



A LODGE HISTORY

It was a proud and happy time at the Festival of St John in the 1860s when brethren of the Lodge walked in time by torchlight to the home of the Right Worshipful Master elect, where they were served with refreshments before returning with him to the Lodge to witness his installation as RWM and the installation of his Office-bearers into their respective offices.

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FOREWORD

Such a proud old Lodge deserves much more than this brief attempt at its history but, sadly, many of the early writings and records were not registered in permanent form, or some of those which survived were later destroyed by fire or have disappeared in the passage of time. However, it can be seen that the Lodge has been most active in spreading the cement of Brotherly Love through the years, attending the laying of many foundation stones and assisting in the various masonic ceremonies far and wide.

Although much of this history has been collated from various Lodge Minute Books, affidavits, photographs and books on "The History of Freemasonry", the editors are also indebted to elder brethren of the Lodge who have passed on much information, both written and oral, which have enabled the editors to be more accurate in their researches.

Grand Lodge has supplied a list of Masters of the Lodge and other information for which the editors are most grateful.

Much care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of names, dates and details, but, should there be any defect, the editors apologise for any discomfort or inconvenience it may cause to the readers.

INTRODUCTION

Although the official date of the Charter of Lodge Old St. John NO.21 is 1736, other historical properties and items of regalia held in the museum at Grand Lodge reveal dates much earlier than that, and it is generally assumed that the Lodge was formed pre-1720. In particular, a mason's apron which is on display in the museum at Grand Lodge belongs to Lodge Old St. John No.21 and dates back to 1714.

This wonderful old Lodge also boasts ownership of the oldest pieces of masonic working tools in the world, namely a Square and Compasses made from a metal known as "bell brass" and manufactured with a unique feature, being that both points of the Compasses are hinged back behind the Square from where they may be exposed individually as each degree requires; the date of their presentation is partly covered by a strengthening bar fitted across the Square, but it is thought to be circa 1720.

Put into historical perspective, the year 1714 was just 7 years after the Act of Union which united the parliaments of Scotland and England, the sitting. Member for the burgh of Lanark also representing the burghs of Peebles, Selkirk and Linlithgow; Queen Anne had died that year and been succeeded by King George I; Grand Lodge would not be formed for a further 22 years, and the Battle of Culloden fought 10 years after that. The year 1714 preceded the Battle of Waterloo by one century and outbreak of the First World War by two centuries. In the year 1714, 20 "firelocks"[muskets] were purchased to arm Lanark's burgesses in their capacity as guards at the town's jail in the Tolbooth at the bottom of the "Hietoun"[High Street], which itself was a rough cobbled thoroughfare bisected by the open Pudden Burn, in which it was enacted, also in 1714, that there was to be "no scouring or washings of woollens"; the "Hietoun" was not lit (with oil lamps) until 1773, when the foundation stone of the present St. Nicholas Parish Church (depicted on the Mark Token of the Lodge) was laid in the presence of the brethren of the Lodge.

Volume III of "Freemasonry in Scotland" relates that, during the meeting of The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No.1, all Lodges were given a number and "to obviate jealousies in the matter of precedency each Lodge was placed on the Roll in order of which they entered the Lodge".

Lodge St. John, Lesmahagow, whose representative at this meeting immediately preceded that of this Lodge, has consistently been one number less than Lodge Old St. John when it was enrolled in 1736 as No.21. One year later it was changed to No.23, and in 1809 at a further re-organisation by Grand Lodge it in fact remained unaltered, but in 1816 it was altered to No.20 and in 1822 to No.19, reverting to No.21 in 1826 and remaining at that number ever since.

One can but speculate on the internecine struggle for survival which must have taken place during the 19th century between the four masonic Lodges which existed within Lanark and New Lanark. Old St. John No.21, however, is the oldest and the sole survivor; its future lies in the hands of its own members and their belief in the tenets of freemasonry.

Confirmation Charter of Lodge No.21, Old St. John, Lanark dated 27 December 1736.

NOTABLE EXTRACTS
from the Lodge Minute Books and other sources

30.11.1736.

"The Lodge of Lanark", as the Lodge may have been known in the earlier years, accepted an invitation from Lodge Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, and became a Founding Lodge, along with 32 sister Lodges who attended, in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and in the installation of William St. Clair of Roslin as its first Grand Master Mason. Those attending were Sir William Baillie, Master and Bros. George Bull and Henry Hepburn, Wardens.

02.08.1738.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Bro. George the 3rd Earl of Cromartie, was accompanied by brethren from "The Lodge of Lanark" and other daughter Lodges when he laid the foundation stone of the (then) new Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

21.05.1759.

A second Lodge in Lanark, Lodge Kilwinning No.94, was constituted by minute of Grand Lodge which read: "Read the petition of John Cunningham and other brethren in and about the above town of Lanark praying a Charter of Constitution and dew erection under the stile and title of the Lodge of Lanark Kilwinning. The Grand Lodge ordered a Charter or Patent of Constitution and under tile seal of the Grand Lodge to be expedie in the petitioners favours." The petitioning members were Robert Cunningham, Alexander Lockhart, Robert Bertram, Robert Wallace, John Orr and George Summers. This caused "The Lodge of Lanark" to adopt its "Old" title which remained even after the former became dormant in 1809. The present title of "Lodge Old St. John No.21, Lanark" came into regular use in 1826.

16.06.1773.

"In the presence of the Provost, two Baillies [magistrates], Dean of Guild, Conveener and remainent members of the Councill, the whole bretheren of St. John's Lodge, Lanark [now No.21], St. Bride's Lodge, Douglas [now No.118] and Kilwinning Lodge, Strathaven [No.142 but now dormant], the foundation stone of Lanark Church was laid", the inscription including reference to "the era of Masonry 5773".

06.04.1778.

The Lodge is thought to have been present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Council Buildings in Hope Street, Lanark.

12. 1807.

The first Minute Book of the Lodge is known to have commenced at this time and ended in 1869, during which time Lodges No.23 and No.19 were mentioned.

18.04.1808.

First Intrants of the Lodge registered at Grand Lodge were Robert Sommerwell, George Gibson, James Aitkman, William Findlay, Thomas Paul, J3111eS Johnston, Thomas Carr, William Curwen, William Reid, Thomas Logan, James Sommers, William Gibson, Alex Blair, James Currie, James Purdie, William Purdie, Thomas Purdie, John Lamb, William Thomson, William Muir, James Wilson, James W Shaw, Thomas Johnston and D Paterson.

1808.

There is mention of an Apprentice being "entered", as "a present from the Right Worshipful" ["present" being in the lesser known, if archaic, meaning of "introduction"]

1809.

The condition of the roof of the Lodge had been causing concern and estimates for its repair were received of £35.9/- using straw and £57.15/- using slate [respectively £35.45p and £57.75p in contemporary currency]. It was resolved to use straw.

1810.

Grand Lodge asked for contributions from Lodges towards the building of Grand Lodge premises; this Lodge was unable to comply because it had no funds, but several Grand Lodge Office-bearers were given honorary membership of the Lodge.

07.06.1810.

By order of Grand Lodge, The Lodge RWM and his Office bearers constituted Lodge St. David's, New Lanark [No.279, dormant in 1848]. This event took place subsequent to a Grand Lodge minute dated 03.02.1800 which read: "A petition or letter was then read from several brethren residing in New Lanark craving a Charter of Constitution and Erection but circumstances as the Grand Lodge presently were, no order could be given on this petition which was accordingly ordered to lie on the table till the effect of the Application to Parliament was known." The first office-bearers were William Logan, Master; Sam Stewart, Senior Warden; Robert Lawson, Junior Warden; Mathew Murray, Secretary; Robert Penman, Treasurer; James Stewart, Steward; James Fraser, Steward and Alexander Tod, Tyler.

24.06.1810.

It was carried unanimously that 6 dozen mutchkin bottles [containers each having a capacity of 1/4 pint Scots or the contemporary equivalent of 43 centilitres - i.e., just over a half-bottle] be labeled "Old Lodge No.23".

1811.

Visitors and Lodgers within the Lodge were: Lewis Zill de Lees - Native of France; Benot Paul Grandjean - Lieutenant de Grenades; and Antoine Gorgus - SubLieutenant 70 Reg't-de-Lync.

1812.

Lodge No.23, along with Lodge Biggar Free Operatives [now No.167], supported a

petition of Carnwath masons to form Lodge Salamanca; Lodge Lockhart S1. John No.248, Carnwath, was subsequently constituted on 02.11.1812.

26.05.1815.

During that day there were an "extraordinary number of masons and Affiliates made".

04.1821.

Brethren of the Lodge were present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Cartland Bridge. designed by Thomas Telford to improve the coach road between Lanark and Carluke and purported to be the highest road bridge above sea level in Scotland.

16.06.1828.

A Lodge No.19 ["which does not hold of the said Grand Lodge"] was registered as a "Masonic Friendly Society".

29.10.1828.

Brethren of the Lodge were present at the consecration of Lodge Clydesdale No.326 Lanark [dormant in 1877]. A Grand Lodge minute dated 04.08.1828 read: "A petition was read from James Murray, John Marr, Thomas Purdie, James Dymock, John Buchanan, I. Steel and others residing in the Burgh of Lanark craving a Charter to hold a Lodge in that town under the name and title of the Clydesdale Lodge Lanark. This petition was accompanied with ample certificates from St. John's Carluke, Lockhart Carnwath and St. David's New Lanark, all of which having been duly considered, the Grand Lodge granted the prayer of the petition and authorised the Grand Secretary and Grand Clerk to issue a Charter accordingly." Its first office-bearers were James Murray, Master; John Marr, Depute Master; Thomas Purdie, Senior Warden; I James Dymock, Junior Warden; John Buchanan, Treasurer and I Steel, Secretary. 1834. Brethren of the Lodge and Lanark dignitaries were present when the Substitute Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the County Building in Hope Street; 8 gallons of whisky were made into a toddy to drink at the ensuing celebrations.

1834.

£8 of flax was bought from Ballantine's of Edinburgh by Mr. Robert Porteous for Lodge No.19 and the R WM had him "passed and raised" for his generous gift. Bro. Porteous later made a "very luminous speech" by wishing that the cloth might adorn the walls of Lodge No.19 for future generations; the brethren then joined in drinking the health of Bro. Porteous and his friends with a "volley" [toast]

30.11.1836.

Bro. James Morrison RWM, Bro. W. Swan PM Lodge Treasurer and Bro. J. Swan PM Treasurer of the Masonic Friendly Society attended the Centenary Celebrations of Grand Lodge.

01.1848.

Grand Lodge by letter "unanimously agreed that the Lodge No.21 colour be Red G.R."

1865.

Brethren of the Lodge accompanied Grand Lodge at the laying of the foundation stone of the celtic memorial cross to the 6th Duke of Athole [Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland from 1843 to 1864] at Logierait, near Ballinluig, Perthshire.

19.05.1868.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Bro. Fox-Maule, the 11th Earl of Dalhousie, installed Bro. Hector McLean of Carnwath House as Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward with brethren of Lodge Old St. John No.21 Lanark and of other Lodges of the province in attendance. A Harmony and dinner were held afterwards in the Clydesdale Hotel, Lanark.

07.04.1869.

2 brethren of the Lodge were appointed to "trace and procure any old books, or other documents belonging to the Lodge, which are reported to be in existence; 19 days later, those brethren reported that, after a most diligent search and every enquiry, they had failed to procure, or learn, anything of their whereabouts.

27.04.1869.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Bro. Fox-Maule, the 11th Earl of Dalhousie laid the foundation stone of the Public Museum and Library of Paisley with Bro. William J Canning of Lodge Old St. John No.21 Lanark present along with brethren of other sister Lodges.

1870.

HRH the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) was affiliated to The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No.1.

13.10.1870.

HRH the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the (then) new Glasgow Royal Infirmary, with brethren of the Lodge: Bros. William Aitken, Thomas Lithgow, John McLellan, Dr. William Dunwoodie, Robert Grierson, Thomas Anderson, Peter Dickson, William McLehose, John Blackhall and Archibald Hamilton present along with brethren of other sister Lodges.

1871.

RWM Bro. John Currie was installed as Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Upper Ward.

17.07.1871.

A deputation from the Lodge attended the Consecration of Lodge Hopetoun No.507, Leadhills.

24.04.1873.

A circular from Grand Lodge was read announcing the "abolition of Proxy' Masters to Grand Lodge and that each Lodge should be represented at Grand Lodge by their own

RWM and actual Wardens only".

01.05.1873.

Brethren of the Lodge were asked to subscribe towards a monument to the memory of the late National Bard, Bro. Robert Burns.

05.11.1873.

An invitation was received from Lodge Woodhall St. John's No.305. Bellshill to join in a procession and assist in celebrating their 50th anniversary.

12.1874.

The Lodge was possibly present when the foundation stone ,was laid of the Lockhart Hospital, Lanark, named after Sir Simon Lockhart of Lee.

01.03.1876.

Bro. Barclay tabled a Motion "that the usual monthly meetings be dispensed with during the summer months".

05.04.1876.

A Lodge deputation was present at the consecration of Lodge St. Clair No.427, Cambusnethan.

03.05.1876.

It was proposed by Bro. Martin and seconded by Bro. Scott that each member pay a subscription of 1/- [5p in contemporary currency] per year as a "list of membership" and that any member not doing so will not be allowed to vote at any of the meetings.

17.10.1876.

A deputation of 32 members of the Lodge travelled to Glasgow and, along with brethren of other Lodges, witnessed HRH the Prince of Wales lay the foundation stone of the General Post Office in George Square. A request by the members to hire a Band of Music to accompany them to Lanark railway station had been denied by 4 votes. The members caught the 8.40am train from Lanark to Glasgow and returned by the 11 pm train from there having had" a very full day in the city"

12.12.1877.

Lodge auditors were first used to check the accounts of the Lodge.

07.05.1879.

Bro. French moved, and Bro. Dunlop seconded, that "there should be a Test of Membership, namely 1/- [5p in contemporary currency] yearly, payable before 27th December, the same to be a Fund for children of destitute position belonging to Master Masons of the Lodge".

09.08.1879.

A deputation from the Lodge, comprising Bros. J Browning (who took charge of the

jewels, sashes etc.), DA V Thomson, J Scott, R Symington. A. Landlands, J Robertson, D Imrie, J Shaw, R Irvine and J McAllister (Tyler), attended the unveiling of a statue of the National Bard, the late Bro. Robert Burns, in Kilmarnock.

27.08.1879.

It was resolved that "a few rituals be procured for the benefit of the Lodge in cases where, any Office-bearers being absent, any of the other brethren present might take their place, but in no cases must the rituals be allowed to be taken from the Lodge".

10.09.1880.

It was revealed that "Bro. William BB MacDonald, passed and raised, will be going abroad soon".

18.11.1880.

Bro. Anderson's offer of the use of his premises and kitchen in Wellgate was accepted at a rent of 25/- [£1.25p in contemporary currency] per year.

13.10.1882.

Brethren of the Lodge joined in the celebration of the formal "turning on" of Lanark water supply by travelling in procession, along with the Foresters and Good Templars and preceded by a Band of Music, to the County Building in Hope Street via Castlegate, Broomgate, Bloomgate and West Port; headed from there by the Provost, Magistrates, Town Council and other public bodies they proceeded to the Horse Market via the High Street, where conveyances of about 50 vehicles then drove them in procession to Loch Lyoch where the ceremony of turning on the water took place. Afterwards, on the invitation of the Provost, Magistrates and Town Council, the brethren and all present partook of cake and wine when loyal and other important toasts were ably proposed and duly responded to. They then drove back to the Horse Market where the procession was re-formed and proceeded through the town by the same route as in the morning. Brethren reached the Lodge about five o'clock when they separated, having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable day.

19.12.1882.

Having been asked on 06.12.1882, Bro. Thomas Walker agreed to lease the upper flat of his property in Wide Close as Lodge premises, with alterations to be carried out immediately; the premises would be occupied on St. John's Day, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Bro. Hector F McLean WS of Carnwath would be asked to perform both the consecration of the Temple and the installation of the RWM and his Office bearers; these were duly performed on 27.12.1882.

10.01.1883.

A Lodge Committee was established to draw up Lodge Bye-Laws.

13.02.1884.

Bro. Swan DM gave the Lodge's first Tracing Board lecture in the EA degree.

20.02.1884.

Bro. Symington SM gave the Lodge's first Tracing Board lecture in the FC degree.

09.04.1884

The RWM proposed that there be entered in the Minutes the sympathy of the Lodge with the Queen and Duchess of Albany in her present bereavement of Prince Leopold who was also a brother mason.

12.01.1887.

The Lodge was now situated at 43 High Street, the premises of Bro. McAllister.

From 05.02.1889 to 03.11.1892 Lodge Old. St. John No.21, Lanark, lay dormant.

08.02.1893.

A letter sent by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Bro. the Hon. James H Cecil Hozier the Younger of Mauldslie to the Grand Lodge Secretary, Bro. D Murray Lyon, read: "Since the autumn of 1891 two Lodges, at Lanark and Lesmahagow respectively, have sprung again into active existence and are full of life and vigour".

05.09.1894.

The Lodge was informed of the death of Bro. Dr. Alexander Jack Prentice, who had been nominated as RWM on 06.12.1893 and who had been present then although very ill. He had not been able to attend the Lodge since then, and had not been installed.

19.09.1894.

The first Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in the Lodge by Bro. Simpson, RWM of Lodge Neptune No.419, Glasgow, when two meetings, at 6pm and 8pm, were held for all the brethren of the Lodge to be advanced to this degree.

04.09.1895.

Brethren of the Lodge accompanied the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Bro. the Hon. James H Cecil Hozier the Younger of Mauldslie, when he laid a memorial stone at Carluke Volunteer Drill Hall. The brethren "were resplendent in their new sashes, collarettes and re-painted rods"

05.09.1895.

Bro. Gibson, having mentioned that he would re-paint the Lodge Room at the Crown Hotel, had carried out the wishes of the R WM by having the Lodge painted "in very fine masonic fashion, with masonic signs and drawings adorning the walls".

11.02.1896.

The first Annual Ball of the Lodge was held in the County Hall where 200 brethren and guests attended. Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge were also represented and a profit of £6.17/6 [£6.77p in contemporary currency] was recorded.

19.02.1896.

A circular from Grand Lodge drew the attention of daughter Lodges to the ruling that there would be a lapse of two weeks between each degree being conferred upon a candidate.

25.05.1896.

Brethren of the Lodge were present at the laying of the foundation stone of the (then) new North Bridge, off Princes Street, Edinburgh. Bro. Downie had put a saloon carriage at their disposal.

02.06.1897.

Bro. Keith explained that the meeting had been called to consider the invitation from the Provost, Magistrates and councillors of Lanark Town Council to accompany them at a special service of thanksgiving in the parish church on Sunday 20th inst. in commemoration of Her Majesty's 60th year of reign; it was agreed to attend.

15.10.1898.

Brethren of the Lodge accompanied the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Bro. the Hon. James H Cecil Hozier the Younger of Mauldslie and Barrowfield, MP, and all Lanark dignitaries when he laid the foundation stone of the Reverend James French's (who was also the Provincial Grand Senior Chaplain) Church at New Lanark, thus culminating the philanthropic work of David Dale, who leased the (then) Well of Spaw, and of Robert Owen, who developed both the Mill and his idealistic views regarding the welfare of its workers.

02.11.1898.

A circular from Grand Lodge to all daughter Lodges read: "that a collection be taken from all Lodges at their Installations in the Scottish Constitution for the Annuity Fund of Grand Lodge, names and proceeds from each Lodge to be published in Grand Lodge Issues in May of each year".

21.12. 1898.

It was minuted that "the Balance Sheet of the Lodge for year ending 27th December current be printed and circulated among the members".

30.11.1899.

On Thursday at 4pm and at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, Bro. the Hon. James H Cecil Hozier the Younger of Mauldslie, was installed into the chair of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; he retained his Provincial rank.

22.01.1901.

While no mention appears in the Lodge Minute books, newspapers printed the following announcement: "Her Majesty, the Queen, breathed her last at 6.30pm, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Signed by James Reid MD, R Douglas Powell MD, Thomas

Barlow MD."

13.11.1901.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. the Hon. James H Cecil Hozier the Younger of Malildslie visited the Lodge and was asked to take the chair" as there had not been any record of such a highly positioned brother of such status seated there previously. He did so for a short while amid loud applause".

22.06.1902.

While again no mention appears in the Lodge Minute books, newspapers gave very good coverage of the coronation of King Edward VII.

1906.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland succeeded to the family title and became the Right Hon. the 2nd Lord Newlands of Mauldslie.

04.12.1907.

The Lodge moved that Grand Lodge be asked the amount of fee for a life membership ticket, as Test Fees were only 1/- [5p in contemporary currency] yearly.

07.10.1908.

It was minuted that "Bro. Smith, who was made a mason in August 1858, had now reached half a century of Masonic Brotherhood and Fraternal Friendship"

10.03.1909.

Brethren of the Lodge voted against the purchase of the Templar Hall for £700 or £800 to use as a Lodge. While 55 brethren were present, only 36 were allowed to vote; 2 voted against and 12 declined which showed less than the required 2/3 majority. This purchase was again raised on 03.11.1909, and defeated on a vote of 16 in favour with 72 voting against.

05.05.1909.

Following the death of Bro. Gibson, his widow intimated that the Lodge would now require to pay rent for the premises it presently uses. It agreed to pay 5 pounds annually inclusive of cleaning, lighting and firing, to be paid 27th December to 27th December each year.

16.05.1910.

The RWM, in feeling terms, expressed, on behalf of the brethren, his very great sorrow at the sudden and unexpected loss of the King and brother Edward VII, and his deep sympathy with Queen Alexandra and members of the royal family; as a mark of respect the brethren were asked to be upstanding while Bro. Fergus played the "Dead March". Grand Lodge instructed that mourning would be worn by all daughter Lodges for 6 months and advised that a memorial service to the late King would be held on Friday 20th inst.

15.10.1910.

The brethren of the Lodge were present, along with sister Lodges, at the consecration of Lodge Lord Newlands No.1074, Tarbrax, by the Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, the Right Hon. the 2nd Lord Newlands of Mauldslie after whom the Lodge is named.

02.11.1910

A Committee was formed to investigate either the building of, or the purchase of a building as, a Masonic Temple.

23.09.1911.

A deputation from the Lodge attended the laying of a memorial stone at Lodge St. John No.187, Carluke, by the Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, the Right Hon. the 2nd Lord Newlands of Mauldslie.

06.11.1914.

It was agreed to send a small Christmas present to each member of the Lodge at present serving with any branch of His Majesty's naval and military forces.

02.12.1914.

The RWM, Bro. William McKenzie, suggested that the Lodge make out a "Roll of Honour" of all members presently serving in His Majesty's forces.

03. 11.1915.

It was unanimously agreed to give a donation at Christmas to those brethren serving in His Majesty's forces.

06.12.1916.

It was agreed to give a present similar to last year to those brethren serving under the Colours.

10.10. 1923.

Bro. James Raeside PM DM, who "had carried out many fine masonic duties for the lodge", accepted the duty of Bazaar Convener, to raise cash for the building of new Lodge premises. The ladies who had assisted were rewarded after their efforts had borne fruit by being entertained by the Lodge on the evening of 09.04.1926, this pleasing duty having been proposed by the Bazaar Convener and seconded by Bro. John Beith on 03.03. 1926.

07.11.1923.

Bro. James Raeside PM DM requested that the Site Committee should make an offer for the site in Wellgate.

27.12.1923

It was approved "that the Lodge Bye-Laws regarding the holding of regular monthly meetings for the ensuing year be on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month".

19. 11. 1924.

RWM Bro. Peter MacAuslan reported that the school at Lillyholm, Mousebank Road had been advertised for sale and might be acquired by the Lodge for use as a Temple. The site committee had put in an offer of £500 [equivalent to some £ 15,000 when indexed to 1997 values] to the Clerk of the Education Authorities on behalf of the Lodge.

17. 12. 1924.

On the proposal by Bro. James Raeside PM DM seconded by Bro. WW Annan it was agreed to offer £400 [equivalent to some £ 1,2,000 when indexed to 1997 values] to purchase fully the ground feus of the school. It was also moved "that the title of the school property and any other heritable subjects to be acquired by the Lodge be in the name of the following: Right Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Secretary, Worshipful Senior Warden, Worshipful Junior Warden and their respective successors in Office and on behalf of the Lodge and members thereof. Messrs Morison & Smith were appointed to act as agents for the Lodge.

10.04.1925.

Architect Mr James Lochhead, of Messrs Lochhead & Brown of Hamilton, estimated that the conversion of the school at Lillyholm, Mousebank Road, would cost £ 1,200 [equivalent to some £36,000 when indexed to 1997 values] for internal reconstruction and £100 [equivalent to some £3,000 when indexed to 1997 values] for external reconstruction.

20.08.1925.

The Lodge Property Committee first met, at 7pm, to assess work in progress.

06.01. 1926.

A letter dated 24.12.1925 from Bro. WW Paterson PM was read which offered £200 [equivalent to some £6,000 when indexed to 1997 values] for the feus for the Ground Annuals payable to the Lodge from subjects in Park Place and Mousebank Road, all conditional upon acceptance" at the Term of WhitMonday next"; the Secretary was instructed to accept the terms and conditions on the motion of Bro. James Noble IPM seconded by Bro. William McGregor.

08.01.1926.

It was intimated that the Ceremony of Consecration by Provincial Grand Lodge had been arranged for Saturday 6th February. On the motion of Bro. Alex Linton seconded by Bro. Alex Butchart it was remitted to the Property Committee to make all necessary arrangements for hospitality to sister Lodges attending.

15.01.1926.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 12 inst. from Mr. R Gray at the County Hall offering to cater for a tea consisting of steak & kidney pie and potatoes, tea bread, scones

and cakes at 2/- [equivalent to 10p in contemporary currency or some £3 when indexed to 1997 values] per head. It was agreed to accept this offer and to charge the brethren 3/6d [equivalent to 17p in contemporary currency or some £5 when indexed to 1997 values] per head. Messers Alex. Meiklejou & Co. Ltd were asked to supply 100 chairs at 6/9d each [equivalent to 34p in contemporary currency or some £ 10 when indexed to 1997 values] discounted by 2d each ["tuppence" or some 2 1/2%] if they were "carted" direct to the Hall and unpacked there; it was arranged for this to be done by 30th January. It was arranged to intimate to Mrs. Bisset that the tenancy of the present Lodge room at 20 Hope Street would be given up on 31st March, up to which date a rent of £2-10/- [equivalent to £2.50 in contemporary currency or some £75 when indexed to 1997 values] would be paid. Cable laying to the hall in Mousebank Road by the Clyde Valley Electric Power Company would cost £6 [equivalent to some £ 180 when indexed to 1997 values], being at tile rate of 10/- [equivalent to 50p in contemporary currency or some £15 when indexed to 1997 values] per yard.

06.02.1926

"The Lodge at Mousebank Road, Lanark, was consecrated by Bro. Provost Peter MacAuslan, Provincial Depute Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, assisted by Bro. Lee MacKenzie Stewart, Provincial Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Reverend McMillan, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. GW Paterson, Provincial Grand Secretary, and sundry other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Upper Ward listed in the Attendance Book of Lodge Old St. John No.21 and signed by them. There were also present; Bro. William W Cowan, RWM of Lodge Old St. John No.21 supported by his Office bearers and sundry other brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Peter MacAuslan, Provincial Depute Grand Master, was in the chair and opened Provincial Grand Lodge in full form." To celebrate the Ceremony of Consecration, a function was held in the County Hall at 4pm, presided over by Bro. William W Cowan, R WM of the Lodge, and attended by about 150 brethren.

07.04.1926.

On a motion proposed by Bro. John Veitch PM and seconded by Bro. John Hare, the Lodge borrowed £400 [equivalent to some £ 12,000 when indexed to 1997 values] from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

06.04.1927.

To facilitate the entrance of "carts etc." it was agreed to have a larger gate inserted at the entrance to the Lodge on the proposal of Bro. James A Noble PM seconded by Bro. Oliphant.

10.07.1927.

A masonic service was held at St. Kentigern's Church, Lanark, when large deputations from various sister Lodges, along with the RWM, Office-bearers and brethren of Lodge Old St. John No.21, were marshalled in processional order and, headed by Lanark Town Band, marched to St. Kentigern's Church; Bro. Reverend John Carrigall MA, Lodge Chaplain, conducted the service in his usual able manner. The brethren were re-marshalled and, again headed by Lanark Town Band, returned to the masonic Temple

where tea was served by Mr. John Ban, Purveyor, Lanark.

01.05.1929.

A letter was read from Lodge St. Mary, Coltness No.31, Wishaw, requesting a deputation from the Lodge to attend a divine service on 12th May.

15.05.1929.

Invitations were read from Lodge St. John No.20, Lesmahagow, and jointly from Lodges Motherwell Caledonian No.1228, Livingstone St. Andrew No.573, Motherwell, and St. John Dalzell No.406, Motherwell, to attend divine services on 27th May.

31.05.1929.

Bro. Peter MacAuslan, newly elected Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward visited the Lodge and was given "a brotherly welcome".

30.10.1929.

An invitation was given by the Captain of HMS "Emperor of India" to visit his ship when he and 18 other brethren under his command attended a meeting also attended by 80 brethren of the Lodge and of Provincial Grand Lodge; he was warmly thanked for this privilege.

02.12.1931.

On the proposal of Bro. James Noble PM seconded by Bro. Robert Flemington PM, Bro. John Neil was nominated as Lodge Treasurer, a post which he was due to hold with great distinction for 40 years until his death in May of 1971.

05.10.1932.

An account for £5 [equivalent to some £180 when indexed to 1997 values] from Bro. Robert T Flemington PM for painting the Hall was passed for payment.

04.01.1933

The caretaker reported a leak in the roof of the Hall and volunteered to repair it himself.

05.04.1933.

A letter from Mrs. Jeanie Watson requested a let of the Masonic Hall for Saturday to inaugurate a "White Shrine"; the let was agreed at a price of 10/6d [52p in contemporary currency or the equivalent of some £19 when indexed to 1997 values] and due consideration would be given to arrangements for future meetings. It was subsequently agreed on 03.09.1933 to let the Hall for these meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at the same price, to grant choral socials on the specified dates and to offer a ladies' Badminton Club lets on Saturday afternoons or evenings since all the day lets were taken.

03.09.1933.

Bro. F Peat was offered a let of the Hall for a Dance Club on one night per month between the hours of 8pm and 11 pm at a price of 25/- [£1.25p in contemporary currency or the equivalent of some £44 when indexed to 1997 values] per night. The Whist Drive

and Dance on 6th October at 7.45pm would proceed as usual with Bros. Alex Linton PM and John Neil to act as MCs for the whist and Bro. Gavin Brown MacPherson RWM as MC for the dance.

06.09.1933.

On a motion proposed by Bro. William McGregor PM and seconded by Bro. Alex Linton PM it was agreed to form a Lodge Masonic Burns Club.

11.10.1933.

The Lodge Secretary was instructed to obtain the Bye-Laws & Constitution of the Masonic Burns Club from Lodge Hamilton Kilwinning No.7.

19.09. 1934.

Bro. James Jamieson PM moved that the "Blacks" be asked to shift their meetings to the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Mondays of the month, that the Royal Arch Chapter be asked to shift their meetings to the 2nd Wednesdays and that the Order of the Eastern Star be asked to accept the 4th Wednesdays. Bro. James F Peat, the Lodge Organist, offered his services to form a Choir and asked for volunteers.

06.03.1935.

Bro. Alex Linton arranged to have sight holes made in the doors.

01.05.1935.

A letter was read from Lodge Hopetoun No.507, Leadhills, seeking assistance to present Mrs. MacAuslan, the wife of the Provincial Grand Master, with a gold ring made from gold mined at Leadhills as a token of goodwill from the brethren of the province and, if there were sufficient funds, one also for the Provincial Grand Master. The presentation to both Mrs. MacAuslan and the Provincial Grand Master was duly carried out on 27.06.1936 in the presence of 4 brethren and their wives, or 8 brethren, of each Provincial sister Lodge.

04.09.1935.

It was agreed to enquire of Bro. Martin the cost for renewing the; lights at the "Eye" and the "Star".

29.01.1936.

A silent Vote of Sympathy was passed in respect of the late King George V.

05.02.1936.

During the annual visitation of Provincial Grand Lodge, a letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary instructing all Lodges to go into mourning until 30th April "owing to the death of our beloved King George V". During that evening, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Hon. Sheriff Peter MacAuslan JP received the gavel of Lodge Old St. John No.21 from its RWM, Bro. James MacAuslan, his son.

19.08.1936.

It was agreed to hold a bi-centenary whist drive and dance on Friday 11th September at 7.30 pm, the charge for the former being 1/6d each [7p in contemporary currency or equivalent to some £2.75 when indexed to 1997 values] and for the latter 2/6d for the gentlemen and 2/- for the ladies [respectively 12p and 10p in contemporary currency or equivalent to some £4.60 and £3.70 respectively when indexed to 1997 values].

19.12.1936.

Bi-centenary celebrations were held in the Lodge at 4pm, with photographs taken by Bro. WD Brown and the Daily Record. Brethren in attendance were: Bro. James MacAuslan RWM, supported by Bro. Hon. Sheriff Peter MacAuslan, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master; Bro. J.N Buchanan, Right Worshipful Substitute Provincial Grand Master; Bro. John Lightbody, Provost of the Royal Burgh of Lanark; Bro. the Reverend D Lindsay, RWM of Lodge St. John No.20; Bro. the Reverend W Anderson, Provincial Grand Chaplain; Bro. the Reverend William Dobie, Chaplain of Lodge Old St. John No.21 ; Bro. Alexander Linton, PM21; Bro. James Jamieson, PM21; Bro. James Graham, PM21; Bro. George Fraser, PM21; Bro. Samuel Douglas, PM21; Bro. Richard Walker, PM21; Bro. Gavin Drown MacPherson, PM21, Assistant Bi-centenary Secretary; Bro. James Graham, WSW; Bro. John Frood, WJW; Bro. Andrew Murphy, Lodge Secretary; Bro. John Neil, Lodge Treasurer; Bro. James MacPherson, SD; Bro. Bert Ross, JD; Bro. Oscan Grandjean, IG; Bro. James F Peat, Organist; Bro. William Morrison, Tyler; and Bros. James Ramsay, William Gibson, Fred Jess, George Rothwell, Alexander Hector, Herbert Bull, Charles Brown, John Stiel, John McGuinness, William Purdie, John Bruce, Joseph Neil and William Oliver. A special bi-centenary divine service was held in the Lodge at 3pm on 27.12. 1936.

06.01. 1937.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Peter MacAuslan JP, stated that, as the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Harris, was retiring from office owing to promotion in his daily avocation, Bro. John Lightbody of Lodge Old St. John No.21 was taking up that office from the 30th inst.

03.02.1937.

It was agreed that a History of the Lodge be made in booklet form to coincide with the Sale of Work Bazaar on 25.09.1937.

26.03.1937.

The RWM, Bro. John Ford, gave a hearty welcome to all visitors and especially to Bro. N Watson of Lodge Adelpia, Australia [not of the Scottish Constitution), who had sojourned in that continent for 55 years.

05.05.1937.

Bro. Secretary stated that, on the wishes of the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. HRH the Duke of York [later HM King George VI], each annuitant had received an extra grant of half this year's annual allowance.

06.10.1937.

An account was received from the Performing Rights Society for their annual fee of £4.14.6d [£4.77 in contemporary currency or equivalent to some £ 162 when indexed to 1997 values].

10.10.1937.

A deputation from the Lodge attended the Centenary divine service of Lodge St. Mary, Coltness No.31, Wishaw at 6.15pm.

03.11.1937.

A quotation from Messrs Fatterence Ltd for 35 bi-centenary jewels was passed on the proposal of Bro. Samuel A Douglas, and 50 such jewels were purchased to be sold at 3/3d [17p in contemporary currency or equivalent to some £5.75 when indexed to 1997 values] each.

08.05.1938.

The Lodge held a divine service in St. Leonard's Church [now demolished and its congregation united with St. Nicholas Parish Church in 1968] at 6.15pm accompanied by Lanark Town Band.

05.10.1938

After some discussion it was agreed to purchase a case for the Lodge Secretary to carry his books.

28.08.1939.

A proposal was made to darken the windows of the Hall, but it was ultimately agreed to leave the question in the meantime and await the result of "the international situation".

18.10.1939.

The Lodge premises at Mousebank Road, Lanark, having been requisitioned by the military authorities for the duration of the Second World War, the Broomgate Institute became the regular meeting place for its duration and on this date held the regular meeting, moving the Lodge furnishings in on the day following.

02.06.1940.

A deputation from the Lodge attended a divine service at Lodge S1. Andrew No.215, Strathaven.

04.09.1940.

The RWM, Bro. Robert Parr, requested the brethren to observe two minutes' silence out of respect to Bro. Peter MacAuslan JP Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, who had died during the summer vacation.

18.09.1940.

A communication from the Provincial Grand Secretary informed the brethren about procedures adopted on behalf of masons' orphans wishing to be evacuated abroad.

05.03.1941.

Mrs. MacAuslan offered to present the Lodge with the regalia of the late Provincial Grand Master, her husband. His successor, Bro. James Buchanan, offered, on behalf of the Upper Ward Lodges, to furnish a suitable display case for the regalia, which itself should be placed in the custody of the bank until the Lodge regained its premises in Mousbank Road. This duly took place on 06.02.1946.

19.03.1941.

The RWM, Bro. Kenneth Williams, in thanking the visiting deputation from Lodge Kirkhill No.1230, Cambuslang, commented that they had the experience of being caught in the Blitz and praised them for the way in which they had carried on even although the anti-aircraft guns were firing all the time.

18.02.1942.

A hearty invitation was read from Lodge Comrades No.2740 (E.C.) to any brother to visit them when in London.

07.04.1943.

Bro. Gavin Brown MacPherson intimated that the cost of repairs to the shed at the rear of the Lodge in Mousebank Road would be in the region of £5 [equivalent to some £ 135 when indexed to 1997 values].

19.05.1943.

Correspondence included a letter from Mr. William Black of 4 Park Place, Lanark, informing the Lodge of the condition of the wall separating his property and that of the Lodge.

05.01.1944.

"On the motion of PM Linton, it was unanimously agreed to present life membership to all members of the Lodge serving in HM forces and Merchant Navy as a mark of appreciation by the Lodge for the service they are rendering to King, Country and all freedom-loving people. Any serving members already in possession of life membership to be the recipient of the membership fee." This minute was rescinded on 02.02.1944 as "the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge do not allow this to be carried out" .

20.09.1944.

The military authorities intimated that the Lodge premises in Mousebank Road would be de-registered as from 3rd October 1944 and that there would be due notification as to the date of the "march-out" inspection, Messrs James D Herbertson & Sons, 122 Wellington Street, Glasgow were, in fact, nominated for that inspection on Friday 20th October 1944 at 10am.

07.03.1945.

Bro. Samuel A Douglas PM proposed, and Bro. Alex Linton PM seconded, the following procedures regarding the method of ballot: "The ballot box to be placed at the altar and the brethren desirous of balloting would proceed there, select the ballot ball they desired

and deposit it in the ballot box." This was changed on 07.11.1951 when, on the proposal of Bro. Alex Hastie seconded by Bro. John Baillie, it was decided that the ballot box be carried around and not placed on the altar.

04.04.1945.

Bro. Alex Linton PM commented that the Lodge was losing revenue while paying repair bills and not removing to the Lodge premises at Mousebank Road; it was decided to contact the military authorities once more, and, as a result and after five years, the Lodge held its first regular meeting at Mousebank Road on 05.09.1945. On that date, Mr. Peter McLean of 6 Park Place was refused permission to take down 12 feet of wall between his house and the Lodge grounds to assist him in making a carriageway, and Bro. James Noble proposed a remit to the Hall Committee to consider that the caretaker receive other premises or have premises built for him and that his present accommodation become part of the Hall as a buffet or refreshment room.

03.02.1946.

Bro. James Jamieson PM had a special word of praise for Bro. Andrew Baxter who, in his first attempt at floor work, gave the lecture in the NE Corner in an excellent manner.

06.02.1946.

Bro. James N Buchanan JP, Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, was present during the unveiling of the display case containing the regalia of his predecessor; in a very touching manner he met on the level with his predecessor's son, Bro. James MacAuslan PM, DOC, and congratulated him on his safe return from being a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese, and on the pleasing coincidence of this date being the 17th anniversary of his marriage.

04.02.1948.

The EA degree was carried out by Bro. Thomas Gordon [now Snr] ably assisted by Bro. Andrew Baxter [now Snr], who were warmly thanked by Bro. John McInally, RWM.

17.03.1948.

A communication was read from Lodge Kildalton No.552, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, requesting that the Lodge confer the MM degree upon Bro. James McLintock, a FC of that Lodge who now resided at 12 Mousebank Road, Lanark.

21.04.1948.

A communication from Provincial Grand Lodge intimated that 6,000 gift food parcels had been received from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and that 10% had been allocated to Lodge Old St. John No.21.

15.09.1948.

Bro. James Noble PM intimated that the dwelling house adjoining the Lodge was for sale and would, in his opinion, provide a decided improvement to facilities; however, as it would cost around £3,000 [equivalent to some £55,000 when indexed to 1997 values] to purchase and to adapt the caretaker's premises, the proposal was abandoned.

02.02.1949.

It was unanimously agreed that in future the Inner Guard would sit at the South Entrance to the Lodge.

07.12.1949.

A letter from Bro. Charles Burrows, B.Comm., C.A., A.C.W.A., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, intimated that Bro. James Graham, the oldest PM at that time, had received honorary rank as Honorary Junior Deacon of Grand Lodge.

05.04.1950.

It was intimated that a "Home for the Aged and Infirm Masons" had been purchased at Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.

19.04. 1950.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Bro. Mason who was compiling the History of the Lodge, instructing him that the "Bell Brass" Compasses were dated 1714.

03.05.1950.

It was proposed by Bro. Alex Linton PM and seconded by Bro. James MacPherson that a Kalamazoo system be obtained for the records of the Lodge.

06.02.1952.

After opening the Lodge, the RWM, Bro. J Gary McKinlay, made "fitting and proper reference to the passing of His Majesty the King and Past Master Mason of Scottish Craft Masonry"; the brethren were upstanding for two minutes' silence as a token of respect to the late King George VI and sang a verse of his favourite hymn "Abide with Me". On 11.02.1952 Grand Lodge directed a three month period of mourning during which all jewels, fringes of sashes and the altar were to be draped with black cloth.

17.12.1952.

It was intimated that Bro. George Fraser PM had received honorary rank as Honorary Grand Bible Bearer of Grand Lodge.

19.01.1953.

After discussion regarding the ceremony of the MM degree it was resolved that the RWM, Bro. John Baillie, select a team to confer the MM degree according to the method employed some 15-20 years ago and then leave the brethren to decide which ceremony they preferred.

01.04.1953.

Bro. John Baillie, RWM, called the brethren to be upstanding for one minute's silence as a token of respect on the passing of Queen Mary.

30.08.1953.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Gas Board with reference to a replacement gas cooker on hire purchase terms.

23.12.1953.

Bro. Alex Linton PM referred at length to the many attainments and qualifications of Bro. James Graham PM, reminding the brethren of that brother's 50 years as a Past Master of the Lodge since 1903 and also as holding honorary Grand rank since 1949. He then presented Bro. James Graham with a gold RWMM jewel along with a Distinguished Member's Service Diploma to which the recipient replied With a few well chosen remarks.

12.04.1954.

The Committee agreed that the Lodge Secretary should write to the caretaker asking that an extra effort be made to have the Hall looking as fine as possible for the occasion of the forthcoming visit of the Grand Master Mason, the Most Worshipful Bro. Alexander, the 7th Lord MacDonald of Sleat, together with his Grand Office-bearers.

15.12.1954.

Bro. William H Hannah, RWM, drew attention to the excellent work of Bro. J Turnbull in his redecoration of the FC tracing board.

04.04.1955.

The Committee examined the perimeter wall on Mrs. Smart's side and recommended that it should be pointed without prejudice.

19.10.1955.

On the proposal of Bro. Andrew Baxter RWM seconded by Bro. J McNally PM it was agreed that Bro. John Neil should receive a Distinguished Member's Diploma for his 25 years' service as Lodge Treasurer. On the proposal of Bro. Alex Linton PM, Secretary, seconded by Bro. James MacPherson PM, it was also agreed that Bro. John Neil should receive a suitable gift.

30.11.1955.

The Lodge Secretary intimated that the RWM elect, Bro. Thomas Gordon, had met with an accident and that he was in Law hospital; a letter from the brother stated that he would, however, be able to take office, and he was duly installed on 01.02.1956.

05.12.1956.

The Lodge Secretary reported that Bro. Kennedy was in Law hospital and was therefore unable to estimate the cost of repairing the damage caused by the fire on Saturday, November 10th; Stuart H Shaw Limited would be asked to provide this information in his place. He also reported that he had written to Minimax Extinguishers Limited to obtain refills for the fire extinguishers in the Hall.

06.02.1957.

Bro. Alex Linton PM spoke of the passing of Bro. Charles Howland PM who, in his year

as Master of the Lodge, had 119 Intrants, a record which still stood; the brethren were upstanding for one minute's silence as a token of respect. The brother also drew to the attention of the assembled brethren that Bro. J Prosser had now passed his 50 years as a mason and this was passed to the Committee for its consideration.

12.02.1957.

It was agreed to obtain estimates from T Lithgow, J Glaister and T Glaister for the repair of storm damage to the roof of the Lodge.

16.04.1958.

It was intimated that a ventilator on the roof of the Hall was causing a nuisance through noise and that complaints regarding this had been received from neighbouring tenants.

15.04.1959.

A communication from Grand Secretary read: "Grand Committee records its disapproval of Housey-Houscy, Tombola, or similar games, as a method of raising money for masonic purposes and it also disapproves of Lodge premises being used for such practices."

17.02.1960.

Bro. Joseph Beaty RWM advised that the regalia of the Lodge should be properly stored as some of the lambskins were being marked by the brass tassels. .

11.04.1960.

The Lodge granted the loan of whist tables and chairs to the local fire brigade who were running a whist drive in aid of the Glasgow Fire Disaster Fund.

14.05.1960.

A letter was read from Lodge Wilsonstown Ironworks St. John's No.236 requesting the Lodge's attendance at their sesquicentennial [150th] celebrations in the Masonic Hall, Forth, on Saturday 6th August 1960 at 4pm.

05.10.1960.

Further to the Notice of Motion previously minuted it was proposed by Bro. Allan Ewing and seconded by Bro. R Flemington that the Lodge apply for a Club License; after some discussion this motion was accepted, although possible structural alterations would be required. The Club Certificate was duly received on 15.03.1961 from the Sheriff Clerk of Lanarkshire, as was a notice from the Commissioners of Customs & Excise intimating a fee of £5 [equivalent to some £60 when indexed to 1997 values]. The Club Rules were also minuted in this respect for future reference.

03.09.1961.

Bro. Allan Ewing RWM gave a resume of work carried out on the roof of the Lodge during recess and thanked the following brethren for their efforts: Bros. D Baxter, J Dunlop, R Gracie, A Gupwell, R.F Jux, A McCreddie, J Purdie. JTE Riley, W Simpson, R Skillen, J Stonebanks and R Wright.

21.02. 1962.

It was proposed by Bro. Allen Ewing RWM, and unanimously approved by the Lodge, that Distinguished Service Membership be conferred on Bros. Alex Linton PM and James Noble PM.

28.03.1962.

Bro. Allan Ewing RWM presented Bro, James Dunlop WJW with a beautiful clock on behalf of his Office-bearers on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage,

18.04, 1962.

A letter was read from Bro. John M Whyte FRIS LRIBA Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lallarkshire Upper Ward intimating that, as from 10th April 1962, "all inter-provincial visitations will cease and no Lodge will confer degrees in a Lodge of another province". On the same date, it was intimated that Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM and Bro. James Dunlop were working on the Tracing Board lectures of, respectively, the FC and MM degrees.

29.12.1962.

Bro. Victor F Richardson PM, affiliate member of Lodge King Hiram No.1351 (E.C.), presented Bro. Allan Ewing IPM with a PMs apron on which were engraved words of appreciation from the Lodge.

28.12.1963.

Bro. John Neil, Lodge Treasurer, was presented to Bro. John M Whyte FRIS LRIBA Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward who, after congratulating him on his 32nd year as Lodge Treasurer, conferred upon him the honorary rank of Provincial Grand Treasurer. In his reply, Bro. John Neil commented that he was proud to become the third member of the Lodge to be awarded honorary Provincial Grand rank, the others being Bros. Alex Linton PM and James Noble PM.

29.04.1964.

The following bar prices were recommended (round-bracketed figures represent straight conversion to contemporary currency)[square-bracketed figures represent conversion by indexing to equivalent 1997 values]:

Sweet Stout, Export, Brown Ale, Lager.....	1/3d (6p) [61 p]
Pale Ale.....	1/- (5p) [50p]
Guinness.....	1/4d (7p) (70p)
Carlsberg.....	1/6d (8p) [75p]
Whisky, Gin, Vodka, Rum - maximum.....	2/8d (13p) [134p]
Brandy, Drambuie - maximum.....	2/10d (14p) [142p]

31 .03.1965.

Bro. James Dunlop RWM intimated that he, along with the Bro. Secretary and the Bro. Treasurer, had met with the Telephonic Manager regarding creation of a public telephone kiosk within the grounds of the premises of the Lodge, but this had proved impracticable;

the Lodge would now install a coin operated telephone in the corridor of the Hall with an extension and bell relayed to tile caretaker's home.

06.10.1965.

A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary thanking the Lodge for the hospitality given to Bro. Andrew, the Lord Bruce [afterwards the 11th Earl of Elgin and 15th Earl of Kincardine], the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, when he and his Office-bearers arrived at the Lodge to install Bro. John Taylor BEM as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward.

26.01.1966.

Bro. Andrew Murphy RWM confirmed that a Sick Report would be included in the Competent Business of future regular meetings of the Lodge.

20.04.1966.

A letter was read from Lodge Union No.244, Stonehouse, inviting the Lodge to a rededication ceremony on Saturday 7th May at 2.30 pm.

07.09.1966.

It was proposed by Bro. David H Brown PM and seconded by Bro. Ian Comrie that the Lodge act as a sponsor for a new Lodge at Law Village, Carluke. [Lodge Mauldslie Castle No.1630 was subsequently consecrated on 02.02.1967.]

01.03.1967.

A presentation was made by Bro. Andrew W Campbell R WM, on behalf of the Lodge, of an inscribed wallet to Bro. John Neil, Lodge Treasurer in acknowledgement of his 36 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Lodge and to freemasonry .

28.05.1969.

It was noted that the contract for the lowering of the Lodge ceiling had been placed with Ceiling Craft Limited and that the work would be carried out during the last week in June and the first week in July at a cost of £450 [equivalent to some £3,600 when indexed to 1997 values).

02.09.1970.

Bro. J Thomas E; Riley RWM made reference to the attendance in the Lodge of Bro. David Brown who had recently celebrated his 80th birthday; the assembled brethren echoed his sentiments.

15.01.1971.

Pursuant to the death of Bro. John McEwan, RWM elect, an emergency meeting of the Lodge was held which was attended by members of seven sister Lodges. Bro. J Thomas E Riley RWM spoke at length on Bro. McEwan's qualities as a man and as a mason before offering a prayer and adjourning the Lodge in order that the brethren assembled could join the family cortege. On their return to the Lodge and on resumption, the RWM once again thanked the brethren for their attendance. [Bro. J Thomas E Riley thereafter

served a second year as RWM.]

27.01.1971.

Bro. TB Dick intimated that a lady's trouser suit had been made available to the Lodge through Bros. K Prince and R Brown; the Lodge Committee . had recommended that it be raffled at the Annual Ball and the proceeds given to the Ibrox Disaster Fund.

05.05.1971.

Bro. J Thomas E Riley RWM extended a cordial welcome to Bro. Albert McLaren who had been Lodge Secretary around 1929.

31.05.1971.

Pursuant to the death of Bro. John Neil, Lodge Treasurer, an emergency meeting of the Lodge was held where Bro. J Thomas E Riley R WM spoke at length on Bro. Neil's qualities as a man and as a mason, and of his amassed accumulation of knowlodge which had always been made available to the brethren, more especially to the members of all the various Committees which he had attended through the forty years during which he had been Lodge Treasurer; he then led the brethren in prayer before adjourning the Lodge in order that the assembled brethren could meet the family cortege. On return to the Lodge and on resumption, the RWM again thanked the brethren for their attendance.

28.08.1971.

It was intimated that the new Club Room (which had been the Tyler's house) had now reached the stage where brethren were required to help with tile painting and decorating.

01.09.1971.

Bro. R Drown received a vote of thanks from the Lodge for having repainted the Altar during recess.

19.01.1972.

An invitation was received from Lodge The Bonnie Doon No.565, Patna, to confer the MM degree on a suitable Saturday in April.

05.04.1972.

A letter was read from Lodge Nethan St. John No. 1289, Kirkmuirhill, concerning their 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday 6th May 1972 at 2.30pm. .

15.11.1972

Bro. Thomas B Dick R WM read a letter from Bro. David Liddel-Grainger of Ayton, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, thanking the brethren for their hospitality on Friday evening, 3rd November, in their Lodge Rooms and suggesting that a photograph of the Lodge's "bell brass" Square & Compasses might be taken for possible insertion in Grand Lodge Year Book.

30.05.1973.

Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM stated that plans for extensive extensions to the Lodge were

not available at present, but that a fun Committee meeting would be summoned by Bro. Andrew Campbell PM as soon as they were to hand. An estimate had been received from Messrs Morris & Simpson to carry out extensions in the range of £45-60,000 [equivalent to some £296-394,000 when indexed to 1 997 values].

17.04.1974..

Bro. Charles B Scott RWM intimated that Bro. James Noble PM had celebrated his 88th birthday, whereupon the brethren accorded their congratulations with warm applause.

28.08.1974.

Bros. J Moon and J Milligan were given a vote of thanks from the brethren for repairs carried out to the Lodge boundary wall.

04.09.1974.

Bro. Charles B Scott RWM congratulated Bros. Robert Brown and W. Stein's rink on winning that year's Lamington Bowling Trophy.

06.11. 1974.

Bro. Charles B Scott R WM presented Bro. K Noble on behalf of his father, Bro. James Noble PM, with an inscribed silver tray in Commemoration of his father's 50 years as a Past Master.

18.12.1974.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Andrew Campbell. Lodge Secretary, Sutherland McIvor and Robert Brown for sanding and scaling the floor of the Hall.

26.02. 1975.

Bro J Thomas E Riley PM suggested that the Diploma which had belonged to the late Bro. John Neil, Lodge Treasurer, be displayed in the Temple whenever it came into the Lodge's possession.

01.09.1976.

Bro. Thomas Gordon Jnr RWM informed the brethren that Bros. R Brown, W Stein and H Jess had been successful in winning the Lamington Bowling Trophy, and that they would also represent the Province at Eddlewood against the Provincial Middle Ward of Lanarkshire.

20.10. 1976.

Bro. W Moore of Lodge Camperdown No.317, Dundee, was presented with his 50 Years' diploma by Bro. James W Boyd IPM; a letter of thanks was read from that Lodge for the Lodge's assistance.

06.04.1977.

A letter was received from Lodge Biggar Free Operative No.167 requesting the presence of the brethren at Biggar Parish Church on 29th May to celebrate their 250th anniversary.

18.04.1977.

Bro. Robert Brown RWM asked Bro. W Tough to inform the brethren of the cost of Hall improvements consisting of all-round seating, Formica tables, chairs, carpets etc and was told that the total would be approximately £5,480 [equivalent to some £19,000 when indexed to 1997 values] or £ 188 per month at 12.5% over 2 years.

20.09. 1978.

Bro. Henry J McPhee RWM informed the brethren that he had attended the 75th rededication ceremony at Lodge Lallside No.955, Glasgow.

27.09.1978.

Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM, Lodge Secretary, asked if the Lodge could purchase a till for the bar.

29.10. 1979.

Bro. James W Boyd PM, Lodge Treasurer, asked if the Lodge could not have its own Mark Tokens with the Lodge number shown on them.

23.02.1980.

During this special meeting, Bro. William Tough RWM paid tribute to the recently-departed Bro. Allan Ewing PM "who had upheld the high office of Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge for two years and who had worked tirelessly as a mason and as a man; he had made his Mark in the history of Lodge Old St. John No.21 and would be sorely missed by the Lodge". After two minutes' silence the brethren assembled at the Murray Chapel, Lanark cemetery, joining a large turnout of mourners.

16.04.1980.

Three skips were ordered to remove rubble from the boundary wall, and, on 01.10.1980, Bro. William Tough R WM thanked all the brethren who had helped, especially Bros. Robert Brown, Sutherland McIvor and Robert Cameron.

27.01.1982

Bro. Walter J Tough RWM remarked on how impressed everyone was with the redecorated Hall and passageway, and Bros. Robert Brown PM, John Galbraith and Stuart Colligan were thanked for their efforts; it was agreed to pay £ 10.80 [equivalent to some £20 when indexed to 1997 values] towards the cost of materials.

16.03.1983.

Bro. John Frod RWM thanked Bro. Keith Estensen, Junior Steward, for the manner in which he had restored the Emblems.

27.04.1983.

The sub-Committee formed to prepare for the 250th anniversary of the Lodge in 1986 would comprise: Bros. John Frod RWM; J Thomas E Riley PM, Lodge Secretary; James W Boyd PM, Treasurer; Steward.1 Murphy PM; J Cameron Cairns WSW and William Frod WJW.

18.05.1983.

Bro. John Frood RWM informed the Lodge that the Safe had been opened and that an inventory was now being taken of its contents. Bro. Charles B Scott PM DOC then presented Bro. Alec Nelson to the RWM who, on coming to the level in the West, thanked Bro. Nelson for faithfully and diligently fulfilling his duties as Organist to the Lodge for over 20 years and, on behalf of the brethren, presented him with a beautiful clock; Bro. Nelson thanked the RWM and brethren in a very emotional reply.

31.08.1983.

Bro. John Frood RWM indicated that he, along with Bro. W Douglas Ritchiel, would attend the dedication service of the new premises of Lodge Abington Arbory No.1081. Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM, Lodge Secretary, was asked to have the 250th sub-Committee look into the historical records of the Lodge as far as possible and report back to the General Committee. That report, made on 28.03.1984. indicated that that no records were available before 1736.

02.11.1983.

Bro. Thomas B Dick PM informed the Lodge that, at the last communication of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. James Thomas Etchells Riley PM, Lodge Secretary, the present Provincial Grand Chaplain, had been elected as the next Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward; this news "was warmly received by the assembled brethren. The installation was on 13.04.1984 in the Masonic Temple, Lanark, carried out by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of the: Grand Lodge or Scotland, Bro. J.M Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet OStJ, MA, FRICS, and in the presence of his blood brother, Bro. John Riley, Worshipful Master of Lodge Abcross No.1620 (E.C.)

04.04.1984.

It was proposed by Bro. William Frood WSW and seconded by Bro. James W Boyd PM, Lodge Treasurer, that the following brethren receive their 50 Years Diplomas: Bro. Hugh Brownlie (1918); Bro. Alex Hyslop (1923): Bro. David Chalmers (1925); Bro. George L Neil (1927); Bro. William Gossart (1930): Bro. James Chaplin MBE (1931); Bro. James Brownlie, (1931); Bro. Alexander Dobbie (1932) and Bro. James Chalmers (1934).

27.03.1985.

Bro. J Cameron Cairns IPM intimated that he had acquired a silver trophy which he intended to ask the Lodge to donate to the Lanark Lanimer Committee as a gift from Lodge Old St. John No.21, with the trophy to be later known as "The Princess of Wales Trophy" [named after the hotel which he owned in Bannatyne Street, Lanark] and to be competed for each year at the Pipe Band Competition.

15.05.1985.

Bro. William Frood RWM extended a warm welcome to Bro. Richard Walker PM and, after coming to the level, presented him with his 50 Years Jubilee Diploma; in his reply, the brother thanked the RWM and the assembled brethren of the Lodge for their very

kind presentation, and gave them an insight into the Lodge's working during the Second World War.

18.09.1985.

Bro. William Froid RWM intimated that brethren of the Lodge had been invited to the dedication of the new premises of Lodge Union No.244, Stonehouse, on 5th October.

19.02.1986.

Bro. Thomas B Dick PM reported that a "Travelling Gavel" had been presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, and that the manner in which it would "travel" would be communicated to Lodge Secretaries.

05.05.1986.

Bro. John Galbraith RWM intimated that Bro. Thomas B Dick PM had been invested with the jewel of Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden at the last convocation of Provincial Grand Lodge and, on behalf of the Past Masters, Office-bearers and Brethren of the Lodge, expressed his sincere thanks to the brother for his diligence during the previous 15 years as the Lodge's representative at Provincial Grand Lodge. The RWM added that the brother had promoted the interests of freemasonry throughout the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire and further a field; that in the last few years, he had organised the annual Provincial golf tournament which had become one of the highlights of the Provincial calendar; that he had been an inspiration throughout the years to many young Office-bearers; and that his latest Honour "will not in any way diminish his zeal to promote the interests of freemasonry in Provincial Grand Lodge, his Mother Lodge or any other Society of which he may be a member". [Bro. Thomas B Dick PM was to be further honoured from 1989 to 1994 by being commissioned as Substitute Master of Provincial Grand Lodge.]

12.09.1986

A special meeting of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held in the Memorial Hall, Lanark, to commemorate the 250th anniversaries jointly of Lodge St. John No.20, Lesmahagow, and Lodge Old St. John No.21, Lanark. Present were the RWMs of each Lodge, Bros, Eric Gibb and John Galbraith respectively, Bro. J Thomas E Riley, Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward and other brethren totaling in all some 130. Bro. Eric Gibb RWM of Lodge St. John No.20 handed the gavel to Bro. J Thomas E Riley RWPGM so that Provincial Grand Lodge could conduct the ceremony, after which the gavel was returned to Bro. John Galbraith RWM of Lodge Old St. John No.21 who warmly thanked Provincial Grand Lodge for their labours.

02.12.1987.

Bro. W Douglas Ritchie RWM instructed Bro. J Cameron Cairns PM DOC to present Bro. Kenneth Williamson PM; he then went to the low West and presented the very worthy Past Master with his 50 years Jubilee Diploma; Bro. Kenneth Williams suitably replied and the assembled brethren warmly responded.

01.02.1989.

Bro. H John McPhee PM commented on both the difficulty of removing the Lodge carpet from underneath the seating in the East and the poor state of the ballot box; Bro. William A Bain indicated his willingness to remedy both defects.

06.02.1989.

Having been proposed on 18. 01.1989 by Bro. James W Boyd PM. Lodge Secretary, and seconded by Bro. W Douglas Ritchie PM, Lodge Almoner. that £100 be given to the Lockerbie Disaster Fund, a large deputation headed by RWM Bro. Gordon Brown Steele attended Lodge Lockerbie Quhytewoollen No.258 along with deputations from other Lodges throughout the central belt of Scotland: the members of Lodge Lockerbie No.258 professed to being "overwhelmed" by the strength and generosity of the visitors, whose donations were thankfully received and would be faithfully applied to the benefit of those members and their families who had been affected by the disastrous crash of the airliner.

19.04.1989.

Bro. Gordon B Steele RWM attended the ceremony of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Lodge St. Bride No.118, Douglas, to mark their 275th anniversary. [The first recorded minute of that Lodge was in 1714.]

20.09.1989.

Bro. Gordon B Steele RWM instructed Bro. A Allan Crozier PM DOC to present Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM; he then gave a short resume of that very worthy Past Master's masonic career before going to the low West and presenting Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM with a Past Master's apron & sash to show the thanks of the Lodge for the honour brought to it during that brother's recently completed term as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward. In thanking the assembled brethren for the most kind gift, Bro. J Thomas E Riley PM admitted to being speechless by their generosity.

17.10.1990.

During the annual visitation of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. J Thomas E Riley IPPGM informed the brethren that Provincial Grand Lodge were now planning to purchase a static caravan for the benefit of suitably qualified members or their widows and to site it in the Ayrshire area.

16.10.1991.

Bro. Alan Calderwood R WM thanked Bro, J Thomas E Riley PM for taking over the very important duty as Acting Secretary while the Lodge Secretary, Bro. James W Boyd PM was on holiday in Queensland, Australia, with his wife,

02.09. 1992.

Bro. Thomas J Williams RWM thanked the brethren for their support when he attended the 25th anniversary celebrations of Lodge Mauldslie Castle No.1630, Law Village, Carluke.

16.10.1992

Bro. Thomas J Williams R WM thanked Bro. William A. Bain on behalf of the Lodge for fitting a new door to the Regalia Room.

18.11.1992.

Bro. H John McPhee PM DOC, in reporting on the latest quarterly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, intimated that Bro. James W Boyd PM, who is also Provincial Grand Almoner, and Bro. James F Clark PM of Lodge Union No.244, Stonehouse, who is also Depute Provincial Grand Master, had both been nominated to represent the Province on the Grand Lodge Masonic Homes Committee.

20.01.1993.

Bro. Andrew C Scott RWM spoke on a Notice of Motion to change Bye-Law No.7 of the Special Bye-Laws of Lodge Old St. John No. 21 to read: "That the Master shall appoint, from among the Past Masters of the Lodge, his Depute Master and from the remainder of Past Masters and Brethren, his Substitute Master. All elective offices shall be elected annually by the Lodge." The motion was subscribed by Bro. James W Boyd PM, Lodge Secretary, and Bro. James M Young, WSW.

27.12.1993.

Bro. Archibald M Galbraith, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, presented Bro. John Robertson with the diploma and jewel of honorary Grand Tyler in recognition of his inspiring and loyal masonic duties.

02.02.1994.

Bro. James M Young RWM congratulated Bro. H John McPhee PM on the honour of being commissioned as Provincial Grand Senior Chaplain. The brethren responded warmly,

27.04.1994.

Bro. James M Young RWM, Bro. Alan Calderwood PM and other members of the Buildings Committee explained to the assembled brethren in very full and concise detail of the inspection and survey carried out on both the present premises of the Lodge and the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in High Street; on the assembled brethren being asked for their decision, 9 voted in favour of the disposal of the present premises of the Lodge and 19 voted against; it was also resolved not to pursue any further interest in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in High Street.

15.03.1995.

Bros. J Thomas E Riley PM and Thomas B Dick PM both complimented the recent repainting and refurbishment of the Lodge and spoke highly of the work put in by the brethren concerned.

29.03.1995.

Bro. William A Bain agreed to block up the inside of the windows of the Hall as soon as the material, including sound-deadening material, was to hand.

24.05.1995.

Bro. William H Tilley, Lodge Secretary, agreed to prepare and incorporate a new stock control system for the bar stocks of the Lodge.

12.07.1995.

It was proposed by Bro. Andrew Baxter WJW and seconded by Bro. James M Young IPM that the new bar stock control system be kept and that local stock checks take place at least every two weeks.

18.09.1995.

Bro. Andrew C Scott RWM intimated that Bro. William NdNelson of Wilsontown Ironworks St. John's Lodge No.236, Forth, is building a display case to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge regalia donated by the widow of the late Bro. James Thomas Etchells Riley together with the Past Master's jewel which had been presented to him on 27.12.1969 by Bro. William Garrity RWM. He also intimated that a memorial service on behalf of the late brother would take place at the Hall on Sunday 1st October.

16.10.1966.

Bros. Thomas AP Gordon PM and David H Brown PM were placed in the low West by Bro. Andrew Baxter RWM, who then invited Bro. Archibald M Galbraith IPPGM to present both Past Masters with their jubilee diplomas to mark 50 years of loyal and inspiring service to freemasonry.

Appendix A
 ROLL OF INSTALLED MASTERS (1868 - 1996)

John Annan	Until	James A Noble	29.12.1924
27.12.1868		William Wright Cowan	28.12.1925
Edward Gilroy	27.12.1868	Robert T Flemington	27.12.1926
John Currie	27.12.1870	Alexander Linton	27.12.1927
John Alexander	27.12.1871	Alexander Butchart	27.12.1928
John McLellan	20.12.1872	William McGregor	27.12.1929
William McLehose	28.12.1874	George Fraser	27.12.1930
Alexander Wood	27.12.1875	James Jamieson	27.12.1931
Daniel A V Thomson	27.09.1878	Gavin B MacPherson	27.12.1932
James Scott	27.12.1883	Samuel Douglas	27.12.1933
James Swan	27.12.1884	Richard Walker	27.12.1934
John Gray	28.12.1885	James MacAuslan	27.12.1935
John Browning	19.01.1887	James Graham	23.12.1936
John Annan	05.02.1889	John Ford	27.12.1937
Daniel A V Thomson	27.12.1894	James MacPherson	27.12.1938
David Neil	27.12.1895	Robert Parr	27.12.1939
John Keith	28.12.1896	Kenneth Williamson	27.12.1940
Christopher Downie	27.12.1897	William Gibson	24.12.1941
James Annand	27.12.1898	James Gilmour	23.12.1942
Malcolm McDowell	27.12.1899	James Hogg	29.12.1943
James Young	27.12.1900	James Frod	27.12.1944
Alexander Riach Stuart	27.12.1901	John Brown	27.12.1945
Rev. James MacMeeken	26.12.1902	Robert Purdie	27.12.1946
James Graham	28.12.1903	John McInally	26.12.1947
David Wilson	27.12.1904	Peter Barrie	27.12.1948
William Morton	27.12.1905	Mathew Forrest	27.12.1949
William Robertson	27.12.1906	William Baird	27.12.1950
Archibald Weir	27.12.1907	Gary MeKinlay	27.12.1951
Thomas C Suffill	28.12.1908	John Baillie	26.12.1952
William Bell	27.12.1909	William T Hannah	23.12.1953
Thomas Denholm Gold	27.12.1910	Andrew Baxter	27.12.1954
William Shaw	27.12.1911	Thomas Gordon	01.02.1956
James Raesidde	27.12.1912	E McGillvery	26.12.1956
William McKenzie	27.12.1913	Alex Hastie	27.12.1957
James L Baxter	28.12.1914	Robert Skillen	27.12.1958
James Frame	27.12.1915	Joseph Beaty	23.12.1959
Andrew W Paterson	27.12.1916	Allan Ewing	24.12.1960
William J Fergus	27.12.1917	Thomas Smith	29.12.1962
Charles Howland	27.12.1918	David H Brown	28.12.1963
James Williamson	27.12.1919	James Dunlop	26.12.1964
John Veitch	27.12.1920	Andrew Murphy	27.12.1965
William Toy	27.12.1921	Andrew W Campbell	27.12.1966
James Lee	27.12.1922	Ian Comrie	29.12.1967
Peter MacAuslan	27.12.1923	William Garrity	27.12.1968

James Thomas E Riley	27.12.1969	William Frood	27.12.1984
Thomas Drown Dick	27.12.1971	John Galbraith	27.12.1985
Stewart Murphy	27.12.1972	W. Douglas Ritchie	26.12.1986
Charles B Scott	27.12.1973	Keith Estensen	28.12.1987
James Wallace Boyd	27.12.1974	Gordon Brown Steele	27.12.1988
Thomas Gordon Jnr.	26.12.1975	Thomas P Millar	27.12.1989
Robert McC Brown	27.12.1976	Alan Calderwood	27.12.1990
Henry John McPhee	27.12.1977	Thomas J Williams	27.12.1991
Adam Allan Crozier	27.12.1978	Andrew C Scott	28.12.1992
William Tough	27.12.1979	James M Young	27.12.1993
Sutherland McIvor	26.12.1980	Andrew C Scott	27.12.1994
Walter Jackson Tough	28.12.1981	Andrew Baxter	27.12.1995
John Frood	27.12.1982	Thomas P Millar	27.12.1996
John Cameron Cairns	27.12.1983		

Appendix B

THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES

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THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS

While many Lodges can boast of having very old copies of the V.S.L. in use including copies of the "Breeches Bible" and the "Wicked Bible" - few can have as old a set of Square and Compasses as Lodge Old St. John, No.21, at Lanark. This Lodge was one of the Founding Lodges of Grand Lodge in 1736 and was working before 1720. When a second Lodge in Lanark, Lanark Kilwinning, No.94, was constituted in 1759, Lodge St. John began to use the name "The Old Lodge" and this title remained in use until 1826 when the present title came into use. The Square and Compasses here illustrated were presented to The Lodge of Lanark. which was clearly the original name of the Lodge, about the year 1720. The exact date is not known for the last figure in the engraved date has been covered up by the supporting bar.

The set is made of what is known as "bell brass" and the whole is in excellent condition. Presented to the Lodge by John Lockhart, whose monogram is engraved under tile word "Mr", it carries the Arms of John Lockhart, second son of James Lockhart of Cleghom and Barbara Woodrop of Daldowie. The Arms show "Three boars' heads erased with a Crescent for difference". i.e. John Lockhart's father's arms with a difference for a second son. According to Brother Sir James Monteith Grant, the Lord Lyon King of Arms, this John Lockhart was born on 13th January 1684 and died on 26th February 1766 at the age of 82 - a very great age in those days. But it is not only the age of this Square and Compasses that makes it unusual. As the illustration shows both points of the compasses arc hinged behind the square in such a way that none or one or both points may be exposed as the degree requires. In my view it is very probable that the light bar connecting the ends of the square was added later in order to provide some support for the apex of the compasses, for without such a support there was every risk that the

compasses might be bent. It is clear that the original name of Lodge No.21 was "The Lodge of Lanark". In the early days of the Craft in Scotland when there was but one Lodge in the locality it was not necessary to have any distinguishing name, for no confusion could arise.

Other examples of this simple style of title are to be found, i.e. the Lodge of Edinburgh, now the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), the Lodge of Kirkcaldie, now Kirkcaldie, the Lodge of Stonehaven, the Lodge of Melrose, now the Lodge of Melrose St. John - and there are many others that could be quoted. The Lodge of Old St. John at Lanark is to be congratulated in having preserved and continued to use what must be one of the oldest pieces of masonic working tools in the world.