An anthology of the first 50 years of Quadrant Lodge No. 8044

Prepared by the bretheren and visitors of Quadrant Lodge to mark the 50th anniversary of the consecration of Quadrant Lodge No. 8044 and encompassing the respective amalgamation with Aemulantes Lodge No. 8827 and Kilgrimol Lodge No. 6851.
Foreword

It is my very great honour and privilege to be the Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge in this our 50th year. As you will see from the contents of this Anthology, the first 50 years have been packed with many memorable occasions, starting with the Consecration and finishing with our 50th celebration meeting. These 50 years have laid the foundation for what I am sure will be an exciting next 50 years culminating in our Centenary in October 2065.

This Anthology has been collated and compiled by my Senior Warden, Bro Ben Gorry and we are indebted to him for his sterling work.

Worshipful Brother Terry Hudson has been the main driving force behind this project. From the very start he has organised and encouraged members to contribute and has himself been the main contributor, especially in the early years, and the Lodge owes him a debt of gratitude.

This document contains a variety of factual information, reminiscences and appreciations and was completed by inclusion of the minutes from the 50th Anniversary meeting of Quadrant Lodge, along with the addition of a photograph of all those lodge members present at the celebrations.

When we considered how to collate the variety of information available, the members of the lodge agreed that an anthology would be the best option. As a collection of literary works, produced over the course of the first fifty years of Quadrant lodge, the reader can select what they wish to peruse. We feel that when you take the time to look through this document you will agree that there is a lot of history in the first fifty years of Quadrant lodge and we look forward to a bright future, the next fifty years and beyond!

W Bro Simon Walker PPrJGW (WM of Quadrant Lodge 2015-2016).

Bro Ben Gorry (SW of Quadrant Lodge 2015-2016).
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The first 50 years of members of Quadrant Lodge
The Consecration of Quadrant Lodge No 8044, Thursday 14th October, 1965

This section incorporates a number of pieces of information relating to the Consecration of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 on Thursday the 14th of October 1965. Within this section, the following sub-sections are included:

Minutes of the Consecration
Oration Delivered at the Consecration
The Founders
Images of materials from the Consecration

It is felt that when we combine the detail in these sub-sections, we present a flavour of what things were like masonically 50 years ago.
Minutes of the Consecration

Minutes of the Consecration of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, by the R W Provincial Grand Master, Bro Lawrence Edgar Rutherford, and the Installation of W Bro Thomas Ralph, PPrGD, held at the Palace, St Annes, on Thursday 14 October, 1965.

There were 167 brethren present as recorded in the Tylers book and entered herein.

The brethren assembled at 2.45 pm. The R W Provincial Grand Master, Bro L E Rutherford then appointed his officers for the Consecration ceremony as follows:

- W Bro A J S Bowden PPrGW
- W Bro W J Faulkner PrSGW
- W Bro E Doughty PrJGW
- W Bro Rev G L Wheeler PrGChap
- W Bro H A Fry PGD
- W Bro L M Stuart PGD
- W Bro B R Collins PrSGD
- W Bro F Arnott PrJGD
- W Bro T E Ball PrGSwdB
- W Bro L R Walmsley PrDGDC
- W Bro A F Ferris PrDGDC
- W Bro K E Moxley PrDGDC
- W Bro H Platt PrGStdB
- W Bro E Smith PrGStdB
- W Bro E Watkinson PAGDC
- W Bro C Croudson PPrGW
- W Bro W R Buckley PrGStwd
- W Bro E H S Chapman PrGStwd
- W Bro W C Worthington PPrGD PrGTyler

The lodge was opened and all E A’s were requested to retire from the lodge.

The lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree and all F C’s were requested to retire.

The lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree.

Salutations were then extended to the R W Provincial Grand Master with 7.

Salutations were then given to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro Thomas W Ward, PGD, with 5.

Salutations were then given to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., PGD, with 5.

Salutations were then given to W Bro Thomas A Manning, PGD, Chairman of the Fylde Group, and all other Grand Officers present.

Salutations were then given to W Bro W J Faulkner, PrSGW, and all Provincial Grand Officers present and past.

The opening hymn was sung and the Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting and then called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W Bro Rev G L Wheeler, to give the opening prayer.

The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order and the Provincial Grand Secretary, W Bro H A Fry, PGD, read the Warrant. The names thereon were then approved by the brethren.

An Oration was then given by the Provincial Grand Chaplain followed by an Anthem sung by the Provincial Choir.
The first portion of Dedication Prayer was given, the brethren turned to the East and the Consecrating Officer gave the Invocation.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then read verses 1 – 16 Chapter 2 from the second Book of Chronicles. The lodge board was uncovered and the Provincial Grand Chaplain then read Psalm 72 verse 16.

The Vessels containing the Elements of Consecration were carried round the lodge, the Consecrating Officer scattering Corn, the symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then read Nehemiah, Chapter 10, verse 39.

The Vessels containing the Elements of Consecration were again carried round the lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Wine, the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then read Exodus, Chapter 30, verses 25 & 26.

The Vessels containing the Elements of Consecration were carried round the lodge for the third time, the Consecrating Officer pouring Oil, the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then read Chapter 2 verse 13 from the Book of Leviticus.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkled Salt, the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

The lodge was then dedicated by the Consecrating Officer, followed by the Anthem, sung by the Choir.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain carried the Sensor three times round the lodge, halting in the East and giving the second portion of the Dedication prayer.

The lodge was Constituted by the by the Consecrating Officer, followed by a hymn and the Patriarchal Benediction by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The R W Provincial Grand Master then invited the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Thomas W Ward, PGD, to occupy the Masters Chair for the purpose of the Installation of W Bro Thomas Ralph, PPrGD.

The lodge was resumed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and W Bro Ralph took the Obligation of Master Elect.

The lodge was then resumed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and all brethren below the rank of an Installed Master were requested to retire.

The Installing Officer then Installed W Bro Ralph into the Chair of King Soloman as Master of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044.

The brethren the re-entered the lodge and passed round saluting the Worshipful Master as Master Masons.

W Bro Ralph, PPrGD, was proclaimed Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, for the first time and from the East by the Installing Master who also presented and explained the Working Tools of this degree.

The Worshipful Master then closed the lodge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and work was resumed in the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The brethren then passed round the lodge and saluted the Worshipful Master as Fellow Crafts.

W Bro Ralph was declared Worshipful Master for the second time and from the West by the Installing Master who then presented and explained the Working Tools of this degree.

The Worshipful Master closed the lodge in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and work was resumed in the 1<sup>st</sup>.

The brethren then passed round the lodge and saluted the Worshipful Master as Entered Apprentices.
W Bro Ralph was proclaimed Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, for the third time and from the South by the Installing Officer who then presented and explained the Working Tools of this degree.

The Worshipful Master then installed his officers as follows:

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The Address to the Master was given by the Installing Master.
The Address to the Wardens was given by W Bro W J Faulkner, PrSGW.
The Address to the Brethren was given by W Bro H A Fry, PGD, Provincial Grand Secretary.

Risings
At the first rising the Secretary reported that there were no communications from Grand Lodge.
The R W Provincial Grand Master and all other Grand Officers then retired from the lodge.
At the second rising there were no communications from Provincial Grand Lodge. Provincial Grand Officers then retired.

At the third rising the Secretary reported having received apologies for absence from:
W Bro G D Radford, PGD
W Bro H Hamlett, PAGDC
W Bro A L Adshead, PAGReg
and other distinguished officers and brethren.

The following proposals were then made and adopted.

W Bro G B Barlow proposed and W Bro T W Murdock seconded that W Bro J T Beresford be the lodge Charity Representative.

W Bro T Crompton, PPrAGReg proposed and W Bro CC Wright seconded that W Bro W Wilson be appointed Group Representative.

Bro R A Shaw proposed and Bro A F Brown seconded that W Bro J B Windle and Bro P S Walker be appointed Auditors.

W Bro H Kenyon, PPrGD, proposed and Bro T Hammond seconded that the draft Bye-Laws of the lodge be adopted.

It was then proposed by W Bro J T Beresford, PPrAGReg, and seconded by W Bro R H Nichols that the R W Provincial Grand Master, Bro L E Rutherford, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., PGD, and W Bro Thomas A Manning, PGD, Chairman of the Fylde Group, be elected Honorary Members of the lodge.

W Bro W Wilson proposed and W Bro H Kenyon, PPrGD, seconded that: Mr Cecil Phillips, 16 Lythall Avenue, Lytham, Aged 55 Bakery Manager – E Cookson & Sons Ltd, Lytham, and
W Bro J T Beresford, PPrAGReg, proposed and W Bro T Walsh seconded that:
Mr Edgar Sutton, 90 Albany Road, Ansdell, Aged 56 Company Director – S Sutton & Sons, of the
same address were fit and proper persons to be made masons and members of Quadrant Lodge.

It was proposed by Bro T Hammond and seconded by Bro J Walker, on behalf of Bro L H Bamping,
that:
Bro W Hilton, 11/13 Albert Road, Blackpool, Member of the Blackpool Lodge of Loyalty, No 7332, and,
further,

It was proposed by Bro H Greenhalf and seconded by Bro W Wilson that:
Bro W Muncaster, 108 Hornby Road, Blackpool, Member of Fidelity Lodge, No 1256,
be accepted as Joining Members.

The Worshipful Master proposed and W Bro H Kenyon, PPrGD, seconded that the ceremonies in the
lodge be worked in accordance with the Nigerian Ritual.

Greetings on behalf of the Visiting Brethren were given by W Bro T N Tate, Master of Fairhaven Lodge,
No 5076

Greetings to the Worshipful Master from the brethren of Quadrant Lodge were given by the Senior
Warden, W Bro J T Beresford, PPrAGReg.

There being no further business the lodge was closed at 5.45 pm.
Oration Delivered at the Consecration, by W Bro Rev. G L Wheeler PrGChap

From the earliest known times, the Quadrant, an instrument composed of the fourth part of a circle operating on a fixed centre, was used in architecture, astronomy, navigation and for the measurement of time.

To us, it has a symbolic meaning when applied to life and morals, in this sense:

The fixed centre is God himself; the segment of the circle forming the Quadrant symbolises mortal life, whereas the entire circumference of the complete circle symbolises Eternal Life. ‘On Earth the broken are, in Heaven the perfect round.’

The earliest Masonic writings bid men to ‘Live within the Compass or Quadrant, be true to God’ and obliged them to hold on to that religion in which all men agree – to believe in God, the Centre – this being a point from which a mason cannot err.

Therefore the primary and central question in Masonry is, ‘Do you believe in God?’ The first priority in life is God and from this stems the primary duty to shape our lives according to the principals and teachings of the Volume of the Sacred Law and to live with Eternity in view.

It is by adhering to this Centre, living within the Compass or Quadrant, that Masons are drawn to oneness with each other. It enables them to demonstrate to the world (despite the rich variety of their religious belief, experience or persuasion, and despite their different political or racial groupings) a Unity in Essentials, Liberty in Non-Essentials, and in all things Charity. This is one of the genuine secrets of Freemasonry, a secret that eludes our present world in its divided state of tension.

Masonry is thus, if rightly understood and practised, a positive ideology with a highly relevant mission in this contemporary world.

The alternative to that Unity, which we show, not just in theory but in actuality, is Anarchy, domination by tyrants and the letting loose of The Dogs Of War, which is conveyed by W B Yeats in the following lines:

‘Things fall apart – the centre cannot hold,
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, the
blood-dimmed tide is loosed – the best lack
all conviction while the worst are full of
passionate intensity’

May the Quadrant therefore remind the members of this new Quadrant Lodge of the Grandeur of Masonry – of their duty to live God-centred lives within the Quadrant – with the Volume of the Sacred Law as their chart and compass, and may it ever remind them of our Masonic mission of Unity in a divided and segregated world.

W Bro Rev. G L Wheeler PrGChap

Thursday 14 October 1965
The Founders of Quadrant Lodge No 8044

W Bro Tom Ralph PPrGD

Tom Ralph was a Pharmacist and a Past Master of Landmark Lodge No 7273.

At the time of the Consecration he was the senior Preceptor of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction and, consequently, became the first Master of Quadrant Lodge. He proved to be a dignified and most competent Master and a very fine ritualist; as indeed were all of the Founders. It follows that standards were high, which very much set the tone for the future.

He was not without the odd idiosyncrasy. Over the years he developed a marked aversion to buying raffle tickets on the grounds that, as he would tell you, he never ever won anything!

W Bro Harold Kenyon PPrGD

Harold Kenyon was also a Pharmacist and a Past Master of Landmark Lodge. Another very fine ritualist, he became the lodge's first DC for three years, from 1965 to 1968.

Sadly, Harold's health began to deteriorate in the early years of the lodge's existence and he passed away soon thereafter.

W Bro Tom Crompton PPrAGDC

Tom Crompton ran a Tobacconist and Newspaper business as a tenant of the shop at the corner of the Palace building. He was a Past Master of Melita Lodge No 6783. Tom became the first Treasurer of the lodge at the Consecration, an office he held until 1968, when he was succeeded by Ron Nichols.

W Bro J T Beresford PPrAGReg

Jimmy Beresford was a delightful mason who lived in an equally delightful bungalow on Clifton Drive South, St Annes, which, at that time, sported a splendidly ornate front garden; so much so that passers-by were encouraged to post into a small collection box, positioned for that purpose, a nominal sum to enter through the front garden gate so as to inspect it at close hand.

W Bro R H Nichols

Ron Nichols hailed from Wolverhampton and was a Past Master of the venerable Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers No 1838, meeting there; a lodge of great antiquity. He came to settle in Lytham St Annes, having been appointed Managing Director of a mail order company in Preston called Greenbank.

Ron was a senior Preceptor at the FGLOI and became the second master of Quadrant Lodge. He was destined to become one of the true stalwarts of the lodge and remained so for many years. A man of strong character and firm principals he was never one to suffer fools gladly. He had little time for anyone who did less than their best, or who were less than completely committed, but would always be most supportive of those who were.
Over the years he grew to be one of a handful of Founders who were to exert great sway in shaping and influencing the future style of the lodge. To him commitment was everything, both to the lodge and to the attainment of the best Emulation ritual possible, and the fact that the high reputation of Quadrant Lodge was assured from the outset, was in no small measure due to him.

In the early years Ron organised several memorable exchange visits between the Tudor Lodge in Wolverhampton and we here at Quadrant in St Annes, which were most enjoyable and much appreciated. Ron always maintained that Rudyard Kipling was once a member of the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers.

Ron was to succeed Tom Crompton as lodge Treasurer in 1968, an office which he held with distinction for many years. Ron was extremely competent at everything that he did.

Otherwise his main claim to fame with regard to Quadrant Lodge was that, in his year as Master, he initiated Jack Blackburn. Halcyon days indeed!

In the fullness of time Ron retired and he and his wife returned to live in Wolverhampton. His funeral was held in Stafford which Peter Walker, Jack Blackburn and I attended to represent the lodge.

W Bro Wilfred Wilson

Wilfred Wilson was a Past Master of the Lodge of Triumph No 1061, who became first the Consecrating Secretary, and then Secretary of the lodge until 1968, when he was succeeded by Tom Walsh.

Bro Leslie Bamping

Bro John Walker

Bro Leslie Bamping and Bro John Walker were great friends and members of Symphony Lodge No 4924. Both were the most convivial of brethren but, after Bro Leslie’s relatively early demise, John seemed to lose heart and direction and, notwithstanding that he was the ADC of the lodge for the first year, he took little part in lodge affairs thereafter and was soon succeeded by John Winkley, who was destined to play a major part in lodge affairs for many years to come.

Bro Peter Stuart Walker

Peter was also a Pharmacist and a member and, subsequently, a Past Master of Kilgrimol Lodge No 6851. He was to become one of the legendry masonic figures of the South Fylde Group, of the Province of West Lancashire, and of the FGLOI.

First appointed Provincial Grand Steward in 1972, he was then promoted to the acting rank of Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1976 and, subsequently, appointed to Grand Rank in 1980 as a PAGDC. He was further promoted in Grand Rank to PSGD on his appointment as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, which office he held for 11 years from 1987 to 1998, having care of the South Fylde and South Blackpool Groups throughout.

Peter was an outstanding and uniquely talented ritualist; his knowledge of Emulation ritual was unparalleled. He was arguably the finest exponent of it that Fylde masonry has ever produced and, in
due time, he succeeded Tom Ralph and Ron Nichols as Senior Preceptor of the FGLOI, where he ‘reigned’ with conspicuous success for many years, until the mantle was passed first to Eric Bingham and then to Ian Ward, the present incumbent.

Peter enjoyed a very close relationship with the committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London and, for several years, he organised coaches to take a considerable number of us younger brethren to the annual festival in June; often for a chosen few of us to participate. He himself was awarded a Silver Matchbox for his first perfect ceremony - an Initiation – and, subsequently, a ‘strike’ for his second, an Installation.

Once an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, such was the esteem in which he was held that, on the recommendation of R W Bro Kenneth Edward Moxley, the then Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire, he was nominated to become a member of the Board of General Purposes, on which he served for a number of years; no mean feat for a provincial mason!

It was he who became responsible for the creation of the Northern Group Lodge of Instruction and, in the process, travelled to and from his pharmacy in Bond Street, Blackpool, to Barrow in Furness, every alternate Friday for several years; and this at a time when there were no motorways. Sadly the Northern Group LOI is no longer operative (see an Appreciation by W Bro Brian Davey PPrJGW).

Throughout much of his life Peter greatly enjoyed the game of golf, which he played with an enthusiasm typical of his nature. Eventually, he was allocated an extremely generous, and totally inappropriate, handicap of 24, and it did not take him overlong to appreciate the long term benefits of it. His handicap may not have been sufficient to actually win him much, but it did tend to ensure that he was never holding the rest of us up (sic).

A man of boundless energy, enthusiasm and commitment, he was blessed with a benign, gracious temperament and was the most congenial and amenable of men; a true, lifelong friend to so many of us. We all regarded him with great respect, and even greater affection; and still do.

Bro R A Shaw

W Bro Thomas Walsh

Tom Walsh was a Past Master of Kilgrimol Lodge and Chief Building Inspector for Fylde Borough Council. From the outset Tom became another of the stalwarts of Quadrant Lodge over the years and was much loved. Peter Walker once described him as ‘everyone’s favourite mason’; the most convivial of men and someone whose influence was always totally benevolent. Wonderfully adept and creative he made much of the lodge’s furniture, including the Tracing Boards still in use to the present day.

In 1968 Tom became Secretary of the lodge, an office which he discharged with distinction for a considerable number of years.

W Bro Tom Walsh PPrJGW - An Appreciation by W Bro John Hayfield PPrJGW
When I began working at Lytham St. Anne’s Corporation (LSAC) in 1967 as a 19 year old trainee Municipal Engineer, I first met Tom Walsh who was then the Senior Building Inspector in the Borough Surveyors Department. During my 7 year period of employment at LSAC I also met William Eardley who worked closely with Tom in the same department.

Tom was a highly skilled, time served joiner who had spent his working life in the building industry. Tom utilised his skills and knowledge to construct a detached chalet bungalow as a holiday home for himself and his two children overlooking Lake Windermere, close to the entrance to the Hill of Oaks caravan park.

Tom was an extremely friendly and personable individual who always looked on the bright side of life, and as a result he was an extremely popular member of staff at St Anne’s Town Hall.

During my service at LSAC I learnt that Tom was a Freemason and I asked if he would propose me into the Craft and, after a short period of deliberation, Tom decided to propose me into Quadrant Lodge, in preference to Kilgrimol Lodge where he was also a member.

During my Raising ceremony in November 1973, Tom gave an explanation of the Traditional History and the memory of that evening is still indelibly imprinted on my mind.

Tom was the Lodge Secretary for many years and I was always amused to see the lodge minutes written in the same trademark green ink that he used in his working life.

After joining Quadrant I learned that the Lodge had a very active social programme and my highlight of those early years was always the Sunday lunches held at the Hodge Hill Restaurant in Strawberry Bank in the Lake District, and when the lunch was over all the members and guests retired to Tom and Betty’s chalet bungalow for afternoon tea and games in the garden.

Tom made the majority of Quadrants Lodge furniture in the workshop located in the garage of his home in the Haymarket in St Annes where he lived with his wife Betty for many years. It is a testament to Tom’s skill that the majority of the furniture is still in use today.

Tom attained the age of 65 years and retired from LSAC in or around 1974 and enjoyed an active retirement whilst performing the role as a highly respected Past Master of Quadrant for many years.

Bro Albert Dyer

Albert, a kind, amenable and gentle man, was an Ophthalmic Optician, a Pharmacist and yet another Past Master of Landmark Lodge, who was to serve the lodge as Worshipful Master for two years in 1967/8, due to the sudden death of Harold Whittemore, the then Senior Warden of the lodge.
Bro Tom Hammond

Tom was a Past Master of the Lodge of Good Hope No 6937, meeting in Cleveleys. He was another fine ritualist and a great supporter of the FGLOI.

He and his wife ran a flourishing B & B in Hull Road, Blackpool, for a number of years whence, upon retirement, they moved to a most acceptable home in North Park Drive, Blackpool.

Perhaps Tom’s greatest claim to fame came in a most unlikely fashion, and was by virtue of his son, Jeffrey. Jeffrey attended Blackpool Grammar School where, at the age of 17, he and a school friend called Ian Anderson began the formation of the world famous progressive rock band, Jethro Tull, which propelled him to fame, untold riches and tax exile in Monte Carlo.

Tom used to say that, as teenagers, the embryonic band used to rehearse in the basement of his B & B in Hull Road, ‘to some tune’, never dreaming of what was to ensue.

Bro J C Winkley

John was in the business of carpets and soft furnishings with retail premises on Clifton Street, Lytham, and another member of Landmark Lodge, meeting in Poulton.

A kind, softly spoken and gentlemanly figure, he also was to become another true stalwart of the lodge, becoming first the ADC in 1967 and, subsequently, the DC of the lodge for a period of many years in 1969. His eventual demise was a great loss to the lodge.

W Bro J R Bulcock

Bert was a ‘character’ and was the archetypal Pickwickian figure with a round, florid face, replete with whiskers to match.

Bert retired to the Fylde from Oldham where he had spent his working life in the cotton industry.

Bro H C Whittemore

Bro R Kenworthy by W Bro David Kenworthy, PPrDGsuptWks

‘Robert (always Bob, apart of course to his mother) Kenworthy was born in Fawcett Street, Broughton, Salford, and later lived in nearby Oak Road where his mother ran a corner shop. His father and grandfather were both engineers, but in 1928, and at the age of sixteen, he left home and signed on as an Apprentice Seaman with Manchester Liners, and for the next seventeen years he sailed all over the world, finally leaving the Merchant Navy in 1945 as a Master Mariner.

On the 3rd April 1943, Bob was initiated into Abbey Lodge No 3778, which met at the Masonic Hall, Oliver Street, Birkenhead, Cheshire, and his Grand Lodge Certificate was issued on the 6th May 1946. Having married Doris on the 8th August 1944, he left the Merchant Navy after the end of WW II and they settled in the Fylde, first at Kirkham, then Cleveleys, and finally, in 1958, in St Annes. Distance meant only rare attendances at his mother Lodge, where he remained a Country Member until his death, although he did attended various Lodges during his travels.
During the late 40s and 50s Bob travelled extensively for his employer who was engaged in the reconstruction of Battle of Britain airfields from grass to tarmac runways and it was during this time that, with a couple of friends, he formed the company that is now owned by the third generation of his family. The friends were Freemasons, one Junior Warden of his Lodge, and so the company was named Warden Builders Merchants Ltd., later becoming Warden Builders Ltd., now Warden Construction Ltd.

Now living in St Annes, and a regular visitor to Kilgrimol Lodge, he was approached to become a Founder of Quadrant Lodge No 8044. By his own admission he found working Emulation Ritual difficult and was always much more comfortable making an “off the cuff” speech, and so was reluctant to progress to Master, but actively supported the new Lodge, particularly the social events. This was perhaps the reason that when one of his two sons, David, discussed becoming a Freemason, he encouraged him to join the then newly Consecrated Aemulantes Lodge, No 8827, which had been sponsored by Quadrant Lodge. In 2008 Aemulantes Lodge Amalgamated with Quadrant Lodge and Kilgrimol Lodge, so David finally followed his father and became a member of Quadrant Lodge.

Bob passed away on the 28th December 1988.

Bob was a gregarious, larger than life character, who brought boundless enthusiasm and energy into the affairs of the lodge in its formative years. (TH)

**W Bro J B Windle**

John was a Preston based Solicitor specializing in Criminal Injury, and a Past Master of Melita Lodge No 6783 meeting at the Palace, in St Annes.

A Cambridge graduate, John was another gentle, softly spoken and gentlemanly figure who, although he did not feature overly in the future affairs of Quadrant Lodge, he nevertheless achieved considerable masonic distinction by working his way through the South Fylde Group system, finally becoming its Group Chairman.

Upon retirement he had attained Grand Rank in both the Craft, as a PJGD, and the Royal Arch, as a PAGSoj.

It was typical of John’s compassionate nature that, towards the end of his legal career, he acted successfully for the majority of the claimants following the desperately tragic Abbystead disaster, near Lancaster.

**W Bro H F Hughes**

**W Bro T W Murdoch**

**Bro A F Brown**
Bro H Greenhalf

Harold was a member of the Lodge of Fidelity, No 1256, meeting in Poulton.

Bro F A Brown

Fred was to become the last of the truly significant stalwarts of the lodge and was Master in 1969.

W Bro C C Wright

Bro W Wilson

William Wilson was the headmaster of a primary school in Kirkham and a member of Kirkham Lodge No 6615.

Bill was yet another kindly, gentlemanly figure who became Master of the lodge in 1972.

W Bro G B Barlow

Bro Barlow died within two years of the Consecration. Consequently he played little part in lodge affairs during that time.

Compiled by

Terry Hudson

May 2015
Images of materials from the Consecration

This section contains images of materials from the day of the Consecration.
CONSECRATION

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE

QUADRANT LODGE No. 8044

Consecration

at

THE PALACE, ST. ANNES-ON-SEA

on

THURSDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1965

by

Right Worshipful Bro. L. E. RUTHERFORD
Provincial Grand Master

and

Installation

of

Worshipful Bro. THOMAS RALPH, P.W.G.D.,
in Worshipful Master

by

W.Bro. THOS. W. WARD, P.G.D.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

assisted by

W.Bro. Sir KNOWLES EDGE, P., P.G.D.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

and other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers

Presenting Officers:

W.Bro. T. A. MENTING, P.G.D.
W.Bro. H. A. FRY, T.D., P.G.D.

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY

OFFICIATING BRETHREN

Consecrating Officer:
R.W.Bro. L. E. RUTHERFORD,
Provincial Grand Master

Installing Master:
W.Bro. THOS. W. WARD, P.G.D.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Assistant Provincial Grand Master:
W.Bro. Sir KNOWLES EDGE, P., P.G.D.

Order of Procedure

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

2. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the

   Grand Officers, having entered in procession,

   takes the Chair, and appoints his Officers pro tem.

3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

4. Opening Hymn

   Hail, Eternal, by whose aid

   All remote things were made;

   Hymn, with Architect Divine.

   May our work begin in Thee,

   Ever blest with order be,

   And may we henceforth cease;

   Part in harmony and peace.

   By Thy glorious Majesty,

   So mote it be.

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren

   on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the

   Prov. G. Chaplain to give the

   Opening Prayer

   Chant (Owner).—“So mote it be.”

6. The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies

   addresses the Consecrating Officer.

7. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives

   directions.

W.Bro. E. DOUGHTY, P.J.G.W. .......... J.W.
W.Bro. the Rev. G. L. WHEELER, P.G.Chap. .... Chaplin
W.Bro. H. A. FRY, P.G.D., P.G.Sec. .......... Secretary
W.Bro. L. M. MURCHIE, P.G.D., P.R.G.D.C. ...... D.C.
W.Bro. R. K. COLLINS, P.R.G.D. .......... S.D.
W.Bro. F. ARMOTT, Pr.J.G.D. .......... J.D.
W.Bro. T. J. BALL, P.G.Sec. .......... Sec. B.
W.Bro. H. PLATT, Pr.G.Sec. .......... Sec. B.
W.Bro. F. W. SMITH, P.G.Sec. .......... Sec. B.
W.Bro. E. WATKINSON, P.A.G.D.C. .... Organist
W.Bro. C. CRODDON, P.G.D. .......... L.G.
W.Bro. W. R. BUCKLEY, Pr.G.Sec. .... Steward
W.Bro. H. E. S. CHAPMAN, P.G.Sec. .......... Steward
W.Bro. W. C. WORTHINGTON, P.G.D., P.G.Tyler, Tyler
8. The Brethren of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.
9. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
10. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
11. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

12. An Oration

13. Anthem

A beloved home song by the Brethren to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down the beard, even Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his garments.
It is like the dew of Zion, which fell upon the hill of Zion.
For there the Lord promised His blessing, And life for evermore.
So mote it be.

14. Dedication Prayer
(First portion)

15. Chant (Omnes)—“So mote it be.”
Musical Response—“GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.”

16. The Brethren turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives
The Invocation

17. Chant (Omnes)—“So mote it be.”

The Consecration
19. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.
21. The Brethren sing—

When once of old in Israel
Our early Fathers wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
In showers of corn, and wine, and oil.

22. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer sprinkling Corn—the symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

23. Musical Response—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!”


25. The Brethren sing—

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built with worship on no foot:
On threshold and on Corner-stone
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

26. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

27. Musical Response—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!”


29. The Brethren sing—

And we have come, frontal bands,
With gird and girdle and garments clad,
To bow before the God of Bands.

30. The vessels containing the Elements of Consecration will be carried round the Lodge, the Consecrating Officer pouring Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

(Solemn music during the Procession)

31. Musical Response—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!”


33. The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our vows the salt we shower,
Eucharist of Thy covenant power:
And may the presence, Lord we pray,
Keep this, our temple, from decay.

34. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

(Solemn music during his penitential act)

35. Musical Response—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!”

36. The Consecrating Officer
Dedicates the Lodge
Chant (Omnes)—“So mote it be.”

37. Anthem

(Dedication Praise of King Solomon)

I have hallowed this House to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide for ever. But will God dwell on earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have builded! Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord, my God, that Thine eyes may be open toward this house and toward this place, whereby Thou hast said, "My name shall be there," And the Lord said unto Solomon: "I have heard thy prayer. I have hallowed this house which Thou hast built; built to put My Name there for ever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually."

38. The Prov. G. Chaplain takes the Corner three times round the Lodge and halts in the East.

(Solemn music during his progress)

39. Dedication Prayer.
(Second portion)

40. Chant (Omnes)—“So mote it be.”
41. The Consecrating Officer
Constitutes the Lodge
42. Chant (Omnes)—“So mote it be.”
43. 
Hymn
Glory to God on high,  
Let heaven and earth reply,  
Praise ye His name;  
Mourn His love endures,  
Dwell in their mystic lore,  
And cry out evermore,  
Glory to God.  
So mote it be.

44. Patriarchal Benediction.

45. Chant (Owner) — “So mote it be.”

CHORUS

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W.Bro. W. Wilson
Bro. J. T. Hammond
Bro. W. Wilson
Bro. A. F. Brown
Bro. H. Greenhalf
Bro. C. C. Wright
Bro. W. Wilson
Bro. G. B. Barlow

LODGE IS RESUMED IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Installation of Master Designate:
W.Bro. THOMAS RALPH, P.Pr.G.D.

BUSINESS

Election of Treasurer.

Election of Tyler.

Appointment and Investiture of Officers.

Election of Charity Representative.

Election of Group Representative.

Election of Auditors.

To adopt Draft By-Laws.

Proposition for Honorary Members.

Proposition for Initiation and Joining.

Any other Business.

To close the Lodge.

FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE

W.Bro. T. Ralph, P.Pr.G.D.
W.Bro. H. Kenyon, P.Pr.G.D.
W.Bro. T. Crompton, P.Pr.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. R. H. Nicholls
W.Bro. W. Wilson
Bro. L. H. Bumpkin
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Bro. P. S. Walker
Bro. R. A. Shaw
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Bro. J. R. Bulcock
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MASTER

W.Bro. T. RALPH, P.Pr.G.D.

L.P.M.

W.Bro. J. B. BULLOCK

OFFICERS

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W.Bro. R. H. Nicholls ................................ J.W.
W.Bro. T. Crompton, P.Pr.A.G.D.C. ................. Treasurer
W.Bro. W. Wilson ..................................... Secretary
W.Bro. H. Kenyon, P.Pr.G.D. ......................... D.C.
Bro. A. Dyer ........................................ S.D.
Bro. H. C. Whittemore ................................ J.D.
Bro. J. Walker ......................................... A.D.C.
Bro. G. B. Barlow ..................................... Almoner
Bro. J. C. Winkley .................................. Ass't. Sec.
Bro. W. Wilson ...................................... I.G.
Bro. L. H. Bumpkin ................................ Steward
Bro. T. Hammond .................................. Steward
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Bro. R. A. Shaw .................................... Steward
Bro. P. S. Walker .................................. Steward
Bro. C. W. Kenworthy ................................. Steward
W.Bro. T. Walsh ..................................... Tyler

TOAST LIST

1. The Queen, Duke of Lancaster. Proposed by the W.M.

2. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Right Honourable the 1st of Scarsborough, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration.
   Proposed by The Worshipful Master.

3. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, The Right Honourable the Earl of Gaughran, on whom has been conferred the Military Cross.
   The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master, Major-General Sir Allan H. B. Adam, K.C.B., Companion of the Most Honourable Bath, Companion of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, on whom has been conferred the Military Cross; and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past.
   Proposed by W. Bro. H. Kenyon, P.P.G.D.

   Proposed by W. Bro. T. A. Mathieson, P.G.D.


   The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Worshipful Brethren: Andrew McKee Reid, Cyril J. Fair, Harry W. Wetherall, Sir Thomas Harkness, Sir Knowledge Ede, Bayford, Percy A. Sibb, George W. Hughes; and the Rev. R. K. Leitch, all of whom are Past Grand Deacons; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past.
   Proposed by W. Bro. J. B. Windle.

   Proposed by W. Bro. Sir Knowles Edge, Kt., P.G.D.

7. The Founders.
   Proposed by W. Bro. J. G. Cummerworth, P.G.D.

8. The Mother Lodge.

   Proposed by W. Bro. L. H. Bunting.

10. Absent Brethren.

11. Tyler's Toast.

MENU

Melon
Grapefruit Cocktail
Spring Vegetable Soup
—
Sole au Vent
—
Veal au Vent
—
Lemon Sorbet
—
Roast Fylke Turkey
Sprouts — Carrots
Boiled and Roast Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
—
Fruit Cocktail
Ice
—
Shilton Cheese and Biscuits
—
Coffee
—
Dessert

The Master's Song
will be rendered by:
W. Bro. C. Higgins, P.P.G.W.
Reminiscences of the formation, the Consecration and the early years of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 by W Bro Terry Hudson, PSGD PAPGM

I became one of the first Joining Members of Quadrant Lodge early in 1966, the year after the Consecration, by which time I had been a mason for some three and a half years, having been Initiated into the Rectitude Lodge of Blackpool, No 4122, meeting in Adelaide Street, Blackpool, in May 1962.

My introduction to Quadrant Lodge came by virtue of a friendship between my father and W Bro Ismail Gibrail, PGStdB, who was a well-known and very popular mason, with extensive business interests, both in the Fylde and beyond, as a Tea & Coffee Merchant of considerable repute. He was a Past Master of Symphony Lodge, No 4924, and also a great supporter of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction (FGLOI), which was of some considerable significance, as will become apparent.

I was duly called for an interview. The interview took place at the Palace in St Annes, and I recall sitting in my solitary seat before a lengthy row of Founders, many of whom were to play major roles in my masonic career over the years to come; although I was not to appreciate that at the time, of course.

I was brought to mind of the famous painting, ‘When did you last see your father?’

THE FORMATION

By the time of my interview in 1964, I had been a mason for less than three years, so I was only able to be considered as a Joining Member, rather than a Founder. Further, I found that the formation process had almost been concluded, but not before I was made aware of the significance to it of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction, of which all of the Founders were members.

Simply stated Quadrant Lodge was conceived by the members of the Fylde Group Lodge Of Instruction (FGLOI) to create a lodge which would work Emulation working strictly; that is to say in strict accordance with the workings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London. For many years following the Consecration it was the policy of the new lodge to work Emulation Lectures on at least one regular lodge meeting during each year.

In the event, I am now the last surviving member of Quadrant Lodge to be present at its Consecration; and by some distance!

THE CONSECRATION

Quadrant Lodge was consecrated at the Palace, Garden Street, St Annes on Sea, on Thursday 14 October 1965, by R W Bro Lawrence Edgar Rutherford, the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire at that time. Bro Rutherford was a lawyer based in Liverpool, whose great interest, other than Freemasonry, was the theatre, and he was very proud of his membership of the Magic Circle.

His photograph has hung for many years in the ‘blue’ dining room here at the Palace, and is now on view in front of the Secretaries table.

Bro Rutherford remained in office for eleven years, which is until 1968, when he was succeeded by Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., who had been the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Fylde area throughout that time and who lived in Lytham. He was a member and Past Master of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No 4428, whom I remember as an elegant, dignified and gentlemanly figure. In the blue dining room there is a large glass showcase containing all of his regalia as Provincial Grand Master, as Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, and other memorabilia covering his membership of other Masonic degrees; the Mark, Rose Croix and so forth.
The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was W Bro Thomas W Ward, PGD, who ran a family owned manufacturing company in Warrington and Sheffield called ‘Wardonia’, which produced stainless steel razor blades and cutlery.

The Presenting Officers were W Bros Thomas A Manning, PGD, and William Foster, PAGDC, who, at the time of the Consecration, were the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Fylde Group of Lodges and Chapters respectively. It should be noted that the Fylde area was all one Group in those days and came not to be split into four until some years later. Thomas A Manning was the head of a company which controlled the importation of Jute into the UK with factories in Dundee and Carnoustie, Scotland. William Foster served in the Royal Navy during WW2 and, following the end of hostilities, was appointed Head of the newly created Publicity Dept. of Blackpool Borough Council.

In due time, both were successively to become Assistant Provincial Grand Masters with responsibility for the Fylde area and, over the next decade or two, were to become very good friends of Quadrant Lodge, as the ensuing narrative will reveal.

During the Consecration ceremony, the jewels of each officer were explained in full by W Bro Harry Fry, PGD, the Provincial Grand Secretary at that time, whom I remember very clearly as a young mason.

The ever charismatic Colonel Harry Fry was the Provincial Grand Secretary for 26 years from 1951 to 1977, during which time he became firmly entrenched and held great sway. A former Cambridge Rugby Blue, he would accompany the Provincial Grand Master on all team visits and, at Installation Meetings and Consecrations, he would address each officer from Senior Warden through to Tyler in full, with style and considerable panache; but certainly not according to Emulation working, it has to be said!

It was very much his party piece and, as a consequence, was not only hugely entertaining but also most impressive, particularly given his legendary propensity for fine Claret with which, having suitably fortified himself over lunch, with the odd Gin and Tonic or two beforehand, he would embark on the afternoon’s proceedings with much verve and enthusiasm.

As is customary on such occasions, a number of local masons were involved in the Consecration, most of whom were acting Provincial Officers of the year.

Adrian Bowden, who acted as IPM, was an electrician with retail premises on St Albans Road, St Annes. He was a keen golfer and member of the St Annes Old Links Golf Club and, further, a member and Past Master of Symphony Lodge, No 4924. In due time he was appointed to Grand Rank as a PGStdB, and subsequently promoted to PAGDC.

Ernest Doughty, the Provincial Junior Warden, retired to live in the Fylde in later life and became a Joining Member of Aemulantes Lodge, No 8827, meeting at the Palace, in St Annes.

The Rev. Gordon L Wheeler was the Provincial Grand Chaplain and was Rector of Christchurch, in Thornton Cleveleys. We still retain a copy of the Oration he delivered at the Consecration.

Harry A Fry was the Provincial Grand Secretary. (see above)

L Murray Stuart was a dapper and most able Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who was a family member and director of the world renowned crystal cut glass company of the same name.

Basil Collins was a Provincial Senior Grand Deacon of the year and acted as Senior Deacon. Basil was a truly delightful mason and a retailer in televisions and electrical goods in Wood Street, St Annes. Further, he was a member of the Lodge of Friendship, No 4199, which, sadly, is no longer in existence.

Fred Arnott was a Provincial Junior Grand Deacon of the year and acted as Junior Deacon. He was a member and Past Master of both Mount Lodge, No 6650, and Hesketh Lodge, No 950, meeting in Fleetwood.
His son, Bob, also a member and Past Master of Hesketh Lodge, was to enjoy an extraordinarily illustrious career as a seaman for, in due time, he rose to become Captain of the legendary QE2 cruise liner, which sailed the world, hosting the Royal Family, amongst the thousands of other notable passengers.

**Thomas Ball** was the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, who acted as Inner Guard. Ultimately he rose to become Chairman of the St Helens and District Group, with the rank of PJGD.

**Lyndon Walmsley, Alan Fletcher Ferris** and **Kenneth Edward Moxley** were the three Provincial Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremony in attendance: in due time the names of the latter two, in particularly, would resonate throughout the Province for many years to come.

It is perhaps unfortunate that I have only very selected memories of the Consecration itself, and none of the Festive Board, the menu, or any of the speeches that would have taken place, which is perhaps not altogether surprising when account is taken of the fact that, as a very young man with strictly limited experience of Freemasonry, I had neglected to read the summons properly and duly arrived improperly dressed in a dark lounge suit instead of a dinner suit. Mortified, I sat hunched on the back row of the lodge room, suitably embarrassed, until the break, when I was able to dash home, change, and return, thus missing both refreshments and the opportunity to meet members of the Consecrating team.

But I do have one crystal clear memory to offer, which I will retain forever.

I had only entered the Palace building once previously and that on the occasion of my interview. The Palace, therefore, was new and intriguing and, during the early afternoon, I wandered round endeavouring to get my bearings, when I came across the open doors to the lodge room proper.

Therein were two very smart younger masons in formal attire. They had obviously just finished preparing the square pavement and the ornamentation of it, when the one observed to the other that, after careful consideration, there seemed little point in any further adjustments as when **L Murray Stuart**, the Provincial DC, came to inspect it, notwithstanding how correct and immaculate it might appear, he would simply encircle the pavement, tug at one of the corners, and depart in a purposeful manner.

At that moment **L Murray Stuart** entered the lodge room, encircled the pavement, tugged at one of the corners, emitted an almost imperceptible grunt, and departed in a purposeful manner. Without further ado, the one thereupon gave the other the benefit of a knowing smile, which they shared whilst leaving the lodge room, thereby passing a young mason trying vainly to make himself look invisible.

The two formally attired masons were, of course, Provincial Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremony: their names, **Alan Fletcher Ferris** and **Kenneth Edward Moxley** who, in due time, were to become, successively, Provincial Grand Masters of the Province of West Lancashire in 1981 and 1990 respectively.

**Alan Fletcher Ferris** became the first provincial mason ever to become a Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, rising to become Grand Director of Ceremonies of the United Grand Lodge of England. We younger masons all dined out on that for years!

In due time, both he and **Kenneth Edward Moxley** attended Quadrant Installations whilst in office as Provincial Grand Masters.
THE INSTALLATION

W Bro Thomas Ralph, PPrGD, Master Designate, was duly Installed as the first Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Thomas W Ward, PGD.

There then took place the Election of Treasurer and Tyler. The Worshipful Master then Appointed and Invested his Officers as follows:

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The Draft By-Laws were adopted.

The R W Provincial Grand Master, Bro L E Rutherford, the W Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., PGD, and the Chairman of the Fylde Group of Lodges, W Bro Thomas A Manning, PGD, were proposed as Honorary Members.

Then took place Propositions for Joining Membership and Candidates for Initiation.

The lodge was closed at 5.45 pm.
The Early Years of Quadrant Lodge

1965 W Bro Tom Ralph PPrGD

Tom Ralph was a Pharmacist and a Past Master of Landmark Lodge No 7273. At the time of the Consecration he was the senior Preceptor of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction and, as a consequence, became the first Master of Quadrant Lodge. He proved to be a dignified and most competent Master and a very fine ritualist; as indeed were all of the Founders. It follows that standards were high, which very much set the tone for the future.

However, he was not without the odd idiosyncrasy. Over the years he developed a marked aversion to buying raffle tickets on the grounds that - as he would tell you if given the opportunity - he never ever won anything! He also cultivated 'the irritating habit of snapping his fingers if you were taking part in any work and you missed your cue' (Jack Blackburn).

During his year W Bro William Hilton - who was to become WM in 1971 - and Bro W Muncaster became Joining Members, and Cecil Phillips and Edgar Sutton were accepted as Candidates for Initiation. Cecil, who was to become WM in 1973, was a particularly delightful, self-effacing man. Cecil was a Master Baker with Cooksons in Lytham who, at that time, were bakers of some significance in the Fylde area.

1965 W Bro R H Nichols

Ron Nichols hailed from Wolverhampton and was a Past Master of the venerable Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers No 1838, a lodge of great antiquity meeting at the Masonic Hall, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton. He came to settle in Lytham St Annes, having been appointed Managing Director of a mail order company in Preston called Greenbank.

Ron was a senior Preceptor at the FGLOI and became the second master of Quadrant Lodge. He was destined to become a dedicated member of the lodge and one of its true stalwarts, remaining so for many years until his retirement. A man of strong character and firm principals, he was never one to suffer fools gladly. He had little time for anyone who did less than their best, or who were less than completely committed, but would always be most supportive of those who were.

Over the years he grew to be one of a handful of Founders who were to exert great sway in shaping and influencing the future style of the lodge. To him, commitment was everything, both to the lodge and to the attainment of the finest Emulation ritual possible, and the fact that the high reputation of Quadrant Lodge was assured from the outset, was in no small measure due to him.

In the early years Ron organised several memorable exchange visits between the Tudor Lodge in Wolverhampton and we here at Quadrant in St Annes, which were most enjoyable and much appreciated. Ron always maintained that Rudyard Kipling was once a member of the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers.

Ron came to succeed Tom Crompton as lodge Treasurer in 1968, an office which he held with distinction for many years; he was extremely competent at everything that he did. His first Provincial rank was that of acting Provincial Senior Deacon, before being promoted to the rank of PPrJGW, some years later. Otherwise his main claim to fame with regard to Quadrant Lodge was that, in February 1969, he initiated Jack Blackburn. Halcyon days indeed!

In the fullness of time Ron retired and he and his wife returned to live in Wolverhampton until his demise. His funeral was held in Stafford which Peter Walker, Jack Blackburn and I attended to represent the lodge. During his year Bro Terry Hudson, who was to become WM in 1974/75, and W Bro John Parfitt
became Joining Members and Douglas Richardson, John Jelf and Vernon Coupe were accepted as Candidates for Initiation.

Douglas Richardson was a serving police officer in St Annes who, after just a few short years, was promoted through the ranks from Inspector to Chief Superintendent, with care of Horwich and the environs, where he continued to develop his masonry; sadly, at the expense of Quadrant Lodge. I recall that his first provincial appointment was that of Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

John Jelf and Peter Walker were brothers-in-law, John having married Peter’s sister, Nancy. John was a school teacher who progressed to become the headmaster of a primary school in Preston. After just a few years he had ceased to attend although, every year in March, he used to write a most convivial letter containing his annual subscriptions, a practise he continued faithfully until his death.

Vernon Coupe, became a great supporter of Quadrant Lodge, and was WM in 1977.

The Representative of the R W Provincial Grand Master at Ron’s Installation in 1965 was W Bro H P Elliot, PGStdB.

1967-1968 W Bro Albert Dyer

Albert, an amiable, gentle man, was an Ophthalmic Optician, a Pharmacist and yet another member of Landmark Lodge, who was to serve the lodge as Worshipful Master for two years in 1967 and 1968, following the sudden death of Harold Whittemore, the then Senior Warden of the lodge.

Of interest is that Albert only accepted the invitation to be Master for a second year on the understanding that his wife would not be obliged to undertake the responsibilities of a second formal Ladies Evening; which was accepted. In those early days Quadrant Lodge enjoyed a most vibrantly active social scene with attendances often in excess of 150 for formal events. In the event, therefore, the lodge resolved to stage a formal Ladies Evening in Albert’s second year and to invite W Bro Thomas A Manning, PGD, Chairman of the Fylde Group - and shortly to be Invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, in succession to Sir Knowles Edge Bart., - to be President for the evening; which he accepted. It will be remembered that W Bro Tom Manning was one of the Presenting Officers at the Consecration.

See - “A Visit to the Manning Household”

During Albert’s years as Master, Eric Holmes, Mark Hutchings, Kenneth Lambert and Jack Blackburn were accepted as Candidates for Initiation.

Jack Blackburn became WM in 1976 and has proved to be one of the outstanding members and great stalwarts of Quadrant Lodge throughout its history thus far. I Proposed Jack and, further, delivered the Charge after Initiation. Jack is still a member with the outstanding rank of PPrSGW.

Moreover, 46 years on and he is still causing me nothing but trouble!

The Representing Officer at Albert’s first Installation was W Bro James L Adshead, PAGReg, and, at his second, W Bro Adrian Bowden, PGStdB, who, it will be noted, acted as IPM at the Consecration three years earlier.
**1969 W Bro F A Brown**

Fred Brown, who hailed from Hull in Yorkshire, came to live in the Fylde to set up in business as a cheque trader in the centre of Blackpool. He also ran two large loan companies and was the General Manager of both. Fred was an outstanding member of Quadrant Lodge and proved to be one of its foremost stalwarts throughout the many years of his membership. He held the office of Secretary for 10 years, from 1979 to 1989, with great distinction, and, in the fullness of time, came to be promoted to the rank of PPrSGW.

During Fred’s year Ken Crossley and Frank Minton were accepted as Candidates for Initiation.

Frank Minton remained a faithful member of the lodge until his demise and was much loved. In the early years the position of Tyler was made progressive; such was the strength of the lodge. In due time, however, Frank accepted the position on a permanent basis and remained in place for a number of years. His eventual death was a great loss to the lodge. The Representing Officer at Fred’s Installation was W Bro William Foster, PGD, APGM.

**1970 W Bro J R Bulcock**

Everybody loved Bert Bulcock. A delightful, diminutive, cherubic, Pickwickian figure, who could have been the original Mr Pickwick, given facial hair in the right proportions. Further, he was the first Master of Quadrant Lodge who owed absolutely nothing to the FGLOI. His attempts at ritual were typically home spun and liberally laced with vague memories of his East Lancashire origins in Oldham. Nobody cared, for Quadrant Lodge was ever abundant with fine ritualists - just as it is to the present day - all of whom duly formed an orderly queue to cover for him whenever necessary. Of special interest are Jack Blackburn’s colourful reminiscences of Bert, which are required reading.

In his reminiscences, Albert Cherry relates on how impressed he and his wife, Dureen, were when she, having been admitted to hospital in Kendal, Bert travelled all the way there and back by public transport, in order to visit her as lodge Almoner. During Bert’s year Jack Hailwood and Ron Williamson were accepted as candidates for Initiation. Jack was to become WM in 1978 and Ronnie, the following year, in 1979. The Representing Officer at Bert’s Installation was W Bro William Salthouse, PAGDC.

**1971 W Bro W Hilton**

Bill Hilton, whilst competent enough, was a somewhat discontentious individual, who never seemed truly to fit into the Quadrant ethos which had developed from the Consecration at a pace, and duly resigned a few short years after his mastership. During Bill’s year Harry Baker, Jim Hodgkiss, and his son, Stephen, became Joining Members.

Harry Baker was a retired Manager of the then Martins Bank, who came to retire here in the Fylde. He first became a Joining Member of Melita Lodge, No 6783, before joining Quadrant in 1971. Harry was a gentle, engaging, elderly mason and a most erudite and persuasive speaker, who became a very popular member of the lodge until his demise, well into old age.

Jim Hodgkiss spent many years as a foreman joiner with Newfield Construction, a building company owned by John Hayfield and Brian Newman, both members and, ultimately, Past Masters of Quadrant Lodge. Jim was another amiable soul, who was to prove a very fine member of the lodge, serving as WM in 1980.

Steve Hodgkiss, whilst certainly not without ability, never seemed able to commit as much as was necessary in his passage through the various offices, and certainly not as much as his admirable father, who preceded him throughout, and much to the exasperation of John Winkley, the then DC. Steve finally reached the position of Senior Warden, but faded away rather quickly thereafter, without ever succeeding...
his father as WM. His resignation followed within a couple of years; disappointing, and rather a waste really. The Representing Officer at Bill’s Installation was W Bro Rev. Gordon L Wheeler, PAGChap, who, it will be remembered, gave the Oration at the Consecration.

1972 W Bro William Wilson

William Wilson was the headmaster of a primary school in Kirkham and a member of Kirkham Lodge, No 6615; another lodge which worked Emulation Ritual, as it does to the present day.

Bill was yet another agreeable, gentlemanly figure who became WM in 1972. His wife was an equally tall, refined lady, who had also been a school teacher. I recall that, at the annual, formal Ladies Evening, she deferred to her daughter the responsibility of a response to the Toast to the Ladies. Quite why that should have stuck in my memory after all these years I cannot imagine!

During Bill’s year W Bro Harold Moore, PPrJGW, and Bro William Dunn became Joining Members and Jim Eaves, John Hayfield and Donald Wilson were accepted as Candidates for Initiation.

Harold Moore was a local Chartered Accountant of some repute, with premises in Caunce Street, Blackpool. He was introduced into the lodge by Ron Nichols, with whom he had formed a firm friendship. At that time they were both Directors on the Board of St Annes Palace Ltd, and were deeply and actively involved in the logistics of running it as a successful enterprise; it follows that they had much in common. Harold was an extremely able man but not, perhaps, the most charismatic, as I recall, being on the cool, distant side of life.

After Terry Hudson and Jack Blackburn, Jim Eaves and John Hayfield are the senior members remaining of the former Quadrant Lodge at the present time; both have been staunch and steadfast members of the lodge throughout the years of their membership.

Jim Eaves spent most of his working life employed in the commercial division of the North West Gas Board. From the outset he showed a marked aptitude for Emulation ritual and, after working his way through the various offices of the lodge, became WM in 1983, before progressing, with a certain inevitably, to DC in 1987.

Jim was a most proficient DC, so much so that Peter Walker, by now an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, recommended him for consideration as a prospective Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, which he successfully became in 1996. After three years in the Craft, followed by the obligatory three years in the Royal Arch, he duly received Grand Rank in the Craft, as a PAGDC, in 2000, and as a PGStdB in the Royal Arch, in 2005. John Hayfield proved no less assiduous, becoming WM in 1984, the following year. John, and his partner, Brian Newman, achieved considerable success with Newfield Construction, a vibrant and most successful building company, in Lytham St Annes.

John Hayfield and the 1997 MTGB Festival

Throughout the years of his membership of Quadrant Lodge, John has proved to be yet another exceptional member; but perhaps his most outstanding and enduring contribution to the success of the lodge was in his role as the lodge Festival Representative for the 1997 Festival for Girls and Boys.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary generosity of the brethren at large, John brought formidable drive, ingenuity, tenacity and, not forgetting of course, his own generosity, and the support of his company, Quadrant Lodge contrived to become the foremost lodge in the Province with a total of £112,604 over a nine year Festival. To recall the annual boxing tournament, which he organised at the Cliffs Hotel, and the huge charitable income that it produced, was simply a case in point.
I have always maintained that perhaps my greatest contribution to the 1997 Festival was to influence John to accept the challenge of being the lodge Festival Representative, and to persuade him that he, and only he, of our then membership, could possibly achieve the prominence of which the lodge was so evidently capable.

In those day’s Festivals were long, protracted, exhausting affairs, when Grand Officers wearied of speaking about them and, equally, brethren tired of hearing about them. The 1997 proved to be the last of such duration and, thereafter, shorter, sharper appeals became the order of the day.

And so it was that the 2010 MSF Festival duly came along, and so high was the reputation of Quadrant Lodge by that time, that it came as no surprise that the lodge, once again, attained pole position in the Province with a total of £45,008, over a span of just 5 years.

1973 W Bro Cecil Phillips

Cecil was a particularly agreeable, self-effacing man, who was the Master Baker with Cooksons in Lytham who, at that time, were bakers of some significance in the Fylde area. He was the first Initiate into Quadrant Lodge and proved a wonderfully dedicated member of it and a fine WM. Cecil was greatly respected and affectionately held throughout the years of his membership. He was much missed upon his demise. I recall that, some years after his mastership, he was finally persuaded to be Exalted into St Annes Chapter, after years of prompting by I and others. He was later to profess a deep and abiding affection for the Royal Arch and that, ‘I should have joined years ago’. Quite so!

During Cecil’s year W Bro George Leslie Timmings, LGR, became a Joining Member and Barry Holland and Bert Gaffiney were accepted as Candidates for Initiation.

Barry Holland was proposed by me and Seconded by Jack Blackburn. Over the years Barry has become one of the great supporters of the lodge. An accomplished and proficient pianist, he became Organist of the lodge in 1975, at the first Installation after his Initiation, and remains so to the present day; 40 years later.

Other than his wistfully evocative masterpiece, ‘Laura’, he has now perfected both, ‘The More I See You’ and ‘Autumn in New York’, much to the subliminal pleasure of his Proposer and Seconder which, they say, reminds them of the wonderful Dick Haymes, and the gilded days of their youth.

1974-1975 W Bro Terry Hudson

My first Installation in 1974 was one of the handful of most memorable and enduring occasions of my Masonic career, which now spans some 53 years. William Foster was the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Fylde at that time and he had taken quite an interest in me in the years leading up to my first Installation. Indeed, with four years to go he promised to attend it; which he did. He really was a remarkable man and a truly special mason.

In choosing to attend my Installation, Bill Foster made a profound impression on me, so much so that when, incredibly, I had the great good fortune to become an Assistant myself, some 33 years later, I made it a point of principle never to promise anything upon which I was not totally prepared and committed to deliver, particularly if that involved some impressionable, younger mason.

It follows that Bill Foster was someone for whom I always entertained the greatest respect and affection. The moment had arrived; the Procession entered; the Gavel was offered and the Installing Officers put in place. My father rose to Present me and off we cantered.
Cecil, unsurprisingly, performed a first class Installation ceremony; we were all very proud of him.

In those early years the Working Tools in the three degrees were always delivered by Past Masters at Installation meetings, on the grounds that - as the Founders perceived it - younger brethren were in no position to moralise with more senior brethren on matters masonic. However, a more relaxed, ambivalent and sensible attitude has prevailed over the past thirty years or more, which has resulted in junior brethren deriving considerable benefit, and thereby gaining invaluable experience, by delivering the Working Tools on all occasions; including Installations.

As a consequence, therefore, Fred Brown delivered the tools in the Third Degree, William Wilson the Second and Bill Hilton the First. The Address to me, as Master, was given by Peter Walker, that to the Wardens by Derrick Fairclough, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and that to the Brethren by William Foster. With an attendance in excess of 120; the tables in the dining room were laid lengthways for the first time and with our backs to the portraits. This proved to be a mistake, never to be repeated, for no account had been taken of the effect of the ‘baffle-board’, which still runs across the dining room at that end to the present day, and which caused real problems to those at the other end, adjacent to the kitchens, trying to hear.

But it was a great day, nonetheless, and a wonderfully vibrant atmosphere prevailed at a very crowded Festive Board. Amongst those present was a relatively new, younger mason by the name of Roger Perry! At the Festive Board, Bro William Foster, PSGD APGM, responded wonderfully well to Toast No 3, following which the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, W Bro W Derrick Fairclough, responded to Toast 5. Derrick Fairclough, a practising Barrister, lived in Preston and was the Stipendary Magistrate for Greater Manchester at that time and, unsurprisingly, a first class speaker.

May 1974

The May meeting brought about the Initiation of Barry Holland, one of my oldest friends whom I had proposed, with Jack Blackburn the Seconder. I recall that I conducted the ceremony with Jack delivering the Charge after Initiation. The Working Tools were explained by Vernon Coupe.

September 1974

The September meeting brought about the Passing of Barry Holland, which ceremony I conducted. The Working Tools in the Second Degree were explained by Jim Hodgkiss and Second Degree Tracing Board was delivered by Ron Williamson. It was at this meeting that Harry Baker, PPrGDC, was elected an Honorary Member of the lodge at the age of 90.

October 1974

The October meeting was devoted to a delivery of two Emulation Lectures. This practice was followed religiously, on a least one occasion each year, and always involved at least two junior members of the lodge.

November 1974

Significantly, the November meeting was devoted to the Initiation of Alan Farrow, who very soon developed into becoming an outstanding member of the lodge over the many years of his membership. Alan was possessed of the most gentlemanly nature and was greatly respected and affectionately held.

In due time, he was appointed Secretary of the lodge, a position he held with great distinction for several years. It was an inspired appointment for he proved to be consummately diligent and first class in every way. Alan always professed that he entered masonry rather late in life; he certainly was an active member of the lodge until his very late 80’s.
Alan’s Proposer, John Winkley, conducted the ceremony, the Working Tools were explained by Steven Hodgkiss and Fred Brown gave the Charge after Initiation.

January 1975

The January meeting was devoted to the Raising of Barry Holland, which ceremony I conducted. The Traditional History was delivered by Bill Hilton. The Working Tools in this degree were explained by Donald Wilson.

February 1975

The February meeting was devoted to the Passing of Bert Gaffiney. The ceremony was conducted by Ron Nichols. The Working Tools in the Second Degree were explained by Bill Dunn and the Second Degree Tracing Board was delivered by Peter Walker.

March 1975

This being essentially an election meeting, the masonic agenda was devoted to two fairly moderate Emulation Lectures. The junior brethren concerned were Bill Dunn and Steven Hodgkiss. The main business of the evening, however, was to confirm my re-election as Worshipful Master for a second term, which I was both pleased and delighted to accept.

Ron Nichols was re-elected as Treasurer and immediately gave Notice of Motion, under Any Other Business, of his intention to propose an increase in the annual subscriptions to 17.00 for Full Membership, and 4.00 for Country Membership.

At the time of writing, it now being the year 2015, the annual subscriptions of Quadrant Lodge are 180.00 per annum, exclusive of meals, and those for Country Members are 108.00. It is called, Inflation! I wonder what the figures will be in 2065 when the lodge Centenary comes round; if it comes round? It was at this meeting that a letter of resignation was received from W Bro Bill Hilton, Master in 1971; four years earlier.

April 1975

And so into the second year!

Just an hour or so before the Installation Meeting proper I became introduced to Harry Judge who was to become a Joining Member of the lodge and who was to have a profound influence over me and a number of others over the years that followed. I have written a separate, personal reminiscence of him.

The Representing Officer was W Bro Cecil Q Henriques, PAGReg, who lived in Thornton Cleveleys. Cecil was a Past Master of Melita Lodge, No 6783, meeting at the Palace, and a practicing Barrister with chambers in Manchester.

Of particular note is that his son, Richard, who followed his father in becoming a member of Melita Lodge, was also a practicing Barrister who took silk and then graduated to become a High Court Judge, styled as, The Honourable Sir Richard Q Henriques. Richard achieved lasting fame as the Prosecuting Counsel in notable trials such as the James Bulger case, and that against Harold Shipman, the Manchester GP convicted of multiple murders. In 2004 Grand Lodge appointed him to the rank of PJGW which, at the time of writing, makes him the highest ranking mason in the history of Fylde masonry.

With another attendance in excess of 100 at my second Installation, a vibrant and exciting day ensued. At the outset, however, it was my very pleasant duty to offer the gratitude of the lodge membership to Tom Walsh, who had beautifully crafted the three columns which continue to enhance our lodge pedestals to the present day; 40 years later. It should be remembered that Tom also made the superb
Tracing Boards which continue to adorn the lodge tessellated pavement and which have been used at every meeting of the lodge ever since.

The Installing Master was Fred Brown with Bert Bulcock, Harold Moore and William Wilson in support as the Installing Officers. Harry Baker presented me and the Working Tools in the three degrees were given by Ron Nichols, William Wilson and Harry Baker respectively; note, all Past Masters still. The Address to the Master was given by the Installing Master, Cecil Philips, to the Wardens by Tom Walsh and to the Brethren by Cecil Henriques.

Jack Blackburn was invested as Senior Warden and Barry Holland as Organist for the first time; an office which he has occupied with great diligence for the past 40 years.

The Installation took just 140 minutes to complete and we dined at 18.20 pm.

May 1975

The death was reported of W Bro J T Beresford, PPrJGW, a delightful man and a most popular Founder of the lodge. The May meeting brought about the Passing of Alan Farrow, which ceremony was conducted by Cecil Philips. The Working Tools were explained by Steven Hodgkiss and the Tracing Board delivered by his proposer, John Winkley. Of considerable interest at this meeting was a communication from Grand Lodge advising that the Catholic Church had finally removed its hitherto long standing objections to members of their faith becoming Freemasons.

September 1975

The September meeting occupied itself with the delivery of two Emulation Lectures which I gave assisted by three junior brethren in Ron Williamson, John Hayfield and Jack Hailwood.

October 1975

The October meeting brought about the Initiation of Leonard Brooks, whom I had proposed and Jack Blackburn seconded. I conducted the ceremony with Donald Wilson delivering the Charge after Initiation. We had both known Len for several years before finally sponsoring him, and then only after he had long and repeatedly expressed a desire to become a mason and member of Quadrant Lodge.

Sadly, he very soon became unaccountably ill at ease and disillusioned and, thereafter, proceeded to attend very few meetings before the inevitable letter of resignation arrived. This proved a salutary lesson to Jack and I and serves as a constant reminder that Freemasonry is not for everyone!

November 1975

This meeting most certainly proved to be the highlight of my second year: a visit from the Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., no less, who was accompanied by the then Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro Tom Blackburn who, fortuitously, is still alive and kicking as we speak – more or less! The evening certainly gave Peter Walker yet another priceless opportunity to showcase his ritualistic ability by conducting the Raising of Bert Gaffiney, which he executed in fine style; as he always did, of course. On reflection we all considered that the evening did much to influence his subsequent appointment as Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1976, the following year. In the event, the Traditional History was delivered by Cecil Phillips and the Working Tools explained by Barry Holland. 78 brethren were in attendance.

January 1976
Our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, William Foster, had deliberately chosen not to accompany Sir Knowles to our November meeting so as to be able to pay a visit to our January meeting, where I was scheduled to Raise Alan Farrow, which I conceived as a chance to shine; not to be missed! It was, as ever, a pleasure to see him and to appreciate once again his consistent support of me and the lodge; particularly as everything went splendidly. I don’t suppose that I ever worked harder on any ceremony in my entire life except, perhaps, for the Installation of my long standing friend, Jack Blackburn, three months later.

As I reflect, sitting here in my office, 39 years later, I certainly could do things then that I would hesitate to try now. In recent years, I have come to appreciate and sympathise with the difficulties faced by older brethren in dealing with their ritualistic commitments, more than perhaps I did formally, and I feel bound to concede that the pursuit of high quality ritual is very much a ‘young man’s game!’ However, I was then 38 years of age; it was for me a great success and, consequently, a very happy evening ensued.

It was at the Festive Board, later in the evening, that it was hinted to me by Bill Foster, that he was considering me for an early appointment to Provincial Grand Steward. This was the first inkling that my future direction in masonry might take a rather more expansive route than I had previously imagined.

The letter of appointment duly arrived in February 1977.

**February 1976**

It had been decided that the lodge would hold its first ever ‘Olde English Nite’ at this meeting, once we younger brethren had successfully won over the more restrained, conservative elder brethren! As a consequence the formal proceedings were kept to a minimum and the lodge was closed at 7.20pm so as to make way for an early start on the ‘festivities’.

I had invited an East Lancashire Grand Officer called John Sharples, PAGDC, to come along as the main event; he being quite the funniest, impromptu masonic speaker I had ever heard, short of the legendary Frank Cowburn from Leyland. At that time none of us were aware that the even more legendary Ken Dodd was a mason.

I had also invited a wonderful singer from Leyland, called John Wilmer, to take part. All in all it was a super evening but, for some inexplicable reason, it never came to be repeated. Subscription were set at £10.00; meals excluded!

**March 1976**

The first significant business at this meeting was to ballot for as a Joining Member, W Bro Harry Judge, CBE, whom I Proposed, Seconded by Ron Nichols. Unsurprisingly the ballot proved in favour. This being the annual election meeting the lodge contented itself with two Emulation Lectures which, in the event, were delivered by Les Warbrick, Barry Holland, William Wilson and Harry Judge. The ballot for Master Elect proved unanimously in favour of Jack Blackburn, and for Treasurer, Ron Nichols.
April 1976

My final contribution, at the Installation in April 1976, was to Install Jack Blackburn as Master.

The Representing Officer for Jack’s Installation was W Bro Leonard Jolly, PJGD, who was a Past Master of Fairhaven Lodge, and it’s Director of Ceremonies, for well over 25 years. Len had enjoyed a most distinguished war record in the Royal Navy during WW2, and had served the Province as Provincial Junior Grand Warden in one of the early years after the war.

This was yet another perfectly poised and quite splendid Quadrant Lodge Installation with an attendance of 94 brethren. For my part the Installation ceremony was almost certainly my best ritualistic performance ever; it meant so much to me to get it as near perfect as possible as Jack and I had become firm friends; moreover, we both shared a passion for the lodge which has never dimmed, even as the years, indeed decades, have passed; and there have been several of those!

Finally, to complete the proceedings, I also delivered the Address to the Master which, happily, appeared to go seamlessly. It proved to be a supremely enjoyable day and, thoroughly requited, a fitting end to my two years as Master of Quadrant Lodge; two years which I will forever remember.
Simply stated, Harry Judge was the most inspirational, charismatic man I have ever encountered in my lifetime, and I still miss him greatly to the present day; sentiments which I know are shared by others who grew close to him, as did I.

Harry was born on the 14 February 1930. By 1950 he had entered the Fire Service and by 1970 he was the Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the West Riding of Yorkshire, culminating in his appointment as the first Commandant of the new Fire Service College at Moreton-in-Marsh, which involved him in overseeing the construction of the site to its completion and to the formal opening of the extensive complex by H M The Queen; for which he was awarded the CBE.

As a consequence Harry became very much a legend in his own lifetime in the Fire Service, and I have found that it is still possible to come across retired Fire Officers, albeit on occasions somewhat elderly, who were contemporaries and who still hold his memory with considerable reverence, particularly in the two Fire Service lodges which he helped to create and in which he was a principal mainstay throughout his life; they being the Fire Service Lodge, No 8401, meeting in Stratford-upon-Avon, and Aegis Lodge, No 9115, meeting in Garstang.

Early in 1975, Harry retired from the Fire Service and he and his wife, Margaret, came to live in retirement in Lytham. As is customary, given his by then ‘celebratory’ status, Harry and Margaret were invited to Blackpool Town Hall one Saturday morning where they met my father. Soon enough, father later told me, Harry drifted the conversation towards Freemasonry which, in turn, brought me into the picture.

Thereupon Harry attended my second Installation in 1975 and became a Joining Member of Quadrant Lodge in March 1976. From that point I, with Jack Blackburn and Barry Holland, introduced Harry into other ‘side’ degrees and lodges of which we were members and, as a consequence, his popularity grew exponentially.

We four, Lynn Holland included, still entertain the fondest memories of them both; the trips in the early day’s down to lodge meetings in Stratford-upon-Avon, and Ladies Evenings in Kenilworth, and the many hugely convivial evenings we all shared together over dinner, laced with liberal libation.

Harry died in March 1994, after a long and gruelling illness. By then he and Margaret had moved to Bradford to be near their eldest son, Trevor, and his wife. After his funeral, a Memorial Service was held for him on a damp, misty morning at the Fire Service College, where a pipe band, moving very slowly amongst those assembled there, played a lament in homage to him; specially composed for the occasion.

Totally unforgettable, but then Harry was a totally unforgettable man; a fountain of humanity, gravitas and good advice beyond price. There have been times in recent years when I would have given a very great deal simply to have been able to sit with him once more and to avail myself of just a small portion of what he had in abundance.

Terry Hudson

1 April 2015
A Visit to the Manning Household

Albert Dyer, an amiable, gentle man, came to serve the lodge as Worshipful Master for two years, in 1967 and 1968, following the sudden death of Harold Whittemore, the then Senior Warden of the lodge.

Of interest is that Albert only accepted the invitation to serve for a second term on the understanding that his wife would not be obliged to undertake the responsibilities of a second formal Ladies Evening; which was accepted.

In those early days Quadrant Lodge enjoyed a most vibrantly active social scene with attendances often in excess of 130 for formal events. In the event, therefore, the lodge decided to invite W Bro Thomas A Manning, PGD, Chairman of the Fylde Group, and shortly to be Invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in succession to Sir Knowles Edge Bart., to be President for the evening; an invitation which he was pleased to accept. It will be remembered that W Bro Tom Manning was one of the Presenting Officers at the Consecration.

By this time I was 31 years of age and a very young lodge Social Secretary. It therefore fell to me to pay a visit to the imposing Manning household - which was the first house on the right after turning into Islay Road - to make the arrangements, to influence Tom’s wife into choosing a program cover and, further, a suitable gift with which to present her on the evening in question.

This proved no easy matter for Tom’s wife, Florence, had great difficulty in concentrating on the task at hand, as her attention span was, at best, intermittent. This may have had something to do with the fact that she made her entrance in a lift which appeared through a square aperture in the far corner of the lounge ceiling; evidently linked to an upper floor bedroom. The memory of her slow, dramatic descent into the lounge, and her theatrical, sweeping flourish as she stepped from the lift, will stay with me forever.

In the event Florence finally chose a suitable program cover and, further, accepted my suggestion of a Wedgewood Coffee Percolator for a gift to her on the evening, which I was able to obtain from our family warehouse.

I eventually departed with the indelible impression of having visited Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester on set.
In the mid 1980’s the then PGM, Bro Alan Fletcher Ferris, having witnessed a rather indifferent Installation ceremony, suggested to his local Assistant, the Rev Thomas Lawrence Walsh, that standards in the Northern Group would benefit from a properly constituted Lodge of Instruction.

Since he had been Grand Director of Ceremonies at Great Queen Street, London, for several years, the PGM was doubtless familiar with the aims and objectives of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement which meets in Lodge No 9 every Friday from September through to June. Furthermore, as PGM, he would also be aware that the most successful Lodge of Instruction in West Lancashire met at Garden Street, Lytham St Annes.

However, with the benefit of hindsight, it is easy to overlook the logistical and ‘psychological’ problems which combined to produce formidable obstacles to the proposed teaching lodge. To begin with, only three of the 13 lodges comprising the Northern Group - Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness and Ulverston - had more than a passing knowledge of the Emulation Rite, the only vehicle of instruction employed and sanctioned by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

That said, an even greater impediment was the innate suspicion, if not open hostility, of several senior members and lodge DC’s, who believed, quite wrongly, that young masons schooled in the ritual and ceremonial of Emulation would not have the required attachment to the idiosyncrasies and traditions of lodge ceremonies.

Moreover, the sprawling demography of the Group was hardly conducive to easy access. Probably no other Group in the Province was spread over such a wide area, which obviously meant that wherever the new Lodge of Instruction was situated, it was going to be inaccessible to a significant number of potential members.

Lastly, a Lodge of Instruction cannot take place in the absence of a qualified Preceptor recognised by London. Whoever was chosen to oversee the birth of the new Lodge would need to travel to Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, where it was decided the Lodge should meet. The brother selected for the job was W Bro Peter Stuart Walker, a Fylde mason and member of Quadrant Lodge, little known in the Northern Group. Needless to say he was eminently suitable for the task.

An aficionado of Emulation, a superb ritualist himself, being a holder of a silver matchbox with two scratches awarded by London for performing three ceremonies without correction, the Northern Group Lodge of Instruction could not have had a founding father more qualified than he. Perhaps even more worthy of admiration were his commitment to the task and his utter reliability.

The N G L of I was constituted to meet on the second and fourth Friday of every month from October to April. In practice, this meant that Bro Walker was committed to make the round trip from Blackpool to Barrow, a journey of almost 200 miles, twice monthly, at a time of the year when the weather could be at its most temperamental. Testament to his unfailing determination to succeed was the fact that in five years (the time that it took to train a new Preceptor acceptable to London) Bro Walker was present on all but a handful of occasions when either W Bro Ron Sands or W Bro Eric Bingham travelled through to Barrow to replace him.

The new Lodge was modelled on the Fylde Group L of I, which celebrated an annual festival in order to showcase the prowess of its members. Bro Walker was determined that Barrow should emulate Lytham. This meant that, in addition to his ‘normal’ travelling commitment, he journeyed to Barrow for rehearsals on four successive Sunday mornings prior to the Festival itself. Without detracting from the sincerity and reliability of the contemporary membership, it is hard to imagine who would undertake to do the same in the modern era. He was a remarkable man and those of us who prospered under his tutelage will testify to his qualities.

His philosophy was simple. It was the duty of the brethren performing a ceremony to facilitate the understanding of the candidate so as to clarify, as far as possible, those masonic mysteries, ‘veiled in
allegory and illustrated by symbols’. Since the meaning of the ceremony is embedded in the words and the ritual, accuracy was paramount. Bro Walker’s insistence on the latter was, perhaps, the reason why many junior brethren, who found the discipline rather irksome, failed to take up regular attendance.

There is no doubt that he could be a firm taskmaster, but where it was obvious that a brother had made the effort to learn and did not succeed in putting it all together accurately, he was kindness itself and unfailing in his encouragement.

Apart from being a gifted teacher, he was an inspirational leader; indeed he possessed the quintessential quality of leadership: he never asked anyone to do anything that he couldn’t or was not prepared to do himself. In the face of complaints that such and such a thing could not be done that way, Peter would stand up and show that it could and would be done exactly as he wanted.

When the business was done he was a warm and engaging man. Not for him rushing back to Blackpool as soon as the practice was over. It was coffee and biscuits in the bar with all the members and he was prepared to talk masonry as long as the brethren were prepared to stay. His generosity was, to say the least, ‘outrageous’. Every year he invited all those who had participated in the Annual Festival to be his personal guests at Quadrant Lodge Installation; at the time of writing, although many of those who enjoyed Peter’s hospitality sadly are no longer with us, three or four of us still attend Quadrant Installation in April in homage to an outstanding man and mason.

Sadly, when Peter became an APGM, he could not pay the same attention to the N G L of I as he would have liked. Furthermore, it has to be said that there was no-one with the charisma and enthusiasm to take his place.

The Lodge lurched from Festival to Festival, with ever diminishing attendances and, reluctantly, the Warrant was returned to London in 2008. Thus, from its inception to its demise, it endured for about twenty years. In a perverse sort of way it was perhaps fitting that it did not survive him. W Bro Peter Walker was the Northern Group Lodge of Instruction, pure and simple. He and it remain the most formative influences of my masonic career and on those of many others. He will not be easily forgotten.
A new Quadrant Lodge

On the 22nd of May 2008 a new Quadrant Lodge was formed by the Amalgamation of Quadrant Lodge No. 8044 with Aemulantes Lodge No. 8827 and Kilgrimol Lodge No. 6851. This section includes a description of the Amalgamation as well as, prior to the amalgamation, three senior members - one from each lodge, were asked to give their views on the history of the lodge and we have recorded those views here.

The Amalgamation by Roger Perry

The raison d’etre as to why Quadrant Lodge was seen as the natural home for both Kilgrimol and Aemulantes Lodges in any consideration for Amalgamation, was that all three Lodges worked the ceremonial ritual as practised by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London, and, further, many members had close associations with members of Quadrant Lodge.

Kilgrimol Lodge was said to be the first lodge to practice Emulation strictly in the Fylde area, and Aemulantes Lodge, being a daughter lodge of Quadrant Lodge, also worked the Emulation ritual strictly. All three lodges shared close affinity with the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction No 65 and, indeed, Past and current Preceptors of this Lodge, and many current Lodge of Instruction members, were also members of Kilgrimol, Aemulantes and Quadrant Lodges.

For both Kilgrimol and Aemulantes the paucity of Candidates in recent years was proving to be a major problem and, together with a small membership in the case of Kilgrimol, and the age demographic within both Lodges, were factors which were causing great concern as to the well-being and future prospects of both lodges.

Conversations with South Fylde Group Officers, together with W Bro Leon David Tax PSGD APGM, and a Member of Aemulantes Lodge, and W Bro Terry Hudson PSGD APGM, and a member of both Aemulantes and Quadrant Lodges, were undertaken by senior members of both Kilgrimol and Aemulantes Lodges.

These were exploratory conversations to ascertain where the future lay and what would be the way forward. The status quo was seen as not a particularly attractive option for either Kilgrimol or Aemulantes. Following these informal exploratory discussions the Brethren of both Lodges agreed that Quadrant Lodge should be approached to explore the possibility of an Amalgamation.

Formal Meetings with a committee of Quadrant Lodge, and committees from Aemulantes and Kilgrimol, were held during 2007 and, following a prolonged period of discussions and negotiations, agreement was finally reached that there should be a formal Amalgamation of the three Lodges to be known as Quadrant Lodge No 8044; incorporating the former Kilgrimol Lodge No 6851 and Aemulantes Lodge No 8827.

Following ballots of the Brethren of all three Lodges and a settled will, confirmed that Amalgamation should take place. Kilgrimol Lodge held its last meeting, after a 59 year history, on Friday 8th February 2008; the last Worshipful Master being Bro Anthony Murrell, and Aemulantes Lodge on Tuesday 4th March 2008, after a 29 year history; the last Worshipful Master being W Bro. David Kenworthy, PPrAGSuptWks.
The amalgamation was approved by Grand Lodge on the 12th March 2008 and the first meeting of the newly amalgamated Lodge was held on 27th March 2008; the Worshipful Master being Bro John Chapman. At this meeting Bro David Lawn, a former member of Kilgrimol Lodge, was elected as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and he was installed on the 26th April 2008.

11 Members of Kilgrimol Lodge and 22 Members of Aemulantes Lodge became Members of Quadrant Lodge at the time of the amalgamation.

The Provincial Ceremony of Amalgamation was held on 22nd May 2008 at The Palace, Garden Street, St Annes, attended by 45 Members of the Lodge and 95 Visiting Brethren and Guests. After conducting the business of the Lodge the Worshipful Master, Bro David Lawn, offered the Gavel of the Lodge to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Province of West Lancashire, Bro Colin Penty Wright, who accepted with grace and proceeded to conduct the Ceremony of Amalgamation of the three Lodges. Following a most colourful and stimulating ceremony the Rt Worshipful Provincial Grand Master returned the Gavel to the Worshipful Master who conducted the remaining business of the evening.

After the Lodge was closed the Brethren enjoyed a sumptuous Banquet presided over by the Worshipful Master, accompanying the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

History of Quadrant Lodge by Worshipful Brother Jack Blackburn PPrSGW

The formation of Quadrant Lodge evolved following enthusiastic discussions between a small group of six brethren, rapidly encompassing a further twenty members embracing the philosophy of Freemasonry who were to become the six original Founders. Melita Lodge very kindly became the sponsoring Lodge.


It was their wish to found a new Lodge that worked strict Emulation Ritual. The remaining twenty brethren were quickly persuaded to join a Lodge working to such high standards, being a considerable asset and attraction to Freemasonry in general, and to The Fylde Group in particular. These spirited and committed pioneers held several committee meetings within their homes, bouncing off ideas, spreading their fascination with the concept of a new Lodge.

They were ably assisted by their wives who contributed by holding Social Evenings, Coffee Mornings etc., to promote and kindle their fervour over the ensuing twenty years.

A petition was presented to The Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Lawrence Edgar Rutherford with regard to a Consecration date. It was decided that Thursday 14 October 1965 would be appropriate. During the preparatory period, equipment needed to be purchased and made. Necessary items including wood, columns, tracing boards etc. were made by an excellent local craftsman, Worshipful Bro. Thomas Walsh, a Founder member. He created many items for our Masonic Hall in St. Annes. One of the popular and most widely used ones being the Bar!

Since the date was set and arrangements were made, the Founders set about organising rehearsals for the big occasion. These were to be held on Thursdays and Fridays, prior to the Lodge Meeting on Thursdays. Woe betide any slackers. The keenness and enthusiasm of the Founders was such that, no matter which rank he held, a Brother who failed to attend both practices, would certainly not be permitted to complete the intended job on Lodge nights. Those were the days. Discipline at its best.

The big day duly arrived. The Provincial Team were in attendance for the Consecration of the Lodge.
The Master Designate was Worshipful Bro. Thomas Ralph P.Pr.G.D., who would duly appoint and invest the officers of the Lodge. Following completion of the work, the brethren retired for refreshments and the Festive Board. Quadrant Lodge has been blessed with two outstanding members, who have each attained the high rank of Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Worshipful Bro. Peter Stuart Walker P.S.G.D, P.A.Pr.G.M contributed to the excellent workings, not only to Quadrant Lodge, but also to Kilgrimol and Aemulantes Lodges from 1958 to the present day, having been initiated into the former and become a Founder of the latter. An exceptional personal achievement.

Our Senior Member, Worshipful Bro. Terry Hudson P.S.G.D., Ass.Pr.G.M. was present at the Consecration of Quadrant Lodge as a guest and was our first joining member. His many positions in Quadrant Lodge and in the Group System have demonstrated his total dedication and ability to achieve the highest honours in Freemasonry. Worshipful Bro. Walker and Worshipful Bro. Hudson have both been prominent from the very beginning, providing untold help and assistance to many brethren, especially to those of lesser ability.

The future of the Quadrant Lodge will now be strengthened by the Amalgamation of Kilgrimol and Aemulantes Lodges on 22nd May 2008. We look forward to many harmonious years working together towards the practice of every moral and social virtue on which the foundation of Freemasonry rests.

**History of Aemulantes Lodge by Worshipful Brother Leon Tax PSGD, PAPGM**

As the only Founder not present at the Consecration of the lodge on Monday 4th September 1978, it is fitting that I should have been invited to have the privilege of preparing this brief history of Aemulantes Lodge No 8827. The three original Founders were Bro David Blenkinship, W Bro Eric Bingham PPrGD and Bro Derek Crampin, all members of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction No 65, the new lodge would work the Emulation ritual strictly in accordance with that as practiced in the FGLOI and modelled on the strict Emulation working of the London Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Discussions having taken place with other brethren including W Bro Peter Walker PPrGW and W Bro John Funk PAGDC the first meeting of the proposed founders of the proposed new lodge took place at the home of W Bro Funk on Sunday 13th March 1977. Six brethren (all members of the FGLOI) attended, namely: - W Bro Funk (in the chair), W Bros Walker, Bingham, Hudson and Bros Blenkinship and Crampin. During the weeks and months that followed that first meeting, many more potential Founders were recruited. The final number of Founders was 25. Between them they represented 18 different lodges.

Quadrant Lodge No 8044 offered to sponsor the new lodge to be named AEMULATUS. Aemulatus, meaning ambitious, rare, to strive to equal. After much painful but patient waiting we learned in February 1978 that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, had acceded to our prayer of petition, but Grand Lodge were reluctant to accept the name Aemulatus… However on the advice of an eminent scholar of Latin in our Province, Bro Noel Wylie, recommended that the name of the lodge be changed to AEMULANTES. (It seems that a man by the name of Aemulatus was not a very nice man). The Lodge emblem and motto ‘MORE MAJORUM’ (after the manner of our or their ancestors) was designed and suggested by the late W Bro Paul Peter Paul, whom we will always remember with thanks and affection. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro R K Leigh, PGChap, assisted by our own Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro William Salthouse, PJGD, installed our first Master, W Bro John Funk PAGDC.

At the first meeting following the consecration. RW Bro Sir Knowles Edge, Bart, VW Bro R K Leigh and W Bro W Salthouse were all elected to Honorary membership Also at that meeting three joining members were elected, Bros Alan Walton Bill Fitchett and Tony Stone. A ballot for two candidates proved in favour of Mr Harry King and Mr David Kenworthy, Bro King was initiated on that same evening. At the November
meeting Bro Kenworthy was initiated and this set the pattern for the next several months and years, when many brethren have been pleased to join or were initiated in Aemulantes Lodge.

The standard of the work in the Lodge has been consistently high. For this we owe much to our Founding Master and Founding Senior Warden, W Bro Eric Bingham, PPrSGW. But of course when in the Fylde and speaking about Emulation ritual, one name comes to the fore … that of W Bro Peter Stuart Walker PSGD, our first Director of Ceremonies. That the Lodge has been and continues to be successful in matters of ritual is a direct result of his untiring, unselfish and frequently unthanked efforts.

Sadly Peter is no longer well enough to attend the lodge. We were though delighted when he accepted our offer to elect him to Honorary Membership.

It is perhaps appropriate at this point to record that no less than four members of the Lodge have been awarded a ‘silver matchbox’; that being an award from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the delivery of a ceremony without correction. They are W Bros Peter Walker (whose matchbox has a ‘scratch’ for an additional degree ceremony), John Nicholls, Chris Perfect and Gary Wright (whose matchbox also has two ‘scratches’ for an additional degree ceremonies), The Lodge is extremely proud of this singular achievement that further underlines one of the aims of the Founders “providing the opportunity for those masons who feel strongly about Emulation working to work that ritual”.

Aemulantes Lodge has maintained its close links with the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction. Once each year, the Festival Lecture Team has been invited to work lectures in this lodge. Aemulantes Lodge counts amongst its many achievements a remarkable ability to raise substantial funds for charity – both Masonic and Non-Masonic. During the year of consecration Province was in the middle of a major festival – The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution 1981 Festival. On the day of consecration the Worshipful Master presented a folio containing covenants from every founder member to the Chairman of the festival appeal, VW Bro Alan F Ferris GDC, APrGM. The approximate value on maturity was £3,750. The Lodge continues to be very generous in support of charity and further demonstrated this attribute when the approximate maturity value of the contributions to the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys 1997 Festival was £18,233.

Aemulantes Lodge has been pleased to host several celebrations for our first Master W Bro J E Funk, those of his 50th, 60th and 70th anniversaries of his initiation into Freemasonry and 18 months ago his 100th birthday. The Lodge is extremely proud that several of its members have been and are active officers of the South Fylde Group and the Province of West Lancashire. Bro Geoffrey Lee was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1985 and of course went on from there to become Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Group prior to his appointment in 1996 as Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra. Bro Terry Hudson Vice Chairman, Chairman, APGP, 2nd PrGP and presently one of our own Assistant Provincial Grand Masters: Bro Leon Tax, Group Charity Delegate, Vice Chairman, Group Chairman and APGM.

In 1992 Bro Arthur Page had the honour and privilege of serving our Royal Arch Province as Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah. In 2004 Bro Roger Perry also had the great privilege of serving the Royal Arch as Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah. At the January meeting in 1987 the Lodge learned that another former Vice Chairman of the Group had been invited and had accepted the position as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Worshipful Master, Bro Harry King, warmly congratulated Bro Peter Walker on that wonderful news which was greeted by the Brethren with acclaim.

On the day that Bro Harry King was to install his successor, the Principal Guest of the evening was Bro C P Wright PAGReg, APGM, Bro P S Walker PAGDC, APGM and Bro J N Hull, PSGD, APGM accompanied him. It was with great joy that the WM was able, for the first time to offer the gavel of the Lodge to W Bro Walker. In time-honoured tradition he in turn accepted and then returned it to the WM. Perhaps he knew that as Master of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 he was to be invited to be Installing Senior Warden on that same evening. It is worth noting here that from its inception the Founders determined that the Masters of other Lodges should fill the three Installing Offices at Installation meetings.
It is inevitable that in the first quarter century of existence the Lodge would have to endure sad times as well as happy. Five of our Founders having been called to higher Masonic duty in the Grand Lodge above, we record with sadness but at the same time thanks for their contribution, the passing of Bros Jim Reed, Jack Wright, George Paxton, Harry Judge and Arthur Whittaker. We have had too our fair share of resignations. One Founder Bro John Tinker moved away from the area and subsequently we reluctantly accepted his resignation. Others have resigned for personal reasons but we acknowledge with thanks the efforts of Bros Blenkinship, Crampin, Edmunds, Holland Baguley, Howard Ingham and John Nicholls.

The loss to the Lodge through death or resignation has not of course been restricted to Founder members. We record and recall the names of Alan Walton, Ben Ingham, Barry Nicholls and Ken Little (Senior) all of whom have been called to the Grand Lodge above. Bro Bill Fitchett is another who resigned due to relocation we will all of us long remember the cheerful and smiling way in which he as Junior Warden would close a Fellowcrafts Lodge. Neither will we forget Bros Taylor, Drummond and Rice all Past Masters of the Lodge.

In Freemasonry we attach great importance to a Brothers duty to his family. It is always wonderful when a Father can introduce his Son (or vice versa) into the Craft. The Lodge claims several family connections. At the January meeting in 1989 the Worshipful Master, Bro Barry Nicholls initiated his son, John. Likewise in February 1990, the Master, W Bro Ben Ingham initiated his son, Howard. In December 1991 The Worshipful Master invited Bro Tony Stone to take the Chair in order to initiate his Father-in-Law, Bro Peter Innes and in January 1996 Bro Barry Nicholls occupied the Masters Chair for the initiation of Ken Little (J). It is worth noting that the Working Tools on that occasion were presented and explained by Ken Little (S). Still with the family connection, Bro Andrew Lipshaw and Bro Richard Evans are Brothers-in-Law.

It is often said that a successful Lodge is one that is socially active. Aemulantes has held highly successful Ladies Evenings throughout its existence. Although by no means unique the Lodge is very proud of its annual Members and Wives Dinner. It is always a well-supported and most enjoyable occasion. One other regular social event is the highly popular Sunday Lunch held just before Christmas. Fairlawn Masonic Home (sadly now closed) was always close to the hearts of the members of this Lodge. The long serving Chairman of the Friends of Fairlawn W Bro John Funk was our Founding Master. Founder members have also served for many years on the Friends of Fairlawn committee. It is with great pride and affection that members of this Lodge assisted with or organised coffee mornings, ‘Fair Day at Fairlawn’, Garden Parties and in particular in December 1988 the members of this Lodge had the privilege to provide Christmas gifts for all the forty residents in the home.

The occasion of the Lodges 25th Silver Anniversary held on the Tuesday 4th September 2003 was celebrated in grand style by attendance of 32 members and 61 visiting Brethren which included our Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro.Steven.P.J.Reid. PSGD. The main Presentation of the evening was a review of the History of the Lodge prepared & given by W.Bro.Leon Tax. On 17th March 2004 W.Bro.Richard.Hollingdale PPrJGW. celebrated his 50 years in Freemasonry and although he was unable to attend the April Lodge Meeting, W.Bro.Raymond Neal PJGD was in Bournemouth and on our behalf entertained him to Lunch and presented his 50year Certificate. At our Installation Lodge Meeting on 5th October 2005 Bro.Robert.Bentwood was installed we were honoured by the presence of Three Asst Pr G Master’s namely W.Bro’s W.R.Seddon, S.P.J.Reid & H.D.Rudd.

It was at the Lodge Meeting on 6th November 2007 that the Brethren voted to return to mother and to Amalgamate with Quadrant & Kilgrimol Lodges. Tonight is of course the final Lodge Meeting before the Amalgamation. I know that I speak for the Founders and all members in confirming that we face the future with great optimism. The Lodge was founded on a firm structure and within the newly amalgamated lodge will continue to serve the aim of ‘providing the opportunity for those masons who feel strongly about emulation to work that ritual’.
History of Kilgrimol Lodge by Worshipful Brother Roy Shepard PPrAGDC

To the majority of people 1990 will be just another year, mainly remembered for the fact that the country was preparing for the millennium. But for Kilgrimol Lodge it marks a most important and historic milestone, being the year in which the Lodge celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its Founding.

The foundations, laid half century ago and preserved through to the present day by so many distinguished Brethren, give every Brother the sober responsibility of seeing that its future reflects as much glory as its past. Its beginnings start in February 1948 when Bro J. Pye and Bro J.H. Martland made enquiries with a view to the formation of a new Lodge and made approaches to Bros. P. S. Uttley, J. L. Schofield and V. Pearson for support. These Brethren were later joined by Bros. J. T. Beresford, J. H. Ellis, E. Hoyle, B. W. Tyler, Sam J. Entwistle, Jack S. Heap and W.Bro’s. A. Kinnear and F. C. Marsden. As the majority of the Brethren were members of St Annes Lodge No 2457, it was decided to seek the support of that lodge in making an application for a Charter. The members readily agreed to the idea and thus the foundations were laid for St Annes Lodge to become the Mother Lodge of Kilgrimol.

After early initial discussions Bro. J. Pye was advised that the prospective founders needed to formally notify St Annes Lodge of their intention to start a new Lodge and ask them (St Annes Lodge) if they would officially sponsor the petition. A letter to this effect was sent to the Worshipful Master of St. Annes Lodge on the 5th March 1948. It was recorded that a committee meeting of St Annes Lodge, the matter was fully discussed and it was resolved that St Annes Lodge would sponsor the petition.

A formal proposition was then put in Open Lodge and adopted. The Founders were then advised that an application had to be made to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master through the Chairman of the Fylde Group, giving full details and the reasons for the formation of a new Lodge. (They were wisely advised that simply because St Annes Lodge had a large membership would not be considered as a sufficient reason in itself).

At a meeting held at the Palace on 6th April 1949 the Brethren were informed that to strengthen the application, several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers had been approached to become Founders of the Lodge including W. Bro Sir Knowles Edge Bt. SGD. The minutes record the list of Founders current at that date were W. Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt.SGD., W.Bro R. B. Tillotson, PPrJGW., W. Bro A. Kinnear PPrAGSB., W. Bro F. C. Marsden, Bros. J. Pye, J. H. Martland, P. S. Uttley, J. L. Schofield, V. Pearson, E. Hoyle, J. T. Ellis, B. W. Tyler, and J. T. Bersford. It was also recorded that W.Bro. J. Bell, PGD and W. Bro. G. D. Radford, PPrGDC, were interested and would like to attend the next meeting. W. Bro. Sir Knowles Edge.BT. SGD kindly consented to be the first Worshipful Master.

Now 50 years later looking back we realise what a wonderful choice of a Master this proved to be and confirmed the sagacity of these early Founders of Kilgrimol Lodge. Bro R. Moore was suggested for the Office of Tyler. At a meeting of the Founders held on 8th June 1949 W. Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt. SGD occupied the Chair and fully explained the essential provisions required to be embodied in any petition to be submitted for the formation of a new Lodge. At the same meeting suggestions for a name of the new Lodge were sought.

These were to be submitted to Bro. J. Pye and circulated to all the Founders for their consideration. It was agreed that the working of the ritual should be strict Emulation according to the Nigerian Ritual which was the one currently available. A most interesting list of 26 suggested names for the new Lodge were considered at a meeting held on 22nd June 1948 and the name Kilgrimol was adopted. It would appear that whoever suggested the name of Kilgrimol, had knowledge of local history, but there must be many Brethren even now are unaware how, when, or where the name Kilgrimol or its local associations arose. The existence of a Kilgrimol is no figment of imagination. A map of this district in 1532 clearly records that, though using an earlier spelling; a hamlet of that name did exist.

It stood somewhere along the coast between St Annes and Squires Gate and in the Foundation Charter of a Benedictine Priory of 1190 mention is made of a Boundary Cross set up on the Western side of the Cemetery of Kilgrimol. We are told that on a wild and violent winters’ night, a giant tide running before
the wind rose up, boiled over and swamped the hamlet of Kilgrimol. Legend has it that on New Years Eve; the bell of the Oratory of Kilgrimol can be heard tolling from under the waves!

Kilgrimol, is a very worthy name and long may the bell of Kilgrimol Lodge be heard tolling out of good news of Freemasonry, in its widest sense of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, for many years to come. At a meeting held on 12th August 1948 the following Brethren were added to the list of Founders: W.Bro. A. Binns PPrGW, W. Bro. W. Stevenson PPrGDC and W. Bro. A. Milner. It was reported the Lodge would meet on the 4th Tuesday, September to April, later changed to the 2nd Friday, September to April. At this same meeting W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt.SGD, gave a full statement of the details to be submitted to the Fylde Group regarding the formation of the new Lodge, the statement was approved and appreciation expressed to W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge for his compilation.

At a Founders meeting held on 15th March 1949 it was reported that a letter had been received from Provincial Grand Lodge stating the petition for the new lodge had been granted and the number of the lodge would be 6851. It was resolved that W.Bro. J. Bell PGD, W. Bro. G. D. Radford PPrGDC, W. Bro F. C. Marsden and Bro. Joseph Pye be named on the Warrant in addition to the names of the Worshipful Master and his two Wardens. Bro. V. Pearson kindly consented to present the Lodge with a case containing a complete set of Working Tools and Bro. Ernest Hoyle offered A Masonic Bible.

At a Founders meeting held on 26th May, 1949 final arrangements for the Consecration were made, including details of the Consecrating and Installing Officers and the Officers to be appointed. The Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, 29th June 1949 by the Rt. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. W. S. S. Hannay. The Brethren who assisted and occupied the Offices were:

- W.Bro. A. Davies, CVO. OBE, PGD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master as the Installing Master
- W.Bro A. Entwistle, PrSGW SW
- W.Bro Jerry G. Carruthers, PrJGW JW
- W.Bro Rev Canon W. S. Mellor, Pr.G.Chaplain
- W.Bro E. A. Nicholson PGD.PrGSec Secretary
- W.Bro H. Sutton, PRGDC DC
- W.Bro W. R. Fielding, PrSGD SD
- W.Bro J. Boothman, PrJGD JD
- W.Bro Rev Canon A. L. J. Shields, PAG Chap IPM
- W.Bro F. E. Gibbons, PPrGDC IG

Eighteen of the Founders attended but unfortunately W. Bro A.L. Binns, PPrGW, was seriously ill and Bro. V. Pearson was unable to attend and their apologies were recorded. W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt. SGD was Installed in the chair by W.Bro. Ashton Davies, CVO., OBE., PGD, APGM. The first Honorary Members of the Lodge, were then elected, being:

- Rt. W.Bro. A . Foster, Provincial Grand Master
- W.Bro T. E. Rushton, PGD., Chairman of the Fylde Group.

The charity collection at the Consecration was £16.13s.

This Lodge was blessed with its Founders. Two in particular would rate a special mention in many history of Kilgrimol Lodge viz. W.Bro F. C. Marsden, PPrGW, and W.Bro J.L. Schofield, PPrG.Organist. The former had been either ADC or DC of Kilgrimol Lodge from the Consecration until his resignation in 1977 and the latter had occupied the office of Organist for the first 28 Years. These two excellent Masons, who rendered such yeoman service to the Lodge, surely provide an outstanding example to us all. It is most interesting to recall that the Formation and Consecration expenses incurred in the Founding of the Lodge amounted to the sum of £405 4S 11d.
A lodge crest was submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge for approval; the crest having as its centre piece, a windmill, surrounded by emblems which represent the waves of sea and sands, presumably to represent the connection with the Hamlet of Kilgrimol and the borough generally. Provincial Grand Lodge approved the crest, providing the name and number of the Lodge was incorporated into it, which of course was done. Seven Founders submitted names of candidates for Initiation. They resolved that the names submitted should be placed together and drawn, and the order in which they came out would determine the order in which they would be interviewed and initiated.

The first Initiate into Kilgrimol Lodge was Mr. Ian George McGuffie, a worthy mason who for many years was the Treasurer of the Lodge and became the first Initiate to receive Provincial Grand honours. Whilst on the subject of Treasurers, it is recorded that on 5th March 1954, W.Bro. P. S. Uttley stated at a Committee meeting that he was the only Founder not in Office and he would like to be considered for the position of Treasurer. Following a ballot, he was duly invested at the next Installation, serving the office with distinction. Would that masonry always had similar volunteers for such Offices. Along with Freemasonry in general, Kilgrimol Lodge has suffered from time to time in its fifty years with the loss of distinguished leaders in the Craft and the loss of beloved Brethren of our own Lodge. Despite these losses however, other Brethren have risen as worthy successors and the flag of freemasonry still flourishes at National, Provincial, Group and Lodge level. Long may it continue?

We have had an interesting 50 years of progress, times of sorrow, times of exultation and moments most unexpected, such as when on Friday 10th January, 1958, a certain Mr. P. S. Walker was admitted into the Lodge for Initiation.

Whilst standing in the N.E. part of the Lodge it was discovered that he was neither poor nor penniless. The Ceremony was stopped and the work to that point, repeated. W.Bro. George Daniel Radford was the D.C. on this occasion and it would seem it was the one and only time his equilibrium was ruffled. Needless to say, the Acting Tyler, a Founder, was ribbed about the incident for many years. Nevertheless, this worthy initiate went on to rise through the ranks to Assistant Provincial Grand Master, an office which he held from 1987 to 1998. After he had retired, on the 11th September 1998 the Brethren of Kilgrimol Lodge presented W.Bro. P.S. Walker PPAGM with a golfing putter for his outstanding service to the Province of West Lancashire in general and Kilgrimol Lodge in particular.

The first Initiate into the Lodge Bro. I. G. McGuffie was Installed as Worshipful Master in 1957. In that same year, W.Bro. T. A. Manning was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge, W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge, Bt., PGD., became an Assistant Provincial Grand Master and our Honorary Member, W.Bro. A. Davies CVO, OBE, PGD became the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire. Unfortunately W.Bro. Davies only held the office for a few short months before he died.

From 1949 to 1999 there have been 67 Initiates and 40 Joining Members into Kilgrimol Lodge. Obviously over the years there have been many deaths and resignations. The present membership including country members stands at 29. A strange minute from 3rd January, 1952 records, “Resolved that the W.Master Collar be lengthened to the same size as the other Collars in the Lodge.”

On 10th April, 1968 W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt., PGD, APrGM a Founder and first Master of Kilgrimol Lodge was installed as the Provincial Grand Master for Masonic Province of West Lancashire. Many of the Brethren of Kilgrimol Lodge attended a packed Winter Gardens on this most notable occasion to witness the Installation of the Provincial Grand Master which was carried out by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. On the same day W.Bro. T.A. Manning PGD was invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

In 1970 the Lodge celebrated 21 years. This was marked by a presentation of rolled gold ball point pens to the Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge Bt., PGD, and W. Bro. J. T. Beresford, both Founders of Kilgrimol Lodge, pairs of gold cuff links were presented to W. Bro. J. L. Schofield PPrG. Organist and W. Bro. F. C. Marsden, ADC/DC PPrJGW who had held continuous offices since the Lodge was consecrated. A gift of £100 was also given to W. Bro. Sir Knowles Edge the Rt. W PGM to distribute to the Masonic charities of his choice.
A further tribute was paid to W.Bro. Sir Knowles Edge, still the Rt. W PGM in 1977 when the Lodge donated £20, as a contribution along with other Lodges, to commission a photographic portrait. The picture is displayed in the Palace Buildings to this very day. History was made within Kilgrimol Lodge, when on November 8th, 1991 Bro. J. Barclay became a joining member from another Constitution, the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Again on 12 February 1999, Lodge history was made when the Koran was used to obligate Mr A. Y. Benashour as an Initiate into Kilgrimol Lodge. Over the years Kilgrimol Lodge has been honoured in having a Mayor of the Borough as a member of the Lodge, Several Bankers, many Schoolmasters, Clerks in Holy Orders and other representatives of business and commerce in the Borough, not to mention a host of other equally important Brethren. From the Founding of Kilgrimol Lodge to the present time the Lodge has contributed generously to Masonic Charities in their many forms and long may it continue.

The Final Lodge Meeting before the Lodge amalgamated with Quadrant Lodge was held on Friday 8th February 2008 with members facing the future with great optimism. The Lodge was founded on a firm structure and within the newly amalgamated lodge will continue to serve the aim of ‘providing the opportunity for those masons who feel strongly about emulation to work that ritual’.
All good things come in threes

The history of Quadrant lodge, though rich and varied, is in its infancy when compared with other lodges across the province. However, we have been blessed with three Assistant Provincial Grand Masters in the last 50 years. This section presents an overview of each of these great men, as described by those who know them best.
Peter Stuart Walker PSGD PAPGM, by Worshipful Brother Simon Walker PPrJGW

Peter was born in Leeds on the 8th Jan 1928. His family lived in St Annes, but they wanted him to be able to play cricket for Yorkshire so his mum, heavily pregnant, travelled all the way to Leeds so that her son would be a Yorkshire man; a fact that he remained very proud of, all his life.

He was educated at St Thomas’ Church of England Primary School and King Edwards School Lytham where he became Head Boy.

Peter was called to National Service in Jan 1947, where he spent 2 years as an Able Seaman on board HMS Norfolk cruising from Singapore to Durban, calling at Calcutta, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Bahrain, Mombasa, the Maldives, Seychelles and Mauritius; a trip he did twice. It was known as “Flying the Flag”.

After demob in March 1949 he went to Manchester University and qualified as a Pharmaceutical Chemist. Whilst at Manchester he met Barbara Ellis who was doing a domestic Science degree. They were married in 1955. In 1956 he bought his first Pharmacy, 44 Bond Street, South Shore, from a Mr Frank Crossley.

Just after David, their first child, was born in 1957; they bought 39 Windermere Rd for £3000, a house they lived in for 50 years.

Over the years Peter acquired four more pharmacies with Simon & Mark, sons Two and Three.

When it came to masonic ritual, if Peter said this was the right way to do it, it probably was but he was not always right. When put in charge of the catering at a school fund raising event, he told a room full of mothers that he wanted them to make trifles for dessert but they should be “proper” trifles, with no jelly in, at which the room exploded with most of the mothers refusing to comply; he had to back down. On the night, the jelly trifles where all eaten, the “proper” trifles where hardly touched. Which goes to show that the truth of the pudding is in the eating.

He was Initiated into Kilgrimol Lodge in 1958. It was a long meeting as the Tyler had not deprived him of his wallet before entering and in the North East of the Lodge, and when asked if he had anything to give in the cause of Charity, he produced his wallet. So the ceremony had to be repeated, much to the embarrassment of the Tyler and George Radford, the eminent lodge Director of Ceremonies.

He initiated both David and Simon into Quadrant Lodge in 1983. Much of Peter’s life revolved around Freemasonry, he was a dedicated Mason, always there for those who wanted help.

He died on the 14th July 2008. At a packed St Cuthbert’s, the Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Colin Wright gave a masonic eulogy and youngest son, Mark, gave a family eulogy. In one of the many
letters of condolence a brother wrote “Peter was the most encouraging and inspirational man he had ever had the privilege of meeting”.
My father, Leon David Tax, was born in Manchester on 11 July 1945 to parents Helen and Raymond. Within a few years the family moved to Southend-on-Sea, and then to Blackpool, where he attended Arnold School.

In his working life he started off at Lewis’s in Manchester and then later, Blackpool, where he became a department Manager before moving into the family business of Insurance and financial advice; which he ran for many years. He eventually sold the business as he moved closer towards retirement, first working for one of the companies that bought the business, and then finally working in the call Centre for Job Centre Plus.

While working at Lewis’s he met Elizabeth, and they married on 5 November 1970, and over the next few years had 3 children, Sara, Rachel and Michael and, eventually, 7 grandchildren. Family was always a huge part of his life and there are lots of very fond memories of the times we all spent together.

Being brought up with strong religious beliefs, this continued to be important throughout his life spending a number of years undertaking various roles on the committee of Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation. He was honoured in May 2013 by being made Honorary Life President of the Synagogue, and further honored by the Movement of Reform Judaism in the UK by being made a Hechaver or Honorary Rabbi for his work, not only within our synagogue but within the wider Jewish community.

From an early age he was also involved within the Scout Association, which has numerous parallels with Freemasonry, latterly being involved as both a Group Scout Leader and Treasurer, Group President, and District Chairman.

He also took on the role of a Justice of the Peace being active for many years on the Blackpool Magistrates circuit.

He was a founder member of Marton Rotary Club and was an active member for many years.

In his masonic life, he was Initiated into North Shore Lodge, No 7916, in 1971, and passed through the various offices to become Worshipful Master in 1978. He was Exalted into Peace and Unity Chapter, No 3966, in 1979, before joining various other lodges and chapters whilst becoming a Founder member of Aemulantes Lodge, No 8827, in 1978, Dona Conferentes Lodge, No 9392, in 1991, and North Shore Chapter, No 7916, in 1984.
Subsequently he was appointed Vice Chairman of the South Fylde Group, before becoming Chairman in 2001. In 2005 he was appointed an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, with care of the Blackpool and South Fylde Groups, before those responsibilities were amended in the following year to care of the Preston and South Fylde Groups.

It was with sadness that his health caused him to step down from the role of an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in May 2013, just a few weeks before his death.
It is no accident that the name which perhaps predominates in this account of the lodge’s current history is that of Terry Hudson. He was not a Founder (though around at the time) and he will be the first to acknowledge the exceptional work of others in the establishing and successful cultivation of this fine and special lodge. From his affectionate account it is clear that great Masons brought Quadrant into being.

He is, however, the only remaining link with the Consecration and yet, astonishingly, fifty years later, he is still a vibrant inspiration for Quadrant’s ongoing work and development in the present time, as indeed he has been through all the intervening eras. He is too modest and sensible a man to attempt to dominate the lodge’s affairs, and Quadrant is anyway too strong a lodge to permit it, but there is hardly a beat of the lodge’s heart of which he is not aware and, if consulted, the advice he will offer, whether in private or in committee, will have only the deepest interests of the lodge at its focus. His temperament is so suited to sensible thought and calm counsel that few opt to ignore his advice, and those who do so often regret it.

Because it cannot be denied that Terry’s unique Masonic career has qualified him to bestride the Craft (and the Royal Arch) to the benefit not only of the lodge but also the wider Masonic world. Since the day he left his first Chair in the Craft (having served for two years in succession) only two weeks of his subsequent career has he spent out of Provincial Office! And he has been a Grand Officer for half of his Masonic life. In the course of this time he has performed most of the senior and decision-making functions of the Province, having served, among other things, as Group Chairman, Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, Second Provincial Grand Principal and Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

His command of finely detailed organisation on a large scale (as in his distinguished period as Scribe E of the Provincial Grand Stewards’ Chapter), together with the calm judgement, imagination and grasp of long-term strategy required of him by the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent in Cabinet, have benefited West Lancashire mightily. The corridors of Masonic power would seem to be his natural territory, though not without due qualification: he is too true a Mason for that not to be the case. And there are many in Quadrant and elsewhere who know of his happy associations with other distinguished Masonic orders.

As Terry has made clear in this history, he is the first to acknowledge the encouragement he received from some great Masons, in particular Peter Walker, in the development of his majestic grasp of ritual. It is such an important element in Quadrant’s unique success as a lodge and has received Terry’s continuous attention since joining. While not a fanatic, he understands the importance of good work to the cohesion of the fabric of the lodge and its dignity. He goes out of his way to congratulate and encourage. He makes it clear that good ritual is well worth pursuing – not least for the sense of personal achievement which it offers to the participants.
Equally, he promotes the importance of Quadrant's social life: another element in the essential mix which makes it the lodge it is. Always present, with Sonja at his side, at such lodge events, his joviality and kindness inspire and hearten people as he works his way determinedly round the room, aiming particularly for the new, younger members and their ladies. Because he rides supremely well the currents of Masonic change; he knows who the future belongs to and has been determined to ensure, in each era through which the lodge has travelled, that the future of Quadrant passes into safe and promising hands. And he has performed similar acts of generous encouragement for other lodges who have sought it.

When we consider just how many eras of Masonic change this very senior Mason has experienced in over fifty years, and how many times he will have felt the temptation to sit down in the North East and fold his hands in complacency, how grateful we must be that he has not done so, particularly at critical moments in the lodge's development, such as when he guided us through the potentially uncertain waters of an amalgamation with two related but less flourishing lodges (a step which, initially, was by no means obviously in the interests of Quadrant itself).

The generosity of spirit and tactical command which Terry Hudson has been able to offer the lodge at such times, together with all those other qualities which he has brought to the lodge on an ongoing basis virtually since its Consecration, confirm, for me, that his is simply the finest Masonic mind I have ever encountered. A natural Mason. And how fortunate Quadrant has been, and remains today, to be able to benefit so enormously from his membership.
Reminiscences of my 46 years as a member of Quadrant Lodge No. 8044
by Worshipful Brother Jack Blackburn PPrSGW

Quadrant Lodge was formed by a group of brethren which, from now on, will be called Founders, of which there were 26, most of whom were members of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction whose work, ceremonies etc., were taken from the London based Emulation Lodge of Improvement and whose aim was to work to the correct word and layout of the ritual.

The Lodge of Instruction is an excellent Lodge of Tuition; on occasion, wrongly understood - by that I mean many non-attenders think that the Preceptors of the day try to change the way a brother does his ritual, but that is not so. They only teach the correct Emulation way and do not try to alter the way some older lodges work. Such was the enthusiasm of the Founders of Quadrant, the lodge spawned many excellent ritualists, which in turn earned 8044 its enviable reputation throughout the Province.

Worshipful Master 1965, Worshipful Brother Tom Ralph PPrGD

The first Worshipful Master of Quadrant was a brother called Tom Ralph PPrGD., a grey haired man who carried himself with much dignity. I wouldn’t be far wrong in saying he knew the ritual book backwards. As always he had the irritating habit of snapping his fingers if you were taking part in any work and missed your cue. Not a shouter but a quiet prompter, the calibre which we could do with today.

Worshipful Master 1966, Worshipful Brother R H Nichols PPrGD

Worshipful Brother Ron. Nichols was a very keen member of the lodge. He never missed a meeting; his standards were of a very high quality. It was in the early 1970’s that he and Tom Ralph were tested to become Preceptors of the Fylde Lodge of Instruction. I well remember acting as a candidate in some of the ceremonies at Adelaide Street, when the two head Preceptors came from London to put Tom and Ralph through their paces, which they passed with flying colours. Many lodges have a clique: if Ron had a fault this was his, forming such a group for trips to the Lake District and private chit-chat. At the time, I didn’t think much of it, but as the years passed it faded away. It was my good fortune to have been initiated by Worshipful Brother R.H. Nichols. He was a great worker for Quadrant Lodge.

As a junior Mason I didn’t know Worshipful Brother T Crompton PPrAGDC and Brother L.H.Bamping. I just saw them at Installations.

Worshipful Master 1969, Worshipful Brother F A Brown PPrSGW

Worshipful Brother Fred. Brown, an imported mason from Hull in Yorkshire. Fred, as he was called, was a cheque trader, he also ran 2 large loan companies and was the General Manager of both. Throughout his many years in the lodge he held many positions, and was a main support in the early years of 8044. Brother W. Wilson PPrJGW was a tall grey haired man, a school teacher by profession but was unfortunate in the early years. He suffered a stroke, but like the battler he was, he recovered and became Worshipful Master in 1972.

Worshipful Brother Harold Kenyon PPrGD was in that band of chemists who were Founders. We had quite a number. He did not enjoy the best of health, although he struggled on to be our first Director of Ceremonies.

Worshipful Brother T Walsh
I have known in my time some joiners, cabinet makers, restorers of furniture and it would be hard to equal Worshipful Brother Tom Walsh’s ability, his patience and good thoughts were all at his command when he was the Secretary of Quadrant Lodge, and his willingness to do a ceremony when called upon, was always a ‘Yes’.

**Worshipful Brother T Hammond**

As well as being a member of Fylde Lodge of Instruction, Tom Hammond was a member of the Lodge of Good Hope, a man who liked his Masonry. One who would take on any of the rituals and was a great asset to the Lodge. He also had a close association with the stepson of his wife, a certain pop idol called Jethro Tull.

**Worshipful Master 1970, Worshipful Brother J R Bulcock PPrJGD**

Oldham was a cotton mill town in Victorian times and carried out that work up to the 1960’s. J.R. Bulcock, who was a Founder and Past Master of Quadrant walked in many of these mills; he did almost every job in these buildings, even went to New Orleans U.S.A. On several occasions to bid and buy bales of cotton to be shipped back to Lancashire. I can see him now strutting that long walk between those gigantic looms, which unknown to him at the time, would be attached to him for the rest of his life. As the cotton industry wound down, the machinery became unwanted and ‘Bert’, as he was called, was nearing retirement, the mills were sold off and Bert was entrusted by some mill owners with the task of selling off the machinery to mills in Pakistan and India.

The main task of disposing of the equipment was handled by some department of the United Nations. This task being done, the new owners of the equipment needed to know how to work it and yes, Bert told Mona, his wife, that this would take a year and would she grant him leave for such a task. Mona went mad and told him not to return. He asked me to take him to Manchester Airport for the start of this new adventure, which I did; all this at over 70 years old. When he returned, I picked him up at the airport carrying these rolled up carpets; just like Sinbad the Sailor, which he hoped would soften Mona, and they did. Worshipful Brother Bulcock was quite a card and a good member of the lodge.

**Brother Robert Kenworthy**

Robert was a giant of a man, kind hearted and generous, always willing to join in anything for the good of the craft. A regular attender at meetings. His trade was as a builder. The company name being ‘WARDEN’ builders. See an appreciation by his son, David.

**Worshipful Brother T A Manning**

During the formation of the lodge there were many social evenings at certain brethren’s houses, drinks, small eats etc. All these events were attended by many brethren and friends. Some of our better events were a couple of indoor fairs. We had the dining room at the Palace made into about 16 stalls, all of which were built by Tom Walsh and various goods were sold. Brother Hudson and I ran the hardware stall, knives, cutlery, buckets and pans etc. These were a success with quite a bit of money being raised for our charities.

The best event we had was an enormous Garden Party which was held at house of the then leading Fylde Freemason, Worshipful Brother T A Manning whose house was on Islay Road, which had an extensive garden. We had a fortune teller in Dr Steve Noblett, and the general fun of the fayres; it was very popular with the ladies, as the house was the poshest in the road. We were blessed on the day with
good weather and the whole event was a winner and put Quadrant Lodge right up there. Brother Manning became a good friend of the lodge.

As time progressed we had more of these garden parties, casino evenings etc., which got all the brethren of the lodge knitted together and what with the appetite of Masonic Ritual, made us into the lodge we became.

Worshipful Master 1974-1975, Worshipful Brother Terry Hudson

Worshipful Brother Terry Hudson was already a mason when he joined Quadrant. He was a member of Rectitude Lodge which met in Adelaide Street, Blackpool. It was and is a fine old lodge. Bro Hudson heard on the grapevine that a new lodge (Quadrant) was being formed and would meet in St Annes. As I was a prospective candidate he hung back from seeking membership until the lodge was formed, which in that in between time he and I attended many social events leading up to the Consecration of Quadrant. In 1966 he became a joining member and a year or so later proposed me as a candidate for initiation, which was effected in 1969. A memorable ceremony indeed. W Bro Nichols took the ceremony and Bro Hudson gave the Charge after Initiation.

W.Bro. Hudson soon mastered the Emulation ritual and took part in many ceremonies at the Palace and in the Fylde Lodge of Instruction. 1974 was the year he became Worshipful Master for the first time and carried on to become Master in 1975, a year in which we had many special masons join the lodge. I refer to a retired bank manger W Bro Harry Baker PPrGDC, a man of great wisdom and wit. When he worked it was for a bank long extinct named ‘Martins’ on the outskirts of Todmorden. He lived a long time and retired on a larger pension than when he was employed!

We were fortunate in this year for our WM to meet a man called Harry Judge CBE, a fire officer in the Queen’s fire office which, I think, means ‘number one’. He helped and designed the British fire service headquarters at Moreton-in-Marsh. He travelled the world and gave advice and help to most countries fire services. We were very lucky indeed to meet and become the friends of Harry Judge CBE.

Bro Tom Stirrup was a quiet little man as indeed was Les Warbrick, both good members of the lodge.

In W.Bro. Hudson’s year he initiated a Mr Alan Farrow, a nice man, a salesman who sold table linen etc. He became our WM and went on to be our Secretary at which he was excellent. W Bro Hudson was a travelling salesman, covering most of the North of England, who, at the end of his working career, ran a small company of salesmen. He was as good at that as he was at ritual; indeed, very good.

In the Craft his first Provincial Rank was Provincial Grand Steward, which then led to promotion to PPrJGW, a rank he held for a few years before being appointed in Grand Rank to PAGDC, then being promoted to PJGD and, finally, to PSGD on his appointment as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master with responsibility for the North Fylde and Leyland Groups which, after just one year, became the Blackpool and North Fylde Groups. As a member of Royal Arch, the ranks were Provincial Steward, PPrGSN, PGStdB and PAGSoj, Past Assistant to the Grand Principals and ultimately, Second Provincial Grand Principal.

Worshipful Master 1976, Worshipful Brother Jack Blackburn PPrSGW

Initiated into Quadrant Lodge 1967, one of a number of members of the lodge who worked for the N.W.Gas Board, however his heart was more towards running his own business and as soon as the opportunity came along he turned his skills to collecting antiques etc., opened his own shop which proved a success and never looked back to this day. Jack loves his masonry and went to great lengths to do as much as possible for the Lodge and other degrees he joined, providing regalia, ritual items, furnishings and whatever was needed, he would try his best to acquire it. Jack is liked by all for his wit and humour, a character and a stalwart of Quadrant Lodge. As he say's I’m just a ‘Lad from Barnsley’…
Brother Leonard Brooks

Leonard Brooks was a café owner and partner in an Auction room in town. He was initiated 1976. At first all went well but later couldn’t grasp the feeling of friendship and companionship in the lodge.

Worshipful Master 1977, W Bro Vernon Coupe

Bro. Vernon Coupe became our WM. A quiet man, worked at County Hall, Preston, who was kind enough to allow the lodge to use his house and premises for social occasions, which were hugely successful. W Bro R Hollingdale, Bro John Roberts and W Bro Allan Evans were admitted as joining members during Bro Coupe’s term of office. W Bro John Roberts became our WM. There were three initiates during Bro Coupe’s year, John Warden, David Quigley and John Letter.

Worshipful Master 1978, W Bro J Hailwood

Bro Jack Hailwood became Master in this year. He initiated one candidate, a Mr John Williams.

Worshipful Master 1979, Brother Ron Williamson

Bro Ron Williamson was made master in this year. He was a good Mason and had an excellent year in the chair. Ron initiated Mr Brian Crow in his year.

Worshipful Master 1980, Worshipful Brother Jim Hodgkiss

W.Bro. Jim Hodgkiss was a good master, who unfortunately had a hearing problem, which made direction and ritual a bit difficult. He did his best and initiated two candidates in his year.

Worshipful Master 1981, Worshipful Brother John Winkley

John Winkley was a Past Master when he took the chair of Quadrant Lodge. He was a quiet man and an excellent ritualist. His trade was indoor furnishings, curtains, carpets etc. Bros Ray Pinkstone and David Walker were candidates during his year. W Bro Winkley was a long serving member of the lodge.

Worshipful Master 1982, Worshipful Brother Bill Dunn

Bill Dunn was from East Lancs. A good member of the lodge but found the ritual hard to learn. Like many of us he was a regular attender and would do anything for the good of the lodge. The candidate in his year was Simon Walker.

Worshipful Master 1983, Worshipful Brother Jim Eaves

Bro Jim Eaves worked for the NWG Board all his adult life and was a good member of the lodge. Attended practices Friday and Tuesdays and was in due time made Director of Ceremonies of the lodge. Attaining the same standards as his predecessors, this led to appointment in Provincial Grand Lodge as a Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremony, and on to Grand rank as a PAGDC and PGStdB in the Royal Arch.
Worshipful Master 1984, Worshipful Brother John Arthur Hayfield

Mr John Hayfield was initiated in 1972. His proposer was Worshipful Brother Tom Walsh. Both were in the building trade and first class at their jobs. Both had similar personalities, excellent attenders and good workers for the lodge. W Bro Hayfield initiated two candidates during his year, Bros Brian Newman and Peter Geraghty. Bro Hayfield and his Company helped greatly with the maintenance of the building in which we now meet.

Worshipful Master 1985, Worshipful Brother Alan Farrow

W Bro Alan Farrow was a travelling salesman in the bedding and ladies goods trade. A nice quiet man. Tried his hand at golf and was the lodge secretary for a number of years. The initiates in his year were Barry Bromhead and John Barker.

Worshipful Master 1987, Worshipful Brother P S Walker PSGD PAPrGM

In the first 40 years of Quadrant Lodge we had a great member in Bro P S Walker [nicknamed Powerful Pierre]. Peter was a great member; generous in his many invitations to brethren to Quadrant Lodge. He tried his hand at golf, helping brethren out with their rituals. Masonic advice of any kind. He was of course a Preceptor at the Fylde Lodge of Instruction and I think for a man willing to travel regularly to Great Queen Street, London, as a member of the Board of General Purposes was a great honour. I have had the good fortune to listen to many good ritualists, but none were as good as ‘Powerful’. He would recite poems of great length at the Festive Board and his rendition of the Emulation Masonic lectures was unrivalled. He arrived at the highest honours the craft had to offer. Simply the best.

Worshipful Master 1989, Worshipful Brother Harold Spence

Harold Spence was known to us all, a grand fellow and a great trier at the ritual. Harold was a working joiner and did plenty of work for some of the brethren. He packed up being self-employed and went as a Clerk of Works, working for the naval college at Inskip, moving on from there to become Clerk of Works at the Army Barracks, Preston, which he thoroughly enjoyed, until his retirement. Harold became our Worshipful Master and sometime later he left the lodge due to the onset of chronic bad health from which he never really recovered. He later died.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES AND OBSERVATIONS AFTER 46 YEARS A MEMBER OF QUADRANT LODGE - JACK BLACKBURN

I was initiated into Quadrant Lodge in February 1969; W Bro Ron Nichols conducted the ceremony and W Bro Terry Hudson gave the Charge after Initiation. It was quite an evening. The following day, being a Friday, it was our yearly visit to Wolverhampton to visit W Bro Nichols lodge, the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers. I was pleased to go as an Entered Apprentice on the day after my Initiation. It was almost two years before I became a Master Mason and I was very pleased to progress to early office in the lodge.

I became the Worshipful Master in 1976, a nice but nervy year. W Bro Leonard Jolly, a local Grand Officer and distinguished Naval Officer was the Representing Officer that day. I became involved in all things Masonic from then to now and it has become a major part of my life.

I was appointed to the acting rank of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 1980, which was a most enjoyable year, and then in 1986 promoted to PPrJGW and, further in May 2007 to PPrSGW. In the
Royal Arch I was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Steward in 1987 and promoted to PPrGSN in 1991, which I enjoy to the present day.

In my time as a Freemason I have met some wonderful people, the odd fabulous one or two and a few duffers on the way. I could not have chosen a better hobby; pastime, call it what you may, in 46 years. It has been a grand experience to attend the monthly meetings and even grander when the ritual was good!
The Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Terry Hudson by W Bro John Topping PPrGSuptWks

On Thursday the 3rd of May 2012, brethren came from all across the Province to the Palace at St Annes, eager to share in the celebrations marking the 50 year landmark for Assistant Provincial Grand Master Terry Hudson, PSGD.

The Provincial Grand Master, Peter Hosker, accompanied by the Provincial team and a procession of Terry’s APGM colleagues, present and past, along with many other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, made this a night to remember for Terry and for all the members of his lodge, Quadrant Lodge, No 8044. Worshipful Master Mike Wenman offered the gavel of Quadrant Lodge to the Provincial Grand Master who accepted it on this particular and special occasion.

In his opening address Peter said: “One of my great pleasures and privileges in Freemasonry is to take the chair and lead the celebrations for brethren who are celebrating 50, 60 and 70 years and, dare I say it, 80 years of service in and to Freemasonry. I feel that against these landmarks, my own service pales into insignificance at a mere 44 years!

As Provincial Grand Master, I had anticipated that my involvement in such celebrations would, sadly, become very few and far between. I say ‘sadly’ because such celebrations are always interesting and they have invariably enabled me to learn so much more about each celebrant than might otherwise be the case and, in so doing, appreciate more completely the rich and fulfilling lives that they have led.

As it has happened, during my first four years as PGM, I have in fact continued to lead the celebrations for many distinguished Freemasons and I have greatly enjoyed all of them. Tonight, I have the pleasure and privilege of leading the celebrations for my – and our – good friend Terence ‘Terry’ Hudson, Past Senior Grand Deacon, APGM, a man who, like good wine, can be said to be elegant, well balanced and full of character.”

Peter then asked Keith Kemp (Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies) to place Terry before him so that he could address him.

Peter said that Terry was born on 14 August 1937 in Hednesford, Staffordshire, the only child of Alfred and Julie Hudson. From the 12th century, Hednesford was always a small agricultural village whose only claim to fame was the training of race horses. However, in the late 19th century it suddenly mushroomed with the opening of coal mines and, as a young man, Terry’s father Alfred worked for some time as a coal miner as did everyone else in the community. After World War II, during which he served as a leading instructor in Morse code, he was demobilised and the family re-located to the bright lights of Blackpool.

Peter said that he felt that it is often true for us, that as we think back to our own father and mother and our upbringing, we recall that often it was one of them in particular who had the more significant
and beneficial influence upon our lives. He commented that it was Terry’s mother, Julie, who had that significant and beneficial influence and said that from his own personal experience that the ‘Julies’ of the world are invariably wonderful people.

In 1945, in Blackpool, Terry attended Claremont Junior School, where he stayed until passing his 11 plus to gain entry to Blackpool Grammar School. He proved to be certainly well balanced at school where he enjoyed and succeeded at rugby, cricket, music and amateur dramatics. In those formative years Blackpool Grammar School gave Terry a holistic education and grounding for life.

Peter added that Terry developed a love of music, which he himself has described as the greatest gift given to him by his father in those early years and has been ever present throughout his life. The playing of the piano and singing were encouraged and developed. In fact, as a boy soprano, Terry entered singing competitions with some conspicuous success.

On settling in Blackpool, Terry’s father established a wholesale business in house wares and, after school, he joined that business for two years before joining the National Cash Register Co. for some three years. He then returned to the family business, being appointed to the elevated position of sales director. After consideration, Peter said he rejected the unworthy thought that there was an element of nepotism in this appointment!

Sadly, a fire destroyed the business and Terry’s father retired. However, thanks to Terry’s determined efforts, and in conjunction with his sales personnel, he secured a merger of the business, such as it was, with another company. The business traded with many retail outlets throughout the North West, including Eddie Stobart in Wigton and Sherrington’s in Leigh. Peter mentioned Sherrington’s because another Alfred, who was Peter’s own father-in-law, was the owner of Sherrington’s in Leigh. The affectionate and apocryphal story about his father-in-law was that he regularly sold stair carpet to customers who lived in bungalows!

During the 1960’s Terry’s entrepreneurial talents led him to plan for the future. As a result of his foresight, he put together a property portfolio of ‘buy to let’ properties, which he eventually sold 25 years later to a development company. Peter added that he thought that even Lord Sugar would have been most impressed with this successful business venture.

Peter continued that one of the truly important parts of Terry’s life was his interest in wine, particularly the wines of Burgundy, Bordeaux, and Italy. This led to Terry investing in wine and the PGM suggested there might have been the ‘occasional spare case’ for Terry to drink himself. This brought Terry into contact with the major houses in the wine industry and, in turn, proved very useful in helping to provide the Province with fine wines for Provincial meetings.
Terry has two sons by his first marriage, Nicholas and Mark. Although that marriage failed, some 20 years ago Terry happily met Sonja and it is she who has brought great joy and happiness into Terry’s life. They have done so much together and in particular have travelled widely, during which, art and music has figured prominently.

Peter then moved on to Freemasonry to which he said Terry has generously devoted so much of his life and energies.

It was on 16 May 1962 that Terry was initiated into Rectitude Lodge of Blackpool No 4122. At this point, Peter asked the Secretary of the Rectitude Lodge of Blackpool, Gordon Ivett, to read out the minutes of that very important lodge meeting of 16 May 1962. In 1966 Terry joined Quadrant Lodge No 8044, becoming its Master in 1974 and in 1975. He is a joining member of Quingenti Lodge No 8516, Setantia Lodge of Installed Masters No 7755 and Senatior Lodge of Installed Masters No 8966. Terry also joined Lathom Lodge No 2229, becoming its Master in 2009 and he was also a Founder of Aemulantes Lodge No 8827.

Terry’s first rank in Provincial Grand Lodge was that of acting Provincial Grand Steward in 1977 and, in 1981, he was promoted to PPrJGW. Colin Wright appointed Terry as one of his APGM’s in 2007 and, in 2008, he was re-appointed by Peter. In 1987 he was appointed in Grand Lodge to the rank of PAGDC and promoted to PJGD in 1995. Having become an APGM, he was then promoted to PSGD in 2008. In the Royal Arch Terry was exalted into St Anne’s Chapter No 2457, being Installed as its First Principal in 1978. In 1985, he became a Founder of Senatiria Chapter of Installed First Principals No 8966 and, in 1996, he was Installed as its First Principal. He was a Founder of Quadrant Chapter No 8044 in 1987. Terry is a joining member of Semper Fidelis Chapter No 4428, Setantia Chapter of Installed First Principals No 7755 and Provincial Grand Stewards’ Chapter No 8516. He became First Principal of Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter in 1993.

As in the Craft, Terry’s first Provincial rank in 1983 was that of acting PrGStwd, and he was promoted to PPrGSN in 1987. In 1993 he was appointed by Peter’s predecessor Colin Wright as an Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals and then in 2004, he became Second Provincial Grand Principal. In 1991 Terry was appointed in Supreme Grand Chapter to the rank of PGStdB and then promoted in 1999 to PAGSoj. Peter spoke of Terry’s first senior appointment in 1993, namely Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, with an elevation in 2004 to Second Provincial Grand Principal for three years. In 2007, he became an APGM and Terry remains in that office to the present time. This means that Terry has held senior offices in the Province continuously for 19 years. Accordingly, his service to this Province has been both continuous and outstanding.

On a personal note, Peter commented that since he had become PGM, Terry has given him unfailing loyalty and support and he had been a good friend. Additionally, Terry has been a most welcome visitor wherever he has attended in the Province. Peter then asked South Fylde Group Chairman David Randerson to read out the Certificate marking Terry’s long service to the Province. After the meeting 140 brethren retired to the dining room where they enjoyed a wonderful meal. During the festive board, Geoffrey Lee, Provincial Grand Secretary, gave a very moving and humorous address to Terry which illustrated the considerable friendship they have both enjoyed over many years.

Toast to Terry Hudson by W Bro Geoffrey Lee PJGD PrGSEC

It is my very great honour to propose a toast to the health of Terry Hudson on his fiftieth anniversary, of whom it has been said that at the age of 6 he wanted to be a train driver; at 7 he wanted to be Napoleon, and his ambition has been growing ever since.

The Provincial Grand Master has already referred to the importance of the year 1937. The year in which King George VI was crowned; Billy Butlin opened his first Holiday Camp; George Gershwin died; The
Hindenburg crashed; Nylon was patented and Walt Disney produced *Show White & the Seven Dwarves*. And on 23rd of May, the billionaire oil tycoon and philanthropist John D Rockefeller died in his penthouse in New York, to make way, as it were, for Terry Hudson. And just like John D Rockefeller, Terry has spent the last 40 years of his life more or less in retirement.

After a spell in the Midlands, his family chose Blackpool to reside in. He is a familiar sight there; staggering with his purchases between *Poundland* and *Primark*. But it is perhaps not the town it was. Sonja and I were out shopping with Terry recently in Blackpool and we were entirely unable to find a new commode for him.

Both he and his family (I was fortunate enough to know his dear mother) have always risen above the otherwise unglamorous reputation which the town sometimes has, and indeed had when I went to work there in the 70s. The father of one of my pupils, Syd Gee, was the leading novelty retailer in the town and he once confided in me that the material he sold ‘only had to last until the holidaymakers were on the train home’.

In a most interesting coincidence, Terry attended the same school at which I started my teaching career – Blackpool Grammar School, and I worked with a number of colleagues who had taught him. I am therefore uniquely placed to report on this stage of his career. This is the school where, in my time, the staff were complaining that they could never get hold of the Deputy Head when they had a problem with one of the girls, for whom she was responsible, and from whom she hid. We succeeded in getting her to agree that her timetable would be published weekly. So it was that a notice appeared on the staffroom board informing us that ‘Miss Roberts’ movements will be displayed here every Monday morning.’

Jim Wynn told me a fascinating story about Terry which illuminates both his intellectual preferences (he is a lover of the arts, which makes all the more regrettable the failure of his first novel, *The Thirty-Eight Steps*) but also his talent for getting into trouble. Now while it is obvious to us all that Terry does not have any problems adding up, his talent faded at the upper levels of mathematics, and this was regularly revealed in the termly Maths exams.

In those days, the exams were designed to become more difficult as they went on, and Mr Wynn was marking Terry’s effort at the final question with some irritation, as it was no more than a desultory sprinkling of unrelated numbers and unsuccessful calculations, followed, somewhat mysteriously, by the word *Macbeth* in the margin. This puzzled Jim Wynn and he made a mental note to speak to Terry about letting the vagaries of English Literature invade the pure realms of mathematical exactitude. But he seems to have forgotten to do so.

The following term, again towards the end of the exam paper, Terry’s maths collapsed into gobbledygook, and there, in the margin, were the words *Macbeth Act 1*. Now Jim Wynn was not a particularly cultured man but he did recall that Macbeth is a play in which the principal character is persuaded by his wife to stab to death the King of Scotland. Macbeth himself has doubts about carrying out this gory plan and tells his wife so, though she wins in the end. Mr Wynn was puzzled that Hudson
should have this matter so obsessively on his mind, and particularly in the maths exam, and he thought about asking the School Chaplain to send for him.

Terry confirms that there was not much dynamism about my former colleagues in that era and so the matter was set aside until the end of year exams when it was particularly important to do well. Mr Wynn had forgotten all about it until he was marking Terry’s paper. Mr Wynn thought he had been particularly ingenious in creating this exam, which would subtly draw forth the latent talent of his class. But it didn’t seem to have worked for Hudson. The calculations dribbled to a halt earlier in the paper than usual, and, this time in red ink, there across the bottom of the script Hudson had written *Macbeth, Act 1 Scene 7, line 32.*

Mr Wynn rose, shaking, from his desk in the staffroom and crossed to the smoke-filled area inhabited by the English Department and asked to borrow a copy of *Macbeth.* He took it back to his desk, worried anew for Hudson’s sanity. He thumbed through the play to find the appropriate page, unsure about how to help with Terry’s adolescent uncertainties. Why should his mathematics exams cause him such anxiety? Was Hudson crying out for help? Was he trying to tell him something? He found the page, Act 1, scene 7, line 32 and there was: there was Hudson’s message, in the very words of Macbeth to his wife, ‘I cannot do this bloody thing’.

History does not record the sanctions imposed by the authorities upon young Hudson, but he did not have much of a future with the Maths department after that.

He went on from school to the National Cash Register Company where he made an upward adjustment of his age in order to get in. It was inevitably detected by the personnel department and Terry, who has met more than his fair share of famous people (only Terry Hudson could meet Cary Grant in a novelty shop in Llandudno), was sent for by the Chairman of NCR, the aloof and terrifying Mr PA Donald. Terry was quite sure that his days with this gigantic multi-national company were about to come ignominiously to an end. Mr Donald was quiet but exact in his questioning, and Terry heard himself admitting that he had lied about his age, to which Mr Donald, with the faintest of smiles, replied, ‘But, Mr Hudson, ladies do it all the time’, and his career with the company went from strength to strength. Another encounter with PA Donald also provided Terry with a motto for life: ‘Good enough, Mr Hudson, is the enemy of all progress’. We all know Terry sufficiently to understand just how much this advice has played a part in his conduct through life.

Other people Terry has met (and he DID meet Cary Grant in a novelty shop in Llandudno – he was buying post cards) include the greatest of all jazz pianists, Oscar Peterson. Terry’s memories of shaking hands with him are vivid. He felt as if he were in the grip of a python. Oscar Peterson could span two octaves on the piano and Terry reports that his hands (quote) ‘were like sausages’. Another encounter was with the American crooner Dick Haymes, little remembered now, but who had a voice as good as Sinatra’s and who was married to Rita Hayworth, the most desired goddess of Hollywood at that time. Under other circumstances he might have remained a superstar, but he fell on hard times and most bizarrely, Terry encountered him in a show on Central Pier, where he was supporting the local Lancashire comedian Al Read. Because he is a sensitive man, Terry is alive to the lessons of such misfortune and he recalls that occasion with poignancy.

But back to commerce! Perhaps Terry’s entrepreneurial peak was reached when, on one day in Wrexham, he sold eleven old but reconditioned cash registers to local shopkeepers. He made a substantial profit but, in that era when prices had started to inflate and many items could cost £1 or more, he did omit to inform his purchasers, that those particular cash registers did not register any sums greater
than four and eleven pence halfpenny! Some of those customers would still like to speak to him about this.

Imagine this young man; smart suit: large turn-ups, Aquascutum coat, Homburg hat, a moustache (believe it!), the fragrance of Bay Rum radiating from his hair, a Colgate smile and a pipe full of pungent Balkan Sobranie. Together with certain others present here tonight, he invaded the nightlife of Blackpool, and he quickly became the Fred Astaire of the Tower Ballroom, sweeping women off their feet, and jitterbugging the night away around the other palais de dance. And armed with his experience at NCR, in what daylight hours were left, he was now working for his father’s substantial hardware business in Blackpool, the full catalogue of wares in his head, touring particularly the north of the county; and even further, to visit the strange people who live beyond Lancaster.

You are missing one of the most rewarding experiences of your life if you have not shared, as have Sonja and I on many occasions, Terry’s long tales of the travelling salesman, the odd persons who were his customers, emerging to meet him, if he was lucky, coated in dust, from the interior caves of hardware shops, and the fascinating lists of sizes and shapes of his hardware catalogue. Did you know, brethren, that there were 3 different sizes of rice plates; 4 sizes of butcher’s trays; 4 oval and 2 round roasting dishes; a bewildering number of galvanised buckets, each for a different purpose, and a huge variety of shovels. But it is when he comes to discuss chamber pots that Terry waxes most lyrical. One has to admire the ingenuity of manufacturers seeking to accommodate, shall we say, all requirements. In an email to me only last week, Terry reminded me that the Silver Swallow Company alone produced three deluxe non-slip chamber pots, varying in size according to the area to be accommodated.

It was on such travels in the north that he became acquainted with Eddie Stobart, and rather after the fashion of the Provincial Grand Master’s father-in-law who was able to sell stair carpet to people living in bungalows, there are men in this room tonight who can affirm that on one occasion in Grange over Sands, Terry sold a vacuum cleaner to a lady who had neither a carpet nor a socket in which to plug it. He remembers with rapt fondness the coming of plastic and the arrival of newer and bright bread-bins, WC sets and the Prestige Minute Mop, which sold for 19/11d but, cunningly, for which the refills cost 9/11d; half the cost of the machine itself. So the vendors of computer printing ink didn’t invent that particular ploy!

While working in wholesale chamber-pots, Terry made his first tentative steps into renting out property. In his own words, when he started he did not know a skirting-board from a joist. This was most consuming work and many of us remember that his Saturdays (when he collected his rents) were the busiest and most demanding days of his week. Many, particularly young, people were grateful to him for providing their first pied a terre when they began work or college, and his property was particularly well maintained. But those who attempted to confess themselves unable to pay him in a particular week could expect very long, embarrassing and closely reasoned conversations (such as his Group Chairmen will be familiar with); and the following week, they would make sure they had the cash to hand. He was particularly cunning and successful with those who attempted to fiddle the electricity meter, and it is believed by some that he exercised similar ingenuity with Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs.

Most of his tenants were mild and quiet people, but I will never forget visiting him on a day when one of his tenants had had to spend the night in the dark as he had no money for the meter, and so Terry had been chased around one of his flats by a lunatic called Henry Piggins, armed with a standard lamp. Mr Piggins ended his days sectioned in Blackpool Victoria Hospital surrounded by teddy bears. Equally demanding to handle was a self-styled (but unpublished) poetess and clairvoyant called Joan Freedom King. This lady draped in her kaftan would lurk in Terry’s properties, awaiting his arrival, and spring forth (like the dancer Isadora Duncan) declaiming her latest work; all the while attempting to negotiate Terry
towards her bedroom. Despite his love of poetry, Terry would make his excuses and leave. But he still hears from her!

Terry and Sonja are great vacationers. His love of sport, wine and art has taken him to many parts of the civilised world – and to the USA. Those who have holidayed with Terry first have to come to terms with seeing him in shorts; a sight not for the faint-hearted, brethren. (Let us not forget that in his time as one of our leaders of the Royal Arch, it used to take three sturdy men each morning to gird him with the curious girdle of the Ephod.) His favourite spot is New England, but it was on a visit which I shared with him to the wine-growing areas of California that I experienced one of the most revealing episodes of our acquaintance.

Terry is not usually an awkward man. He is usually clear-sighted and accommodating. But he can, of course, make his mind up, and this he did one day as we approached the Californian coast from inland, intending to travel south to Los Angeles. He was driving. When we reached the coastal road, with the Pacific Ocean glinting invitingly in front of us, Terry turned right. That is to say, North. I imagined that he was making some small personal detour, whose purpose would become clear to us. But half an hour later, and becoming a little uncertain, I heard myself remarking, ‘Terry, when travelling south along the west coast of America, should the sea not be on our right?’

‘Nonsense,’ he replied. Sonja and I looked at each other, while Terry plunged on up the highway.

After a while, Sonja, carefully and in the most friendly tones, suggested, ‘Terry, when travelling south on the west coast of America, should the sea not be on our right?’ He looked at her with the haughty disdain of a geography teacher to whom a pupil had just made a stupid answer. And on he went.

Sonja and I both felt that Terry was in error, and that if we didn’t intervene, we could soon be in Canada, so we asked him to stop, and we engaged him in reasoned conversation from which it became clear that he felt he was driving in the correct direction. In his opinion, and obviously, when travelling south along the west coast of America, the sea should be on your left. Simples. We were clearly lacking any intelligence at all.

At this point we became aware of a figure, about twenty yards from the side of the road. He had a little table in front of him on which was a small selection of flowers wilting in the heat. He has become known since then, in the Hudson Family, as ‘The Mexican Flower Seller’. Terry saw him, and with the expectation of triumph in his eye he harrumphed and said, ‘I’ll ask that man.’ Full of righteous indignation, he alighted from the car and he proceeded towards the Flower Seller, in his cowboy hat, his surfer’s shorts flapping around his monumental thighs. He was so determined to reach the man that he took no notice of the soft terrain, and as he walked away from us, he appeared to descend further and further into the ground until, with only yards to go, he fell over in a great cloud of Californian dust. He looked at the Mexican Flower seller, and the Mexican Flower seller looked at him.

Terry struggled to his feet and attempted to engage the man in conversation, but it became clear to us back in the car that the Flower seller did not understand a word of what Terry was saying to him, by now rather loudly. The conversation became animated, but eventually, after much gesticulation, our hearts sank as the flower seller, clearly hoping to rid himself of this troublesome and heated tourist (who showed no interest in buying his flowers) made a large and grand gesture at the end of which, he pointed north. Terry looked round like Oliver Hardy having just proved Stan Laurel wrong, and stumbled back to the car. In a flurry of dust, he revved the engine somewhat unnecessarily and we carried on, with the sea on our left.
We were all dry as a bone by this time, and in need of refreshment, and so, not saying much to each other, we stopped at a café for a drink and fell into conversation with a cyclist who was touring the state. He was English as it happened and explained that he had much experience of cycling the highways of California. We enjoyed his company and as we bid him farewell he told us he was off to Los Angeles. Terry saw another opportunity for scoring a point and ostentatiously walked to the door to wave the cyclist goodbye. But his expression changed when the cyclist waved back, and set off south, with the sea on his right. Nothing was said. We returned to the car, and through gritted teeth Terry looked at me … and simply growled, ‘You drive!’

And this is the man to whom we have entrusted the leadership of the Province for so long. But, seriously, what leadership we have had, brethren!

Terry has travelled a long way in masonry. He started his Masonic career in quite a different era. He remembers the stiff hierarchy and the expected deference. The places you couldn’t sit in and the people you couldn’t talk to. An era that is reflected in Brother Tommy Cooper’s remark that he was once a member of a secret society called The Secret Six, which was so secret that he didn’t know the other five.

Brethren, fifty years later, there couldn’t be a more modern Mason than Terry Hudson; more popular or more sought after for advice. This is a great achievement from which we all benefit. His judgement and authority are natural and sensible. Perhaps he bears in his cautious mind the futility of Pope Pius X who, in 1903, attempted to ban the saxophone.

Since leaving his first Chair, in which he served for two years, Terry Hudson has spent only two weeks not a Provincial Officer. A Grand Officer for half of his Masonic life, Terry Hudson has, in my view, simply the finest Masonic mind I have ever known. He is naturally a Mason and it is our very great good fortune to have had him with us for fifty years. Terry we all congratulate you on your Jubilee, and we toast your continuing good health.
A view from the Worshipful Master

Throughout this anthology, descriptions of and views relating to the various Worshipful Masters of Quadrant lodge have been presented. This section presents a number of pieces of work produced by some past masters in terms of their thoughts of their year in office and their time as members of the lodge and freemasonry in general; with it being important to remember that these past masters may have been in the chair of either Kilgrimol, Aemulantes or Quadrant lodge prior to the amalgamation. This section begins with Jim Eaves, who was a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.


I was initiated in 1972, with the WM at that time being W Bro William Wilson, a school teacher from Kirkham. My proposer was Police Inspector, Duggie Richardson, and my Seconder was Frank Minton; a very respected member of the lodge. When I became Worshipful Master, during my year I performed all three ceremonies and, in 1983, my Ladies Evening had 155 guests at the Clifton Arms; I believe one of the best ever attended at Quadrant.

When I was Director of Ceremonies of Quadrant Lodge, I was approached (and I remember this well) by Peter Walker in the gents toilet at the Clifton Arms hotel. Peter informed me that he would be putting me forward for the position of Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, which I became in 1996. To the best of my knowledge I am the only member of Quadrant Lodge to ever hold that position.

Prior to the appointment, Dennis Rudd, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, came to Quadrant to visit and observe me as DC. Over the course of the evening I did loads of salutations and processed around the lodge. Dennis took me to one side after and he told me he would put my name forward to the Provincial Grand Master, who interviewed me in Liverpool, and gave me the best advice I have ever had in Freemasonry, which has stuck with me from that point onwards; ‘be humble’. The Provincial Grand Master was Ken Moxley, one of the most respected and experienced masons I have ever met, who was in a lot of degrees across England and was the top person in each one; a truly lovely man.

During my years as a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, I made approximately 200 visits (about 50 per year) encompassing Stockport, Liverpool, Lancaster and Barrow. When visiting Barrow, the aperitifs before the lodge meeting were superb (cakes, etc), followed by a sumptuous meal afterwards, resulting in a return home time at approximately 12 am.

I was very pleased to uphold the excellent name of Quadrant at all those visits and I can honestly say that of all the lodges, I never had a crossed word with anyone; it was truly a privilege to serve our Province as a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

My Installation was an immensely enjoyable and memorable occasion for many reasons not the least because the Installing WM was my good friend Jim Eaves.

The representing officer R L Hubbard PAGDC was also well known to me due to his connections to the house building industry. The actual ceremony was attended by 57 visiting brethren 11 of whom came from New Sanctuary which met at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool a lodge that I visited fairly regularly at the time due to my close and long standing friendship with Alan Dean who acted as Installing Senior Warden during the ceremony itself.

I was presented as Master Elect by my proposer Tom Walsh a man who had taken me “under his wing “ever since I had joined him as a fellow employee at Lytham St Annes Corporation in 1969.

My responsibilities as Master of Quadrant Lodge were outlined on the day in the usual impeccable trademark style during the address delivered by Terry Hudson.

Attaining the Mastership of Quadrant Lodge had a very special significance to me because I was the first member of my family in 3 generations to be installed as WM as both my grandfather and father had both passed away before becoming Masters of their own Doric Lodge which met in Salford Manchester.

During the 11 year period leading to my mastership year I accepted that I would be expected to perform at least one of each of the initiation, passing and raising ceremonies during my year as WM.

At the meeting in May 1984 I was delighted to be able to initiate my fellow business partner and co-director Brian Newman into Quadrant Lodge and after conducting his second degree ceremony in November it gave me enormous self-satisfaction to fulfil my obligation to Quadrant by raising my friend and colleague to the rank of MM in February 1985. Since his raising Brian has served the lodge well and is only one of a handful of past masters to have held the mastership of Quadrant Lodge twice in 1996 & 2006.

All masters are advised that there year will “Fly-by “and my year certainly did and with the benefit of hindsight it is a great pity that as a relatively young 36 year old I had to undertake my duties as WM of Quadrant Lodge whilst endeavouring to manage the affairs of a rapidly expanding business and perform the responsibilities of the parent of two young children who were only 1 & 3 years old at that time. Looking back I regret that circumstances did not permit me to visit other lodges often enough or to interact sufficiently with my fellow WMs at the time during my year in office.

During my 42 year period spent as a member of Quadrant Lodge I have enjoyed the pleasure of meeting and interacting with many truly outstanding individuals and my life has certainly been enriched by the experience.
Worshipful Brother Albert Cherry (1992-1993)

I was Installed as Master of Quadrant Lodge for the first time in April 1992. I felt a certain pride in being Worshipful Master during such a significant year with it being Preston Guild year and me being a Prestonian. I was Installed by the Worshipful Master, Brother Gerry Stead, who performed an excellent ceremony of Installation and I was presented by my brother in-law, Worshipful Brother Ron Williamson. The Director of Ceremonies was Worshipful Brother Jim Eaves and the acting officers were the acting Wardens of the Province, W Bro E W Edwards PrSGW and W Bro R G Hall PrJGW. W Bro Vernon Coupe acted as Inner Guard and the Principal Guest was W Bro W S Huck PSGD APGM.

I had a great year in office performing two Raisings, Bro John Gallagher and Bro Chris Bryson, and one Initiation, Mr Arthur Roberts. The main thing I remember of my year in office was that I was working in Whitley Bay at the time, and staying in digs from Monday to Friday in Whitley Bay, which involved me in a great deal of travelling. Nevertheless, I never missed a meeting or practice during that year, which was something I was very proud of. Unfortunately, my brother-law and dear friend, Bro Ronnie Williamson, only managed to attend my Installation and the May meeting as he was diagnosed with cancer and died in the December of that year, which was a great tragedy as he had so many plans for my year. When I was IPM, I became ADC to Jim Eaves, and held that office for two years before progressing on to be Director of Ceremonies for six years from 1995 to 2000, which were very enjoyable and satisfying years for me. Jim Eaves has always been my mentor, and what he taught me has helped me all through my masonic career.

One of the great things about Quadrant Lodge was the social events that were organised by the older members of the lodge. Mine and Dureen’s at home was a great success. With living in Kendal we really did not expect a large number to attend but on the day over seventy five people attended. We were so pleased to see Bert Bulcock turn up, as he did not drive, but got his sister to bring him. Both Dureen and I remember Bert with great fondness, as when I had only been in Quadrant just over twelve months Dureen was taken into Hospital for an operation and Bert travelled to Kendal by bus to visit her in Hospital, which really impressed both me and Dureen. The highlight of my year was the Installation of Simon Walker. As the Installing Master I was under some pressure from Peter Walker, which was understandable with Simon being his son, of course. Peter had me down to St Annes on the two Sundays before the meeting for extra practices; beside the three we already had arranged as normal. The two Sunday ones were just myself and Peter; one on one. The Installation was by far the finest day I have ever had as a Freemason during my thirty five years in masonry. Peter invited all thirteen Assistant Provincial Grand Masters of the Province, and they all turned up! I received a very nice letter from the Provincial Junior Warden, W Bro Raymond Baines on the standard of work at Quadrant Lodge.

It was a fantastic day that I will always remember as my finest day in Freemasonry.

My year got off to an incredible start. Worshipful Brother Albert Cherry installed me into the chair of King Solomon in front of the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth Edward Moxley and over 140 brethren. It was my happiest day in Freemasonry, Albert did an excellent job (as he always did). At the festive board the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters could not all fit on the Top table! The thing I remember most was the song to the Worshipful Master which was sung brilliantly by Jim Eaves. In May of 1993 I Passed Brother Arthur Roberts, the working tools were by John Gallagher and my dad did the tracing board. I gave him a “Not Bad”. In September I raised Brother Roberts and Albert Cherry did the traditional history while October saw the Initiation of Brother C A Brennan so ably done by Worshipful Brother Barry Holland the working tools were done by an up and coming, shy brother by the name of Liam Bird. The Junior Warden Brother Ray Pinkstone delivered the Charge.

In November a talk was delivered by Worshipful Brother J B Wright entitled “Usages and customs in Masonry” and in January 1994 I initiated Mr Richard Champion with the Charge being given by Brother Ray Pinkstone. Moving on, February was a Past Masters night, Albert Cherry took the chair, Jack Blackburn was Senior Deacon, while Jim Eaves delivered the Working tools while Gerry Stead delivered and explanation of the Tracing Board. Not a bad team! In March we had a rehearsal of the 5th section of the 1st lecture with Brother A Roberts, assisted by Brother L Gaskell and the 7th section of the 1st lecture with Brother I D Huntly, assisted by Brother C Bryson. In April on a glorious sunny Saturday I installed my successor Brother Alan Redburn. Our principal guest was Worshipful Brother Bernard Smith AssPGM. There were 110 brethren present. So ended one of the most memorable years of my life, I would have happily done another year (and if you haven’t already guessed, I am currently doing so).

Worshipful Brother Bruce Clements (1994-1995)

My year in office of Aemulantes Lodge began on the 4th October 1994. I had years to prepare for that day with the support and mentoring of a man whom I believe to have been the best Director of Ceremonies at the time, W Bro Ron Sands, whose help and guidance and attention to detail was second to none.

The fact that I was a Member of a Lodge that at the time could boast among the Grand Officers an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the late Peter Stuart Walker, made me very proud, and was a talking point when visiting Lodges in the area.

The Lodge was very healthy in terms of numbers, and during my year I welcomed one Candidate and eight Joining Members.

I performed two Initiations, one Passing and two Raisings, and welcomed the full team of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction Lecture Team at my last Meeting in April.

The social functions were very well attended and I was rather proud of the fact that my daughter, accompanied by W Bro George Benacs, sang the song to the Ladies, which was a complete surprise for my wife, Barbara, and most of those who attended.

My year was complete when I had the pleasure of Installing my good friend, the late Terry Calam, as Worshipful Master in October 1995. It was certainly a year to remember.

Having attended many social functions over the preceding years and having made many friends, I felt that the time was right for me to become a member of Quadrant Lodge.

I was proposed by my good friend and colleague, W Bro John Hayfield, who also performed all of my ceremonies to perfection. As the years passed I served all of the offices required of me through to the Chair of King Solomon until, finally, the day of my Installation arrived; Saturday 27 April 1996.

I can say that I was very apprehensive of what was to take place that afternoon, so I played a round of golf in the morning with some members of the lodge in an effort to calm my nerves.

I was presented by W Bro Terry Hudson, who was a big help to me in the early years. My Installing Officers were:

SW    W Bro Alan Dean
JW    W Bro Jim Eaves
IG    W Bro Jim Hodgkiss

In the event, the Worshipful Master, Bro Ray Pinkstone, performed a brilliant ceremony to Install me as Master.

The Working Tools in the three degrees were delivered by W Bro’s Jack Blackburn, Simon Walker and John Winkley, and the Address to the Master was delivered in a fine manner by my Proposer, W Bro John Hayfield. It was then my turn to invest my officers for the ensuing year.

I was very impressed with everyone who took part in the Installation ceremony for their excellent work.

The Principal Guest at my Installation was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V W Bro Colin Penty Wright, PGSwdB, who, in the following year, became the Provincial Grand Master in succession to RW Bro Kenneth Edward Moxley, who had acted as a DepPrDC at the Consecration of the lodge. Bro Wright went on to be an outstanding PGM for eleven years until 2008.

In my year I had two Raisings, two Lectures and one rehearsal of Passing.

I enjoyed a wonderful year in office, including many social functions. It concluded by my Installation of Bro Barry Bromhead as Master in April 1997.

The year was 2003 when I was asked if I would consider becoming Master for the second time due to a vacancy which had occurred. I duly served the offices of Junior and Senior Wardens in the lead up to my second Installation in April 2005. On that occasion my Installing Officers were:

SW    W Bro Brian Pearson
JW    W Bro Mike Middleton
IG    W Bro Jack Blackburn

I was Installed as Master by the ever delightful, W Bro Albert Cherry, a dedicated lodge member who, on countless occasions over many years, has travelled the return journey from his home in Kendal to the Fylde for lodge meetings, committee meetings and rehearsals, and is thus much respected and affectionately held.
For the second time in 10 years my Proposer, W Bro John Hayfield, by now PPrJGW, gave the Address to me as Master. It proved to be a wonderful occasion which I enjoyed immensely and I was indeed very proud to be Master once again.

As do all good things, my second year eventually came to a close, and it concluded by my Installation of W Bro Tom Mather, PPrJGD, in April 2006. Tom was a most accomplished Master who is much missed having immigrated to Australia some few years ago.

It should be noted that my second year, 2005, is not recorded on the lodge summons as the Amalgamation altered the summons records.


My introduction to Freemasonry and Quadrant Lodge came in 1986. I was proposed by W Bro Terry Hudson and seconded by W Bro Jack Blackburn; both of these brethren were experienced and knowledgeable masons.

When I went into the chair of Quadrant Lodge, Alan Farrow was the Worshipful Master and my brother, W Bro Ernest Richard Bromhead, travelled from Canada to present me at the Installation. It was a wonderful occasion with W Bro Arthur Page, PAGDC, as the Representing Officer. In my year I performed two ceremonies of Passing, as at that time there were not a lot of Initiates coming into the lodge. Indeed, on some years we only had one Initiate; if lucky. When I became the Worshipful Master our lodge still had a lot of senior members who were always there to give advice.

My links to different WMs link back to my Initiation, with Albert Cherry, whose brother in law, Ronnie Williamson, acted as Junior Deacon at my Initiation. In my year the social secretary was W Bro Gerry Stead and we had several golfing events, often with other lodges, such as Rectitude Lodge from Blackpool. Our Ladies Evening was held at the Grand Hotel with around 100 people in attendance; it was full and was a grand occasion.


I was Installed into the chair of Quadrant Lodge in April 1999 by David Randerson, in the presence of the Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro Colin Penty Wright, in my tenth year of being a mason. The day was very important to me so I stayed tea total from New Year’s Day 1999 until I responded to the toast to my health at the Installation. I also had the pleasure of Initiating my younger brother, Mark, into Quadrant Lodge that year too.

Janet and I had a fantastic year with all the Members of Quadrant Lodge; a year which included an Anniversary Dinner, an "At Home" and a very good Ladies Evening at the Clifton Arms in Lytham. My Director of Ceremony was Albert Cherry, who had a kind manner and was a brilliant DC. I later had the pleasure of being Albert's DC when he went back into the chair for the 2nd time in 2004.

However, the best day in my opinion was when I Installed Barry Holland in April 2000, thus releasing me from a very busy year. A very close second was when I finally managed to persuade John Chapman, my brother in law, to join our Lodge; which many would regard as inspirational on my part for John has subsequently proved to be an absolute stalwart of the lodge and is much respected.
Worshipful Brother Barry Holland (2000-2001)

My year in office as Master of Quadrant Lodge actually began in 1998 when I was asked to take office as Junior Warden and to progress through to Senior Warden, with a view to becoming Master in the year 2000. This was to help the smooth progression for the junior brethren in office. I was delighted to accept this opportunity as my wife hinted that at my age I probably wouldn’t have another chance!

At my Installation I was presented by W Bro Terry Hudson who, along with W Bro Jack Blackburn, had proposed and seconded me into Freemasonry in 1974. There were 27 members and 47 visitors present, including 6 from Dalton in Furness. The Installing Senior Warden was W Bro Howard Ingham, Worshipful Master of Aemulantes Lodge, the Junior Warden, W Bro John Hayfield and the Inner Guard, W Bro Roger Perry. The Representative of the Provincial Grand Master was W Bro Geoffrey Lee PJGD, Provincial Grand Secretary. The ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master, Bro Liam Bird, assisted by W Bro David Randerson.

W Bro Ray Pinkstone and W Bro Gerry Stead explained the Working Tools. The formal addresses were delivered as follows;

   To the Worshipful Master, W Bro Terry Hudson
   To the Wardens, W Bro Jim Eaves and
   To the Brethren, W Bro Geoffrey Lee.

In the May meeting of my year as Master a Lecture was delivered by W Bro Eric Picton, PAGDC, on “Arithmetic in Freemasonry”. 26 members and 10 visitors were in attendance.

In September of 2000 I performed the ceremony of Passing for John Chapman; the Tracing Board was explained by W Bro Gerry Stead. In October, a ceremony of Initiation was performed by W Bro Liam Bird for his brother, Mark, with the Charge after Initiation being delivered by the Junior Warden, Bro John Gallagher. At the November meeting the ceremony of Passing for Mark Bird was performed by W Bro Peter Walker PSGD, PAPGM, with the Tracing Board being explained by W Bro Gerry Stead. In January 2001 the ceremony of Raising for Mark Bird was performed by W Bro Ray Pinkstone as part of a Past Masters evening. In February 2001 I performed the ceremony of Raising for John Chapman, with W Bro Liam Bird giving an explanation of the Traditional History. In March 2001 a business meeting was held which led to April 2001 and the Installation of Leon Gaskell, with the ceremony being conducted by W Bro Liam Bird.

I enjoyed my year in office enormously, some 26 years after my Initiation into the lodge.

My year as Worshipful Master was, to say the least busy and indeed became two years (explained later). My installation Meeting was held on Saturday 28th April (which incidentally is also the date of my wife, Rose Gaskell’s birthday). 99 people attended my installation, 27 Members and 72 visitors and Brother Liam Bird acted as Worshipful Master as our Immediate Past Master, Worshipful Brother Barry Holland was on holiday. The Director of Ceremonies at the time was Worshipful Brother Albert Cherry and the Representing Officer was Worshipful Brother John Pryce, PAGDC. The Installing Senior Warden was Worshipful Brother Jack Blackburn, the Installing Junior Warden was Worshipful Brother Gerry Stead and the Installing Inner Guard was Worshipful Bro Ray Pinkstone. I was presented to the lodge by Worshipful Brother Barry Bromhead and then installed by Worshipful Brother Liam Bird and the Address to the Master was delivered by W Bro Peter Walker.

On the social side, my Master at home was held at St Annes Old Links Golf Club and Rose’s Ladies Evening was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel. At our September meeting I Initiated Mr Rodney Victor Beach, closely followed by our October meeting where I Initiated Mr Tony Hankinson and in November Worshipful Brother Barry Holland Initiated Mr Arthur Halstead. In January 2002 I Passed Brother Rodney Beach and in February Worshipful Brother Albert Cherry Passed Brother Tony Hankinson while in March Worshipful Brother Barry Holland Passed Brother Arthur Halstead. April 2002 brought the Installation of Brother John Gallagher who subsequently resigned while in office and I took over as Acting Worshipful Master where I then went on, in April 2003, to install Worshipful Brother Ian Hampson.

Worshipful Brother Ian Hampson (2003-2004)

I joined Quadrant as a Joining Member from Rectitude Lodge, No 4122, in 1988, being proposed by Jack Blackburn and Seconded by Terry Hudson, who was just an ordinary mason in those days, but one could see he had potential. Jack and he always reminded me of the Tweedledum and Tweedledee of Quadrant Lodge.

Due to work commitments I didn’t go through the chair until 2003, being Installed by Leon Gaskell and, subsequently, Installing Albert Cherry.

My abiding memory however is not of that year but of my year as Senior Warden, when your eyeline was fixed on Peter Walker, and you knew that the slightest mistake would cause a lifting of the eyebrows.

Quadrant is a special lodge with some very special people who I am very pleased to have known.
Worshipful Brother Albert Cherry (2004-2005)

My second year in the Chair of Quadrant was in 2004/5. I was installed by the then Worshipful Master, Bro Ian Hampson, and through following Ian into the chair, we have become great friends. I was presented by my Proposer, W Bro Jack Blackburn and the Address to the Master was given by a certain W Bro Terry Hudson. The Principal Guest was W Bro W R Seddon PSGD APGM, which was pleasing to me as Bill's son is married to my grandniece.

The big difference from my first time in the chair was that the membership of Quadrant Lodge had gone from 61 members in 1993, to 41 members in 2005, which was very disappointing to me. It was still a good year. We had a Ladies and Gentleman to Dine evening to try and encourage more to join the Lodge, which was conducted by W Bro Geoffrey Lee, PJGD. We also had a talk by W Bro Steven Reid, PSGD PAPGM, entitled ‘Misdemeanours in Irish Freemasonry’. Further, we had two first degrees, and one second. It was a special year for me as W Bro Terry Hudson was appointed Second Provincial Grand Principal in the Royal Arch and, being the Master of Quadrant Lodge at that time, and a member of Quadrant Chapter, he asked me to carry his Chain at the Guild Hall in Preston, which gave me great satisfaction.

Worshipful Brother Ted Lake (2006-2007)

During the Masonic year 2005-2006 I was Senior Warden of Aemulantes Lodge and on the steering committee for the proposed amalgamation with Kilgrimol Lodge and Emulantes Lodge. During this year I attended more meetings than I can possibly remember and that continued into 2006-2007 during my year as Worshipful Master (this if course is documented elsewhere in this booklet). At my installation I was greatly impressed by the very competent way in which Worshipful Brother Richard Evans installed me. Richard, who is quite a big strong guy, more or less picked me up and deposited me firmly in the chair. He then got hold of each arm and placed each so firmly on each arm of the chair that I expected him to produce some rope or chains! After the ceremony my overriding thought was that I should aim to install Brother David Kenworthy in a similarly competent way in 12 months’ time. During the year the lodge was fortunate in having two candidates and I performed two initiations and a passing. Wendy and I greatly enjoyed the masonic Ball and Ladies Night which was well supported at Fylde Rugby Club. I then came to install David Kenworthy, how good a job I did may well appear in his thoughts on this year! And so with some sadness I moved on to the role of IPM and Charity Steward for one year and then the amalgamation took place and I found myself treasurer of the much enlarged new Quadrant Lodge. But very happy memories linger of my year as Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Brother Tony Murrell (2007)

Being Installed as Master of Kilgrimol Lodge, No 6851, was the highlight of my Masonic Journey. It is always a special moment when you occupy the Oriental Chair in your Mother Lodge. What made it more significant for me was that my Proposer, W Bro Ken Little, had occupied the same office a few years earlier. It was his guidance through life that made me the person I am today. He was my father, brother, Master and, most importantly, my friend. Every time I enter a lodge room, I think to myself, ‘would my actions make him proud’, especially on those occasions when I am in the UK and can attend meetings.

My Installation was also a bittersweet occasion as I knew I would be the last Master of Kilgrimol Lodge and my time would be short, due to the impending Amalgamation. With dwindling numbers it was no longer viable to keep the Lodge in operation and we had to surrender our Warrant.
I have been involved with a number of lodges since being brought to light, and can honestly say the integrity, honesty, passion, pride, commitment and loyalty of the brethren of Kilgrimol Lodge, No 6851, has not had its equal. I knew that every brother would be a huge asset to the newly amalgamated Quadrant Lodge.

It was an honour and privilege to be elected and Installed as Master of Kilgrimol Lodge No 6851.


I was placed into the chair of King Solomon in an exemplary ceremony performed by our outgoing master Worshipful Brother Tom Mather. Another person who was equally as nervous as myself that day was my wife Susan who was having to organise and entertain twenty something of the brethren’s’ ladies at the Atrium Restaurant at the Dalmeny Hotel. The day turned out to be a great success for everyone concerned. Even though I had served every progressive office from Tyler upwards I was still relatively inexperienced. So much so that in the seven years I had been in masonry I had only ever visited at most six times in the whole of that time. Little did I know how this was going to change and how many new friends I was going to meet along the journey during my mastership year. From the day of my installation until the start of the summer recess at the end of May I had visited one different lodge each week and thought that was a lot, especially due to my past visiting record. I had been looking forward to our May meeting as it would be my first full meeting as master, however I was a little apprehensive as I was to perform a first degree ceremony which I had been working hard to learn.

September’s meeting came along and I raised Brother Gavin Mathams. During the next month I visited another six lodges before raising Brother John Lynn in October. At our January meeting I performed the last three quarters of the second degree tracing board. I had now started to visit some of the Poulton lodges on a regular basis and made friends with several of the Lodges Masters. I had made another thirteen visits before our own next meeting in February. Of these one visit on 8th February was to Kilgrimol Lodge who were sadly holding their last ever meeting. This was to be followed only some three or so weeks later by my attendance at the last ever meeting of Aemulantes Lodge both of whom have amalgamated with ourselves to form a new stronger Quadrant Lodge with me being the last master of the old Quadrant lodge and the first master of the new Quadrant lodge.

Worshipful Brother David Lawn (2008-2009)

I was Installed as Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge on the 26th April 2008 in a fine manner by W Bro John Chapman.

The following month, on the 22nd May, came the ceremony of Amalgamation, presided over by the late W Bro Colin Penty Wright, who was the then RW Provincial Grand Master.

Well supported by friends and brethren at the Master at Home. Initiated and Passed Bro Kevin Porter and Bro Kevin Little. A well supported Ladies Night at the Grand Hotel.

The year was successfully concluded by Installing W Bro Arthur Halstead into the Chair of King Solomon.

Fast forward seven years, and I am now the Director of Ceremonies of Quadrant Lodge, which brings me immense satisfaction.

Worshipful Brother Arthur Halstead (2009-2010)
I was first introduced to freemasonry by Worshipful Brother Barry Holland, Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge in 1983-1984. I was initiated into freemasonry in 2001 and preceded through the various offices in the lodge, finally becoming worshipful Master in 2009. To start learning ritual in my 70th year was, to say the very least difficult and I was most grateful to the various members of the lodge for their help when I was installed in April 2009 and I was particularly grateful to Worshipful Brother David Lawn who as Immediate Past Master performed most of the ceremonies in my year in office. My year in office was varied and my final point worth of mention goes to Mrs Lynne Holland, wife of Barry who introduced me to freemasonry, who I am grateful to for acting as stand-in at the 2010 Ladies evening for my Dear Wife Vera who sadly passed away on the 20th of August 2009. During my year as Worshipful Master two ceremonies of Initiation were held (Brother Paul Little and Brother Ben Gorry), we received a joining member (Brother William Evans), and a ceremony of Raising was performed (Brother Kevin Porter).

**Worshipful Brother Anthony Hankinson (2011-2012)**

In April 2011 I was installed as Master of Quadrant Lodge for the first time by the W M, Bro Mason Wheeler, assisted by W Bro Ian Ward. 82 brethren attended to support me on the day which, as I remember, was a very warm one! The DC was W Bro Abdul Benashour and the Principal Guest was the late W Bro Leon Tax, PSGD APGM. The Acting Officers were: W Bro Barry Holland, PPrJGD, who acted as Senior Warden, and W Bro Jack Blackburn, PPrSGW, who acted as Junior Warden while W Bro Barry Bromhead, PPrDGSuptWks, acted as Inner Guard. I was presented by my Proposer, W Bro Liam Bird, who was also my DC in my first few years in Freemasonry.

The Ceremony itself was a complete blur and afterwards I could not recollect what took place as it all went “over my head". I had preconceived ideas of what the experience would be like, but did not imagine that it would be as exhilarating as it turned out to be on the day! I was also very proud and shocked to receive the Silver Salver at the Festive Board for the most improved Mason in the Lodge during the year! When it had all sunk in I felt very proud and honoured to be the WM of Quadrant Lodge! I had a great year in office and performed the Passing for Bro Mick Wall.

Another highlight of my year was the Social Events, especially the Master At Home on the first Sunday in July. The weather had not been good in the week leading up to the event, but on the day we had a hot sunny day and some 80 - 90 people turned up and thanks to June, Emma and our friends, who helped with the catering, it was a fantastic day which went on until the early hours! Our Ladies Evening was held at the Clifton Hotel in Lytham, and over 100 guests attended and the highlight was that June’s family came down from Scotland to support us on the night.

I initially joined Freemasonry for the Social enjoyment as we had been going to Ladies Evenings and Xmas Party events for 2 years before I decided (or June did) that I would join Quadrant Lodge. I also visited other Lodges on a regular basis and on most occasions was asked to respond at the Festive Board which I did many times and really enjoyed that experience.

I Installed my successor, W Bro Michael Wenman, on 14th April 2012 and I performed the Installation ceremony myself and it was very satisfying to be told that it was one of the best Installations people had witnessed, which is the highest compliment you can get in any Lodge! Finally, the one experience I had not imagined was that I had no conception of the high esteem that the Master of Quadrant Lodge is held until I visited other Lodges. It is absolutely incredible and can only be explained by the quality of the previous Masters that have gone before me!
Worshipful Brother Mike Wenman (2012-2013)

I was elected Master of Quadrant Lodge in March 2012 and, at my Installation in April 2012, I was delighted that the Lodge guest of honour was W Bro Philip H Gunning, PJGD APGM.

I had a very busy year with Bro’s John Bainbridge, Mike Wall, Chris O’ Brien and Perry Sinacola all becoming, or progressing towards being made, Master Masons.

The December Meeting of the Lodge was a Gentlemen to Dine evening with the Provincial Grand Secretary, W Bro Geoffrey A Lee, presenting a learned and erudite paper on what Freemasonry is about and why the gentlemen in attendance should consider joining the order. This was a very successful evening with many gentlemen showing an interest in joining the order and particularly, Quadrant Lodge.

In February the Lodge held a Ladies Evening at the Grand Hotel in St Annes, the Principal Guest being my wife, Barbara, accompanied by members of my family.

At the March 2013 lodge meeting Bro Nick Hudson, a son of W Bro Terry Hudson, PSGD APGM, was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and I was delighted to install him at the April meeting, together with the assistance of Past Masters of the Lodge.
Worshipful Brother Nick Hudson (2013-2014)

The day of my installation had finally arrived and I asked myself; ‘How did I get to this office from being a very nervous Initiate to becoming Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge?’

The ceremony began with my father and Proposer, W Bro Terry Hudson, PSGD APGM, presenting me to the Worshipful Master, W Bro Mike Wenman, PPPrSGD, who did the ceremony up to the obligation, which was faultless and made me more relaxed. The next part of the ceremony was performed by W Bro Ian Ward, PPPrJGW, who was superb. When I was placed in the chair of King Solomon the nervousness had disappeared and I enjoyed the remainder of the ceremony.

The presentation of the Working Tools were delivered by Bro John Bainbridge in the third degree, Bro Michael Wall in the second degree and Bro Jason Emsley in the first degree; each of which were performed superbly. Now the pressure was on me to install my officers, hoping not to mess it up as everyone had performed so admirably in the ceremony. After months of reading the blue book I think I did Quadrant Lodge proud. My father delivered the Address to the Master, which was a special moment for both of us and I enjoyed my father saluting me during the closing of the lodge, something I looked forward to at every meeting!

As is customary at Quadrant Lodge on the evening of the installation, the wives and partners have a private ladies dinner, and my partner Gail decided to hold hers at the Palace, with a lot of members commenting on how they enjoyed everyone being in the same building, and it was nice to see the visiting brethren enjoying socialising at the bar after a very long day.

My year as Worshipful Master gave me the opportunity to perform my first ceremony, which was the Passing of Bro Jason Emsley, which then gave me the confidence to install my successor, W Bro Roger Perry, PAGDC, in 2014. Gail and I fulfilled all of our social obligations. We had a ‘Master at Home’ which was a wonderful day and one which Gail thoroughly enjoyed, while the buffet she and her sister put together was fantastic. We had our Ladies Evening at the Carousel Hotel which was a very pleasant evening.

I enjoyed my year as WM and I had great support from all the brethren and my partner, Gail.

Before our Amalgamation with Aemulantes and Kilgrimol Lodges I had for very many years been associated with Quadrant Lodge, mainly by attending Lodge Meetings and particularly through my friendship with a number of Quadrant Lodge members. Quadrant Lodge was renowned for its social activities and particularly Ladies Evenings which I and my wife attended on a regular basis.

I was particularly delighted when the Master of the year invited me to take the office of Junior Deacon, proceeding annually through the various offices and ultimately leading me to be elected as Worshipful Master of the lodge in March 2014. I was Installed on Saturday 5th April 2014 by the Worshipful Master, Bro Nick Hudson, on what was a splendid occasion, for we were supported by W Bro David Winder PSGD, the local Assistant Provincial Grand Master, as the Lodge Principal Guest, who was accompanied by W Bro Harry Cox, PSGD APGM, and many distinguished Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

On the evening of the Installation my wife, Hilary, hosted a Dinner for the wives and partners of members of the Lodge and lodge guests and friends at a local hotel, as has been the tradition at Quadrant Lodge on days of Installation since the Lodge Consecration. My year in Office was busy with the Initiation of Mr Gary Edwards, a Passing and Raising of Bro Kevin Frost, and a Raising of Bro Jason Emsley. We also enjoyed an informative presentation from W Bro Tony Hough PAGDC, the title being ‘From East to West by Circumstantial Steps’.

In December the Lodge held what has now become a Biennial event in Quadrant Lodge’s programme of work; a Ladies and Gentlemen to Dine evening. W Bro Terry Hudson, PSGD PAPGM, presented a highly informative paper on the aims and principles of Freemasonry and why suitable Gentlemen should consider joining the Order. After the presentation in the Lodge Room, Lodge Members with their wives and partners enjoyed an excellent dinner with some eight prospective Candidates accompanied by their Ladies. A number of the attendees’ have pursued their interest in joining the order, one of whom was Initiated in March. Quadrant Lodge are aware that the continued success of the Lodge is the attraction of Candidates who are the lifeblood of the Order.

During my year the Lodge held a Christmas Party at a local restaurant and a Members and Ladies Dinner at the Palace, both of which were enjoyed enormously by those who attended. The highlight of the year for me was the Installation of my successor as Worshipful Master, Bro Simon Walker, PPrJGW, whom I had known for some 30 years. Simon’s father, W Bro Peter Stuart Walker, PSGD PAPGM, was in fact my Proposer into Kilgrimol Lodge in 1973 and my mentor in Freemasonry for many years. The Installation was a great occasion and Simon Installed his and the Lodge Officers with great aplomb.

I look back on my year as Master of Quadrant Lodge with so many happy memories, particularly the support I received from the Brethren and the many Guests and Visitors to the Lodge.
The 50th anniversary meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044, Thursday
1st October, 2015

This section incorporates a number of pieces of information relating to the 50th anniversary meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 on Thursday the 1st of October 2015. Within this section, the following sub-sections are included:

- Summons for the 400th Meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044
- Minutes of the 400th Meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044
- A Celebratory Presentation delivered by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master
- The Oration delivered at the 50th anniversary meeting
- Images of materials from the Golden Jubilee celebrations
- Photographs from the celebrations
- Reflections on the Golden Jubilee celebrations
- Epilogue

It is felt that when we combine the detail in these sub-sections, we present a flavour of what things were like masonically on the day of celebrations 50 years after the Consecration of Quadrant Lodge.
Summons for the 400th Meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044

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August 2015

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Lodge at the Palace, Garden Street, Lytham St Annes on:

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2015 at 6:00pm

Yours fraternally,

W Bro Leon Gaskell
Secretary

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AGENDA

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2. To put for confirmation the previously circulated minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2015.

3. Correspondence.

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   Residing at 151 Heeley Road, St. Annes, Lancs. FY8 2HR.
   Occupation – Academic at Oxford University.
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   Past Member of Granite Lodge 1328.

5. To Celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 in the presence of W Bro David Winder, PSGD APGM.

6. To make a collection for Masonic Charity.


8. Any Other Business.

9. To close the Lodge.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Meeting of the Lodge Committee will be held on the 26 August at 7:00pm

A Meeting of the Lodge Committee will be held on the 24 September at 7:00pm and followed by a Rehearsal at 7:45pm

Masonic Rehearsal will also be held on Tuesday 29 September at 7:00pm

It is a courtesy to inform the DC, if it is not an officer’s intention to attend a Lodge rehearsal

Brethren are asked to ensure that the Worshipful Master, Almoner and Secretary are notified as early as possible in the event of a Brother’s illness or incapacity

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The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch is an extension to the degrees of Craft Freemasonry; separate from but complementary to them. You are invited to continue your exploration of Freemasonry by joining a Royal Arch Chapter. The Chapter most closely associated with this Lodge is Quadrant Chapter No. 8044 and interested Brethren should make further inquiries of the Lodge Royal Arch Representative, W Bro Roger Perry, Tel: 01253 722249
PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE
1974  W Bro Terry Hudson PSGD, PAPrGM
1976  W Bro Jack Blackburn PPrSGW
1978  W Bro Roger Perry PAGDC
1983  W Bro Jim Eaves PAGDC
1983  W Bro Barry Holland PPrGSuptWks
1984  W Bro John Hayfield PPrJGW
1987  W Bro David Kenworthy PPrDGSuptWks
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1991  W Bro Ian Ward PAGDC
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1999  W Bro Liam Bird PPrGSwdB
2000  W Bro Chris Perfect PPrGSuptWks
2001  W Bro Leon Gaskell PPrJGW
2003  W Bro Ian Hampson G.M. PPrSGD
2004  W Bro Abdul Benashour PPrDGSuptWks
2006  W Bro Ted Lake PPrDGSuptWks
2007  W Bro Tony Murrell PPrAGSuptWks
2007  W Bro John Chapman PPrSGD
2008  W Bro David Lawn PPrAGDC
2009  W Bro Arthur Halshead
2011  W Bro Tony Hankinson
2012  W Bro Mike Wrenman PPrSGD
2013  W Bro Nick Hudson
2014  W Bro Roger Perry PAGDC - IPM

PAST MASTERS IN THE LODGE
W Bro Brian Davey PPrJGW 1398
W Bro Barry Shaw PPrSGD 6915
W Bro Ron Sands PAGDC 7916
W Bro Ronald Weatherill PAGDC 4531
W Bro Jeff Bolton PPrSGD 6928
W Bro Mike Shakeshaft PPrAGSuptWks 4122
W Bro Colin Davenport PPrAGSuptWks 1061
W Bro Roger Kirk PPrDGSuptWks 3607
W Bro Bill Gosling PPrSGD 3607
W Bro Ken Cotton PPrJGD 4199

MEMBERS LIST
1987  Bro David Fidler
1990  Bro David Lloyd
1999  Bro Mark Bird
2006  Bro David McManus
2009  Bro Kevin Porter
2010  Bro Ben Gorry
2011  Bro John Bainbridge
2011  Bro Mick Wall
2011  Bro Chris O’Brien
2012  Bro Jason Emsley
2012  Bro Paul Rogers
2014  Bro Kevin Frost
2015  Bro Gary Edwards

HONORARY MEMBERS
W Bro Geoffrey Lee PJDG
W Bro Bert Hopwood PPrJGW
Minutes of the 400th Meeting of Quadrant Lodge No 8044

MINUTES OF THE 400th MEETING OF QUADRANT LODGE No. 8044 HELD ON THURSDAY 1
OCTOBER 2015 AT THE PALACE, GARDEN STREET, LYTHAM ST. ANNES.

There were 37 lodge members and 47 visiting brethren present as recorded in the Tyler's Book:

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1. To open the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened at 6:00pm by the WM.

The WM offered the Gavel to W Bro David Winder PSGD, APrGM, which he deferred

2. To put for confirmation the previously circulated minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2015.

The minutes of the 399th regular lodge meeting, having been previously circulated, were confirmed by the brethren and duly signed by the WM as a true and correct record.

3. Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that he had no correspondence:

4. To Ballot for as a Joining Member – Bro Daniel Valentine.

Residing at 151 Heeley Road, St. Annes, Lancs. FY8 2HR.
Occupation – Academic at Oxford University.
DoB – 21 August 1975.
Past Member of Granite Lodge 1328.
Proposed by W Bro Leon Gaskell, Seconded by W Bro Tony Hankinson in open Lodge on 7
May 2015.

The Ballot proved in favour.
The Lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree.
Fellowcrafts retired from the Lodge.
The Lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree.
W Bro's David Winder and Harry Cox, PSGD, APrGM's were saluted with the appropriate
honours.
W Bro Winder responded.
W Bro's Steven Reid and Terry Hudson, PSGD, PAPrGM's were saluted with the appropriate
honours.
W Bro Reid responded.
W Bro Geoffrey Lee, PJGD and the rest of the Grand officers were saluted with the appropriate
honours.
W Bro Lee responded.

W Bro Jack Blackburn, PPrSGW and the Provincial Grand Officers were saluted with the
appropriate honours.
W Bro Blackburn responded.
The Lodge was dosed in the Third Degree.
Fellowcrafts were readmitted.
The Lodge was dosed in the Second Degree.

5. To Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Quadrant Lodge No 8044

The WM once again offered the gavel to W Bro David Winder which he accepted.
W Bro Winder then occupied the Masters chair.
W Bro Terry Hudson read a précis of the minutes of the Consecration meeting.
W Bro David Winder delivered his presentation.
W Bro Godfrey Hirst PrGChap delivered an oration.
W Bro Godfrey Hirst PrGChap re-dedicated the Lodge.
The WM re occupied the Masters Chair.
The WM thanked W Bro’s David Winder, Terry Hudson and Godfrey Hirst.
The WM then gave a charity cheque to W Bro David Winder for £2,000.00.

6. To make a collection for Masonic Charity.

Deferred.

8. Any Other Business.
The Secretary stated that he had no further Lodge business.

W Bro Leon Gaskell proposed:

Mr Mark Keith Naylor, residing at 15 Cleveland Road, Lytham St Annes, Lancs. FY8 5JH, Senior Security in Custody Advisor, as a suitable candidate to join Quadrant Lodge.

The Proposition was seconded by W Bro Tony Hankinson.

W Bro Liam Bird proposed:

Mr John Tannian, residing at 187 Church Road, St Annes, Lancs, FY8 3NL, Self employed gardener - and

Mr Richard Michael Hughes, residing at 29 Grange Road, St Annes, Lancs, FY8 2BW, Self employed chef

as suitable candidates to join Quadrant Lodge

The Propositions were seconded by W Bro John Hayfield.

1st RISING
The WM rose for the first time and the Secretary stated that he had no communications from United Grand Lodge.

W Bro Terry Hudson gave greetings from Grand Lodge.
The Grand Officers retired.

2nd RISING
The WM rose for the second time and the Secretary reported that he had no communications from Provincial Grand Lodge.

W Bro Jack Blackburn PPrSGW gave greetings from Provincial Grand Lodge.

3rd RISING
The WM rose for the third time and the Secretary stated that we had no general business other than apologies from brothers: ~

7. David McManis 8. Chris Perfect
9. Ian Hampson 10. Ron Sands

9. To close the Lodge.
There being no further Masonic business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony by the WM at 7:45pm.

Signed: Worshipful Master

Sent:
Quadrant Lodge No 8044

Celebration of 50 Years

14th October 1965 to 1st October 2015

Incorporating Kilgrimol Lodge No. 6851 & Aemulantes Lodge No. 8827
Amalgamated 12 March 2008
(Consecrated 14 October 1965)

GOLD PATRON OF THE MASONIC SAMARITAN FUND 2010 FESTIVAL
PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION
PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC TRUST FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Quadrant Golden Jubilee.
Good evening Brethren!

Can I welcome you to the Palace today to witness and create history once more as we celebrate together the Golden Jubilee of this fine and highly respected lodge.

Let us refresh the annals of our memory banks and, for those who can, go back to 1965. You may recall that Harold Wilson was Prime Minister; Mary Quant had just designed the mini skirt! It was the year that the 70 mile per hour maximum speed limit was introduced, I've Got you Babe was number one in the pop charts. It was of course also salient for being the year in which Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, was consecrated.

The formation of Quadrant Lodge evolved following Enthusiastic discussions between a small group of six brethren, rapidly encompassing a further twenty members who embraced the philosophy and wish to found a new lodge that worked strict Emulation ritual. Those six members, Worshipful Brothers Ron Nicholls, Tom Ralph, Harold Kenyon, Jimmy Beresford, Wilfred Wilson and Peter Stuart Walker were all members of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge Motto ‘disciplina discimus’ referring to the discipline of teaching in order to learn.

The sponsoring lodge was Melita Lodge, No 6783.

The word Quadrant was chosen carefully and perhaps best describes the raison d’etre of the hopes and aspirations of its founders amply explained by W Bro Rev Canon Gordon Wheeler in his oration at the ceremony of consecration.

Quadrant is an instrument composed of the fourth part of a circle operating on a fixed centre, used in architecture, navigation and the measurement of time. To us as Masons it has a symbolic meaning when applied to life and morals. In this sense the fixed centre is the Great Architect himself, the segment of the circle forming the quadrant symbolise mortal life, whereas the entire circumference symbolises eternal life.

“On earth the broken are in Heaven the perfect round”.

The earliest masonic writings bid men to live within the compass of the quadrant, be true to God and oblige them to hold onto that religion; that all men agree that the belief in a Supreme Being, that being the centre, a point from which a mason cannot err.

It is by adhering to this centre and living within the compass of the quadrant that masons are drawn to oneness with each other. This achieved irrespective of a variety of religious belief, experience and persuasion and despite political or racial groupings. Masonry really is quite unique in this regard in providing a ‘Unity of Essential facets’; in my own view brethren, a suitable rubric for life.

For me, these facets are in many ways evidenced by the elements contained within the vessels carried around the lodge within the ceremony of consecration; those being corn, the symbol of plenty and abundance; the pouring of wine the symbol of joy and cheerfulness; the pouring of oil, the symbol of peace and unanimity, completed by the sprinkling of salt, the symbol of fidelity and friendship.

Though not a founder ‘per se’ there remains one brother who attended the ceremony of consecration, a member of this very lodge, one could say the alpha and omega of this précis in history; none other than W Bro Terry Hudson, PSGD PAPGM.
Terry was initiated into Rectitude Lodge in Adelaide Street in 1962 and in 1964 was interviewed to become a joining member of Quadrant Lodge; he could not be a founder not having been a Master Mason for 3 years at the time of his interview. He states that he did not realise at that time the impact that those founders would have on his future masonry, indeed on his life in general. He relates his thoughts as he recalls being sat at interview before an array of composed, mature founders, where he was brought to mind of the famous painting ‘When did you last see your father’.

Terry states, “Quadrant Lodge was conceived by the members of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction to create a lodge that would work strict Emulation ritual, that is to say ‘strictly’ in accordance with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London”. There was an emphasis on quality and a policy to work emulation lectures on at least one regular meeting every year.

Consecrated at 2.45pm on Thursday 14 October 1965 and presided over by RW Bro Lawrence Edgar Rutherford, Provincial Grand Master; 167 brethren present, all perfectly dressed in dinner suits; apart from Terry, who, on his own admission, had arrived in a lounge suit, having, as a young and inexperienced mason, quite simply had not read the summons properly! He recalls sitting in a position at the back of the lodge room, over there brethren, trying to blend in and not be noticed, but in absolute awe of the splendour of the occasion that passed before his ever watchful gaze.

Also in attendance was Sir Knowles Edge, Bart., the local Assistant Provincial Grand Master, later to become Provincial Grand Master. Presenting officers were W Bro Thomas A Manning and William Foster, Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Fylde Group of Lodges which at that time was a single Group covering the Fylde area. Indeed, W Bro’s Manning and Foster would later become Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. Notably, Brothers Knowles Edge, Manning and Foster, were all made Honorary Members of the lodge at the meeting.

Terry recalls the ever charismatic Colonel Harry Fry, Provincial Grand Secretary, who had a propensity for fine claret and the odd gin and tonic, or two, a former Cambridge rugby ‘blue’ delivering all the addresses from Senior Warden to Tyler in full with style and panache; but certainly not in accordance with Emulation working!

A delightful protocol at such occasions saw local acting officers take part in the ceremony. Adrian Bowden, Ernest Doughty, Rev. Gordon Wheeler, Basil Collins and Fred Arnott to act as Immediate Past Master, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Deacons respectively.

Notably Lyndon Walmsley, Alan Fletcher Ferris and Kenneth Edward Moxley were the 3 Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies on duty; the latter two would subsequently rise to become Provincial Grand Masters. In retrospect it is therefore quite remarkable that on that day there were no fewer than 4 present and future Provincial Grand Masters of the Province of West Lancashire in attendance.

The Founding Worshipful Master was Tom Ralph who, at the time of consecration, was the Senior Preceptor of the Fylde Group Lodge of Instruction. It was he who set the high standard of ritual that the lodge has followed and for which it is renowned. Famously he was always most reluctant to buy raffle tickets on the grounds that, as he would tell you, he never won anything! Might this remind anyone of anybody brethren? Jack Blackburn tells us that he used to have the irritating habit of clicking his fingers if ritual were incorrectly given.

Occupations within the lodge were varied but there was a predominant occupation, that of pharmacist. What is sure is that the standard of ritual from the outset was of the highest calibre with several match box holders and some with strikes to their repertoire.
The mischievous thought passed over my mind brethren whether those pharmacists and key preceptors were ever drug tested for performance enhancing drugs?

The lodge worked hard on its ritual with attendance at the many practices, a pre requisite to being eligible to be on the team, but it should be remembered that it ‘played hard’ as well, having a vibrant social side where, in the words of Tom Jones, ‘it was not unusual’ to have 150 people in attendance at formal occasions such as Ladies Evenings.

As a young Social Secretary, Terry remembers making a visit to the ‘Manning’ household who, as Group Chairman, had been invited to be President for the forthcoming Ladies Evening. Accordingly Mrs Manning would need to choose the program cover for the evening and a suitable personal gift. The situation remains indelibly imprinted on Terry’s mind. On being ushered into the lounge Mrs Manning appeared through an aperture in the ceiling via a lift from her bedroom. The memory of her slow dramatic descent and her theatrical sweeping flourish from the lift, not to mention her, at best, fleeting attention span, still evoke memories for Terry to the present day. He recalls eventually departing with the indelible impression of having visited Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester on set.

The lodge has always been synonymous for its charitable giving. In the 1997 Festival for Girls and Boys its driven and formidable Charity Steward, John Hayfield, saw the lodge become the foremost lodge in the Province with a total over £110 thousand pounds raised in 9 years. His brain child was an annual boxing tournament which he organised at the Cliffs Hotel.

The generosity of the lodge was again and quite separately epitomised in the 2010 Masonic Samaritan Fund Festival where it was once again at the vanguard and pole position of masonic giving within the Province of West Lancashire.

There has always been a drive to educate new masons and to support them in their understanding of ritual, although it is true to say that a more relaxed attitude now prevails resulting in newer brethren deriving considerable benefit and gaining valuable experience and confidence in the process and unconsciously in life itself.

It is impossible for me to include all members within the lodge in this précis, however, it would I feel be remiss not to recognise certain salient brethren. One such Brother was Peter Stuart Walker, an icon in the Province of West Lancashire and Fylde Masonry in particular, although his son Simon recalls that his initiation was rather extended through no fault of his own, the Tyler not having removed his wallet and his natural tendency to give to charity, when asked, resulting in the ceremony to that point having to be repeated.

Peter, a pharmaceutical chemist, was initiated into Kilgrimol Lodge, No 6851, in 1958. He had the delight of initiating both his sons, David and Simon, into Quadrant Lodge in 1983.

It was in the mid 80's that he was asked by the then Provincial Grand Master, Alan Fletcher Ferris, to set up a lodge of instruction in the Northern Group area. Thus, and after a great deal of effort and management skill, and as an experienced Preceptor, he succeeded in establishing the highly successful Northern Group Lodge of Instruction.

Road networks were not as they are now, and the journey of 200 miles at least twice every month, usually at rush hour on Friday evenings to Barrow, was only missed on a couple of occasions over a 5 year period. Indeed, such was his commitment, he would often stay late into the evening, irrespective of his required attendance at work commencing early on the following day.

He had a glittering career commencing as a Provincial Steward in 1972, Provincial Junior Grand Warden (1976), Grand Officer (1980) and, ultimately, Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the South Fylde and
South Blackpool Groups for 11 years from 1987 to 1998. At his funeral and in his eulogy Colin Penty Wright, Provincial Grand Master, said of him “Peter was the most encouraging and inspirational man he had ever had the privilege of meeting”. He was of course one of the three Assistant Provincial Grand Masters who have been members of this lodge.

Worshipful Brother Leon Tax, another legend in Freemasonry, a man of great principle who was able to successfully extend his influence in many spheres in life. He fully embraced community with all its diversity and had charity at his very heart. He had that rare ability to have presence wherever he went. Blessed with a wonderful and mischievous sense of humour and warmth; a person who always had time for others; forthright on occasions but always caring.

He was highly successful in the spheres of scouting, was an Honorary life President of his Synagogue, Hechaver and Honorary Rabbi; he was also a Justice of the Peace. In masonry he was a Founder of Aemulantes and Dona Conferentes lodges. He achieved the positions of Group Charity Steward, Group Vice Chairman, Chairman and finally as a much loved and appreciated Assistant Provincial Grand Master covering the Preston and South Fylde areas for 8 years. It was my great privilege to know him well; he is an impossible act to follow.

Now to the third icon and Musketeer! Terry Hudson, who has been a Freemason for 53 years to date, the advisor through experience and wise council to so many now prominent masons. Always ready to support with a welcoming smile, support that is freely given. Terry is blessed with effervescence, a delightful sense of humour and fun and a knowing smile. He is the unconscious cornerstone of Quadrant Lodge and vibrant inspiration and contributor to its ongoing success.

Driven by desire and not by need, his enthusiasm to give born from the founders of this lodge and, in particular, Peter Walker. He is an avid supporter of the social aspects of the lodge, an exponent of ‘Ladies and Gentlemen to Dine evenings’, delightful after dinner speaker and lover of fine wine. He has that rare gift of communication on all levels based on 40 plus years of masonry at management level.

Of course we all know that he could sell coal in Newcastle, having once, according to Geoffrey Lee, who appraised us of this fact at his 50th celebration as a craft freemason, sold a vacuum cleaner to a lady without a carpet or electrical socket to plug it in! He has been in office since 1974 and attained the positions of Group Chairman, Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, Second Provincial Grand Principal and Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Quite simply he has been and continues to be an asset to the Province of West Lancashire. You should all be proud of him; he is of course a product of this very lodge!

Yet another salient brother, and longstanding member within your lodge, is Worshipful Brother Jim Eaves, PAGDC, who was, in 1996, appointed to the rare and distinctive office of Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. He then served 3 years in the ‘Craft’ and 3 years in the Royal Arch with distinction, and it is a pleasure for us to see him here this evening.

Presently, Quadrant lodge is composed of 3 original lodges, Quadrant having undergone an amalgamation on 22nd May 2008 with Kilgrimol and Aemulantes Lodges, both of whom practiced strict Emulation ritual, the latter being the daughter lodge of Quadrant. The new amalgamated and now prevailing Quadrant Lodge has, to its eternal credit, managed to move smoothly through process and incorporate the values and beliefs of the former lodges. It has indeed proved to be a ‘Settled Will’; perhaps the greatest accolade to all concerned that one could give.

It is strange brethren, is it not, how life weaves its intricate windings? I well recall that day on the 22nd May 2008 as I was privileged to be present as the newly appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden of the
Province on my very first outing with the Provincial team and having the challenging task of responding to Toast 5!

You may recall that it was the last formal ceremony carried out by R W Bro Colin Penty Wright, Provincial Grand Master. As with everything done by Bro Colin Wright, it was done with style and aplomb. He would have been delighted to know that all is well at Quadrant!

So what are my observations of the future for the lodge?

The lodge continues to be blessed with Preceptors from the Fylde Lodge of Instruction and so continues in keeping with its initial aims and objectives. Tom Ralph, Ron Nicholls and Ron Sands have been followed in the more modern era by the redoubtable Ian Ward, Abdul Benashour, Chris Perfect and Roger Perry, who have all striven, and latterly continue to maintain enviable high standards. Collectively these brethren have held more match boxes than Swan Vesta!

The current membership enjoys a healthy age span between 30 years to Octogenarian; a blend of youth and experience, passion and pragmatism. It shows the same appetite to succeed within its ranks that continue to derive delight and intrinsic satisfaction through the delivery of emulation ritual to the highest possible standard; interestingly a key point recently highlighted by our Pro Grand Master, Peter Geoffrey Lowndes, and evidenced from an independent survey of young masons. The delivery of quality ritual really is a key factor within the success of Freemasonry itself.

The lodge has remembered to embrace the social side with its successful Ladies and Gentlemen to Dine evening’s, consistently providing new members; brethren, four candidates for initiation are presently waiting in the wings from the most recent occasion in December of last year.

From an organisational perspective it is soundly based from its amalgamating and ever efficient Secretary, ‘The email King’, Leon Gaskell, the ‘unconscious competency’ of the dynamic duo of David Lawn and Chris Perfect as DC and ADC respectively and the ever willing support of a plethora of enthusiastic and most capable Past Masters.

Not resting on its laurels is evidenced by its willingness to spilt work enabling brethren to take part in ceremonies and grow with them while also taking cognisance of the modern pace of life for those with working commitments.

Any lodge, brethren, is only as good as the sum of its constituent parts, and I have every reason to believe that the lodge, with its depth of quality and commitment, will continue to move forward from strength to strength.

The prime aim now must be to extend Quadrant’s excellent history and great traditions even further and in an ever changing world, to future proof the lodge for further generations to come by retaining its values, morals and ethics, while also not being afraid to effect change where needed; indeed to make it contemporary to the new and younger men that it seeks to attract. Was it not Winston Churchill, brethren, who said “Change is the price we pay for progress”.

Quadrant Lodge has always had vibrancy, been alive to itself and its surroundings; has had an inner drive to attain success, to achieve the highest possible standard and to build on the image of those quietly driven men, its Founders. To build inexorably on that legacy and initial vision; indeed to reflect honour on those original six good men and true.

History shows the lodge to have had the ability to do so in the past and I have no doubt that this will continue in the future. May it therefore be endowed with every good and perfect gift and blessed with a healthy share of good fortune as it proceeds to its centenary celebration in 2065.
Thank you for inviting me and granting the privilege to be involved in this your 50th celebration ceremony since consecration today.

David John Winder, PSGD APGM

Thursday 1 October 2015
Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044, Oration given by W Bro Rev Canon Godfrey Hirst, PrGChap

Fifty years ago the Oration given at the Consecration of the Lodge was delivered by The Rev Canon Gordon Wheeler and précised in the APGM’s opening address. What a small Masonic world! It was 50 years ago when the Bishop of Blackburn suggested I visit Gordon Wheeler with a view to serving my title at Christ Church, Thornton. For reasons not to be published today, I politely declined. It was also 50 years ago that the same Bishop, Charles Claxton, ordained me; he was the Provincial Chaplain. It is indeed a privilege to be following in his footsteps – not as a Bishop, thank God, but as Provincial Chaplain.

Though Gordon’s Oration is published in today’s menu, I doubt my oration will be published in the centenary menu. So, hopefully, to have a constant reminder of my words to you, I think it is fitting and appropriate to base them upon your Lodge’s crest.

At a priest’s ordination, he kneels before the Bishop and receives into his hands a Bible, with the words, “Take thou authority to preach the Word of God”.

On 9th September we celebrated the longest reign of any British monarch. During Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation in Westminster Abbey a Bible was given to her with these words, “We present you with this book, the most valuable thing which this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the Royal Law, these are the lively oracles of God”.

In the Lodge’s crest, in the centre left quadrant, is the open volume of the sacred law.

The address to the chaplain reminds us that no Lodge can be held unless all that we do is done under the authority of the Bible, which must be opened when the lodge is in session, when the Brethren are at labour.

Simon Phipps, a former industrial chaplain in Coventry and later Bishop of Lincoln, in his book “God on Monday”, when writing about how we should behave in public life and in our community associations, he said there is the need for wisdom amongst those he describes as “children of light”. We are children of light, and it is the Bible, the VSL, which is not only the source of wisdom and of guidance for straight and undeviating conduct, but also the source of light and inspiration for each one of us. Indeed it is the greatest of the three lights in Freemasonry. Let us remind ourselves of the three hopes of this great light - the hope that it will guide us to all truth, the hope that it will direct our steps in the paths of happiness, and the hope that it will point out to us the whole duty of man.

I sometimes think that we very much take for granted the opening of the Bible at our meetings and it can become just one of those habitual bits of the ritual prior to conducting the business of the Lodge. May I suggest, brethren, that when the IPM is fulfilling his duty, and the candles are being lit, each one of us takes the opportunity, not to natter or pass round the mints, but to reflect, and in the stillness and silence of our own heart and mind to repeat those words - guide me to all truth, direct my steps in the paths of happiness, and point out to me the whole duty of man.

The words under the Lodge’s crest - “Disciplina discimus”, by or through discipline we learn, can be applied to so many facets of life. By being disciplined in reflecting upon the three hopes of the VSL, we will continue to learn how that book is as fundamental as the very foundation of our godly living.
The VSL has indeed changed and transformed a countless number of lives. It has inspired so many to hold fast to its unchanging values as they have faced a rapidly changing world.

As Harold Kirk-Smith, a former Provincial Chaplain, once said when commenting on the Bible, “Let us study it well and the deeper we dig the richer the treasures we unearth”.

So let us on this 50th anniversary day affirm our acknowledgement of the three hopes of this great light and dedicate ourselves anew to working towards their fulfilment. Indeed, “More majorum”, “after the manner of our ancestors”, indeed emulating them; as the motto of Aemulantes would suggest. We express our gratitude for all their past endeavours, blossoming and flourishing to produce the fine fruit of today’s membership. May the windmill of Kilgrimol remind us of that spiritual power, so vital in driving us to produce that integrity of service that should set a Mason apart.

I have often said when speaking of the VSL, that on my desk is a reading lamp given to me by the choir men of Blackburn Cathedral when I left their esteemed company. It is inscribed “Thy word is a lantern” not only words from Psalm 119, but the title of my favourite anthem by Henry Purcell. It is a daily reminder!

My hope and prayer for the future of Quadrant Lodge is that the Word of God may be a lantern unto the feet of all who walk the Masonic way in the years ahead, and that truly it may be a light unto their path.

The centre right of the quadrant stands the letter G. There are several interpretations of the Masonic letter G; God, Geometry, Gnosis. Naturally I look upon it as a reminder that every act of ours is done in the sight of the Great Architect of the Universe. There it is suspended above us, central, a constant presence from which not one of us can escape. It is indeed a symbol of the all-seeing eye. Remember, the prayer at the closing of the second degree, “wherever we are and whatever we do, he is with us, and his all-seeing eye observes us.” The eye is the CCTV camera, ensuring that at all times we continue to act in conformity with the principles of the Craft, not failing to discharge our duty to God. That duty, under the watchful eye, can be seen as caring communication, charitable action, trust and truth and veneration: CCTV.

Communication in brotherly love and care for others are at the heart of our Masonic life, whether in Masonic circles or out in the world as ambassadors. We continue to have an almoner as an officer of our Lodge. The critics of Downton Abbey’s first episode of the final series, specifically commented on the now out-of-use word “almoner” in the medical world, but a significant hospital position at that time.

The Times letter page has included a couple on the theme: one informing readers that every lodge in the country has an almoner, and the other relating Tony Hancock’s visit, in one episode, to his local hospital and in the foyer there to find a woman sat at a desk behind a sign which said “Lady Almoner.” “Can I help you?” “No”, said Hancock, “but it is good to see a member of the aristocracy helping out in the NHS.” May we continue to use the word and may our care never diminish.

Also our benevolence, our ‘bene volunt’ - our well-wish, for others must constantly focus our attention as well as our emotions. This Lodge has such an amazing track record for its charitable giving that it has been such a magnificent example to emulate: may you continue to bring relief to those in need as a priority – More Majorum.

Truth and trust are essential in any close brotherhood and fellowship of like-minded souls. It was Einstein who warned us, “Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.” Masons are not exempt!
Veneration, or profound respect is an essential sustaining ingredient in any lodge trying to be faithful to
the principles and tenets of the Order. Adoring reverence for the Supreme Being and respect for each
other, expressed in terms of brotherly love, are the marks of a fine lodge, a lodge whose brethren
constantly pray that heaven may aid their united endeavours.

Finally, brethren, no Lodge crest, of course, would be complete without the square and compasses, placed
in the top quadrant. We know, in the days of operative masons, they were the indispensable tools of the
trade. Today they are the indispensable symbols visually describing integrity of character, and that strict
morality incumbent upon all masons.

They also remind us, brethren, of the "unerring and impartial justice" of the GAOTU, to him be all honour

W Bro Rev Canon Godfrey Hirst, PrGChap

Thursday 1 October 2015
Images of materials from the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Quadrant Lodge, No 8044

W Bro Simon Walker PPrJGW
Master

To Celebrate the Golden Anniversary
of Quadrant Lodge No 8044

Consecrated 14th October 1965

St. Annes Palace
Garden Street
Lytham St. Annes

Thursday 1st October 2015

In the presence of W Bro David Winder PSGD, APrGM
Golden Anniversary Menu

Salmon & Prawns or Egg Mayonnaise

Lamb Shank or Salmon or Ham/Salmon Salad

Apple Strudel or Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

50th
Consecration Oration

Oration Delivered at the Consecration, by W Bro Rev. G L Wheeler PrGChap

From the earliest known times, the Quadrant, an instrument composed of the fourth part of a circle operating on a fixed centre, was used in architecture, astronomy, navigation and for the measurement of time.

To us, it has a symbolic meaning when applied to life and morals, in this sense:

The fixed centre is God himself; the segment of the circle forming the Quadrant symbolises mortal life, whereas the entire circumference of the complete circle symbolises Eternal Life. 'On Earth the broken are, in Heaven the perfect round.'

The earliest Masonic writings bid men to 'Live within the Compass or Quadrant, be true to God' and obliged them to hold on to that religion in which all men agree – to believe in God, the Centre – this being a point from which a mason cannot err.

Therefore the primary and central question in Masonry is, 'Do you believe in God?' The first priority in life is God and from this stems the primary duty to shape our lives according to the principals and teachings of the Volume of the Sacred Law and to live with Eternity in view.

It is by adhering to this Centre, living within the Compass or Quadrant, that Masons are drawn to oneness with each other. It enables them to demonstrate to the world (despite the rich variety of their religious belief, experience or persuasion, and despite their different political or racial groupings) a Unity in Essentials, Liberty in Non-Essentials, and in all things Charity. This is one of the genuine secrets of Freemasonry, a secret that eludes our present world in its divided state of tension.

Masonry is thus, if rightly understood and practised, a positive ideology with a highly relevant mission in this contemporary world.

The alternative to that Unity, which we show, not just in theory but in actuality, is Anarchy, domination by tyrants and the letting loose of the cogs of War, which is conveyed by W B Yeats in the following lines:

    Things fell apart – the centre cannot hold.
    Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
    the bloody-tide is loosed – the best lack
    all conviction while the worst are full of
    passionate intensity'

May the Quadrant therefore remind the members of this new Quadrant Lodge of the Grandeur of Masonry – of their duty to live God-centred lives within the Quadrant – with the Volume of the Sacred Law as their chart and compass, and may it ever remind them of our Masonic mission of Unity in a divided and segregated world.

W Bro Rev. G L Wheeler PrGChap

Thursday 14 October 1665
Consecration Invitation

Quadrant Lodge No. 8044
The Founders of Quadrant Lodge No. 8044 request the
pleasure of the company of

Bro. TERRY HURSON

at the Consecration of the Lodge by
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire
Bro. L. E. Rutherford

at The Palace, St. Annes-on-Sea on Thursday, 14th October, 1965
at 2.45 p.m.

With the Compliments of W BRO TOM RALPH - M ELECT

DINNER OR MORNING DRESS

R.S.V.P. to W.Bro. W. Wilson,
25 Church Road, Lytham.
Toast List

1. THE QUEEN, DUKE OF LANCASTER

2. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master,  
   Brother His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent,  
   *K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C.

3. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master,  
   Brother Peter Geoffrey Lowndes

   The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,  
   Brother Jonathan Spence

   The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,  
   Brother Sir David Hugh Wootton

   and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

4. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,  
   Brother James Anthony Harrison

5. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master,  
   Worshipful Brother Phillip Harry Gunning Past Senior Grand Deacon

   The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters,  
   Worshipful Brothers Stanley Raymond Martland, Anthony Bent,  
   Mark Dimelow, Harry Cox, David John Winder, John Christopher Hutton  
   and Derek John Parkinson Past Senior Grand Deacons
   David Grainger Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies  
   Kevin Peter Poynton Past Senior Grand Deacon  
   and Robert Graham Sidney Wright  
   Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

   and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past.


7. Masonic Charities.

8. Tyler’s Toast.
Bro Simon Walker PPrjGW Worshipful Master
W Bro Roger Perry PAGDC Immediate Past Master

**Officers: 2015 - 2016**

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Photographs from the Golden Jubilee celebrations

On the evening of the Golden Jubilee, a number of photographs were captured. These are displayed in this section.

W Bro David John Winder, PSGD APGM and W Bro Harry Cox, PSGD APGM

W Bro Simon Walker, PPrJGW (Worshipful Master of Quadrant Lodge) and W Bro Roger Perry, PAGDC (Immediate Past Master) enjoy the festive board
The Worshipful Master presents the APGM with a token of thanks from Quadrant Lodge

W Bro Tony Hankinson (Treasurer of Quadrant Lodge) and W Bro Leon Gaskell, PPrJGW (Secretary of Quadrant Lodge) enjoy the festivities
The Brethren of Quadrant Lodge No 8044 who were in attendance at the 50th anniversary
Reflections on the Golden Jubilee by W Bro Terry Hudson PSGD, PAPGM

The first 50 years of the existence of Quadrant Lodge have now passed, when just short of 100 brethren attended our Golden Jubilee Celebrations at the Palace Masonic Suite, Garden Street, St Annes, on Thursday 1st October 2015; and what a truly splendid occasion it proved to be.

Prior to the lodge meeting proper, a number of celebratory photographs were taken for inclusion in the Anthology. They were of the lodge membership; our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro David J Winder, PSGD, and his colleague, W Bro Harry Cox, PSGD, APGM; W Bro Malcolm Bell, the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; W Bro Rev Canon Godfrey Hirst, the Provincial Grand Chaplain; the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden – both in celebratory mode – and the lodge Treasurer and Secretary; equally so!

The Gavel having been offered and its acceptance deferred, the lodge was then opened to the 3rd degree, salutations duly accorded, and closed down to the 1st degree in perfect Emulation fashion. The Gavel was once again offered to the APGM and accepted. The Tyler was then admitted, following which I was invited by the Worshipful Master to commence the proceedings by delivering a précis of the Consecration Minutes.

This was followed by an engrossing, skilfully prepared presentation, suitable to the occasion, and delivered by our Assistant Provincial Grand Master; and an absorbing Oration and Re-Dedication of the lodge by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, both of which were delivered in fine style and are to be included in the Anthology which is to be published in the near future.

The celebrations were concluded by a joyous and most convivial Festive Board. There were, as might reasonably be expected, the usual propositions of toasts and responses to them, which all were admirably done. But no one spoke more eloquently in his response to the Toast to Quadrant Lodge, proposed by the APGM, than our Worshipful Master, W Bro Simon Walker, PPrJGW, and eldest son of W Bro Peter Stuart Walker, who features so prominently in the Anthology and in the history of Quadrant Lodge. Simon was also quite outstanding in his management of the lodge earlier in the day.

It follows that we were all justifiably proud of him; just as we were of his father, all those years ago.

The following morning I found myself reflecting on the events of the previous evening and wondering whether, by 2065 and the prospective Centenary of the lodge, Quadrant Lodge would still be as vibrant as it is at the present time, or even whether it would still be in existence; whether the Palace would still be a Masonic centre, and, if not, where might lodges meet in the Lytham St Annes area.

Whilst it is apparent that precious few of those who attended the Golden Jubilee on Thursday last will be around to find out, I am sure that Quadrant Lodge will continue to attract the quality of candidates who will ensure for it the prospect of a vibrant, rewarding future. Recruitment and retention will, as ever, continue to be the pivotal elements along the way.

Terry Hudson

October 2015
Epilogue

The object of this Anthology throughout its development has been to endeavour to create a worthwhile ‘time capsule’ for future generations and to offer a meaningful perspective of Quadrant Lodge and its history on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

Our Founders left us all of the relevant minutes of course, and, for we fortunate few, now of advancing years, many wonderful memories, but nothing more concrete; no photographs, for example, and no real information with regard to the individual Founders. In fact, at the time of writing, the only connection the lodge has from those formative years, through to the present day, is me, for I was present at the Consecration as a very young mason, exactly 50 years ago.

Hopefully, readers in the future will glimpse some of the sheer pleasure and enjoyment which we members of Quadrant Lodge have had over the past 50 years. Hopefully there will be a Quadrant Lodge in another 50 years time and, further, members who will be willing to commit themselves to a rewarding and sustainable future for the lodge as they plan for its Centenary in October 2065.

And may this Anthology be of some assistance in those preparations.

Terry Hudson

October 2015
## The first 50 years of members of Quadrant Lodge

Below, and on the pages which follow, lists a table of the first fifty years of members of Quadrant Lodge. This list incorporates joining members, initiates and Founders (F).

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