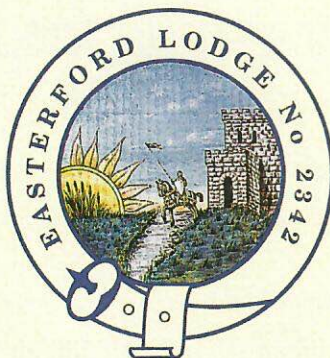
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**JOHN MICHAEL WEBB
& THE PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS**

CURRENT PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

- 1966 Roger W. R. Browning, P.P.J.G.W.
- 1986 Peter E. Hine, P.P.J.G.W.
- 1988 Paul G. S. Scott, P.P.J.G.D.
- 1991 Anthony M. Wood, P.P.A.G.D.C.
- 1992 Paul H. King, P.A.G.D.C., P.Prov.G.Reg.
- 1994 Peter J. Curtis, P.Prov.G.Supt.Wks., S.L.G.R.
- 1996 Vincenzo M. Santomauro, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
- 1997 Lawrence A. R. Dew, P.P.S.G.D.
- 1998 Roger F. Wacey, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
- 1999 Desmond Wilson, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
- 2001 Richard Williams, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
- 2002 Robert W. Deal, P.P.S.G.D.
- 2003 Christopher G. Williams, P.Dep.G.Swd.B., D.S.E.M., P.Asst.Prov.G.M.
- 2004 Stephen E. H. Barr, P.P.S.G.D.
- 2005 David E. Cornell
- 2007 John H. Jackson P.P.A.G.D.C.
- 2009 Norman R. Eastbrook, M.B.E., P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
- 2011 Ronald Russell
- 2012 Gordon Wilson, P.Dep.G.Supt.Wks., P.Prov.Dep.G.Swd.B., P.Dep.Met.G.Chmn.
- 2013 Keith C. Brown, P.P.J.G.W.



125th Anniversary 1890-2015

**The Re-enactment of
The Ceremony of Consecration
of
The Easterford Lodge, No. 2342
at
The Masonic Temple,
Kelvedon**

Thursday 5th March 2015 6.00pm

THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2014/2015

Worshipful Master	W. Bro. George Lambeth, P.P.J.G.W.
Immediate Past Master	W. Bro. Keith Brown, P.P.J.G.W.
Senior Warden	Bro. Roger Corrie
Junior Warden	Bro. Richard Horley
Acting Chaplain	W. Bro. Peter Curtis, P.P.G.Supt.W, SLGR.
Treasurer	Bro. Jeremy Boyden
Secretary	W. Bro. Norman Eastbrook, M.B.E. P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. Des Wilson, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
Almoner	Bro. Robert Bunting
Charity Steward	W. Bro. Keith Brown, P.P.J.G.W.
Lodge Mentor	W. Bro. Roger Wacey, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
Senior Deacon	Bro. Colin Butcher
Junior Deacon	Bro. Robert Lancashire
Asst. Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. Richard Williams, P.P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
Guest Organist	W. Bro. Bob Higgins, P.P.S.G.D.
Assistant Secretary	Bro. Stephen Bunting
Inner Guard	Bro. Tom Broderick
Bar Steward	W. Bro. Stewart Eastbrook
Stewards	Bro. Mark Lawrence Bro. Andrew Coy
	Bro. Derek Palmer Bro. Tony Walters
	Bro. Bruce Long Bro. Michael Needham
	Bro. Barry Blumson Bro. Paul Tallowin
	Bro. Jonathan Smale Bro. Paul Brennan
	Bro. David Rosoman
Tyler	

THE PROCESSION INTO THE TEMPLE

At 5.55 o'clock the procession shall be marshalled in the Robing Room.
The procession is announced and led by the Director of Ceremonies.

The Director of Ceremonies

W. Bro. Desmond Wilson

The Junior Deacon

Bro. Robert Lancashire

The Senior Deacon

Bro. Colin Butcher

The Junior Warden

Bro. Richard Horley

The Senior Warden

Bro. Roger Corrie

The Past Masters of the Lodge

in this order

W. Bro. Keith C. Brown

W. Bro. Norman R. Eastbrook

W. Bro. Stephen Barr

W. Bro. Roger F. Wacey

W. Bro. Vincenzo M. Santomauro

W. Bro. Peter E. Hine

W. Bro. Gordon Wilson

W. Bro. Ronald Russell

W. Bro. John H. Jackson

W. Bro. Robert W. Deal

W. Bro. Lawrence Dew

W. Bro. Peter J. Curtis

W. Bro. Roger W. R. Browning

W. Bro. Paul H. King

W. Bro. Christopher G. Williams

The Assistant Director of Ceremonies

W. Bro. R. Williams

The Worshipful Master

W. Bro. G. C. Lambeth, P.P.J.G.W.

At 6.00 o'clock the procession enters the Temple and forms a central column. The Worshipful Master led by the Assistant Director of Ceremonies enters and moves through the column of Past Masters of the Lodge to his chair.

The Past Masters then take their seats in order of seniority.

The organist shall play:

The Grand March from Aida Verdi

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. The Brethren assemble in the Temple with the exception of the Consecrating Officer, who will assemble in the Salter-Room.
2. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
3. The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession, takes the chair.
4. The Consecrating Officer appoints his Officers.

5. **OPENING HYMN**

*Hail, Eternal! By whose aid
All created things were made;
Heav'n and earth, Thy vast design;
Hear us, Architect Divine!*

*May our work, begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in Harmony and Peace.*

*By Thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine!*

So mote it be.

6. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the Motive of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

OPENING PRAYER

7. Chant (*Omnes*) – “*So mote it be*”.
8. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
9. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
10. The Brethren representing the Founders are arranged in order.
11. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
12. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers who are named in the Warrant.
13. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.
14. An Oration, on the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

15. Anthem. – 23rd Psalm

1.

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale
He makes me down to lie Yet will I fear no ill;
In pastures green: he leadeth me For thou art with me, and thy rod
The quiet waters by. And staff me comfort still.*

2.

*My soul he doth restore again, My table thou hast furnished
And me to walk doth make In presence of my foes;
Within the paths of righteousness My head thou dost with oil anoint,
E'en for his own name sake. And my cup overflows.*

3.

My table thou hast furnished

My head thou dost with oil anoint,

4.

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's House for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

16. Dedication Prayer (First Portion).

17. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be*".

18. All the Brethren turn towards the East, when the Consecrating Officer pronounces

THE INVOCATION

19. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be*".

20. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads: 2 Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14 & 15.

21. The Lodge Board is then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer carries the Elements of Consecration round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation.

22. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Psalm 72, verse 16.

23. Before the first Circuit the Brethren sing:

*When once of old in Israel
Our early Brethren wrought with toil;
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

24. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn –
the symbol of Plenty.

25. Musical Response: "*Glory be to God on High*".

26. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chapter 10, verse 39.

27. Before the second Circuit the Brethren sing:

*When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship, sin to foil;
On threshold and on corner-stone
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

28. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine –
the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

29. *Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High".*

30. The Chaplain reads: Exodus, Chapter 30, verses 25 and 26.

31. Before the third Circuit the Brethren sing:

*And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil;
To honour Him with votive hands,
And streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

32. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil –
the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

33. *Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High".*

34. The Chaplain reads: Leviticus, Chapter 2, verse 13.

35. Before the fourth Circuit the Brethren sing:

*Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord we pray,
Keep this our Temple from decay.*

36. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt –
the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

37. *Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High".*

38. The Consecrating Officer

DEDICATES THE LODGE

39. Chant (*Omnes*): *"So mote it be".*

40. Anthem.

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light, inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Great father of glory, pure father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

41. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East.
42. Dedication Prayer (*Second Portion*).
43. Chant (*Omnes*): "*So mote it be*".
44. The Consecrating Officer

CONSTITUTES THE LODGE

45. Chant (*Omnes*): "*So mote it be*".
46. Hymn.

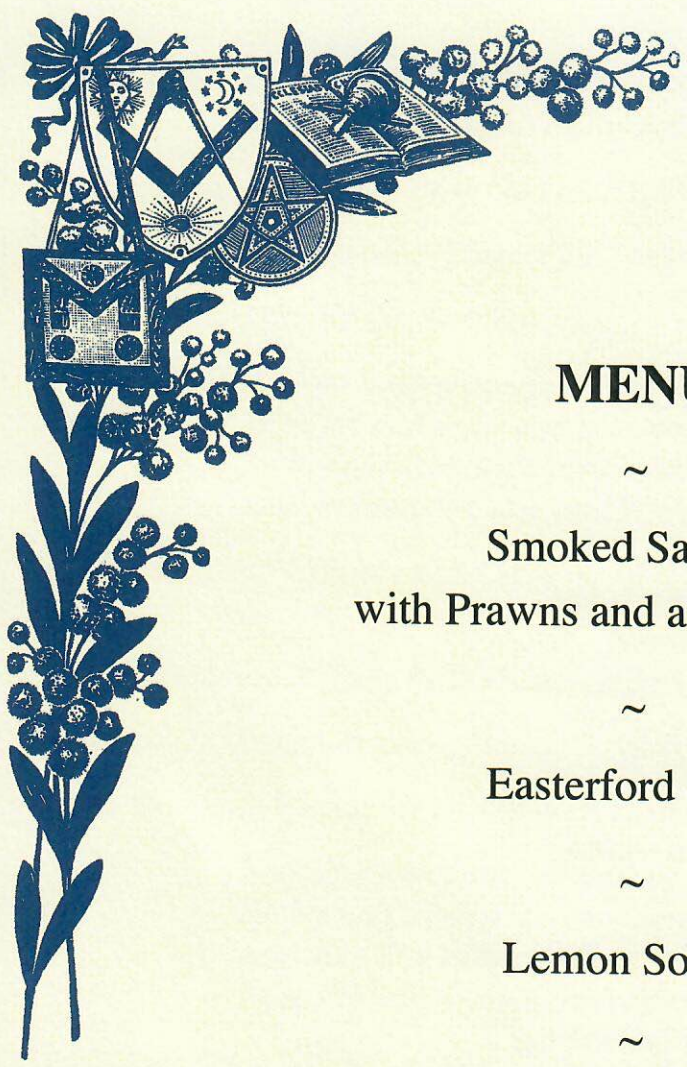
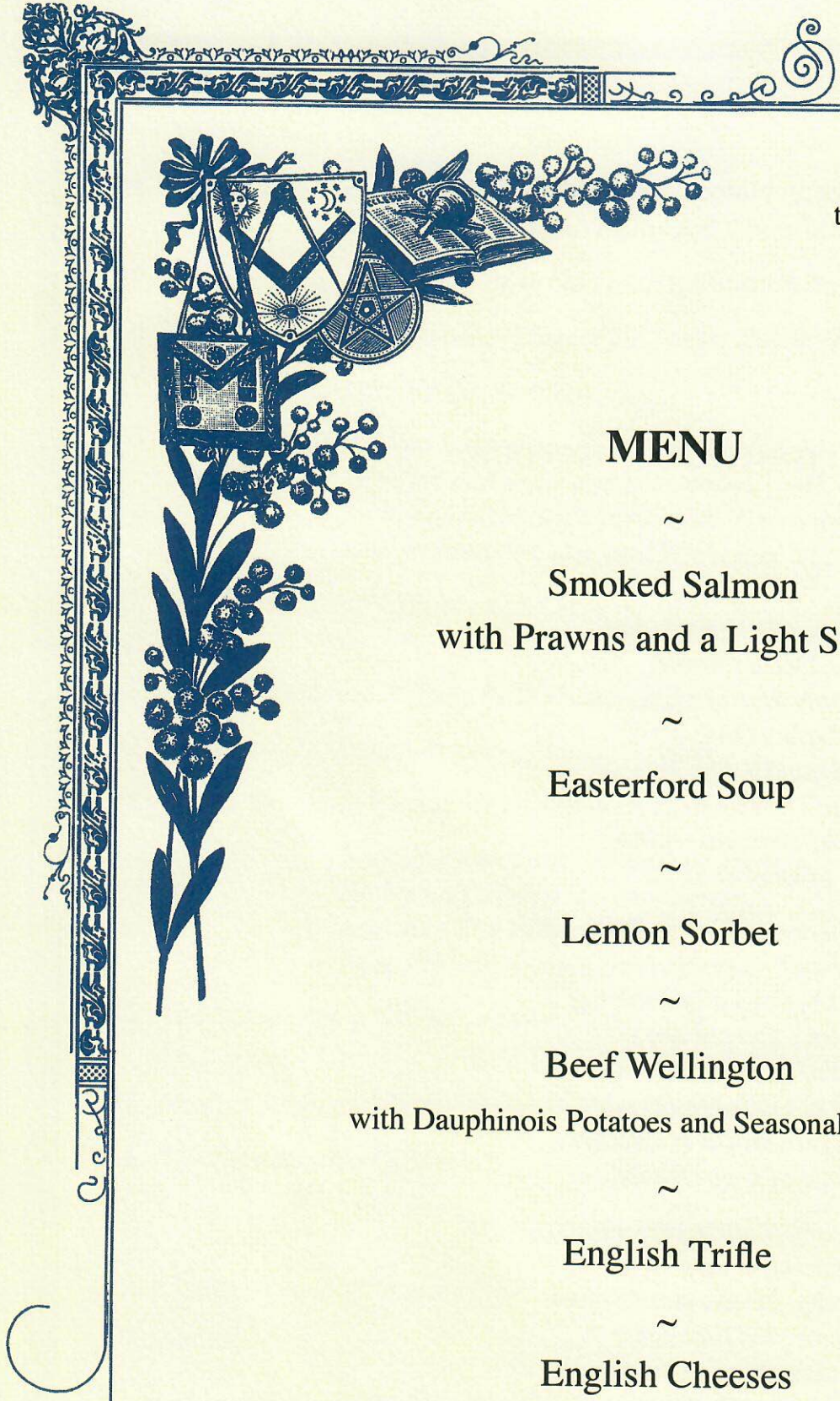
*O, first and sole Foundation
O, hidden Corner Stone,
O, Heavenly Star of Morning,
O, only Perfect One:
Descend on this Thy Temple,
And pour Thy blessings free
On us Thy Servants waiting
In hope of what shall be.*

*When there shall be no darkness
No grief and no decay
Earth's shadows all dissolving
In Heaven's eternal day;
No need of Word or Token,
No need of Guard or Sign,
In that great World of Brothers,
That home of Light Divine.*

*There work shall be refreshment
There parting comes no more;
That Lodge for aye stands open,
For aye untiled that door;
And in those blessed mansions,
With God upon the Throne,
Shall Brother meet with Brother,
And know as he is known.*

So mote it be.

47. Patriarchal Benediction.
48. Chant (*Omnes*): "*So mote it be*".



The Brethren will retire to
the Salter Room to partake of
Champagne and Canapés

MENU

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Smoked Salmon
with Prawns and a Light Sauce

~

Easterford Soup

~

Lemon Sorbet

~

Beef Wellington
with Dauphinois Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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English Trifle

~

English Cheeses

~

Easterford Centenary Labelled
White and Red Wines

~

Port with Cheese

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX TOASTS

Grace

The Queen and the Craft

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master
His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master
Peter Geoffrey Lowndes

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
Jonathan Spence

The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master
Sir David Hugh Wootton
and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
John Michael Webb

The Master of the Lodge

Founders of the Lodge
Proposed by W. Bro Paul H. King. Response by W. Bro Peter E. Hine.

The Tyler's Toast

PROVINCE OF ESSEX

CONSECRATION

Of the

Easterford Lodge, No 2342,

At the

PUBLIC HALL, KELVEDON

ON

Wednesday, 19th March 1890

THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION TO BE PERFORMED BY

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD BROOKE, MP., R.W.P.G.M.,

Assisted by several Provincial Grand Officers.

THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF THE W.M. DESIGNATE WILL BE
PERFORMED BY

V.W. Bro F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, D.P.G.M

Bro. Rev. Thos. LLOYD, P.P.G.Chap. Staff W. M. Designate
Bro. J. H. SALTER S.W. Designate
Bro. J. L. OGIER J. W. Designate

The Musical Ceremonies by W. Bro. C. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.

W. Bro. E. Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.O, and

Bros. Coombs and Motum.

The Consecration will take place at Two p.m. Banquet at 4.30 p.m.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342

at The Public Hall Kelvedon
on Wednesday 19th March 1890

The Lodge was solemnly consecrated this day by Very Worshipful Bro. Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, QC, Grand Registrar (Recorder of Colchester) D.P.G.M. Essex, acting on behalf of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, MP for Colchester who was prevented by illness from being present. The Provincial Grand Officers who assisted in the ceremony were:

W. Bro. Lennox Browne, Provincial Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. E H Baily, Provincial Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. The Rev, W. Quennell, Provincial Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. T J Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. England, Provincial Grand Secretary
W. Bro. A Lucking, P.G.P. England Provincial, Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Richard J Clowes, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, P.P.G.Ch. of Staffs was installed as the first W.M. by W. Bro. Lennox Browne Prov. S.G.W.

The first officers were invested as under:

Senior Warden	Bro. J H Salter, J.P.
Junior Warden	Bro. J L Ogier
Treasurer	Bro. Robert Curzon, J.P.
Secretary	W Bro. M W Meade, I.P.M. 1977
Senior Deacon	Bro. R B Colvin, J.P. (since appointed High Sheriff of the County)
Junior Deacon	Bro. W Strutt, Treasurer, 1977
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. G A Eustace, P.M. 697 P.P.G.Std.B.
Inner Guard	Bro. C T Thorn
Tyler	Bro. James Inifer

The following joining members were proposed:

Bro. Richard Beale Colvin, Gentleman, Felix Hall Kelvedon of Isaac Newton University Lodge No859, by the W.M. seconded by Bro. Robert Curzon JP.

W. Bro. Frederick C Herbert, Surgeon, Coggeshall, P.M. Strong Man Lodge No45, by the W.M., seconded by W. Bro. M W Meade Secretary.

Bro. Robert A Brice, Hotel Proprietor Witham Essex Blackwater Lodge 1977 by Bro J H Salter SW seconded by Bro C T Thorn I.G.

Bro. William Olive, Gentleman "The Cedars" Kelvedon of Angel Lodge No 59 (now 51) by W. Bro. M W Meade Secretary seconded by Bro. C T Thorn I.G.

The following were proposed as Candidates for Initiation:

Mr William D Jones, aged 27, Inland Revenue Officer Kelvedon by the W.M. seconded by W. Bro. M W Meade Secretary.

Mr Arthur Livermore, aged 27, Brewer, Tiptree Heath by Bro C T Thorn, I.G: seconded by Bro. J L Ogier. J.W.

On the motion of the W.M. a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the V.W.D.P.G.M. and other consecrating officers, and together with the R.W.P.G.M. they were elected Honorary members of the Lodge.

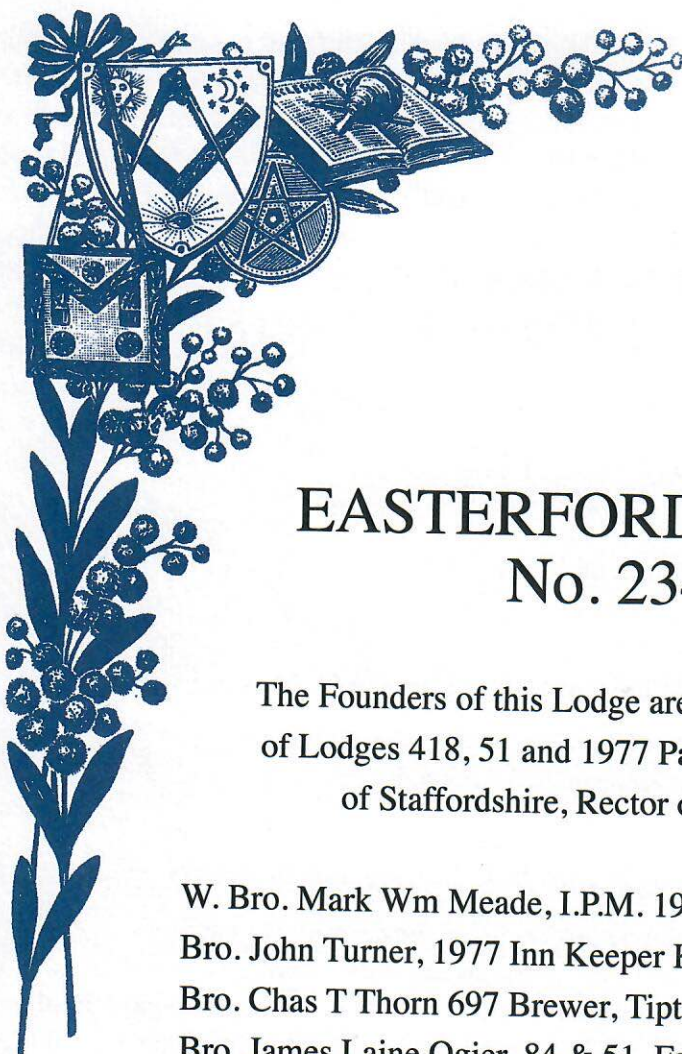
Thanks were voted to Bro. Fred Hoisman W.M.51 for a kind present of beautiful orchids; and to Mrs Philbrick (sister of the D.P.G.M.) for making them up into "button holes".

Proposed by W. Bro. M W Meade Secretary; seconded by Bro. R Curzon and unanimously carried "That the W.M. do represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

Proposed by the W.M; seconded by Bro. Meade and unanimously carried "That the Founders do form the Committee to frame By Laws".

Lodge closed in due form and with solemn Prayer and adjourned.
Between 70 & 80 Brethren afterwards dined at the Angel Hotel.

Confirmed } Thomas Lloyd P.P.G.Ch.
10th April 1890 } Worshipful Master



EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342

The Founders of this Lodge are Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd,
of Lodges 418, 51 and 1977 Past Provincial Grand Chaplain
of Staffordshire, Rector of Easthorpe, Kelvedon.

W. Bro. Mark Wm Meade, I.P.M. 1977 Postmaster of Kelvedon.
Bro. John Turner, 1977 Inn Keeper Kelvedon.
Bro. Chas T Thorn 697 Brewer, Tiptree Heath.
Bro. James Laine Ogier, 84 & 51, Farmer, Inworth.
Bro. J H Salter J.P., Surgeon Tolleshunt D'Arcy.
Bro George Bannister, 360, Major Army Retired, Feering.
W. Bro. Geo A Eustace, P.M.697 P.P.G.Std.B. Boot Manfr, Colchester.
Bro. William Strutt, Treas 1977 Prov. G.P., Merchant, Maldon.
W. Bro. S. Shawyer, P.M.1977. P.P.G.SwB. Hotel Proprietor, Maldon.
W. Bro. Joseph Grimes P.M.51 P.P.G.Sup.W. Contractor, Colchester.
W. Bro. Charles Osmond, P.M.51 P.P.G.O., Music Tutor, Colchester.
Bro. Robert Curzon, J.P., Banker, Coggeshall.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342

The following Newspaper report of the Consecration proceedings
is taken from the Essex Standard

ESSEX FREEMASONRY CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT KELVEDON

Since the appointment of Lord Brooke, MP as supreme ruler of the Masonic Craft in Essex in 1882 the Order has prospered beyond all precedent. Up to the end of 1889 no less than ten new Lodges had been added to the Province; and last week we chronicled the consecration of the eleventh new Lodge, viz, the Mistley, which is to meet at Manningtree. On Wednesday a further addition was made to the list in the consecration of "the Easterford" Lodge at Kelvedon; the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro Philbrick, QC, Grand Registrar of the Order and Recorder of Colchester), in the much-regretted absence, although continued indisposition, of the RWPGM (Lord Brooke, MP).

The event had been looked forward to with much interest, the result being a very large gathering of Masons from every part of the Province; and when all were assembled in full regalia in the Public Hall, where the ceremony of the day took place, the scene was a brilliant one. The hall itself was tastefully adorned with flags lent by friends from Maldon and Tollesbury, while on the dais were some handsome flowers and ornamental plants sent by Mrs Watson, from Felix Hall, and Mr A W Ruggles Brise, from Durwards, Mr Hill, gardener to the latter gentleman, arranging the same most tastefully.

The Lodge has been particularly fortunate as regards its furniture and appointments. What may be described as the "heavy furniture" is most substantial, and has been made locally. The pedestals, which are given respectively by the WM, SW and JW have been well made, and from specially selected panel oak by Bro Jos Grimes of Colchester who himself presented a Secretary's desk to match the pedestals; the chairs, one of which is given by Bro Curzon, JP, are triumphs of the cabinet-maker's art, from the workshop of Mr W B Polley, of Coggeshall; a kneeling-stool is given by Bro M W Meade; Bro W Strutt gives Bible and cushion; the Provincial Grand Treasurer presents square and compasses and gavel; Bro G A Eustace, two swords; Bro R B Colvin, broken column; and Bro C T Thorn, firing glasses. The banner of the Lodge in the centre of which is a representation of a knight about to cross a ford, and the arms of the WM and SW, has been most artistically executed by the Misses Turner, of Kelvedon.

The proceedings on Wednesday commenced at two o'clock, the VWDPGM presiding, and the other offices were occupied as follows:- Senior Warden, W Bro Lennox Browne, PGSW; Junior Warden, W Bro E H Baily, PGJW; Chaplain, Bro the Rev W Quennell, PROV G CHAP; Secretary, W Bro T J Ralling, PAGDC ENG, PROV, GRAND SEC; Dir of Ceremonies, W Bro A Lucking, PGPEG, PROV DC; Inner Guard, W Bro Richard Clowes, PPSGW.

The Lodge having been duly "opened", and a hymn, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," having been sung, The VWDPGM briefly addressed the Brethren on the object of their being gathered together. He said they were met on a very interesting occasion, as it must be of real interest to all true Brethren to be gathered upon an occasion of this kind, when a new Lodge was

about to be added to the roll of The Grand Lodge of England, and also to the banner of their beloved and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke. (Applause) Generally speaking, occasions of this kind were comparatively rare, for although some new warrants had of late been granted, he could, from personal knowledge, testify to the difficulty there is now-a-days in obtaining a warrant, owing to the natural reluctance of the MWPGM, to increase the number of Lodges, unless they are likely to obtain adequate support, without weakening Lodges already established; and where they would form rallying points for Freemasons residing in a district already insufficiently supplied. These remarks might appear somewhat singular in the face of the fact that only this day week they were assembled, in a neighbouring part of the Province, consecrating a new Lodge viz, the Mistle. But these two warrants would not have been granted had not the MWGM, on the recommendation of the RWPGM, felt that a real need existed. Unhappily he had again on this occasion, in the much-to-be regretted absence of the PGM, to act as his deputy. He held in his hand a letter from his Lordship, in which, after mentioning that he had been sent by his medical adviser to the seaside, that he was only able to crawl out a little while each day, and could therefore hardly yet feel much better, his Lordship added, "Tell the Kelvedon Brethren how disappointed I am, as there are many of my friends among them." (Applause) Personally it was to him (Bro Philbrick) a great disappointment, as he was sure it was also to the promoters of the Lodge and the visitors present, but as all the arrangements had been made it was not right that these proceedings should be postponed. They were met in a district where there had never yet been a Freemasons' Lodge. There were, however, in Kelvedon and neighbourhood some energetic and good masons, and they having reported to the RWPGM and his Lordship, in his turn to the MWGM their desire to form a Lodge, the warrant had been granted. For the WM designate they had Bro the Rev Thomas Lloyd, who had obtained high honours in another Province – Staffordshire; for Senior Warden they had Bro Dr Salter, a Mason of long standing; and there were among those who had undertaken the arduous duties of founders Brethren who were well known in society in this neighbourhood. On behalf of those charged with the government of the Province, he wished the Easterford Lodge every possible success. He need hardly add that they felt and believed there was room for this Lodge (Hear, hear). They trusted the founders would remember the great importance of the trust placed in their hands. To them was given to illustrate to the outside world (so far as they were permitted to see) what the true principles of Freemasonry were. Let the Brethren now belonging to the Lodge, and those who might be enrolled amongst its members, hold their banner high – to let it be seen that Freemasonry is a living power for good. (Applause).

The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

An eloquent address on the nature and principles of the Institution by the Chaplain (Bro The Rev. W Quennell) followed. The Rev Brother remarked:- *He that would make a permanent and stable building must take heed that he lay a good foundation. Upon that rests all the strength and stateliness of the superstructure; without that no beauty of ornamentation, no apparent strength will suffice to withstand the certain fail. And this is true no less in regard to an institution – no less in a metaphorical than in a literal sense. When then, at this the consecration of a new Lodge in Freemasonry, I am bidden to speak of the principles of purposes of our Order, it is in other words a mandate to look to the foundation upon which all our Craft is built, to see how solid and strong they are, if we may take heart from the consideration of those principles which underlie all our proceedings, and on the other hand may see that what we do in our life as Masons be consistent with them. There is no foundation for anything in human life that can stand the test*

of time and the shocks of chance but the foundation of true religion; and by true religion I mean the recognition of the Divine Ruler and of our responsibility to Him, and the recognition of our place in the world with its duties towards those who are above us for government and order, towards those who are around us for mutual friendship and kindness, towards those who are beneath us, in obedience to the sacred call of charity. Wherever men are placed-whatever their calling, whatever purpose of life they may set before them-these principles must be at the bottom of all, if they are to expect any success, or attain any lasting usefulness. These principles, and none less than these, are the foundations of Freemasonry. They are fostered by the whole routine of all our work; they shew themselves in all, even the most ordinary parts of our business. We do nothing but in the acknowledged presence of the Most High. The Volume of the Sacred Law lies open as the charter of our Order; His name is invoked; His law recognised; lift is spoken of as His gift, to be used in His honour, to be accounted for at His judgement seat. And then, turning from the Invisible Presence, whose decrees we ever acknowledge as supreme, within the Lodge we find: First, the authority of the Master, respected by all, his word our law, his presence our grace, himself commanding obedience to his ruling because he rules in observance of ancient constitution. In him we see the embodiment of human government, our loyalty to him is the pattern of loyalty to all constituted authority, and is its handmaid. They speak through knowledge, and as all such speakers do, fall far from the truth, who think that in Freemasons there is a lack either of true religion or true loyalty, for both one and the other are bright and strong foundation stones-corner stones-upholding all our beautiful fabric. But with these, I may say because of these, there are the other two. It is the chief duty of the principal officer of every Lodge to "see that every brother has had his due." The idea of brotherhood-and the idea of the mutual claims that brother has upon brother-that each acknowledges something as his due to the others, this, which civilization teaches men at large, is a third foundation stone of the Craft. And how large a part of our common life does it maintain-the expulsion from the midst of us of both the feeling and the expression of ill-will, the binding together in the ties of amity and good-fellowship of men who have pure intentions and purposes which will bear the light of day-men with no double face, or double tongue, but who look on another in the face and grasp hand in hand, and meet as equals on the broad platform of brotherhood. Then, lastly, there is the bond-stone of charity. In a world which has its difficulties and disappointments, as well as its successes and victories, there must be those that fall under the one, as well as those that rise superior to all and surmount the steep ascent. The Charities which are associated with the name of Mason show that by our first principles we are invited to feel for those that fall into trouble, and for the children of those brethren who have been taken from us. If then I am to name the principles of our Order, I must say they are - religion and loyalty, and justice and benevolence, and if these words do not sufficiently particularize its purposes, they are in brief: To promote the honour of the Most High, to foster obedience to all constituted authority, to render to all their due, to support and comfort the sick, the poor, the bereaved. On these principles, with these purposes, our goodly Society is formed. And what remains, but to see that we fulfil them. What other purposes should the brethren of a new Lodge have set before them than to add to the castles of the Order one more stronghold upon the old foundations, and to see that they are ever remembered; that they are not things about which we only talk, but which we feel and principals upon which we act. I think I am not exceeding my privilege in saying that it is the wish of all present at this august ceremony that these principles may guide the members of this Easterford Lodge throughout the ages that are to come.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro Lennox Browne installed Bro the Rev Thos Lloyd, PPGC Staffs (Rector of Easthorpe) as the first WM, who in his turn invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:- SW Bro J H Salter, JP; J W Bro J L Ogier; Treas, Bro Robt Curzon, JP; Sec, Bro Mark W Meade, IPM 1977; S D Bro R B Colvin, JP; JD, Bro W Strutt; DC, W Bro Geo A Eustace, PM 697, PPG STD B; IG, Bro C T Thorn; Stewards, Bro F C Herbert; Tyler, Bro James Inifer.

The musical portions of the ceremony were ably carried out by Bros Osmond, Gowers, Sparking, Coombs and Motum.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the VWDPGM and other consecrating officers for their assistance, and together with the RWPGM they were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge. Thanks were also accorded to Miss Philbrick for preparing a large number of "button-holes" from orchids supplied by Bro F Horsman, WM 51.

The WM was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the names of several local gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation or joining members.

Between 70 and 80 Brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Messrs Wright and Son, of Colchester. The WM presided, and was supported by the DPGM and the other distinguished brethren.

The Toast of "the Queen and Craft" having been duly honoured. The WM gave the MWGM (HRH the Prince of Wales), and Offices of Grand Lodge," for whom VW Bro the Rev C J Martyn DPGM Suffolk responded.

In giving "the health of the Provincial Grand Master" the WM said it was a matter of great regret to all of them that Lord Brooke's state of health had prevented his presence amongst them today. (Applause). If, however, they could look in upon his Lordship at this time, he had no doubt they should find they were in his Lordship's thoughts, and that his heart was with them. (Hear, hear).

The WM next proposed "the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Offices of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past" reiterating the gratitude he felt that Bro Philbrick had - no doubt at some personal sacrifice - been present that day, and so well supplied the place of the Provincial Grand Master. (Applause). He could not help feeling when he was repeating the solemn words of the ritual that Bro Philbrick ought to have been in the Church, and if so he would have been a Bishop; but, being a Barrister, he ought to be a Judge. (Much applause). It was a great thing for this Province to have a Brother of Mr Philbrick's ability taking so active a part in the administration of its Masonic affairs; and he trusted that Brother would long continue to do so. (Applause). The WM also acknowledged the assistance he had received from the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro Ralling) in arranging the preliminaries for this meeting; and, speaking of the excellent oration by the Chaplain, said, amid much applause, that he trusted they should be able to arrange to publish it. (Applause). He associated the names of Bro Philbrick and Bro Ralling with the toast, the Chaplain having left to catch the train.

The VWDPGM, in responding, congratulated the founders upon the happy auspices under which their Lodge had been launched that day. They were Brethren who all had the true principles of Freemasonry thoroughly at heart and there was no need to warn them to exercise the utmost prudence in the reception of new members. The Craft at large stood high in public estimation, and it must be the aim of the founders of the Easterford Lodge to endeavour to maintain a high standard of masonic worth. The Province also was at the present time in a very strong position. When the (Bro Philbrick) was first called by the Late Lord Tenterden... to assist in the ruling of this province there were only nineteen Lodges, this one they had inaugurated today was the thirty first – (Applause) so that they had increased nearly fifty per cent. They were also a united province, and he trusted would continue to be so. In conclusion Bro Philbrick congratulated the Lodge upon having so excellent a WM to preside over them and wished them every prosperity.

The other toasts were “The WM of the Easterford Lodge, No 2342;” “The Masonic Charities;” “The Visitors;” “The Officers of the Easterford Lodge;” and “The Tyler’s Toast.”

Among the Brethren present on the occasion in addition to those who took part in the ceremony and the officers of the Easterford Lodge, were-VW Bro the Rev C J Martyn, PGC, DPGM Suffolk; Bros H P Green PPJGW Norfolk; F Sackett, PGJD; Alf Buck, PPGSW; Joseph Sadler, PG Treas; F G Green, PPGSW; E Dorling, PPG Sec Suff.; A J H Ward, PG Reg; H G Everard, PPGAS; R Haward Ives, PPGAS; J P Lewin, PPG S of W; J J Cavill, PPGJD; G J Westfield, PPGSWB; Thos Rix, PPGSWB; Joseph Grimes, PPGS of W; R H Scott, PPGAS; A Barritt, PGAS; Charles Osmond, PPGO; Edmund Gowers, PPGO; S Shawyer, PPGSWB; Geo Copus, PGS of W; R G Kellett, PPGSWB; J Fuller PPGP; J T Bailey, WM 2339, PPGP; J Hutley, PPGSTDB; J Van Essen, PGSD; Mark Gentry, WM 2154; J G Renshaw, WM 697; William Rudrum, WM 1977; W R Bloom, PM 1799; W Shurmur, PM 1471; Rev T S Raffles SW 2339; C J R Tijou PM and Sec 1804; Robert Smith, PM 607; A S B Sparling, PM 51; J H Vaux, SW 650; S H Ellis, PM 1977, PPGSTDB; Wilson Metcalf, PM 276, PPGSTDB; J Grout, SW 1977; Major Bannister, 2342; Harris Hills, SD 2154; H F Hills, 1224; G E N Adnams, 1988; E A Basham, SD 1977; R E Blaxall, 1977; G Brown, IG 1977; A Forster, 1977; James Bradbury, SW 1312; Stephen Davey, SD 1312, Geo Clifford, 1977; W Banks, 215; S H Donegal, 398; John Howe, SD 697; J A Lloyd, 526; W P Allen, 2256; W J Harvey, 1734; Charles Quilter, 51; A Emeny, 1977; Walter Stebbing, 1977; F J Motum, 697; R O Coombes, 51; H T Tilling, 2182; N Fortescue, 1306; J Crumpin, 1977; J Coope, 697; G Guiver, 1592; J Turner, 2342.