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Worshipful Master, 1937; Director of Ceremonies, 1948 - 1958

and

Wor. Bro. SIDNEY J. DALY, P.Prov.J.G.W.,
Worshipful Master, 1947; Secretary since 1951

in appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered
to the Lodge,
this work is respectfully Dedicated
by the Author.

Acknowledgement

I must record my sincere thanks to my friend, Wor. Bro. J. M. Y. Trotter, P.Prov.S.G.W., President of the Provincial Museum Committee, for the invaluable assistance he has given me and but for whose encouragement this work would not have been written.

In preparing Chapter I, I have drawn from that admirable volume "Freemasons' Guide and Compendium" by Bro. Bernard E. Jones.

V. E. LUFF.

FOREWORD

by the Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Very Rev. E. L. Frossard, M.A., Dean of Guernsey, P.G. Chap.

I have read with the greatest interest and pleasure the booklet concerning the history and progress of Loyalty Lodge which has been written by Wor. Bro. V. E. Luff and is to be published in connection with the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of this Lodge.

It is admirable in its clarity and in the thoroughness with which the necessary research into the past has been made.

Bro. Luff has earned for himself the gratitude not only of the members of his Lodge but also of the whole Province as this valuable document will henceforth hold an honourable place in the archives of local Masonry.

In the name of the Province I congratulate Bro. Luff on having accomplished so distinguished and valuable a piece of Masonic research and I thank him for the added knowledge that he has thus supplied to us.

The Province is looking forward with great pleasure to sharing with Loyalty Lodge the pride and thankfulness that may legitimately be associated with a celebration of this character.

I hope that as they read this booklet other Brethren may be led to write similar booklets in connection with their own Lodges.

In the name of the Province I extend to the Brethren of Loyalty Lodge, which bears so honoured a name among us, my warmest congratulations and my best wishes for the future.

EDWARD L. FROSSARD, P.G. Chap.,

Provincial Grand Master.

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Chapter I

"ANTIENTS" AND "MODERNS"

As Loyalty Lodge was founded during the closing years of the period of great Masonic disharmony, it is essential at the outset to explain, though somewhat briefly, the grave struggle which had been waged between the rival ruling Masonic factions and to bear it in mind when examining the formation and early history of the Lodge.

In 1717 the Premier Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Lodge in the world, was formed in London by four Lodges meeting in that city. At first its jurisdiction was restricted to Lodges in London and Westminster, but within eight years of its formation sixty-four Lodges were entered upon its roll, fifty of which were in London and others as far away as Bath, Bristol, Norwich, Chichester, Chester and Reading. It was, however, more than probable that other private Lodges of antiquity were in being, but were not affiliated to Grand Lodge. One of these was the Lodge at York, which, in 1725, announced itself as being "the Grand Lodge of ALL England held at York". Its influence was restricted to the counties of Yorkshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, but it became inactive in 1740, was revived in 1761 and after 1792 nothing further is known about it.

During 1723 a Book of Constitutions, based on the old MS Charges of the fourteenth or earlier centuries, was published with a certain amount of Grand Lodge authority. It was compiled by Dr. James Anderson, who revised it in 1738. John Entick, in 1756, having received the necessary authority, revised the whole of Anderson's second edition and produced a new code of regulations. In addition to revising the Constitutions in 1738, Grand Lodge made many alterations to the ritual because a number of tracts had been published which exposed some of the secrets of the Order, and it was felt

that unless alterations were made, there was a danger that non-members of the Craft would be able to gain admittance to Lodge meetings. These alterations, in the view of members of Lodges not affiliated to the Grand Lodge, departed from the ancient landmarks of the Order. It was for this reason and because of the apathy and inability of the Premier Grand Lodge to rule those under its jurisdiction that a rival Grand Lodge, known in committee from 1739, came into existence officially in 1751.

This rival Grand Lodge, according to its first secretary, John Morgan, who was succeeded in 1752 by Laurence Dermott, the mainspring of the "Antients" and one of the most remarkable Masons that ever lived, was entitled "The Most Ancient and Honble. Society of Free and Accepted Masons". The members affiliated to it believed that they practised a more ancient form of Freemasonry than the Premier Grand Lodge and therefore called themselves "Antients," whilst their rivals of the Premier Grand Lodge, formed thirty-four years earlier, were regarded as being and were, in fact, labelled "Moderns".

The fierce struggle which raged between the "Antients" and "Moderns" during the 1760's and 1770's is typified by the fact that an attempt was made to incorporate the Premier Grand Lodge by Act of Parliament. That this attempt was unsuccessful was due in no small part to the opposition of the "Antients", although the proposal did not find universal favour amongst the "Moderns" themselves. Naturally, the failure of this attempt caused jubilation amongst the "Antients" which, unfortunately, did not assist in paving the way for unity. A further example of the high feeling which existed between the rival Grand Lodges was the practice of "remaking" or "whitewashing" in Lodges owing allegiance to one of the Grand Lodges, Masons who had been initiated in Lodges owing allegiance to the other Grand Lodge.

Towards the end of the eighteenth century, however, a great

improvement in the situation made itself manifest. In many districts "Antient" and "Modern" Lodges existed, and it is conceivable that they eventually adopted the best points of both systems. The majority of "Modern" masons used the "Antient" working as they were not aware of the alterations made by the Premier Grand Lodge (the "Moderns"). Because of this a Grand Master of the former abandoned principles which could not be defended and endeavoured to bring about one ritual and one Grand Lodge. A "middle of the road" party then came into being, which, after several years of hard work, managed to impose a settlement on both the rivals. In 1794 the Deputy Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges, in an address to Prince Edward, who later became the Duke of Kent, expressed the hope that under his influence "the Fraternity in general of Freemasons in His Majesty's dominions will soon be united".

A spirit of tolerance then existed and the "Modern" working came to approximate to that of the "Antients"; so much so that from the middle 1790's until 1813, several Lodges (one of which was Loyalty) worked under warrants from both Grand Lodges.

In 1797 the first definite step to achieve union was taken by the "Antients", who attempted, unsuccessfully, to nominate a committee to meet a committee which they hoped the "Moderns" would appoint. Then, during 1809, the "Moderns" appointed a special Lodge, the Lodge of Promulgation, charged with the duty of promulgating the ancient landmarks and informing "Modern" Masons of the alterations found necessary. This Lodge realised that unless they adopted landmarks and ritual which would, in general terms, be acceptable to the "Antients", there was little hope of achieving the ultimate goal — the unity of English Freemasons. They were successful in their task, which was completed in February, 1811, and were later appointed to negotiate with the "Antients".

In May, 1813, the Duke of Sussex became Grand Master of the "Moderns", and he appointed his brother, the Duke of Kent, as his Deputy Grand Master. In the same year the Duke of Kent was appointed Grand Master of the "Antients". Twenty-one articles of union were drawn up and signed by both Grand Masters in November, 1813, and were later ratified by the two Grand Lodges. The final act of union took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 27th December, 1813, when it was announced that "the two Fraternities are one, to be from henceforth known and acknowledged by the style and title of THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREEMASONS OF ENGLAND".

Chapter II

THE FORMATION AND EARLY HISTORY OF LOYALTY LODGE ("MODERN" CONSTITUTION)

In that admirable local annual publication "*The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory*" the following details appear under the section devoted to Loyalty Lodge, No. 243:—

"Date of Warrant, 18th August, 1810.

Consecrated as No. 349, October 16th, 1810."

To the legal mind these details are, no doubt, regarded as being perfectly correct, for our present number, 243, was "awarded" as a result of the grant of the warrant dated 18th August, 1810. In actual fact the Lodge is two months older than we are led to believe by the aforementioned dates.

The events leading up to the formation of the Lodge, and particularly the records of its early days are most interesting and, indeed, probably unique in Masonic history.

At the time the Lodge was founded, the Provincial Grand Master was that great British General, Sir John Doyle, who, from 1804 until 1816, was the Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey. He was a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge which worked under the jurisdiction of the Premier Grand Lodge of England, formed in 1717, but later labelled "Modern" as has already been explained. He held his appointment as Provincial Grand Master from the "Modern" Grand Lodge in spite of the fact that there were no "Modern" Lodges in the Island—all, and there were six of them—worked under the jurisdiction of the "Antient" Grand Lodge.

In December, 1806, Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship was founded as an "Antient" Lodge, Number 336, with the approval of Sir John Doyle and in June of the following year, he joined the Lodge and was "whitewashed." Thus, a "Modern" as well as an "Antient" Mason was the "Modern" Provincial Grand Master with no Lodge under his jurisdiction.

In 1809, five Lodges then working in the Island applied to the "Modern" Grand Lodge for "Modern" Warrants. It is, however, clear that consideration was being given to forming a new Lodge and eventually eight members of Mariners' Lodge No. 222, the founders of Loyalty Lodge, applied to Sir John Doyle for a Warrant and were granted by him a very rare document — a Provincial Grand Master's Warrant of Constitution — dated the 17th June, 1810. This document now rests in Freemasons' Hall, London.

The application for this Warrant must have been made hurriedly as on the day after its issue, the five Lodges which had applied for "Modern" Grand Lodge Warrants, namely Orange, Mariners', Harmony, Unity and Doyle's, and in all probability, Loyalty, were consecrated as "Modern" Lodges at a mass ceremony held at the Assembly Rooms — now the Guille-Allès Library. The six Lodges met at the Assembly Rooms at 10 a.m. and after forming into a procession, headed by a Squadron of Light Horse and a band, with the Deacons clad in white robes, the Wardens in purple and the Masters in red, together with Knight Templars, Red Cross Knights and other high orders, regardless of the fact that these latter were not recognised by the "Moderns," but only by the "Antients," marched to Government House where they were joined by the Provincial Grand Master who wore a scarlet silk robe embroidered with gold. The procession then proceeded to the Parish Church of St. Peter where a service was held, thence back to the Assembly Rooms where a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened and the Masters of the various Lodges installed and the Officers invested. At the conclusion of the ceremony a dinner was held at which, we can well imagine, numerous speeches were made.

There was some delay on the part of the Provincial Grand Lodge in informing Grand Lodge of the consecration of Loyalty as a number of Lodges, junior in date to Loyalty, were registered before the latter and so bore lower numbers.

Loyalty Lodge was numbered 623 and a MS book in Grand Lodge Library contains the following entry after Lodge No. 629:—

" 623 Lodge of Loyalty in the Island of Guernsey

David King, Masr.

Richd. Trout }
John Moore } Wardens.

Constd. by Sir John Doyle, Prov.G.M.

N.B. — This number by mistake was given to this Lodge and the St. David's Lodge at Carmarthen, which is therefore distinguished by an * and the number 630 is omitted in the Calendar, as it was offered to the Lo. of Loyalty in Guernsey, but refused to be accepted by them."

The refusal of the Lodge to accept a higher number must have received the approbation of Sir John Doyle as the Warrant is endorsed in the margin as follows:—

" No. 6

Guernsey Establishment

Guernsey, 4th Feby. 1812

Government House

This Warrant is Registered
in the Books of the Grand Lodge
in London, and the number of it
is 623

J. Doyle,
Lt.-Genl.,
P.G.Master.

By Command of the

P.G. Master
P. Medsheff
P.G.S."

It is probable that the Lodge worked under the Provincial Grand Masters' Warrant and, later, under its "Antient" Grand Lodge Warrant, to which reference is made in the next chapter, and that no "Modern" Grand Lodge Warrant was issued.

As the Lodge made its returns to the Provincial Grand Master who did not submit them to Grand Lodge, very little information is known about its membership. Apart from the Master, David King, and the Wardens, Richard Trout and John Moore, only six other members are known — Thomas Samuel Gallienne, Peter Sarchet, Thomas du Frocq, — Banguerina, — Gerson and — Priaulx.

In the printed Quarterly Communication for Wednesday, 25th November, 1812, it is recorded that contributions were received from 623, Lodge of Loyalty, Guernsey: —

For the Charity Fund £2- 2-0

For the Hall Fund £2- 2-0

£2-15-0

For the Liquidation Fund £0-16-0

After the Union of the two Grand Lodges, the number of the "Modern" Loyalty Lodge became 630 and in 1829, the Lodge was erased from the Register.

Chapter III

THE FORMATION AND EARLY HISTORY OF LOYALTY LODGE ("ANTIEN" CONSTITUTION)

Although the original founders of the Lodge, who, it will be remembered, were members of Mariners' Lodge ("Antient" Constitution — for the "Modern" Lodge had not then been consecrated) had achieved their object and were meeting in a regular and warranted Lodge under the "Modern" Constitution, they were apparently not satisfied with their position and so, no doubt, adopted the attitude that as all other Lodges in the Province held Warrants from both Grand Lodges it would probably be in their interests to obtain an "Antient" Warrant. They accordingly petitioned the "Antient" Grand Lodge on the grounds that "... being members of this Lodge [Mariners] having the recommendation of our Mother Lodge, and the same being so very numerous, beg leave to apply for a new Warrant to hold a Lodge..." Their Petition was granted and the Warrant, dated 18th August, 1810, gave the style and title of the Lodge as Loyalty Lodge No. 349. Thus the Lodge was duly warranted under the authority of the two Grand Lodges and so was well set to obtain the best of both worlds.

The consecration of the Lodge took place on the 16th October, 1810, at premises which, unfortunately, are unknown. It was the custom of the "Antient" Grand Lodge that new Lodges should be consecrated by the Grand Master, or, in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master, or, in his absence, by a local member of the craft who, for the space of about three hours, was vested with the powers of a Deputy Grand Master. This latter course was adopted in regard to the consecration of Loyalty as is clear from the following account of the ceremony recorded in the minute book of Mariners' Lodge No. 222 ("Antient"); —

"Deputy Grand Lodge of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Constitutions held at Guernsey, 16th October, 1810, by the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, &c., &c., &c.

PRESENT

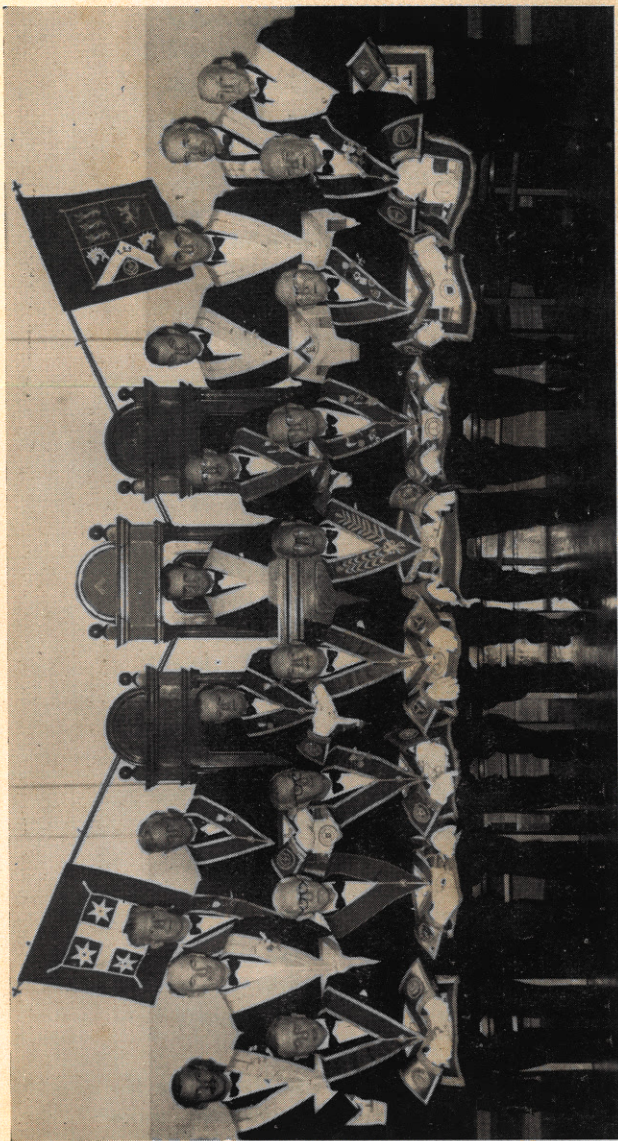
Rt. W. William Jones Depty. Grd. Master
 „ John Wincey Past D.G. Mr.
 „ H. R. Wincey S.G. W——
 „ John Walker Junr. G. D——
 „ James Arnold Grand Secty.
 „ Phillip Frecker G. Treasurer
 „ Edward Dyke Sr. G. Deacon
 „ Robert Sawyer Junr. G. Deacon
 „ Charles Elkinton Grand Sword Bearer
 Br. P. Maingy — W. Rougier — James Moreau —
 & N. Allez — J. Bazin — H. Guillard — Wm.
 Mitchell — F. White — P. Tardif — John
 Feast.

X In conformity to a Deputation received by the Deputy Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of England for the purpose of consecrating and installing the new Lodge, No. 349, the following Brethren were in consequence constituted into a Regular Warranted Lodge, viz.:

Bro. David King W.M.
 Peter Robilliard P.M.
 Richard Trout S.W.
 John Sullock J.W.
 John Caire Secty
 John Moore Treasurer

Deputy Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at
 8 o'clock P.M."

It is interesting to note that the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden of both the "Antient" and "Modern"



LOYALTY LODGE, No. 243 — WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND PAST MASTERS, 1960

Seated: J. H. Loveridge, W.M. 1955; W. Palmer, W.M. 1948; P. Stranger, W.M. 1931; R. J. Stranger, W.M. No. 130; T. Richard, W.M. 1937; P. N. Le Marchant, W.M. 1928; C. E. Gicquel, W.M. 1946; S. J. Daly, W.M. 1947.

Standing: V. E. Luff, W.M. 1958; S. W. Caved, W.M. 1957; E. W. Laker, W.M. 1950; R. C. K. Wilkes-Green, W.M. 1953; G. W. Staples, W.M. 1949; A. K. Jory, W.M. 1960; C. F. Davison, W.M. 1952; S. A. Coker, W.M. 1959; R. H. Collenette, W.M. 1956; E. T. Shirley, W.M. 1936; S. E. Cherry, W.M. 1959.

Lodges were the same persons whilst the Junior Warden of the one was not the Junior Warden of the other.

Another interesting point which should not be overlooked is the fact that the consecration ceremony was recorded as having been carried out in "Deputy Grand Lodge," an expression which is quite erroneous as there has never been such a body. Obviously the recorder of the ceremony must have been under the impression that the Lodge over which the Grand Master's Deputy presided must have been the Deputy Grand Lodge!

According to a register at present held in Grand Lodge, the eight founder-members of the Lodge consisted of the six brethren mentioned as officers in the minutes of the consecration ceremony and Bros. John Hammond and John Ferguson, all of whom were members of Mariners' Lodge No. 222. By September, 1810, two further names are recorded in the Grand Lodge register as members of the Lodge—Peter Hammitt, Surgeon and Thomas Malcott, Sadler, both of Guernsey. On the 23rd November, 1810, three further names appear in the register—John Ferguson, Master Mariner of Scotland, Thomas Queripel, Bootmaker and Thomas Samuel Gallienne, Farmer, both of Guernsey. One other name appears under an entry dated 26th December—William Phillips, Sailmaker, of Guernsey. In 1811, five further names are recorded, in 1812, one and in 1813, two.

The Lodge met on the last Friday in every month, from 1810 to 1828, in Private Rooms.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, "Antient" Lodges came to be known as "Atholl" Lodges by reason of the fact that successive Dukes of Atholl presided over them as Grand Masters. It is the privilege of the Deacons of such Lodges to wear as their Jewels of Office, a winged Hermes—the Messenger of the Gods—instead of the Dove provided that the original jewel is in the possession of the Lodge. Loyalty Lodge is one of the few remaining which exercises this privilege to this day.

THE NUMBERS OF THE LOYALTY LODGES

As has already been stated, the original number of the "Modern" Lodge was 623 whilst that of the "Antient" was 349. A year after the Union of the two Grand Lodges, that is, in 1814, all Lodges on the two Registers were inscribed on one Register. In compiling this combined list of Lodges, Lodge No. 1 on the "Antient" Register became No. 1 on the new, whilst No. 1 on the "Modern" became No. 2 on the new and so on alternately. This system of renumbering resulted in Loyalty Lodge No. 349 ("Antient") becoming No. 448, whilst No. 623 ("Modern") became No. 630. Thus the younger of the two Lodges bore the senior number. The policy of the original founders of "sitting on the fence" by obtaining warrants from the two pre-Union Grand Lodges had paid dividends, the benefits of which we possess to this day.

The original founders, having achieved their object by obtaining the best of both worlds, lost interest in the "Modern" Lodge which probably ceased to work and as a result the "Modern" Warrant — that issued, it will be remembered, by Sir John Doyle — was erased in 1829. Many other Lodges must have been treated in the same way as in 1832, the Register was rewritten, the numbers of Lodges which had been erased being allocated to Lodges still on the Register. Loyalty No. 448 became No. 299 and, thirty-one years later, in 1863, it received its present number, 243.

MEETING PLACES OF THE LODGE

As all that is known about the "Modern" Lodge has been recorded in Chapters II and IV, this and the following Chapters deal solely with the "Antient" Lodge.

It has already been stated in an earlier Chapter that the Lodge, from its foundation until 1828, met in a Private Room, the address of which is unknown. In 1828 the Lodge commenced meeting in Cole's Hotel, Market Place — now the new Co-Operative Society's stores — which remained the regular meeting-place until 1844, in which year it moved to the Assembly Rooms, now the Guille-Allès Library. From thence it moved, in 1854, to Private Rooms in Victoria Road and in 1858, it became sub-tenants of Doyle's Lodge, who were the tenants of the Masonic Hall in Court Row. There it remained for 24 years although, apparently, during the last few years under somewhat unhappy conditions.

The Lodge was informed, on the 19th December, 1877, that correspondence had been received from Doyle's Lodge "concerning the rent to be paid in future" — it can be surmised that this was a notice of intention to increase the rent — whereupon a committee was elected "to deliberate upon and act in the matter." No further reference is made to the subject in the minutes until the 19th June, 1878, when it was recorded that "A Notice served by Doyle's Lo. to the W.M. was read giving notice to quit these premises, upon which a committee was chosen to obtain a suitable place." By the date of the next meeting of the Lodge, the 17th July, the committee had not met but by the 17th August a letter had been sent to Doyle's Lodge informing them that the question of the rent would be attended to without delay. On the 18th September, 1878, the Lodge accepted the terms offered by Doyle's Lodge and on the 15th January, 1879, the Lodge was informed by

the Worshipful Master that he had signed a lease with Doyle's Lodge "giving Loyalty Lo. the use of the room and all the accessories for a term of 3 years at an annual rental of £15 Bts."

Two years later, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th February, 1881, record that "The W.M. made a statement to the effect that in the interest of the Lo. he had met a Committee appointed by Mariners' Lo. to take into consideration the amount charged as Rent, and read the correspondence which had passed between the Committee and Doyle's Lo. asking that a Committee of this Lo. be appointed and invested with full power to act, to meet with those elected by the other Lo." A Committee was accordingly elected which, together with committees appointed by Mariners' and Fidelis Lodges, met for the first time on the 7th March, as a result of which a letter was sent to Doyle's Lodge, in the names of Loyalty and Fidelis — Mariners' having already made a similar approach — offering "the sum of £10 per annum each Lo., per annum, for the rent of the Lo. premises and the use of its furniture, &c., &c., therein." The Secretary of Doyle's Lodge replied to the offer on the 14th May, 1881, and enclosed the following resolution of the Lodge:—

"Resolved

That the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of rent chargeable to the Sub-tenants be received and adopted, and that each Lodge be communicated with individually in the following terms:—

'That from the 25th day of Decr. 1881, Doyle's Lodge offers to underlet the Lodge premises to Loyalty Lodge for the term of seven years at the rent of £12 per annum payable half-yearly, to include the same accommodation as it has hitherto enjoyed, for its twelve regular Monthly Meetings and four extra meetings (16 in all) and for every occasion the premises are used by or on behalf of Loyalty Lodge above that number, whether it be for

Craft, Royal Arch, Lodge of Instruction or other purpose the sum of 10/- to be paid for each and every such meeting. These terms to be available only on condition that they be accepted before the 15th day of June next and the lease signed before the 24th of the same month'."

The above correspondence was communicated to Loyalty Lodge on the 22nd June, 1881, together with the following resolution of the Joint Committee of Mariners', Loyalty and Fidelis:—

"That this meeting is of opinion that the amount, viz. £12 per annum for each Lodge, for the rent of Lodge premises as asked for by Doyle's Lodge is exorbitant, and therefore this meeting rejects the offer."

After discussing the matter, the Lodge unanimously resolved:—

"That legal notice be sent to Doyle's Lo. of our intention to quit the Lo. premises at Xmas, said notice to be given before the 24th Inst."

At the same meeting the Lodge also unanimously decided "That the same Br. form a Committee in conjunction with the Br. appointed by Mariners' & Fidelis Los. to look out for a suitable place and that such committee have full power to select and secure one."

The Joint Committee looked upon its task as being of the utmost urgency and it submitted a detailed report to a joint meeting of the three Lodges concerned held in St. Julian's Hall (now the Gaumont Cinema) on the 3rd November, 1881. As this meeting resulted in the erection of the Masonic Temple in Le Marchant Street, the minutes are recorded hereunder, as it is felt that they will be of great interest to all who meet within its portals:—

"Amalgamated Meeting of the Members of Mariners', Loyalty & Fidelis Los. held in St. Julian's Hall, Thursday, Nov. 3/81.

By the unanimous voice of the meeting Bro. William Helman, P.M., was called to preside.

After a few introductory remarks referring to the objects of the meeting and the business to be transacted, he called on the Secretary (Bro. P. Le Page, P.M.) to read the report which was as follows:

REPORT

Gentlemen,

Your Committee in presenting you with a Report of their proceedings extending over a period of about nine months, wish to remind you of the circumstances which led to the appointment of this Committee, as well as point out the critical state in which the Lodges, represented at this meeting, were placed at that time.

As individual Lodges, you were the sub-tenants of Doyle's Lodge, and they held the premises under a lease from Mr. H. Kaines, the landlord, for which they pay a rental of £22 per annum; they also pay for the Coals and Gas consumed on the premises, and allowing their sub-tenants (the other Lodges) to make use of the furniture therein. Allowing that the furniture is worth £200, the interest thereon at 5% would be £10 and the Coals and Gas, &c., costing about £8 gives £40 as representing the whole of the outlay to Doyle's Lodge. To meet this expenditure Doyle's Lodge charges each Lodge £15 per annum — equal to £60, the Chapter pays £5 and the upper storey lets for £4 making together a total of £69 as income and according to this computation giving a net gain of £29 a year to the said Lodge. It is contended by Doyle's Lodge that this amount is only just sufficient to meet the outlay for contingencies & also to decorate the interior of the Lodge room from time to time. In your several Lodges a different opinion prevailed, hence the appointment of your committee and the work entrusted to it, was to endeavour by argument and also by a representation of the above facts, to induce the said Lodge to reduce to

an equitable amount, the Rent charged for the use of the said premises, and failing in this to make such arrangements for the future as was considered best.

Your Committee has met 7 times and has entered into a somewhat lengthy correspondence with Doyle's Lodge, for be it remembered, your Committee has never had the opportunity given it, of meeting their 'Rent Committee' face to face.

All that could be done by writing has been done to effect a mutual and amicable arrangement with a view to place your Lodges in their proper position but without avail and your committee came to the conclusion that the time had arrived when it was absolutely necessary for the Lodges to assert their independence if they are to retain their individuality, as the action of Doyle's Lodge tends in the direction of making you entirely subordinate to them.

Having arrived at this conclusion your Committee made an offer to Doyle's Lodge in the following resolutions —

"That the Lodges offer to Doyle's Lodge the sum of £10 each Lodge per annum for the rent of the Lodge premises and the use of the furniture, &c., &c., therein."

"That the above-named sum be paid after the expiration of the year 1881."

This offer of your committee was altogether ignored, and a communication was sent to each Lodge instead, containing a report of their 'rent committee,' with an ultimatum in reference to terms.

This, offered on the one hand, modified terms but on the other hand, was so arbitrary in the conditions of said terms, that your committee had no hesitation in rejecting the offer, a proceeding which your Lodges sanctioned by

immediately giving Doyle's Lodge legal notice of your intention to quit.

After this, nothing remained but to secure a suitable place of meeting; several rooms and buildings were visited and examined, none of which were considered suitable for Masonic purposes, except as a temporary arrangement, and failing in procuring such accommodation it became necessary to look for a site on which to build a Masonic Hall, or else purchase some building which could be easily converted for this purpose. The latter course was found to be too expensive a scheme and it therefore only remained for your Committee to select and purchase a piece of ground for a moderate sum and then with the strictest economy build a Masonic Hall.

After examining various sites and making enquiries about several pieces of ground which at first, were considered eligible, the committee unanimously decided that a site which was offered & situated in Le Marchant Street, was not only admirably adapted for the purpose, but was remarkably cheap, and being a freehold, every way desirable for the contemplated object.

Two members of the Committee purchased, in their own names, this piece of ground for £175, but they are prepared to hand it over to your committee for the same amount. On part of this ground stands at present a House which brings in a rental of £8 a year; your committee suggests to leave the house remain where it is and by a small outlay in the shape of paint and repairs, restore it thus making it worth £10 a year. It also recommends you to build a Masonic Hall, the front to be in Le Marchant St. but the Lodge room to extend across, and be situated at the back, facing due East, for which purpose there is ample space to make a Lodge room 42 feet by 24 feet, which would be larger than the Lodge room you now occupy.

The services and professional ability of Bro. Thomas Le Page (builder) were secured and a plan, in accordance with the above idea, prepared and submitted to your committee, which was unanimously approved of. The estimated cost of such a Building would be about £1,000 which the committee suggests should be raised by bonds, redeemable at periodical drawings, of £1 each and these bonds to be confined exclusively to members of the craft, thus giving an opportunity to each member to possess an interest in the building where his Masonic sympathies are centred.

The sum required for the purchase of this freehold, viz. £175 the committee are of opinion, should be subscribed by the members of the several Lodges at once, and so strongly does your committee see the necessity for this, that in the most urgent terms it presses on all who have the welfare of Masonry in Guernsey at heart, to come forward and state the amount of their donations.

The reason for this step is apparent, it secures a good guarantee at starting and to manifest their earnestness and sincerity in this matter, they have raised amongst themselves in promises the sum of £30 conditionally that the whole amount be subscribed.

In concluding this report the committee wishes to remind you that its work is not by any means to be considered as finished. A temporary place of meeting has to be secured and arrangements made for the regular monthly meetings of your Lodges during the time that the scheme which is laid before you this evening, is being worked out to its completion, and this it pledges itself to do before your next regular Lodge nights."

Proposed by Bro. Wm. de Jersey.

Seconded by Bro. Wm. Courtenay.

"That the Report now read to this meeting be received" carried, nem con.

A lengthy discussion then followed and Bro. T. Le Page was called on to explain to the meeting several matters of detail.

Proposed by Bro. Courtenay.

Seconded by Bro. John Helman.

"That the Report of the United committee recommending the purchase of a site for a Masonic Hall in Le Marchant Street, & suggesting the mode of raising funds for the construction of the same, be adopted & that the said united committee be authorized and empowered to proceed with the construction of the said Hall in accordance with the said recommendations and suggestions." Carried nem con.

The Brethren then came forward and promised about £70 (including the £30 named in the Report) towards purchasing the site.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Wm. J. Helman, P.M., for presiding.

(signed) Peter Le Page, Jr.,

Secretary."

Thus the Masonic Temple in Le Marchant Street came into being — and all because three Lodges felt that they were being overcharged for rent to the extend of £5 each per annum!

At a meeting of the Lodge held on the 21st December, 1881, "The W.M. stated that he had, in conjunction with the Committee named last June, to look for a suitable place of meeting, arranged that after the present meeting, the Lo. will meet in one of the rooms of St. Julian's Hall: this arrangement to be temporary." The first meeting at the new venue took place on the 18th January, 1882, and the Lodge continued to meet there up to and including the 23rd August, 1883, at which meeting the only item on the agenda was a discussion on the new Masonic Temple.

The Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple was laid at a ceremony held on the 3rd March, 1882, and the Consecration

of the Temple took place on the 6th September, 1883 in the presence of 110 brethren amongst whom were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Jersey and, happily, brethren of Doyle's Lodge.

The first meeting of Loyalty Lodge in the new Temple was held on the 19th September, 1883, when three candidates were initiated, the W.M., the I.P.M., the Treasurer and the Secretary taking part in the ceremony. The Lodge has continued to meet there ever since, except for one occasion when, on the 15th June, 1932, the Regular Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Court Row. This temporary move was necessitated by the work, then in progress, of extending the temple in Le Marchant Street. The breach between Loyalty and Doyle's had by then been completely closed as the following resolution, adopted on the 15th June clearly shows: —

"We, the W.M. and Brethren of Loyalty Lodge No. 243, assembled this day for the last Masonic Lodge Meeting ever likely to be held in this Freemasons' Hall, Court Row — in thanking the W.M. and Brethren of Doyle's Lodge for so kindly lending us their Temple for this occasion and remembering past history, do sincerely hope that the happy relationship and hearty co-operation which existed in their early and strenuous days between our two Lodges, when Loyalty regularly met in this room as the tenants of Doyle's Lodge, will be continued and extended in the New Masonic Temple, Le Marchant St. where we are again to find a common, and, we trust, a permanent home."

The dedication of the new Temple, in which the Lodge now meets, took place on the 4th October, 1932, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Secretary, the late Very Wor. Bro. Sir Colville Smith, c.v.o., assisted by Officers of Grand Rank and our present Provincial Grand Master, who then held the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The first meeting of the Lodge in the new Temple was held

on the 19th October, 1932. A souvenir programme of this meeting was produced which contained the summons convening the meeting and brief notes on the history of the Lodge. The official visitors on this occasion were Doyle's Lodge and Lodge St. Helier, No. 4449, Jersey.

Chapter VI

LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Between the 18th August, 1810, and the 9th January, 1813, the names of twenty-two members were inscribed on the Grand Lodge Register of Members of Loyalty, though whether all these were members at the same time cannot be proved. In 1815, eleven members from pre-Union days were inscribed on the register. From that year until 1820, no returns were submitted to Grand Lodge but in the latter year it appears that six years dues were paid to Grand Lodge for four members and in 1824, three years' dues were paid for three of those members. Between 1822 and 1824, six candidates were initiated and two members of the craft were accepted as joining members, one from Lodge 443 and the other from Mariners' No. 222.

When, in 1825, a new list was commenced by Grand Lodge, the membership was shown as seven. Between 1826 and 1833, there were twenty initiates and fourteen joining or re-joining members. There is then a gap of six years during which nothing is recorded concerning the membership but in 1839, five-shillings quaterage was paid to Grand Lodge in respect of each of four members. From 1839 to 1844, the Lodge was inactive, its membership being reduced to three. By 1850, however, thirty-eight members were inscribed on the roll and by 1857, the membership had risen to forty-two.

During 1867, half the members were "excluded" for being hopelessly in arrears with their dues and the membership was reduced to twenty-eight. Meetings were very poorly attended and on occasions it was quite impossible to open the Lodge. At the November meeting in that year, "a conversation took place on the desirability of amalgamating Mariners' to Loyalty." By the following year, 1868, the membership had risen to thirty-five and under the guidance of Wor. Bros. Peter Le Page, George Weyson, Frederick Weyson and W. Le Page,

the Lodge began to prosper. From the formation of the Lodge until about this time Doyle's and Loyalty worked in close co-operation, from time to time the officers of one assisting in the other. Members of the Lodge should always be grateful to Doyle's Lodge as well as to the four brethren mentioned above as it was due to them that the Lodge was placed on a solid foundation. The following table shows how the Lodge grew in membership over the years from 1858 to 1960:—

<i>Period</i>	<i>Candidates</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Membership</i>
1858-1867	73	31st Dec. 1867	28
1868-1877	70	" 1877	74
1878-1887	66	" 1887	49
1888-1897	53	" 1897	57
1898-1907	57	" 1907	81
1908-1917	58	" 1917	81
1918-1927	74	" 1927	116
1928-1937	47	" 1937	118
1938-1940 (May)	10	" 1940	120*
1946-1955	59	" 1955	123
1956-1960 (June)	17	" 1959	119

* On the 31st. December, 1945, the membership was 105, 15 members having died during the period of the German Occupation of the Island.

Chapter VII

LODGE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FINANCES

It is indeed unfortunate that the earliest records in the possession of the Lodge — a minute book — date from the 21st January, 1874, all records previous to that date being lost during the German Occupation. In this review of members' subscriptions and Lodge finances, no details can be given of the state of affairs before the date mentioned.

The first reference of a financial nature is recorded under the date of the 17th February, 1875, when the Treasurer asked the Lodge to appoint the auditors although no details of the

accounts appear to have been referred to the Lodge until the 16th February, 1881.

The first of many votes for charitable purposes is recorded in the minutes of the 16th June, 1875, when the sum of £5 was voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution and at the same meeting the sum of 20/- "to the widow of Bro. Cox to enable her to return to America." The state of the Lodge finances at this time must have been very low as the following minute of the 21st July, 1875, shows:—

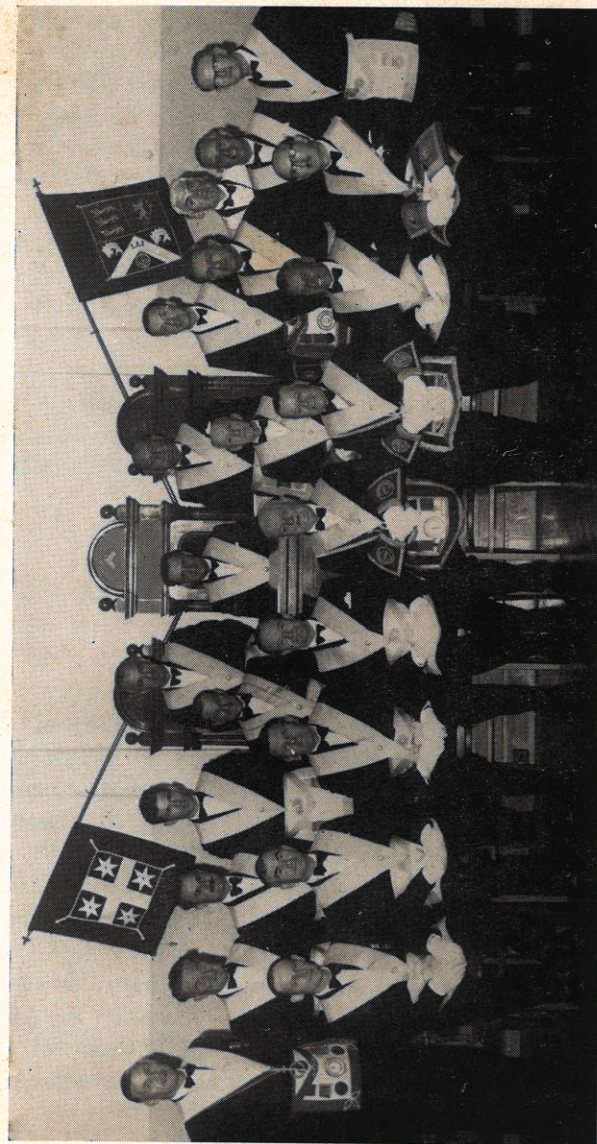
"That the members of this Lodge hear with deep feelings of regret of the distressed circumstances of Bro. P. G. Sarchet and whilst admitting their readiness to assist in so laudable a purpose as that proposed by the Br. of Doyle's Lo. they are sorry that on account of the lateness of the appeal, they are prevented from joining in it, the surplus funds at their disposal amounting to over Six pounds having been voted for charitable purposes at a previous meeting."

Obviously the poor state of the Lodge finances was realised by the brethren for on the 19th September, 1877, they resolved that "Every brother shall pay four shillings per quarter contributions to the Lodge, of which 2/- per annum to be paid by the Lodge to the Fund of Benevolence . . . the dues for seafaring brethren to be 3/- per quarter, the charge to be made after the 1st January next." It was further resolved "That each member shall pay in addition to the above, four pence per month, the said amount to be kept as a separate fund to be voted by the Lo. each year solely for masonic charity." Thus, from the 1st January, 1878, the annual dues were to amount to a total of £1 whilst those of seafaring brethren were to be 16/-. In actual fact members paid 16/-, including 4/- for charity, and seafaring brethren, 8/- plus 4/- for charity. On the 21st May, 1879, it was resolved that seafaring brethren pay "Six pence per month instead of 8d. as heretofore."

On the 16th February, 1881, the auditors reported that the Lodge owed the Treasurer about £7-15-0 and that the Treasurer held about £8-15-0 in the Charity fund. A year later, on the 15th February, 1882, the auditors reported that "the Lo. was indebted to the Trear. £10-7-6 with £7-0-10½ in the charity fund." On the same date it was resolved, in effect, that the total annual dues of ordinary members remain at 16/- but that the 4/- which had in the past been devoted to a separate charity fund, should be diverted from that purpose to the Lodge Funds. The dues of seafaring brethren were increased from 10/- to 12/- per annum.

The re-organisation of the Lodge finances placed the Lodge in such a position that it was able, in April, 1882, to vote £15 for the purchase of bonds for the proposed New Masonic Temple and £10 towards the cost of purchasing the site. No doubt, because of the financial commitments which the Lodge had accepted in joining with Mariners' and Fidelis Lodges in financing the cost of the New Masonic Temple, the subscriptions were raised, as from the 1st January, 1884, from 16/- to £1. These increased fees enabled the Lodge to purchase more bonds, and in fact, substantial sums were voted for that purpose from time to time. In addition to this the Lodge agreed to the cancellation of many bonds without repayment being made. It appears that the policy of the Lodge for twelve years until 1896, was to spend each year an amount which was almost equivalent to its income, whilst preserving a credit balance which was never allowed to fall below £4.

In their report for the year 1896, the auditors drew attention to the fact that the Lodge owed the Treasurer £55-5-2 and that as ordinary expenditure exceeded income, an effort should be made to reduce the cost of refreshments. This warning was taken to heart for by the end of the following year, a profit of £25-1-8 had been made on the year's working, the debt to the Treasurer being reduced to £30-3-6. By the end of 1898, the debt had been further reduced to £17-19-0 and by December,



LOYALTY LODGE, No. 243 — WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND OFFICERS, 1960

Seated: L. E. Le Tissier, Almoner; H. Borne, Asst. Secretary; J. P. Fustic, S.D.; H. B. Ravillious, Treasurer; S. J. Daley, Secretary; G. W. Staples, D. of C.; A. R. Loveridge, J.D.; C. F. Davison, Asst. D. of C.
 Standing: H. W. Randle, Tyler; F. H. Perchard, Steward; J. Bisson, Steward; H. Cook, Steward; S. A. Coker, I.P.M.; S. E. Cherry, Chaplain; D. R. Le Lacheur, Organist; G. E. Le Page, Steward; W. de W. Parsons, Steward; R. G. Warr, Steward; T. K. Charnley, Steward.
 Seated in Chairs: C. H. Bougourd, Senior Warden; A. K. Jory, W.M.; T. H. Roffey, J.W.

1899, the Lodge showed a credit balance of £27-1-3. The Lodge kept out of debt from then on and in 1903, the credit balance had been increased to £57-0-11½. By the end of 1907, the total funds amounted to £132-18-8, made up of £57-18-8 in cash and £75 in Temple Bonds. Thus the Lodge had achieved a good financial position and could look forward to the future with confidence. Alas, the tranquillity of the Edwardian era, gave way to the troubled years which culminated in the First World War, during which, in 1916, the annual subscription was increased from £1 to £1-5-0 and the Lodge resolved "That refreshments be continued, with strict economy, especially in the matter of liquids." During the war, the dues of members serving in the Forces were excused.

A comprehensive statement of the financial position as at the 31st December, 1918, showed that the Lodge was worth £178-17-6, made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
165 Temple Bonds	165	0	0
Members' arrears	12	17	3
Cash at Bank	1	0	3
	£178	17	6

In 1919, a Supper Fund was instituted to which members subscribed 5/- per annum, whilst non-subscribers to the fund were charged 10d. per meal, a similar charge being made for guests.

From the 1st January, 1921, the initiation fee was increased to 10 guineas, the joining fee to 2 guineas, and the annual subscription to 35/- for resident members and 21/- for non-resident members. In 1929, the charge for the festive board was increased to 2/- and in the following year the charge for a guest became 4/-.

By the 31st December, 1931, the Lodge was in a healthy position as is indicated by the following Capital Account:—

	£	s.	d.
1/3 Share Masonic Temple	909	8	0
1/3 Share Furniture & Utensils ...	129	14	9
1/3 Share Land Purchased			
for Extension ...	253	6	8
Arrears considered recoverable ...	25	16	0
Balance in Hand	120	8	1

£1,438 13 6

The above statement shows quite clearly the extent of the interest which the three Lodges — Mariners', Loyalty and Fidelis — had in the Masonic Temple.

Due to the loss, during the Occupation of the Island, of the Minute Book covering the period 1933 to 1940, the next financial statement which is available is that in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1946. This showed balances in the General Account of £140-18-1, in the Charity Column of £35-16-1 and in the Building Fund, set up in respect of the 1932 extension of the Temple, of £63-14-0. During this year, the banquet fee was increased from 2/- to 3/6.

From the 1st January, 1950, the initiation fee was increased from 10 to 15 guineas, the joining fee from 2 to 3 guineas and the annual subscription from 35/- to 2 guineas. It will be noted that these increases were extremely modest, particularly if it is borne in mind that they were the first to be made since 1921.

During 1952 the Lodge received the benefit of a scheme, well and truly laid in 1892, when, in connection with the purchase of £50 worth of votes in the R.M.B.I., the life of the wife of a member of the Lodge was insured for the sum of £200 plus profits. A premium of £4-2-10 was paid for a period

of 61 years, and upon the death of the lady concerned, the Lodge received the sum of £847-12-0. At the end of 1952, after meeting normal expenses, together with a donation of £262-10-0 to the Royal Masonic Hospital, the Lodge showed a balance on their Current Account of £697-16-4 and £63-12-5 in the Charity Column Account.

In 1954, the Lodge, as one of the three owner Lodges of the Masonic Temple, agreed to a proposal that all Lodges meeting at the Temple should become owners thereof and that the Board of Management should be reconstituted to include a representative of each Lodge. The newly constituted Board of Management carried out an extensive examination of the condition of the building at an early date and formulated a plan of repairs and renovations. This resulted in a recommendation to all Lodges that, in the interests of the building, rents should be increased and a levy be imposed each year for three years in order that essential repairs and renovations could be carried out. These recommendations being accepted by all Lodges, the Lodge appointed a Committee to report on the best means of financing their proportion of the cost. As a result of the Committee's report the subscriptions and fees were increased with effect from the 1st January, 1958, to the following amounts: —

	£	s.	d.
Annual subscription, including dining fees			
for Members resident in the Island	4	4	0
Annual subscription for Members not resident			
in the Island	1	11	6
Initiation Fee	21	0	0
Joining Fee and Rejoining Fee	5	5	0
Emergency Meeting for the purpose of con-			
ferring a degree	5	5	0

At the 31st December, 1959, the Lodge showed the following credit balances in its various accounts:

	£	s.	d.
General Account	34	0	4
Reserve Account	292	17	10
Sesquicentenary Account	118	3	0

£445 1 2

Charity Column 50 6 3

Chapter VIII

CHARITY

Since 1874, not a year has passed without the Lodge having subscribed, out of its Funds, varying sums to the Masonic Charities, including the Royal Masonic Hospital. The extent of the Lodge's interest in this most essential characteristic of Freemasonry may be gauged by the fact that the Lodge holds the following votes in the three Institutions:—

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	83
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	46
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	315

By reason of the above votes, the Lodge is a Vice-Patron of the R.M.I.B. and the R.M.I.G. as well as being a Patron of the R.M.B.I. It is also a Patron Lodge of the Royal Masonic Hospital.

In addition to supporting the Masonic Charities, the Lodge has not been ungenerous in its attitude towards individual members of the Lodge and their relatives as well as to other individuals. The following extracts from the minutes make interesting reading and give some indication of the varied appeals which the Lodge has supported in years gone by.

16th June, 1875. — “That the sum of 20/- be voted to the widow of Bro. Cox to enable her to return to America.”

16th May, 1877. — “Bro. G. Weyson proposed & the Treasurer seconded a proposal to erect a headstone at the grave of Bro. Abel Harding, recently deceased. The funds to be taken from money found in the column. Carried.”

21st October, 1885. — “That five shillings a week be given out of the funds of the Lo. to Widow Murphy as long as she lives.”

20th January, 1886. — “In reference to the case of Widow Murphy, who is ill, and who receives 5/- a week from

the Lo. it was proposed by Bro. W. J. Helman, seconded by Bro. F. J. Weyson, 'That as the W.M. is responsible for the 5/- given to Widow Murphy weekly, he be empowered, in the event of her death, to undertake the arrangements and defray the expenses of the funeral for the Lodge.' Carried."

19th January, 1887. — "A communication from the St. David's Lodge, No. 366, Milford Haven, was read by the Secretary; it contained an application for pecuniary assistance. After hearing the grounds of appeal as set forth in the communication the Treasurer proposed and W. Master seconded the following resolution — 'That the sum of One pound be voted to assist the Brethren of St. David's Lo. No. 366.' Carried." The St. David's Lodge here mentioned was the Lodge which, at one time, had the same number as Loyalty, namely 623 (see page 13).

18th March, 1891. — "The death of Mrs. Edwards was the subject of conversation when it was proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the I.P.M. 'That this Lodge agrees to contribute its proportion towards the funeral expenses of the late Mrs. E. Edwards, who for many years, served the Lodges efficiently and faithfully.' Carried."

16th September, 1891. — "The Circular letter from Lo 'Quartuor Coronati' in reference to purchasing an annuity for Bro. Gould was referred to, it was then proposed by Bro. J. D. Robilliard, seconded by Bro. Secretary, 'That this Lo. votes from its funds the sum of one guinea in furtherance of this object.' Carried." Bro. Gould was, of course, the great Masonic Historian whose work "The History of Freemasonry" is well-known.

20th November, 1901. — "The Treasurer referred to the case of Bro. Capt. Swan who is recovering slowly from

the mad attack made on him and suggested that a little help financially would be acceptable. Proposed by the I.P.M., seconded by P.M. Robilliard, 'That the sum of Five pounds be voted and sent to Bro. Swan.' Carried unanimously."

19th November, 1902. — "A letter of appeal from Bro. Henry A. Slater for assistance to enable him & family to return to Australia was before the Lodge. After hearing Bros. Treasurer, Robilliard, Downie, Stranger & others the W.M. said that he would give one pound from the Charity fund & the proceeds of this evening's Charity Column. — Agreed."

21st May, 1913. — "The Secretary said that Mariners' Lodge had voted £2 to relieve Bro. Hedley & Fidelis Lo. voted £1 it only remained for Loyalty Lo. to vote £2 so as to be able to remit £5. — The Lodge unanimously voted the amount." This Bro. Hedley was also known by the name of "Sequah" and was a well-known character who dispensed "quack" medicines and extracted teeth in a mobile wagon, the top of which accommodated a band which was reputed to play loudly whenever an extraction was being effected.

1914 - 1918. — At various meetings during the First World War, the Lodge voted sums of money to War Charities and for the purpose of sending parcels to members of the Lodge who were prisoners-of-war.

17th October, 1951. — The Lodge agreed to a proposal that the sum of ten guineas be paid to the relatives of a Past Master "to assist them in meeting the expenses which arose out of the illness and death" of the late Brother.

9th December, 1953. — A grant of 10 guineas was made to the aged daughter of a greatly respected late Past Master of the Lodge.

Chapter IX

CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER LODGES.

As has already been stated, the Lodge owes its foundation to members of Mariners' Lodge and it is only natural that the bonds of friendship between the two have been strengthened with the passing years. Although Mariners' were our founders, it may be said that Doyle's saved us, and we them, from extinction during the period from 1810 until the late 1860's. Mention has already been made of the co-operation of Mariners', Loyalty and Fidelis in providing a Masonic Temple — now owned by all Lodges meeting in the Island with the exception of St. Martin's which, of course, owns its own Temple. This latter Lodge was sponsored by Loyalty for it was on the 19th May, 1920, that a petition was read to the Lodge "from the proposed founders to open a new Lodge at St. Martin's, Guernsey, to be called St. Martin's Lodge, which was approved and signed by the W.Master and his Wardens." It must also be stated that the Lodge is on the best of terms with all other Lodges of the Province as is evidenced by the fact that the Worshipful Masters of all Guernsey Lodges are invited, once each year, to pay an Official Visit to the Lodge, accompanied by their Wardens, and that in addition to this, it is the custom to invite the Worshipful Masters of all Guernsey Lodges to attend every meeting of the Lodge as guests of the Lodge.

This spirit of brotherhood is not, and has not in the past been, restricted to Lodges of this Province but has extended, and still extends, to the furthestmost parts of the world.

In view of the comparatively recent happy relationship which the Lodge has established with a Lodge in New Zealand, to which reference is made later in this chapter, it is of interest to note that as long ago as 1896 the Lodge received a gift from a member of a New Zealand Lodge. The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 16th September, 1896, record this fact in the following words:

"The secretary read a letter from W. Bro. F. de Lisle, P.M. 1577 E.C., late S.D. 243, in which he made offer of a photograph of the dais of the Scinde Lodge, No. 5, N.Z.C., late 419 I.C., taken during the Installation ceremony. W. Bro. Le Page had the Photo. in his possession and informed the Lodge that it was a very clear and distinct one, and therefore a decided acquisition. The W.M. also spoke very highly of the Photo. and the fraternal tone of the letter.

"Proposed by W. Bro. P. Le Page, and seconded by W. Bro. T. Pethers, that the offer be accepted, and that a letter of thanks be sent to the worthy and Worshipful Brother. (Carried)".

Soon after the end of the German Occupation of the Island those great Masonic attributes, Brotherly Love and Relief, were extended to the Lodge by Lodge Island Bay, No. 243, New Zealand, whose W.M. informed our W.M. that it was the desire of his Lodge to extend assistance to Loyalty, which bore the same number in the English Constitution as did his Lodge in that of the New Zealand, by sending a food parcel each month to be distributed to needy and deserving brethren, at the Master's discretion. Those brethren who had lived through the Occupation of the Island and who had suffered much thereby were the recipients of these parcels, which were of the utmost benefit to them and which were received with grateful hearts. In appreciation of the generosity of Lodge Island Bay, Loyalty Lodge, on the 18th February, 1948, voted a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a suitable gift to be sent to the New Zealand Lodge. This gift took the form of a copper Guernsey milk can, suitably inscribed. Its receipt was acknowledge with thanks by the W.M., who intimated that his Lodge was desirous of making a presentation to Loyalty in the form of a set of gavels made of New Zealand wood. This gift was presented to the Lodge at a special meeting held on the 1st June, 1949, by Bro. Capt. D. Chadwick, a member

of the New Zealand Lodge, who came to the Island specifically for the purpose. The proceedings at the meeting are recorded in the minutes in the following words:

"Bro. Capt. D. Chadwick, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge Island Bay, No. 243, N.Z., presented to the Worshipful Master a case containing a set of three gavels made of New Zealand wood and each bearing a Maori emblem. During the course of the presentation Bro. Chadwick expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the Lodge and conveyed fraternal greetings from the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of his Lodge.

"The Worshipful Master, after referring to the generosity of Lodge Island Bay in sending gifts of food parcels to the Lodge, thanked Bro. Chadwick in the name of the Lodge for the presentation he had made and requested him to convey the Lodge's appreciation and thanks to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge Island Bay.

"The Worshipful Master then handed a gavel to the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden and directed that in future the gavels presented by Lodge Island Bay would always be used when the Lodge met."

At least once in every year fraternal greetings are sent to and received from Lodge Island Bay, and at Loyalty's Installation meeting a toast is proposed to the New Zealand Lodge. Long may this custom continue so that, in time, it will become a tradition, to be properly honoured and to serve as an example of that goodwill which exists amongst Freemasons throughout the world.

The Lodge, between the two World Wars, paid and received at intervals, visits to and from the Lodge St. Helier, No. 4449, Jersey, and Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey. In recent years it has become an established custom for Loyalty to visit Yarborough one year, and for Yarborough to visit Loyalty the following year, et seq.

Chapter X

THE LODGE MINUTES

Those who have had the privilege of reading the Lodge minutes from 1874 to date cannot but help feeling that the Lodge has indeed been fortunate in the choice of secretaries which successive Masters have made. The proceedings of the Lodge are so clearly and concisely set forth that they make most interesting reading.

This chapter is devoted to a selection of minutes dealing with many subjects, recorded under the appropriate date, which the author regards as interesting and from which much can be learnt about the customs prevailing at the time. As some of the events recorded were spread over several meetings, in one case, over several years, an edited version is given for the sake of convenience to those who read these notes.

21ST JANUARY, 1874. This is the date of the earliest minute now available. It records the Installation of Wor. Bro. Frederick J. Helman, at which the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens and the Brethren were all given by the Installing Master, a practice which was followed at most Installations until 1907, from which year they were never delivered by one and the same person, except in 1919, when Wor. Bro. P. Le Page exercised his right as senior Past Master, of Installing the Master Elect, due to the death of the Master in 1918. The minutes of the meeting end as follows: "The business of this, one of the most successful and edifying evenings passed in Loyalty Lo. for years, was ended and the Lo. closed in harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9 o'clock."

15TH APRIL, 1874. Four candidates were initiated and one who was proposed and seconded was balloted for and not accepted. He is recorded as having visited the Lodge in January, 1875, as a member of another local Lodge. Three of the four candidates initiated were passed in May and raised in June, 1874.

19TH AUGUST, 1874. Although Emergency meetings were not uncommon, it is recorded that on this date, as there was no work to be done, the Brethren were questioned in the 1st and 2nd degrees and the working tools of the three degrees were explained.

21ST OCTOBER, 1874. The only business transacted was the presentation of a Jewel and an address to Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page "in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge over many years."

20TH JANUARY, 1875. Installation meeting attended by the District Grand Master of Jamaica, who, at the Master's request, occupied the Senior Warden's chair. At this meeting the appointment of an organist is recorded for the first time, the other officers being the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Deacons, the Inner Guard and the Tyler. The appointment of two Stewards was first mentioned in 1877, a Director of Ceremonies in 1878, a Chaplain in 1894, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies in 1910 and an Assistant Secretary in 1917.

17TH MARCH, 1875. The ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising were all performed at this meeting, but no individual took more than one degree. The three ceremonies were also worked on the following dates: 19th May, 1875; 16th February, 1876; 3rd April, 1876; 18th April, 1883; 16th May, 1883; 19th May, 1886; 15th September, 1886; 21st April, 1920; 19th May, 1920; and 15th September, 1920.

11TH OCTOBER, 1875. A dispensation from Grand Lodge was read authorising the initiation of a "serving brother", his election and initiation being carried out on the 20th October.

18TH OCTOBER, 1875. A Brother was presented with his Royal Arch Certificate in the 1st Degree of the Craft working. Similar instances are recorded on the 16th March and 19th December, 1877, and the 16th April, 1879.

1ST AUGUST, 1876. A combined meeting of Doyle's Lodge, Mariners' Lodge and Loyalty Lodge, the W.M. of Doyle's as W.M., the W.M. of Mariners' as S.W., and the W.M. of Loyalty

as J.W. The meeting had been convened "for the purpose of laying, with Masonic honours, the foundation stone of the De Saumarez Memorial, a dispensation with that object having been obtained from G. Lo, which was read by Bro. P. Le Page, I.P.M. The procession having been formed, the Brethren proceeded to the site and His Excellency Bro. St. George G. Foley laid the stone in due form. The procession then returned to the Hall and the Lodge was duly closed." This, of course, refers to the De Saumarez Memorial, Delancey Park, which was demolished by the Germans during their occupation of the Island.

12TH SEPTEMBER, 1876. Emergency meeting to initiate a candidate who, for some unknown reason, was not present, and who was never again mentioned.

17TH JANUARY, 1877. Wor. Bro. T. M. Bichard, W.M., 1875 and 1876, was presented with "a handsome ormolu timepiece, with suitable inscription, a gold P.M.'s Jewel and an address", subscribed for by the Brethren.

21ST FEBRUARY, 1877. Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page refused to meet the auditors "as they had grossly insulted him." At the next meeting Wor. Bro. Le Page proposed that he should "hand over all Lo. property in his possession to the W.M., together with the usual account and other books, which might be duly examined by the auditors in his absence. To settle the matter, the Lodge accepted the proposition." On the 18th April, 1877, the Lodge was informed that the accounts had been duly audited.

18TH DECEMBER, 1878. The Lodge balloted for a candidate who was unanimously accepted, but at the next meeting, held on the 15th January, 1879, the Lodge, by 19 votes to nil, refused to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting. The W.M. ruled that in view of that, a fresh ballot be taken for the same candidate, who was blackballed. The matter was referred to Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary declared that the second ballot was not requisite, and that the candidate

remained an accepted candidate of the Lodge. He was never, however, initiated.

21ST MAY, 1879. Fifteen Brethren received declaring off certificates.

17th DECEMBER, 1879. Bro. E. M. Le Huray was elected W.M. Elect by a majority of one vote.

19TH MAY, 1880. Wor. Bro. W. T. Helman was presented with a gold P.M.'s Jewel and an address — subsequently printed and framed.

16TH MARCH, 1881. The Lodge resolved "That a list of the members of this Lodge be printed and framed and placed in the room during the meetings of the Lo."

10TH MARCH, 1882. An Emergency meeting at which 8 candidates for initiation were balloted for and accepted, 3 being present, they were initiated.

15TH MARCH, 1882. Five candidates were initiated.

19TH APRIL, 1882. Seven Brethren were passed to the 2nd Degree and one candidate initiated.

13TH NOVEMBER, 1883. An Emergency meeting at which Bro. T. Pethers, who was leaving for the Cape, was presented with a testimonial, an address, a Past S.W.'s Jewel and a purse.

21ST OCTOBER, 1885. The I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel, which, for the first time, was not accompanied by a written address.

JANUARY - DECEMBER, 1887. No initiations, passings or raisings were carried out.

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1888. The proof of a new summons of a more artistic design than previously used, was placed before the Lodge and the Secretary (Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page) proposed that it be accepted. The W.M. refused to put the proposition to the Lodge, and after the Secretary had pointed out that the W.M. had no alternative but to take a vote, the W.M. still refusing, the Secretary said he would have to appeal. The visitors got up and together left the meeting. At the next meeting the Secretary intimated that he had written to the

Grand Secretary on the matter. At the regular meeting held on the 21st November, 1888, the only business transacted was a discussion on the above subject during which the Secretary and the W.M. read certain correspondence relating to the matter. On the 19th December, 1888, a letter from the Grand Secretary was read. This stated that the Board of General Purposes had considered the Secretary's complaint in his presence, but in the absence of the W.M., who had not even submitted a written explanation of his action in not putting the proposition to the Lodge, the Board decided, in effect, that the W.M. had exceeded his powers in refusing to put the proposition and ordered him to put it to the Lodge at the next meeting if again proposed by Bro. Le Page. The proposition was then put to the Lodge and carried. An entry was made in the minute book after the meeting held on the 19th December, to the effect that the Grand Secretary had written to the W.M. informing him that his defence had been received later but it could not affect the verdict as it did not touch the main question. The W.M. concerned raised the whole matter again on the 20th September, 1893, when he said that he had a grievance of some five years' standing which he considered the Lodge should put right. After lengthy discussion Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page proposed, in effect, that an entry be made in the minutes making it clear that the then W.M. had sent his defence in writing but that it was on the mailboat which was delayed by fog. This was not acceptable to the P.M. concerned, who at the following meeting objected to certain statements concerning himself recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting, but the Lodge confirmed the minutes.

20TH FEBRUARY, 1889. The Lodge appointed a committee to report on the advisability of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge with Jersey. At the following meeting, held on the 20th March, the report was considered, and the Lodge decided not to support the establishment of such a Provincial Grand Lodge.

15TH MAY, 1889. The Lodge decided to alter By-Law No. 1

so that in future meetings would not be held in July and August. This alteration was subsequently approved by the Grand Secretary. Thus from 1889 until 1957 the Lodge met on ten occasions each year.

15TH APRIL, 1891. The following addition to the By-Laws was approved by the Lodge: "When a non-resident is proposed as a candidate in this Lodge enquiries shall be made as to his moral fitness for Masonry, from the W.M. of the Lodge nearest his residence so as to prevent any unworthy person being introduced into Masonry."

21ST DECEMBER, 1892. "Wor Bro. J. Balfour-Cockburn spoke on the advantages of a Provincial Grand Lodge in Guernsey, which was well received."

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1894. The Lodge was informed that the Board of Benevolence had voted £10 to a P.M. of the Lodge, but due to an error at the Grand Secretary's office, a cheque for £20 had been sent to the P.M. In order to put the matter right, the Grand Secretary had drawn a cheque on his own bank for £10.

18TH MARCH, 1896. A member of the Lodge, on account of certain civil convictions, was excluded from the Lodge by more than a two-thirds majority.

15TH MARCH, 1899. Two brethren were passed and 4 raised.

19TH APRIL, 1899. Four brethren were raised.

19TH DECEMBER, 1900. The Lodge was informed that the Board of General Purposes had suspended Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page from all Masonic rights and privileges for a period of six months from the 20th November because of his insubordinate conduct and dereliction of duty as disclosed in certain correspondence between the Provincial Grand Secretary of Guernsey and Alderney and himself. The Lodge resolved as follows:

"That this Lodge is pained at receiving the communication from the Grand Sec. relative to the suspension of so old and valued a member as the Wor. Bro. Le Page.

It expresses its astonishment that so strong an advocate (by precept and example) of order, obedience and discipline, should have been deemed guilty of insubordination, etc. This Lodge, in consideration of the many valuable services rendered during a period of thirty years as P.M. to Masonry, earnestly and respectfully petitions the B. of G.P. to reconsider the severe sentence passed on Wor. Bro. P. Le Page with a view to modifying the same and reinstating him at an early date."

This petition met with no success as Wor. Bro. Le Page did not attend any meeting of the Lodge until the 19th June, 1901, when the Secretary, having resigned, Wor. Bro. Le Page was appointed to the office, his predecessor, at the request of the W.M., investing him with "the Apron, Collar and Jewel which the brethren of this and other Lodges had subscribed for, as a mark of appreciation in which he is esteemed by his and other Lodges." This was not the end of the matter, for on the 18th September, 1901, the minutes record:

"The expenses of the Secy. incurred whilst attending the Board of General Purposes, was referred to by Wor. Bro. J. D. Robilliard, who proposed, and it was seconded by Bro. W. J. Welch, 'that the sum of Five Pounds be voted and presented to the Secy. in payment of said expenses.' On being put to the vote this was carried unanimously."

21ST JANUARY, 1903. A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master advising and requesting the Lodge not to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting in so far as the election of the W.M. Elect was concerned, whereupon the W.M. Elect resigned as such. In spite of lengthy correspondence no reason was ever given for the P.G.M.'s request.

16TH JUNE, 1909. Wor. Bro. P. W. Kimber, W.M., was presented with a cabinet on the occasion of his marriage, which was to take place on the following day.

18th JANUARY, 1911. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Peter Le

Page, was presented with a framed photograph of himself and a cheque. Wor. Bro. Le Page asked the Lodge to accept the photograph, which request was accepted.

20TH DECEMBER, 1911. Wor. Bro. G. Downie, Chief Steward, was presented with a solid silver salver, suitably inscribed, "in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Lodge, as Chief Steward."

15TH MAY, 1912. "A letter from Bro. Cook's father, stating that his son was steward on board the ill-fated Titanic and drowned, was read by the Secy., who said he had written a letter of condolence."

18TH MARCH, 1914. "The ballot was then taken for R. Stranger, H. Stranger, P. Stranger (Lewis) and Ed. Rich . . . and the W.M. declared them elected." These four candidates were initiated by Wor. Bros. E. C. Robert and J. Stranger, the latter being the father of the three first-named candidates. This is the first occasion recorded where a father assisted at the initiation of his sons.

13TH OCTOBER, 1915. An Emergency meeting for the purpose of initiating two candidates. During the course of the meeting "The W.M. directed the attention of the Lodge to the death of the W.M. of Doyle's Lodge, and by a silent and standing vote the sympathy of the Lo. was expressed at the loss Doyle's Lo. had sustained. Wor. Bros. P. Le Page and Ozanne were then deputed to convey to the members of Doyle's Lodge, now assembled, the feelings of sympathy and regret they felt for the sister Lodge. The appreciation of this act was reported by the deputation on their return to the Lodge." This is the only occasion recorded where a deputation of Loyalty visited another Lodge which was meeting at the same time.

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1917. The Lodge resolved "That the names of those brethren, members of this Lodge, serving in H.M.'s Forces, be printed on the summons, together with their rank and corps."

19TH JUNE, 1918. Reference was made to the death of the W.M., Wor. Bro. A. J. Rabey, the only Master recorded as having died during his Mastership of the Lodge.

21ST AUGUST, 1918. Wor. Bro. E. G. Stone initiated his son.

16TH APRIL, 1919. Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page was presented with a purse of cash by the D.P.G.M. on behalf of the Lodge, to mark the 50th anniversary of his initiation.

21ST JANUARY, 1920. A brother was raised, after which the Lodge was "called off" at 5 p.m. and then resumed at 7 p.m. for the installation of the W.M.

16TH JUNE, 1920. The Lodge decided that a P.M.'s Jewel be presented in future, to all retiring Masters.

18TH OCTOBER, 1922. Reference was made to the death of Wor. Bro. Peter Le Page.

20TH JUNE, 1923. The first June meeting at which no ceremony was performed. This practice was continued until the Occupation, since when it has been the custom to work a degree, usually the 2nd.

16TH MAY, 1928. The Lodge was presented with a banner by Wor. Bro. Stanley Palmer (London Rank). This banner was lost during the Occupation.

19TH JUNE, 1929. A candidate was blackballed.

18TH SEPTEMBER, 1929. A Court of Honour was appointed to enquire into all candidates.

15TH JANUARY, 1930. The Lodge presented Wor. Bro. G. Downie, Secretary from 1918 to 1929, with a hall clock with Westminster chimes, in recognition of his valuable services.

19TH MARCH, 1930. The Lodge received official visits from St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958; De Carteret Lodge, No. 3459; and St. Helier Lodge, No. 4449; all of Jersey. The W.M. of No. 4449 occupied the Master's chair for part of the ceremony of raising.

21ST JANUARY, 1931. The Lodge was informed that a member of the Lodge had been raised on the 4th December, 1930, in Loyalty Lodge No. 358, Bermuda.

15TH MAY, 1931. An emergency meeting at which the Lodge received as official visitors about 40 brethren who were attending the Royal Liver delegates' conference in the Island.

18TH NOVEMBER, 1931. Wor. Bro. E. C. Robert, P.M., initiated by his son.

18TH MAY, 1932. The Lodge received as guests 49 Odd-fellows who were attending the Annual Moveable Conference of that Order in the Island.

1933. Wor. Bro. P. W. Kimber was appointed a Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (England).

15TH MAY, 1935. The Lodge commemorated the 50th anniversary of the initiation of Wor. Bro. J. J. Stranger, P.Prov.S.G.W., the senior member and senior Past Master of the Lodge. He was presented with a silver salver, inscribed with the signatures of every member of the Lodge. At the festive Board his toast was proposed by the present senior Past Master, Wor. Bro. P. N. Le Marchant, P.Prov.S.G.W.

1937. Wor. Bro. P. N. Le Marchant, after completing eight years as Secretary of the Lodge, was presented with a silver salver on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage

16TH JANUARY, 1946. The first meeting of the Lodge since May, 1940. The Lodge was informed that the minute book containing the minutes of meetings held from October, 1932, had been either destroyed or sent to the continent together with other Lodge records and regalia. The following is an extract from these historic minutes:

"Wor. Bro. Le Marchant, supported by Wor. Bros. Gaved and Munro, suggested that some record should be made in the minute book of the Lodge to act as a perpetual reminder of the joy and thankfulness expressed by the brethren at their again being able to meet in Peace, Love and Harmony, after a compulsory cessation of Masonic activity, due to enemy action, during the period June, 1940, to January, 1946.

"Owing to the ruthlessness of the occupying forces the Masonic Temple was very badly desecrated and

damaged. The lighting and heating amenities were destroyed and have not yet been finally restored, and all moveable furniture, Masonic regalia, working tools, charters, etc., stolen or destroyed, with the result that the brethren met under very different circumstances than in pre-war days; nevertheless, and taking all these vicissitudes into full consideration, it was most pleasing to observe the evident joy, cheerfulness and gratitude displayed by the brethren, one and all, at their again being given the opportunity of recommencing their Masonic labours, and once again being able to meet, openly, their brethren, without fear or hindrance, in their own Lodge."

20TH FEBRUARY, 1946. The first Installation meeting since 1940.

17TH APRIL, 1946. Wor. Bro. T. S. Gaved initiated his son.

18TH FEBRUARY, 1948. The Lodge was informed that Wor. Bros. R. J. Strangr, H. Stranger and P. Stranger offered to present to the Lodge two silver candlesticks in memory of "Absent Brethren" and in particular their father, the late Wor. Bro. J. J. Stranger. They suggested that the candlesticks be placed before the W.M. at the festive board and that the candles be lit after the toast to Absent Brethren. The Lodge gratefully accepted the offer, and the candlesticks were presented to the Lodge on the 8th December, 1948.

19TH MAY, 1948. Wor. Bro. W. Palmer initiated his two sons.

16TH APRIL, 1952. A senior Past Master, on behalf of the Lodge, extended hearty congratulations to the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master (Sir Victor Carey) on the 50th anniversary of his initiation and the 25th anniversary of his installation as Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his thanks to the Lodge.

15TH APRIL, 1953. The Lodge unanimously voted a sum of money "towards the cost of two Columns to be erected in the Temple as a permanent memorial of the 25th anniversary of the Provincial Grand Master's tenure of office."

20TH MAY, 1953. A sum not exceeding £60 was voted for the purpose of purchasing new regalia for use by officers of the Lodge.

19TH MAY, 1954. The Lodge authorised the purchase of one gross each of black and white ballot balls for use by all Lodges meeting in the Temple.

20th APRIL, 1955. The following minute records the only occasion in the Lodge's history when, on being handed the gavel of the Lodge, the Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master—Sir Victor Carey—accepted it and occupied the chair:

“ . . . the Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, entered the Lodge in processional order.

“On being handed, as is customary, the Gavel of the Worshipful Master, the Provincial Grand Master stated that he intended to retain, temporarily, the Gavel. The Provincial Grand Master occupied the chair and then instructed the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to place the Provincial Grand Wardens in the chairs of the Lodge.

“Under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers were in turn, saluted by the brethren.

“Wor. Bro. R. D. Hoskins was then invested by the Provincial Grand Master as the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and given his Jewel and Patent of Office.

“The Gavel was then returned to the Worshipful Master and the Lodge resumed in the normal way.”

21ST MARCH, 1956. The Lodge was informed that Wor. Bro. Thomas Bichard, Director of Ceremonies since 1948, had been appointed a Past Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England.

3rd JULY, 1957. An emergency meeting was held to initiate the son of the Senior Past Master of the Lodge, who was leaving the Island.

To all and Every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren,
We Lieutenant General Sir John Doyle, Bart. &c. Colonel of the 57th Reg. of Foot.

Lieut. Governor of Guernsey and Commanding in Chief His Majesty's Forces in Guernsey & Alderney

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Guernsey Establishment

Guernsey 14th Decr 1810
Government House

This Warrant is Registered
in the Books of the Grand Lodge in
London, and the Number of it

is 623

By the
R. G. Master

Performed by the
R. G. Master
M. J. J.

By Command of the R. G. Master.

R. R. White
R. G. Secretary

Given at Government House, Guernsey,
this 17th day of June 1810. A.D. 3810. A.D. 1810 }

Provincial Grand Master

Under the Authority of His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales &c. Grand Master,
of the most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masters, send Greeting.

Shew we that We at the humble Petition of our Right, Trusty and well beloved Brethren David King
Richard Trout John Sullock and several other Brethren residing in the Island of Guernsey

Do hereby constitute the said Brethren
into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masters under the Title or Denomination of the Lodge of Loyalty
to be opened in the Island of Guernsey aforesaid and we do further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every
of the said above named Brethren do hereby appoint the said David King to be Master, Richard Trout to be Senior Warden and
John Sullock to be Junior Warden for opening the said Lodge and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren
thereof. It being our will that this our Appointment of the above Officers shall in no wise affect any future Election of Officers of the Lodge but that such
Election shall be regulated agreeable to such Bye Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the General Laws of the Society contained in the Book
of Constitutions but we will and require you the said David King to take special care that all and every of the said Brethren are or have been
regularly made Masters and that they do observe perform and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and
further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose an account of your Proceedings in the Lodge together
with all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same that in no wise you omit once in every year
to send to His or the Grand Master or to Sir Peter Parker Baronet or Deputy Grand Master or to the Pro. Grand Master
for the time being an account in writing of your said Proceedings and Copies of all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid
together with a List of the Members of the Lodge and such a Sum of Money as may suit the Circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably
be expected towards the Grand Charity. However we hereby will and require you the said David King as soon as conveniently may be to send us
an account in Writing of what may be done by virtue of these Presents

By the R. G. Master
for the Islands of Guernsey Jersey, Alderney & Sark

Roll of Past Masters of Loyalty Lodge, No. 243

1810—David King	1843—
1811—Richard Trout	1844—William Brouard
1812—John Sullock	1845—John Le Page
1813—John Moore	1846—
1814—Thomas Queripel	1847—
1815—	1848—
1816—	1849—G. Sparrow
1817—	1850—
1818—	1851—
1819—	1852—G. Sparrow
1820—Richard Trout	1853—J. G. Coles
1821—Richard Trout	1854—John Hamley
1822—Richard Trout	1855—John Hamley
1823—	1856—F. P. Patterson
1824—	1857—J. Sebire
1825—	1858—James F. Draper
1826—William Berry	1859—James F. Draper
1827—William Berry	1860—E. W. Hutchinson
1828—James Berry	1861—Wm. Wakley
1829—William Brouard	1862—Wm. Wakley
1830—William Berry	1863—James F. Draper.
1831—Thomas Du Frocq	1864—James F. Draper
1832—	1865—Wm. H. Neucome
1833—John Rowdon	1866—John G. de Garis
1834—Thomas Du Frocq	1867—George H. Thurston
1835—	1868—Wm. Wakley
1836—	1869—Wm. Le Page
1837—	1870—George Weyson
1838—	1871—Peter Le Page
1839—	1872—Peter Le Page
1840—	1873—Joseph Mellington
1841—	1874—Frederick J. Weyson
1842—	1875—Thomas M. Bichard

1876—Thomas M. Bichard
 1877—Joseph Toms
 1878—Wm. J. Helman
 1879—Wm. J. Helman
 1880—Ernest M. Le Huray
 1881—John H. Parsons
 1882—Wm. J. Helman
 1883—James Lindsay
 1884—James Lindsay
 1885—W. H. Bohn
 1886—Gervase F. Peek
 1887—Thomas Pethers
 1888—Thomas G. Barnes
 1889—Wm. J. Helman
 1890—Wm. J. Helman
 1891—John J. Stranger
 1892—John D. Robilliard
 1893—Alfred Oldknow
 1894—Alfred J. Riley
 1895—Peter Le Page
 1896—Charles T. O. Cooke
 1897—George Downie
 1898—John D. Robilliard
 1899—John J. Stranger
 1900—Alfred H. Garnett
 1901—Alfred H. Garnett
 1902—Thomas G. Wyatt
 1903—Thomas G. Wyatt
 1904—John D. Robilliard
 1905—Alex. M. Chapell
 1906—George Downie
 1907—Frederick W. Tyler
 1908—Arthur C. Weyson
 1909—Percival W. Kimber
 1910—Edwin C. Robert
 1911—Frank H. Walton
 1912—Albert J. Murdoch
 1913—Alfred E. Hodgson
 1914—Edgar E. Stone
 1915—Arthur G. Frampton
 1916—Wm. J. Palmer
 1917—James E. Le Bargy
 1918—Albert J. Rabey
 1919—Kenneth Munro
 1920—Percival W. Kimber
 1921—Thomas J. Wyatt
 1922—Frank H. Sharpe
 1923—Frank G. Boucher
 1924—Edward C. Rich
 1925—Herbert L. Baudains
 1926—Alfred E. Pomeroy
 1927—Herbert H. Adams
 1928—Percival N. Le Marchant
 1929—Frederick B. Renouf
 1930—Herbert R. Mauger
 1931—Philip Stranger
 1932—George P. Valpy
 1933—Thomas S. Gaved
 1934—Robert B. Farmer
 1935—Henry J. Symes
 1936—Edward T. Shirley
 1937—Thomas Bichard
 1938—Alfred V. Newton
 1939—Harold F. Le Lièvre
 1940 } Sydney H. Godfrey
 1945 f
 1946—Cecil E. Gicquel
 1947—Sidney J. Daly
 1948—Wm. Palmer
 1949—George W. Staples

1950—Edward W. Laker
 1951—Samuel E. Cherry
 1952—Clifford F. Davison
 1953—Ronald C. Wilkes-Green
 1954—Frederick W. W.
 Chandler, D.S.O., D.F.C.
 1955—John H. Loveridge, M.B.E.
 1956—Ronald H. Collenette
 1957—Sidney W. Gaved
 1958—Vernon E. Luff, M.B.E.
 1959—Stanley A. Coker
 1960—Alan K. Jory

**List of Members of Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, as at
 1st August, 1960.**

C. E. Hamel	W. E. Mellows, M.B.E.
R. J. Stranger, C.B.E., M.C., P.M. No. 130, P.Prov.S.G.W.	E. C. Thoumine
P. Stranger, w.m. 1931, P.Prov.S.G.D.	W. Palmer, w.m. 1948, P.Prov.G. St.B.
P. N. Le Marchant, w.m. 1928, P.Prov.S.G.W.	F. A. Robilliard
C. R. Le Bargy, G.M., D.S.M.	G. W. Staples, w.m. 1949, P.Prov.G. Supt. Wks.
R. J. Chilcott	E. W. Laker, w.m. 1950, P.Prov.G. Swd. B.
H. T. Perkins	J. B. Parker
T. H. Fisher	S. J. Daly, w.m. 1947, P.M. No. 5840, P.Prov.J.G.W.
C. A. Hartland	H. S. Snell
S. H. Godfrey, w.m. 1940, P.Prov.G. Purs.	S. E. Cherry, w.m. 1951, P.Prov.G. Purs.
E. T. Shirley, w.m. 1936, P.Prov.G. Stwd.	J. S. English
M. W. Jory	H. T. Norris
T. Bichard, w.m. 1937, P.G. St.B., P.Prov.J.G.W.	C. F. Davison, w.m. 1952, Prov.G.J.D.
R. E. Le Lacheur	R. C. K. Wilkes-Green, w.m. 1953, P.Prov.G. Purs.
J. G. A. Le Maitre	H. Travers
C. E. Gicquel, w.m. 1946, P.Prov.G. Purs.	L. R. Nicholson

G. H. C. Sheppard	C. H. Cross
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