

CERES LODGE NO. 4179
OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS MEETING

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CONSECRATED 1ST FEBRUARY 1921

Memories, Reflections and Facts
Of the last 100 years

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To the Secretaries who have provided a running commentary on the life and times of the Lodge. All their names are listed in the Appendix.

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To W. Bro. George DeSantos who prepared the lodges history for our 75th Anniversary entitled “Some Facts and Reflections...”. George was a scholar in all things masonic and knew most of our early members. This is available to view on our website.

To the Museum of Freemasonry based in Freemasons’ Hall London who provide help and guidance in my researches.

In addition to these sources I have drawn on the talk I gave on a “Zoom” meeting in February 2021 celebrating our actual Centenary. A video of the presentation along with the Dissertation and 75th Anniversary booklet referred to above are available to view on the Ceres Website - search - ceres.freemasons.london

Roy Pummell

A thought from one of our Founders, W. Bro. Frank Clarke

“Our early upbringing shapes us and looking back we find some merit in it. We perform our good deeds wherever we can. We persist despite adverse circumstances. We pass on our Learning in the hope that others will do better than we did. We appreciate all the good things and Privileges which came our way and value the Honours we have merited. We remember our Brothers overseas and are not unmindful of our poor and distressed brethren here at home. Is that not summed up in the words, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth?”

W. Bro. Frank Clarke (one of our Founders) in his dissertation at our Golden Jubilee in 1971.

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1921/2 – 2021/2

And Beyond

Some Facts and Reflections For Our Centenary Meeting

In the Beginning

Ceres Lodge owes its conception to those benevolent members of the London Corn Exchange who were also enthusiastic members of the Clissold Lodge No. 2551, its Mother. It owes its name to the sagacity of the Grand Lodge who, in their wisdom, replaced the petitioned name, “The Corn Exchange”, in favour of that ancient goddess of grain and plentiful harvests. A farsightedness justified about sixty years later when the London Corn Exchange, as such, ceased to exist. However, the earnest wishes of those to whom it meant so much over so many years is now perpetuated in the annual recital of “The Founders’ Corn Exchange Landmark” in tribute to them. Foremost, among those Founders, was Bro. W.R.(Bill) Laurie M.M. (Founder and first Assistant Director of Ceremonies), said to be the undisputed pioneer and progenitor of Ceres and esteemed as a man of sterling character who truly personified all that is best in freemasonry but never sought advancement. He, it was, who introduced into Clissold his business partners, W. Bro. Frank Clarke LGR., (Founder and a first Steward), and W. Bro. G.M. (Maurice) Morewood PM LR. (Founder and first Senior Deacon), and also W. Bro. H.E. (Harry) Fox PM LGR (Founder and first Junior Deacon), a joining member of Edbury Lodge No. 3841. This was in 1914 which saw the outbreak of the Great War in which they were on active service. At the end of the war there was such a rush of new entrants from the Corn Exchange that progress to the “Clissold” Chair was becoming unreasonably slow. It was then that the idea of a “Corn Exchange Lodge” was conceived by Corn Exchange Members supported by W. Bro. G.H. (Kitch) Kitchener PM PGP, boot manufacturer, (*who was a holder of the much prized Silver Matchbox of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and Past Master of two Lodges, Viz., Strong Man No. 45 and Clissold No. 2551, also a Correspondence Circle Member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076*) and by W. Bro. Paul Storr PAGDC, Solicitor, Past Master of St. Martin’s-le-Grand No. 1538 and Christ’s Hospital No. 2650, and a member of Jubilee Masters No. 2712.

Ceres Lodge No. 4179 was consecrated on the 1st February, 1921 in the Main Temple of the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London W; (a site up until recently known as the Shell Mex Building). In an assembly of 130 brethren the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Sir Colville Smith M.V.O. was presented with a clock and, with his team of Grand Officers, the Founders’ Jewel with its gold and blue Ceres emblem, and made honorary members of the Lodge. the programme, menu and music at the Festive Board are appended.

Ceres Lodge has ancient roots because its mother, “Clissold” No. 2551, is descended from the Lodge of Kent No. 15 formerly “The Royal Lodge of Kent No. 8” on the

Ancient Grand Lodge's register. Six Past Masters have been Master of both Clissold and Ceres of whom W. Bro. G.M. Morewood has the distinction of being Master of both in 1925/6 by special dispensation.

The Early Years

Ceres continued to meet at the Hotel Cecil until 1931 when the venue was changed to Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street. In those days members were strictly required to wear formal dress at meetings. Its first meeting at the Piccadilly Hotel, London, was held in January, 1933 and the last in March, 1972, when the Temples, utilised by a great many Lodges whose boxes lined the walls of the approach lobby, ceased to be available. Mention must be made of the excellent entertainment provided at the Festive Boards and Ladies' Festivals by nationally known entertainers such as Arthur Askey, Elsie and Doris Waters and other prominent names of those days, in cabarets arranged by W.; Bro. H.E. (Harry) Fox PM LGR who enjoyed theatrical connections, being himself no mean performer. Ladies' Festivals in inter-war years were elegant affairs and W. Bro. Dan Russell recalled that at his which was held at the Victoria Hall, Hotel Cecil in 1929. The menu had nine courses and the programme incorporated a dance card for partners' names for the waltzes, foxtrot and one-steps – the dances of those days. In fact, this was resumed after the war, save for the dance cards, for so long as the Ladies' Festivals were held at the Piccadilly Hotel.

Ceres' Daughter Lodge "Tower Hamlets" No. 5283, was consecrated in 1931. Although we have no record of the reason for the creation of lodge it is likely to be due to the time it was taking to progress in Ceres, much as had been the case with Clissold 10 years earlier.

We celebrated our 25th Silver Jubilee on 2nd March 1946, at the Piccadilly Hotel with W. Bros. Frank Buist and Charles Clarey as our WM. Attendance was 53 Members and 71 Guests. It's worth remembering that this was at a time of strict rationing – but given that they had survived the war I have to believe that it was a truly great night!

The petition for the Ceres Chapter was presented at an Emergency Meeting of the Lodge held at the Piccadilly Hotel, W1, by W. Bro. Tilbury PM LGR, W. Bro. W.D. Tulk PM LGR and W. Bro. R.E. (Bob) Parker PGStB.; they became the Principal Officers when it was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, WC on 30th September 1948. Ceres Chapter has long been enriched with Members from lodges not having a Chapter of their own, who have found it very much to their liking and to mutual advantage. When such a member is Principal Officer he is welcomed as the *ex-officio* guest of the Lodge. Regrettably, it has to be noted, that notwithstanding the continued encouragement from Grand Lodge to advance from Lodge to Chapter because of its importance in the fulfilment of the Craft, some, even senior, members have not done so. (*Ceres Chapter's 25th Anniversary was celebrated at a very well attended meeting held at the Piccadilly Hotel W1 on 28th January 1974*).

Meetings continued to be held at the Piccadilly Hotel during the Second World War. Exceptionally one meeting was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park Lane, London and

when catering proved difficult, use was made of the James Fleming Restaurant, Oxford Street, London.

Our 50th Golden Jubilee on 1st February 1971 was celebrated at The Baltic Exchange, W, Bro. Alf Bevington was our WM; attendance was 36 Members and 45 Guests. (photograph appended).

Members were generally sorry to have to leave The Piccadilly Hotel after the happy times enjoyed there. It is recalled that, with its Temples being well below ground level in one of them, from time to time, the running of the tube trains was sometimes to be heard during proceedings. Also, that its bars were not popular with those of the brethren who preferred the beer served at a cheaper price at the bar of “The Yorkshire Gray”, a public house conveniently situated nearby on the south side of Piccadilly, rather than the Hotel’s and went there for their pre-Festive Board tipple when brethren took the opportunity of fraternising with their helpful Brother Tyler.

Following our Golden Jubilee

From December, 1972 until March 1978, meetings were held at Colonial House, Mincing Lane, London EC3. We held our first meeting at the Central London Masonic Centre, Clerkenwell Green in November 1979. Members had decided that following forced moves from recent meeting venues we would become a Founder of “CLMC” thus securing our meeting venue. Members donated what they could raising the £3000 necessary to buy our “share”, it was No. 3. It was then that the holding of the annual Ladies’ Festival, at the same venue as the Festive Board, was discontinued, and, in 1979, it was held at Bucklesbury House, EC4. These ladies’ festivals proved highly enjoyable attracting 180+ attendees. The organization was carried out over the various years by W. Bros. Andrew Ludlow, Roy Pummell and Stuart Ludlow. The members, friends and their wives and partners thoroughly enjoyed the waltz and quick step; W. Bro. George DeSantos and his wife Doris being particularly accomplished! In due course these gave way to modern “groups”. With increasing costs it was decided to transfer to The Norfolk Resort Hotel, Brighton, in 1992. In 1994 and 1995 it was held at The Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne. Recently these have become more sporadic events taking place on the coast, around the home counties and occasionally in London and always proved popular.

Our 75th Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on 27th January 1996 at The Central London Masonic Centre – W, Bro, Ken Buckle was our WM; attendance was 27 Members and 43 Guests. It was at this meeting that VW Bro. Robert Faulkner, attending as the representative of Grand Lodge, and via the bell ringing of one Mary Buddell – was introduced to us. This is a trick of fate for which we shall be forever grateful! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

In the early 1980's business on the London Corn Exchange had severely declined and the trading floor was transferred to the Baltic Exchange; the grain trade as our Founders knew it was no more.

The late 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s the lodge went through a period of reducing numbers. Stalwarts of the lodge were passing to the Grand Lodge above, there were few candidates, PMs were being recycled, the lodge was in decline, membership dipped below 20 with around 15 active members. With the dedication of all members it endured. The ritual constantly performed to the highest standards and the members met happily and enjoyed each other's company at the festive boards and other social gatherings.

(It is worth observing that the UK had joined the EU in 1973 which allowed free movement of labour. With the accession of Poland and other nations in 2004 and Bulgaria and Romania in 2007 the movement of individuals grew across the EU).

More Recently – Our Revival

On 1st October 2003 Ceres Lodge was delighted to become a founder of Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

In the mid-2000s the revival started, those early shoots were impossible to see and the lodge had experienced false dawns before. With the initiations of W. Bros Tom Waters, Ivan Yordanov and Graham Allison a new and different Ceres Lodge was to take shape. The lodge which had been based around the grain trade and associated businesses and friends was being re-shaped into one of young professionals and entrepreneurs.' New members were now Surveyors and IT and Marketing specialists.

Today we have 35 members and 3 Honorary members of which at least 30 are active and we have initiates in the pipeline. They are Builders, Surveyors, Architects, Financiers, IT specialists, Business Owners, Management Consultants, Electricians, Drivers, Teachers, Musicians, Students and of course those who have retired. They come from the UK, Ireland, Bulgaria, Italy, Poland, Germany and Greece.

We have "light blue" in all the progressive offices, 6 Stewards and potential initiates to follow on. These are young, competitive people who wish to progress and who are mastering the ritual and perform it to the very highest standard.

Socially the lodge is vibrant. At our meetings and festive boards, the LOI, and the summer social gathering held at W. Bro. Sturt Ludlow's home there is a real feeling of being happy and wanting to communicate happiness. In 2019 a visit to Yatrus Lodge – Bulgaria was arranged by W. Bro. Ivan Yordanov and Bro. George Georgiev which was an immense success. We look forward to visiting lodges in Plovdiv in June 2022 In addition to such events members meet up from time to time "to catch up" and of course they are in contact regularly via social media.

Looking back on the period of decline and revival, a period of some 20 years or so, the work and commitment made by W. Bros Stuart Ludlow, Dermot Sharkey, Roy

Pummell and Andrew Ludlow warrant special note. They have been “recycled” as WM, carried the offices of Chaplin, Treasurer, Secretary, DC and others many times, their commitment to Ceres Lodge has never wavered.

Looking Forward

Ceres appears well set for the future.

No doubt we may suffer some impact when members work overseas in their business roles or wish to return to their homes overseas. Potential members whose homeland is not the UK may be put off from coming to the UK due to Brexit but I know those who do and hold to our principles will be warmly welcomed.

So far the Covid pandemic has not claimed any of our members. It impacted our Centenary celebrations but on reflection it is a small price to pay.

Today we face the horrors of war, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. We rely on our Government and all governments to take all necessary steps to support the Ukrainian people. As a lodge we have taken direct action to supply essentials to Ukrainian refugees crossing into Poland. W. Bro. Jarek Brandt PM of Ceres who is now living in Poland has been going on his own volition to the border and provide a ferry service and essentials to refugees. His, his family and his friends who assist him truly embody all that we stand for; Brother Love, Relief and Truth.

There will be much to do to keep the lodge vibrant and progressive but it is in good young hands who will see it safely into the future.

Charitable Giving

Every year members have expressed their unstinting support for others less fortunate. The opportunity to give and thereby support our widows and both the local and wider community is reward in itself. In doing so the Lodge has been recognised with the following awards: -

The Hall Stone Jewel (W. Bro. Dan Russell was proud to receive it on behalf of Ceres as I Memorial To The Fallen of the Great War, The Hall Stone Jewel. The distinction of being a Hall Stone Jewel Lodge increases with the years since subscribing Lodges must have been consecrated prior to 1929 when the presentations were made. Certain members also hold personal jewels).

Grand Patron Royal Masonic hospital

Vice-Patron RMBI

RMI for Girls

RMI for Boys

Subscriber RMH Samaritan Fund

RMH Ruspani Fund

New RM Samaritan Fund

Redevelopment and Modernisation – Wakefield Wing Appeal

Founding and Patron Lodge – Old Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home Chelsea

Contributor 250th Anniversary Appeal

275th Anniversary Appeal

300th – Tricentenary Appeal

Foundation Level MMC London Air Ambulance Award

Bronze Award London Appeal RMBI

(These charities have now given way to the Masonic Charitable Foundation).

And in addition has received letters of thanks from the many Non-Masonic Charities we have supported including: -

Alzheimer's Disease Society	Barnados	British Diabetic Ass.
CHAOS	CRISIS	Gt. Ormand St. Hospital
Guide Dogs for the Blind	Leonard Cheshire Foundation	
Leukaemia Research Fund	MENCAP	Royal British Legion
RNLI	Spastics Society	St. Christopher's Hospice
Sunshine Home for Blind Babies		Cancer Research
British Heart Foundation	Stubbs	Little Havens Hospice

and many others.

Rightly we remember our widows with appropriate gifts each year and are every ready to assist them should the need arise.

In recent years the Brethren have made a conscious decision to support smaller charities in addition to those we have historically supported. CHAOS (Childrens Holidays and other Specialities) is an example of such giving. CHAOS provides underprivileged children living in the Eastend of London the chance to go on holiday; some for the first time. Liaising with the local schools, working with parents and providing the necessary staff and facilities to ensure the kids enjoy themselves during the weeks holiday. It is worth noting that W. Bro. Stuart Ludlow was a Founder and the driving force behind CHAOS which was formed in 1976. In the last few months the lodge has provided funds for direct support for Ukrainian refugees in Poland, this has been managed “on the spot” by W. Bro. Jarek Brandt.

Of these Charitable acts we can rightly feel proud. It does however put the responsibility on us to continue to support our Widows, Charities and our Charity Steward, W. Bro. Paul Richardson, by donating as much as we can reasonably afford.

Membership Numbers

At our Consecration – 1921	43
At our 50 th Anniversary - 1971	41
At our 75 th Anniversary – 1996	42
At our Centenary – 2021	38

Our membership reached its peak of 95 in 1950.

Our Genealogy

Our family tree: -

The Royal Lodge of Kent No. 8 founded in 1752 register of the Ancients Grand lodge (Renamed The Lodge of Kent in 1817 following the formation of UGLE in 1813)

The Lodge of Kent No. 15	1817
Lodge of Prosperity No. 65	1810
Islington Lodge No. 1471	1873
Highbury Lodge No. 2192	1887
Clissold Lodge No. 2551	1895
Ceres Lodge No. 4179	1921
Tower Hamlet Lodge No. 5283	1931 which sadly has been erased.

Regular Meeting Venues

1921/30	Hotel Cecil	The Strand (the old Shell Building site)
1931/32	Pagani Restaurant	Gt. Portland Street
1933/72	Piccadilly Hotel	Piccadilly
1973/78	Colonial House	Mincing Lane
1979/2004	Central London Masonic Centre	Clerkenwell
2004 to date	Mark Masons' Hall	St. James's Street

Lodge of Instruction and its Meeting Venues

It can be said that the high quality of the work in the Temple reflects the high quality of the Ceres and the Clissold Lodge of Instruction which was founded as “Clissold Lodge of Instruction” in 1910 and had “Ceres” added to its title on 21st February, 1924. Our Preceptors have been excellent so it may seem invidious to single out names but, as to recent years, mention must be made to W. Bro. Jack Howes PM LGR, W. Bro. George Richard Clements LGR, W. Bro. Sidney Marshall Atkinson SLGR (a P.M. of Clissold) and W. Bro. Stuart Ludlow PM PAGDC; who were/are such highly proficient yet kindly but rigorous Preceptors, who would scorn ever to have been seen with “the book”. W. Bro. Sidney Atkinson was a regular and most welcome visitor to Ceres for many years yet he never became a member. He died in 1995 and a suitably inscribed D.C. Wand was presented to the lodge by members in his memory.

The meeting venues: -

1921/44 & 1966/67, The Ship Hotel, Hart Street; 1945/60, The Baltic Exchange, St. Mary Axe; 1960/64, London Corn Exchange, Seething Lane; 1964/66, The Peacock Hotel, The Minories; 1967/70, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street; 1970/72, The Crooked Billet, Tower Street; 1973/79, Ye Olde Crutched Friars, Crosswall; 1979/81, Toc H, Crutched Friars; 1981/82, Mr Mikawber's, Crosswall; 1982/85, The Squash Club, Chiswell Street; 1985/94, Col. Jasper's Wine Bar, City Road; 1994/96, The Lamb, Conduit Street; 1996 to date, various meeting venues where we meet about 4 times prior to each meeting.

Other Observations

We currently have 3 Honorary Members

34 members have been honoured with London Rank/London Grand Rank and 6 with the Provincial Grand Rank (final/current rank).

7 with Senior London Grand Rank (final/current rank).

10 have become Grand Officers.

(All names are recorded on the Lodge Summons)

A Lewis mason, although enjoying only one preferment, is likely to have an enthusiastic father and, with the benefit of youth, the prospect of a long Masonic career. Ceres thus far has had 13, of whom one presently holds Senior London Grand Rank, W. Bro. Terry Ayre

Ceres has tragically lost two brethren in flying accidents: Bro. Frederick W. Gasston M.M. (a Lewis) in Canada in 1941 and Bro. John Peter McClinton, M.M. (aged 27) on Saturday, 3rd March 1973 in the Paris air disaster.

W. Bro. Nicholas Ludlow – Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Peter Rae – Immediate Past Master

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE – 2022/2023

Bro. Petar Kralev	SW	W. Bro. Brian Daniels	ADC
Bro. Matthew Ludlow	JW	W. Bro. Ivan Yordanov	Organist
W. Bro. Tom Waters	Chaplain	W. Bro. Robert Scott	Assistant Secretary
W. Bro. Graham Allison	Treasurer	Bro. Marco Bersano	IG
W. Bro. Peter Eshkeri	Secretary	Bro. Blagomir Ivanov	Steward
W. Bro. Stuart Ludlow	DC	Bro. Giulio Damiani	Steward
W. Bro. Ivan Yordanov	Almoner	Bro. Vasil Georgiev	Steward
W. Bro. Paul Richardson	Charity Steward	Bro. Sunay Yusein	Steward
W. Bro. Roy Pummell	Mentor	Bro. Chris Culham	Steward
W. Bro. Dermot Sharkey	RA Representative	Bro. Luke Richardson	Steward
Bro. Petar Petrov	SD	W. Bro. George Stevens	Tyler
Bro. George Georgiev	JD		

HONORARY MEMBERS

V. W. Bro. Robert E. Faulkner PGSwdB, W. Bro. Terry E. Ayre SLGR, PPJGW (Essex), W. Bro. Andrew Ludlow, SLGR

FOUNDERS AND PAST MASTERS

W. Bro. G. H. Kitchener PGP (Founder)	1921	W. Bro. T. E. Ayre SLGR PPJGW (Essex)	1967
W. Bro. E. Smith LR (Founder)		W. Bro. G. M. DeSantos LGR	1968
W. Bro. G. Cole LR (Founder)	1922	W. Bro. C. R. Alderton OBE LGR	1969
W. Bro. F. C. Whitnell LR (Founder)	1923	W. Bro. A. T. Bevington	1970
W. Bro. W. W. T. Whitmore PAGStB (Founder)		W. Bro. A. W. A. Styles LGR	1971
W. Bro. P. Storr PAGDC (Founder)		W. Bro. P. M. H. Stovin LGR	1972
W. Bro. R. T. Pender LR (Founder)	1924	W. Bro. J. P. Toohey LGR	1973
W. Bro. G. M. Morewood LR (Founder)	1925	W. Bro. T. J. Lord LGR	1974
W. Bro. H. E. Fox LGR (Founder)	1926	W. Bro. L. C. Picking SLGR	1975
Bro. W. K. Laurie (Founder)		W. Bro. K. A. Buckle	1976
W. Bro. V. H. Blessley PAGDC (Founder)	1927	W. Bro. A. Bishop	1977
W. Bro. C. D. Richardson LR (Founder)		W. Bro. E. T. Key	1978
W. Bro. J. F. Oliver (Founder)		W. Bro. P. J. Stevenson SLGR	1979
Bro. F. Clarke LGR (Founder)		W. Bro. D. W. Poore	1980
Bro. E. C. Hobbs (Founder)		W. Bro. R. De'Ath LGR	1981
W. Bro. P. Brandon (Founder)		W. Bro. A. J. Ludlow SLGR	1982
W. Bro. M. Stannard PPGD (Essex) (Founder)		W. Bro. R. Morris LGR	1983
W. Bro. S.J. Belither	1928	W. Bro. B. E. Daniels LGR	1984
W. Bro. H. C. Russell LGR	1929	W. Bro. G. Kendrick SLGR	1985
W. Bro. G. T. Gasston	1930	W. Bro. R. B. W. Pummell SLGR	1986
W. Bro. E. A. Hick LGR	1931	W. Bro. S. M. Ludlow PAGDC	1987
W. Bro. J. A. Holden	1932	W. Bro. C. R. Alderton OBE LGR	1988
W. Bro. S. Tilbury LGR	1933	W. Bro. P. M. H. Stovin LGR	1989
W. Bro. J. F. Guttridge	1934	W. Bro. P. J. Stevenson SLGR	1990
W. Bro. H. J. Saywell LGR	1935	W. Bro. D. A. Candeland	1991
W. Bro. C. T. Arrow	1936	W. Bro. R. De'Ath LGR	1992
W. Bro. H. H. Woolley PGStB	1937	W. Bro. T. E. Ayre SLGR PPJGW (Essex)	1993
W. Bro. A. Heald	1938	W. Bro. R. B. W. Pummell SLGR	1994
W. Bro. W. H. Hutton LGR	1939	W. Bro. K. A. Buckle	1995
W. Bro. W. D. Tulk LGR	1940	W. Bro. P. A. Davies	1996
W. Bro. R. E. Parker PGStB	1941	W. Bro. D. Sharkey PAGDC, PPAGSwdB (Middx)	1997
W. Bro. P. G. Henley PPGD (Essex)	1942	W. Bro. A. J. Ludlow SLGR	1998
W. Bro. J. Howes LGR	1943	W. Bro. S. M. Ludlow PAGDC	1999
W. Bro. A. Brinded LGR	1944	W. Bro. P. E. Wigginton	2000
W. Bro. F. Buist	1945	W. Bro. P. J. Stevenson SLGR	2001
W. Bro. C. Clarey	1946	W. Bro. B. E. Daniels LGR	2002
W. Bro. G. T. Gould	1947	W. Bro. R. B. W. Pummell SLGR	2003
W. Bro. S. D. B. Ayerst	1948	W. Bro. T. Waters LGR	2004
W. Bro. F. J. Branford LGR	1949	W. Bro. J. P. Wright	2005
W. Bro. R. H. Russell MC PAGStB	1950	W. Bro. A. W. Downs	2006
W. Bro. H. F. Ayre LGR	1951	W. Bro. A. W. Downs	2007
W. Bro. T. F. G. Wilson	1952	W. Bro. D. Isaac LGR	2008
W. Bro. W. G. Whight	1953	W. Bro. B. E. Daniels LGR	2009
W. Bro. W. I. Bryant	1954	W. Bro. S. M. Ludlow PAGDC	2010
W. Bro. J. G. Macaire	1955	W. Bro. S. M. Ludlow PAGDC	2011
W. Bro. H. L. Forster	1956	W. Bro. I. Y. Yordanov LGR	2012
W. Bro. J. A. H. Clarke LGR	1957	W. Bro. P. D. Richardson LGR	2013
W. Bro. C. Thraves	1958	W. Bro. G. J. Allison LGR	2014
W. Bro. J. L. T. Nelmes	1959	W. Bro. P. M. Eshkeri LGR	2015
W. Bro. T. F. Rice LGR	1960	W. Bro. J. R. Brandt	2016
W. Bro. F. R. Walshaw	1961	W. Bro. D. Sharkey PAGDC, PPAGSwdB (Middx)	2017
W. Bro. C. T. Proctor	1962	W. Bro. R.I.T. Scott	2018
W. Bro. S. A. Charlwood	1963	W. Bro. P.A. Rae PPGStB	2019
W. Bro. R. Morris LGR	1964	W. Bro. P.A. Rae PPGStB	2020
W. Bro. G. Russell SLGR	1965	W. Bro. P.A. Rae PPGStB	2021
W. Bro. G. Kendrick SLGR	1966		

OFFICE HOLDERS 1921/2021

CHAPLAIN

1935/36	W. Bro.	S. J. Belither
1982/97	W. Bro.	G. M. De Santos
1997/2001	W. Bro.	R. De'Ath
2001/2009	W. Bro.	A. J. Ludlow
2013/2021		“
2009/2012	W. Bro.	A. W. Downs
2012/2013	W. Bro.	T. Waters
2021/2022		“

SECRETARY

1921/42	W. Bro.	P. Storr (F)
1942/62	W. Bro.	H. H. Wooley
1962/75	W. Bro.	T. F. Rice
1975/79	W. Bro.	R. Morris
1979/84	W. Bro.	T. E. Ayre
1984/88	W. Bro.	J. P. Toohey
1989/99	W. Bro.	S. M. Ludlow
1999/2010	W. Bro.	D. Sharkey
2010/2017	W. Bro.	R. B. W. Pummell
2017/2022	W. Bro.	P. M. Eshkeri

ALMONER

1922/24	W. Bro.	C. D. Richardson (F)
1934/47	W. Bro.	H. C. Russell (F)
1947/56	W. Bro.	J. Howes
1956/61	W. Bro.	W. G. Whight
1961/67	W. Bro.	J. L. T. Nelmes
1967/76	W. Bro.	G. Russell
1976/85	W. Bro.	C. R. Alderton OBE
1986/87	W. Bro.	A. Bishop
1987/98	W. Bro.	A. H. A. Styles
1998/2004	W. Bro.	T. E. Ayre
2004/2006	W. Bro.	P. J. Stevenson
2006/07	W. Bro.	J. Wright
2007/2009	W. Bro.	B. E. Daniels
2012/2017		“
2009/12	W. Bro.	A. W. Downs
2017/22	W. Bro.	I. Y. Yordanov

ORGANIST

1922/23	W. Bro.	S. J. Belither (F)
1923/32	W. Bro.	C. T. Arrow
1932/39	W. Bro.	W. Orpenshaw
1939/45	Bro	R. H. Pilon
1945/55	Bro	G. A. Thomas
1956/59	Bro	H. H. Forward
1959/87	W. Bro.	J. G. Staines (Hon)
2002/2015	W. Bro.	G. Baker (Hon)
2015/2022	W. Bro.	I. Y. Yordanov

TREASURER

1921/45	W. Bro.	W. W. T. Whitmore (F)
1945/51	W. Bro.	H. E. Fox (F)
1951/63	W. Bro.	R. E. Parker
1963/1970	W. Bro.	H. F. Ayre
1970/1975	W. Bro.	R. Morris
1975/78	W. Bro.	G. Russell
1978/2004	W. Bro.	L. C. Picking
2004/2006	W. Bro.	P. J. Stevenson
2006/2010	W. Bro.	R. B. W. Pummell
2010/2015	W. Bro.	D. Sharkey
2015/2022	W. Bro.	G. J. Allison

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

1921/23	W. Bro.	R. T. Pender (F)
1933/35		“
1923/33	W. Bro.	G. H. Kitchener (F)
1935/48	W. Bro.	F. G. Whitnell (F)
1948/51	W. Bro.	W. D. Tulk
1951/62	W. Bro.	A. Brinded
1962/70	W. Bro.	R. H. Russell MC
1970/71	W. Bro.	J. A. H. Clarke
1971/82	W. Bro.	G. S. Kendrick
1982/86	W. Bro.	A. Bishop
1986/88	W. Bro.	R. De'Ath
1988/94	W. Bro.	A. J. Ludlow
2000/2002		“
2009/2013		“
1994/97	W. Bro.	P. Stovin
1997/2000	W. Bro.	R. B. W. Pummell
2002/2009	W. Bro.	S. M. Ludlow
2013/2022		“

CHARITY STEWARD

1976/79	Bro.	T. F. Shearwood
1979/85	W. Bro.	T. J. Lord
1985/87	W. Bro.	A. J. Ludlow
1987/89	W. Bro.	D. W. Poore
1989/93	W. Bro.	R. B. W. Pummell
1983/99	W. Bro.	P. J. Stevenson
1999/2003	W. Bro.	R. Payne
2003/04	W. Bro.	P. Wiggington
2004/05	W. Bro.	J. P. Wright
2006/08		“
2005/06	W. Bro.	A. W. Downs
2008/10	W. Bro.	D. Sharkey
2010/2012	W. Bro.	B. E. Daniels
2012/15	W. Bro.	P. M. Eshkeri
2015/22	W. Bro.	P. D. Richardson

OFFICE HOLDERS 1921/2021

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

1921/2?	W. Bro.	W. R. Laurie (F)
192?/1933	W. Bro.	R. G. Pender (F)
1933/35	W. Bro.	F. C. Whitnell (F)
1935/43	W. Bro.	G. M. Morewood (F)
1943/48	W. Bro.	W. D. Tulk
1948/51	W. Bro.	A. Brinded
1951/59	W. Bro.	W. H. Hutton
1959/62	W. Bro.	F. J. Branford
1962/66	W. Bro.	R. H. Russell MC
1966/67	W. Bro.	F. R. Walshaw
1967/70	W. Bro.	J. A. H. Clarke
1970/82	W. Bro.	G. M. DeSantos
1982/83	W. Bro.	G. S. Kendrick
1983/86	W. Bro.	P. M. H. Stovin
1986/87	W. Bro.	T. J. Lord
1993/97		“
2001/02		“
1987/88	W. Bro.	A. J. Ludlow
1988/90	W. Bro.	R. B. W. Pummell
1990/92	W. Bro.	B. E. Danials
1992/93	W. Bro.	C. R. Alderton
1997/1999	W. Bro.	R. Payne
1999/2000	W. Bro.	P. A. Davies
2002/2004	W. Bro.	R. De’Ath
2005/2013	W. Bro.	J. Snowball
2013//2022	W. Bro.	T. Waters

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1938/39	W. Bro.	H. H. Wooley
1945/51	W. Bro.	R. E. Parker
1951/53	W. Bro.	E. A. Hick
1955/59	W. Bro.	“
1953/55	W. Bro.	R. H. Russell
1959/63	W. Bro.	H. F. Ayre
1963/66	W. Bro.	T. F. G. Wilson
1966/70	W. Bro.	R. Morris
1991/92		“
1970/75	W. Bro.	T. E. Ayre
1976/77		“
1984/85		“
1989/91		“
1975/76	W. Bro.	T. F. Rice
1977/78	W. Bro.	L. C. Picking
1978/80	W. Bro.	A. W. A. Styles
1980/84	W. Bro.	J. P. Toohey
1987/89	W. Bro.	T. J. Lord
2002/03		“
1992/94	W. Bro.	P. M. H. Stovin
1999/2002		“
1994/99	W. Bro.	C. R. Alderton OBE
2003/04	W. Bro.	D. W. Poore
2018/22	W. Bro.	J. R. Brandt

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1921/2?	.W. Bro.	G. Hudson
192?/31	W. Bro.	J. J. Butterfield
1931/47	W. Bro.	R. H. Goddard
1947/48	W. Bro.	J. H. McNaughton
1948/60	W. Bro.	C. W. Mathews
1960/66	W. Bro.	E. G. Woodward
1966/73	W. Bro.	W. J. Kay
1973/76	W. Bro.	W. C. Roberts
1976/86	W. Bro.	R. A. Gable
1986/95	W. Bro.	A. J. Crosswell
1995/2011	W. Bro.	W. Williams
2011/2021	W. Bro.	E. Thompson

LETTERS REGARDING THE NAMEING OF CERES LODGE

Telegraphic Address.
"INSTILLED, FEN, LONDON."

Telephone No. 13308 CENTRAL.

Laurie & Morewood,

(W. R. Laurie, G. M. Morewood, F. Clarke).

Cereal Merchants,

15, Leething Lane,

And at 51 & 52, LONDON CORN EXCHANGE.

London, E.C. 3. 4th May 1920



Dear Worshipful Brother Storr,

With regard to the petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a new Lodge to be called "Corn Exchange Lodge".

I would like to point out that it is a most difficult thing to know who are Masons on the Corn Exchange. My reason for particularly desiring this New Lodge, is, because so many of the Corn Exchange men have been proposed and initiated into the Clissold Lodge, and it will mean, unless something strange were to happen, that several of them would never reach the chair in that lodge, owing to the numbers, and my friends and self have been approached by several other real good men who wish to become Masons, and we do not think it wise to go on proposing any more in our Mother Lodge.

With regard to the names on the petition, there are seven who are actual Principals and Standholders on the Exchange. Apart from this fact, there are about half a dozen who would have been petitioners, only they have not been Masons long enough, these who are also Principals will become joining Members.

I find that there is no Corn Exchange Committee, it being a public Company, so that it makes it next to impossible to find out, as I have before stated, who are, and who are not

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Masons. At various times during the last few years, one might have heard some one say that there ought to be a Corn Exchange Lodge; on the other hand, nobody seems to have set about getting one formed, and as I have before stated, these Corn Exchange men who wished to become Masons, in a good many instances have drifted mostly into the Clissold Lodge or Ebury Lodge, especially the former. Hence the reason for proposing the New Lodge from the Clissold.

I am sure that if Grand Lodge will grant the Charter for this New Lodge, that it will be a credit in every way to the Craft. I might add that all the Petitioners will likely remain permanent members of the New Lodge, and also it is not the intention of any of us to leave our Mother Lodges.

Yours faithfully & fraternally
W. Laurie

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PAUL STORR.

TELEPHONE 4592 CENTRAL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"WHEREUNTO, WESTCENT, LONDON."

8, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

20th May 1920

Dear Sir and Very Worshipful Brother,

I herewith enclose you Petition for a new Lodge to be called "The Corn Exchange Lodge", duly signed by the necessary members.

The majority of the Petitioners are members of the Glissold Lodge No. 2551 (which has a membership of over eighty and has consequently become unwieldy), and are also connected with the London Corn Exchange.

The Petitioners are desirous of founding a Lodge, the membership of which would be mainly for those Brethren connected with the Corn Exchange, where there is a large number of gentlemen who are anxious and eligible in every way to become members of the Craft. Thus the future prosperity of the Lodge would be absolutely assured.

The majority of the Signatories to the Petition are prominent representative members of the Corn Exchange.

In support of my contention, I enclose a letter received from Brother Laurie.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

The Grand Secretary,
Freemasons Hall,
Gt. Queen Street, W.C.2.

Paul Storr

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
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8, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

26th. August, 1920.

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,

Referring to the Petition submitted for the formation of a new Lodge with the suggested title of "The Corn Exchange Lodge" not having heard from you, I was wondering if the name was the cause of the delay.

If the Grand Master is of opinion that he does not consider that the Petitioners are a sufficiently representative body of the Corn Exchange, I am authorised to state that the Petitioners would be quite willing for the name of the Lodge to be altered, and as an alternative suggest the name of "The Mark Lane Lodge".

In the event of this name not being acceptable, I shall be glad to receive any suggestion from you which would be acceptable to the M.W. Grand Master.

I shall be pleased to call upon you if you think it will assist matters.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Paul Storr

P.S.

I understand that there are 20 Brethren all members of the Corn Exchange who will join the Lodge on its formation but at present time are not qualified to be Founders.

P. Colville Smith Esq.,
Freemasons Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.1.

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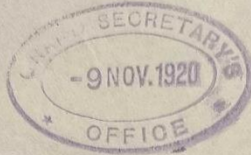
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"WHEREUNTO, WESTCENT, LONDON!"



8, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

8th. November, 1920.

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother,

I thank you for your letter of 6th. inst. informing me that the petition for the formation of the "Ceres Lodge" had been granted.

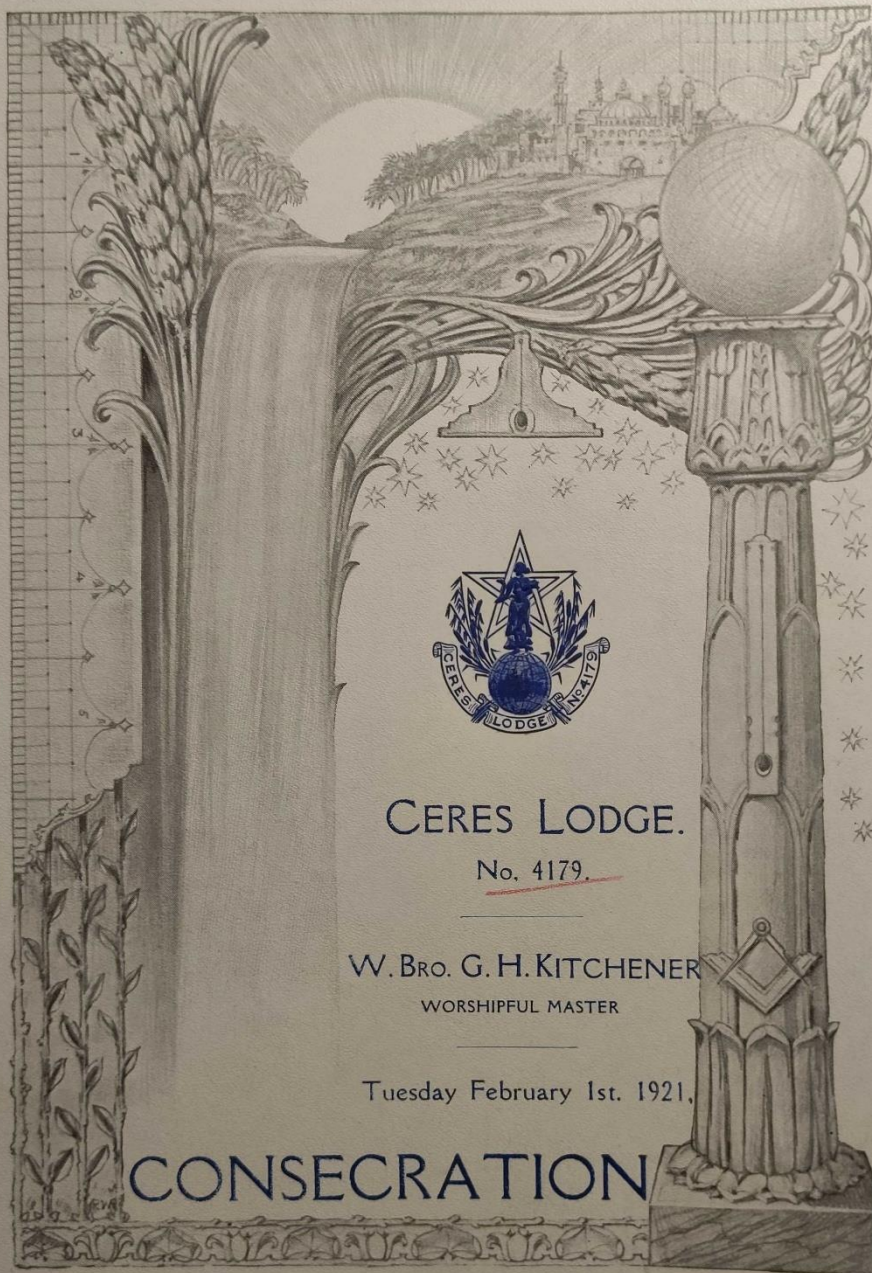
I will obtain the other information referred to in your letter and write you again as soon as I have the necessary particulars.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Paul Storr

P. Colville Smith Esq.,
Grand Secretary's Office,
United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons Hall,
Great Queen Street,
W.C.2.

CONSECRATION BOOKLET



CERES LODGE.

No. 4179.

W. BRO. G. H. KITCHENER
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Tuesday February 1st. 1921.

CONSECRATION

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CONSECRATION
OF THE
CERES LODGE, No. 4179,

AT THE
HOTEL CECIL, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.,

ON
Tuesday, 1st February, 1921, at 5 p.m.,

BY
V. W. Bro. COLVILLE SMITH,
Grand Secretary,

ASSISTED BY

V. W. Bro. Sir ALFRED ROBBINS, F.J.I., Pres. Bd. Gen. Purposes, as S.W.
W. Bro. PERCY G. MALLORY, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.
W. Bro. The Revd. O. C. COCKREM, LL.D., P.G.D., ... as Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. D. HASLEWOOD, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.
W. Bro. JOHN SULLEY, P.G. St. Br. as I.G.

W. Bro. G. H. KITCHENER, P.M., L.R., Master Designate.
Bro. G. COLE, S.W. ..
Bro. F. C. WHITNELL, J.W. ..

Music under the direction of W. Bro. J. J. BERRY,
assisted by Bro. GEORGE MAY and Bro. ARTHUR KELLET.

Organist: W. Bro. W. R. G. EMERSON, P.P.G.O., Essex.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.



1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Grand Officers, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
4. **Opening Hymn.**
"Hail, Eternal, by whose aid"
5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the
6. **Opening Prayer.**
7. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
8. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
9. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
10. The Brethren of the new Lodge are arranged in order.
11. The Director of Ceremonies reads the Warrant.
12. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
13. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.
14. **An Oration**
On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.
15. **Anthem.** (*The choir*).
"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."
16. **Dedication Prayer** (*First Portion*).
17. Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."
18. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
19. The Brethren turn towards the East, whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces
20. **The Invocation.**
20. Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."
21. The Chaplain reads II. Chron. chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.
22. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration,

during which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

23. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.
24. The Brethren sing— "When once of old in Israel."
25. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.
26. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
27. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x. verse 39.
28. The Brethren sing— "When there, a shrine to Him alone."
29. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
30. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
31. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx. verses 25 and 26.
32. The Brethren sing— "And we have come, fraternal bands."
33. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
34. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
35. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.
36. The Brethren sing— "Now o'er our work this Salt we shower."
37. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
38. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

39. The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.

40. **Anthem.** (*The choir*).

"O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts."

41. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

42. **Dedication Prayer,** (*Second Portion*).

43. Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."

44. **The Consecrating Officer Consecrates the Lodge.**

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

46. Hymn: "O First and Sole Foundation."

47. **Patriarchal Benediction.**

48. Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."

Lodge Business.

Installation of Worshipful Master.

Election of Treasurer.

Election of Tyler.

Appointment and Investiture of Officers.

Election of Committee to Frame By-Laws.

Propositions for Initiation and Joining Members.

Closing Hymn.

Now the evening shadows closing,
Worn from toil to peaceful rest,
Mystic arts and rites reposing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of Light! whose love unceasing
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our order with Thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect! be Thine.

So mote it be.

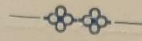


OFFICERS & FOUNDERS.



W. Bro.	G. H. KITCHENER, P.M., L.R., 2551 & 45,	...	...	W.M.
W. „	EDWARD SMITH, P.M., 2551 & 4052,	...	...	I.P.M.
„	G. COLE, 1348 & 2551,	...	...	S.W.
„	F. C. WHITNELL, 2551,	...	...	J.W.
W. „	W. W. T. WHITMORE, P.M., 2551 & 4110,	...		Treasurer.
W. „	PAUL STORR, P.M., L.R., 1538, P.M. 2650 & 2712,			Secretary.
„	R. T. PENDER, 2647,	...	...	D.C.
„	G. M. MOREWOOD, 2551,	...	...	S.D.
„	H. E. FOX, 2551 & 3841,	...	...	J.D.
„	W. R. LAURIE, 2551 & 3841,	...	...	A.D.C.
„	V. H. BLESSLEY, 2551,	...	...	I.G.
„	C. D. RICHARDSON, 1348 & 2551,	...	...	Steward.
„	J. F. OLIVER, 2551,	...	...	Asst. „
„	F. CLARKE, 2551,	...	...	„ „
„	E. H. HOBBS, 2551,	...	...	„ „
W. „	PERCY BRANDON, P.M., 1791.			
W. „	M. STANNARD, P.M., 1056.			

MENU.



Huitres Natives.

Tortue Claire.

Creme St. Germain.

Filets de Sole Cecelia.

Blanchailles.

Selle d'Agneau a la Broche.

Pommes au Beurre.

Celeri.

Sorbet au Kirsch.

Mousse d'Jambon au Champagne.

Poularde a la Broche.

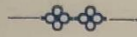
Salade.

Poire Melba Glace.

Gaufrettes.

Cafe.

—❧— Toast List. ❧—



The King and the Craft.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathern, K.G., &c.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,
The Right Hon. Lord Amphill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., &c. ;
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Halsey, Bart. ;
and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

The Consecrating Officers.

The Worshipful Master.

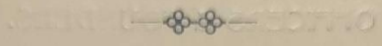
The Masonic Charities.

The Visitors.

The Acting I.P.M. and Officers of the Lodge.

The Tyler's Toast.

Programme of Music.



Grace ... "For these and all Thy mercies" ... Laudí Spiritualí

National Anthem

Songs ... "Wait!" ... Guy d'Hardelot
... "Good Morning Brother Sunshine." ... Lehmann
Miss ANNIE BARTLE.

Songs ... "The Cherry Tree Dance." ... Newton
... "Sweet Vale of Doon." ... Oliver
Bro. ARTHUR KELLET.

Duet ... "Miserere Scene." ... Verdi
(Il Trovatore).
Miss ANNIE BARTLE. Bro. ARTHUR KELLET.

Songs at the Piano. ...
Bro. T. C. STERNDALÉ BENNETT.

Accompanist ... W. Bro. W. R. G. EMERSON, P.P.G.O., Essex.

Music under the direction of W. Bro. J. J. BERRY.

CONSECRATING OFFICERS JEWEL – GOLD



FREEMASONRY.

Mr. G. H. Kitchener has been installed as the W.M. of the newly-consecrated Ceres Lodge, connected with the Corn Exchange. The other officers are: Mr. G. Cole and Mr. F. C. Whitnell, Wardens; Mr. E. Smith, I.P.M.; Mr. W. W. T. Whitmore, Treasurer; Mr. Paul Storr, L.R., Secretary; Mr. R. T. Plender, D.C; Mr G. M. Morewood, S.D.; Mr. H. E. Fox, J.D.; Mr. W. R. Lawrie, A.D.C.; Mr. V. H. Blessley, I.G.; Mr. C. D. Richardson, Mr. J. F. Oliver, Mr. F. Clarke, and Mr. E. H. Hobbs, Stewards.

City Press 5-2-21

Morning Post

6. 3. 1922

FREEMASONRY.

A new lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, under the title Ceres, No. 4,179, being specially composed of corn factors and those connected with the Corn Exchange, in Mark-lane. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary of England, Mr. P. Colville Smith, who was assisted by the following Grand Officers: Sir Alfred Robbins, Mr. Percy G. Mallory, Rev. O. C. Cockrem, Mr. H. D. Haslewood, and Mr. John Sulley. Most of the founders, seventeen in number, are members of the Chissold Lodge, No. 2,551. Mr. G. H. Kitchener, L.R., was installed first Master, and Messrs. G. Cole and F. C. Whitnell were invested as Wardens. The following were appointed officers: Messrs. E. Smith, I.P.M.; W. W. T. Whitmore, treasurer; Paul Storr, L.R., secretary; R. T. Plender, D.C.; G. M. Morewood, S.D.; H. E. Fox, J.D.; W. R. Lawrie, A.D.C.; V. H. Blessley, I.G.; C. D. Richardson, J. F. Oliver, F. Clarke, and E. H. Hobbs, stewards. The consecrating officers were elected honorary members and presented with founders' jewels, a special gift being also made to the Grand Secretary. Propositions for twenty-five new members were made. There were 137 visitors at the meeting, including Mr. G. A. Harris, P.P.G. Treas., Essex; Mr. G. J. Garnett, Master of the Ceres Lodge, Liverpool; Mr. E. G. Knowles, Master of the Chissold Lodge, London; and Mr. G. T. Devonshire, L.R. The crest of the lodge and the founders' jewel were specially designed by Mr. J. J. Bergin.

Daily Tel 3-2-1921.

FREEMASONRY.

Mr. G. H. Kitchener has been installed as

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CERES.

The annual Festival of the Ceres Lodge, No. 4,179, was held on Saturday at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. G. H. Kitchener, W.M., was in the chair, and installed Mr. George Cole as Master.

The Officers appointed were: Messrs. F. C. Whitnell, S.W.; G. M. Morewood, J.W.; W. W. T. Whitmore, P.M., Treasurer; Paul Storr, L.R., Secretary; R. T. Pender, P.M., D.C.; H. Fox, S.D.; V. H. Blessley, J.D.; W. R. Laurie, A.D.C.; C. D. Richardson, Almoner; S. J. Belither, Organist; F. Clarke, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, E. C. Hobbs, H. C. Russell, T. G. Gasston, Stewards; and G. Hudson, P.A.G.Sec. (Bucks), Tyler.

The Lodge was founded in 1920 by members of the Craft connected with the Corn Exchange, London.

Morning Post 6.3.1922

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A new lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at the Cecil, Strand, under the title Ceres, No. 4,179, specially composed of corn factors and those connected with the Corn Exchange, in Mark-lane. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Secretary of England, Mr. P. Colville Smith.

FOUNDERS CORN EXCHANGE LANDMARK

To be read at every Installation Meeting by the Secretary.

NOT to be reproduced.

It has become our custom, before the By-Laws are read, at every Installation Meeting, for Bro. Secretary on behalf of the Master, to remind the Brethren of one of the Landmarks of CERES LODGE, namely:

That it was the original intention of the Founders that the Lodge was formed primarily for the convenience and association of members of the London Corn Exchange, but this does not mean that this should, to the detriment of the Lodge, bar or preclude the admission of other desirable and suitable applicants for Membership and it should therefore also be primarily borne in mind when submitting names for Initiation or Joining that

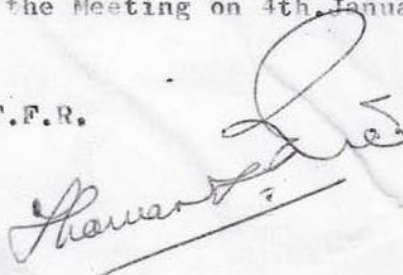
'The first condition of admission into, and membership of the Order, is a belief in the Supreme Being. This is essential and admits ~~no compromise~~ of no compromise.'

The entry in the MINUTES that " THE FOUNDERS CORN EXCHANGE LANDMARK " was read, shall be taken to mean that the foregoing was in fact read in extenso, and without this in the Minutes they shall be queried as a true record of fact at the next Regular Meeting following the Installation Meeting.

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This was adopted unanimously at the Meeting on 4th. January 1969.

T.F.R.



Howard Lewis

25TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVE BOARD AT THE PICCADILLY HOTEL



50TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVE BOARD AT THE BALTIC EXCHANGE



