



Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond

Third Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Guernsey and Alderney

1849 – 1868



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Chapter One

Family Life

The Hammonds were an old Jersey family tracing their descent from Messer's Jean Hamon, Centenier of St. Jean in 1508, through Charles Hamon in St. Lawrence, and Nicholas Hamon. Somewhere along the line their name became anglicised from Hamon to Hammond, this would have most likely helped with Trade in London and was a common practice in those days.

James John Hammond was born on the 29th March 1811, to Jacques Hammond, and his wife Marie née Romeril, christened with the name Jacques Jean Hammond. After his father's death in 1816 and at the age of 5 years old he became Seigneur of Samares in the Parish of St. Clement, he was later to become a Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia, and Bibliothécaire (Librarian) of the Jersey Library.

Sometime before his marriage he anglicised his Christian names to James John Hammond this was recorded on his marriage certificate to Anne Elizabeth in 1831, daughter of Matthew Amineaux, the Receiver General in Jersey, James and Anne had two daughters between them Amelia Ann born 1838, and Mary Jane born 1840.

James John Hammond was the last of his paternal line, as there were no other heirs to become Seigneur of Samares, as a result of separate disastrous investments with the family he lost the bulk of his money through investments in what became known as the Lempriere collapse and the Faro Portugal Crash, with the result that he was forced to sell the fief and the title Seigneur in 1866 to Edward Mourant.



Anne Elizabeth Hammond née Romeril

Chapter Two

Introduction to Freemasonry

James John Hammond was introduced to Freemasonry by Bro. William Adams, an engraver whose business was situated in the Royal Square, St Helier, Jersey. Bro. Adams was an engraver of note, and a good example of his work can be seen on the Summons Issued by Yarborough Lodge No.244 Bro. Adams was Secretary of that Lodge and engraved the plate from which the Summons were printed.



Yarborough Lodge No.244 Summons designed by William Adams, image courtesy of Masonic Library and Museum of the Province of Jersey

He also engraved a very similar plate for the Royal Sussex Lodge No.722, of which he was later also to become Secretary, and of which the headers are still in use today on the Summons. He also designed the "Jersey Masonic Temple Co. Ltd One Pound note" that was used to raise funds to build the Jersey Temple in 1866.



Jersey Masonic Temple Company £1, image courtesy of Masonic Library and Museum of the Province of Jersey

DATE OF BIRTH	FATHER	NAME	REMARKS	CITIZENSHIP	AGE	EDUCATION	PROFESSION	RELIGION	DATE
1840	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	20				
1841	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	19				
1842	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	18				
1843	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	17				
1844	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	16				
1845	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	15				
1846	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	14				
1847	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	13				
1848	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	12				
1849	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	11				
1850	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	10				
1851	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	9				
1852	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	8				
1853	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	7				
1854	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	6				
1855	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	5				
1856	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	4				
1857	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	3				
1858	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	2				
1859	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	1				
1860	John	Doane	Doane	Doane	0				

Courtesy of Museum of Freemasonry

Chapter Three

Becoming Provincial Grand Master of Jersey

On the 23rd of January 1848 James John Hammond was appointed by the United Grand Lodge of England the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, on the 10th October 1848 he was Installed as the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey the event as reported in "The Freemasons Quarterly Review" on the 30th December 1848.

"About two hundred of the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall Museum Street, at 11 o'clock, the Chair was taken by Bro Harding Worshipful Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge and newly appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Jersey. The Ceremony of installing J.J.Hammond as Provincial Grand Master was then performed, in the presence of several distinguished visitors, amongst whom we observed Bro W. H White Grand Secretery from London."

His appointment as Provincial Grand Master was complicated as he had not gone through the Chair of a Lodge, so he immediately stepped down as Senior Warden of the Royal Sussex Lodge No.722 and a proposal was made to call a Lodge of Emergency to install him into the Chair of the Lodge. However, it would appear that this Ceremony of Installation was no more than a revival of the old custom of "Passing the Chair" it is suspected this happened because at all the following Meetings of Royal Sussex Lodge No.722, WBro. P. Harding still presided as Worshipful Master and signed the Minutes as such, even though Right Worshipful Brother Hammond was present.



Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond stood at a Worshipful Masters Pedestal date and location unknown. Possibly when he Passed the Chair in 1848

He also went on to join Royal Alpha Lodge No.16 in Kensington on the 13th May 1849 this time he's listed as residing in St Helier, Jersey.

Royal Alpha Lodge was constituted in May 1722, the following was taken from "The Freemason" published 21st March 1885, "It is almost unnecessary to point out that the Royal Alpha Lodge, which H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales was initiated on Tuesday evening, is one of the most distinguished lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England. Its number sufficiently indicates its early origin, the date of its constitution belonging to the year 1722".

It is suspected Right Worshipful Brother Hammond joined this Lodge as a result of being invited due to his promotion to Provincial Grand Master. This Lodge had a membership of high-ranking officers and Brethren, he resigned from this Lodge on the 4th July 1864.

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13th May 1849		Hammond	James John		St Helier, Jersey			

Royal Alpha Lodge No.16 Minute Book, listing Right Worshipful James John Hammond as a joining member in June 1849

Courtesy of Museum of Freemasonry

He also became a Founding Master of Samares Lodge No.818, Jersey and is listed as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in the membership records dated 19th December 1848. (Sameres Lodge was Consecrated in 1848 and he was immediately installed as the Founding Master of the Lodge. However, the Lodge only lasted until 1867, the Lodge was finally Erased on the 28th July 1874)

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19th Dec 1848		Hammond	James John		St Helier, Jersey			

Samares Lodge No.818 Minute Book, listing Right Worshipful James John Hammond as a Founding Member and inaugural Worshipful Master

Courtesy of Museum of Freemasonry

Chapter Four

Becoming Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its Dependencies

So, how did this Jersey “Gent” become the third Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney? In 1849 Guernsey was without a Provincial Grand Master and the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark and Herm had previously all come under the same Provincial leadership, but both were separate, Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Jersey on the 10th October 1848, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm now in need of a Provincial Grand Master.

As a result, on the 7th March 1849 the United Grand Lodge of England appointed Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its Dependencies and on the 8th June 1849 Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond was installed as the Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its Dependencies, the newly appointed Provincial Grand Master maintained separate Provincial Grand Lodges in both of Jersey and Guernsey. At this time there were just three established Lodges in Guernsey Mariners Lodge No.197 now numbered No.168, Doyle’s Lodge of Fellowship No.99 now numbered No.84 and Loyalty Lodge No.299 now numbered No.243. This period of time became known as “The Third Provincial Grand Lodge”. This was opened in June 1849, and was the first Post-Union, Provincial Grand Lodge, the union having occurred in 1813 after all the Grand Lodges of England combined.

Grand Lodge in London wanted a single Province for the Channel Islands, Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond as did those who worked with him knew how thoroughly independent of each other the Bailiwicks were.

They were not in favour of a single Province, so a compromise was reached James John Hammond was installed Provincial Grand Master of Jersey in October 1848, with Dr Philip Harding as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and. In June 1849 James John Hammond was installed Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey, with Rev Henry Orme Wood as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which office he held until his death in 1864.

The Following has been taken from “The Freemasons Quarterly Review” 30th September 1849, that features the Installation of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond as Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its Dependencies.

“GUERNSEY, June 8. On the recent installation of James John Hammond, Esq, of Jersey, into the office of Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its dependencies, the town of St. Peter- Port assumed an unusually gay appearance. In most of the streets there was a very handsome display of flags, and the vessels in the harbour were similarly decorated. The weather being fine, and a masonic procession being an event of rare occurrence in Guernsey, an immense concourse of persons was collected in the neighbourhood of the Assembly Rooms, and in the streets through which the procession was to pass, crowds of both sexes coming in from the country parishes, and the assemblage being swelled by the influx of a considerable number of visitors from Jersey and elsewhere. At eleven o'clock the brethren assembled at the Rooms, which were decorated with great taste, and with a proper regard to the canons of the Craft.

At the top of the room was a splendid canopy of purple velvet, under which was the chair of state; and numerous gorgeous banners of silk, with the armorial bearings of the master’s and other officers of the lodges of Jersey and Guernsey, were displayed in various parts of the apartment, the masonic

paraphernalia of the several lodges being arranged according to rule. The lodge at twelve o'clock being tiled, the ceremony of installing Bro. Hammond into the office of Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and its dependencies was performed with due solemnity, occupying the Craft till two o'clock. At that hour the procession emerged from the Rooms in order, accompanied by the band of the 1st or East Regiment of Royal Guernsey Militia, in full uniform. The procession proceeded through the Market, Fountain-street, Bordage-street, Vauvert, Grange-road, Smith-street, High-street, to the church. The brethren halted at the north door, and forming two lines, entered the church, and took their seats, the whole of the sacred building being densely crowded.

During the service there was some excellent chanting by a choir composed of a number of musical ladies and gentlemen, under the direction of Bro. T. S. Ray, Provincial Grand Organist. The church service for the day was read by the Rev. Bro. Frederick Jeremie, who afterwards preached an excellent sermon, enforcing the duties of charity and brotherly love, at the close of which a collection was made amounting to 8 Pounds and 2 Shillings, {ed: this equates to approximately £842 today} which is to be applied to the De La Court fund.

The numerous congregation was deeply attentive, and everything in the church was conducted with a solemnity and decorum not exceeded even on the Sabbath-Day. On quitting the church, the procession returned through Fountain-street and Market-street to the Assembly Rooms, where the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and then dispersed to re-assemble at the banquet at half-past six o'clock. At this hour about one hundred brethren, still clad in their varied and splendid costumes, sat down to an excellent cold dinner, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in the chair, supported on either side by the principal officers of the lodges of Jersey and Guernsey, viz.:—Bros. Sarchet, G. P.S.; Wyatt, G.R.; Torode, G. D.; Rev. Frederick Jeremie; Rev. Henry Orme Wood, Dep Prov. G.M.; Dr. Harding, Dep Prov G.M. for Jersey; Captain Peard, G. S. AV.; Dr. Goldstone, G. T.; Lyte, G.S. for Jersey; Rowdon, G. R.; Sparrow, G. D. C. There were also two long tables running parallel down the room. At the head of the south table was Bro. Le Page, G. J. AV., supported by Bro. Ray, G. O., and at the west table was Bro. Brouard, G. S. AV., supported by Bro. Dr. Collenette, G. D. On the table being cleared.

The Prov. Grand Master rose and called on the brethren to devote a bumper to her Majesty, who, independently of her other claims on their love and loyalty, had an additional title to their regard in being the daughter of a Mason. The toast was drunk with acclamation, after which the National Anthem was sung by the whole assemblage. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of another illustrious lady, who had especial claims on the regard of the fraternity, as being the daughter and widow of a Mason, "The Queen Dowager." The next toast proposed from the chair was an illustrious individual who, although not a member of the Order, was deservedly beloved by all both on account of his high and excellent personal character, as of his being identified with our beloved sovereign, "His Royal Highness Prince Albert, and the Royal Family." The Provincial Grand Master observed that he had now to call on the brethren to do honour to a toast which he was sure every good Mason would drink with enthusiasm, as it was to the health of a noble individual who now so ably filled the office of Grand Master of England, "The Earl of Zetland."

All who knew the estimable character of him who stood at the head of the Order, and who knew the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of the Grand Mastership, and fostered the interests of Masonry, would, he was sure, join with him in wishing to his lordship many years of health to sustain the duties of the office which he now so ably filled. Without dwelling on the many claims which Lord Zetland had established on the attachment of the fraternity, there was one which would suffice of itself, and which spoke most loudly in his praise—namely, that he was a worthy, fit, and a proper successor to the royal duke who had formerly occupied the masonic throne.

The health of the Earl of Yarborough, the Deputy Grand Master of England, was then drunk with much applause. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of a brother, who, he was sure, was sincerely respected by all present, " His Excellency Major-General Bell, Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey." This was followed by " The Bailiff and Civil Authorities of Guernsey," and " The Very Rev. the Dean and Clergy of Guernsey." The Rev. Frederick Jeremie lamented that the task of acknowledging the latter toast had fallen to so humble an individual as himself, for highly as he honoured the sacred profession to which he belonged, so did he humble himself before it. With respect to the institution which they were then celebrating, he would say, that slight as was the glimpse which he had had of Masonry, he had seen enough of it to make him heartily desire that every clergyman would become a brother. Charity and brotherly love were the basis of Masonry, and the extension of these principles would, he believed, be materially aided if the clergy generally were Masons. The Provincial Grand Master said that, in proposing the army and navy, he must couple those services with the name of an illustrious brother.

He therefore proposed " The Duke of Wellington, and the Army and Navy." Bro. Colonel Lane returned thanks for the army, observing that Masons were very numerous in the service, and that Masonry greatly contributed to produce amongst the men that good feeling which was so essential in every regiment. Bro. Captain Mansell, R. N., in responding for the navy said, that he fully concurred in the opinion expressed by Colonel Lane as to the excellent influence of Masonry. The Rev. Bro. Moon, Dep Prov G.M., said he had then a duty to perform, which he undertook with a feeling of regret on the score of his inability to do justice to the toast which he was about to propose—" The R. W. Bro. Hammond, Provincial Grand Master." Knowing the high personal character of the Grand Master, and his earnest devotion to the cause of Masonry.

He was thoroughly convinced that his appointment to the office, in which he had that day been installed, would very greatly conduce to the promotion and prosperity of Masonry in that island. The Provincial Grand Master could not adequately express his feeling of gratitude for the kind manner in which his brethren had received the toast that had just been proposed. If his acknowledgments were imperfect, the deficiency must not be attributed to want of gratitude, but to the overpowering nature of the feelings which had been excited in him, and to which his tongue was unable to give utterance. All that he could do was to beg that his brethren would receive his most grateful thanks. It was customary on occasions like the present, to make some remarks on the nature and characteristics of Masonry, for the purpose of making the institution better understood and appreciated by those who did not belong to it.

There was, perhaps, no institution which was so little comprehended, or so much misrepresented. It had been said that Masonry was disloyal and irreligious in its principles. How diametrically opposite to the truth was this assertion! It would need but few words to refute the ignorant misrepresentation. Every brother must know that loyalty and religion were the fundamental principles of the Order, and that a good Mason and a bad man were a contradiction in terms. To disprove the charge of disloyalty they had but to look at the list of princes and statesmen who at different times had belonged to the fraternity. The three sovereigns who had preceded her present Majesty on the throne were Masons. Would this have been the case if Masonry was tainted with disloyalty? At all times, and not less so at present, the Order counted amongst its members statesmen and men of all classes, who were distinguished in the annals of their country for their devoted attachment to the throne, the laws, and the liberties of England.

Then in regard to the graver charge of irreligion—the late Right Rev. and pious Dr. Howley, Archbishop of Canterbury, was a Mason; so also, was the late Archbishop of York, and so also, at the present time, were many prelates and ministers of the church.

These facts alone were a sufficient answer to the charge. If, however, accusations were brought again at the institution, this was owing not to any vices in that institution itself, hut to the deviation by some of its members from the laws which as Masons they were bound to observe. This was an evil to which all human institutions were exposed. Even religion itself was frequently brought into disrepute by the misconduct of its nominal professors. To prevent Masonry being exposed to this evil, the brethren should be cautious whom they received amongst them. They should examine the character of candidates and admit none of whom they had doubts. They should be careless as to whom they might offend in performing this duty, and the result of such precautions would be that the lodges everywhere would rise in character and utility.

These were based on the laws of God, and they rested on a foundation which could not be shaken. He would fain hope that by their proceedings that day there had been sown seeds of union which in due season would yield a glorious harvest. It would be superfluous to point out what were the principles that guide Masonry. Those principles were known to all true and loyal Masons, therefore let those principles ever actuate them, so that whenever in future they might meet, whether in the market-place, the counting-house, or in that sacred retreat dedicated to friendship and virtue—a Mason's lodge—they might ever meet as friends, only to part as brothers.

The Provincial Grand Master then rose to propose " The health of the Rev. Bro. Wood, Dep Prov G.M. of Guernsey." He was sure every brother would cordially join in this toast. From knowing this brother as a private friend and a Mason he knew how worthy he was of esteem. It was highly satisfactory to him to see the office of Deputy Grand Master so efficiently filled. Indeed, but for the confidence he derived from Bro. Wood's zeal and ability in conducting the business of the province in his absence, he should have hesitated in accepting the office, into which he had that day been installed. The Rev. Brother having returned thanks, Bro. W. Brouard proposed, " The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, and the Lodge of Jersey." Bro. Harding, Dep Prov G.M., was proud to have been present on the occasion of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge in Guernsey, as this event would, he trusted, be alike advantageous to the island, and to the cause of Masonry.

He was glad to see that Masonry was not looked on with suspicion or disfavour in Guernsey. He was delighted to witness the cordiality and good feeling that day displayed by the immense con-course of persons who had been spectators of and accompanied their procession. High and low rich and poor all, by orderly conduct and good humour, showed their kindness. He could say f or himself and other visitors, that they were delighted with what they had seen and experienced. He had never seen so well conducted a ceremony. It had not been interrupted by the crowd, but, on the contrary, had met with every courtesy. The Masons of Jersey were proud to have partaken in this ceremony, and they trusted that their brethren of Guernsey would go hand in hand with them in the cause of the institution. Masonry had great inherent power to advance the principles of charity and brotherly love. These were its distinctive principles; but it possessed yet another distinction, which was, that where it went to the succour of a Mason, its ministrations were looked on, not as acts of charity, in the common acceptation of the term, but as the affectionate act of one brother to another.

He had been greatly gratified in hearing the impressive exposition of these principles, which had been that day given from the pulpit by their reverend brother. He trusted that the doctrines which had there been so well expounded, would have the best effect on all who had the privilege of hearing his excellent sermon. When he (Bro. Harding) and his brother Masons returned to Jersey, they would carry with them the most agreeable recollections of the present festival and would frequently drink to the prosperity of the newly established Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of " Lady Catherine Bell and the Ladies of Guernsey." Unfortunately, the fair sex could not be Free- masons, and consequently could not be present at their meetings. But though absent in body, they were always present in the minds of Masons, and single ladies might be sure that in marrying Masons, they would have good and faithful husbands. There were then drunk in succession—" The Provincial Grand Stewards," "The Prov Grand Director of Ceremonies, " and "The Prov Grand Organist," for which Brothers Cohu, Sparrow, and Ray severally returned thanks, the latter observing that at the service which had that day been performed in the church, they had had the benefit of such a choir as had never before been heard in Guernsey ; and the performance of the ladies and gentlemen who kindly contributed their musical talents was the more remarkable, as they had not been accustomed to sing together.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed, as the last toast of the evening, " To our next happy meeting; " immediately upon which the company departed. On the brethren being seated at table, every spare portion of the room was occupied by ladies, who were desirous of witnessing something of Masonry, and it is scarcely necessary to observe, that their presence added much to the beauty and enjoyment of the scene. During the whole of the banquet, the bands which were stationed in the two orchestras played various pieces of music in excellent style. Perhaps, however, on another occasion it would be better to have less instrumental strength, as the music was somewhat too powerful for the capacity of the room.

The whole of the ceremonies were under the direction of Bro. Sparrow, Prov Grand Director of Ceremonies; and through his experience, activity, and judgment, everything was conducted in the most satisfactory and truly masonic manner. "Province of Guernsey. I am commanded by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to express his grateful thanks to the inhabitants generally of the island of Guernsey for the great kindness which they showed to himself and his brother Masons throughout the ceremony of Tuesday. The excellent order and good humour which were maintained in the vast assemblage that witnessed the proceedings both in the streets and in the church, contributed greatly to the comfort and satisfaction of all parties, and were received by the fraternity as most welcome proofs of the kindness of the people of this island. " I am also commanded by the R.AV.G.M. to express, on behalf- ' of himself and his brethren, his sincere thanks to the excellent bands of the Royal Guernsey Artillery and East Regiment for their services on this occasion; their performances, both in the procession and during the banquet, having greatly enhanced the pleasure and harmony of the day. " By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. " P. G. Sarchet, Past Grand Sword Bearer."

Chapter Five

1851 Guernsey Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting

Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond held a Provincial Grand Lodge in Guernsey each year, as was required by the United Grand Lodge of England for the Investiture of Officers and to submit for confirmation the accounts for the year. One such meeting was reported on, in "The Freemasons Quarterly Review" on the 30th June 1851

"GUERNSEY. —On Thursday, June 19, the Right Worshipful Brother John James Hammond, Prov. G.M. for Guernsey and its dependencies, held his annual Grand Lodge at Doyle's Masonic Hall, Berthelot-street. The Lodge was close tyled at 12am. The business being concluded, the brethren separated only to re-assemble at the festive board, where a handsome banquet attended them, prepared by Bro. Greenwood.

The cloth being removed, and the usual loyal toasts drank, the Right Worshipful the Prov. G. M. proposed " the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," which toast was received by the Brethren with every mark of respect and attachment; that of " the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Dep G.M. of England, " was proposed and drank with the same warmth of feeling. The Rev. Bro. Henry Orme Wood, Dep Prov. G.M. for Guernsey, then proposed "the health of the Provincial Grand Master," which was received by the assembled Brethren with rapturous applause and drank with all the honours.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Hammond , in returning thanks, remarked that he deeply felt the Warmth of the manner in Which the toast had been received, and expressed his pleasure in presiding as Provincial Grand Master over Guernsey, that his attachment to the province increased daily, and he was glad to see it reciprocal on the part of the Brethren; he was, more- over glad to know that Masonry was in so flourishing a condition; already one Lodge (the Hammond) had been formed since the establishment of Guernsey into a Masonic province, and another (the St. Ann, of Alderney,) was about to be constituted , where he hoped again to meet the Brethren . After some further remarks, the R. W. Brother sat down amidst the cheers and applause of the brethren. "The health of the Dep Prov G.M" was likewise drank with much feeling. After the health of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Masters of the subordinate Lodges in the province had been drank, the Prov. Grand Tyler gave the concluding toast, after which the Brethren separated, delighted with the pleasures of the evening."



Travel Pouch for carrying Documents for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey

Held in the Provincial Library and Museum Guernsey

Chapter Six

Laying of the Town Arsenal Foundation Stone

During Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond's period as Provincial Grand Master, he laid the unmarked foundation stone of the Town Arsenal in 1850 this again was reported on in "The Freemasons Quarterly Review" 30th September 1850, and reproduced here in full;

"GUERNSEY, June 24. Laying of the first stone of a Militia Arsenal with Masonic honours. —The arsenal, the laying of the first stone of which we are about to chronicle, is to be in the Gothic style, and will be built of random masonry, with dressed quoins, mullions, strings, labels, and copings.

The centre building will be ninety-five feet in length and sixty-six feet in depth, and will have two wings, each twenty-five long, forming an aggregate frontage of one hundred and forty feet. Accommodation for sixteen pieces of ordnance will be provided on the basement-story, attached to which will be a drill shed, eighty-seven feet by thirty-nine, for the use of the artillery, with stabling for six horses—the shed and stables to correspond with the design of the main building.

The upper story will comprise a drill-room for the infantry; two clothing rooms, one for each branch of the service; a harness room; a band-room; an armoury; a forge; with three rooms for the arsenal-keeper. Eleven o'clock on Monday morning, June 24, was the day appointed for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, the preparations for which were most complete. For the accommodation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Bailiff, the members of the Royal Court, and other personages more immediately connected with the proceedings, a platform, twenty feet square, has been erected on the spot selected for depositing the first stone; the stone itself—a block of granite, three feet eight inches long by two feet two inches wide, fifteen inches in thickness, and weighing about eleven cwt.—was suspended from a triangle; and at the eastern extremity of the ground, was another platform, to accommodate some four hundred spectators, profusely decorated with flags.

Numerous flags were hoisted over various parts of the ground; and from the summit of Victoria Tower, two union-jacks, with the standard of St. George, waved gracefully in the breeze. All the avenues leading to the arsenal ground were guarded by the constabulary and a detachment of her Majesty's 54th regiment. A few minutes before ten, the third regiment of militia arrived on the ground, with band playing and colours flying, and was followed in succession by the second, first, and fourth regiments, the whole of which were brigaded under the command-in-chief of Colonel Bell, of the first named corps; the artillery, under Colonel Gifford, being in position on the New Ground. At ten minutes before eleven, the members of the Royal Court took their station on the platform, the band playing the national anthem. Shortly afterwards Lady Catherine Bell, accompanied by Mrs. Stafford Carey, and Miss Carey, with several other ladies, took their seats on the platform.

The members of the Grand Lodge and those of several other Lodges of Free and accepted Masons had assembled at nine o'clock in the untenanted house in High-street, lately known as Gardner's Royal Hotel, awaiting the arrival of the Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond, Esq. Grand Master of the Province of Guernsey and Jersey, and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey. On the arrival of the steamer from Jersey, shortly after ten o'clock, the party immediately joined their Brethren, and were received with all possible honours; and the Fraternity, to the number of about one hundred and fifty, left the ci-devant hotel, preceded by a guard of honour, composed of rifles from the first regiment, and the band of that corps, in the following order:—

A Tyler, with drawn sword.

A Banner. Rough Ashlar, borne by an Elder Apprentice Mason,

Visiting Brethren, not Members of any Lodge,

Visiting Brethren, of Lodges not in the "Province,

The Private Lodges in the Province according to their numbers, juniors preceding, in the following order:

Tyler, with drawn sword,

Brethren, two and two.

Inner Guard,

Secretary,

Treasurer,

Junior Deacon, with Wand,

Junior Warden,

Past Master,

Senior Deacon,

Worshipful Master,

Perfect Ashlar, borne by a Master Mason.

A Banner.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey, in the following order:

Provincial Grand Pursuivant,

Celestial Globe, carried by a Master Mason,

Terrestrial Globe, carried by a Master Mason,

Cornucopia, with Corn, borne by a Master Mason,

Two Ewers, with Wine and Oil. borne by Master Masons,

Provincial Grand Organist,

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Grand Superintendent of Works, with the plate bearing the inscription.

Grand Secretary, with Book of Constitutions on a velvet cushion,

Grand Registrar, with his bag,

Grand Treasurer, with the coins to be deposited in the stone.

Visitors of distinction—viz., P. G. Officers not of this Province,

Corinthian Light, borne by a Master Mason,

*Column of Junior Grand Warden, borne by a Master Mason,
 Junior Grand Warden, with Plumb-rule,
 Grand Steward, Banner of Provincial Lodge, Grand Steward,
 Doric Light, borne by a Master Mason,
 Column of Senior Grand Warden, borne by a Master Mason,
 Senior Grand Warden, with a Level,
 Grand Junior Deacon, with a Wand,
 Grand Chaplain, with Volume of Sacred Law on a velvet cushion, with Square and Compasses
 thereon,
 Banner of the V. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, carried by a Master Mason,
 Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with Square,
 Ionic Light, borne by a Master Mason,
 The Senior Past Master of the Province, bearing the Mallet of the Provincial Grand Master.
 The Standard of the Provincial Grand Master, as P. G. M. for Jersey,
 The Standard of the Provincial Grand Master, as P. G. M. for Guernsey and dependencies.
 Grand Sword Bearer, with Sword of State,
 R. W. Provincial Grand Master,
 Provincial Grand Senior Deacon.
 Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.*

The procession, accompanied by an immense concourse, thus proceeded to the ground. The Grand Master having then taken his seat on the platform, and the Grand Provincial Masonic Standard hoisted, he was joined by the Very Worshipful Rev. Henry Orme Wood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Guernsey, the Rev. Frederick Jeremie, M. A., Provincial Grand Chaplain; and most of the distinguished Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Guernsey and Jersey.

His Excellency, The Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by Colonel Bainbridge and Colonel Brock, now rode upon the ground, the band playing the National Anthem. His Excellency was most loudly cheered, and, when the cheering had subsided, the ceremony commenced by the Provincial Grand Chaplain reading the Collect, " Prevent us, O Lord, in our doings," &c, which was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Her Majesty's Greffier then read the act of the States, relating to the erection of the arsenal; and the foundation-stone having been prepared with the brass plate bearing the inscription (engraved by Mr. Kirby, of High-street), the upper stone was raised by an engine. Mr. T. F. De Havilland, president of the Building Committee, thereupon handed the plate to Bro. David Le Carpentier, Superintendent of Works, who proceeded to read the inscription, of which the following is a copy: —

" ILE DE GUERNESEY. La pierre fondamentale de cette edifice destine a servir d'Arsenal pour la Milice royale de cette ile a été posée le jour de la St. Jean, A.D. 1830, par son Excellence le Major-Gen. Jean Bell, C.B.,

Lieutenant-Gouverneur, Assisté du Cointé des Etats: —. Pierre Stafford Carey, éc, Bailif.

Hiliary Ollivier Carré. éc., Lieutenant-Bailif.

<i>Harry Dobrée, ee..</i>	<i>} Jurés de la</i>
<i>Thomas Fiott de Havilland, ec.</i>	<i>} Cour Royale.</i>
<i>H. Giffard. ee., Col du R.d'Artil.</i>	<i>} Miliee royle</i>
<i>J. Harvey, éc., Col. du Ir. d'I.</i>	<i>} de Guernesey.</i>

En presence de

<i>J. J. Hammond, éc., P.G.M., et du Rev. H. O. Wood, D.P.G.M. des Franc-Macons.</i>	
<i>Surveillant des Trevaux,</i>	<i>Entrepreneur,</i>
<i>R. D. P. Goodwin,</i>	<i>E. Hart."</i>

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Goldstone, at the desire of the Prov. Grand Master, then deposited in a cavity of the stone the several coins of the realm, consisting of a sovereign, half-sovereign, crown, half-crown, florin, shilling, sixpence, fourpence, and a silver twopenny and penny piece, a copper penny, half penny and farthing, with a penny, halfpenny, and double, of the currency of the island ; and the Bailiff proceeded to prove that the stone was properly adjusted. Bro. G. Sparrow, Director of Ceremonies, then invested General Bell with the badge of Masonry, which was handed to him by Bro. John Armstrong, Assistant-Director.

The mallet was then placed in the hands of his Excellency, by the Provincial Grand Master, with which the gallant General struck the stone three times, saying, " I do this day declare that this stone has been properly laid in masonic form." (Loud cheers, the band striking up " God save the Queen.") The Lieut.-Governor then returned the mallet to the Provincial Grand Master, who, after striking the stone thrice, offered up the following prayer : " May the Great Architect of the Universe grant a blessing on the foundation-stone which we have now laid, and by his providence enable us to finish this and every other work which may be undertaken for the benefit and advantage of this Island !—God save the Queen!" [The ceremony of sprinkling the stone with corn, wine, and oil, was here performed by the Provincial Grand Master] May the All-bounteous Author of Nature grant an abundance of corn, wine, and oil, with all other necessities, conveniences, and comforts to this island! And may the same Providence preside over and preserve it from ruin and decay, to the latest posterity! -God save the Queen!" The Provincial Grand Master then delivered to Mr. Hart, the architect of the building, the several implements for his use; and on a signal being given by hoisting a flag on the summit of Victoria Tower, the artillery on the New-Ground fired a salute of nineteen guns.

The Grand Chaplain then pronounced the benediction, at the conclusion of which the whole of the bands struck up "Rule Britannia;" and when the music ceased, the assembled multitude rent the air with their acclamations. This part of the ceremony being concluded, the Bailiff addressed the spectators, and the Lieutenant-Governor addressed the Bailiff, the Jurats of the Royal Court, Colonels of Regiments, &c., in neat and appropriate speeches. The several regiments of infantry then left the place, and repaired to the New-Ground, to join the artillery, where the whole force executed a feu de joie, and marched past the Lieutenant-Governor in order of review. His Excellency was unfortunately unhorsed by a plunge of his charger during the firing, but, we are happy to learn, received no injury. After the ceremony a collation was given by the Royal Court at the Royal Yacht Club Hotel. Covers were laid for fifty-three, and the company included the Lieutenant-Governor and Staff: the field officers of militia; the heads of departments; the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Provincial Grand Treasurer of Freemasons. The weather throughout the day was splendid. The proceedings were conducted with the utmost regularity, and, although three fourths, at least, of the population were astir, not the slightest accident occurred."



The Gavel used at the laying of the first stone of the Town Arsenal 1850 and the silver plaque attached to the front, with the inscription. "This Gavel used at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Militia Arsenal June 1850 was presented by R.W.P.G.M J. J Hammond Esq to the Hammond Lodge 829 Guernsey"

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Town Arsenal, Now the Fire Station, image Courtesy of the Guernsey Fire and Rescue Service

Chapter Seven

St Ann's Lodge Consecration

On the 27th June 1851, a Warrant was granted and presented to St. Ann's Lodge, Alderney and it was consecrated on 10th September 1851, as St. Ann's Lodge No.863.

The Founders were:

W.Bro. William Ozanne, Worshipful Master

Bro. John McDougal, Senior Warden

Bro. John Smith, Junior Warden

Bro. George Scott

Bro. M. Kennedy

Bro. Francis Ahier

Bro. Charles Whales

Bro. S. Leon

This was when the building of the Breakwater and the Forts in Alderney was at its height, so it can be assumed that the Founder Members listed were either Engineers, Operative Masons, Military Personnel or locals. In 1863, St Ann's Lodge was renumbered No.593.

During the period that Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond was Provincial Grand Master St. Anns Lodge has met at the following locations

1851 - McDougal's House (W.M.), New Street.

1858 - Looe's Hotel, Grosnez Street.

1861 - Masonic Hall, Marais Street.

1866 - Oddfellows' Hall, Ollivier Street.

Chapter Eight

Laying of the New Harbour Foundation Stone

Another key event was on the 24th August 1853, the first stone of the new harbour pier at St. Peter Port was laid by the Bailiff, Peter Stafford Carey, in the presence of the Royal Court and a large body of Freemasons. The records state that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey and its Dependencies, as well as that of Jersey, were present at the ceremony, and that, James John Hammond, esq, Provincial Grand Master and Rev. Bro Henry Orme Wood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master were in attendance. This was again reported on in The Freemasons Quarterly Magazine 30th September 1853.

“GUERNSEY. —Laying the Foundation-stone of the Harbour of St. Peter Port. —This ceremony took place on August 24th. For the greater part of the last fifty years, persons connected with the trade and shipping of Guernsey have felt that the present harbour was greatly deficient in accommodation and protection. Until the close of the war, although this inconvenience was still felt, the island trade was so active, that merchants and shipowners disregarded it, content in finding that, notwithstanding any serious injuries which their vessels might sustain, their purses Avere rapidly filling. With the return of peace, when commerce sought out new channels, and when Guernsey was deprived of the advantages which it had derived from its geographical position, and from the singular privileges which it had enjoyed, the profits of trade and shipping underwent a rapid decrease, and then merchants and the owners of vessels began to be sensible of the injury which they sustained from the inconvenient and dangerous state of their harbour. Efforts were in consequence commenced nearly thirty years ago to obtain the required improvement.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Lieut.-General Sir John Bell, who had previously manifested a lively interest in the improvement of the harbour, now and at all subsequent stages of the business gave his zealous and effectual assistance towards its accomplishment ; and the bailiff, P. S. Carey, Esq., cordially adopting the views of the Chamber, with great ability and untiring perseverance carried the proposal for its improvement through the States, that body finally adopting a plan which had by its direction been made by J. Rendel, Esq., the eminent civil engineer ; and in the spring of 1851 engaged with certain contractors for the execution of its first portion , estimated at about 40,000 pounds. Owing, however, to the failure of these parties just as they were about to enter on the work, the undertaking was again delayed until other contractors were agreed with.

Finally, on the 16th of May of the present year, a contract for the execution of the first section of the plan, and a portion of the second, was entered into with Messrs. Le Gros and De La Mare, of Jersey, for the sum of 46,909 pounds.; and August 24th, being the anniversary of Her Majesty's visit to this island in 1846, was fixed on for the ceremony of laying the first stone.

The several bodies who were appointed to compose the cortege assembled at twelve o'clock, the Brethren and the " Manchester Unity" of Odd Fellows marching in procession from their respective places of rendezvous, the former headed by a company of Rifles, as a guard of honour, and accompanied by the fine band of the 1st Regiment. A battery of four guns, drawn by four horses each, having marched from the Arsenal to take position on the South Beach, the procession having been marshalled in the court of that building, and three signal guns fired, set out in the following order: —

Advance Guard—Company of Rifles.

Band of 1st Regiment

Operative Masons, about eighty in number

Contractors- Messars Le Gros and De La Mare,

accompanied by

R. D. P. Goodwin, Esq., States Surveyor.

Resident Engineer, G. Lyster, Esq.

FREEMASONS, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: —

Brethren not Members of any Lodge, two and two.

Lodges not belonging to the Province, according to their numbers.

Lodges belonging to the Province, according to rank.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey, in the usual order.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Dependencies, in the following order: —

G. Sup. of Works, with the Plans on a Velvet Cushion.

Cornucopia, with corn, and two Ewers, Avith wine and oil.

The Rough and Perfect Ashlars.

Terrestrial and Celestial Globes.

Prov. Grand Organist.

Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Assist. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearers.

Past Grand Deacons.

Past Grand Secretaries.

Prov. Grand Secretary, with Book of Constitutions on Velvet Cushion.

Prov. Grand Registrar, with his Bag.

Prov. Grand Treasurer, with the Coins to be deposited.

Past Prov. Grand Wardens.

Brethren of Distinction.

Corinthian Light. Column of Prov. Grand Junior Warden.

Prov. Grand Junior Warden.

Prov. G. Steward. | Banners of the Prov. Grand Lodge. | Prov. G. Steward.

Doric Light.

Column of Prov. Senior Grand Warden,

Senior Prov. Grand Warden.

Prov. Junior Grand Deacon.

Prov. Grand Chaplain, with Volume of Sacred Law.

Banner of Bro. Wood, D. P. G. M. Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

Ionic Light.

Mallet of the Prov. G. M., carried by a P. G. Sen. Warden.

Banner of Bro. J. J. Hammond, Prov. G. M. for Guernsey and Dependencies, and Jersey.

Prov. G. Steward, [The R. W Prov Grand Master, Bro J J Hammond] Prov. G. Steward.

Senior Past Grand Deacon.

Prov. Grand Tyler.

The Royal Court, consisting of—

P. S. Carey, Esq., Bailiff.

H. O. Carré, Esq., Lieuf.-Bailiff, in purple silk gowns, and with purple velvet caps.

T. Le Retiley, T. E. De Haviland, E. MacCulloch, AV. P. Métivier,

J. T. De Sausmarez, J. S. Dobrée, John Le Mottee,

and A. S. Collins, Esqrs., Jurats.

J. De H. Utermarck, Esq., Queen's Procureur.

C. Lefebvre, Esq., Queen's Greffier.

P. Martin, Esq., Queen's Sheriff,

E. Queripel, Esq. jun., Queen's Serjeant.

Advocates of the Royal Court, in official costume.

The Douzaines, in the order of evocation.

Clerical Members of the States,

The Revs. W. Guille, R. Potenger, P. Carey, and C. Brock,

in full canonicals.

Heads of Departments.

Foreign Consuls.

Chamber of Commerce.

Agricultural Society.

Mutual Insurance Society.

Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows.

Band of the Royal Militia Artillery.

Rear Guard — Company of Rifles

The procession passed in this order through Doyle-road the Grange-road, St. James'-street, Smith-street, High-street, by the Town Church, along the South Beach, to the spot where the stone was to be laid, the route being lined by the four regiments of Light Militia Infantry, and by the portion of the Artillery not attached to the four-gun battery. The procession having arrived at the ground, and all the component parts of the pageant being now in place, the Commander-in Chief, Col. Fraser, R.A., accompanied by the Staff of his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, who was absent from the island, arrived at the entrance of the enclosed area, where he was received by the Harbour Committee, and conducted to the centre of the platform, the bands playing the National Anthem.

The ceremony of laying the stone was then commenced by the Rev. R. Potenger, Rector of St. Martin's, pronouncing an appropriate prayer in French; at the conclusion of which a numerous choir, under the direction of Bro. AV. Churehouse, Prov Grand Organist, sang the Hundredth Psalm, a large part of the assemblage joining. The Act of the States for the construction of the harbour was then read by her Majesty's Greffier. The Vice-President of the Harbour Committee then handed the inscription plate to Mr. Advocate Gallienne, P. G. Treas., by whom it was read as follows: —

ILE DE GUERNSEY.

*Le 24 Août, 1853, Anniversaire de la presence en cette ile de sa Très Gracieuse Majesté la Reine
Victoria en l'année 1846,*

Son Excellence le Lieutenant- Général Messire John Bell,

Chevalier, Commandeur du très Honorable Ordre

Militarie du Bain,

Étant Lieutenant-Gouverneur,

Lapremière Pierre de ce nouveau Hâvre de Saint Pierre-Port a été posée

Par Pierre Stafford Carey, écuyer, Baillif,

En presence du Corps des Etats,

Et de John James Hammond, écuyer, P.G.M., et du Rév. Henry

Orme Wood D.P.G.M. des Francs Maçons.

Comité des Etats chargé de l'Exécution des Traranx.

Pierre Stafford Carey, écuyer, Baillif.

Hilary Olivier Carré, écuyer, Lieutenant-Baillif,

Thomas Fiott De Havilland, écuyer, Juré,

Edgar MacCulloch, écuyer, Juré, Superviseur de la Chaussée,

En charge,
Abraham Bishop, écuyer, {Douzeniers}
Henry Tupper, écuyer,
James Bolomey Matthews, écuyer,
James Ahier De Lisle, écuyer,
Henry Giffard écuyer,
James Meadows Rendel, écuyer, Ingénieur-en-chef,
George Fosbery Lyster, écuyer, Ingénieur-Surintendant,
Messrs. Thomas Charles Le Gros et Philippe De La Mare, Entrepreneurs."

Various English and Guernsey coins were then handed by the Treasurer of the States to the Provincial Grand Master, by whom they were deposited in the cavity of the stone, together with the Act of the States, an almanac of the year, and a copy of each of the local papers, viz. the Gazette de Guernesey, the Star, the Comet, and the Guernesiais, the whole of which were enclosed in a glass vessel hermetically sealed.

The stone was then slowly lowered, and the Rev. V. W. Bro. C. Lynn, Prov. G. Chap., offered up prayer. After which the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to adjust the stone with the level, plumb-rule, and square, which were severally presented to him by the Very Worshipful Bro Prov. J. G. W., the Very Worshipful Bro Prov. S G. W., and Very Worshipful Dep. Prov. G.M. This done, he delivered to the Bailiff a mallet, _ with which the latter struck the stone once,—the Provincial Grand Master, with his own mallet, afterwards striking it thrice, saying .— "As Provincial Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England, for the Province of Guernsey and its dependencies, I now declare this stone to be duly and Masonically laid ; and may the G. A. O. T. U., without whose invocation no work of importance should be begun, grant a blessing on this undertaking. May He enable us to carry on and complete the building and may He of His infinite Providence guard over and protect the structure from ruin and decay until the latest posterity. God save the Queen."

Corn was then presented by the Prov. J. G. W. (Very Worshipful Bro. W. B. Goldstone) to the Provincial Grand Master, who, sprinkling the same over the stone, said: — " I sprinkle this corn as the symbol of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered down upon us, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude. " The choir chanted " Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will towards men." Next, pouring wine, which was presented to him by the Prov. S. G. W. (Very Worshipful Bro. Frederick Mansell), the Provincial Grand Master said: — " I pour this wine as a symbol of joy and gladness. May our hearts be made glad by the influence of Divine truth and may virtue flourish as the vine." Again " Glory to God " was chanted; and, pouring oil, which the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Very Worshipful Bro. Rev. Henry Orme Wood), had presented to him, the Provincial Grand Master continued: — "I pour this oil as a symbol of peace and comfort.

May peace and happiness, good-will, and brotherly love, flourish amongst us." The chanting was repeated, and the Provincial Grand Master made the following invocation: — "May the Architect, the Creator, the All-Powerful Author of Nature, the Omnipotent and Merciful Father of all, grant an abundance of corn, wine, oil, and all other necessities and conveniences of life to this island. May everything useful and ornamental be cultivated in it; and may everything that can invigorate the body and elevate the soul, shed their blessed influence on its inhabitants; and may the same Almighty power

make us humbly grateful for all His mercies." "So mote it be," was chanted, and the Very Worshipful Rev. Bro. Pendleton, Prov. G. Chap., concluded with an appropriate prayer."

The Treasurer of the States handed the Provincial Grand Master an Act of the States, and Almanac of the Year, a copy of each of the local newspaper, namely "La Gazette de Guernsey, The Star and Le Guernesiais" the whole of which were enclosed in a glass vessel, hermetically sealed, and he deposited them in a cavity of the stone. The Provincial Grand Master adjusted the stone with the level, plumb rule and square, and then delivered a mallet to the Bailiff, who struck the stone once; the Provincial Grand Master then struck it three times with his own mallet and declared:

"As Provincial Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England for the Province of Guernsey and its Dependencies. I now declare this stone to be truly and Masonically laid."

Several Prints depicting this historic occasion exist, one is on display at the Guille-Alles Library, St. Peter Port, also the Royal Court and was also published in the Illustrated London News 10th September 1853.



**Image of the laying of the first stone at St Peter Port Harbour 24th
August 1853, displayed in the Royal Court.**



Picture taken on the 31st March 1854 a few months after the laying of the Foundation Stone



Image of the laying of the first stone at St Peter Port Harbour 24th August 1853, published in the Illustrated London News 10th September 1853.



Plaque located on the Havelet wall to mark the location of the Foundation Stone Photo Courtesy of Bro M Tostevin.

Chapter Nine

Hammond Lodge No.829

In recognition of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond, as Provincial Grand Master, a Lodge was named in his honour, Hammond Lodge No.829 which received its Warrant on the 15th October 1849 and was Consecrated on the 6th December 1849.

The first Worshipful Master was WBro. Bengamin Collenette, the Senior Warden Bro. John Rowden, and Junior Warden Bro. William D Torode. It first met at a private room at 54 Le Pollet St Peter Port, and then from 1857 meeting at the Masonic Hall, Court Place, St Peter Port.

The lodge had a healthy membership however Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond was never a subscribing member of the Lodge. As the years passed the Lodge was Erased due to falling numbers in membership and as a result the brethren of the Lodge transferred to Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 on the 14th December 1864, and surrendered its Warrant in August 1865.

The following is taken from "The Freemasons Quarterly Review" 31st December 1849 and mentions the consecration of Hammond Lodge No.829

"GUERNSEY, Dec. 6. The brethren met in large numbers at a new lodge-room, in Pollet-street, for the purpose of assisting in the solemn ceremony of consecration.

The Right Worshipful Bro. James John Hammond, the Provincial Grand Master for the provinces of Guernsey and Jersey, accompanied by the Rev. Henry Orme Wood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey.

The Rev. Frederick J. Jeremie, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Guernsey, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Guernsey, having arrived, the warrant empowering certain brethren to form and hold a new lodge, to be called "Hammond Lodge," in compliment to Right Worshipful Bro. James John Hammond, Provincial Grand Master, and appointing Bro. Benjamin Collenette, surgeon, W. M. thereof, having been read.

The Provincial Grand Master then performed the beautiful and solemn ceremony of consecration. In the course of the evening Bro. Collenette, as W. M. of the lodge, presented, on behalf of Mrs. Hammond, the lady of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of this province, a beautiful quarto bible, bearing a suitable inscription.

The labours of the lodge being over, the brethren retired to banquet, where the utmost harmony and brotherly feeling prevailed throughout the evening".

Chapter Ten

Later Life

Finally, Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond is listed as a Founding member of the Royal Alfred Lodge No.1179, Jersey in 1861 but was excluded from the Lodge in 1864, it is suspected for nonpayment of subscriptions, due to his known financial position at the time, (Royal Alfred Lodge No.1179 was constituted on the 29th October 1861 it was issued Number 877 renumbered in 1832 to 1179 and renumbered again in 1894 to the original number it still uses today 877)

DATE OF INSTITUTION OR ADICTION	NAME	RESIDENCE	CITY/TOWN NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	PROFESSION	EDUCATION
	Hammond	Jersey	John				
	Hille		Thomas				
	Hines		Richard				
	Hines		Philip				
	Hines		Matthew				
	Hines		George				
	Hines		William				
	Hines		John				

The Royal Alfred Lodge No.1179 Minute Book, listing Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond as a Founding Member

Courtesy of the Museum of Freemasonry

Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master in January 1868, being in poor health and financial difficulty due to his poor investments, this ends the connection of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds Masonic career involving Guernsey.

With the resignation of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond, the "Third Provincial Grand Lodge" came to an end,

Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond's resignation was reported in the "Masonic Mirror" on the 29th February 1868,

"We learn from correspondence that Right Worshipful Bro James John Hammond the Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Jersey, has resigned office, His successor has not yet been nominated, and pending the appointment the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge has been indefinitely postponed."

It was also reported in the "Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror" on the 11th April 1868,

"Sir and Brother,- I have the honour to inform you that the Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond has resigned the offices of Provincial Grand Master of the Island of Jersey and the Island of Guernsey and its Dependencies, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to accept of such resignation on the 27th of January last."

Four years previously Very Worshipful Bro. Rev. Henry Orme Wood Deputy Provincial Grand Master had died at the age of 49 years old, and had been succeeded by Bro. James Gallienne, who was H.M. Greffier and a Past Master of Mariners Lodge No.168 and Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84, although he was not Provincial Grand Master after Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds resignation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province, he was left in charge of the Province.



Brother James Gallienne Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Courtesy of the Provincial Library and Museum Guernsey

Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds wife Anne and one of his daughters Amelia Ann predeceased him, Amelia was buried on the 3rd January 1887 and Anne on the 13th October 1887.

Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond died on the 27th August 1893 at the age of 82 his cause of death being recorded as Decay of Nature (Old Age) and listed his profession as a Librarian, he was buried on the 30th August 1893 at the St Clement Parish Church. All three were buried in the same plot Number 173 of the new part of the cemetery.

30th. Hammond James John Esq. (Librarian) and formerly Seigneur of Samaries, Died at 4 Windsor Crescent at 6.15 a.m. 27th Aug⁴ - Dr. Moffat. Buried at St Clements on his late wife & daughter N^o. 143 Past north. Still room for 1. There is a headstone. Rev D Leupriere met us at the Church. Mr Lewt. Lerrier Aubin managed for Mr^s Georges his daughter who came over but did not attend the funeral, only 4 neighbours attended. By Cash from Lewt. Lerrier Aubin M^{rs} 12 Oct⁴/93 - 12 19 1

Burial Record for James John Hammond 30th August 1893, Courtesy of the Provincial Library and Museum Guernsey

Although Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds Masonic Career didn't end so well in Jersey with him raging a campaign to disparage against the Craft and starting a campaign to prevent young men from joining it allegedly due to him having a supposed change of heart over his meaning of Freemasonry.

As a result of his resignation, it did mean that for some twenty-five years after, the Province of Guernsey and Alderney had to work under the direct control of the Grand Lodge of England, Guernsey was asked to affiliate itself formerly with Jersey, but declined, and petitioned Grand Lodge to be kept a separate and distinct Province.

This was not wanted, for several reasons, amongst others that the Lodges of the Bailiwick were not numerous enough to constitute a separate Province. The growth of twenty-five years had removed that objection, and other obstacles having also ceased to exist.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been graciously pleased to constitute Guernsey and its dependencies a Province, with Right Worshipful Brother James Balfour Cockburn, M.D., as Provincial Grand Master.

Chapter Eleven

Holy Royal Arch Membership

Membership into The Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem was very different to the way it is in present day then you were required to have been through the Chair of a Lodge or had Passed the Chair as was in Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds case, to be able to be exalted.

In The Holy Royal Arch, he was exalted into Chapter of Harmony, No.302, St. Helier on 5th July 1847.

He became a Founder of Royal Sussex Chapter, No.722, St. Helier in 1848.

He became a joining member of Doyle's Chapter of Fellowship, No. 99, Guernsey in 1849 and Mechanical Chapter, No. 306, St. Helier, Jersey on 14 February 1850.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent for the Channel Islands in 1848, serving until his resignation in 1871. There is no record that he ever formed a Provincial Grand Chapter although he was signing documents as Grand Superintendent of the Channel Islands.



**Holy Royal Arch Apron and Sash not belonging to but of the era of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond,
Held by the Provincial Library and Museum Guernsey**

Chapter Twelve

Conclusion

It has been a long-standing position with other historians who have looked into the time of Right Worshipful John James Hammond as Provincial Grand Master in both the Provinces of Jersey and that of Guernsey and Alderney that he by some way he had managed to persuade the United Grand Lodge of England that the Provinces should be separated and kept within their jurisdictional and geographical Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey.

In researching the documents to produce this booklet it was clear that at some stage prior to the instillation of Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond as Provincial Grand Master that the Provinces must have been separated previously this conclusion is drawn from the fact that in October 1848 he was initially made Provincial Grand Master in Jersey, if the Provinces at that point were joined he automatically would have become Provincial Grand Master for Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm.

However, in June 1849 almost a year after a near identical ceremony had to be performed in Guernsey where he then was installed as Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey and Alderney and by definition it is clear the Provinces had already been operating and were recognised separately.

What should be pointed out is that it was also clear that given the size of the two Provinces and the distance between them and from the supporting material it does appear that United Grand Lodge of England did consider bringing these two small Provinces together and it was then, that Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond successfully argued that the Provinces should remain separate and distinct.

Also of note when Right Worshipful James John Hammond no longer held the office of Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in both islands were left in charge they too made applications arguing that the provinces should be kept separate. Worthy of note at each time up until the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother James Balfour Cockburn as Provincial Grand Master, applications were made by the individual Lodges within the Province of Guernsey to continue to maintain the two Provinces separately, and the United Grand Lodge of England do not appear to have needed those applications since 1898 and therefore it must be assumed that the Provinces will always be considered separate.

What we can say is that Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond played a part in maintaining the two separate Provinces, that continue to thrive today.



Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond in the Regalia of the Provincial Grand Master, image courtesy of the Museum of Freemasonry.



**Right Worshipful Brother James John
Hammond in his Provincial Grand Masters
Regalia 1864**



The Hammond Lodge No.829 Signature Book Cover book contains all attendees from the Lodges Consecration to its final meeting.

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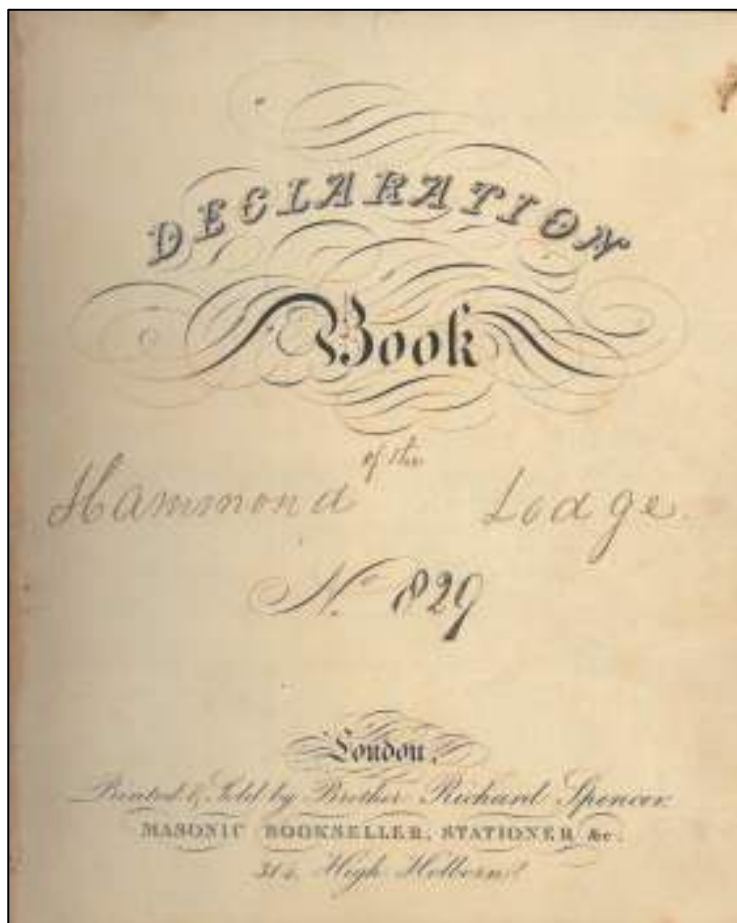
**Hammond Lodge No.829 Signature
Book and the attendees from the
last meeting held 7th December
1864 attended by 15 Members and
16 Visitors**

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The Hammond Lodge No.829 Declaration Book for all new Candidates joining the Lodge in total 86 are recorded in the book as being Initiated into the Lodge

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The Hammond Lodge No.829 Declaration Book inside page

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*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers,
and Members of the Hammond*
LODGE

No. 829

I, *George Foster Kirby*

being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one
years, do declare, that, unbiassed by the improper
solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary
or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntarily
offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry;
that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived
of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and
that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages
and established customs of the Order.

Witness my hand, this *13th* day of *Dec^r* 1849

Witness, *George Foster Kirby*
James Gardner

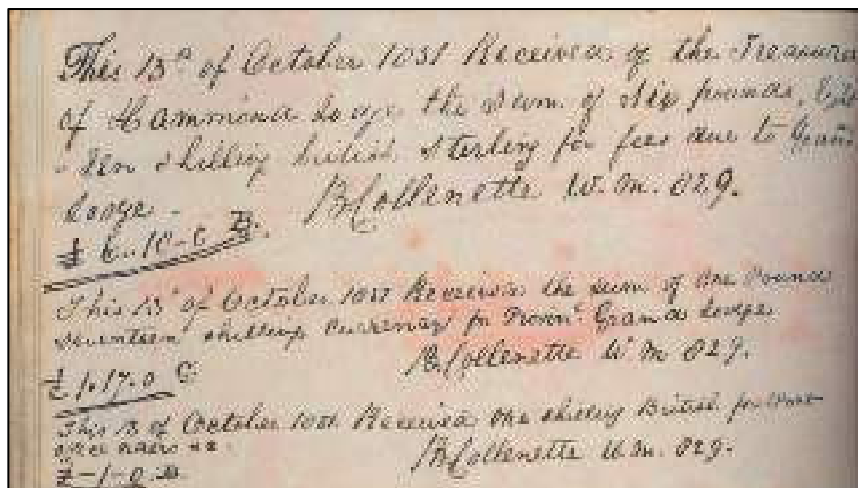
The Hammond Lodge No.829 Declaration Book, first Candidate into
the Lodge signed 13th December 1849. George Foster Kirby

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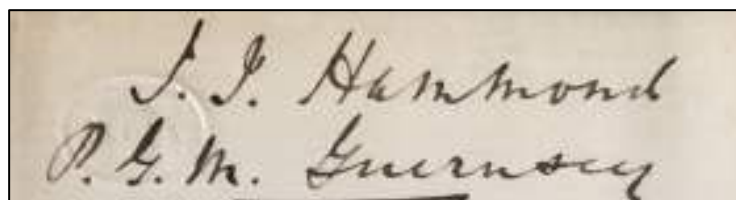
The Hammond Lodge No.829 Receipt Book hold closed with a brass lock,

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The Hammond Lodge No.829 Receipt Book showing funds being paid due to the Grand Lodge, paid by WBro Collinette WM

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Right Worshipful Brothers Signature on a letter dated 1860 in his capacity as Provincial Grand Master

This paper was written to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge
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Some Names and Ranks, taken from the Masonic Periodicals have been amended to make it easier
for the reader to understand in a modern context.