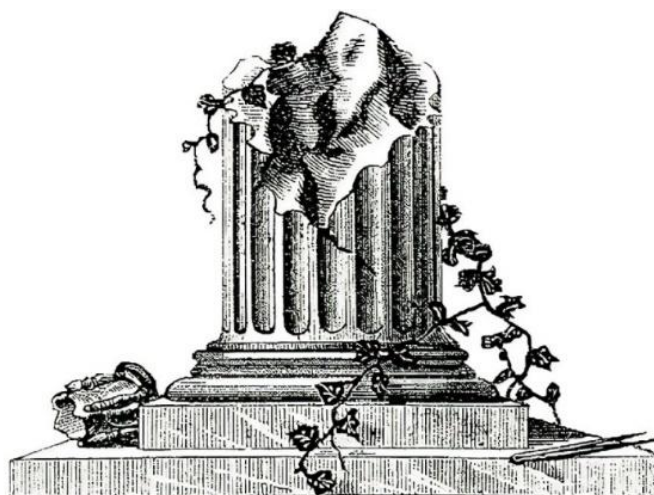




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Foreword

It is a privilege to have been asked to write a foreword to this most interesting booklet.

The Province is very grateful to Brother Matt Tostevin Curator and Librarian of the Masonic Library and Museum for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney, and those who assisted him in compiling this fascinating history of the manner in which Masonic funerals that were held in the Bailiwick in former years and the detailed reporting of those occasions along with some most interesting photographic evidence of the Masonic Graves that are located around the Bailiwick.

I thoroughly recommend it to you as a fascinating insight into times passed.

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Introduction

In years gone by there were several recordings of masonic funerals and it was custom for the brethren who attend to file past the grave and throw sprigs of Acacia upon the coffin.

Such a funeral was held for the late Capt. J Loveridge grandfather of the late Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Sir John Loveridge. (*An extract from The First 100 years of the Province of Guernsey and Alderney*). Captain Loveridge, a Master Mariner and for 25 years and also a stevedore is recorded in the local press of the 4th July 1922 as a member of Mariners Lodge No.168 and was buried in Candie Cemetery. It is known that Masonic graves exist in the Candie Cemetery, Foulon Cemetery, St Sampson's, and the Vale Cemeteries.

Perhaps the most notable token of remembrance in Freemasonry is the gravestone. It has long been a custom for the gravestones of Masons to be adorned with fraternal symbols, often more than one symbol per stone.

The most common and easily identifiable is the Square and Compasses and can be depicted with or without the letter G within the centre.

Other common features that appear on masonic headstones are the All-seeing eye, Volume of Sacred Law, the Seal of Solomon and the Triple Tau. The gravestones can come in various shapes and sizes from obelisks, traditional tablets, and even broken columns, another symbol associated with Freemasonry and made from a variety of different materials mainly stone.

Over the next few pages, we will look at various Masonic headstones found across the Province of Guernsey and Alderney.

Although as time passes trends differ and burials are now not so frequent and so the service at the grave and even headstones have had to adapt.

Masonic Funerals

What is a Masonic Funeral?

A Masonic funeral is a service provided to three levels of brotherhood in a Masonic Lodge. Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons may receive a Masonic funeral.

What sets Masonic funerals apart are the rituals, the focus, and inclusion. Masonic practices don't claim to be a religion or a faith tradition. Though much of their wording is religious, it's not referred to as a faith. This allows members of a lodge to practice their religion independent of their duty as a Mason. As a result, you can plan a service that honours both.

What did the brother do with the time he was given on earth? How should his death inspire other Masons to act with the time they have left? This focus prompts people to engage with death in a logical and thoughtful manner. The rituals and wording set Masonic funerals apart in most people's minds. If you weren't a member of a lodge, or familiar with their customs, these may seem unusual. Below, are outlined important funeral rituals and traditions that you may encounter.

Masonic Funeral Rituals & Traditions

Rituals are an important way to commemorate someone's identity. They also provide closure for mourners. In this case, it allows a Brother to die as they lived, within a tradition of brotherhood, or as we may say "To live respected and die regretted".

Order of service

The order of a Masonic funeral is very straightforward. The Worshipful Master or Past Master guides the proceedings, and he starts with an introduction. This introduction discusses the custom of memorialising a brother. He also states that the deceased has "reached the end of his toils."

After the introduction is complete, it is traditional to play the funeral music. Mozart's solemn, instrumental pieces are popular choices, in part because Mozart was a Freemason. After the musical interlude is over, the Sacred Roll is read; *(The Worshipful Master recites information in the following order: name, rank, member of (where the lodge's name and number are listed), date of death, and age. They list ages by years, months, and days).*

After the Master reads aloud the deceased's entry in the Sacred Roll, a lengthy prayer follows. It serves as a tribute, full of wise reminders and wording that sound straight out of the Bible. This prayer revolves around reminders that "all material pursuits are vain." This prompts members to consider their own lives. After the prayer is over, they introduce a chaplain or equivalent.

After the chaplain prays and gives the audience prompts, music plays again. This prayer focuses on praise and comfort, which gives the mourners some sense of closure. After the music, the Worshipful Master declares the deceased ascended. They've gone to "the protection of the All-Seeing Eye and the smiles of Immutable Love." After this statement, the Worshipful Master displays an apron. It's meant to serve as Mason's badge and uniform. The Master explains this within the service. It is a kindness to non-Masons and a reminder to those with aprons of their own.

One of the defining features of a Masonic funeral is the use of visual symbols. The apron is followed by the display of acacia. As an evergreen, it's meant to symbolize eternal faith that will never fade away and was used as a marker for graves.

This is followed by a eulogy. Depending on the loved one's preferences, the Worshipful Master can deliver it. Anyone can deliver the eulogy, though. After it's completed, the Worshipful Master extends condolences to those grieving.

After this, the Lodge says a special prayer for the "committal," which involves committing the brother's soul to God. It can occur during the ceremony or graveside.

The chaplain quotes a famous Bible verse, known as the Aaronic Benediction, concluding the service.

Funeral words

The words spoken at a Masonic funeral come from two sources. They come from years of developing Masonic tradition. Of course, needs change as time passes by, and their traditions reflect that.

The funeral process also often features verses from the Bible, or other Sacred Text, particularly the Old Testament. It is common, given the inclusion of passages from the Bible, that The Worshipful Master would use biblical metaphors in the service as well.

Funeral prayers

As noted previously, funeral prayers are a major part of the Masonic funeral service and are usually conducted by the Worshipful Master. He has a few responsibilities when delivering these prayers. The Worshipful Master prioritises reminders of brotherly love, proper use of the life we have, and doing good works. The wording of these prayers tends to skew on the Biblical side and can sound archaic to the modern ear.

This is an excerpt from a prayer that would open the ceremony: "Almighty Father! Into Thy hands, we commend the soul of our beloved Brother. The Creator, in His infinite wisdom, removed our brother from the cares and troubles of this earthly life, thus severing another link in the fraternal chain by which we are bound together. Let us who survive him be yet more strongly cemented by the ties of Brotherly love." This prayer is typical of the rest of the ceremony.

Music

At many funeral services, the loved one's family decides the music. Maybe they would prefer a tongue-in-cheek nod to the deceased's personality. They also might like soft lyrics that are comforting to mourners. This isn't the case at a Masonic funeral. At this type of service, they play Masonic music.

You may be familiar with the music played, as it was specifically written for Masonic funerals by the famous conductor Mozart. Among his litany of accomplishments, his dedication and membership to the Masons is not widely known. His Masonic funeral instrumentals are the most popular selections at a Mason funeral.

For example, at the Funeral of W. Bro A.O. Hamon of St Martins Lodge No.4142 as the Church Organist was also the Lodge Organist, he unexpectedly but welcomely played the Entered Apprentice Song during a lull in the service.

Rites

One of the most important features in the funeral rites is the Brother's Apron. It takes the place of a casket flag in other funerals. It's draped over the deceased's casket and treated with the utmost respect as a sign of his Masonic membership.

Masonic Burial Customs

One of the most important Masonic funeral customs is committal. As mentioned above, it allows Brothers to commit the deceased's soul to God.

But the words used also focus on committing the soul to their resting place. This graveside emphasis on eternal rest is comforting, especially to those left behind.



Image of a Sprig of Acacia

Chapter One

Lodges of the Province

There are now just eleven Lodges in the Province of Guernsey and Alderney and to assist the reader we have listed the Lodges mentioned in this publication and given the various numbers the Lodge held through its age to assist the reader understand what the Lodge number would have been at the time mentioned in the text.

Mariners Lodge; 1784 *No. 222*, 1814 *No. 279*, 1832 *No. 197*, 1863 *No. 168*.

Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship; 1806 *No. 336*, 1807 *No. 98*, 1814 *No. 123*, 1832 *No. 99*, 1863 *No. 84*.

Loyalty Lodge; 1810 *No. 349*, 1814 *No. 448*, 1832 *No. 299*, 1863 *No. 243*.

St Ann's Lodge; 1851 *No. 863*, 1863 *No. 593*.

Fidelis Lodge; 1879 *No. 1809*.

St Sampson's Lodge; 1896 *No. 2598*.

Balfour Cockburn Lodge; 1900 *No. 2805*.

St Martin's Lodge; 1920 *No. 4142*.

Victor Carey Lodge; 1949 *No. 6892*.

Orange Lodge; 1789 *No. 116*, 1814 *No. 141*.

Unity Lodge; 1806 *No. 337*, 1814 *No. 431*.

Garrison Lodge; 1809 *No. 343*.

Lodge of Friendship; 1812 *No. 343*, 1814 *No. 439*.

Hammond Lodge; 1832 *No. 829*, 1863 *No. 568*.

Chapter Two

Masonic Funeral for Dr James Balfour Cockburn

d.1907

The obsequies of Brigade-Surgeon James Balfour Cockburn, first Provincial Grand Master of the Guernsey and Alderney Province of Freemasons. The mourners assembled at the residence of the deceased, Elm House, Elm Grove, St Peter Port at 4.30, and proceeded direct to Candie cemetery, where the body was laid to rest in the family vault.

The funeral was attended by about one hundred representatives of Freemasonry in the Channel Islands. The cortege was headed by the Freemasons, wearing white gloves, and who were grouped according to the Lodges, the junior Lodge heading the procession, with the senior Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge representatives immediately preceding the hearse. The Lodges were in the following order: Balfour-Cockburn Lodge, No. 2805; St. Sampson's Lodge, No. 2598; Fidelis Lodge, No. 1809; St. Ann's (Alderney), No. 593; Loyalty Lodge, No. 243; Doyle Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84; Mariner's Lodge, No. 168; and the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Masonic brethren included W. Brother E. C. Ozanne, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. T. M. Bichard, Provincial Senior Warden. W. Bro. G. F. Peek, Provincial Junior Warden, W. Bros. W. H. Lovell and H. W. Stickland, Past Provincial Wardens, Bro. (Judge) Barbenson, representing Alderney, and W. Bro. J. Sinnott, representing the Jersey Province, and a number of past and present Provincial Grand officers. Immediately preceding the hearse was the Rev. E. F. P. Colman, Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The pall bearers were Jurats G. H. Le Motile and J. B. Collings, General Harvey, Colonel A. H. Collings, Colonel Harvey and Mr. J. Corbin. Following the hearse were the mourners, Colonel McCulloch and Dr. E. K. Corbin, and the followers also included Drs. Collings, Francis Carey, J. Aikman, and Conrad Carey, Captain Mellish and Messrs. V. G. Carey, Seymour Le Marchant, Cecil Corbin, Frank Carey, — Richards, and H. Rougier.

Entering the cemetery, the coffin was carried between lines of Freemasons, and at the graveside, the brief but impressive service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. P. Colman. At the conclusion of the service, the Freemasons present filed past the vault and threw sprigs of acacia on the coffin. The coffin was of oak with white metal mountings. The breastplate was simply inscribed as follows: - James Balfour Cockburn, Died June 9th, 1907, Aged 77 years. A large number of beautiful floral emblems were sent by the Masonic bodies of the Channel Islands, and friends and relatives of the deceased gentleman.

The following is a list of the senders of wreaths and crosses: - Grand-children of the deceased, Maids and Gardeners at Elm House, Mrs. Bingham, Miss Corbin, Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, Mr Victor Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Hatherall, Mr. and Mrs. De Faye. Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney, Provincial Grand Chapter of Guernsey and Alderney, Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey, Balfour-Cockburn Lodge, Fidelis Lodge, St. Sampson's Lodge, St. Ann's Lodge (Alderney), Doyle's Chapter, Doyle's Lodge, Doyle's Conclave, Loyalty Lodge, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon (T. R. Bean), Mr. J. B. Nickolls. The coffin was made by Mr. De Putron, of Havilland-street, and the funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. J. A. Carré, of Waterloo House.

Chapter Three

Masonic Memorial for King Edward VII d.1910

Extract taken from The Star Guernsey Saturday 12th February 1910

In commemoration of King Edward, for many years Grand Master of English Freemasons, and since his accession to the Throne, Protector of the Craft, a special service was held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at St James Church. (Friday 20th May 1910).

The Brethren, about 250 in number assembled at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant Street, where they donned their regalia and were formed in procession by W.Bro. W. Courteney, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, according to Lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney (amongst whom was W. Bro. E.C. Ozanne, acting Provincial Grand Master) bringing up the rear.

The procession was so long that the Provincial Grand Lodge had not yet left Le Marchant Street when the members of the leading lodges were already in the forecourt of St James Church.

The route was lined with spectators who had gathered to witness the procession, a similar sight not having been witnessed for many years. Arrived at the Church, the Lodges that were leading formed into two lines through which the remaining Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodge passed.

The latter having taken their seats, the remainder likewise took theirs. Here we might mention that the central block of pews in the nave had been reserved for the brethren, the general public occupying the side seats and gallery.

Whilst awaiting the brethren, W.Bro. A.H. Smith, who was at the organ, played "O Rest in the Lord" and "Angels Ever Bright and Fair". As the procession entered, he played Chopin's "Funeral March".

When seated, the brethren noticed that the reading desk, the altar (from which all the ornaments had been removed) and the pulpit were draped in purple material, and that to the front of the pulpit and to each of the pillars that support the gallery, a beautifully made laurel wreath was attached. Each pillar was also draped in purple.

The service was conducted principally by the Rev. J. Penfold, Prov. Grand Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. C. Poirier and Rev. E.P. Colman. Past G. Chaplains. Everyone in the church was supplied with a form of service which had been specially prepared and printed for the occasion.

After the hymn "When Our Heads are Bowed in Woe" had been sung part of the Litany was said, all kneeling, and "Let All on Earth in Concert Sing" was sung. This was followed by a few sentences from the Burial Service and the 90th Psalm, after which the Rev. Penfold read the Lesson, 1 Corinthians XV 20.

The Rev. Penfold then ascended the pulpit and preached a most impressive sermon. The text was from Joshua, c.2, "Moses my servant is dead now therefore arises". We shall publish the Rev. Penfold's sermon, which was listened to with the deepest attention by the Masons and the general public on Tuesday next. (a copy is held in the Provincial Museum).

After a sentence from the Burial Service a double quartet of Brethren admirably sang the Anthem "Blessed are the Departed". This was followed by several prayers and the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past". Whilst it was being sung a collection was made on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. After the alms had been handed to the officiating clergy the Rev. Penfold pronounced the Benediction which was followed by the Masonic Vesper – sung only by the brethren, "In the Grand Lodge Above".

The whole of the congregation then rose and stood while the organist played the Dead March from "Saul".

This concluded at noon a most memorable service.

The Brethren then reformed the procession but in reverse order to that which they had entered and marched out of the church, the organist, meanwhile, playing another funeral march, returning to the Masonic Temple where they divested themselves of the regalia which had added such great effect to the whole affair. The singing was led on the organ by W.Bro. L.G. Whelan who also played the Dead March

Below are a series of photos of the procession from the Masonic Temple in Le Marchant St. to St. James.



Tyler leads the Parade up St James Street



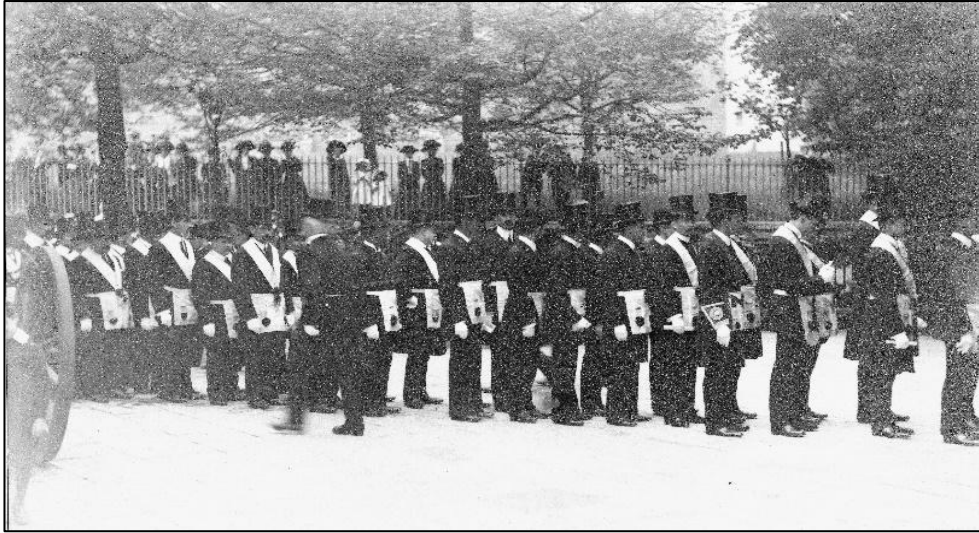


Provincial Grand Lodge Members Parade up St James Street

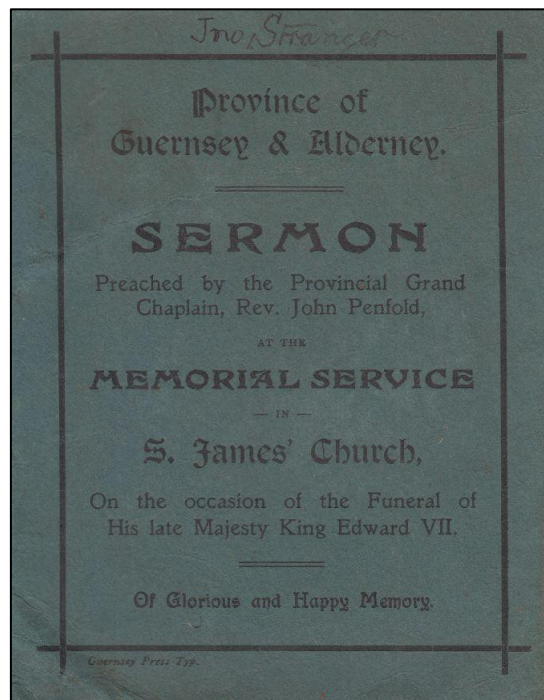


Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens Parade up St James Street





Brethren Line up outside St James



Cover of the Sermon for the Memorial of King Edward VII (See Appendix A for the full Sermon)

Chapter Four

Masonic Funeral for John Frederick Duquemin d.1939

Buried in the cemetery at the Parish Church of the Vale is John Frederick Duquemin, John was a Fruit Grower at the La Passée, Vale. And died on the 22nd July 1939 at the age of 62 years.

John was one of the last recorded Full Masonic Funerals that we are aware of, and his Death and funeral was reported in the Press in July 1939 as follows.

Death of Mr J. F. Duquemin

Reported in the Guernsey Press

"We regret to hear of the death of Mr John Frederick Duquemin, of Rajpootana Passée St Sampson's, a well-known and highly respected grower. Mr Duquemin received treatment at the Royal Masonic Hospital London, some two years ago. He had however been in indifferent health for some time and passed away at 7.30 on Saturday evening aged 62 years and 6 months.

Mr Duquemin was a valued committee member of the Northern Agriculture and Horticulture Society and was for many years a Freemason, member of Fidelis Lodge No.1809. relatives, friend's Masonic brethren, members of the Northern Agriculture and Horticulture Society and the Salvation Army are invited to attend the Funeral".

The Funeral

Reported in the Guernsey Press

"The funeral which took place on Tuesday, was one of the most imposing funerals yet seen in the North.

A short service was held at the house and the cortège walked to the L'islet Salvation Army Fortress for the service. Deceased was a Freemason of Fidelis Lodge No.1809 and the brethren of that Lodge formed a Guard of Honour, composed of Bros A Marriette, WM, Geo Robilliard (Hon Sec) Geo Harwood (Org) Fred Nicolle PM, W Marquand PM, H A Harris, C A Mallett, J J Langlois, C de G Bisson, C H Poole, H Le Lièvre, E J de Garis and W A Phillips with Bro J D Heaume, St Sampsons Lodge No.2598.

There being up to 300 persons in the cortège from the Salvation Army Fortress to the Vale Cemetery on arrival the Freemasons Ode "In the Grand Lodge Above" was sung led by Bro. Harwood, and the brethren filed past the open grave, depositing upon the coffin their sprigs of acacia".

Amongst the wreaths one "In affectionate remembrance, from WM officers and brethren of Fidelis Lodge No.1809".

John Duquemin was a very active Freemason, and five out of six of his sons went on to join with one Cyril being a Provincial Grand Officer in both Craft and the Holy Royal Arch in 1967, one Grandson and three of his Great Grandsons are Freemasons two locally and one in Hertfordshire.

The following pictures show the Funeral Cortège heading from the Salvation Army Hall to the Vale Cemetery. Followed by the internment at the Vale Cemetery.



The Grave marker for John Duquemin d. 22nd July 1939 at the Vale Cemetery

Chapter Five

George Horatio Smythson

d. 1883

A rather different and unique event we have recorded is of a coffin containing remains of a deceased brother being brought into a Lodge Room, they were those of WBro George Horatio Smythson, Past Master of Mariners Lodge No.168 on three occasions during 1866, 1867, 1871.

WBro Smythson was born on the 16th March 1814 in Devonport, Devon, England and came from a family of entertainers. He was Initiated into Freemasonry in June 1845 whilst on a theatrical tour in Jersey, where he was initiated into Justice Lodge No.34 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, this unusually was held outside of their jurisdiction under a traveling warrant and was held in St Helier Jersey. This was the last of two Lodges that was authorised under the Irish Constitution working in the Channel Islands, the other being Lodge Leinster No.265 (1830-1831). Justice Lodge No.34 had a much longer presence in the Island from 1813 – 1874. As the years passed George made Guernsey his permanent home in 1862 and he subsequently joined Mariners Lodge on the 23rd September 1863. Now being a member of the English Constitution, he could then receive his Grand Lodge Certificate from United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), which he received in open Lodge on the 16th March 1864, interestingly the records of UGLE have his profession recorded as a “Comedian”.

WBro Smythson passed away on the 9th November 1883 at the age of 69 years old, at his home at No.16 Cornet Street, St Peter Port, as reported in the Guernsey Star as a “*Short but painful illness*” although after checking the death registers held at the Greffe it is recorded as “Natural Decay”.

On the evening of the 15th November 1883 the coffin was taken into the recently consecrated Le Marchant Street Temple, WBro Smythson's son, WBro Reginald Montague Smythson was a Past Master of Mariners Lodge No.168 and was present as part of the Board of Management at the laying of the foundation stone of the Le Marchant Street Temple in 1882. His father's coffin was left to rest in the Lodge overnight. The following day the 16th November 1883 the Lodge assembled, a Master Masons Lodge was opened in due and solemn form shortly before 3pm and was reported on the 17th November 1883 in the Guernsey Star as follows “*the funeral of Bro. George H. Smythson took place yesterday with full Masonic Honours, a dispensation from Grand Lodge having been received, by Bro Pengelley WM of Mariners Lodge No.168 for that purpose, the body had been removed to the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant Street the previous evening, and there the Brethren of the various Lodges assembled. The coffin was placed in the centre of the Lodge and on it was arranged floral wreaths, the deceased regalia and crossed swords*”. A craft religious service was held by the Bro Rev F. H. S. Pendleton, with many brethren from sister Lodges taking part. Shortly after 3pm a procession was formed and proceeded to the Foulon Cemetery, the route taken was up St James Street and the Grange and down the Rohais, with each of the Brethren carrying a sprig of acacia, along the distance of the route a dense crowd of spectators was seen. The interment then took place, with full Masonic regalia being worn, and Masonic prayer took place at the grave. The assembled Brethren then passed around the grave dropping in their sprigs of acacia, the procession then reformed and returned to Le Marchant Street, where the Lodge was closed in due and Solemn form.

MASONIC FUNERAL.

The funeral of Bro. George H. Smythson whose death we recorded in our last issue took place yesterday with full Masonic Honours, a dispensation from Grand Lodge having been received by Bro. Pengelley, W.M. of Mariner's Lodge 168 for that purpose. The body had been removed to the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant Street the previous evening, and there the Brethren of the various lodges numbering about 130 assembled. The coffin was placed in the centre of the Lodge and on it was arranged floral wreaths, the deceased's regalia, and the crossed swords. Shortly before 3 o'clock the Lodge was opened in due and solemn form by Bro. T. Pengelley, W.M. of Mariner's Lodge, assisted by his officers and supported by the W.Ms. of Doyle's, Loyalty, and Fidelis Lodges, and a number of P.Ms. After the Dispensation from His Royal Highness, the Worshipful Grand Master, had been communicated, Bro. the Rev. F. H. S. Pendleton read the appointed service, and the Brethren then left the Lodge room to form the procession to the appointed place of interment, the Foulon cemetery. The Brethren were marshalled in the following order by Bro. J. J. Quant, Director of Ceremonies :—

Guernsey Star Article dated 17th November 1883



The Le Marchant Street Temple, St Peter Port

Chapter Six

The practice of having large Masonic Funerals with the full ceremonies has all but stopped locally in modern times, the more common practice these days is to have the Brethren of the Lodge form a Guard of Honor as the departed Brother is led out of wherever the service has been held.

The Guard of Honor consists of Brethren of the Lodge lining up wearing Officers Collars for the Office they are occupying in the Lodge or Ranks.

This is just some that have been recorded in most recent years where a Guard of Honour has taken place:

W. Bro Gerald Power St Martins Lodge No.4142
2022 Masonic Centre

W. Bro John Le Messurier St Martins Lodge No.4142
2022 Vale Church

W. Bro Roy Huddle St Martins Lodge No. 4142
2022 Les Cotils

W. Bro Barry Paint Mariners Lodge No.168
2022 St Saviours Church

W. Bro Cameron Gammie Victor Carey Lodge No.6892
2024 Masonic Centre

W. Bro Rex Trott Lodge Fidelis No.1809
2024 St Saviours Church

W. Bro Brian Thorn St Martins Lodge No.4142
2024 Les Cotils

W. Bro David Paul St Martins Lodge No.4142
2024 Les Cotils

W. Bro Brian Veillard Hansard Lodge No.3515
2025 St Saviours Church

Chapter Seven

Thomas Cox d.1816

Buried in the cemetery at the Parish Church of St Sampson is Thomas Cox who passed away on the 17th January 1816 at the age of 57 years.

Also in the same plot laid to rest are his wife, Jane and son Thomas and daughter Jane, the local database only records one Thomas Cox as a member around that time who was a joining member of Mariners Lodge No.222 from another Guernsey Lodge, Orange Lodge No.116. Further investigation has revealed that he joined Mariners Lodge No.222 on the 13th July 1801 at the age of 42 years. Orange Lodge No.116 received its Warrant of Constitution on the 12th May 1789 and used to meet at the “Three Crowns, St Peter Port, and Coombes Coffee House St Peter Port”. It was erased on the 5th March 1828. The records are lost for this Lodge, so we are unable to confirm the date of his Initiation, however he must have completed his Three Degrees as he had been able to join Mariners Lodge No.222 as a joining member.

The headstone is in remarkable condition for its age, with the Square and Compasses being very clear and interestingly set in the Second Degree for a “Passing”.



The Grave marker for Thomas Cox d. 17th January 1816 at the St Sampson's Cemetery

Chapter Eight

Daniel Domaille d.1854

Daniel Domaille who died on the 12th October 1854 at the age of 69 years old is buried in the Vale Church Cemetery. Also in the plot are his sons Daniel, John, and William Henry Domaille, Daniel senior was the only Freemason.

Little is known about his early Masonic Career, and we do not know when he was Initiated, Passed or Raised, but we do know he was a founder of Lodge of Unity No.337, and he is listed as a Steward at its first meeting held on the 6th September 1806.

Daniel was also a Member of Mariners Lodge No.222, and listed on the UGLE records as a member on the 26th February 1807. He was also a member of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.336 again listed as a joining member of the Lodge on the 20th January 1807.

The interesting thing about Daniel's headstone is that it is decorated with the symbols of the Holy Royal Arch not those we would expect of the Craft, at the top is the Triple Tau and below that the Jewel of the Chapter the Seal of Solomon. To be a member of the Holy Royal Arch in those times the Companion must have passed through the Masters Chair of his lodge.



The Grave marker for Daniel Domaille d. 12th October 1854 at the Vale Cemetery

Chapter Nine

Christopher Edwards d.1862

The most outstanding example of such a curiosity and somewhat more elaborately marked is the grave of Christopher Edwards at the Foulon Cemetery, not far from the main entrance to the chapel.

Christopher Edwards was Prov. G. Tyler and Janitor for the Province for a considerable number of years and probably acted in such capacity for Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.99, Mariners Lodge No.197 and Loyalty Lodge No.299.

At the time of his death, he was resident at Court Place, Rue du Manoir, St Peter Port, the meeting place of these Three Lodges and it is reasonable to assume that at this time he was the paid caretaker for the Masonic Temple, and therefore the Tyler as was normal practice.

Court Place makes the corner with Rue du Manoir and Le Marchant Street, and the building is still called the same name.

His registration of death recorded at the Greffe has his profession listed as "Cordonnier" a "Cobbler or Shoemaker", and that his parents were Christopher Edwards and Patience Sibley. The burial service took place on the 26th June 1862.

It is recorded that his widow purchased the grave recorded as No.30 which was a very early burial in what was then a new cemetery.

James Gallienne who was H M Greffier and the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge, was involved in establishing the Foulon Cemetery and possibly in securing this plot for Christopher Edwards, and in raising the substantial funds for such an impressive grave marker.

The grave marker is best described as a reasonably sized obelisk approximately 2 meters high, mounted on a rectangular base made of what appears to be sandstone.

Inscribed on the South side, which is on the front face of the base of the plinth reads.

**ERECTED
AS A TRIBUTE OF
REGARD BY A FEW
MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC
ORDER
IN MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS
WHO DIED ON THE 26 MAY 1862
AGED 60 YEARS
AND WHO FOR MANY
YEARS ACTED FAITHFULLY
AS JANITOR AND TYLER
TO THE CHAPTERS
AND LODGES
IN THE PROVINCE OF
GUERNSEY**

The tablet is surmounted by the words **AUDI VIDE TACE (Listen, Observe, be Silent)**. Carved in the top left-hand corner of the plinth is the Craft Emblem of the Square and Compasses and in the right-hand corner the Seal of Solomon (the Royal Arch Device).

Two of the adjacent sides are blank presumably saving for later inscriptions apart from that in the top corners are engraved respectively, the level, plumb rule, Tyler's sword, Treasurers key, the all-seeing eye, and the volume of the sacred law. With the remaining side inscribed with the details of Bro Edwards wife.

Over the years the grave marker had subsided, and members of this Province were instrumental in underpinning it to prevent substantial damage believed to be some time in the 1970's.

News of this remarkable Grave marker made it as far as the USA as was recorded in "The Voice of Masonry and Tidings from the Craft" Chicago Illinois 1868

It goes on to report *"The Masonic Hall at Guernsey is under the care of "Sister" Edwards the widow of a worthy Mason who is not less proud of being the only female connected to Freemasonry "as far as she knows", When Brother Edwards died the brethren evinced their respect for his memory by erecting a monument over his grave".*



South Face of the Grave marker for Christopher Edwards d. 26th May 1862 at the Foulon Cemetery



South Panel



East Panel



North Panel



West Panel

Panels of the Grave marker for Christopher Edwards d. 26th May 1862 at the Foulon Cemetery



Court Place, Rue du Manoir, St Peter Port.

Christopher Edwards was initiated into Freemasonry on the 6th December 1827 at the age of 26 years, into Lodge of Friendship No.439. At the time his profession is listed "Cordwainer" a Ropemaker. he went onto join Mariners Lodge No.222 on the 15th February 1847. At this time his profession was listed as a "Bootmaker".

Lodge of Friendship No.439, was warranted on the 31st August 1809 and met in the following locations across Jersey and Guernsey. As it was a Garrison Lodge it initially had a traveling warrant, but it was erased in 1832 at the alteration of the Lodge Numbers and met in the following locations.

Pier Barracks St Helier Jersey 1809

George and Dragon Public House Jersey 1810

Amherst Barracks Guernsey 1812

Amherst Barracks meeting place would have been a kit timber-built barracks in the area of the Amherst and no trace remains today.

Lyme Packet, Quay Street Guernsey 1822

Lyme Packet meeting place was the name of a pub situated along the Quay St Peter Port.

Le Marchant Street Temple Guernsey 1824

Le Marchant Street Temple building is still in situ and easily identifiable by the Square and Compasses carved into the granite on the facia of the building.

This would indicate that Christopher Edwards was a member of the Fourth Garrison Battalion Lodge originally based in Jersey the Battalion being raised in Jersey, on the 25th November 1806 and the Battalion moving to Guernsey around 1812. The early history of the Fourth Garrison Battalion Lodge, which later became known when in Guernsey as Lodge of Fellowship, falls into two distinct parts. In part one, the Lodge was established in Jersey as number 343 (A), By 1815, the lodge was beginning the second part of its life. There would appear to have been no new "military" members after June 1813. On 1st June 1815 the Fourth Garrison Battalion sailed from Guernsey – the Irish contingent returned to Cork, whilst the residue plus the officers were sent to Chelsea Barracks London. There was soon after a general disbandment of the Battalion.

On 21st April 1815 a Thomas Harrison joined the Lodge from an Irish Lodge, No. 936, but he is listed as a gardener and so is a civilian.

The Lodge continued to meet at the Le Marchant Street Temple until it was erased, according to Lane's Masonic Records, in 1832. The last initiate was Benjamin Davis on 2nd January 1830, he was a 21 year, Vietuceller (a person who supplied food and beverages and other provisions for a crew of a vessel at Sea).

Chapter Ten

William Henry Muntz d.1869

William Henry Muntz died on the 5th April 1869 at the age of 45 years. William is buried in the Parish Cemetery at St Martins Church in section nine plot 647, this can be found in the top right-hand corner of the cemetery.

William was born in Birmingham, West Midlands, England. He was a Mechanical Engineer by trade, he emigrated in around 1854. While living in Norton, Massachusetts USA, he patented the "Improvement in Paddlewheel for Navigable Vessels" (No.11231, United States Patent Office dated 4th July 1854) This is the paddle Wheel seen on almost all paddle boats of the time. He returned to England in 1860 a wealthy man and then moved to Guernsey from Hampshire with his wife Alice, where they lived in a property on Jerbourg called "Hope Lodge".

William's Father George Frederick Muntz although wasn't a Freemason but was an MP for the Birmingham Constituency and developed Muntz Metal.

This was a brass alloy intended to replace the copper that was then used to prevent fouling on ocean-going ships. William was one of seven brothers of which one named after his father was George Frederick Muntz junior, who was also a Freemason and is credited with designing and commissioning the building of Umberslade Baptist Church that was built in 1877 in Umberslade Park, the estate of Umberslade Hall, Muntz's country seat.

William was initiated into Freemasonry on the 12th July 1867 Passed on the 14th August and Raised on the 10th September the same year, into Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84.

The interesting feature of this headstone is the positioning of the Square and Compasses being set in the Second Degree, that of a "Passing".

The Muntz family are remembered by Muntz Street, a tower block called Muntz House and Muntz Park, all located in Birmingham, England.



The Grave marker for William Muntz d. 15th April 1869 at the St Martins Church Cemetery

Chapter Eleven

Thomas Blondel Le Page d.1876

As you enter the Cemetery from the bottom of the St Andrews Church on the Left-hand side of the Church, you will find the resting place of Thomas Blondel Le Page, who died on the 26th July 1876 at the age of 59 years.

Thomas Blondel Le Page was born on the 24th October 1816 in the Parish of the Forest, to Thomas Le Page and Judith Martin. He married Mary Ann De Garis on the 6th April 1839 at St Andrews Church. They went onto have ten children and Thomas and Mary Ann lived in the Parish of St Andrews.

Thomas was initiated into Freemasonry on the 5th June 1862 into Mariners Lodge No.197 at the age of 45 years, he was Passed to the Second Degree on the 23rd July and Raised to the Third Degree on the 27th August all of the same year. He received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open Lodge on the 22nd September 1863. Residing in the Parish of St Andrews and his profession is listed as a Farmer.

Interestingly on his records from the Lodge his second name has been incorrectly recorded as "Bonamy".

The condition of the headstone is in remarkable condition and with the Square and Compasses set in the First Degree, also buried in the plot is his wife Mary Ann and son Thomas Blondel De Garis, Le Page.



The Grave marker for Thomas Le Page d. 26th July 1876 at the St Andrews Church Cemetery

Chapter Twelve

John Brown d.1883

Buried in the cemetery at the Parish Church of St Sampson is John Brown. Little can be found about John due to the condition of the Headstone, however we have found out that he died on the 3rd May 1883 at the age of 51 years old. The decoration of the stone is still quite clear to see at the top is the Square and Compasses, and either side appearing to support a draped cloth on the Seal of Solomon on disks.

John was Initiated into Mariners Lodge No.197 on the 23rd February 1859, Passed on the 23rd March 1859 and Raised on the 27th April 1859, his profession at the time is listed as a Farmer and he received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open Lodge on the evening of the 19th May 1859.

The Headstone appears to be made of sandstone and unfortunately weathered with only the symbolism and the name being clear.



The Grave marker for John Brown d. 3rd May 1883 at the St Sampson's Cemetery

Chapter Thirteen

James Gallienne d.1886

Buried in the Candie Cemetery, St Peter Port in plot 56 section A, is James Gallienne Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

James was born on the 2nd March 1818 to Mathieu and Rachel Gallienne, in St Peter Port Guernsey. He married Rose Mullen at the age of 33 years, on his marriage certificate his profession is listed as an Advocate in England.

James was initiated into Freemasonry on the 10th July 1850 at the age of 23 years old, he was Passed to the Second Degree on the 13th May 1850 and Raised to the Third Degree on the 10th September 1850, into Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.99, and received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open lodge on the 27th February 1851. We know James took over as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1864 after the death of V. W. Bro Rev. Orme Wood his predecessor and was Deputy to Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammond at the time until the resignation of the Provincial Grand Master in 1868. James Gallienne, was H.M Greffier and Past Master of both Mariners Lodge and Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship. Although he did not hold the office of Provincial Grand Master after Right Worshipful Brother James John Hammonds resignation he was appointed Deputy Grand Master in Charge of the Province.

His Headstone is grey granite in the form of a cross within a circle, standing on top of a plinth that is engraved with the following.

"In Memoriam

James Gallienne

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Guernsey

Died 8th February 1886

A Token of Esteem"

Within the centre of the cross is an oval, with the word "Guernsey" at the top and in the centre a Past Masters Jewel".

James had a very active Masonic Career, and this has been well documented in the "Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror". The first mention of him in position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master was on the 4th June 1864 at the Consecration of the new Jersey Masonic Temple. "The Brethren from Guernsey also came over in large force, headed by Bro. Gallienne D. Prov G.M and advocate in the court there, to take part in the ceremonial".

He also played a key role in laying the Foundation Stone of the Memorial to Admiral Lord James De Saumarez, at Delancey Park, as was featured in "The Freemason" on the 12th August 1876. A part of the parade to the site he is recorded as V. W. the P. D. P. Grand Master [ed. PDP = Presiding Deputy Provincial] Gallienne with Trowel. An important part he played in the ceremony is described as "V. W. the P. D. P Grand Master Bro. Gallienne advanced to His Excellency (Lieutenant General Sir George Gerald Foley CB, who was at the time a member of United Lodge No.1629 London) with a Master Masons Apron, and clothing him therewith said:- Your Excellency, - I have now the pleasure of investing you with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason, and of placing in your hands the implements of architecture, to enable you to lay the foundation stone of a monument to the memory of one of Guernsey's noblest sons, the late Lord De Saumarez, in which ceremony your Excellency will be assisted

by the Worshipful Masters of our Lodges to whom full power and authority have been granted by command of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Illustrious Grand Master. And I beg to assure your Excellency that we, members of the ancient fraternity of Accepted Masons here present feel especially gratified in having the privilege of assisting you in the performance of the prominent part which has been properly and rightfully assigned to your Excellency". The Trowel was then placed in the hands of His Excellency.

James was also the Consecrating Officer of Fidelis Lodge No.1809 again as reported in "The Freemason" on the 10th May 1879 "An important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Guernsey was attained on Monday last, when a new lodge was consecrated in due and solemn form. The ceremony was conducted at the Masonic Hall Court Place, by Bro. James Gallienne (P.D.P.G.M., P.M 84), W.M No.168 who has been duly vested with power from the Grand Lodge of England for this special purpose".

James died on the 8th February 1886 at the age of 67 years, and his death record shows that at the time he was living in Vauvert St Peter Port, and profession is listed as "Greffier de la Cour" (Greffier of the Royal Court).



**James Gallienne Deputy Provincial Grand Master
and Her Majesty's Greffier**



The Grave marker for James Gallienne d. 8th February 1886 at the Candie Cemetery

Chapter Fourteen

Dr Abraham Sandys Connellan d.1890

Buried in the Foulon Cemetery is Abraham Sandys Connellan who died on the 15th March 1890 at the age of 37 due to pneumonia at his home address in the La Plaiderie, St Peter Port.

Abraham was born in Dublin Ireland in about 1851, to Owen Connellan and Julia Meara and married Elizabeth Frances Hunt on the 11th August 1881 at St Judes Church London. His first son Edmund Victor was born on the 30th December 1883 in Gloucester, he moved to Guernsey in August 1885 following the death of Dr B. Collette, when he purchased the late doctors practice and home.

Abraham Connellan had only a short Masonic Carer being Initiated into Fidelis Lodge No.1809 on the 25th February 1885, Passed to the Second Degree on the 25th March 1885 and Raised to the Third Degree on the 22nd April 1885. He was aged 33 at the time of his Initiation and listed his residence as "La Plaiderie" his profession is listed on the Lodge Records as a Doctor; he received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open Lodge on the 24th November 1885.

His funeral was reported in the Guernsey Star on the 18th March 1890 as follows *"at 10 o'clock the members of Mariners, Loyalty and Fidelis Lodges to the number of 50 met at the Masonic Temple and walked shortly after in procession to the Church, headed by their Tyler, each member having a sprig of acacia in his coat"* the report goes on to say *"the body was lowered into the grave by six members of Fidelis Lodge, the route was lined with numerous concourse of sympathising friends, which tended to show how greatly the deceased was respected in the Island"*.

At the top of the Headstone is the Square and Compasses set in the Third Degree, and the headstone is also mentioned in the Star on the 12th August 1890, *"Our attention has been called to some very fine work on view at Messrs Newbury and Son's Marble Works, St Julian Avenue, one being a well-furnished marble headstone with carved trusses on each side the centre bearing the compass and square and on the left side a sprig of Acacia"*



The Grave marker for Abraham Connellan d. 15th March 1890 at the Foulon Cemetery

Chapter Fifteen

Samuel Martin Barter d.1890

Buried in plot U24 of the St Johns Church Cemetery St Peter Port, is Samuel Martin Barter, who was born around 1815. Samuel was Initiated into Freemasonry on the 15th September 1858 at the age of 43 years and his profession was listed as “Hotel Keeper”.

He was initiated into Loyalty Lodge No.299, Passed to the Second Degree on the 20th October 1858, and Raised to the Third Degree on the 3rd December 1858 and received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open lodge on the 17th January 1859. He is also shown as being a joining member of Hammond Lodge in 1864, and Doyle’s Lodge of Fellowship on the 27th December 1864. He also went onto join Mariners Lodge on the 22nd February 1871. At this time his profession is listed as a “Publican” and finally joining Fidelis Lodge No.1809 as a founder member on the 8th May 1879.

Buried in the plot is also his wife Sarah Barter, on the 1881 Census it shows them as residing in the Alert Hotel Quay. Samuel died on the 27th May 1850 at the age of 76 years, at his home address in Paris Street, the headstone has the Square and Compasses set in the Third Degree.



The Grave marker for Samuel Barter d. 27th May 1850 at the St John Church Cemetery

Chapter Sixteen

Thomas Kimber d.1891

In section H of the Foulon Cemetery is the resting place of Captain Thomas Kimber who died on the 6th January 1891, drowned on the Goodwin Sands at the age of 48 years. He was the Captain of a three-masted schooner named "Crocodile" which was lost during a snowstorm, on the 6th January 1891.

Thomas was Initiated into Freemasonry on the 17th May 1876 at the age of 32, into Loyalty Lodge No.243 his profession is listed as a Master Mariner. He was Passed on the 13th July and Raised on the 28th December all of the same year and received his Grand Lodge certificate in open Lodge on the 20th August 1877.

Goodwin Sands is a 10-mile-long (16 km) sandbank at the southern end of the North Sea lying 6 miles (10 km) off the Deal coast in Kent, England. The area consists of a layer of approximately 25m (82 ft) depth of fine sand resting on an Upper Chalk platform belonging to the same geological feature that incorporates the White Cliffs of Dover. The banks lie between 0.5m (1 ft 8 in) above the low water mark to around 3 m (10 ft) below low water, except for one channel that drops to around 20m (66 ft) below. Tides and currents are constantly shifting the shoals. More than 2,000 ships are believed to have been wrecked upon the Goodwin Sands because they lay close to the major shipping lanes through the Straits of Dover.



The Grave marker for Thomas Kimber d. 6th January 1891 at the Foulon Cemetery

Chapter Seventeen

Charles Coyde d.1910

Buried in plot K5 of the St Johns Church Cemetery St Peter Port, is Charles Coyde, who was born around 1838. Charles was Initiated into Freemasonry on the 1st February 1882 at the age of 43 years and his profession was listed as “Master Mariner”.

He was initiated into Mariners Lodge No.168, Passed to the Second Degree on the 5th July 1882, and Raised to the Third Degree on the 7th March 1883 and received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open lodge on the 27th April 1883.

The sandstone headstone has the Square and Compasses set in the Third Degree at the top with the letter “G” in the centre. Unfortunately, Charles name is not very clear on the headstone anymore after years of weathering, but it is clear to see that also in the plot is buried his wife Sarah, son Samuel and daughter Ada. There appear to be others buried there but their names are also unclear.

Charles died on the 7th October 1910 at the age of 73 years. He was residing at 6 Well Road, St Peter Port and his profession on his death certificate is recorded as Master Mariner.



The Grave marker for Charles Coyde d. 7th October 1910 at the St John Church Cemetery

Chapter Eighteen

Frederick William Robins d. 1914

At Foulon Cemetery is the burial place of Frederick William Robins who died on the 8th October 1914 aged 45 years.

This is another very decorative Masonic grave in the cemetery but the difference with this one is that it is just decorated with symbols from the Holy Royal Arch. Wrapped around the front and side is a sash as worn by Companions of the Order with the Triple Tau on the left hand side of the head stone and on the front is depicted the Seal of Solomon the Jewel that a Companion wears on his left breast.

Frederick Robins was initiated into Freemasonry on the 7th March 1900 passed on the 4th April and Raised on the 2nd May in the same year, into Mariners Lodge No.168 at the age of 31 years old.

Unfortunately, we don't know anything about Frederick's Royal Arch membership, however we can assume that he was a Companion of the order which he held in some regard by the highly decorated headstone, the front of the headstone reads.

**Till the
Resurrection
Morn
In
Affectionate
Remembrance of
Frederick Wm Robins
Who died
On the 8th October 1914
Aged 45 Years**

The headstone appears to be dark sandstone, and the inscription is written onto the form of a scroll draped over a column or double cube mounted onto two plinths.



The Grave marker for Frederick Robins d. 8th October 1914 at the Foulon Cemetery

Chapter Nineteen

John Loveridge d.1922

The funeral of Bro. J Loveridge took place at Candie Cemetery, which observed some Masonic customs as was reported in the Press on the 4th July 1922 below.

"One of Guernsey's best-known and much respected sea-faring men, Capt. J. Loveridge, Master Mariner, and for 20 years a stevedore, was buried Monday afternoon in Candie Cemetery, the cortège left the house, Cambria, Upper Canichers, St Peter Port, soon after 2.30pm. The members of the Mariners Lodge of Freemasons, among whom were Messrs. R.W Podger (W.M) S.A Candon, P.M (D of C), W Varnham, Z. T Hornby (Tyler), E. F. Piprell, E. Dingle, H. Whales, P. Cole, H. W. Vaudin (Junior Deacon), J. Sparkes, W. H. Lihou and C. Coyde, preceded the hearse, after which came the carriage with the Rev. J. C. Tabor, Vicar of St. John's, and there were about 100 followers on foot.

The Cemetery was reached soon after 3 o'clock, the Freemasons halting at the gate to allow the cortege to pass through their ranks. Preceding the cortège, the Vicar of St. John's recited the Sentences and the 90th Psalm on the way to the grave which was on the extreme left at the lower end of the cemetery.

The Committal Prayers were said and then, led by Mr, Candon, the Masons sang "in the Grand Lodge Above" afterwards filing past and throwing sprigs of acacia upon the coffin in accordance with their ritual.

Capt. Loveridge was a popular and charitable man, and as such will be widely missed; his devotion to the Seamen's Bethel (a Chapel and organisation set up for the welfare of seafarers) will leave a gap there which will be difficult to fill, and those who gathered round the grave of their old friend to pay their last respects were deeply moved.

The floral tributes were very beautiful, many of them being in the shape of anchors, the Freemasons' tribute taking their special sign.

They were "from your sorrowing wife and children" To my dear precious father from Flo, To my dearest father from his baby" Kath", Sorrowing nieces and nephews Neil, Laura, Jim and Tom: the employees: Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Mariners Lodge

Mr. A. W. Bourgaize, of St. John's, personally supervised the funeral arrangements".

Bro Loveridge was initiated into Freemasonry on the 5th October 1921, Passed on the 2nd November 1921 and Raised on the 7th of December 1921 into Mariners Lodge No.168.



The Grave marker for John Loveridge d. 4th July 1922 at the Candie Cemetery

Chapter Twenty

Sir Edward Chepmell Ozanne d.1929

As you enter the Town Church from the Church Square entrance turn right and in front of you on the pillar is an impressive marble plaque to the memory of Sir Edward Chepmell Ozanne K.B.E.

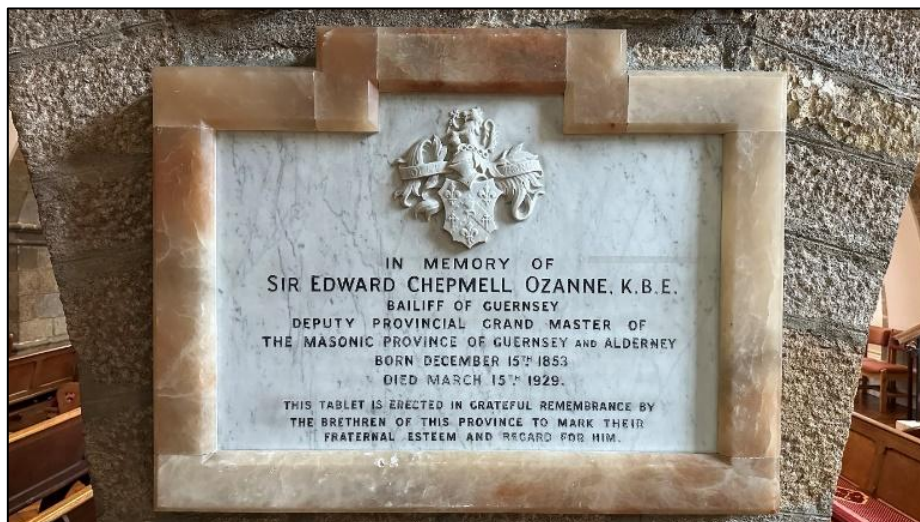
Edward Chepmell Ozanne was born on 15th December 1852, he was educated at Elizabeth Collage and went onto the Université de Caen. Here he gained his bachelier-en-Droit in 1873 and became Licencié-en-Droit in 1874. He was admitted as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey on returning to the Island and was appointed HM Comptroller in 1877. And served in that post until 1895 when he took up the role of HM Procureur. He held this post until becoming Bailiff in 1915, a post he held until 1922.

Sir Edward is the only person to be knighted by the sovereign on Guernsey soil. He was made a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire when King George V and Queen Mary visited the Island on the 11th July 1921.

He was initiated into Freemasonry on the 10th January 1877, Passed on the 14th February and Raised on the 14th November the same year, into Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 at the time of his initiation his profession was recorded as an Attorney, Gent. He received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open lodge on the 5th June 1878.

Sir Edward was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Guernsey and Alderney 1894-1923,

Sir Edward served as Worshipful Master of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 in 1881, he was exalted into Doyle's Chapter in 1884 and became First Principle in 1888. He covered the duties of the Provincial Grand Master while the province was without during 1907-1910 and was promoted to Grand Rank of Past Grand Deacon in 1902. At the time of his death, he was residing at a property called Les Cordeliers, Cordier Hill, St Peter Port.



Plaque in the Town Church



**Sir Edward Chepmell Ozanne being sworn in as Bailiff,
1915**



Portrait of Sir Edward Chepmell Ozanne that is in the Royal Court

Chapter Twenty-One

Percy Arundel Burr ridge d.1929

Buried at the Foulon Cemetery is Percy Arundel Burr ridge who died on the 30th October 1929 at the age of 44 years.

Percy was the son of Arthur Burr ridge and Janet Emily Green born in England and was a Fruit Grower. He was Initiated into Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 on the 12th July 1922, Passed on the 9th August 1922 and Raised on the 11th October 1922 at the age of 37. Percy didn't hold any offices in the Lodge during his Masonic Career, he was however also a member of Doyle's Chapter of Fellowship No.84.

The Headstone is in the form of a sun dial with the Square and Compass on the front in the middle of the radiating sun, with the inscription below "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended".



The Grave marker for Percy Arundel Burr ridge d. 20th October 1929 at the Foulon Cemetery

Chapter Twenty-Two

Charles Noyon d.1932

Buried in the cemetery at the Parish Church of St Sampson is Charles Noyon who passed away on the 29th November 1932 aged 72 years old. Within the same plot is his wife, Julia.

The Headstone is an impressive grey granite stone with a cross on top of three plinths, in the centre of the cross is the Square and Compasses set in the Second Degree for a "Passing".

Charles Noyon was Initiated into Freemasonry on the 2nd January 1917, Passed to the Second Degree on the 6th February and Raised to the Third Degree on the 6th March all of the same year into St Sampsons Lodge No.2598. He was aged 53 years at his initiation.

St Sampsons Lodge No.2598 was consecrated on the 22nd May 1896 and has the unique distinctions of being the first Lodge to be consecrated under the present Provincial Constitution of Guernsey and Alderney; it was also the first Lodge, under the same constitution to be held outside St. Peter's Port.

The original meeting place was the Commercial Hall, Bridge Road (now Commercial Road) St. Sampson's. This is the Meeting place recorded on the Lodge Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England and dated 12th February 1896.



The Grave marker for Charles Noyon d. 29th November 1932 at the St Sampson's Cemetery

Chapter Twenty-Three

Ernest Dene d. 1937 & John Dene d. 1956

The Foulon Cemetery is the burial place of two Freemasons father and son Ernest John Dene who died on the 8th July 1937 aged 66 years and John Partridge George Dene who died on the 25th April 1956 aged 63 years.

This is a simple headstone in the traditional form of a tablet and is made of sandstone, at the top of the headstone is the Square and Compasses and, in the centre, the Past Masters Jewel, the 47th Proposition.

Ernest Dean was initiated into Freemasonry at the age of 36 years, on the 24th April 1907 Passed on the 22nd May and Raised on the 26th June all of the same year. He joined Fidelis Lodge No.1809 and became Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1915 and went onto hold Provincial Grand Ranks of Grand Pursuivant in 1917 and Grand Superintendent of Works in 1922.

John Dene was initiated into Freemasonry at the age of 22 years old, on the 24th October 1915 and Passed on the 22nd December 1915. However we do not have a date for his Raising. He also joined Fidelis Lodge No.1809 and became Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1929 and went onto hold the Rank of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 1929.

Both John and Ernest were employed as sign writers.



The Grave marker for Ernest & John Dene at the Foulon Cemetery

Chapter Twenty-Four

Karl Mason d.2006

At the Columbarium of the Foulon Cemetery section YA6, is the resting place for Karl Mason, marked by a granite Memorial Plaque with black inlaid lettering with the Square and Compass with the letter "G" in the centre in the top right-hand corner.

Karl was Initiated into St Martins Lodge No.4142 on the 1st April 1999, Passed on the 4th May 1999 and Raised on the 6th December 1999, he was 50 years at his Initiation.

Karl was born on the 15th May 1948 to Sidney Mason and Patricia Berryman, he passed away only eight years after joining Freemasonry on the 12th September 2006, at the age of 58 years.

Karl used to joke "that he was the only true Mason in Masonry".



The Memorial Plaque for Karl Mason d.12th September 2006

Chapter Twenty-Five

Raymond Richard Hambidge d.2010

At Longis Cemetery on the Island of Alderney is the resting place of Raymond Richard Hambidge and his wife Joan. The headstone made of grey marble has a small Square and Compass in the third degree at the bottom right-hand side, however Raymond's name doesn't appear on the headstone just his wife's who died 10 years after he did.

We have managed to identify from the Provincial Membership records that Raymond joined St Ann's Lodge No.593 on the 9th January 1990 from Fern Lodge No.7048 in Bromley, Kent, United Kingdom.

Raymond was an active Freemason in St Ann's Lodge No.593 as Inner Guard in 1992, Junior Deacon 1993 and Senior Deacon 1994. He was Junior Warden in 1995 and Senior Warden in 1996 and Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1997, going on to Immediate Past Master in 1998, Tyler in 1999 and Treasurer in 2000/2001.

He was Promoted to Provincial Grand Steward in 2003 and Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 2006. Raymond also joined St Ann's Holy Royal Arch Chapter in 1997.

Raymond died at 7am on the 16th December 2010, at the age of 76 years old. He was a retired Police Officer.



The Grave marker for Richard Hambidge d. 16th December 2010 at the Longis Cemetery Alderney

Chapter Twenty-Six

Unidentified Graves

The following graves are located at the Candie Cemetery, St Peter Port, and the Vale Cemetery. However unfortunately due to the poor condition of the headstones the details of those laid to rest there have been lost to the time and weather wear.

Despite many hours of research being carried out at the St Peter Port Constables office and the Priaulx Library, I have been unable to identify all their names.

In some cases where some names have been made out, I have not been able to confirm they match the Masonic Records held or to locate their deaths at the Greffe.



**Unknown Headstone decorated with the Triple Tau and Seal
of Solomon Chapter Jewel**



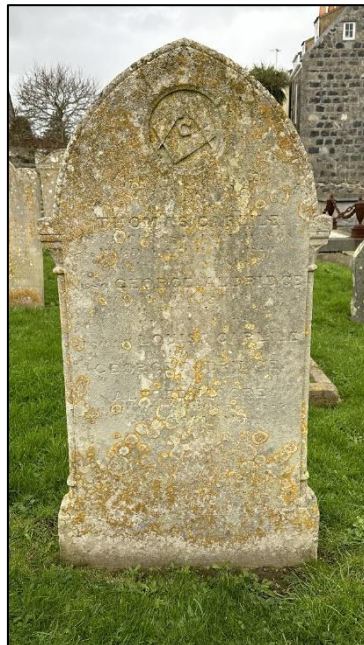
Vault with top being decorated with the Square and Compass and the Triple Tau and Seal of Solomon Chapter Jewel



Unknown Headstone although some of the names can be seen there is no trace of any Masonic Records, in the circle at the top is a worn Square and Compass



Headstone thought to be Abraham Attenborough Royal Military Artificers Lodge No.350 St Helier Jersey, who joined on the 21st August 1810, on the top left is the Triangle the symbol of Deity in the Royal Arch and the Square and Compasses at the top right.



Headstone for George Aldridge unable to confirm the date of death but he was Initiated on the 22nd July, Passed on the 26th August and Raised on the 28th October 1874.



Unknown Headstone at the Vale Church, although some of the names can be seen there is no trace of any Masonic Records, the Square and Compass is very clear at the top.

Chapter Twenty-Seven

Lodge of Sorrow

Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 and St Sampsons Lodge No. 2598 until recently used to perform a "Lodge of Sorrow" in remembrance to a departed Brother.

The Ceremony involves black ribbons being tied to the Wands of the Deacons, the lights of the Lodge are dimmed and solemn organ music played, the Worshipful Master then declared it a "Lodge of Sorrow" and the Secretary carried out a Roll Call when each Brothers name was read out they would reply "Present" when the name of the deceased Brother was called to no response it would be called a further two times, the Chaplain would then rise and declare "Worshipful Master Brother **** has been called to the Grand Lodge above".

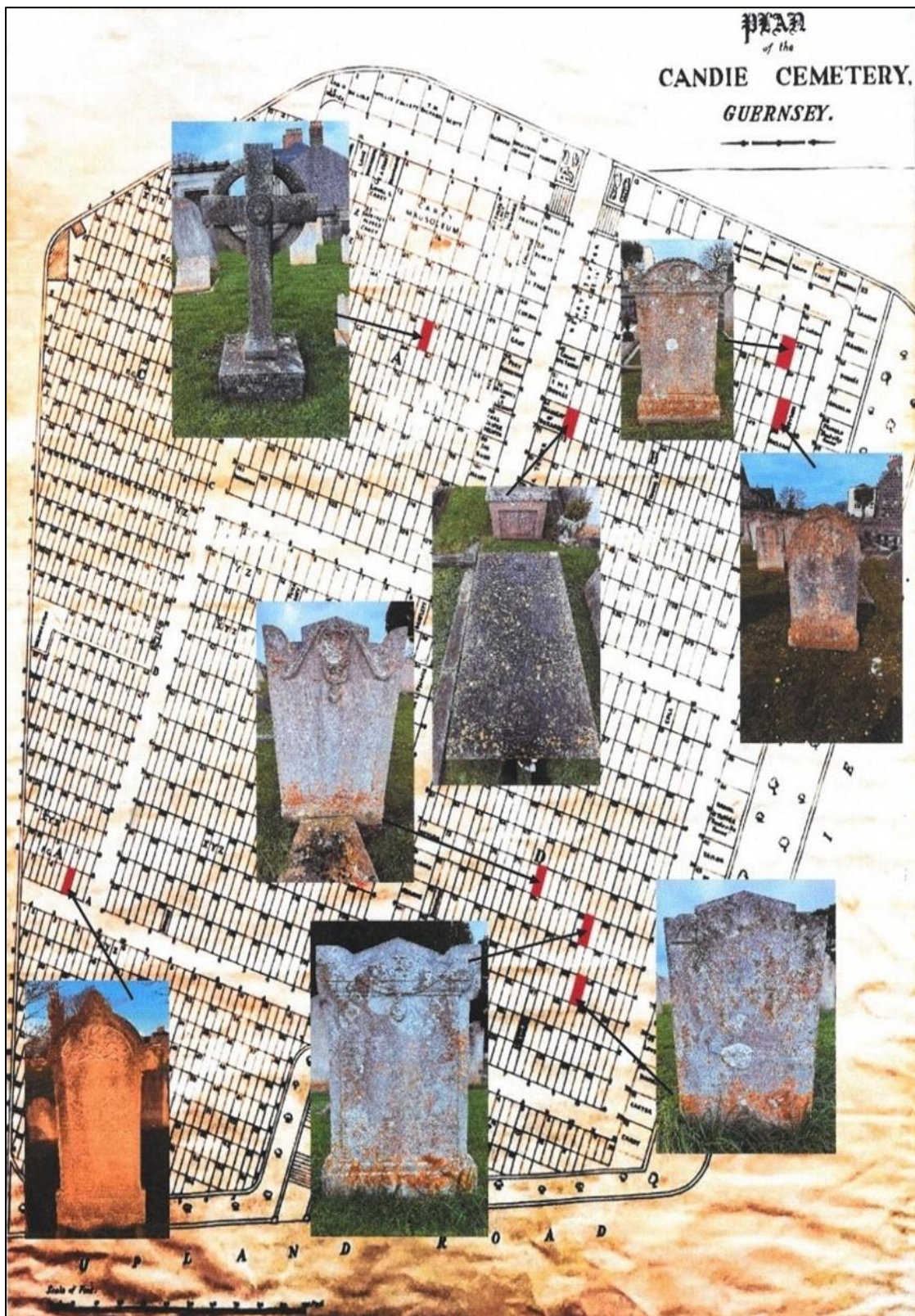
The deceased Brother's Regalia would then be Squared around the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master would give a Eulogy; the Chaplain would then give a prayer. The Brother's Regalia would then be paraded out of the Lodge by the Director of Ceremonies, the Deacons and be passed to the Tyler, the Lodge of Sorrow would then be closed.

The practice of carrying out a Lodge of Sorrow was part of the business brought up at the March 2024 Quarterly Communication held at Grand Lodge London, where it was directed to be stopped, with the following being observed as a Tribute to Deceased Brethren.

"The Practice of commemorating a newly deceased Brother at the next meeting of his Lodge or Chapter has a long and distinguished history in Freemasonry and deserves nothing but encouragement. Such commemoration normally takes the form of a eulogy followed by a short period of silence and sometimes concludes with a short prayer".

Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship No.84 last held a Lodge of Sorrow on the 11th January 2024 to commemorate WBro Charles John Burley, who passed away on the 28th November 2023.

Chapter Twenty-Eight



Candie Cemetery layout with the location of the Graves

Appendix A

SERMON

Preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Penfold

“Moses, my servant, is dead—now therefore arise.” Joshua 1:2

WE have met here, in accordance with the fine tradition of our Order, to pay the last tribute to departed merit in the person of the Gracious Sovereign, who for more than a quarter of a century ruled the Craft wisely and well as our Grand Master, and after his accession to the throne continued his lively interest in it as our Royal Grand Protector, until that day when he was called within the veil which hides from mortal vision the mysterious secrets of eternity.

The grief which the Empire, I may say the whole world, has experienced at the death of our beloved King Edward, of happy memory, has been felt by none more acutely than by Freemasons. - The duty which Freemasons owe to the country whence they derived their birth and infant nurture, makes them feel poignantly the grief of their bereaved fatherland. The charity which unites them in bonds of lively sympathy—“cords of a man”—with the suffering and the sad, moves them to grieve with the monarch on whom the Crown descends at such a trying hour, with the Queen-Mother from whom the desire of her eyes has been taken with a stroke, with the Royal and afflicted family who mourn the best of husbands, fathers, and friends. But, added to this, is a consciousness of personal loss, the sting of an individual sorrow which has pierced every Free mason’s breast at the rude and unexpected snapping of a tie which bound him in fraternal union with his Royal Grand Master and Protector as with a friend. We mourn, as Freemasons, one who belonged to us as he belonged to no one else, who shared our secrets, aided our labours, and fostered our ideals.

For it was in no mere conventional sense that King Edward interpreted his membership of the Order which he ruled. He shared those labours which he directed so ably. He followed the lore he taught. Kings in plenty we have numbered in our ranks, in a long line which stretches far back into antiquity till history itself grows dim. Kings from the beginning have been among the keenest Freemasons. But on the roll of Masonic fame no more shining example is to be found in these latter days than the ardent and devoted labour of King Edward. Initiated by another king, Charles XV., of Sweden, as long ago as 1868, he gave proof of zeal and ability for seven years before he reached the Grand Master's chair in 1874. In these years and those which followed it was his rare privilege to bring into the Order two Royal brothers, and that Royal son who would now have succeeded to his father's throne, but the Most High willed otherwise.

Punctilious in the discharge of all Masonic duties, even to the least, scrupulously faithful to Masonic principles, King Edward was an example to all Freemasons. No work, no interest belonging to the Craft lay outside his sympathy or was denied his time and willing service. I cannot now enumerate the list of King Edward's public services to Masonry.

Suffice it to say, that no great occasion of any kind aroused the interest and stimulated the activity of Freemasons without their Royal Grand Master being found in his place at their head. For a private gentleman the list of his services would have been unusually distinguished.

For the busy heir to an Imperial throne, who added to the duties of his princely state those public cares to which in her long widowhood and declining years his august mother was unequal, it was a burden from which he might justly have claimed relief, and which only frail mortality, the end appointed by

the Great Architect, who has planned the structure of human existence, therefore not an evil, but having its mysterious place in the beneficent design of Him Who hath done all things well; Who in Wisdom and Love has traced the lines of every life and assigned limits to the work of all. 'Tis not the length of a life which counts-but how we live-not the hour of death-but how we die.

We turn to the Sacred Volume, which is the law and the life of Masonry, and in the illumination of its sacred pages we behold death stripped of its terrors, shining at the end of our allotted span with the bright radiance of eternal day. "Moses, my servant, is dead-therefore arise. Be strong and of a good courage." Death is the great Amen to the truth of the Masonic ideal of life Belief Love Duty. How grand is that ideal! though imperfectly realized yet how clearly seen and truly loved and deeply longed for. In his stately approach to that grand ideal -in his lofty conception and noble realization of Masonic character King Edward " being dead, yet speaketh." Belief.

His simple attachment to the faith of his fathers-his care for religious duty, his frank and manly reverence for the things of God. These are in the knowledge of all.

With what pathetic dignity is that Royal figure invested in our memory as we recall the last Sunday in Sandringham, when the great King, beneath the shadow of impending death, bowed himself for the last time on earth in the House of the King of Kings. O! what a lesson to us all that the loftiest station and the most exalted gifts gain lustre from the simple and humble service of God.

Love. -Our hearts are almost too full to dwell upon those gentle qualities that made the greatest of Monarchs the most lovable of men. His was that rare and splendid virtue which in its perfect adjustment of wisdom and charity, of common sense and benevolence, of winning tact and unshakeable firmness, of exquisite kindliness, and a just estimate of men, drew out the best in others, and directed right feelings to true ends.

Duty. Can any account of King Edward's devotion to duty be so true and so eloquent as the manner of death he died When he assumed the crown his promise to his people was to work for their good while there was breath in his body. The world knows how he kept his word. His ideal seemed ever to outstep his achievement as he toiled on, until the exhausted frame could toil no more, and the tired worker fell asleep.

*"He died in harness, the impending stroke
Shook not his nerve, nor his high courage broke,
Calmly he faced the sure descent of Fate,
Heeding it not for customed cares of State,
Put anxious looks, imploring hands, aside,
Worked as he always worked; then sank and died."*

Brethren, the finest tribute we can pay to the memory of him, whom we now leave in God's keeping, is to copy, each in his degree, the example he has left of Faith, Work, and Love, to put aside all personal thoughts and considerations, and in fervent charity and humble hope work in our several stations for the glory of God and the good of men.

"Who in the realm to-day has choice of the easy road or the hard to tread? And, much concerned for his own estate, would sell his soul to remain in the sun? Let him depart, nor look on our dead. Our King asks nothing of any man more than our King himself has done."

And now to the True and Living God Most High, of Whose only gift it cometh that his faithful people do unto Him true and laudable service, be ascribed all honour, might, dominion, praise, henceforth and for ever.

This booklet was written to identify and compile a full list of the various Masonic Graves that are located around the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney.

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Museum of Freemasonry Membership Records

Although every effort has been made to locate and identify the Graves and Memorials across the Bailiwick, should any have been missed please make the author aware.

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