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PREFACE

It was thought that readers of this history, particularly those who are members of the Arnold Lodge, might be interested to know something of the man after whom the Lodge is named. In that connection my thanks are due to W. Bro. Hamill, Assistant Librarian at Freemason's Hall who was most helpful in supplying, not only those details hereafter recorded about Rev. C. W. Arnold, but also other background information, and copy documents relating to the early days of the Arnold Lodge.

Charles William ARNOLD was born in about 1832. He is believed to have come from Cheshire and was initiated on 3.3.1854 into the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles (No. 441) at Cambridge, while he was a student at Trinity College. He graduated with a Master of Arts degree, and, after ordination, became the Headmaster of King Edward's School, Chelmsford, Essex. He subsequently became Head of the Royal Naval School in New Cross, London, and his last teaching post was as Principal of Woking College, Woking, Surrey. In 1886 he emigrated to the United States, where his sons had orange groves, and died in Florida in 1906.

Masonically, his career was meteoric, although somewhat disjointed. He resigned from his Mother Lodge in 1855, but on 6.11.1856 he became a Joining Member of the Lodge of Good Fellowship (No. 276) at Chelmsford. He became Master that same year, and in 1857 was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain (Essex), an office he held for ten years.

He appears to have moved to Surrey between 1867 and 1872, as in that year he became the First Master of the Weyside Lodge (No. 1395) at Woking. In 1875 he became Prov. Grand Chaplain (Surrey), and the following year was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Surrey) and Grand Chaplain. He held the former post until his emigration.

He clearly retained some contacts in Essex, as on 21.2.77 he was Exalted into Priory Chapter (No. 1000) at Southend. He became Founding First Principal of Weyside Chapter (No. 1395) at Woking in 1878, and later that same year was appointed as both Prov. 3rd Grand Principal (Surrey) and Assistant Grand Sojourner. In 1879 he was appointed 2nd Grand Principal (Surrey), which office he held until 1883.

At the consecration of the Arnold Lodge, Rev. Arnold gave permission for his crest to be used, which still appears on summonses to this day.



THE BELL HOTEL, EAST MOLESEY

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On 20th December 1882, 31 brethren met at the Bell Hotel, East Molesey, Surrey, to consecrate the Arnold Lodge. The Consecrating Officer was W. Bro. C. W. Arnold, MA, Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and he was assisted by W. Bro. C. Greenwood, Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. C. Greenwood (Jun) Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, W. Bro. Rev. R. Milner, Prov. Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. H. E. Francis, Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Bro. R. T. Elsam, P. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. William Youlden (PM 548 and 1648) was installed as the first Master, and he then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—

IPM and Treasurer: W. Bro. Samuel Prince Catterson (PM 548)
SW: Bro. William Prince Catterson (548 and 1892)
JW: Bro. Charles George Lambert Kipling (1416 and 1949)
Secretary: Bro. Jacob William Moorman (1638)
SD: Bro. John Youlden (548 and 1638)
JD: Bro. George Moorman (1638)
Tyler: Bro. W. Lane

With the exception of Bro. Lane, and the above Founders were petitioners for the Lodge, which was signed by the WM, SW and JW of Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638. The original petition was for meetings to be held on the first Wednesdays of May, June, July, August and September, and this was initially the case, although changes were gradually made over the years.

There were, in fact, two petitions for the Arnold Lodge. The founders had intended to meet at the Norbiton Park Hotel, New Malden; they realised, however that this would qualify them as a London Lodge, and therefore decided to move farther afield to bring them within the Province of Surrey.

As a point of interest, it is understood that our first Master was the god-father of a late member, Bro. J. Sowle, the father of our present Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. S. Sowle. There is thus a direct link between our earliest days and the present.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was held on 2nd January 1883. Three joining members were balloted for and elected, and there were two initiations. The initiates, like many of their successors over a long period came from south-east London, principally Southwark, Peckham and the surrounding areas — quite remarkable when one considers that all journeys in those days had to be by public transport.

The first Installation Meeting was held on Tuesday 1st January, 1884, and marked the end of a very successful year. There had been five regular meetings, and one emergency meeting and the Lodge had gained a total of twelve initiates, and six joining members; two of the latter were appointed as the first Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and as Wine Steward in June 1883. Bro. William Catterson was installed as the second Master of the Lodge

by no less a person than W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold and, to mark the occasion W. Bro. Catterson presented to the Lodge a set of working tools. The same evening, W. Bro. Arnold presented the Lodge with a fine Bible (which is in use to the present day), Bro. Samuel Catterson presented a banner, which was to last until 1975, and a joining member, Bro. F. Croaker presented a pedestal and other furniture.

On 1st September 1885 W. Bro. W. Catterson and Bro. J. Moorman announced that they had learnt that W. Bro. Arnold intended to emigrate to the United States, and that they had therefore framed an illuminated address which they intended to present to him as a token of the esteem in which he was held. It unfortunately proved necessary to post the address to W. Bro. Arnold as he was unable to visit the Lodge before his departure and, as far as can be ascertained, he never visited the Arnold Lodge again.

The Installation Meeting on 5th January 1886 was a special one. The new Master was W. Bro. Samuel Catterson and, on the night of his Installation he had the pleasure of initiating his youngest son. To mark the occasion he presented the Lodge with a 'handsome' harmonium. Those accustomed to our present day ceremonies might be interested to learn that the working of degrees at Installation Meetings was not at all uncommon at the end of the last century. Indeed, at the 1889 Installation there was an initiation, a passing (of a brother from our Mother Lodge), and a double raising! This practice was evidently widespread, and in fact subsequently drew criticism when Provincial Grand Lodge commented about Surrey Lodges 'attempting too much work, especially on Installation nights'.

The meeting of 5th July 1887 marked the first of a number of river-boat trips, which were to continue to be held after each July meeting until 1900. On this initial sally, however, the brethren clearly didn't quite know what to expect as they opened the Lodge at 10.35 a.m., in order to start their outing in good time. They clearly became more adventurous as the years passed for the Minutes record that in July 1894, after the trip, they 'only gained the railway station in time for the last train'.

On 3rd January 1888 the Lodge moved to 'The Castle' hotel, East Molesey. The landlord subsequently became a joining member, and the after-proceeding laid on by him were clearly most enjoyable as frequent complimentary remarks are to be found regarding them in the Minutes. Later that year, it was agreed to sanction a Lodge of Instruction, which was to be held at the 'Albion' in East Molesey although it seems that, like many later attempts, it simply faded away through lack of interest.

In July 1890, an event occurred which, although not unusual then, rarely occurs now. A 'travelling distressed brother' arrived at the Lodge and, although there were many charlatans around, as subsequent warnings from Grand Lodge showed, this brother was tested by two Past Masters, and found to be trustworthy. A collection was held for him, and he was relieved by a total of 11/2d.

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In November 1890 an Emergency Meeting was held to lighten the workload of the January 1891 Installation Meeting. There was one initiate, and for the second time, a brother was passed on behalf of Brownrigg Lodge. In the event, this advance preparation proved unnecessary as, shortly prior to his Installation, the WM elect notified that Lodge that he was not available for Installation. At the January meeting, therefore, the brethren resolved that, with immediate effect, the date of the Installation Meeting should be changed to October (where it has remained ever since) and that the current Master, W. Bro. Shelley, should continue to serve until then.

The first October Installation was therefore held in 1891 and, as a mark of appreciation for almost two years spent in the Chair, W. Bro. Shelley was presented with a 'special bar' to his Past Master's Jewel and, on behalf of the brethren, his wife was presented with an elegant chased teapot. The next Masonic year was to be busy, with seven initiations and, to get through the work the Lodge held an Emergency Meeting on 3rd October 1892 and, the following day, held its Installation Meeting, something which has never been repeated. This Installation was particularly auspicious, as the Lodge was honoured by the presence of both the Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Col. Noel Money, and his Deputy W. Bro. Frederick West.

Between October 1892 and May 1897 the Lodge progressed well. There were 18 initiations, and the future looked rosy. However, on 4th May 1897 an incident occurred which, at least temporarily, seriously disrupted the peace and harmony of the Lodge. At the meeting in question there were present 26 members and 12 visitors. There were two candidates for initiation and, then as now, the custom was to hold a joint ballot. However, although nothing had previously been heard to the detriment of either candidate, seven black balls were placed in the ballot box. The ballot was therefore taken separately, but with the same result on each occasion. It then 'dawned on several members . . . that there was collusion in the Lodge . . . directed against the WM . . . the ballot box being the medium used to obtain that end'. It appears that the Master was alleged to have shown unfair preference in his appointment of Officers, and that this had displeased the brethren who felt that they had been overlooked. At the June meeting a motion was passed that the matter should be referred to the Provincial Grand Secretary and, as a result an Emergency Meeting was held on 6th August 1897 by command of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Onslow, to enquire into the 'irregularities' of the meeting of 4th May. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Frederick West took the Chair, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Secretary's Chairs were occupied respectively by W. Bro. J. Langton, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. J. Hawkins, and the Provincial Grand Secretary himself. The DPGM seized the Warrant of the Lodge and, after hearing evidence from several brethren severely castigated the members for 'a great many Masonic irregularities' and 'a positive scandal in Freemasonry'. He then indicated that it was within his power either to suspend or fine the Lodge; instead, he in effect placed it on probation by returning the Warrant to the Master on a temporary basis until

the October meeting, by which time he wished to see whether the Lodge could 'become more united', and to have 'an assurance that such action would not be repeated in the future'. This probationary period was subsequently extended for a further twelve months from January 1898 but, as no further reference to the affair is to be found in the Minutes, it is assumed that the peace and harmony of the Lodge was once again restored, and that it was once again favourably regarded by the Provincial Grand Master.

At the 1897 Installation Meeting, Bro. J. Moorman, who had been Secretary of the Lodge since its consecration, went into the Chair and, at the conclusion of his year was presented not only with a Past Master's Jewel, but also with a 'handsome Past Secretary's Jewel' for his long and faithful service to the Lodge.

On October 1901, Bro. C. R. Goslin became Master. His election was not unanimous, in itself an unusual occurrence, but he appears to have had a good year, starting with the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master at his Installation. There were two initiations, and a Lodge of Instruction, known as the 'Creffield', and meeting at the Cock Hotel, Sutton, was formed under the Arnold Warrant. However, when the motion was taken to present him with a Past Master's Jewel, it was defeated by a narrow margin. The matter was raised subsequently, and eventually resolved in favour of W. Bro. Goslin, but he was never actually presented with a Jewel — rather a sad episode, and perhaps unworthy of the brethren as there is no apparent reason for this snub. To W. Bro. Goslin's credit, he continued to be a regular attender at, and loyal supporter of the Lodge for many years.

In September 1903 the Lodge moved to the Sun Hotel at Kingston. It continued to flourish, and in 1907 the outgoing Master was presented with a Past Master's Collar and Jewel which had been subscribed for by the initiates of his year. This was to become an established practice for several years in this, and other Lodges, until it was stopped on the instructions of Provincial Grand Lodge.

On 5th July 1910, the first notification was received by the Lodge of the death of W. Bro. Arnold. It will be remembered that he had gone to live in the United States, and that all contact had been lost with him. Clearly, he had not taken part in any Masonic activity in the United States as his widow wrote to the Lodge asking for confirmation of his having been a Freemason in England. Evidently, she was later able to herself make some form of Masonic contact as in 1919 a letter was received by the Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts saying that it was in possession of the testimonial presented by the Arnold Lodge to W. Bro. Arnold in 1885, and inviting us to accept its return. This was naturally gladly agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to have it framed, and hung in the Lodge Room; sadly, its whereabouts are no longer known.

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The first mention of an Arnold Lodge Ladies Night is to be found in July 1912 when the 'suggestion' was proposed and seconded, and passed on the understanding that no expense to the Lodge would be incurred.

War clouds were, by this time, gathering over Europe. The Lodge, however, continued to thrive and, indeed, created something of a record for itself when, on 5th May 1914 no less than five brethren were initiated into the Lodge. It is highly unlikely that dispensation for such a mammoth ceremony would be given today, but in those days permission was not necessary and, prior to this there had been several triple and quadruple initiations, although they were the exception rather than the rule.

By the meeting held on 4th May 1915 War had broken out. A motion was therefore passed that all brethren who had been mobilised should be released from the payment of subscriptions to the Lodge, and the Secretary announced that he had not sent summonses to those members of the Lodge who were of German nationality. This action was presumably taken on his own initiative, although a directive along similar lines was later received from Grand Lodge.

The advent of conscription in 1916 was reflected in the Lodge when, on 2nd May 1916 two brethren were initiated 'urgently' as there was a likelihood of their being called up before the end of the month. Similarly, the tolls of War were also reflected as, at the meeting held on 6th June, letters were read from three brethren who were detained in various military hospitals. The mood of the period is shown in the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 1917 when, after the Lodge was closed, the Secretary read a list of members on active service, and the Worshipful Master delivered an invocation for the safety of them all.

November 1918 saw the end of the War, and with it the end of the old order. A way of life was gone for ever, but Masonry had provided, and was to continue to provide, a mooring point and a stabilising influence for its members in an era when the world was to change faster than at any time in its history. The Arnold Lodge had survived the War well. From the beginning of 1915, to the 1918 Installation Meeting there had been 26 initiations – a goodly number by any standards, and this high level of intake was to continue throughout the 1920s, but this is, perhaps, jumping ahead in our history.

Shortly before the end of the War, the Lodge moved to Nuthall's Restaurant in Kingston, where it was to stay until its final move to its present home. As already mentioned, the sojourn at Nuthall's during the 1920s was highly successful – between the first and last meetings of that decade there were no less than 66 initiations – but it was also marked by a further acrimonious dispute, fortunately the last in the period with which this history is concerned.

In 1927 two Emergency Meetings were held in January and April. Although there was other business, one of the items on the agenda was discussion of the Balance Sheets. As a result of the argument at April meeting, both the Treasurer and the Secretary, who had held their offices since 1912 and 1914 respectively indicated that they would resign at the May meeting. Another brother was immediately appointed to the office of Secretary, but the office of Treasurer was left open, and it was agreed that, until the office was filled, any cheques should be signed jointly by the Master and the Secretary. At the meeting held on 7th July, while the Lodge was called off, the Past Masters met to discuss the financial position of the Lodge and, as a result, a motion was passed calling for the resignation from the Lodge of the former Secretary, which was duly received at the next meeting. A rather confused year ended with the re-election of the existing Master for a further year, and no less than four nominations for the office of Tyler. Bro. G. Free was elected, which meant the departure of Bro. Stenner, who had served the Lodge since 1910.

The business of the Lodge continued uneventfully for the next two years. The subject of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund was raised from time to time, and concern was expressed that the Lodge appeared to be unlikely to reach its target, and thereby qualify as a Hall Stone Lodge. This was unfortunately to be the case, despite a valiant effort.

The end of the decade brought the Lodge within living memory with the initiation of W. Bro. George Cheeseman on May 7th 1929. It was a memorable year for more than this one reason however, for on 2nd July the Lodge made its final move to its present home in the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Surbiton. As a result of the move, our own Lodge furniture was surplus to requirements, and was therefore sold for the princely sum of £12.10.0. Another interesting feature of this year is that, after the September meeting, the Ladies were invited to dine with the brethren after the meeting, apparently following a precedent set in the previous year.

The Provincial Grand Master in 1931 was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in that year the Lodge was honoured by his consenting to become an Honorary Member.

The Golden Jubilee celebration of the Lodge was held on 3rd January 1933. Some normal business was transacted, and 50 guineas was taken from the Benevolent Fund and distributed between the three Charities. After the Meeting the brethren and visitors partook of an eight course meal in the Masonic Hall at Surbiton, and were entertained by a musical trio. A copy of the menu for this meal is still in existence, as is a photograph of all the members of the Lodge, taken to mark the occasion at the previous regular meeting.

That same year a rather pleasing link was formed with the past, W. Bro. A. W. G. Moorman, District Grand Secretary of the Gold Coast, and the son

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of W. Bro. J. Moorman, one of our Founders, presented to the Lodge his father's Founders Jewel, Past Masters Jewel, and Past Secretary's Jewel, all of which are still in our possession.

In terms of initiates, the 'fat' years ended for a time at the July 1935 meeting. Between then and April 1940 there were only two initiates, and two re-joining members. Additionally, and perhaps as an indirect result, concern was expressed at the 1939 Installation Meeting about the continuing deficits in Lodge finances. The brethren were told that they could take some comfort from the fact that the position had been brought about by their contributions to Charity which had, perhaps, been in excess of what the Lodge could afford. The outcome was an apparently contradictory, but understandable, motion reducing the initiation fee from 20 to 15 guineas, the joining fee from 10 to 5 guineas, and the re-joining fee from 5 to 2 guineas.

The outbreak of War in 1939 resulted in an order from Grand Lodge temporarily suspending all Lodge Meetings. Accordingly, the September meeting was not held that year, and the October meeting was delayed until 24th October when the Master for the ensuing year was elected for Installation the following January. W. Bro. S. Collins was the Master in question, and he served the Lodge as Master from January 1940 to June 1941 when, using war-time dispensations from Grand Lodge, his successor was elected and installed the same evening. The Lodge was keen to return to its usual October Installations as soon as possible, and it was therefore agreed that the next Installation would be in October 1941. This would, however, have meant that the then Master, W. Bro. G. Patterson would have only occupied the Chair for four months, and he was therefore unanimously re-elected for a further twelve months.

The election of a Master for 1942 proved somewhat difficult as, of all those eligible, including Past Masters, only W. Bro. Cheeseman felt able to offer his services. His qualifications for the Master's Chair were already well-known, and he was unanimously elected.

During the War, the spirit of universal brotherhood was applied practically in English Freemasonry, and on 25th April 1944 a motion was passed in the Arnold Lodge that at each meeting, two invitations should be extended to Dominion, Colonial, Overseas and Allied brethren temporarily based in this country. Subsequently, several overseas brethren attended meetings of our Lodge, and appear to have found visits a comfort when far from their native lands.

The flying bomb menace caused a letter to be circulated in August 1944 notifying the brethren that meetings of the Lodge were temporarily suspended. In the event, this proved short-lived, and the 1944 Installation Meeting was held as usual.

The first peace-time meeting was held on 5th June 1945, and grateful

thanks were offered in the Lodge for the outcome of the War. Installation that year presented slight problems, as both the Senior and Junior Wardens were, for various reasons, unable to take the Chair. On this occasion, however, there was no shortage of Past Masters willing to take the office, and W. Bro. G. Patterson was elected on a show of hands. The next year presented almost identical problems, which resulted in the re-election of W. Bro. H. H. Springett. He was, at the time, Treasurer of the Lodge, but resigned as Treasurer for his year in the Chair, and took the job on again at the conclusion of his year of office. On a note of particular interest, our Tyler of many years standing, W. Bro. Powell, resigned at the 1945 Installation Meeting, and his place was taken by no less a person than W. Bro. F. C. Summerfield, the Provincial Grand Tyler who was to serve the Lodge for many years.

At this period, despite many attempts over the years, there was no Arnold Lodge of Instruction and, at the 1947 Installation Meeting the Preceptors of the Berrylands (5695) Lodge of Instruction were formally thanked by the Master for the excellent training they had given to a number of present and past Officers of the Lodge.

The Installation Meeting in 1948 was a memorable occasion, for on that night there was unanimous support for a proposal that the Arnold Lodge sponsor a petition for the formation of a new Lodge, to be known as the Tamesa Lodge. The idea had first arisen in the minds of several brethren attending the Berrylands Lodge of Instruction and, of the twelve Founders, four were members of the Arnold Lodge. The new Lodge was consecrated in February 1949, and the first Master was an Arnold member, W. Bro. E. Bolden. At the March meeting of Arnold Lodge it was agreed that a donation of 25 guineas to be made to Tamesa Lodge to purchase some article for use in the Lodge, and information was later received that they had purchased three pairs of gauntlets, a suitably inscribed ivory gavel, and a leather Warrant case.

1949 was a memorable year for the Lodge for a further reason, as we were honoured by the appointment of W. Bro. H. Merrix as Past Grand Standard Bearer – the first time that an initiate member of the Lodge had been so honoured.

During the 1950s many members joined the Lodge who are still active today and are now, of course, senior members. The Installation Meeting held on 1st October 1957 was treated as the 75th Anniversary Meeting and, although it was not made a special occasion, the Master referred to certain salient points in the history of the Lodge, and to the sterling work that must have been done over the years.

On 14th March 1961 a link with the past was broken when the sanction given by the Lodge to the Creffield Lodge of Instruction to meet under its Warrant was withdrawn. It had not met since August 1960, but had been

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meeting since 1902 – quite an achievement for a Lodge of Instruction! Later the same year, W. Bro. L. Bailey became the second initiate member of the Lodge to receive Grand Lodge honours when he was appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

In October 1961 a final (and successful!) attempt was made to establish, as a permanent feature, an Arnold Lodge Class of Instruction. It started at the Albert Hotel, Kingston Hill, and met there regularly, although with varying attendances, until it transferred to its present home at the 'Druids Head' in Kingston, in 1979.

In April 1963, subscriptions were put up to 6½ guineas for full members, and 2½ guineas for non-dining members. It is perhaps interesting to note that, in the first eighty years of the existence of the Lodge the subscriptions had remained fairly static, changing for example from 4 guineas in 1920 to 6½ just over forty years later, while in the last twenty years they have gone up by many times that amount – a sad reflection in the times in which we live.

At this time, the Lodge was doing well in terms of initiates, but not so well at the other end of the scale. Accordingly, in 1965, W. Bro. T. Russell went into the Chair for a second time, and in 1966 W. Bro. G. Cheeseman became Master for the third time. That year also saw the Grand Master's 250th Anniversary Appeal. The Arnold Lodge responded by voting to donate £1 for each subscribing member, thus entitling the Lodge to display the appropriate jewel on the Master's Collar.

In April 1968 W. Bro. Bolden was presented with an illuminated address by the brethren to mark the completion of 21 years as Secretary of the Lodge, and he was to be further honoured in 1971 when he was appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer – our third initiate to receive Grand Lodge Honours.

At the end of the 1960s the flow of initiates had dried up somewhat, and between September 1968 and April 1971 there were only three candidates. This temporary situation was, however, resolved by the arrival as a joining member of W. Bro. A. R. Jarvis who was, in due course, to become Secretary, and to be in the forefront of bringing the Lodge out of the temporary recession in which it found itself, and for laying the foundations for the strong and secure position in which it now appears to be.

At the 1972 Installation Meeting, the amount of work precluded the circulation of the Charity Gavel in the Lodge, as had hitherto been the custom. It was therefore circulated at the after-proceedings, which proved so successful that it was formally adopted, and continues to be the practice today.

The Lodge Banner was by now showing its age, and in September 1974 the subject of its replacement was raised. An estimate of £270 had been



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received for a hand-painted replacement and, in a very generous gesture, W. Bros. L. Bailey and S. Yager each gave £100 towards the cost. They were supported by W. Bro. H. Springett who had been initiated into the Lodge in 1924, and who contributed the remaining £70 to mark his Golden Jubilee in Freemasonry.

The new Banner was dedicated on 3rd June 1975, and through the offices of Bro. C. Penman, it had been arranged that the Banner be embroidered, rather than hand-painted for the same cost as previously quoted. The Dedicating Officer was W. Bro. A. Searle, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and he was assisted by W. Bro. G. Williams, Prov. Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. E. Partridge, Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden, W. Bro. C. Bryant, Past Prov. Junior Grand Warden, and W. Bro. P. Kember, Prov. Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. W. Bro. Searle first addressed the brethren on the significance of Banners in Freemasonry, an oration was then given by W. Bro. Williams, and W. Bro. Searle then dedicated the Banner, and after a suitable prayer, invited the Master to accept the Banner on behalf of the brethren. It was then placed, with due ceremony, behind the Master's Chair.

Since that date, the Lodge has progressed steadily, but uneventfully, and little, therefore, remains to be written in this brief history. It may be of interest to record that, since its Consecration, 361 candidates have been initiated into the Lodge, and that the busiest decades in this respect were 1912 - 1922 (69) and 1922 - 1932 (54), while the quietest was 1932 - 42 (20). The reader may have seen from these notes that the Arnold Lodge, like every other like society, has had its ups and downs but, through the efforts of its members in times of stress it has survived. No one knows what the next 100 years will hold but, on the Foundation Stone laid in December 1882 a superstructure has most certainly been raised. Let us hope, therefore, that the Lodge can continue to build on what it has been bequeathed so that future generations may inherit something as perfect in its parts, and as honourable to its builders as possible.

OFFICERS OF THE ARNOLD LODGE FROM ITS CONSECRATION UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS		(F)	(F) = Founder
1882-4	W. YOULDEN, (F) PPJD	1926	E. DEWEY, PPAGDC
1884	W. CATTERSON, (F) PPGR	1927	E. DEWEY, PPAGDC
1885	C. KIPLING, (F)	1928	A. STIRLING, PPAGDC
1886	S. CATTERSON, (F) PPGSD	1929	H. MERRIX, PPJGW
1887	J. YOULDEN, (F) PPJD	1930	D. POWELL, PPGStB
1888	P. CROAKER	1931	H. H. SPRINGETT, PPJGD
1889	G. MOORMAN, (F)	1932	A. SARGEANT
1890-1	H. SHELLEY	1933	A. BOORMAN
1891	G. BALL	1934	A. WESTLEY, PPAGDC
1892	J. WRIGHT	1935	S. ORFORD, PPJGW
1893	J. CHAPMAN	1936	G. CHEESEMAN, PPSGW
1894	S. ELLIS	1937	C. LEES, PGStB
1895	F. NEALE	1938-40	W. WADE, PPGDC
1896	F. HULLETT	1940-1	S. COLLINS
1897	J. MOORMAN	1941-2	G. PATTERSON, PPGW
1898	W. HOLMES	1942	G. CHEESEMAN, PPSGW
1899	H. BROOK	1943	E. BOLDEN, PPSGW
1900	G. ALDERTON	1944	L. BAILEY, PAGDC PPJGW
1901	C. GOSLIN	1945	G. PATTERSON, PPGW
1902	M. STRANG	1946	H. H. SPRINGETT, PPJGD
1903	R. COBDEN	1947	F. SIRMON
1904	J. HOPTROFF	1948	C. PEASE
1905	F. PEARCE	1949	W. ELLISON
1906	W. LOMAX	1950	G. GOURLEY, PPAGDC
1907	A. JACKSON, PPDGDC	1951	T. RUSSELL, PPSGD
1908	F. OWEN, PPAGDC	1952	R. HARRISON, PPAGDC
1909	R. DEBONNAIRE	1953	W. CLARK, PPSGD
1910	J. CHESSELL, PPGP	1954	W. EDMUNDS
1911	J. ROSS	1955	N. GRATER, PPGD
1912	C. WILKINSON, PPAGDC	1956	G. NUNN, PPJGD
1913	R. BENNETT, PPGStB	1957	H. NEWMAN, PPAGDC
1914	J. CHESSELL, PPGP	1958	H. HAYWARD, PPJGW
1915	E. BURGE, PPGStB	1959	W. REID
1916	A. BERRY, PGStB PPGR ^{eg} LR	1960	F. KLEIN, PPAGDC
1917	E. PECK, PPAGStB	1961	J. WALDER, PPAGDC
1918	C. NEAL, PPGP	1962	H. HYETT, PPAGDC
1919	S. KESBY, PPGP	1963	J. BOUNTON, PPAGDC
1920	W. CARTER, PPGSwB	1964	F. THORNTON, PPAGDC
1921	W. CALLINGHAM, PPGStB	1965	T. RUSSELL, PPSGD
1922	H. J. SPRINGETT, PPGStB	1966	G. CHEESEMAN, PPSGW
1923	G. MAGGS, PPSGD	1967	S. SOWLE, PPJGD
1924	L. NEALE	1968	W. MILNES
1925	E. ELSEY, PPGP	1969	S. YAGER, PPJGD (Herts.)

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WORSHIPFUL MASTERS—continued

1970	H. HYETT, PPAGDC	1977	M. HARTLEY
1971	A. JARVIS, PPSGD	1978	J. STONE
1972	S. SOWLE, PPJGD	1979	H. JONES
1973	R. SCOTT	1980	D. GAUNT
1974	J. PARKINSON	1981	B. MOSS
1975	N. JARVIS	1982	C. PAPAIOANNOU
1976	G. ROKE		

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SECRETARIES

1882 - 1897	J. MOORMAN
1897 - 1914	F. HULLETT
1914 - 1927	F. OWEN, PPAGDC
1927 - 1940	G. MAGGS, PPAGDC
1940 - 1948	S. ORFORD, PPJGW
1948 - 1972	E. BOLDEN, PPSGD
1972 - 1981	A. JARVIS, PPSGD
1981 -	M. HARTLEY

TREASURERS

1882 - 1884	S. CATTERSON, PPSGD
1884 - 1912	W. YOULDEN, PPJD
1912 - 1927	A. JACKSON, PPDGDC
1927 - 1942	C. WILKINSON, PPAGDC
1942 - 1946	H. H. SPRINGETT, PPJGD
1946 - 1947	H. JENKINS
1947 - 1949	H. H. SPRINGETT, PPJGD
1949 - 1966	P. WHALE
1966 - 1972	T. RUSSELL, PPSGD
1972 - 1973	H. HYETT, PPAGDC
1973 - 1976	S. SOWLE, PPJGD
1976 -	G. ROKE