
The History of Waverley Lodge 4723

The years 1925 to 1950

I would like to introduce W. Bro. Stanley Dawes history by laying the foundation as to why they decided to form a new Lodge.

W. Bro. Dawes continues:-

Tribute is therefore paid to the outstanding and lasting impressions created upon one's mind by two Brethren well qualified in the Masonic Arts, W. Bro. W. Ayling and W. Bro. A.A. Rayson (W.M. and S.W., respectively, of St. Andrew's Lodge No.1046). Little wonder that a person so impressed should experience an inner urge towards opportunities for developing his own knowledge and capabilities, to follow in the footsteps of those who had so ably instructed him, and to express the inner splendour of his own spirit in creative endeavour.

Working ceremonies and lectures to perfection is good training, and as a means of instruction provides a measure of satisfaction, but to the ambitious and progressive mind there comes sooner or later the inevitable question: to what purpose and how long before one can reasonably hope to reach the summit of achievement in a regular Lodge? These questions do not spring from envy of others' preferment but as a natural result of educational and spiritual development. Growth and expansion of knowledge seek their own outlet.

To answer such questionings of the mind one naturally turned to the membership list of his mother Lodge, only to find some 80 other names preceding his in line of succession, all eligible for the rule of thumb method of promotion – one of the disadvantages of a large Lodge. “Great numbers are not always beneficial” said Dr. Oliver. Allowing for those who might, for personal reasons and other unforeseen causes, not proceed in office the prospects were very discouraging. Possibly thirty or even forty years or more before he could see the fulfilment of his Masonic ambitions. What was to be done? Having developed a capacity for giving the most formative and productive years of his life to Masonic enterprise was he to repine and allow his interest to fade out – the ills of a frustrated purpose – or follow the gleam towards Masonic vitality by creating such opportunities as would provide continuous progress in fraternal wellbeing?

The Struggle for Existence

The need for a new Lodge was apparent, but those who might support it were few in comparison with those who would for reasons known to themselves-oppose it.

With a view to ascertaining the true position, a letter petitioning St. Andrew’s Lodge to sponsor the formation of a new Lodge was drawn up and signed by nine enthusiastic brethren. The application was mentioned to the Lodge on the fifteenth day of June, 1922, when it was resolved to call a Special Meeting for the purpose of open discussion on the subject.`

The matter was again raised at a Regular Meeting on the 19th October when, on the proposition of the applicants, it was deferred until the November meeting.

The letter of petition which had been signed by W. Bro. A.A. Rayson, Bros. Stanley S. Dawes, J.H. Wood, J.W. Wiltshire, W.C. Wiltshire, W. Elphick, J. Patterson, W.J. North and A.F. Bateman, was duly presented to the Lodge on the 16th day of November 1922. The rules of debate were enforced. After a lengthy discussion, during which stern opposition was voiced by many prominent members, two Past Masters “tempered the wind to the shorn lamb” by moving a resolution “That the petition stand adjourned for twelve months” which was duly carried - a decision which the advocates of a new Lodge accepted in good grace.

Thus the first attempt to expand Masonic activities in Farnham by the formation of a new Lodge was frustrated, and there was not a little rejoicing in the opposing camp at having scored, what to them, was a major victory which they hoped would put the petitioners out of action for an indefinite period and continue to preserve Masonic prerogatives in Farnham to the one Lodge. Indeed, it was openly stated that the Master of St. Andrew’s Lodge was the Ruler of all Masons who resided in Farnham.

At the end of seventeen months, no attempt had been made by the Lodge to re-open the subject, nor indeed, was there any indication that if it were again discussed by the Lodge that any different decision would be registered. Meanwhile, some of the original petitioners had withdrawn their support, and if a new Lodge was to be formed, an entirely new approach and new tactics had to be employed.

Faced with such dilemma it was necessary to find sympathetic support. The art in solving a problem is to know an authority to whom one can turn for wise guidance. The answer was not far to seek nor was it long delayed. In W. Bro. W.H. Fisher, himself a Secretary of a Lodge, one found not only wholehearted sympathy for the new project, which was enough to gladden the heart of a

young Mason, but an ever readiness to stand within the shadows with wise counsel as to procedure and assurances of moral and spiritual support. It was deeply regretted that he could not see his way to becoming a founder of the Waverley Lodge but his encouragement and advice were indispensable factors in bridging a difficult period and inspiring direction and confidence to a task from which a young Mason might otherwise have shrunk.

From soundings in other directions it was apparent that while others were cherishing similar thoughts as to the necessity of another Lodge, there were signs of gathering clouds predicting a further storm of protest for any such project. Prompt action was therefore necessary to get the idea fully established and in the summer of 1924 an approach was made to the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. G.V.A. Schofield, who gladly welcomed the prospects of the foundation of a new Lodge in Farnham and gave a clear indication that the encouragement and support of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be forthcoming in sponsoring the petition to Grand Lodge. Thus the embryo of a new creation was taking form. A new Lodge was conceived.

The ecstasy of such a momentous occasion had to be solemnly guarded by the select circle of those who had pledged their support, lest any indiscretion of approaching some unsympathetic person before full support was marshalled might set the opposing forces in motion, mar the 'sublimity' of effort and prejudice the unborn Lodge. Discrimination, tact and analytical understanding were essential qualifications in seeking out those most likely to respond to the creative opportunities which a new Lodge would provide. Support of a few Past Masters was indispensable. Nothing was more desired than that they should be among those who had passed the Chair or were members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1046.

Taking now his courage into both hands the promoter of the petition again approached W. Bro. A.A. Rayson who, in his customary gentle manner and serenity, listened as with a spirit aglow at the thought of a new adventure, and his great heart-ever full of love and sympathy for a warranted, progressive and enduring cause-gave expression of his continued convictions as to the necessity of a new Lodge and of his full support in assisting its formation. Such warmth of reception was as the soft breezes of heaven upon a soul groping for refreshing encouragement.

On the advice of W. Bro. Rayson the support of W. Bro. G.E. Aldridge was next sought and with great joy he unhesitatingly welcomed the project as a natural development of the expansion of Masonic interests in the town and offered his assistance in leading whatever representations were necessary in overcoming objections which were likely to emanate. Another eminent Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1046-to whom Masonry in Farnham will ever be indebted and whose great talents and services to the Craft are known perhaps only to the Brethren of his Lodge, certainly not fully recognised as they deserve to be beyond the level of Provincial Grand Lodge-W. Bro. E.J.J. Ranger, rich in experience of advancing years, wisely alert to the needs of the hour, gave the proposed new Lodge his blessing, subscribed his name as a Founder and actively supported its passage into existence with the zest of a person half his years.

The inspiration that flows from a sense of Oneness with others in justification of a cause is indescribable. It awakens a confident understanding which becomes the central energy and directive force of all creative effort.

With a nucleus of Past Masters and the activating interests of Brothers W.J. North, J.H.W. Wood, C.E. Sydenham, A.H. Ball and J.W. Wiltshire the first meeting of petitioners was held on the

evening of December 5th, 1924, when the aims and objects of a new Lodge were discussed and it was decided to petition for the Waverley Lodge and acquaint the St. Andrew's Lodge No.1046 of the petitioners' intention and solicit their support. Two other decisions of importance were made, the nomination of W. Bro G.E. Aldridge as Master Elect and W. Bro A.A. Rayson as Secretary-designate.

At this meeting the petitioners were made aware of vigorous, almost hostile, opposition which had to be again encountered from certain members of St. Andrew's Lodge No.1046. Indeed, an occasion was instanced when the author was stopped in his passage along the open street by one of the opponents who took a hold on his coat lapels and in an aggressive manner severely censored him for his 'audacity' in again attempting to form a new Lodge which, he stated, was ill-conceived, totally unnecessary and would destroy the harmony of St. Andrew's Lodge. It is astounding that overzealousness for an institution should develop into such fanaticism and make one so impolite and irrational but, facts to relate, the author was told in no uncertain manner that had he-the opponent- known what was likely to have happened he would have prevented his initiation into St. Andrew's Lodge.

Discretion is always the better part of valour. A soft word invariably turns away wrath. The incident closed with the opponent being informed that in due time, and in proper circumstances, the whole matter would be debated when it was hoped wisdom would prevail and good grace abound.

Better to beard a lion in his den than allow him to prowl around. In the circumstances it was felt desirable to seek a conference of the Committee of St. Andrew's Lodge No.1046 which, within a few days, was accordingly arranged when the case for a new Lodge was submitted, fully debated and finally agreed by the Committee to

recommend to St. Andrew's Lodge that the petition for the formation of the Waverley Lodge receive its support. The matter was presented at a regular meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge on the fifteenth day of January, 1925, when, after a very full and frank debate, the recommendation of the Committee received the unanimous support of the Lodge. The critics had laboured in vain—the fight for the right to exist had ended. Those originally in opposition were now convinced. They came to scoff but remained to bless. It is to their eternal credit that subsequent events received their full patronage. Thus the first effective stage of the passage of Waverley Lodge into existence was assured. Good grace abounded.

To those who inherit the privileges and traditions of Waverley Lodge, let it never be forgotten that the Lodge came into existence not only through the invincible determination of its Founders, but at some sacrifice on the part of those founders who were Initiates of St. Andrew's Lodge, since they were deprived of the greatest of all Masonic Honours—that of passing through the chair of their Mother Lodge. Those members of St. Andrew's Lodge who were Founders of the Waverley Lodge also suffered a similar restriction. By the same token, progress was accelerated for others in St. Andrew's Lodge.

Days of Planning

The time of effective planning had now come. Further signatories had followed the decision of St. Andrew's Lodge to sponsor the petition. Officers designate had been elected. The following reasons were now advanced in support of the petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge for presentation to the United Grand Lodge of England:-

1. That the nearest Lodge in the Province, other than St. Andrew's 1046 was nine miles away.
2. That the growth of the residential neighbourhood of Farnham gave ample scope for a second Lodge.
3. That at a regular meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge 1046 held on the fifteenth day of January, 1925, the petition received unanimous support.
4. That the new Lodge would not, in any way be detrimental to the interests of St. Andrew's Lodge but would co-operate for the furtherance of Masonic activities.

The petition was forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary who, on the Thirteenth day of March, 1925 communicated the consent of Grand Lodge in the following terms:-

Dear Brother Dawes,
 WAVERLEY LODGE

I am glad to inform you that Grand Lodge has assented to the formation of the above Lodge. The number will be 4723. Please let me have the seven names to go on the warrant. These should be the Master, Wardens and four other brethren.

If it is intended to adopt a Lodge badge, design must be submitted for approval.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
 Geo. V.A. Schofield
Provincial Grand Secretary

It was decided that the seven names to be inscribed on the warrant of the Lodge should be:-

W. Bro G.E. Aldridge	M.E.
Bro Stanley S. Dawes	S.W.
Bro W.J. North	J.W.
W. Bro E.J.J. Ranger	Treasurer
W. Bro A.A. Rayson	Secretary
Bro J.H.W. Wood	S.D.
Bro C.E. Sydenham	J.D.

Lodge Badge

The Lodge badge, as will be seen, embodies the ruins of the famous abbey from which the name of the Lodge is taken, and which lies within the borders of Farnham. It is interesting to note that during this year of grace One thousand nine hundred and fifty, the surrounding land on which the ruins stand has been acquired by W. Bro W.J. North, Past Master and Treasurer of the Lodge. The badge carries the Lodge motto in Latin, "Honour, Fidelitas, Benevolentia". (Honour, Fidelity and Benevolence).

In agreement with Provincial Grand Lodge, the date of the consecration ceremony was fixed for the 16th of September, 1925. During the intervening months much work had to be undertaken, and many arrangements made in which all the Founders played their respective parts, but special tribute must be paid to W. Bro Arthur A. Rayson, who acquitted himself magnificently, and discharged his many duties in an unruffled manner which greatly endeared him to all the Founders. The assistance of the Director of Ceremonies W. Bro W.J. Collins, a Past Master in ceremonial technique, was also invaluable. Draft bye-laws were framed and all the incidentals conducive to the smooth running of a great occasion planned.

Certain presentations were made to the Lodge by the founders, but specific reference must be made to the outstanding services of a lady whose skilful handiwork in making the cloth for the Secretary's table and the falls for the pedestals and adorning them with the name and number of the Lodge gave not only a measure of joy and satisfaction to the Founders but will ever remain a monument of the pride and affection with which she performed a real service for the Lodge. Mrs J.H. Wood has now passed into the realms beyond our mortal existence where the enduring qualities of life find expression

in finer and larger service. We remember her for the generous kindness bestowed upon us.

“To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die.”

Consummation

The great day of consummation of all our thoughts, deeds and actions in a regularly constituted Lodge dawned on the 16th day of September, 1925. This was the day of fulfilment of all our highest aspirations-everything we had believed in, hoped for and planned was about to unfold its hidden splendour in an act of consecration and dedicated service.

Faith is not the final state; it is the new beginning, the dawn with infinite summers in its soul. We do not believe in, or understand our own Masonic Creed until we are prepared to add to it by creative, progressive endeavour. Here indeed, was the embodiment of so great a faith.

The Consecration Ceremony took place at the Institute Hall at 3.30p.m. in the presence of a widely representative and distinguished gathering numbering one hundred and fourteen (including the Consecrating Officers). With due ceremony and according to ancient rite and amidst the grandeur of full dress regalia, the Consecration was performed with a rare dignity and deep solemnity by the W.Dep.Pro.Grand Master W. Bro G.H. Redwood, P.G.D. (Eng) assisted by W. Bro G.V.A. Schofield, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng) Prov. Grand Sec. (Surrey) and W. Bro E.J. Holland Prov. S.G.W. as S.W., W. Bro. F.H. Nalder, Prov. J.G.W. as J.W., W. Bro the Rev. G.F. Irwin, B.D., P.A.G. Chap. (Eng), as Chaplain; W. Bro. G.R. Saunders P.A.G.D.C. (Eng) as D.C., W. Bro W.A. Latham, P.A.G. Purs. (Eng), Prov. A.G. Sec. as I.G. An impressive oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution was delivered by the

Chaplain, after which the Consecrating Officer dedicated and constituted the Lodge according to ancient custom. Then followed the Installation of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro G.E. Aldridge by W. Bro George V.A. Schofield, P.A.G.D.C., the election of Treasurer and Tyler, and the appointment and investiture of officers. The Warrant of the Lodge was then presented to the Master.

The Consecrating Officers were duly elected Honorary Members of the Lodge.

The ceremonial music was under the direction of W. Bro R.F.J. Buckmaster, P.P.G.O. (Hants & Isle of Wight) who had the assistance of a choir. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The foundations of the Waverley Lodge had been well and truly laid. It was now the task of the Founders and all who followed them to raise a super structure worthy of the high sentiments and the faith by which it had been created, and in which would be enshrined the consecrated services of all its members. A day of new beginnings had dawned.

Some Items of Interest

At the first regular meeting of the Lodge, two Joining Members were elected and two Initiates proposed. It is significant to relate that the Lodge was alert to its responsibilities in matters of Benevolence, and at its first regular meeting created a Benevolent Association whose invaluable work is reflected in the contributions of the Lodge to the Masonic Institutions and the Royal Masonic Hospital. At its third regular meeting, the Lodge became a "Founding Lodge" of the hospital. The first year ended with a total membership of twenty-two.

During the following year, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., etc., etc., graciously honoured the

Lodge by becoming an Honorary Member, a gesture which, for such a young Lodge, was received with pride and deep affection. The outstanding qualities, broad vision and understanding of H.R.H. had already endeared him to the hearts of Surrey Masons over whom he presided with regal dignity and impressive charm.

On relinquishing the 'Treasurership,' W. Bro E.J.J. Ranger was, in recognition of his great services to the Lodge, on the twelfth day of November 1928, elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge. W. Bro G.E. Aldridge was appointed to succeed him as Treasurer of the Lodge.

At the installation meeting on Monday, the fourteenth day of October, W. Bro. A.A. Rayson having intimated his wishes to be relieved of the secretarial duties, W. Bro. Stanley S. Dawes was appointed Secretary of the Lodge.

At a regular meeting held on the twelfth day of March, 1934, W. Bro G.E. Aldridge tendered his resignation as Treasurer and his membership of the Lodge. He intimated that he had taken this step not through lack of interest in the Lodge, but because of his larger responsibilities as Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge No.1046. The resignation was recorded with the utmost regret, and in appreciation of his services he was subsequently elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

W. Bro W.J. North was appointed Treasurer of the Lodge on April 9th, 1934.

Days of Endurance

The days of testing came when; in September 1939 the nation was again plunged into war. War is the most disruptive, menacing, horrible and uprooting event that ever rushes in upon the sanctity

of civilisation. It has left some scars, grievous but nobly borne by Brethren of the Lodge. Its dislocating influences were encountered by the Lodge. The normal date of Installation Meeting had to be deferred until November. Fewer meetings were arranged, and many brethren had to make enormous sacrifices and travel under prolonged and difficult conditions to attend their Lodge duties. Yet, notwithstanding, a high degree of efficiency was maintained, and brethren were brought closer together by their common experiences in a bond of a more refined and sensitive understanding. Outward disturbances often throw men back upon the things which remain unperturbed within the sanctuary of the soul, and in a measure are expressive in the fellowship of great human institutions. But Masonry is something more than an institution. It is an eternal communion of fellowship and strength, a refuge in a time of storm, a safe stronghold and continuing process of development here and in the hereafter. Blessed are they who have the courage to add their own contribution to this mighty Faith.

With the cessation of world hostilities the Lodge resumed its normal activities and moved progressively towards the year of its maturity.

Maturity

The coming of age was commemorated by a Founders Meeting and Dinner held on the tenth day of February 1947. This being a regular meeting date, the Master, W. Bro. Travis J. Dawes invited the active Founders and Senior Initiate to occupy the principle offices which were as follows:

Master's Chair	W. Bro S.S. Dawes P.A.G.St.B.,P.P.G.W.
Senior Warden	W. Bro W.J. North P.P.G.W.
Junior Warden	W. Bro J.H. Wood P.P.G.W.

Secretary	W. Bro A.A. Rayson P.P.G.W.
Senior Deacon	W. Bro. C. Sydenham P.P.A.G.D.C.
Junior Deacon	Bro C.P. Netherton

All of the above were Founders

Inner Guard	W. Bro E.G. Alderton (First Initiate)
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro G.E. Dyer
Chaplain	W. Bro T.J. Dawes (W.M.)

At the following meeting of the Lodge W. Bro Stanley S. Dawes intimated that, owing to his indifferent health which was affecting his sight, and his residential distance of seventy miles from Farnham, it became imperative that he should not continue in the secretarial office, and he requested the incoming Master to accept his intentions as irrevocable and in the best interests of his own health and the efficiency of the secretariat –a decision which was received with profound regret.

Later in the year, on relinquishing his duties, he was the recipient of a presentation at the hands of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lt. Col H.A. Mann, O.B.E., M.C., P.G.D., who, on behalf of the Lodge, and in appreciation of his great services, eulogised his work and handed to him a gold wrist watch on which was inscribed “Presented to W. Bro S.S. Dawes, P.A.G.St.B., P.P.G.W., by the Brethren of Waverley Lodge No. 4723, as a token of respect and affection 1947”. He was also asked to accept for Mrs Dawes a cut glass vase, which in his reply of thanks, W. Bro S.S. Dawes said he felt sure would always occupy a prominent place in close proximity to his late son’s photograph.

W. Bro J.H. Wood appointed to succeed him, was invested at the Installation Meeting in October 1947.

Bonds Which Unite

Towards the end of 1947, Lodge Waverley No. 296, United Grand Lodge of New South Wales decided as a gesture of fraternal goodwill and affection, to send food parcels to members of our Lodge, since which date our austerity conditions have been improved, by their outstanding generosity, in the receipt by every member of the Lodge of four food parcels for which we shall ever be grateful. In addition the links which unite us have been greatly strengthened by a visit of a member of Lodge Waverley, Bro T. Spencer, and the presentation by him on behalf of his Lodge of a set of gavels which now adorn our pedestals, and remind us of the fraternal affection by which we are made one in Masonic endeavour, and our presentation to Lodge Waverley of the 'rough ashlar' worked in Waverley stone, ever to remind them of the fineness of workmanship, beauty and character that graces every Masonic edifice by which we are keyed together. Such mutual understanding and reciprocal affection gives inspiration to every creative achievement and strengthens the ties that bind.

Silver Jubilee

During the period under review, seventy candidates have been initiated into Masonry of which thirteen have received the benefits of Installation as Master of the Lodge.

Two Grand Lodge Honours and thirteen Provincial Grand Lodge Honours have been conferred on Brethren in recognition of services to the Lodge and the Craft in general. It is interesting to record that of the Provincial Grand Lodge Honours conferred, four are Past Wardens.

Grand Lodge clothing was the gift of the Lodge to both recipients of the Honour.

In concluding this far too inadequate summary of events in the life of an ordinary Lodge, I am deeply stirred with thoughts of days gone by, with the fragrant memories of the true and faithful brethren who, by their presence and labours, filled the Waverley edifice with the living presence and reality of Masonic Faith by which they lived, with the echo of voices which made eloquent in so many keys and tones and variations of emphasis, of insight and temperament, our Masonic teachings by which Initiates and Visiting Brethren have been inspired. I am confident that all who have shared this invigorating and enriching Fellowship have left something of their own spirit in the atmosphere of the Lodge for what they received; and so, through the quarter of a century that has passed there has been created a Waverley Tradition of Faith, an environment of reverent, creative, forward looking Fellowship, an eternal communion of those whose voices are no longer heard save in the Grand Lodge above, and of those of us who remain to uphold, in our simple way, and add our contribution to this continuing process of Masonic Faith.

And now, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, I dedicate the document thus far to -

Arthur Albert Rayson
And my Co-Founders of WAVERLEY LODGE

And may the blessing of Almighty God rest upon all our labours.

Tommy Watkin

Founders and First Officers of Waverley Lodge 4723

September 16th, 1925

W. Bro G.E. Aldridge	W.M.
W. Bro W.R. Pullinger	Acting I.P.M.
Bro S.S. Dawes	S.W.
Bro W.J. North	J.W.
Bro C.P. Netherton	Chaplain
W. Bro E.J.J. Ranger P.P.A.G.D.C.	Treasurer
W. Bro A.A. Rayson	Secretary
W. Bro W.J. Collins P.P.G.St.B.,Hants	D.C.
Bro J.H.W. Wood	S.D.
Bro C.E. Sydenham	J.D.
Bro A.H. Ball	A.D.C.
Bro J. Wiltshire	Organist
Bro L. Mitchell	I.G.
Bro J. Curling	Steward
Bro E.R. Hall	Steward
Bro J. Hawkes	Tyler

Presentations to the Lodge

<i>Officers' Collars and Jewels</i>	The Foundation Officers
<i>Lodge Banner</i>	W. Bro W.J. Collins, P.P.G.St.B. (Hants & Isle of Wight)
<i>The Sacred Volume</i>	W. Bro E.J.J. Ranger, P.P.A.G.D.C.
<i>Photograph Album</i>	W. Bro G.E. Aldridge, P.G.St.B., P.P.G.D.
<i>Ballot Cabinet</i>	W. Bro S.S. Dawes, P.G.St.B., P.P.G.W.
<i>Gavels</i>	Lodge Waverley 296, United Grand Lodge, NSW

Waverley Lodge 4723 – Golden Jubilee

Waverley Lodge No.4723 celebrated its Golden Jubilee on the 16th September 1975, and fifty years of Masonry is an achievement of which any Lodge may be justly proud.

Although the age of a Lodge is normally determined from the date of its Consecration, one must look much further back in time to discover the true origin of its inception. On reading the history of Lodges, it is evident that many of them have been in existence some years before being consecrated.

As far back as the middle of the 19th century the population of Farnham was approximately 8,000. It was therefore somewhat surprising that a Lodge had not been created in Farnham, in view of the fact that our two nearest neighbours, Aldershot and Guildford, both had Lodges – Panmure No.723 in Aldershot, and Royal Alfred No.777 in Guildford, the latter eventually becoming the Grandmother of Waverley Lodge.

By 1865 the population of Farnham had grown to 9,500, so inspired by certain Aldershot and Guildford Masons, and also the influence of London Masons living in the district, Farnham must eventually form its own Lodge. This was achieved by the creation of St. Andrews No.1046 on the 2nd February 1865.

St. Andrews was to be the only Lodge in Farnham for the next sixty years, by which time, in 1925, the population had grown to 18,000. This figure includes additions from Farnham Rural plus Waverley, which were gradually being added to Farnham Urban.

After the end of the Great War 1914-1918, the men returning home felt the need to continue the comradeship they had experienced during their service days. This need was fulfilled to some extent by joining a Lodge, and caused the numbers to increase more quickly than usual. Therefore in 1922 some of our Founders began negotiations for another Lodge, and a Petition was presented to St. Andrew's requesting for consideration to be given for the formation of a New Lodge in Farnham.

The Petition was not discussed for various reasons until November 1922, when unfortunately it was found that it was not in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. W. Bro. A.A. Rayson, the I.P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, who had signed the Petition, seconded a proposition to adjourn the application for twelve months.

Up to 1939 the Lodge Meetings were held in the Institute, but on the outbreak of War the Institute was commandeered by the authorities, and Grand Lodge immediately suspended all Meetings early in September. The suspension, however, was lifted in the same month with a directive as to Wartime procedure. The Meetings were reduced to four a year.

W. Bro B.H.W. Dymott, of St. Andrew's Lodge came to our assistance, and arranged for the Owen Hall to be made available for our Meetings, and for this purpose a Dispensation was granted.

At the Installation Meeting in October 1942 the Prov. G.M. R.W. Bro. Lieut-Col H.A. Mann was present, and fifty six Brethren and guests attended. It is noted that refreshments were available at the close of the Lodge Meeting.

During the War between 1939 and 1945, members of the Canadian Forces who were training in the district attended the Lodge as guests.

At three of the Meetings held in the War the Lodge was saddened by the announcement of the death on active service of the only sons of three of our members, W. Bro S.S. Dawes, W. Bro J.H. Wood and Bro. W. King.

With the cessation of hostilities the Lodge resumed its normal activities.

In March 1945 a letter was received from St. Andrew's Lodge requesting the appointment of four representatives to serve on a Committee to discuss funds for building a Masonic Temple in Farnham. The Lodge appointed three members, the W.M. W. Bro. P.W. Elsmore and W. Bros Dawes and North to attend the Committee with the full backing of the Lodge to support the project.

An Emergency Meeting was held on the 12th August 1946, and at this Meeting the election of four Trustees was confirmed, the Trustees being:

Bro. R.W. Small	St. Andrew's
W. Bro. W.J. North	Waverley
W. Bro. E.F.S. Corps	St. Andrew's Chapter
W. Bro. V.H. Comben	St. Andrew's Mark

On the 14th October 1946 the Lodge Meetings were resumed at the Institute.

In 1947 the Secretary, W. Bro. J.H. Wood received fraternal greetings from the Secretary of the Lodge's namesake, Lodge Waverley No.296 United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. On several occasions they sent food parcels to every member of our Lodge, and this was the beginning of a long and happy association between the two Lodges.

Bro. A.S. Littlechild of Lodge Waverley No.296 attended a Meeting in Farnham and made a presentation of a set of three mulga wood gavels on behalf of his Lodge. At a later date a visit was made by Bro. Spencer of Lodge Waverley No.296 when he was presented with an ashlar worked in Waverley stone to hand to his Lodge in New South Wales.

There was a continual exchange of correspondence for many years between the two respective Secretaries, W. Bro. Wood and W. Bro. Drew. On many occasions our Lodge had the pleasure of

entertaining Brethren from New South Wales when visiting this country, and two of our own members were able to visit Lodge Waverley No.296 in New South Wales.

From 1947 to 1950 there was an average of four candidates a year and two joining members, so that the number of members in the Lodge kept pace with loss by decease.

In 1948 the population of Farnham had grown to approximately 24,000. During this year the formation of Castle Lodge No.6657 took place, and the Lodge was consecrated on the 4th June 1948, so that Farnham now had three Lodges.

The Silver Jubilee Anniversary Meeting was held on Saturday, the 16th September 1950 and was attended by forty two members and thirty eight guests. The Lodge was again honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Bro. Lieut-Col. H.A. Mann and several distinguished guests.

The Installation on Monday, the 8th October 1951 was the first meeting to be held at the Masonic Hall, Castle Street. W. Bro. H. King and Bros. R.C. Radford, H.G. Larmer and A.E. Redman had been responsible for having the building put into a state fit in which to hold a Meeting, and had transformed what was practically a shell to the Temple where they were able to hold a Ceremony.

In February 1952 members heard of the death of H.M. King George VI, Past Grand Master, and the Lodge was ordered into mourning. The Ladies Festival was cancelled until after the funeral of the King.

At the October Meeting in 1952 the Master referred to the recent death of W. Bro L.J. Mitchell, who was a Founder of the Lodge and Master in 1930.

On the 21st September 1953 the Old Farnhamians Lodge No. 7282 was consecrated, making the fourth Lodge in Farnham.

In 1954 the link of friendship between Lodge Waverley No.296 and Waverley Lodge No. 4723 was continued when our Secretary, W. Bro. J.H. Wood received from them the gift of a mulga wood inkstand. This was presented to Bro. Wood in recognition of his past services as Secretary, which office he was now relinquishing.

In the issue of the 27th May 1955 the Farnham Herald inserted a special 'Herald' picture taken after the Annual Meeting of the Farnham Urban Council, and it is interesting to note that five members of Waverley Lodge were included in the photograph, W. Bros. C.W. Williams, Lieut-Col. R.P. Dent and Bros. H.W. Bide, F. Goolding and R.C. Radford.

In 1955 the Lodge lost three old members in the passing of W. Bro. A.A. Rayson, Founder and Master in 1931, W. Bro. W.J. North, Founder and Master in 1927, and W. Bro. H.A. Boulding, Master in 1934.

On the 14th October 1957, forty-three members and thirty-nine guests were present, and the Lodge was again honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Bro. Lieut-Col. H.A. Mann who, although he was then 81 years of age, gave the address to the Brethren during the Ceremony.

1958 was a fairly quiet year bringing in two initiates. The Installation Meeting was attended by forty-six members and twenty-nine guests.

In 1959 there were two initiates and two joining members. In April the Lodge lost W. Bro. W.G. Gear, the Director of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. Gear had fulfilled this office with great efficiency, and he possessed a full knowledge of the ritual. He was W.M. in 1945.

In 1960 there were two Initiates and one joining member.

In 1961 the Lodge was saddened by the untimely death of the Secretary, W. Bro H. King, who was W.M. in 1949. He was also the Secretary of the Farnham Masonic Hall Company.

Also in 1961 the Lodge lost W. Bro. S.S. Dawes who was a Founder and W.M. in 1926, and had also held the office of Secretary. He was the first member to receive Grand Honours in recognition of his many years of service.

The passing in April 1962 of the R.W. Bro. Lieut-Col H.A. Mann was a great loss to Waverley. He had supported the Lodge on many occasions during his years of office as P.G.M.

Also in 1962 the Lodge lost three of its Past Masters, W. Bros. P.W. Elsmore, 1944, G.E. Dyer 1938 and D.J. Crumpen, 1950.

In 1963 W. Bro. C.E. Sydenham, Founder and Master in 1929 was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

This year also saw the formation of the William Cobbett Lodge No. 7914, and the Consecration took place at Freemasons Hall, London on the 23rd September 1963. Farnham now had five Lodges.

At the Installation Meeting in October 1963 thanks were expressed to Bro. S.R. Carter of William Cobbett Lodge for the excellent work he had carried out in renovating the Masonic premises.

On the 29th January 1964 an Emergency Meeting was held for the purpose of raising Bro. P.F. Adhemar, who was leaving England on February 10th for services overseas.

In 1964 the Lodge lost W. Bro. C.E. Sydenham, who only the previous year had been made an Honorary Member.

In this year the Lodge also lost W. Bro H. Mansey who had occupied the Master's Chair in 1941.

At the Meeting on Monday the 13th April 1964 the Lodge was honoured by an official visit by the Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Bro. F.T.B. Wheeler, who was accompanied by W. Bro. J.C. Hounsfield, dep. P.G.D. of C. Forty members and forty four guests were present at the Meeting.

At the Installation Meeting on the 12th October 1964 an alarm was given, and this was to report that several cars belonging to members and guests had been seriously damaged by a large timber lorry careering down Castle Hill out of control. One of the cars which had suffered serious damage belonged to the Master Elect, Bro. Lieut-Col. C. Hewins.

On the 11th January 1965 the Master referred to the death on the 24th December 1964 of W. Bro J.H. Wood, Founder and W.M. in 1928, who had also filled the office of Secretary, and had received Grand Honours in recognition of the inestimable work he had done for the Lodge. A gift of 50 guineas was sent to the R.M. Hospital in memory of our late Bro. 'Jerry' Wood. A letter of sympathy was received from Lodge Waverley No.296 New South Wales.

At the meeting on the 8th March 1965 the W.M. expressed the sorrow of the Brethren and himself on the passing of Bro. A.O. King on the 5th March 1965.

On the 8th November 1965 the Lodge was pleased to welcome Bro. E.G. Alderton, who was initiated at the second Meeting of the Lodge on the 9th November 1925.

The sum of £100.00 which had been on loan to the Masonic Hall Company was transferred to Debenture Stock.

At the Installation Meeting on the 10th October 1966 there were forty two members and thirty eight guests present. The Lodge was honoured by three Grand Lodge Officers from our Mother Lodge St. Andrew's No. 1046, W. Bros. G.H. Bacon, B.H. Dymott and V.H. Comben.

At the Meeting on the 14th November 1966 an explanation of the 1st Tracing Board was given by W. Bro E.F. Weeks.

The sum of £200.00 was loaned free from Lodge Funds to the Masonic Hall Company.

At the Meeting on the 9th October 1967 the Brethren heard of the loss of W. Bro. F. Rawlinson, who had occupied the Chair in 1939, and also of Bro. E.W. Langham, who had become a joining member at the first Regular Meeting of the Lodge on the 12th October 1925.

After this Meeting the Lodge dined for the first time in the Masonic Hall, Castle Street.

At the Installation Meeting in 1967 the Installing Master W. Bro. H.L. King gave a report on the activities of the Lodge during his year as W.M. The Brethren found this innovation of great interest, and it was agreed that this practice should be continued annually.

The Lodge was without an official Organist, and it was noted that W. Bro L. Cockell, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge had frequently given his services during the year, for which the Lodge was duly grateful.

At the Meeting on the 11th December 1967 notice was given of the appointment of the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Shannon as Provincial Grand Master and the Investiture would be held on the 29th February 1968.

On the 8th January 1968 the Brethren heard of the loss of W. Bro. F.H. Cook who had passed away after a short illness on the 15th December 1967. W. Bro. Cook was W.M. only two years earlier in 1965.

In 1969 Bro. J.A. Charman, J.W. moved from Farnham to the North of England on account of business commitments. As he was unable to fulfil the office of S.W., W. Bro. T.C. Watkin was invested.

The Lodge lost another Past Master in 1969 on the death of W. Bro. A.E. Farrow, who was W.M. in 1951.

At the Installation Meeting on the 12th October 1970 there were thirty two members and twenty six guests present.

Due to the vacancy caused by Bro. Charman's move, W. Bro Lieut-Col. F.J. Bayman, M.B.E., was invested as W.M. The W.M. recalled the passing of W. Bro. C.W. Williams P.P.A.G. Swd.B. and Bro. R.C. Radford, P.P.G.Stw.

In January 1971 the death was announced of R.W. Bro. F.T.B. Wheeler, P.P.G.M. on the 23rd December 1970.

In 1971 the Lodge lost W. Bro. T.J. Dawes who had been W.M. in 1946.

At the Meeting on the 8th November 1971 a letter was received from W. Bro. B.H.W. Dymott, Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1046, inviting the Master, Wardens and Brethren to visit their Lodge on the 18th November 1971.

A similar invitation was received on the 14th February 1972 from the W.M. of the Border Garrison Lodge to visit them at their next Meeting.

The Lodge lost the services of the S.D. Bro. L.J. Holt who moved to Bristol owing to business commitments.

A happy event at the Meeting on the 13th March 1972 was the presentation of a Charity Jewel to Bro. J. Kimber, Tyler. This presentation was on behalf of all the Farnham Lodges in recognition of his services as Tyler.

At the Installation Meeting on the 9th October 1972 there were thirty four members and thirty guests present. W. Bro. H. Partridge, the Treasurer, resigned owing to ill health, and W. Bro. Lieut-Col. F.J. Bayman, M.B.E. was elected to the Office. (Also on the 13th November 1972 Mr Richard Graham was Initiated into the Lodge)

At the Meeting on the 11th December 1972 the death was announced of the Most Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor, K.G.

(One item took place in 1973 when Mr Roger Gardiner was Initiated into the Lodge on the 10th December)

The Lodge was honoured at the Meeting on the 14th January 1974 by the presence of W. Bro. The Rev. N. Barker-Cryer, A. Prov. G. Chaplain, and two Grand Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1046, W. Bros. B.H.W. Comben and E.R. Gudge, and also W. Bro. G. Maggs, of Waverley Lodge No. 351, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

At the Installation Meeting on the 14th October 1974 thirty two members and twenty two guests were present.

W. Bro H.L. King spoke in an eloquent and moving manner recalling the personalities and qualities of four Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge above during 1974, W. Bros. E.F.S. Corps, C. Hewins, G.J. Grimes, and C.C. Elsmore.

Bro. R.G. Gardiner was appointed Secretary of the Masonic Hall Company.

In 1974 there were two initiations and two joining members. During this year many worthy causes requested financial assistance, the first coming from C.L.A.W.C.O. This was for the addition of Changing Rooms and Toilets at the Masonic Hall.

The next appeal came from the Masonic Hall Company who had discovered that the roof of the Temple was in need of immediate repairs. W. Bro. E.R. Gudge, Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company attended some of the Meetings during the year, and reminded the Brethren of the urgency of this appeal.

The third appeal was in respect of the forthcoming 50th anniversary of the Lodge which was to take place on the 16th September 1975. Bro. W.F. Addington, Chief Steward accepted responsibility of undertaking this and by various efforts during the year raised sufficient funds.

A Committee was appointed comprising of W. Bro. C.K.J. Edwards, W.M. in the Chair, and W. Bros. G.E. Dore, T.C. Watkin, H.J. Barnes, H.L. King and Bros. C.C. Allenet and J.W.R. Williams.

The Agenda was agreed, and W. Bro T.C. Watkin was requested to prepare a booklet on the history of the Lodge.

Bro. C.C. Allenet undertook the dining arrangements with the Manager of the Bush Hotel.

W. Bro. H.L. King was requested to arrange for the Dispensation from the R.W. The Provincial Grand Master to hold the Special Meeting.

The W.M. stated that the Directors of the Masonic Hall Company had given permission for the Temple to be used.

At the Golden Jubilee Meeting the Lodge would make a gift of £50.00 to the Provincial Grand Master's Fund.

W. Bro. H.J. Barnes had discussed with the Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company the form of the proposed gift the Lodge was to make to them. It was agreed that this should be the stripping and re-polishing of the chairs used by the Worshipful Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens, and also the stripping and re-polishing of the three pedestals. This work is in the capable hands of W. Bro. J.W. Marr.

Throughout its history Waverley Lodge has endeavoured to support other Degrees, and many Brethren have joined St. Andrew's Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch and St. Andrew's Lodge of Mark Master Masons. They have also taken advantage of the St. Andrew's Lodge of Instruction where every encouragement and opportunity is generously given by the Preceptors.

The Lodge has been honoured to receive many Provincial Grand Honours, and Grand Honours were conferred on W. Bros. S.S. Dawes, W.J. North and J.H. Wood.

The Lodge has been fortunate in the numbers of Past Masters who can be called upon to give the various explanations of the Tracing Boards.

The Brethren of Waverley Lodge have ever remembered that “the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason’s heart is charity”. In this respect they have supported the various Masonic Charities, and to date have subscribed:

To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	Patron	£3,585.20
To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	Vice Patron	£2,102.03
To the Royal Masonic Hospital		£2,856.81
(Including the Lodge’s donation as a Founding donation of £105.00)		
To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	Vice Patron	£1,884.43

The Lodge arranged for a P.M. and his wife to be accommodated in the Masonic Home, Connaught Court, Fulford York. Unfortunately the Brother died five weeks after entering the Home, and was unable to enjoy the benefits offered by this new Masonic Home.

In 1972 the Lodge was able to place the son of a deceased Brother at the Royal Masonic School for Boys. On the 16th September 1974 our Charity Representative W. Bro. T.C. Watkin, received a letter from the boy’s mother thanking the Lodge, and she mentioned that although her son was then enjoying his holiday, he was looking forward to his return to school as he was missing his friends.

An interesting feature of the Lodge dating from 1964 is the presentation to every Initiate of a Bible suitably inscribed by the Master and Wardens.

At Christmas-time gifts are sent to all widows of Brethren of the Lodge living locally, and letters of thanks received at the January Meetings show how much these gifts are appreciated by the recipients.

For entertainment at the December Meeting, many years ago, W. Bro. J.E. Bennett arranged for the Farnham Girls' Choir to sing appropriate songs and carols after Dinner. This has now become a welcome annual event.

The Ladies Festival which is held every year is a very popular event, enabling members and their wives and guests to meet socially.

Officers' Collars and Jewels
Lodge Banner
The Sacred Volume
Photograph Album
Ballot Cabinet
Gavels

Alms Dish
Cushion

Two Deacons' Wands

Rejuvenating Collar Jewel
Candle Extinguisher, Taper
Holder and Writing Desk
D.C.'s Wand
Two E.A. and 2 F.C. Aprons

The Foundation Officers
W. Bro. W.J. Collins
W. Bro. E.J.J. Ranger
W. Bro. G.E. Aldridge
W. Bro. S.S. Dawes
Lodge Waverley No.296
United Grand Lodge,
New South Wales
W. Bro. J.E. Bennett
W. Bro. F. Rawlinson and
W. Bro. E.F.S. Corps
W. Bro. F.H. Cook and
W. Bro. H.L. King
Bro. G.J. Grimes

W. Bro F.E.G. Brockway
W. Bro E.L. Wood
W. Bro H.J. Barnes

Wardens Columns	W. Bro C. Hewins
Tripod with Smooth Ashlar	W. Bro H.G. Mansey
Miniature 3 rd Degree Tracing Board	W. Bro D.D. Magee and W. Bro C.G. Wheeler
Charity Collecting Bags	W. Bro F. Rawlinson and W. Bro E.F.S. Corps
Collar Stand	W. Bro H.L. King

In recalling the memory of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren we remember with thanks and gratitude all they have done to enable the Lodge to continue through fifty years.

May the present members look forward to continuing the fine tradition of Waverley Lodge No. 4723 and perhaps it is not unreasonable to hope that some of our younger Brethren who are with us today may be present at the Centenary on the 16th September 2025.

Tommy Watkin

The years 1975 to 2000 (Continued buy W. Bro Richard Graham)

I would like to pick up the Lodge's History from where W. Bro. Tommy Watkin left off, just before our Golden Jubilee.

The Golden Jubilee was held on the 16th September 1975 at the Masonic Temple in Castle Street, Farnham by the permission of the Provincial Grand Master by way of an Emergency Meeting and a duly received Dispensation dated 8-4-AL5975 AD1975.

Our Worshipful Master was W. Bro. Cyril Edwards and other Officers that are still familiar names to us were:-

J.W.	Bro. Cyril Allenet
	W. Bro. Colin Stone (acting J.W.)
Secretary	W. Bro. Hugh King
J.D.	Bro. Arthur J. Birmingham
	W. Bro. D. D. Magee (acting ADC)

Organist	Bro. Roy F. Poole
Steward	Bro. Richard Graham

Other members that were there and are still with us today are:-
W. Bro. T.C. Watkin and Brothers R.G. Gardiner, P.W. Storey and G.F. Forward. That night we had 40 visiting Brethren.

We were honoured by Province in the persons of:-
W. Bro. H.W. Malthouse, Prov.Deputy G.D.C. who accompanied:-

W. Bro. A.J.P. Whiteway, Past S.G.D., AProvGM

A formal procession was formed and the Asst. P.G.M. entered the Lodge, and brought with him the personal good wishes of the Provincial Grand Master which he duly conveyed to the Brethren.

W. Bro. Tommy Watkin gave a brief resume of the History of the Lodge of which I am very thankful for today!

The AProvGM addressed the Lodge the theme being "The Random Thoughts of a Mason," and on this special evening we dined at the Bush Hotel.

1975 saw Brother Jack Hitchen Installed into the Chair of King Solomon.

The Principal Officers were:-

Chaplain	W. Bro G.E. Dore
Treasurer	W. Bro. Lt. Col. F.J. Bayman
Secretary	W. Bro. H.L. King
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Tyler	Bro. J. Kimber

Bro. A.J. Birmingham proposed his brother Mr G.W. Birmingham and W. Bro. Tommy Watkin was appointed the FIRST Charity Steward of the Lodge but could not be invested because the design of the collar jewel had not yet been approved by Grand Lodge. During the evening the Lodge by laws were read and Bro. G.F. Forward was elected to the CLAWCO committee.

This special year closed with the Initiation of Mr G.W. Birmingham.

1976

1976 started off with the Initiation of Sergeant B.K. Van Wyk.

The Traditional History was given by W. Bro. Tommy Watkin twice during the year.

The W.M. recorded his thanks to W. Bro. Watkin for providing the new Charity Stewards Collar Jewel. Also recorded was the Lodge's thanks to W. Bro Hitchen for providing the collar.

The 2nd Degree Tracing Board was presented by W. Bro. H.J. Barnes twice during the year.

Bro. Cyril Allenet was installed into the Chair of King Solomon. The principal Officers for the year:-

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.E. Dore
Treasurer	W. Bro. H.L. King
Secretary	Bro. J.W.R. Williams
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity Stwd	W. Bro. D.D. Magee
Tyler	Bro. J. Kimber

There were 33 members and 25 visitors present.

Congratulations were extended to W. Bro Hugh King on being appointed to ACTIVE RANK as Prov.S.G.D.

Bro. Jim Kimber presented the 2nd degree Working Tools. W. Bro. Alf Green, P.M. of Fuglemere Lodge No. 5073 and Bro. John Gregson, Commercial Travellers Lodge No. 3493 in the Province of Lancashire became joining members.

The year finished with Bro. Roger Gardiner presenting the Explanation of the 2nd Degree Tracing Board.

1977

1977 saw the Initiation of Mr Jack Lamport and Mr Frank Scull. W. Bro. F. Goodyear, Past G.Std.B. was the representative of the P.G.M.

We have already noted the first steps of our present Grand Officer when Bro. Roger Gardiner gave an explanation of the 2nd Degree Tracing Board in December last. Now enters another future stalwart of the Lodge when we Raised Bro. George Birmingham to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Traditional History was given by W. Bro. Peter Ashford. Salutations were given to W. Bro. E.R. Gudge Past A.G.D.C. a regular visitor to Waverley and a letter was received from Waverley Lodge No. 296 of Bondi in New South Wales. W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler was elected a Director of the F.M.H.C. Ltd.

We had a Historical lecture entitled "The Temple" which was given by W. Bro. J.C. Core, Past A.G.D.C. and later in the year W. Bro. Alf Green presented the Traditional History.

Bro Arthur Birmingham was installed into the chair of King Solomon, and the working tools were presented by: Bro. Bill Addington, W. Bro. Jack Hitchen and Bro. Jim Kimber.

W. Bro. Jim Barnes was congratulated on his appointment to the ACTIVE RANK of P.A.G.D.C.

During the summer recess we took W. Bro. F.L. Andrews of Waverley Lodge No 296, N.S.W. to the Provincial meeting.

During the year the Lodge was honoured with the presence of W. Bro. U.A.D. Padmore, Past A.G.D.C., P.P.G.S.W. the representative of the P.G.M.

This year saw the subscriptions increased to £12-00.

1978

1978 started with the Initiation of Mr M.J. Birmingham, a Lewis. A very proud moment when a Father has the opportunity to Initiate his son.

The Traditional History was given by W. Bro. Peter Ashford and later in the year W. Bro. Jim Barnes explained the 2nd degree Tracing Board.

The initiation of Mr Robert Harold Buckingham took place. Bro. Roger Gardiner gave the explanation of the first degree tracing board. The explanation of the first degree tracing board is not part of Waverley tradition nor of many other Lodges either, so it was rather a unique occasion. We balloted for Mr Francis Lewis Larmer, a Canadian who we would soon all get to know.

Bro. Gerald Chorley was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:-

Chaplain	W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. P. Ashford
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity	W. Bro. D.D. Magee
Tyler	Bro. J. Kimber

There were 45 members and 20 visitors present.

Bro Peter Storey, who was due to move to Australia, resigned and the resignation of W. Bro. Lt.Col. Ellsmore was also recorded. Bro. John Graham became a Joining member.

W. Bro. C.L. Wood had passed to the Grand Lodge above. The news of the sale of the Boys School was also recorded.

1979

1979 started off with W. Bro. Alf Green presenting the Traditional History to Bros. Scull and Buckingham. Mr Trevor Boswell, a Lewis was Initiated and W. Bro. The Rev. N. Barker Cryer was the representative of the P.G.M.

Sadly it was reported that W. Bro. Bennet and W. Bro. G.E. Chorley had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro. Richard Graham was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. Bro. Richard Graham was the youngest Master of Lodge being only 30 years of age. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity	W. Bro. D.D. Magee,
Tyler	Bro. F. White

There were 39 members and 16 visitors present.

Bro. Shoebridge resigned, Mr S.W. Goolding was initiated into the Lodge and Bro. Chris Magee became a joining member. Bro. Chris being the son of W. Bro. Doug Magee.

Our Banner was restored this year by Bro. Maurice Walker and in November the Summons took on its present form.

1980 saw W. Bro Peter Ashford presenting the Traditional History.

Mr C. Reynolds was initiated and Bro. Colin was W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler's son-in-law. W. Bro. M. Jump was the representative of the P.G.M. This year saw the reduction of our Lodge meetings from 7 to 6 meetings per year, omitting the February meeting. W. Bro. F. Bayman was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge but chose to continue as a full subscribing member.

Bro. G.F. Forward was installed into the chair of King Solomon and on this occasion the Lodge was honoured with the presence of W. Bro. Hayden Sharpe who was accompanying W. Bro. S.T. Hayes, AProvGM. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 37 members and 20 visitors present.

The Grand charity was formed and also the 1983 Festival was mentioned. W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler was congratulated on his appointment to Active Provincial Rank of Provincial Grand Steward.

It was sadly reported that W. Bro. E.R. Gudge had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Mr P.J. Greenfield was duly initiated into Freemasonry and the year ended with W. Bro. H.J. Barnes presenting the Traditional History.

1981 started with the sad news that W. Bro. F. Bayman had passed to the Grand Lodge above. A letter from the ProvGSec on behalf of the P.G.M. was received expressing sympathy to the Lodge following the passing of W. Bro. Bayman. W. Bro. Hugh King mentioned that W. Bro. Bayman's jewels had now been added to the display of jewels in the Grand and Provincial robing room.

On a happier note we congratulated W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell on his promotion to P.P.J.G.D. in the Province of Middlesex and W. Bro. Alf Green on his appointment to P.P.G.Supt.Wks.

Mr C.O.T. Lewis was initiated, W. Bro. Alf Green presented the Traditional History and W. Bro. R. Graham was appointed to the Provincial Charity committee.

Bro. R.G. Gardiner was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 38 members and 30 visitors present.

Bros. R. Batchelor and J.W.R. Williams resigned and the sad loss of W. Bros. B. Elsmore, W.M. in 1960 and J. Marr, W.M. in 1952 were reported.

A chair was purchased and presented to the F.M.H.C. Ltd in memory of W. Bro. Frank Bayman, M.B.E., P.P.S.G.W., P.D.G.Chap., Punjab, P.D.G.W., Bombay, W.M. 1970.

We carried out a rare double ceremony when Bros. Greenfield and Lewis were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft. Also, two stalwarts of the Lodge were made joining members, Bros. Rod Dall and Neville Gunning. Mr G.R. Chapman was also initiated into the Lodge.

1982

1982 started off with the Initiation of Mr M. Hitchen, a Lewis. W. Bro. Alf Green gave the Charge and also during the year the Traditional History. Bro. S.J. Hinson became a joining member.

W. Bro. Stott, W. Bro. C.K.J. Edwards and Bro Jim Kimber passed to the Grand Lodge above. Many of us will remember those kind words of reassurance Bro. Jim gave us whilst waiting in the ante room prior to our Initiation.

A B.B.Q. was announced. This was to be held at Cherry Trees the home of W. Bro. S.R. Carter. Bro. Carter was a powerhouse behind Farnham Masonry and Cherry Trees was used on many occasions especially when the Farnham Masonic Charities was formed.

Bro. George Birmingham was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

That night we had 35 members and 17 visitors present.

Squadron Leader Michael Graham was initiated into the Lodge.

W. Bro. Colin Stone was congratulated on his appointment to P.P.J.G.D. and we were honoured with the presence of W. Bro. J.J. Harker as the representative of the P.G.M.

Bro. Peter Storey re-joined the Lodge after his return from Australia and we also welcomed back an old joining member, W. Bro. Harry Partridge, P.P.Std.B. Warks.

The year ended with the explanation of 2nd degree Tracing Board being given by W. Bro. Roger Gardiner.

1983

1983 saw Mr James Nagle initiated into the Lodge. Grand Lodge certificates were presented by W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler. Bro Cyril made this particular piece of ritual his own for many years.

Bro. M.J. Bristow became a joining member and W. Bro. P. Ashford presented the Traditional History.

Bro. John Gregson was installed into the chair of King Solomon and he brought with him some Lancastrian working that kept the D.C. on his toes. One nice touch though was at his Ladies evening where his singer presented every lady present with a red rose. The principal officers this year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.F. Forward
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 43 members and 34 visitors present including many from Preston.

It was announced that the 1983 festival jewel would be permanent. Waverley Lodge donated £6,300-00 to the 1983 festival and became a PATRON OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Mr Alan Rockall was initiated into the Lodge.

The Lodge was honoured with the presence of W. Bro. H.M. Sharpe who accompanied the W. Bro. P.G. Toler Prov.S.G.D. DepPGM. A formal procession was formed.

The death of Bro. Dai Rees was announced. Bro. Dai was well known in the U.K. and the golfing world.

1984

1984 saw W. Bro. Roger Gardiner presenting the Traditional History. Bro. Roger had already presented the explanation of the 1st and 2nd degree tracing boards in the past.

W. Bro. Cyril Allenet also presented the Traditional History and W. Bro. R. Graham continued as our representative on the Provincial Charity committee.

Bro. Jack Lamport was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.F. Forward
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. H.J. Barnes
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 42 members and 27 visitors present.

Mr Tony Fisher was initiated into the Lodge and Bro. Tom McVeigh became a joining member. W. Bro. Alf Green gave what was to be his last explanation of the 2nd degree Tracing Board.

The first rumblings of the sale of the Royal Masonic Hospital were reported.

W. Bro. E.J. Sewell of St Andrews Lodge and Bro. H.F. Goolding passed to the Grand lodge above. Bro. Ted will be remembered by all who attended St Andrews Lodge of Instruction.

The price of the meals was increased to £4-50.

1985

The Initiations of Mr Keith Mortimer, Mr A.J. Barnes, a Lewis, and Mr C.F. Larmer, another Lewis, took place during the year. W. Bro. H.J. Barnes, with great pride, initiated his son. Also Bro. Brian Paddock and Bro. Bill Fawbert became joining members of the Lodge.

The sudden death of W. Bro. Alf Green was announced.

We were honoured with the presence of W. Bro. E.N. Gudge P.P.J.G.W. the representative of the P.G.M. and later on during the year by W. Bro. O.V.H. Farrant, P.P.S.G.W.

Bros S. Hinson and E. Croucher resigned.

W. Bro. Harold Cole made one of his many visits as a guest organist.

The 29th of March 1985 saw the consecration of Fearnhamme Lodge No. 9149. Membership was drawn from Farnham, Weybridge and Bisley. St Andrews Lodge No. 1046 was their sponsor.

Bro. Frank Scull was installed into the chair of King Solomon.

The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 41 members and 16 visitors present at the meeting. W. Bro. G.F. Forward presented the 250th Jewel for the first of many occasions.

W. Bro. D.D. Magee was congratulated on his Provincial Grand Chapter appointment to P.P.G.St.B, our tenth honour since 1926 and W. Bro Jim Barnes was thanked for thirteen years service to the Lodge as DC. W. Bro. Cyril Allenet was congratulated on his appointment to P.P.A.G.D.C.

Castle Street Dining donated £2,000 to the F.M.H.C. Ltd.

1986

1986 began with the Traditional History being presented by W. Bro Jack Lamport.

It was reported by W. Bro. E.N. Gudge that steps were being taken to entertain the Widows of Farnham Masons, setting the pattern that would eventually be followed by Province! W. Bro. Harry Partridge has been a staunch supporter of the widows' luncheon as has W. Bro. Bill Fawbert in later years.

Mr Clay Davis (D.A.C.), and Mr C.J.A. Hardwick were initiated into the Lodge.

£5,000 was spent on new Lodge chairs - half to be paid for by F.M.H.C. Ltd and the balance to be split between the separate Lodges, resulting in us paying £320.

It was sadly reported that Bro. James Nagle had lost his battle with illness and left a wife and two young children. A petition was duly submitted to the Provincial Charity committee and help for the children's well-being was forthcoming.

Congratulations were extended to W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham on his appointment to active rank of Prov.G.Stwd. and to W. Bro. D.D. Magee on his promotion to P.P.S.G.D.

Bro. Eric Ingram was installed into the chair Of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There 40 members and 24 visitors present at this meeting.

We were honoured with the presence of W. Bro. G.C.E. Crew who accompanied W. Bro. B.C.W. Hart, P.S.G.D., AProvGM

The first mention of the 1977 Festival was made and in great comfort the new Lodge seating was used. A not so popular announcement was that the meals were to be increased to £5-00.

The resignations of Bros. B.L. Larking and E. Newman were reported.

Information was received about the omission of the 'Physical Penalties' from our ritual. Much confusion would reign for a while.

It was with great regret that we heard that our Senior Dining Steward of many years, Bro. Bill Addington passed to the Grand Lodge above.

We ended the year with the explanation of the 2nd degree Tracing Board being given by Bro. Chris Magee.

Donations continued to be made to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

1987

1987 started with W. Bro. Colin Stone presenting the Traditional History.

A cheque was received from the F.M.H.C. Ltd for £361 being repayment of interest on the debenture stock taken out in 1947.

Mr Trevor Cooper and Mr G.A. Mills were Initiated into the Lodge. A rising star! It was announced that W. Bro. T. Doyle, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W. was to be invested as AProvGM, also W. Bro. A.J. Birmingham was congratulated on his promotion to P.P.S.G.D. and W. Bro. George Dore was elected an Honorary member of the Lodge in recognition of past service to the Lodge.

Azor Lodge No. 9208 was consecrated on the 20th February and drew its membership mainly from the Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham area. Many were Hampshire masons.

W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler continued to present Grand Lodge certificates and W. Bro. Jack Lamport gave the explanation of the

2nd degree Tracing Board. Also in Lodge in April was W. Bro. Tommy Watkin who was visiting us from his home in Chester.

Alas, subscriptions were raised to £27-00.

W. Bro. Harry Partridge was installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. E. Ingram
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Almoner	W. Bro. H.L. King
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 38 members and 29 visitors at this meeting.

We were honoured by the presence of W. Bro. P.R. Swinerton, P.G.St.B.,P.G.Treas., the representative of the P.G.M.

Bro. Rev. P.H.C. Dickens became a joining member of the Lodge and W. Bro. C.A. Stone was thanked for his service to the Lodge on his retirement as Treasurer.

It was also reported that W. Bro. Lt.Col. G.C.C. Wood had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

In future the Lodges' shares would be in the name of the Secretary.

The year was brought to a close by W. Bro. Jim Barnes presenting the Traditional history to his son Bro. Tony.

1988 saw a rare occurrence when we carried out a double ceremony when Bros. Hardwick and Cooper were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft. This was the second double ceremony in 25 years no less.

The deaths were announced of Bros. John Williams and H.G.(Son) Mansey.

W. Bro. John Gregson was installed into the chair of his Mother Lodge in Preston and Mr Colin Brett and Mr John Barney were initiated into the Lodge. W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner took the chair so as to initiate his own candidate, Mr Colin Brett. Congratulations were recorded for the appointment to active rank of W. Bro. Richard Graham, Prov.G.Stwd and to W. Bro. A.R. Tysoe P.A.G.Supt.Wks., P.P.J.G.W. who was appointed AProvGM.

Hale Lodge No. 9272 was consecrated on the 15th July.

W. Bro. C.A. Stone presented the Traditional History and W. Bro. Harry Partridge was elected to the committee of the Provincial Charity Committee.

W. Bro. Richard Graham made the first of many announcements concerning the 1997 Festival when he advised the Lodge that we had sent £1,500 to the Festival. Later during the year we were advised that our Lodge was in the top five in the Province with regard our donations to the 1997 Festival.

Bro. D.T. Boswell was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. E. Ingram
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham

Almoner
Tyler

W. Bro. H.L. King
Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 35 members and 12 visitors present at this meeting. The address to the Master was given by W. Bro. L.D.H. Boswell, the Master's Father. The 250th Jewel was presented as usual by W. Bro. G.F. Forward. Bro. Gordon Boniface made one of his many visits as our guest organist.

Bro. W.P. Fawbert was elected to the F.M.H.C. Ltd and W. Bro. Barnes was appointed a Director of the F.M.H.C. Ltd.. We were honoured by the presence of W. Bro. M. Sharcross, O.B.E., P.A.G.Reg., the representative of the P.G.M.

Sadly it was announced that Bro. Maurice Walker and Bro. G.A. Mills had passed to the Grand Lodge above and the resignation of Bro. B. Paddock and A. Turpin was recorded.

Subscriptions rose to £30-00.

1989

1989 kicked off with W. Bro. Jack Lamport presenting the Traditional History.

W. Bro. Richard Graham reported on his luncheon at the House of Lords with the PGM. This was in tribute to the Lodge's donations to the 1997 Festival so far. We also made a small donation to mark the 20th anniversary of the Earl of Shannon becoming the P.G.M.

Mr B.R. Ellen, a Lewis, and Mr K. Molyneux were initiated into the Lodge.

Congratulations were recorded for the appointment of W. Bro. G.F. Forward to P.P.A.G.Supt.Wks. and W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler's

promotion to P.P.S.G.D.. W. Bros. H.M. Sharp and O.G.R. Tomlin were to be appointed to AProvGM.

W. Bro. G.E. Dore P.P.J.G.W. was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge in recognition of his service to the Lodge.

W. Bro. Colin Stone presented the Traditional History and W. Bro. Harry Partridge was elected Provincial Charity representative.

It was announced that a presentation would be made to W. Bro. S.R. Carter on the 8th June in recognition of his service to Farnham Masonry.

Bro. Neville Gunning was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. E. Ingram
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 35 members and 15 visitors present.

On this evening we were honoured by the presence of W. Bro. G.H. Jones, B.Com., P.A.G.D.C., P.P.J.G.W., the representative of the P.G.M. He commented that our ceremony was one of the finest he had seen, praise indeed.

Sadly Bro. Michael Graham resigned and two brethren were excluded under rule 148 BOC but the year ended with an excellent presentation of the 2nd degree Tracing board by Bro. Keith Mortimer.

1990 began with the announcement that Bro. Len Noble had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

On a happier note congratulations were recorded on the appointment to active rank of W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner, Prov.G.Stwd. Also, W. Bro. H. Partridge was appointed to P.P.J.G.D. and W. Bro. C.A. Stone was promoted to P.P.G.Supt.Wks.

The Lodge Relief Chest was mentioned for the first time.

Mr S. Lusty was initiated into the Lodge.

The resignation was announced of the V.W. The Rev. N.B. Cryer, AProvGM. Once met, you would never forget this dignitary. He was replaced by W. Bro. K.G. Twitchen, P.G.D.C., P.G.D.C. as AProvGM.

Another B.B.Q. was held at Cherry Trees and in April W. Bro. S.R. Carter visited us as did W. Bro. Tommy Watkin who had recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

W. Bro. P.H. Ashford donated £100 for charitable purposes. He hoped it would in some measure compensate for his poor attendance at Lodge over the last few years.

Bro. Chris Magee was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. E. Ingram
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.C. Allenet
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Almoner	W. Bro. D.D. Magee
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 34 members and 12 visitors present.

W. Bro. C.C. Allenet presented the 250th Jewel and Bro Gordon Boniface who had been appointed P.P.G.Stwd., Hants., was our guest organist.

W. Bro. Richard Graham reported that the Lodge had donated £8,890 to the 1997 Festival and that we had another £2,000 to send.

The resignations of W. Bros. L.D.H. Boswell, W. Bro. P.H. Ashford and Bros. H.J. Booth, A.J. Barnes, W.L. Farrow, D.H. Haslar were received.

We were honoured with the presence of W. Bro. D. Barr, Prov.J.G.D., who accompanied W. Bro. T. Doyle, P.S.G.D., AProvGM. A formal procession was formed. With regret, after many years Bro. Frank Larmer retired as our senior dining steward. At Christmas time gifts were sent to all widows of Brethren of the Lodge, which are much appreciated by the recipients.

Finally W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler was thanked for laying out the Lodge and W. Bro. Cyril Allenet gave an excellent presentation of the Traditional History.

1991

1991 started with the initiation of Mr M.Davison and mention of the annual Cathedral service was made, and during the year Grand Lodge certificates were presented and explained by W. Bro. Cyril Allenet. Much alarm was raised when the details of the repairs to the Masonic Hall were made known: Subsidence £30,000, Repairs to roof £37,000 and other repairs £10,000.

The retirement of W. Bro. A.R. Tysoe, AProvGM was announced. His replacement was W. Bro. J.B. Toler, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.D.C. who would be appointed to AProvGM.

Congratulations were also recorded for W. Bro. Roger Gardiner who was promoted to active rank of ProvSGD, Bro. Roy Ellen who was appointed to active rank of Prov.G.Stwd., W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham who was appointed to P.P.J.G.D., and W. Bro. John Gregson who was appointed to P.P.A.G.Supt.Wks.

The resignations of Bros B. Van Wyk and M. Bristow were received and W. Bro. Harry Partridge continued as our Charity Representative.

Bro. C.B. Reynolds was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. E. Ingram
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. D.T. Boswell
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 35 members and 16 visitors present.

The 250th Jewel was presented by W. Bro. G.F. Forward who also played the organ for the first time.

We were honoured with the presence of one of Farnham's own in the presence of W. Bro. E.N. Gudge, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.J.W. the representative of the P.G.M.

The deaths of three old friends were reported, W. Bro. P. Ashford and Bros. Fred White and Len Wright. Also Bros M. Hitchen and Rev. H. Dickens resigned.

Our contributions to the 1997 Festival stood at £13,500 with a further £1,000 to send.

Thanks were recorded to W. Bro. Cyril Allenet, the retiring D.C. and W. Bro. Richard Graham, the retiring Charity Steward. However, Bro. Graham told the Brethren that he would still be responsible for the Lodge's 1997 Festival activities as he was still the Secretary and Treasurer of the Benevolent Association.

1992 saw Mr Jonathan Camfield and Mr John Tolley initiated into the Lodge and two well known local Grand officers visited us in February, W. Bros. S.R. Carter and E.N. Gudge.

£250 was donated to the New Samaritan Fund and the Lodge became a Patron of the New Samaritan Fund.

W. Bro. Sq.Ld. A. Fordham, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W., was appointed to AProvGM and congratulations were also recorded for the appointments of W. Bro. Tom McVeigh, P.P.A.G.Swd.B. and W. Bro. Jack Lamport, P.P.G.St.B.. Bro. Peter Storey returned from Australia and re-joined the Lodge.

W. Bro. Cyril Allenet was installed into the chair of King Solomon for the second time. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Graham
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. D.T. Boswell
	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 38 members and 15 visitors present. The 250th Jewel was presented by W. Bro. G.F. Forward.

It was recorded that W. Bro. Eric Ingram passed to the Grand Lodge above.

The 1997 Festival account now stood at £17,627

In November we were honoured by the presence of W. Bro. Lt.Col. T. Jagler, M.B.E., P.A.G.Swd.B., P.P.G.Swd.B., the representative of the P.G.M.. Unfortunately our candidate did not appear. After much ado it was decided to carry on with a demonstration 2nd degree ceremony.

W. Bro. Chris Magee donated a new 3rd degree sheet.

It was announced that a special Provincial meeting was to be held at 'Castle Martyr Lodge' at Croydon to appoint 35 people to P.P.G. Rank.

The year ended with W. Bro. Gerry Forward acting as our organist.

1993

1993 began with our annual Past Masters evening.

Congratulations were recorded to mark W. Bro. Roger Gardiner's promotion to the active rank of Prov.Dep.G.D.C. We were to hear much about the Deputy's mess and un-obtrusive wine takings!! We also congratulated W. Bro. Frank Scull on his appointment to P.P.A.G.D.C.

Bar duties and lodge pairings were discussed. This always proved to be a 'hot chestnut.'

W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner continued to explain the 2nd degree Tracing Board in fine style and the Farnham Masonic Study Group was formed.

Bro. Keith Mortimer was installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Graham
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. D.T. Boswell
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 30 members and 12 visitors present.

Sadly it was reported that our amiable Canadian, Bro. Frank Larmer had passed to the Grand Lodge above. W. Bro. Colin Stone was elected as our F.M.H.C. Ltd Director and the 1997 Festival was still going strong. W. Bro. Richard Graham reported our total stood at £19,169

Mr Ian Dawson and Mr Chris Willis were initiated into the Lodge and Bro. Carol Larmer became Treasurer of the Benevolent Association, following his father, Bro. Frank Larmer who held the position before he died. W. Bro R. Graham advised the Lodge that the Benevolent Association was to become a registered charity.

The W.M. welcomed W. Bro. Tommy Watkin, the Lodge's senior past master who had travelled down from Chester. He also welcomed another Past Master, W. Bro. John Gregson, who had travelled even further, having come down from Preston.

The Lodge was honoured with the presence of W. Bro. P.W. Waight, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.Dep.G.Sec., the representative of the P.G.M.

1994

1994 commenced with W. Bro. Hugh King proposing that W. Bro. Jim Barnes be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge. The motion was unanimously carried.

One member was excluded under rule 181 BOC.

W. Bro. B. Beven and W. Bro. Lt.Col. D.A.M. Phipps were appointed AProvGMs and W. Bro. Roger Gardiner was congratulated on being re-appointed Prov.Dep.G.D.C. Also congratulated was W. Bro. Cyril Allenet on his promotion to P.P.G.Reg.

Mr Peter Sole was initiated into the Lodge and W. Bro. John Gregson, P.P.A.G.Supt.Wks. gave a most interesting talk entitled 'My visit to Lodge Waverley No.296 Bondi, New South Wales, Australia.' W. Bro. Harry

Partridge was thanked for organising the Widows' Luncheons for many years past.

Bro. W.F. Fawbert was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Graham
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. D.T. Boswell
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 27 members and 13 visitors present

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of W. Bro. E.R. Peel, Prov.A.G.Swd.B., who accompanied W. Bro. H.M. Sharp, P.S.G.D., AProvGM. A formal procession was formed.

The resignation of Bro John Graham was reported.

W. Bro. Richard Graham reported that the Waverley Lodge Benevolent Association was now a duly registered charity and its registration number was No.1031796.

The Rules of the association were circulated and Bro. Graham thanked W. Bro. Chris Magee for printing the revised association Rules.

The 1997 Festival account now stood at £22,128 and the W.M. had the pleasurable task of giving our Official Visitor a further cheque for £1,750.

We were reminded that at our Christmas meeting our Ladies would be invited to our Festive Board. This has since become an annual event as has inviting a choir or similar to sing Christmas carols.

The year ended with a splendid explanation of the 2nd degree Tracing Board by W. Bro. Keith Mortimer.

1995 started off with the good news that W. Bro. Roger Gardiner has yet again been re-appointed Prov.Dep.G.D.C. Congratulations were also recorded on the appointment of W. Bro. D.T. Boswell to P.P.A.G.Reg. and W. Bro. N. Gunning to P.P.A.G.D.C. W. Bro. P.R. Swinerton, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Treas. was appointed as AProvGM.

The Traditional History was presented by W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner and W. Bro. C.A. Stone during the year.

Mr M.G. Price was initiated into the Lodge and the resignation of Bro. C.J. Hardwick was reported.

Grand Lodge certificates were presented to and explained by W. Bro. Jack Lamport. W. Bro. Harry Partridge continues as our Provincial Charity Representative.

The Association of Friends of Shannon Court was mentioned.

Bro. D.A.C. Davis was installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Graham
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner
D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	Bro. S. Lusty
Charity Std	W. Bro. D.T. Boswell
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 28 members and 14 visitors present.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of W. Bro. A.J. Oakes, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.J.G.D., the representative of the P.G.M.

The first news of the 1997 Festival dinner was announced and the account now stood at £25,256.

The year concluded with a Masonic quiz which was very well received. This marked a period when ceremonies would not always be possible due to a lack of candidates.

Once again Bro. Gordon Boniface was our guest organist.

1996

1996 commenced with W. Bro. C.C. Allenet, P.P.G.Reg. being elected an honorary member of the Lodge in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

It was sadly reported that W. Bro. G.E. Dore had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

W. Bro. Chris Magee was congratulated on his appointment to active rank, P.J.G.D., as was Bro .R.F. Poole on his appointment to active rank, ProvGStwd.

W. Bro. Keith Mortimer made a donation for painting the Lodge's crest onto a shield which would be hung in the dining room.

We received a talk from W. Bro. D.W. Present Collins, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.J.G.D. entitled 'The spread of Freemasonry through India and South East Asia.'

The subscriptions went up to £57-00 and the 250 club was mentioned.

A book called 'The Hiram Keys' caused somewhat of a stir, prompting Grand Lodge to claim it to be inaccurate and not accepted by Grand Lodge as fact.

Bro. John Barney was installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Graham
Secretary	W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner

D.C.	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. R. Graham
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 29 members and 23 visitors present. The 250th Jewel was presented by W. Bro. Jack Lamport

W. Bro. R. Graham reported that we had increased our 1997 Festival target to £33,000 and that we had received 6 tickets for the festival dinner.

Mr C.C. Haggart was initiated into the Lodge and Bro. G.H. Bright became a joining member of the Lodge and Bro. Michael Price gave an excellent explanation of the 2nd degree tracing board.

The resignation of Bro. S. Lusty was reported.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of W. Bro. M.M. Skelly, I.S.O., P.A.G.Swd.B., P.P.S.G.D. the representative of the P.G.M.

Yet again the year ended with a Masonic quiz.

Donations were made to the Poppy Appeal and the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

1997

1997 got off to a good start when W. Bro. R. Graham was congratulated on his promotion to P.P.G.Reg. at an emergency meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Castle Martyr Lodge No.8420 in Croydon during the summer recess. Also W. Bro. Roger Gardiner was congratulated on his promotion to active rank of Provincial Grand Director of ceremonies.

It was reported that Bros. Terry Bunce and Jack Smith had resigned, as had Bro Carol Larmer as he was emigrating to Australia.

With great pride it was recorded that W. Bro. R.G. Gardiner had been appointed to active GRAND rank as AGDC. It is many years since the Lodge had been honoured by Grand Lodge and congratulations were duly recorded.

Brother Roger joined Waverley lodge in 1973 and was Master in 1981. He was:

- Appointed to Provincial Grand Steward in 1990
- Promoted to Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in 1991
- Promoted to Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1993
- Promoted to Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1997
- Appointed to Assistant Grand Director of ceremonies in 1997.

Brother Roger has always been busy locally; he was Secretary of the Farnham Masonic Hall Company Limited from 1984 to 1994 and Secretary of our Lodge from 1986 to 1996.

Subscriptions continue to rise, now set at £60-00.

Continuing our lack of candidates we carried out two demonstration Initiations during the year. On one occasion our newly appointed Grand Officer acted as candidate!

W. Bro. Harry Partridge continues as our Provincial Charity Rep.

W. Bro. Jack Lamport was installed into the chair of King Solomon for the second time. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. C.A. Stone
Treasurer	W. Bro. W.P. Fawbert
Secretary	W. Bro. R. Graham
D.C.	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. J. Barney
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 29 members and 6 visitors present.

The 250th Jewel was presented for the first time by W. Bro. Colin Reynolds.

Salutations were given to our newly appointed Grand Officer, W. Bro. Roger Gardiner who suitably replied.

The death of W. Bro. Clay Davis was sadly recorded.

This year the Lodge was honoured with the presence of W. Bro. E.A. Tasker, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.D., the representative of the P.G.M.

The year ended with an explanation of the 1st and 2nd degree tracing Boards by Bro. Michael Price and W. Bro. Keith Mortimer.

W. Bro. Tommy Watkin was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge in recognition of his past services and also to mark his 50 years as a member of Waverley Lodge.

We were also honoured with guests from Waverley Lodge No.597 who had travelled down from Scotland. They had the opportunity to explain why they wore their aprons under their jackets, single breasted jackets only though!

The final total for the 1997 festival was 7.5 million. Our contribution was £33,000.00. The Lodge became a Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Due to fire regulations it was announced that we could no longer carry members up and down the stairs. Did we ever?

1998

1998 still had a shortage of candidates but the year started off with an illuminating lecture titled 'The astronomy and symbolism of the Lodge', this was given by W. Bro. Sq.Ld. Alan Fordham, P.S.G.D., AProvGM. On another occasion we had a demonstration 2nd degree ceremony.

W. Bro. Richard Graham was delighted to announce that W. Bro. John Barney was to be the new Secretary and Treasurer of the Waverley Lodge

Benevolent Association and wished him well. W. Bro. R. Graham was thanked for his 18 years service as secretary of the Benevolent Association.

It was reported that W. Bro. P.O. Toler, P.G.Swd.B. was to retire after 30 years service. Also W. Bro. Alan Fordham was to retire.

W. Bro. T. Doyle P.S.G.D., AProvGM was appointed Deputy PGM. W. Bro. C.R. Dunn and W. Bro. Churchill-Coleman were appointed AProvGM.

The resignation of W. Bro. Tom McVeigh was reported as he was now living in Wales.

W. Bro. Hugh King presented W. Bro. Tommy Watkin with an engraved firing glass in recognition of his service to the Lodge and his 50 years as a Member of this Lodge.

The February minutes were signed by 'Shannon'.

It was many years since a Provincial Grand Master had visited Waverley Lodge, so it was with great excitement that we attended our March meeting. Even though the P.G.M. was visiting in a private capacity to see his Godson initiated it was still a great honour to have The Earl of Shannon amongst us. On this evening Mr R.A.R. Boyle was initiated into the Lodge. The P.G.M. kindly agreed to present the Initiates bible to Bro. Robert Boyle.

Mr S. Hughes was also initiated into the Lodge during the year.

A personal letter from the P.G.M. to W. Bro. Tommy Watkin was read out to the Lodge. The Provincial Charity representative for the year was to be W. Bro. Colin Reynolds and congratulations were recorded on his appointment to P.P.A.G.Supt.Wks.

We also received the first donation towards our new Banner. W. Bro. Tommy Watkin most generously made his donation at the time he celebrated 50 years in Masonry and membership of Waverley Lodge.

Bro. R.M. Dall was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

Chaplain	W. Bro. N. Gunning
Treasurer	W. Bro. W.F. Fawbert
Secretary	W. Bro. R. Graham
D.C.	W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham
Almoner	W. Bro. H. Partridge
Charity Std	W. Bro. J. Barney
Tyler	Bro. D.R. Ellen

There were 26 members and 12 visitors present.

W. Bro. Colin Reynolds presented the 250th Jewel.

The 21CC (Twenty First Century Charity Committee) was mentioned for the first time.

We were honoured with the presence of W. Bro. G.S. Peters, Prov.S.G.D. who accompanied W. Bro. T. Doyle, P.S.G.D., PGM. W. Bro. Terry Doyle was well known to all of us who had been involved in the 1997 Festival. The DepPGM presented the Initiates bible to Bro. S. Hughes. We heard the news that W. Bro. Bryn Beven was to stand down as AProvGM.

It was announced that W. Bro. Jim Barnes and W. Bro. Frank Scull had passed to the Grand Lodge above.

W. Bros. Doug Magee, Arthur Birmingham and Gerry Forward were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge in recognition of their services to the Lodge.

W. Bro. Hugh King gave a very moving tribute to W. Bro. Harry Partridge when he presented him with an engraved firing glass to mark his 50 years in Freemasonry. W. Bro. Jack Lampport was also presented with an engraved firing glass in recognition of his year of office.

W. Bro. George Bright was congratulated on his being installed into the chair of his Mother Lodge, New Welcome Lodge No. 5139.

1999 began with the same shortage of candidates and the year started off with a Masonic quiz.

It was also announced that the subscription were to rise to £63-00

Mr Terry James was initiated into the Lodge.

The P.G.M. confirmed his retirement and announced that W. Bro. T. Doyle was to succeed him. The P.G.M. had been P.G.M. for 32 years and said it was an honour and privilege to have presided over one of the finest Provinces in the English Constitution.

This year we were honoured with many appointments and promotions and congratulations were recorded as follows:

- W. Bro. Keith Mortimer, appointed to P.P.A.G.D.C.
- W. Bro. Roger Gardiner, re-appointed Prov.G.D.C.
- W. Bro. Hugh King, promoted to P.P.S.G.W.
- W. Bro. G.W. Birmingham, promoted to P.P.J.G.W.
- W. Bro. Jack Lamport, promoted to P.P.Supt.Wks.

Bro. Gordon Boniface continues to make regular appearances as guest organist.

Bro. P.J. Greenfield was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The principal officers for the year were:

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| Almoner | W. Bro. G. Bright |
| Charity Std | W. Bro. J. Barney |
| Tyler | W. Bro. N. Gunning |

There were 23 members and 2 visitors present W. Bro. Colin Reynolds presented the 250th Jewel.

The sad loss of W. Bro. Cyril Wheeler was announced.

W. Bro. T. Doyle, P.G.Swd.B., was duly installed as the Provincial Grand Master at a special meeting at Great Queens Street on the 17th November 1999. Those of us that attended had a most enjoyable and memorable day in London.

Our Provincial Charity Representative for the year was W. Bro. John Barney.

W. Bro. Harry Partridge was congratulated and thanked for his 12 years of service as Lodge Almoner.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of W. Bro. C. Hennessy, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.Dep.G.D.C., the representative of the P.G.M.

The resignation of Bro. Colin Brett was recorded.

W. Bro Cyril Allenet sent his best wishes from Suffolk and enclosed a donation towards our new Banner.

Millennium Year, 2000

The year started off well with the initiation of Mr Terry Roberts and Bro. Michael Price presenting the Traditional History.

It was also reported that one of our ex members, W. Bro. Tom McVeigh had passed away.

The subscriptions keep rising and now stand at £72-00, and the first moves to change our By-laws were made.

A very fine hand crafted heavy maul was made and presented to the Lodge by W. Bro. Colin Stone. Whatever happened to the old one? We also purchased two chairs for the seating replacement programme at the Guildford Cathedral.

During the last meeting of this History we did not have a candidate but we surely made up for this. Bro. Ian Dawson practiced the charge to the Initiate, W. Bro. Keith Mortimer practiced the 2nd degree Tracing Board and Bro. Mike Nevill presented the 1st degree Tracing Board to Bro. Terry Roberts. Bro. Nevill was our guest for the evening.

Our final Provincial honours for the period were announced and congratulations were recorded for:

W. Bro. Bill Fawbert, appointed to P.P.S.G.D.

W. Bro. Roger Gardiner, Re-appointed Prov.G.D.C.

W. Bro. Harry Partridge, promoted to P.P.J.G.W.

To make our history complete mention of the 'The Ladies Club' should be made. It began life back in 1951 and membership is drawn from all wives and widows of Farnham masons. Among the many ladies who have been President I am pleased to mention:-

Mrs Rayson, Mrs Siggery, Mrs Hewins, Mrs Ashford, Mrs H.King,
Mrs E.Bennett, Mrs Audrey Ingram, Mrs Kay Partridge,
Mrs Barbara Mills and Mrs Ann Barney.

In time to come some may inquire why we did not hold our anniversary on the 16th September 2000. In 1997, when our Anniversary and Banner Dedication was first discussed, the Lodge was not enjoying the best of times. It was decided that it may not be wise to add an extra meeting to the season. Instead, we agreed to hold our Anniversary on a Lodge night. The first and obvious night was the 9th October but this is our Installation evening, hence we settled on the 13th November 2000. For the same reasons we also decided to hold our Festive Board at the Temple as we felt it would easily meet our requirements and avoid any pressure with regard to numbers.

I am pleased to report that as we go to print the Lodge is slowly gathering its strength again. Ready, I sincerely hope for the next 25 years!

In recalling the history of Waverley Lodge we must remember with gratitude and thanks the Past Masters and Brethren for all their efforts thus enabling the Lodge to celebrate 75 years.

The Banner

Before I close I would like to thank W. Bro. Ted Thornby for designing and making our new Banner. The cost of £800-00 was much less expensive than purchasing it through one of the Masonic retailers. However, W. Bro. Ted will be donating £400-00 of the £800-00 to charity, so everyone has benefitted.

Thanks are also due to all those Lodge members who so generously contributed to the Banner fund:

W. Bro. Cyril Allenet	W. Bro. Richard Graham
W. Bro. John Barney	W. Bro. Neville Gunning
W. Bro. George Birmingham	W. Bro. Hugh King
W. Bro. Rod Dall	Bro. John Tolley
W. Bro. Ian Dawson	W. Bro. Harry Partridge
W. Bro. Bill Fawbert	W. Bro. Tommy Watkin
W. Bro. Roger Gardiner	

Richard Graham