A HISTORY OF THE WELLINGTON CHAPTER NO. 548 - 1879-1979

Foreword

The early minute books and indeed all other records of the Chapter's first sixty years (1879-1939) have long since vanished save for copies of old by-laws as well as a cash book - with gaps here and there'. - in the possession of the Treasurer. When they disappeared is not clear; apparently they did not come into the possession of the Scribe E who, after many changes had occurred in the holders of that office in the six years following the Second World War, served devotedly throughout the period 1952 - 1960. What happened to them during the turmoil of that war and its aftermath, if indeed they were then in existence, can now be no more than conjecture; suffice it to say that all efforts in recent years to track them down have been unavailing. Moreover, the minute book for the years 1963 - 1977 and the then attendance register (which covered a much longer period) were unhappily among Chapter property contained in a suitcase stolen from our meeting place in 1977.

Thus, apart from the current minute book and attendance register and the by-laws and cash book already referred to, the only records in possession comprise the minute book for the period 1939-1963 with a break for the war years 1941-1946 and so covering a mere 19 years or so and copies of summonses from 1939 onwards.

It might be thought in such circumstances that any attempt to write even the briefest history of the Chapter would be a formidable if not impossible task - rather like trying to make bricks without straw or, perhaps more appropriately undertaking an exaltation ceremony without the Principals! But an examination of the records carefully maintained in the archives at Freemasons' Hail (with the ready assistance of the Grand Librarian and officials in the office of the Grand Scribe E) as well as an exhaustive search of the minutes of the Wellington Lodge (to which the Chapter is attached) have proved invaluable; indeed, without access to these two sources, and more particularly the former, no history of the Chapter such as this is, and scrappy and incomplete though it may be, could possible have been written. Mention must also be made of useful information kindly supplied by the Scribe E of the Pythagorean Chapter No. 79 our early connection with which will be apparent from the contents of later paragraphs.

The absence of minutes, no doubt full of matters of absorbing interest, inevitably precludes reference to any of the hundred and one personal and other detail one would expect to find - congratulations and felicitations on achievements and anniversaries, condolences in tragedy, and references to historic occasions. On the other hand the 75th anniversary in 1954 of the foundation of the Chapter appears to have passed unnoticed and is not recorded in the minutes; indeed the writer does not recall any mention being made of it at the time! One matter of interest that should, however, be recorded is that in 1953 eleven members of the Chapter at the time - of whom only E. Comps. York and Jenkin now survive - were founder members of the Jeanne D'Arc Royal Arch Chapter No. 5 Rouen, which was consecrated in Rouen on 17th April 1953, and that E Comp. S. Sanders, a P.Z. of this Chapter, was the first Z.

Until last year our longest link with the past had been E.Comp. H.C. Jones (P. G. Std. B. -Craft) who was exalted in the Chapter in 1920 and died last August in his 96th year, thus being born only four years after the Chapter was founded. Installed as J in 1938 he was appointed Z in the following year and again in 1947 but on each occasion regretfully declined the office, on the first occasion because of his own serious illness at the time and later due to the condition of his wife who was then just recovering from a major operation. The available records reveal that he was by far the eldest and the longest serving member throughout the Chapter's 100 years.

Our one remaining link with the pre-war period is now E.Comp. Harold Jenkin S.L.G.C.R., who was exalted in the Chapter in 1936 and apparently was then the "young man" of the Chapter. He was installed as Z in 1959 and served for a second term in the following year; was appointed L.G.C.R. in 1967 and promoted to S.L.G.C.R. in 1977; became Treasurer in 1961 and has continued in that office ever since, and under his watchful although seemingly carefree eye the finances of the Chapter have been kept on an even keel and continue to be so despite the ravages of inflation.

The foundation of the Chapter

At a meeting of the Wellington Lodge on 11th February, 1879, the following motion, so the minutes record, was passed unanimously:-

"That the sanction of the Lodge be given for a Chapter of the Royal Arch degree to be attached thereto to be named the Wellington Chapter".

The motion had, been proposed by E. J. B. Bumstead, the Lodge Secretary, and a word or to about this worthy and esteemed Mason and his undoubted dedication would perhaps be appropriate at this stage because there can be little doubt that it was due to his inspiration that the Chapter was formed and thus principally to him that we owe our existence, He had been initiated in the Lodge in 1858, became Secretary in 1862 and thereafter continued in that office until his death in 1889 - a period of 27 years in all - and served as Master in 1866 and again in 1874; he was one of 16 brethren proposed for exaltation on the consecration of the Pythagorean Chapter No. 79 on 3rd March 1870 and was exalted in that Chapter at an emergency convocation only a fortnight later; was Scribe E there from 1872 to 1875 and Z in 1877 and again in 1888 (the year before his death); in 1879, i.e., at the time of the consecration of our own Chapter (of which he was first Z) he was Preceptor of the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction:, and is shown as Acting Scribe E of our own Chapter in 1881 and again 1888. What a record of service.

Details of the Petition for the grant of our Chapter Warrant (and incidentally indicating the close connection at that time between the Wellington Lodge and the Pythagorean Chapter No. 79 are as follows:

| | Lodge details | Chapter details |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Nominated as Z E.J.B.Bumstead - | P.M. No 548 | P.Z. No. 79 |
| Nominated as H - Dr. J. F. Chittenden - | P.M. No 548 | S.N. No. 79 |
| Nominated as J - W. Youlden* - | P.M. No 548 | No. 73 |
| S.P.Catterson*# - | J.W. No 548 | P.S. No. 79 |
| W.G.Batchelor*# - | J.D No 548 | 2A.S No. 79 |
| J. Pain* | (P.M. No. 1339 | No. 73 and |
| | (- No. 548 | Scotland No.21 |
| J.W.Warren | No. 548 | No.79 |
| C.E.Bell | I.G. No. 548 | No.79 |
| F. Morgan | | No.169 |
| G.S.Wintle | P.M. No. 548 | No. 79 |

(The Companions marked* subsequently became Z, and those marked # were also in later years occupants of the Z chair in the Pythagorean Chapter).

The Petition also indicated that meetings were to be held on the 4th Tuesday in January, March, May and October (four convocations annually) at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation duly took place at the White Swan Hotel on Tuesday 10th June 1879, and were performed according to the summons by "Comp. James Terry P. Z. & c., assisted by several other distinguished Companions". The summons was issued under the name of Samuel Prince Catterson as "Scribe E pro tem. "who was later to become Z (and incidentally four members of the same family were subsequently in membership). The musical arrangements were "under the direction of Comp. W. Kipps H. No. 79. P.G. Org;, for Kent' who in the following year was elected Z in No. 79

Who was "Comp. James Terry, P. Z & c"? He was in fact Secretary of the R. M. B. I. at the time and served in that office for 30 years until 1902, and apparently during that long period was Consecrating Officer of some 70 Lodges and 30 Chapters; held high office in two Provinces and was a member of many Lodges and Chapters and was a founder of some of them. Incidentally, his son, E. Comp. James. E. Terry, P. A. G. Sojr., was later to become Chairman of the Board of the R. M. B. I. and held that office at the time of his death in 1937; and now his grandson E. Comp. James. A. Terry., P. A. C. Sojr., currently holds that same office. (What a wonderful family record of service to Masonry in general and to the R.M.B.I. in particular!).

According to the first annual return rendered on behalf of the Chapter as many as seven were exalted on 24th June 1879 - 14 days after the consecration ceremony - comprising a licensed victualler, a lamp manufacturer, a builder, a boot manufacturer, an oilman, a butcher and a meat salesman. In the following three or four years there was similarly a wide variety of professions and occupations among the many exaltees including a professor of music, a nurseryman, a surgeon, an auctioneer, an instrument maker, an undertaker, a chief

inspector of police, a cattle salesman, a watchmaker, a solicitor, a potato salesman, a schoolmaster, a tramway manager, a brick merchant, a clerk to a vestry, a military bootmaker and an assistant workhouse master. Some of these professions/occupations doubtless wring a strange if not nostalgic note to day although likewise one wonders what our founders would have made of the description 'engineer' such as we have in our midst to-day: But all these early descriptions taken together are illustrative of the cosmopolitan character of the membership in the formative years - a characteristic which has continued throughout the history of the Chapter and equally applies to this day.

Scale of Membership

When in the early 1880s the Chapter was really on its feet so to speak the total membership was 28, mostly comprising members of the Wellington Lodge.

There seems to have been little fluctuation afterwards until the early 1900s when despite a number of resignations (eight in 1904, and one wonders what that was all about.) two or three exclusions and, with the passage of time, the inevitable deaths, the total membership nevertheless remained fairly constant. After the First World War it increased considerably - to 43 and 1919 and to as many as 56 in 1921. but then in the next 18 years it gradually decreased until at the outbreak of the Second World War it stood at 27, with an attendance of 15 on 28th November. 1939 and of 16 on 23rd April 1940 - the last war-time convocation. On resumption in December, 1946, the membership was reduced to 23 of whom 12 then attended; it then gradually increased until it stood at 39 in 1960, and since then has imperceptibly lessened so that to-day we have a total membership of 32.

Meeting dates and places

As indicated earlier, the Chapter at the outset met four times a year (on the fourth Tuesday in January, March, May and October) and it so continued over the years on exactly the same day in the month although as time went on in differing months. At the first convocation after the Second World War it was decided that future convocations be held on the third Tuesday in December, April and October, thus after nearly 70 years not only reducing the number of meetings but also departing from the original meeting day (4th Tuesday). There were further changes in 1959, 1961 and lastly in 1970 when our present sequence was decided upon - the third Tuesday in February and the fourth in April and October. Although therefore the Chapter has throughout its hundred years always met on a Tuesday, only our October convocation day now co-incides with that on which our founders met. Doubtless some of the alterations in the sequence of meetings were brought about by changes in the appointed meeting place and a reference to our "home" and the various moves over the years would perhaps be appropriate.

As already mentioned the first convocation was held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, and meetings continued there until just before the turn of the century when they were transferred to the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. At the close of the First World War the Chapter transferred to the Cafe Monico, Piccadilly Circus, and continued meeting there for more than twenty years until April 1940. Late in that year (the date is uncertain according to Sir Charles Forte of Trust House Forte Ltd. who afterwards became the owners) the premises suffered damage by enemy action — those who were about at the time will recall that the London blitz was then at its height. In December 1946, the Cafe Monico being unavailable (planning permission for its restoration was not forthcoming until 1953') the Chapter met by dispensation in the somewhat ornate surroundings of the Holborn Restaurant and continued there happily until notified by the management in 1954 of its forthcoming closure - it was pulled down in the following year and one of the major clearing banks now occupies the ground floor of the building which replaced it. However, being :advised that the war-damage repairs at the Cafe Monico were nearing completion there was a decision to move back to the former home, and the Holborn Restaurant no longer being available the Chapter by dispensation met once (in December, 1954) at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, and then were happy to move hack to the Monico in April 1955.

But our stay there was comparatively short-lived for the minutes record that in October 1953 notification was received from the proprietors that the premises would not be available after 30th April, 1959 "owing to roadway reconstruction", but offering accommodation in the nearby Cafe Royal, also in its ownership. This offer was accepted and the Chapter accordingly moved to the Cafe Royal in April 1959 and has continued meeting' there even since. In passing, the reference to "roadway reconstruction" in regard to the Cafe Monico (which was demolished soon a afterwards) is perhaps interesting and somewhat amusing; its site forms of

course part of the now notorious Piccadilly Circus Reconstruction Scheme which with various amendments from time to time has been bandied about ever since and has been the subject of strenuous arguments between preservationists, prospective developers, the various local authorities and the Government Departments concerned so that now, twenty years afterwards, there is still no sign of any scheme being finally approved let alone brought to fruition Hence one may be tempted to ask "Need the Cafe Monico, regarded with such affection by so many, have disappeared when it did?"

By-laws; subscriptions and fees

There is unfortunately no copy available of the original by-laws but according to an edition inscribed "revised and reprinted, Sept. 1900" the original set were "unanimously agreed to" at a meeting on 24th June 1879; there were not, as now required, approved by the First Grand Principal but there is an imprint signed by the Grand Scribe E and dated 20th July, 1379 which reads:-

"These By-laws have been examined, and appear to be in conformity with the Regulations for the government of Royal Arch Masons".

According to this 1900 edition the financial commitments then were (and one wonders how much less they were 21 years previously'.) an exaltation fee of three guineas, a joining fee of two guineas and a re-joining fee of one guinea: an annual subscription of two guineas or, in the case of "sea-going and Country members" ten shillings and sixpence, with the restriction that "no member of the Chapter can be allowed to subscribe as a country member unless he resides at least ten miles from the house where the Chapter is held". Additionally each of the Principals "except the founders" were required to pay the sum of one guinea previous to their installation "to go to the funds of the Chapter"; and a member proposing a candidate for exaltation or joining was required to deposit. one guinea (not returnable apparently unless the candidate was rejected) with the Scribe E or the Treasurer.

The same by-laws make interesting and sometimes amusing reading in other respects. Debates must have been frequent occurrences because there is a long paragraph under that heading setting out the procedure to be followed - more reminiscent of a political or a shareholders meeting - with the stricture "Whenever the M. E. Z. calls to order, there shall he silence, and any companion disobeying the orders of the M.E. Z. shall he liable to such censure or penalty as the Chapter may think proper; or the matter brought before the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter, as the Chapter may direct".

Another paragraph, after detailing the regular officers to be elected, goes on to provide that 'for the better management of the finances of the Chapter a steward, a director of ceremonies and an organist may be elected' with the injunction "but they are not officers"! The Scribe E was required inter alia in addition to what are now regarded as normal functions to receive all moneys, give receipts for same, and hand same to treasurer at the close of the Chapter" and, later "shall be expected to act as a director of ceremonies at the banquet (if no other be elected) and give orders for the general arrangement of same under the sanction of the M.E. Z." (Not a Pooh Bah!) . The Janitor's duties were detailed and manifold including the requirement "to convey the books and papers to and from the residence of the Scribe E. when required", with the injunction that ailing in the performance of these duties, or any of them, he shall be subject to admonition or dismissal at the discretion of the three Principals"

Although these by-laws were, with approval, amended from time to time as regards the sequence of meetings, change of meeting place, and the prescriptions concerning fees and subscriptions, they otherwise remained extant in all respects until as late as 1957 when they were wholly revised and approved; so that with minor amendments of the same order as those already referred to (and subsequently becoming necessary) the Chapter now operates in accordance with By-laws of a much shortened and modern form.

Honorary Membership

Over the years several members have been elected to honorary membership for services to the Chapter; in 1920, Thomas Prior (Z in 1895); in 1931, E.Comp. W.E.Jeanes L.G.C.R. (Z in 1904 and Scribe E for many years afterwards); in 1935 E.Comp. A. T. Ramsey, P.A.G.D.C. (Z in 1908 and again in 1915); in 1955 E. Comp. F.C. Savage, J.P., P.A.G. D. C. (Z in 1921); as well as E. Comp. L. H, Burrows who for 22 years was Janitor until he retired on the ground if ill-health in 1955 and was then elected.

Roll of M. E. Z; members elevated to Supreme Grand Chapter of London

Grand Chapter Ranks; and list of Scribes E.

Set our in the appendices are the names of members filling each of the roles above indicated although it should he mentioned that the years of service shown in respect of the various Scribes E are given with some reservation as regards the early years at any rate (since it is not clear when they took up the office and afterwards relinquished it) and the record will also be seen to be incomplete. There remain, notably, the offices of Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies and here a real difficulty presents itself as regard the first sixty years in the absence on the one hand of available minutes and, on the other hand, since the holders of these offices from time to time had not been and are not required to he identified in annual or other returns. But it would surely be a discourtesy if not a dereliction of duty to omit to make reference to those who are known to have occupied or still occupy these two important offices and who in their time were held or in the case of the current occupants are held in high esteem by the membership.

Treasurers

There is no available record prior to the Second World War of the holders of the office of Treasurer although it is known that E. Comp. D. T. Jones, L. G. C. R. filled it for many years prior to 1939 and he continued to do so until his death at the age of 80 in December, 1955. Being a chemist he was affectionately known as "Pills" Jones no doubt to distinguish him from F Comp. Harry Jones, the veteran to whom reference is made earlier in the Foreword. He was succeeded by E. Comp. E. J. Williams who served until his sudden death on Christmas Day 1961. He in turn was succeeded by our current Treasurer, E.Comp. H.E. Jenkin, S. L. G. C. R., to whom reference has also been made In the foreword. Long may he continue?

Directors of Ceremonies

Likewise there is no record available of the holders of this office - whenever it first came to be filled - until 1939 when E.Comp. C. G.Alexander is shown as occupying it. He however did not re-appear after the war and no appointment appears to have been made until 1948 when EComp. Harry Austen, later P. A. G. D.C. (who had then re-Joined the Chapter after an absence of many years) was so appointed. he served until 1954 when he was succeeded for a year by E. Comp. E. J. Williams who, on becoming Treasurer the following year, was in turn succeeded by our current Director of Ceremonies - E. Comp. W. A. York, P.A.G.D.C., L.G.C.R., P.P.D.G.Reg. (West Kent) - who :as served the Chapter with great distinction and unbounding energy ever since, in pursuit of his aim of near perfection if not perfection Itself!

A Century but no Centenary Charter

It may well be asked 'Why no Centenary Charter?". The short answer is that because of the then prevailing turmoil the Chapter did not meet for most of the period of the Second World War and did not resume until December 1946.

After the war had commenced (on 3rd September 1939) a convocation was held on the following 28th November, the minutes recording that the one in the previous month had been cancelled "by direction of Supreme Grand Chapter"; a further one was held on 23rd April, 1940. As mentioned in an earlier paragraph the Cafe Monico, the then meeting place, was damaged by enemy action later in the year and was then no longer available. Meantime there had been a dispersal of members many of whom were engaged on war activities of one kind or another; and there were others of whom complete trace was lost. Of the remainder, most were of considerable age (as an indication it may be mentioned that eight of the then 27 members were or shortly afterwards became of Supreme Grand Chapter Rank or London Grand Chapter Rank) and one can well understand the reluctance with which many of them would have contemplated travelling alone from their homes in the suburbs to the centre of London and back again, in the blackout and the blitz (which in 1940 was at its fiercest) and in the knowledge that the old meeting place had already been put out of action. Thus with most of the members scattered here and there the war drifted on and on, and it was not until December 1946 - over a year after it had ended - that it became possible to collect what remained of the membership and then to convene a meeting which as already indicated was held by dispensation at the Holborn Restaurant, the Cafe Monico not being available.

In correspondence in 1974 on the subject the Grand Scribe E indicated that whilst a waiver applied for the early months of the war Chapters were subsequently advised "that meetings should be held where possible". The

view of the Chapter however was that in the circumstances prevailing at the time meetings were just not possible and made representation accordingly. On 26th October 1978 the Grand Scribe E. intimated that the Grand Chapter Committee does not consider that it can recommend the grant of a Centenary Charter", an intimation which the Chapter received with great disappointment.. Further representations followed but the Grand Scribe E wrote on 29th March 1979 to say that there were no grounds for referring the matter to the Grand Chapter Committee for re-consideration. So be it.

Quo vadis?

We now enter our second century. •We do so In stout heart, with a comparatively small but firm and happy membership and in the certain knowledge that, given a succession of exaltees and the same degree of cooperation, of loyalty and of steadfastness as is evident among the present membership, the Chapter will indeed pass into the year 2079:

J.J.G.

May, 1979.

I — P. Z, s of :he Wellington Chapter No. 548

1879 - 1979

| 1879 | E. J. B. Bumstead | 1923 | GM. Betser | 1973 | A. A. Eke |
|-------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------|
| 1880 | W. Youlden | 1924 | W. Manchester | 1974 | D. A. J. Smith |
| 1881 | J. Pain | 1925 | R. W. Barber | 1975 | G. A . Edwards |
| 1882 | J. W. Comb | 1926 | A. H. Talbot | 1976 | D. H. P. Panton |
| 1883 | S. P. Catterson | 1927 | A. Savage | 1977 | H. R. Retter |
| 1884 | J. J. West | 1928 | W. G. Tilling | 1978 | H. R. Retter (2) |
| 1885 | J. J. Hutchings | 1929 | T. A. Saville | | |
| 1886 | W. C. Batchelor | 1930 | G. H. Brown | | |
| 1887 | W. P. Catterson | 1931 | C. G. Alexandsr | | |
| 1888 | R. Tilling | 1932 | T. W. Relfe | | |
| 1889 | H. Carman | 1933 | D.T. Jones | | |
| 1890 | J. Youlden | 1934 | G. H. Thompson | | |
| 1891 | W. Martin | 1935 | W. F. Parks | | |
| 1892 | W. J. Newell | 1936 | J. G. Lowless | | |
| 1893 | A. Holmes | 1937 | A. G. Matthews | | |
| 1894 | E. W. Nightingale | 1938 | A. Bolen | | |
| 1895 | T. Prior | 1939 | A. Bolcn (2) | | |
| 1896 | G C Blanchard | 1946 | C. G. Lewis | | |
| 1897 | E. Chamberlain | 1947 | W. S. Beer | | |
| 1898 | E. W. Nightingale (2) | 1948 | H.A.Coles | | |
| 1899 | F. Morgan | 1949 | S. Sanders | | |
| 1900 | F. Morgan (2) | 1950 | H. Leonard | | |
| 1901 | F. Jones | 1951 | T. Kirkpatrick | | |
| 1902 | C. Atkins | 1952 | R. W. Tatum | | |
| 1903 | E.Leigh | 1953 | E. J. Williams | | |
| 1904 | W. E, Jeanes | 1954 | W.A.York | | |
| 1905 | W. P. Catterson (2) | 1955 | S. Sanders (2) | | |
| 1906 | C.Childs | 1956 | R. W. Tatum | | |
| 1907 | H. Bown | 1957 | G. A. Crawley | | |
| 1908 | A. T. Ramsey | 1958 | H. Leonard | | |
| 1909 | W. F. T. Westwood | 1959 | H. C. Jenkin | | |
| 1910 | E. C. Symmons | 1960 | H.C.Jenkin (2) | | |
| 1911 | A.Goater | 1961 | T. C . Waterman | | |
| 1912 | (G. C. Blanchard (2) | 1962 | D. E Austen | | |
| 1913 | R. Griggs | 1963 | D. E. Austen | | |
| 1914 | C. W. Brown | 1964 | A.H. Geary | | |
| 1915 | A. T. Ramsey (2) | 1965 | B. J, White | | |
| 1916 | J. S. Wilson | 1966 | S.C.Merson O.B.E. | | |
| 1917 | A. E. Fassnidge | 1967 | J.E. Lea | | |
| 19 8 | J. S. Wilson (2) | 1968 | B. J, White (2) | | |
| 1919 | J. W. Stoner | 1969 | J. J. Gardner M. B. E. | | |
| 1920 | W, H. Bristow | 1970 | T. C. Waterman | | |
| 1921 | F. C. Savage | 1971 | E. R. Thompson | | |
| I 922 | A. J. Rawling | 1972 | J. M. Bishop | | |

II — Members appointed Supreme Grand Chapter Officers

| E. W. Nightingale | A. G. D. C. | 1902 | A. T. Ramsey | P. A. G. D. C. | 1935 |
|-------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|----------------|------|
| G. C. Blanchard | P. A. G. D. C. | 1912 | A. H. Talbot | P. A. G. D. C. | 1945 |
| J. S. Wilson | (P. A. G. D. C. | 1931 | W. G. Tilling | P. A. G. D. C. | 195? |
| | (P. G. Std. B. | 1947 | H. E. Austen | P. A. G. D. C. | 195? |
| F. C.Savage J.P. | P. A. G. D. C. | 1935 | W. A. York | P. A. G. D. C. | 197? |
| W. Manchester | P. A. G. D. C. | 1935 | | | |

III - Members appointed to London (Grand) Chapter Rank

| 1924 | T. W. Relfe | 1950 |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1926 | G. H. Thompson | 1952 |
| 1928 | S. Sanders | 1957 |
| 1932 | T. Kirkpatrick | 1959 |
| 1934 | E. J. Williams | 1961 |
| 1937 | W. A. York | 1964 |
| 1940 | H. E. Jenkin | 1967 (SLGCR - 1977) |
| 1942 | T. C. Waterman | 1970 |
| | D. E. Austen | 1973 |
| | A. H. Geary | 1976 |
| | 1926 1928 1932 1934 1937 | 1926 G. H. Thompson 1928 S. Sanders 1932 T. Kirkpatrick 1934 E. J. Williams 1937 W. A. York 1940 H. E. Jenkin 1942 T. C. Waterman D. E. Austen |

IV - Scribe E

| 1879 - 1880 | - S. P. Catterson |
|-------------|--|
| 1881 - ? | - E. J. B. Bumstead (Acting) |
| 1888 - ? | - John Youlden (E. J. B. Bumstead - Acting) |
| 1900 - 1902 | - E. W. Nightingale (Acting - later A. G. D. C). |
| 1908 - 1930 | - W. E. Jeanes L.G.C.R. |
| 1930 - 1940 | - A. H. Talbot L.G.C.R.(later P.A.G.D.C.) |
| 1941 - 1945 | - (No Appointment) |
| 1946 - 1948 | - T. A. Saville |
| 1948 - 1949 | - A. H. Talbot P.A.G.D.C. |
| 1949 - 1950 | - H. A. Coles |
| 1950 - 1952 | - L.G.Tilling, L.G.C.R.(IaterPA.G.D.C) |
| 1952 - 1969 | - T. Kirkpatrick, L. G. C. R. |
| 1970 - 1972 | - G. A. Edwards |
| 1972 | - J. J. Garclner, M.B.E. |
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Principals and officers of the Chapter - 1978 - 1979

| E. Comp. H Retter, P.Z | M.E.Z. |
|--|-------------|
| E. Comp. J. Howell | H. |
| E. Comp. F. G. Poynter | J. |
| | |
| E. Comp. D. H. P. Panton | I. P. Z. |
| E. Comp. J. J. Gardner, M.B.E., P.Z | Scribe E |
| E. Comp. D. A. J. Smith, P.Z. | Scribe N |
| E. Cornp. H, E. Jenkin, P,Z., S.L.G.C.R. | Treasurer |
| E. Comp. W. York, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., L.G.C.R., P.P.D.G.Reg. (West Kent) | D.C. |
| Comp. R. W. Hancock | P.S. |
| Comp. G. V. Adams | lst A. Sojr |
| Comp. N. J. Strangeway | 2nd A. So |
| E.Comp. T. C. Waterman P,Z., L.G.C.R. | A.D.C. |
| E.Comp. D. E. Austen, P.Z., L.G.C.R | Steward |
| Comp. J E. Verrier | Steward |
| Comp. J. Finnigan | Steward |
| E. Comp. F. A. Downing, P. Z. | Janitor |

Other Members

Comp. A. D. Marshall

E,Comp E. R Thompson P. Z.

E.Comp. J. M. Bishop. P.Z.

E.Comp. J. E. Lea, P.Z

E.Comp. G. A. Eclwards P. Z.

E.Comp. A, A. Eke. P.Z.

*Comp. A. W. Lampard

*Comp C. S. Tobias

*Comp D. E. Caple

Comp. E. J. Martin

Comp. J. E. Fitzpatrick

*Comp. J. Campbell

*Comp. P. H. Walters.

Comp. K. G.. Nunn

Comp. J. O Gubbins

Comp. J. D. Rattle