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No.2



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The material sent to the printers in 1987 was not suitable for direct copying and accordingly the History as printed was scanned into a computer using an optical character recognition process and re-issued in October 2003 as A5 paper and digital versions.

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Harold Beck  
July 2010

## FOREWORD

The written records of masonic gatherings are but pale reflections of the friendship, charity, humanity, virtue and enjoyment which cause worthy men to take part. Here and there, however, from an odd comment or anomaly in the Minutes we catch a glimpse of the true nature of masonic fellowship. Other sources are invaluable in illuminating the scenes set by the customary formal descriptions of meetings, such as earlier histories, letters and memories of Brethren as well as what is known about individuals and events in wider masonic circles and in the world at large.

In this Centenary History all these kinds of sources have been used in an attempt to convey the "flavour" as well as the chronology of events in what is undoubtedly an unusually interesting Conclave.

## ORIGIN

The origin of University of London Conclave No.2 is closely bound up with the beginnings of the Order itself. There is an understandable ambiguity about the very early days of both and this is not helped by the loss of the Minute Book of the Conclave, covering the period from its inception to 1905. However, the Report of the first Grand Recorder (Bro. Spratling) of Saturday 29th October 1887 to a Special Meeting of Grand Council has, as the first of its original six items, the following statement:-

1. That application duly signed, has been made on behalf of members of University of London Lodge, No. 2033 for the formation of a conclave to be called the "University of London" Conclave, that the fee of £5.0.0. had been received, and that the Supreme Grand Ruler had granted the petition and ordered a (prov) warrant to be issued (for) founding such a conclave which shall bear the number (2) in the books of Grand Council. The date of the warrant is July ( ) 1887

Before discussing the significance of the ( ) parentheses, other relevant extracts from the Minutes of Grand Council should be considered. Thus items of the same Report stated:

5. That the "University of London" Conclave was duly consecrated by the Supreme Grand Ruler ... on Saturday 15th October.

At the Grand Conclave meeting on 10th December 1887:-

The Grand Supreme Ruler reported that he and the DRO had assisted at the Consecration of the University of London No.2 .... had been unanimously elected Hon. Members of this Conclave.

One other significant fact is that the date of the Warrant of University of London Conclave No.2 is 14th September 1887.

## PRECEDENCE

University of London Conclave can rightly claim to have the first regular warrant even though the number given to it is "2". This anomaly arose because of the way in which the Grand Conclave and Grand Council emerged.

On 5th May 1887 a highly significant gathering of Secret Monitors in Great Britain took place at the home of a Bro. Dr. Zacharie, who was one of a small number of Brethren who had received S.M. signs from overseas sources. It is clear from the first ever Declaration Book, which came to light in May 1987 during these Centenary researches, that decisions to form a Conclave to be known as Alfred Meadows and to establish a Grand Council had already been made, probably at a meeting on 24th April 1887 as a result of discussions which had taken place three days earlier at Bon Accord Lodge of M.M.M. It appears that at the meeting on 5th May 1887 Alfred Meadows Conclave was constituted, each of its members signing a printed form in the Declaration Book requesting induction into Alfred Meadows Conclave (amended by hand to requesting admission in those few cases of Brethren who already knew the signs) and all declaring their loyalty to the Grand Council. On the same occasion a Committee was appointed to draw up rules for the establishment and management of the Order within the British Empire.

The first meeting of the Grand Council of the Order took place on 2nd July 1887 followed very soon by a special meeting on 11th July 1887 at which the Constitutions of the Order were approved. (The Attendance Book for the earliest meetings of Grand Council has also been discovered during these researches). Progress was very rapid for on 15th July 1887 there occurred three major events - the first Festival of the Order, the Inauguration Festival of Alfred Meadows Conclave and, particularly important so far as this History is concerned, the decision to found the University of London Conclave. It is interesting to note that five of the eight University of London Founders signed the Alfred Meadows Declaration on that date, two having signed on 5th May and the remaining one, who became the first Supreme Ruler, on 19th May. All requested induction so clearly none had previously received the signs of a Secret Monitor.

There is no doubt that the University of London Conclave was regularly constituted, consecrated and warranted. The same cannot be said of Alfred Meadows Conclave for in October 1887 it was found to be working without a warrant - that prerequisite of proper OSM working, as had been laid down in the Constitutions agreed four months before! The omission was swiftly rectified with the issue of Warrant of Confirmation dated 11th November 1887 and thus it is from that date that Alfred Meadows Conclave can be said to have been working regularly. Another insight into matters of precedence can be obtained from the record of the payment of the fees for the warrants. It had been stipulated in the Constitutions approved in July 1887 that the fee must be paid before a warrant could be issued. The Minutes of the Grand Council meeting on 10th December 1887 show University of London Conclave heading the list followed by Star in the Fast Conclave and then the Alfred Meadows.

The question of precedence in relation to the numbering of the Conclaves must have occasioned much discussion in those early months. This is evident from items 1 to 6 of the Report of the Grand Recorder of 29th October 1887, referred to above. In item 1 the entries in the ( ) parentheses had been inserted later in a different pen from the body of the text, a pen which was used from item 4 onwards. The last sentence of item 1 was also in the later pen and a blank was left for the actual day in July when the warrant of University of London Conclave was to be deemed to have been issued. In fact, as has already been noted, the date of the Warrant eventually decided upon was 14th September 1887.

It looks as though the Grand Recorder's Report was compiled in two stages, with a few details left out for filling in later. It is likely that representations had been made on behalf of Alfred Meadows Conclave and that issues of numbers and dates had been held in abeyance until a decision had been made at the Special Meeting on 29th October 1887, to which the Grand Recorder presented his incomplete Report. Whatever the prior processes were, the outcome is clear enough for in the Minutes of that Special Meeting, reported to Grand Conclave on 10th December 1887, it is stated that it had been resolved that University of London Conclave would be No.2. Thus was the pattern set for all time.

In the spirit of True Friendship on which our delightful Order is founded we must surely applaud its Grand Originals for their decision to accord precedence to Alfred Meadows Conclave. That Conclave did precede even the Grand Council and if the ruling body set up by the Conclave found that its progenitor was acting irregularly in relation to the subsequent rules, it is surely right that the superior offspring should indulge its subordinate parent in setting it on a regular warranted path. One thing is certain; the Supreme Ruler of Alfred Meadows Conclave will have had little difficulty in petitioning the Grand Supreme Ruler to accord it the number "1" and to authorise the Warrant of Confirmation for they were one and the same person.

Another matter of precedence was settled at the same time. The Star in the East Conclave is reported as having been constituted on 14th September 1887 in Penang, which is on the same day as when the Warrant of University of London Conclave was issued. On the other hand University of London Conclave No.2 has been reported as having been founded on 15th July 1887. Whatever the meaning of these terms "constituted", "founded" and the like, there was a decision by Grand Council to give University of London Conclave precedence over Star in the East which, after a break in continuity in the 1910's, was reconstituted as the unique Summus Conclave No.3 with the same precedence as the original Star in the East Conclave No.3.

## FOUNDERS AND SONS

When University of London Conclave was formed it consisted essentially of members of the medical and legal professions. The Founders were:-

Frederick Adolphus PHILBRICK, Q.C.	S.R.
Frederick Ernest POCOCK, M.R.C.S.	C.
William Craecroft FOOKS, LL.B.	G.
Charles GROSS, M.D., F.R.C.S.	Treas.
Arthur Ernest SANSOM, M.D.	Sec.
William George LEMON, LL.B.	Stwd.
Col. Henry Wallmark KIALLMARK	Vis.D.
William Joseph SPRATLING, B.Sc.	Gr.

The first Supreme Ruler played a particularly important part in establishing the Order for he was at the same time the first Grand Chancellor, in which capacity he was charged with drafting the Constitutions and Regulations which embody the unique and delightful feature of Visiting Deacons. The original forms, certificates and other documents were also drawn up by Frederick Philbrick, who in due time became R.W.Bro. Judge Philbrick, B.A., K.C., D.R.O. (Deputy Ruler of the Order). He continued to be very active in the Order as well as in the Conclave. For example he consecrated Cockcroft No. 25 and Champion No.26, was first Supreme Ruler of Earl of Warwick No.29, rendered invaluable assistance in important constitutional and administrative issues which arose and founded, for members of the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund, the Royal Order of the Scarlet Cord (now inoperative).

Something of R.W.Bro. Philbrick's deep affection for the Order can be obtained from the following extracts from his Oration at a Consecration in 1895:-

The love which Jonathan bore to David has been rivalled, though not excelled, by many examples in history and such mutual love and friendship is not unknown even in these degenerate days. The nature of our Order is to afford an opportunity for the display of this mutual confidence, this trust which never is betrayed.

Such being the nature of the Order, it remains for me to elucidate its principles and I think I need not prove to you that a Society framed upon the principles of self sacrifice, of mutual trust, watchful brotherly care, of compulsory warning in time of danger, official solace in time of sorrow and skilful and effective though unostentatious advice in every circumstance of life, is a society that meets a great and crying need in human affairs and is calculated to benefit those who act up to its tenets. Such a Society is that of the Secret Monitor.

R.W.Bro. Philbrick was an Hon. Member of University of London Conclave No.2 at the time of his death on Christmas Day 1910, in his 75th year. Tributes to him included the following:-

To refer to our late Deputy Ruler (of the Order) is to think of him as a "Grand Old English Gentleman", in whose genial company everyone who enjoyed that privilege took pleasure and delight and whose name will ever remain in the loving memory of all who knew him.

His hand, joined with that of (another Brother), did much in shaping the destinies of the Order and placing it upon the sound foundations it now occupies. His genial presence and sage advice have been much missed

University of London Conclave No.2 was supremely fortunate in its choice of the first Brother to rule over it.

Another Founder who played a major part in the development of the Order was William Joseph Spratling, the first Guarder of the Conclave who was also the first Grand Recorder. In the latter capacity he must have been extremely busy with setting up the administrative machinery, no doubt operating it personally, and arranging the many early meetings and Consecrations in the particularly intensive period from May to

December 1887. For nearly 40 years he played a very active and influential part in the affairs of University of London Conclave while also carrying out his manifold duties as Grand Recorder, of which more later.

We know something of the first Secretary of University of London Conclave, Bro. Sansom, from a tribute paid to him after his death on 10th March 1907, by Bro. Spratling, from which incidentally we learn where the Conclave was consecrated. It is recorded in the Minutes of the meeting held in March 1907:-

Bro. Spratling ..... recalled the formation of the Conclave chiefly by the efforts of our late Brother in whose consulting room at 84 Harley Street it was consecrated by the G.S. Ruler in person. He referred to the loveable disposition of our Brother, to his great learning and to his high place in his profession.

The Minutes also record that Bro. F.E. Lemon, son of the Founding Steward of the Conclave,

added a few words expressing his own feelings... He spoke of Bro. Sansom as the embodiment of kindness and brotherly affection and as one who in assisting in the foundation of this Conclave and indeed of the Order in this Country had greatly helped to set the 'tone' without which it would never have become so popular.

The presence of the son of a member is a far from rare occurrence in the Order and indeed is one of its very happy features. It was Bro. F.E. Lemon who set the pattern for University of London Conclave from the very early days for he entered at the first meeting at which candidates were inducted on 11th February 1888. His father, W.G. Lemon, as well as being Founding Steward was at the same time Grand Treasurer. His son followed in his footsteps for in 1906 he was listed as Past Grand Treasurer as well as Treasurer of the Conclave, in which he was very active, attending most meetings and taking on various Offices until 1927. There are a number of other examples of sons following fathers in the Order, one of them particularly notable and linking, as will be seen and to our good fortune, to the present day.

### THE EARLY YEARS

Because of the loss of the Minute book covering the period to 1905 we are short of information on early activities and actions in the Conclave. We do not know for example to what extent the Conclave was concerned with state of schism which arose between the Grand Council of our Order and that of the Allied Masonic Degrees. It is, however, likely that it was at least discussed for this was one of the matters with which the first Supreme Ruler, R.W. Bro. Philbrick, was very much involved, particularly during the three years from 1895 when the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor was considered to be spurious.

In 1888, the first year after its Consecration, 12 members were inducted or joined. Regrettably, however, in the following nine years a total of only 14 Brethren came into the Conclave so that from 1900 onwards it met jointly with Zacharie Conclave No.9 which was no doubt experiencing similar difficulties.

With the change from sole to joint working there was a radical change in the source of recruits to the Conclave. In the first ten years, 11 of the 19 for whom the origin is known came from the Lodges of the Universities of London, Cambridge and, in small proportion, Oxford (8 from University of London Lodge No.2033, 3 from Isaac Newton University Lodge No.859 and 1 from Alma Mater Lodge No.1492). The remaining 8 came (one each) from a variety of other Lodges. In the second ten years, during most of which No.2 was allied with Zacharie Conclave No.9, all of the 22 members inducted for University of London Conclave came from Oxford's Apollo Lodge No.357.

The joint working of the two Conclaves was nominally on the basis of equal sharing. For example, the Office of Supreme Ruler was supposed to be filled alternately by members of each Conclave. Similarly, two of the Visiting Deacon appointments were intended for members of No.2 and two for Brethren of No.9. However, it did not always work out as planned, particularly as regards the Office of Supreme Ruler - as when members of No.2 officiated for the three successive years of 1901-2-3 and likewise of No.9 for 1904-5-6. In 1906, which is the earliest year covered by the Minute Books now available, there was a total subscribing membership of Nos. 2 and 9 together of 30, of whom 20 lived in or near London. Attendance at Conclaves averaged 8 members.

Minor problems which arose from the working together of the two Conclaves appear to have been resolved in the spirit of True Friendship though there is a feeling conveyed from the scant information available that Zacharie No.9 was a somewhat restive partner. Thus, a query arose about the presentation of a P.S.R. jewel. Apparently it had become the practice in No.2 to make such a presentation whereas in No.9 this had not been the case. The matter was deferred for No.9 to consider its policy. Meanwhile the question of Zacharie No.9 having its own S.R. robe arose. The Permanent Committee and the Auditors of the joint Conclave accounts recommended in February 1907 that each Conclave should have its own S.R. collar and jewel as well as S.R. robe. At the same time it was stated that a sub-committee had been appointed to report on the paraphernalia belonging to the two Conclaves. Separate lists of the property of No.2 and No.9 Conclaves were drawn up and these indicate that in 1907 each Conclave had a S.R. jewel purchased for it. However, in the case of the S.R. robe, it is recorded that □it was thought best to defer the purchase of a second S.R. robe for the S.R. of the Zacharie Conclave so long as the Brethren of the University of London Conclave should be willing to work conjointly with them and to allow any Brother of the Zacharie Conclave to make use of their robe. To this the members of No.2 at once agreed□.

In October 1908 the Minutes record that it was considered that each Conclave was strong enough to go its separate way - yet it was also recorded that at the meeting there were not enough duly qualified Brethren present to form a Conclave of Princes. A year later the question of separation was again raised and a major step was taken by the Conclaves jointly referring the matter to a special meeting of members of No.9 chaired by the Grand Recorder who at that time was Treasurer of No.2 and possibly also of No. 9. In February 1910 it was jointly resolved that the two Conclaves should separate; the voting pattern would make an interesting case for study for there were only 8 members of the two Conclaves present, one of whom had been inducted that very evening and with some being members of both Conclaves.

These were the circumstances which led to University of London Conclave No.2 meeting on its own in April 1910, for the first time in 13 years. Only three members were present on this occasion, Bro, Spratling acting as S.R. and inducting Bro. Rupert Thompson to act as a Sentinel in the Order.

Attendance continued at a low level for some years, the pattern of working at this time being typified by what could have been but was not called the Silver Jubilee meeting in October 1913. There were three members present on this occasion. The Supreme Ruler was V.W.Bro. Rev. Alfred Gross P.G.C., son of the Founding Treasurer, who had been inducted into the Conclave in October 1890, had been through the Chair of No.2 some years later and had then gone abroad. Among the addresses listed on the Summons while he was away are Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, the St. George's College, Jerusalem and shortly before his return, probably in 1911, the Constitutional Club, Luxor. The interest taken by him in the Conclave when he came back from abroad is noted in the Minutes of the February 1913 meeting, resulting in his election as S.R. for the ensuing year. For the Conclave his was a most fortunate return to active membership.

The second member present at the meeting in October 1913 was W.Bro. Frank Lemon and the third was R.W. Bro. Spratling and there can be no doubt that these three kept the Conclave in being during the critical period around its Silver Jubilee. Bro. Spratling attended every meeting, Bro. Lemon took part in all but one or two while Bro. Rev. Gross's presence made the vital difference between continuing and ceasing operation.

One other significant feature of the meeting in October 1913 was the induction of a Bro. Passmore M.D. of University of London Lodge No.2033. This marked a return to the originally cited University of London source after the long Apollo run, as well as renewal of the medical practitioner links.

## INTO THE SECOND QUARTER-CENTURY

There was one well-attended meeting early in the next quarter-century of the Conclave's existence. This took place in April 1914, a week earlier than usual because the regular date fell in Easter week. Because of the change in date the meeting had to be held in the Connaught Rooms but the fact that as many as 11 Brethren attended was probably less due to the change in venue than that a Bro. J. Morrison McLeod of Champion Conclave No.26, Manchester, was admitted as a Prince of the Order at the request of the Supreme Ruler of that Conclave. What was at that period an unusually large number of 9 Brethren joined in supper.

During the First World War the Conclave made some modest progress; there were some 18 members in February 1915 and by October 1918 the number had risen to 25 and generally attendance was greater than in the recent past. However, normal progress of individuals within the Conclave was interrupted for it was often recorded that letters had been received, on one occasion from the S.R. and on another from a candidate, that the exigencies of military service prevented their presence. Grand Council provided that in the event of an S.R.-Elect being absent performing service with His Majesty's Forces the current S.R. would continue in Office but appoint the Conclave's Officers in accordance with the S.R.-Elect's wishes. The Grand Council's printed statement to this effect is pasted in the Minute book and in one section refers to "Naval or Military duties". The Secretary, Bro. Spratling, added in his own hand the words "or other Services" and it is interesting to speculate that the addition was due to the emergence of the Royal Flying Corps.

In June 1915 it was reported that so far as was known no casualty had happened to any member and indeed throughout the war none was drawn to the attention of the Conclave. However, it is recorded that early in the proceedings on 14th October 1915 "the S. Ruler (W.Bro. Flanders Howard Flanders) left the chair as owing to the Zeppelin raid the previous evening he was obliged to leave in time to be with his family in East Essex". At this meeting Bro. Rev.C.H. Malden, who was a veteran S.M. from Madras, was elected S.R. for the ensuing year. He was later Secretary of the Conclave and was responsible for bringing members of his family into the Order.

The war had its effect on accommodation for although the meeting in October 1916 was at the usual venue of The Holborn Restaurant it was Minuted as being "in an uncomfortable room owing to a sudden strain - owing partly to the war - upon the resources of the building". This meeting was also noteworthy for the presence of "W.Bro.R. Verney Clayton, PSR No.3 and of Champion XXVI".

At the February 1917 meeting the duties of Secretary passed from Bro. Spratling, who became Treasurer, and the new Secretary, Bro. Bishop, recorded with understandable pride that after the Conclave was closed 10 Brethren dined together of whom 8 were present or past Grand Officers. At the next meeting, in April, in response to the request of the S.R. of Horatio Shirley Conclave No. 5, R.W.Bro. C.F. Keyser, the Conclave inducted a Bro. S.C. Gallop to act as a Serving Brother for No.5. At this same meeting a trend which had become apparent over the past few years, namely the entry into the Conclave of clergy as well as members of the medical and legal professions, was further confirmed by the induction of a Rev. C.F. Watson of Durham University Lodge No. 3030. After the meeting in June 1919, in which the former Secretary W.Bro. Arthur Skinner was installed as S.R., there was an innovation, perhaps occasioned by the relaxed atmosphere after the war or an attempt to facilitate it. It is recorded that "the brethren dined together in the Grill Room, afterwards adjourning to another room where a musical entertainment was generously provided by the S.R."

There are two features of contrast with more recent practice to be discerned from the Minutes of those days. First, there were recorded expressions of sympathy and best wishes concerning the relatives of Brethren and not just the members themselves - for example "the Brethren stood to order in sympathy for Bros. C.H. and G.C. Malden (father and son) who had suffered a severe domestic bereavement by the deaths of (a couple) leaving five orphaned children of tender age". The second feature is the young age of many of the candidates. As will be seen this has given us an exceptional link during the writing of the History though sadly not on the occasion of the Centenary itself, back to one of the Founders. This was the induction at a meeting in October 1921, under W.Bro. D. Rae Fraser as S.R., of "Bro William Ivor



Grantham, BA Cambs., age 23 years, Law Student, MM Lodge, Isaac Newton, Univ. No.859. Proposed by C.H. Malden. Seconded by Bro. W.J. Spratling, G.R."

Bro. Spratling was the only Founder of the Conclave and probably of the Order who had not at the time of the late Bro. Grantham's induction been called to the Supreme Grand Conclave above. In August 1985 R.W.Bro. Grantham, as a contribution to this History. wrote reminiscing about the Conclave back in the '20's. His memory of Bro. Spratling, who as we have seen contributed so much to the O.S.M. in general and the University of London Conclave in particular, was not at all happy - but there are good reasons for this which will be set out later. Our recently departed Brother recalled that W.Bro. Rae Fraser became "a tower of strength in the Order" as also did his proposer, who became Canon C. H. MaIlden, Rector of Little Gransden near Cambridge. Apparently Bro. C.H. MaIlden caused much amusement among the Brethren when, introducing the accounts on behalf of the absent Treasurer, he inadvertently referred to them as the annual accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Little Gransden. R.W.Bro. Grantham also wrote that the Holborn Restaurant, the regular meeting place of the Conclave, stood at the top of Kingsway at the junction of that road with New Oxford Street. At the time of his induction the Conclave met in a small private suite of rooms where it was possible to dine privately as soon as the furniture of the Conclave had been moved to one side.

At that time it was the practice in the Conclave for new members to show their suitability for proceeding to the 2<sup>o</sup> by satisfactorily performing a major piece of work in Conclave. Thus in February 1922, at the first meeting after his own induction, Bro. Grantham gave the Charge in the 1<sup>o</sup> ceremony to the next candidate to enter. The Conclave was particularly blessed on this occasion with a manifestation of True Friendship for the one addressed by Bro. Grantham was Charles Herbert Perram, Deputy Grand Master of the Allied Degrees. It is recorded in the Minutes that "Bro. C.H. Perram, having already taken the degree of Secret Monitor as given in the Allied Degrees, expressed a wish to take it in the old way". By 1928 W.Bro. Perram was in the Chair of No.2 and during his year there occurred another notable event when, at the request of the G.S.R., the 2<sup>o</sup> and 3<sup>o</sup> were conferred on Bro. C.H. Napier-Clavering, Grand Master of the Allied Degrees. W.Bro. Napier-Clavering was forthwith made an Honorary Member of the Conclave. It was not until 1931 that there was a final rapprochement between the O.S.M. and the Allied Degrees; University of London Conclave No.2 can be glad that it took part in what were no doubt major acts of reconciliation by such eminent members of the Allied Degrees.

#### GRAND RECORDERS IN THE CONCLAVE

Bro. Ivor Grantham was installed as S.R. in 1926 and it was in April of that year that the illness of Bro. Spratling was reported, the Conclave expressing its sympathy. In October 1926, Bro. Spratling was sufficiently recovered to attend the Conclave, and again on 10th February 1927. It was at this meeting that it was proposed that a Bro. J.L.A. Duff, District Grand Master of South Africa (Eastern Division), who had been inducted earlier in the evening, could proceed to the 2<sup>o</sup> and 3<sup>o</sup> within the three weeks remaining before his return to South Africa. It was reported to the Conclave, in his presence, that R.W.Bro. Spratling, as Grand Recorder, considered that a Dispensation to this effect would not be granted and indeed he was not prepared to put the matter to the G.S.R. The Conclave decided it would send a formal request for a Dispensation to the Grand Recorder with an accompanying letter saying that if he did not confirm by a certain date that the request had been laid before the G.S.R., application would be made to the G.S.R. direct. It is reported in the 1950 source that it was on this day that R.W.Bro. Spratling retired from the Office of Grand Recorder but Wilkinson puts it at November 1928, which is far more likely. In fact, a Dispensation was obtained from the Deputy Ruler of the Order and an Emergency Meeting was held on 1st March 1927 at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, at which Brother Duff received the two degrees and was duly Commissioned as a S.R. within the Order.

Bro Spratling did not attend the Emergency Meeting and at the next regular meeting of the Conclave it was learned that he had resigned his membership. Attempts were made to induce him to withdraw his resignation but he declined to do so, saying that the letter accompanying the formal request for the Dispensation must be withdrawn and an apology made for sending it. In November 1927 the Conclave resolved to notify the Grand Recorder that any reflection upon himself which the covering letter may have been thought to contain was unreservedly withdrawn and that it was earnestly hoped that the Grand

Recorder would respond in the same fraternal spirit by withdrawing his letter of resignation from the Conclave.

In fact no further mention of Bro. Spratling is made in the Minutes of University of London Conclave until those of the meeting on 13th June 1929 when it was recorded that "the resignation of Bro. W.J. Spratling as G Recorder was announced and also the fact that Bro. R.F.B. Cross had been appointed GR in his place." Then at the meeting on 10th October 1929 "The Secretary reported the death of R.W. Bro. William Joseph Spratling, a past Founder of the Conclave and for many years an active and energetic Brother. The Brethren stood to order in silence for a short time".

R.W.Bro. Spratling was Grand Recorder for 40 years. He was also very much involved in University of London Conclave No.2 throughout this period. It has been one of the principal features of Conclave No.2 that a number of Brethren with massive responsibilities as Grand Officers could at the same time be seen taking part in the ordinary affairs of a private Conclave. There is absolutely nothing in the Minutes of University of London Conclave to suggest that Bro. Spratling was other than a sincere and concerned Brother dedicated to the well-being and development of the Conclave. It was only in the very last years that difficulties arose. His departure from the Conclave was regrettable - but also in all probability inevitable.

In the Wilkinson Treatise, Bro. Spratling's record is put into perspective. To quote, bearing in mind that when he retired he was over 80 years of age, "Cantankerous and difficult he may been in his latter days but whatever his faults it cannot be denied he served the Order, practically single-handed and practically unpaid, for forty years. He was the typical willing horse. Probably the worst that can be said of him is that sometimes his zeal out-ran his discretion".

Our memory of Bro. Spratling may be symbolised by a presentation made to him by Grand Council on 30th October 1888, just over a year after the creation of the Order. The presentation was in recognition of the tremendous contribution he had made to that creation and consisted of an ornamental stand in silver with figures depicting Charity and Benevolence. In speculative terms, these latter truly masonic ornaments are what should be displayed by all regarding our Right Worthy Brother Spratling.

Overlapping the departure of Bro. Spratling was the entry of Bro. Reginald Farleigh Bloomfield Cross as a joining member of the Conclave, on 4th February 1929. The Minutes of that meeting show that the Secretary amended the title of R.F.B. Cross from Bro. to W.Bro. The Secretary, R.W.Bro. Canon C.H. Malden, was in a very good position to know the rank of the joining member for it was only a few weeks before that in obedience to a command of the Grand Supreme Ruler, M.W.Bro. Charles Keyser, he had put Bro. R.F.B. Cross through the 3<sup>rd</sup> and commissioned him in the Earl of Warwick Conclave No.29 at the same time as installing the S.R.-Elect of that Conclave. It should be noted that the statement in the 1950 source is incorrect on this point. Thus in February 1929 began a very long association of University of London Conclave No.2 with the Cross family which happily exists to this day.

It was at the next meeting, in June 1929, that the Conclave learned that W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross had been appointed Grand Recorder in place of R.W. Bro. Spratling. It was at the same meeting that, with Bro. C.H. Perram as S.R., Bro. Ronald George Cross, age 23, Isaac Newton Lodge No.859, was proposed as a candidate for the Conclave. He was inducted at the meeting on 10th October 1929 and admitted as a Prince of the Order on 10th April 1930. The two Cross members of the Conclave attended together for the first time in October 1930, R.W. Bro. R.F.B. acting as 2nd V.D. and Bro. R.G. as 3rd V.D. At this meeting, by a Dispensation of the D.R.O. issued on his behalf by R.F.B. Cross, Bro. Thomas Farquarson Jolly of Melbourne Conclave No.59 was admitted as a Prince of the Order at the request of Rev. A.T. Holden, District G.S.R. of Australia. By another Dispensation Bro. Jolly received the 3<sup>rd</sup> and was Commissioned at an Emergency meeting of the Conclave in November 1930.

R.W. Bro. R.F.B. and Bro. R.G. Cross held their relative positions in the Conclave as they moved up through the V.D. Offices until the Grand Recorder became Guide and his son 1st V.D. Then R.F.B. pointed out that he was not in a position to take the Chair in a private Conclave and from this point on R.G. overtook his father and became S.R. in February 1934, appointing his father D.C. R.F.B. held this Office until April 1947 when he became S.R. during the Conclave's (and the Order's) Diamond Jubilee year, with his son R.G. as his D.C., having served for a while an apprenticeship under his father's tutelage as A.D.C.

## APPROACHING THE HALF-CENTURY

As the Conclave approached the 50th year of its existence the number of members, which had been as low as 19 in 1929, increased considerably so that by 1935 there were 35. In part, the growth was due to preparations for the formation of a Conclave at Cambridge. Thus, for example, Bros. H.P. Bayon and S. Riddiough became members for this purpose.

The preparations came to fruition for on 6th February 1936 Alma Mater Conclave No.74 was Consecrated at Cambridge by the G.S.R., M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, the Consecrating Team including R.W. Bro. R.F.B. Cross as Grand Recorder. To clear up any misunderstanding it should be mentioned that V.W. Bro. A.T. Cross, another Officer assisting at the Consecration, was not related to R.F.B. Cross.

Members of No.2 who became Founders of No.74 were Dr. C.H. Perram, W. Ivor Grantham, Ron G. Cross, H.P. Bayon, S. Riddiough, J. Buchan Ford and G. Hazeldene. The writer of this History has a personal interest in mentioning that the candidate for induction on the occasion of the Consecration, Bro. C.C. Mason, was a Director of the Company of which the writer was a manager, as were his proposer and seconder for initiation into Alma Mater Lodge of which Bro. Mason was also a member.

A few days later, on 9th February 1936, it was proposed in University of London Conclave, with W.Bro. R.G. Cross seconding, that R.W.Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, as the first Supreme Ruler of Alma Mater Conclave No.74, be elected an Honorary Member of No.2 and that a member's jewel be presented to him "as a small token of our personal esteem". It was also resolved that the S.R. for the time being of No.74 be an Honorary Member of No.2 during his term of office. Bro. H.P. Bayon, who was the first Secretary of Alma Mater Conclave, expressed on its behalf his thanks and appreciation.

The Golden Jubilee meeting of the Conclave must have been a quite splendid occasion. It was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W1, on the Regular meeting date of 11th February 1937. This date was many months earlier than might have been expected from the known date of the Consecration. However, it is intriguing to note that 11th February 1888 was when the first members were inducted and may well have been regarded as the first Regular meeting. With some ingenuity it can be argued that the Golden Jubilee celebration was held on the exact date of the start of the 50th year of the Conclave. However, no such reasoning has been set out in the Minutes. In those of the meeting held in October 1936 it is recorded that

The Secretary (W.Bro. D.G. Carr) drew the attention of the S.R. and the Conclave to the fact that 1937 was the 50th Jubilee of the Conclave and that the Conclave might therefore desire to make some special arrangements for marking this event at the next meeting in February 1937.

The Conclave after some discussion agreed that a special dinner should be held after the Installation meeting in February and that distinguished guests should be invited.

So perhaps, after all, the actual date was settled upon without too much thought.

At the Golden Jubilee meeting, with W.Bro. R.G. Cross as Acting S.R. and R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross as D.C., the Conclave was honoured by the presence of the Grand Supreme Ruler, M.W.Bro. The Earl of Courtown, The Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, R.W.Bro. R. Verney Clayton, together with the Grand Treasurer, G.D.C., Dep. G.D.C., A.G.D.C.(W.Bro. R.F. Cross, eldest son of the Grand Recorder) and the Grand Registrar. There were present another 32 Brethren comprising members of University of London No.2 and representatives of many other Conclaves.

The M.W. G.S.R. and the R.W. Dep.G.S.R. were separately admitted and saluted in due form. W.Bro. R.G. Cross then vacated the chair in favour of the Dep.G.S.R. who installed W.Bro. Rev. W.T. Money into the chair according to custom. After the S.R. had appointed and invested his Officers in the 2<sup>o</sup> and 1<sup>o</sup> he was Commissioned as a Supreme Ruler within the Order by the M.W. Grand Supreme Ruler.

After the first Rising the M.W. G.S.R. left the Conclave accompanied by the Grand Officers present and after the reading on the 4th Rising of expressions of regret for non-attendance from the Grand Chaplain, the Rt.Hon. Lord Bishop of Middleton, and the reporting of the receipt of letters of congratulation from other Conclaves and distinguished members of the Order, the Conclave was closed in due form.

The 7-course dinner following the meeting looks sumptuous but at the present time perhaps the most interesting feature is the Menu pasted in the Minute book. It has inscribed inside the signatures of the 38 Brethren who dined on that great occasion while on the front cover there is a delightful depiction of a scene showing Jonathan shooting arrows towards a piece of masonry, with the lad beside him and David near the piece of stone. The Menu is well embellished by a double tassel in the colours of the Order.

### INTO THE THIRD QUARTER-CENTURY

After the excitement of the Golden Jubilee celebration the meetings immediately following must have seemed tame. There is no doubt, however, that work in the Conclave proceeded in accordance with the worthy objects of the Order. It was not long before there came the outbreak of the Second World War during which, unlike what transpired in the First World War, the work of Conclave was greatly disrupted. In addition to the absence of Brethren on war service there were a number of other trials and tribulations.

At the beginning of the war in September 1939 The Florence could no longer cater for the Conclave so meetings were held in a variety of other venues as and when available. It proved impossible to store the furniture and effects elsewhere so these remained at The Florence. In March 1941 The Florence was damaged by enemy action and the Conclave's property was scattered in a bombed room, mixed up with regalia of other masonic bodies. By good fortune the electrician who found the damaged and disordered masonic effects was himself a Freemason. As a result of his helpful actions and after much trouble, including the tracking down of some items to a warehouse for war-damaged goods, a substantial proportion of the Conclave's property was eventually recovered. There was a thought at this point in time that the Warrant of the Conclave should be surrendered but R.F.B. Cross, presumably in his capacity as Grand Recorder, called a meeting of Brethren in his office. Brothers The Rev. D.N. Hendy, The Rev. Canon W.T. Money, H.P. Bayon, W.R. Rochell and V.E.K. Beckett attended - and agreed to carry on. Thus again a few Brethren determined the survival of the Conclave at another critical period in its history.

It was extremely difficult during the war to purchase masonic regalia and as the Conclave's own furnishings were not complete nor in satisfactory condition it was greatly indebted to Britannic of Madeira Conclave No.85 for the use of its regalia so that the meetings of No.2 could continue. Continue they did though there was a shortage of candidates and by the end of the war in 1945 subscribing membership was down to around 24. It is evident, however, that by 1947 there was a renewed feeling of well-being in the Conclave for during that year there were three auspicious occasions which provided much enjoyment. The first of these was a meeting of the Conclave in Cambridge.

### MEETING-PLACES OF THE CONCLAVE

It is appropriate at this point in the History soon after the Second World War, during which there had been the greatest turbulence in the matter of meeting-places, and in the context of a meeting in Cambridge, to review the venues of University of London No.2 from its inception.

As has already been reported, the Consecration of the Conclave took place in the Harley Street consulting room of the Founding Secretary. The Warrant made provision for the opening of the Conclave at the Holborn Restaurant, London, or other convenient place. The earliest set of Minutes now available, for the meeting on 5th April 1906, gives the meeting place as Holborn Restaurant. It is therefore reasonable to assume that most meetings up to that date were held at that venue.

On Saturday 14th July 1906 a meeting was held, jointly with Zacharie Conclave No.9, at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor. This may be judged to be a new development from a letter sent out a month beforehand saying that it had been suggested that the meeting should be at Windsor and that before making the arrangements it was desirable that the number of those attending should be ascertained. The Summons was issued about two weeks later. The meeting was timed for 3 p.m. and a footnote stated that "The Brethren will meet at Paddington Station at 2.10 p.m. The special train leaves at 2.20. Fare 2/6 return". Special train - for 7 Brethren? At the meeting one Brother was inducted but a plan to work the 2□ was abandoned due to lack of Officers.

The next away meeting was at Skindles Hotel, Maidenhead, on Saturday 13th July 1907, the same arrangements applying and a similar number attending, one of whom was the Grand Visitor, W.Bro. Arthur W. Chapman (P.S.R. No.8) who had come up from Colchester. He drew the attention of the Conclave to a little book "Events in the History of the Order" just issued by the Grand Council. (A copy of this has come to light during the writing of this Centenary History). It is recorded in the Minute Book that the Brethren afterwards strolled along the lovely bank of the river and it is interesting to speculate if they travelled in the direction of the Brunel railway bridge which had been the subject of so much controversy, its further longevity to the present day demonstrating in a convincing manner the soundness of the pioneering design.

What proved to be the last in this series of away meetings, there not being another for many years, was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Sevenoaks, on 4th July 1908. It is recorded in the Minutes:-

This being a summer meeting . . . an adjournment was made on arrival at the Hotel, to a secluded glade in Knole Park adjoining. Here, due precautions having been taken against cowans and intruders a Conclave was opened in due form in the 1° ..... (the candidate) was inducted into the 1° of the Order by R. W. Bro. Spratling in a most impressive manner, greatly added to by the sylvan surroundings of the ceremony."

It was hoped to hold the 1909 summer meeting at the White City Exhibition but in fact it took place at the customary Holborn Restaurant, which continued to be the meeting-place of University of London Conclave after resumption of working on its own. Then comes the first known reference to the possibility of holding a meeting of the Conclave in Oxford or Cambridge for it is noted in the April 1912 Minutes that enquiries were to be made to see if a commemorative (Silver Jubilee) meeting could be held in Oxford. Nothing came of this initiative. Then, on the Summons of 12th February 1914 there was a footnote stating that the April meeting would be in Oxford and the June meeting in Cambridge "if it could be arranged". Evidently arrangements could not be made for the venue remained as before, continuing throughout the First World War though on occasion dining took place at the Connaught Rooms rather than at the Holborn Restaurant.

In April 1918 "The S.R. (W.Bro. A. Skinner) mentioned the matter of a visit to Oxford or Cambridge during the year in accordance with the usual practice in normal times and suggested it might be the occasion of a summer outing". If the thought was that before the First World War there had been regular meetings in Oxford and Cambridge this was certainly not true of the previous 12 years. Although unlikely, there may have been such meetings between 1888 and 1905 but they would hardly be covered by the phrase "in accordance with usual practice in normal times" used in 1918 while the War was still on. It is possible that what had taken place before the War were social visits or "outings" to Oxford and Cambridge, which must have been regarded as very prestigious places from the perspective of the still fledgling University of London. Such outings would not be recorded in the Minutes and perhaps had mistakenly acquired the reputation of being working meetings of the Conclave.

Meetings continued in the Holborn Restaurant until February 1922 when Bro. Spratling reported that its Management did not appear anxious for the custom of the Conclave. The following meeting, in April 1922, was held by Dispensation at the London University Club, 21 Gower Street, and this venue continued until June 1923 apart from one very significant departure - the holding, at last, of a meeting in Cambridge. This took place, apparently without Dispensation, on 8th June 1922 at the Lion Hotel, with dining afterwards at the Dorothy Restaurant. In the Minutes it is recorded that thanks were expressed to the Secretary, Rev. C.H. Malden, for making the arrangements.

In October 1923 the Conclave met once at the First Avenue Hotel, Holborn, after which the venue was Slaters Restaurant, Victoria Street, switching to Slaters in the Strand, opposite the Gaiety Theatre, from February 1927 until October 1930. The Conclave then returned to the First Avenue Hotel where it remained until October 1932.

Mention has already been made to the one exception to this pattern, namely the Emergency meeting held at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, on 1st March 1927 to confer the 2° and 3° on Bro. Duff before his return to Australia. The late R.W. Bro. Ivor Grantham recently supplied a graphic description of the arrangements. He recalled that a private bedroom suite was booked for the occasion, the reservation

extending from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. Armed with a roll of solicitors' pink tape (customarily used in the legal profession for the tying up of barristers' briefs) and a plentiful supply of brass-headed drawing pins, Bro. Ivor Grantham found it possible to outline the appropriate emblem on the floor of the sitting room. The candidate, he continued, appeared to be amused at the novel surroundings and professed to be interested in the ceremonies, during the course of which a mirror narrowly escaped damage from an arrow in flight as the result of the inaccurate aim of an inexperienced archer. It should be added that there is no reference in the Minutes to the 1° being worked and it may be that Bro. Duff was being given ad hoc instruction about the ceremony through which he had passed less than three weeks before.

From February 1933 until June 1939 the meeting place was the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, from which, as has already been reported, the Conclave was asked to move on the outbreak of the Second World War but at which unfortunately it continued to store its furniture. The next meeting was in October 1939, about a month after the outbreak of war, and took place by dispensation at Foyles Art Gallery. Tea was served at the conclusion of the proceedings, marking the beginning of wartime austerity. The next two meetings were held at 36 Great Queen Street, "by courtesy of Messrs. Geo. Kenning and Son Ltd". The Conclave expressed its great appreciation of the member of that firm, W.Bro. Harold Duck of Earl of Warwick Conclave No.29. for providing "such suitable accommodation . . . and the trouble taken in the arrangement of the room". Bro. Harold Duck was made an honorary Member of the Conclave in recognition of these services.

The Regular meeting due in June 1940 was not held because of War difficulties and the one after that, in October 1940, was held by dispensation in the Public Libraries Department of W & G Foyle Ltd., Manette Street. There was then a return to 36 Great Queen Street in February 1941 but the next due Conclave did not take place because of War conditions; this was in fact the month after The Florence was bombed. The June 1941 meeting was cancelled because of the indisposition of the S.R. and the lack of candidates, then for the October 1941 Conclave it was back to the Public Libraries Department of Foyles. The next meeting, in March 1942, was at the unusual time of 12 noon on a Saturday, which perhaps accounts for the good attendance; it was for the last time at 36 Great Queen Street.

From the next meeting in July 1943 and until June 1951 the Conclave normally met at Mark Masons' Hall, Kingsway, perhaps because there was stored the furniture of Britannic Conclave of Madeira which in True Friendship had been made available to University of London Conclave. During this period the Minutes show that there were four meetings of the Conclave held away from Mark Masons' Hall.

### CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD

The first away venue was at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, which was not at the present location but in Corn Exchange Street where the multi-storey car park now stands and conveniently situated within 10 metres of where the writer had his laboratory! This meeting took place on 22nd February 1947 and it is interesting to note the basis on which it was authorised. The then I.P.S.R. of the Conclave, W.Bro. V.E.K. Beckett, had written on behalf of the S.R. to the Grand Recorder, R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross, asking for a Dispensation to hold a meeting in Cambridge. In his reply the Grand Recorder (who was D.C. of the Conclave) said that he was very pleased that the Conclave desired to revert to its pre-war custom of holding a meeting in Cambridge; clearly the folklore ran deep for as has been demonstrated there had been only one such meeting since 1906 and there were probably none before then. The Grand Recorder then pointed out that provision had been made in the Conclave's Warrant of Constitution for the opening of the Conclave to take place at the Holborn Restaurant or other convenient place and he was prepared to regard Cambridge as coming within the meaning of "other convenient place", so that no Dispensation was required. This was a beneficent interpretation considering that on some previous occasions Dispensations had been sought and obtained for moving the place of meeting from one location to another nearby in London. Nowadays there would presumably be a different hurdle to surmount, namely the obtaining of permission to hold the meeting from the G.S.R. of the Province - or from his Deputy, who is currently a very wordy brother. From all accounts the meeting in February 1947, in the middle of a bitter winter, was a very happy occasion, many members of Alma Mater Conclave No.74 attending - including Bros. F.

Claude Goodwin (S.R.), Charles Fox (I.P.S.R.), Cecil Mason, P. Claridge and Sidney Miller - some of them taking part in the induction ceremony.

For the second of the meetings away from Mark Masons Hall the venue reverted to the Holborn Restaurant because of a change in date. The meeting, which took place on 22nd October 1947 with R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross as S.R., was unusually well attended for in addition to admitting two University of London No.2 members as Princes, six members of Rose and Lily No.69 received their 2<sup>o</sup>.

Then came the only meeting of No.2 known to have been held in Oxford. This took place in the afternoon of Saturday 30th October 1948 at the Masonic Buildings, High Street, preceded by lunch at the Forum Restaurant. The S.R., the late V.W.Bro. George Hookham, wrote in reminiscence in December 1986 that he was determined to have a meeting in Oxford in his year and went ahead and organised it. He remembered attending a meeting of Zacharie Conclave on a Friday (this must be the 29th) but did not stay to dine as he was taking the train to Oxford that night. He met Brethren of the Conclave the next morning and took them on a tour of the Colleges - the appreciation of the Brethren is expressed in the Minutes. Bro. George Hookham recalled that the Secretary had forgotten to bring the Warrant but R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross, who was present as I.P.S.R., let the meeting go ahead as "we knew where the Warrant was".

In addition to members of the Conclave there were 24 visitors present, including some from "the other place" among them a Prince, Bro. J. Wilbur Cocke. Other Conclaves represented were Nos. 5, 9, 10, 29, 62, 68, 74 and 100. Both 1<sup>o</sup> and 2<sup>o</sup> ceremonies were worked. The then S.R. further recalls that "there were some long-winded speeches at the end and we came out later than intended, only to find that we had kept a meeting of Apollo Royal Arch Chapter waiting, of which as the time James Stubbs was Z". Apparently, R.W.Bro. Cross was of sufficient rank in Craft to be able to make an acceptable apology!

In October 1949 there was another meeting at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge. It was on a Saturday and for some reason lunch had to be arranged at the Dorothy Restaurant rather than at the Hall itself. Then, unusually, dinner was also arranged following the afternoon meeting, at Twyford's Hotel, Bishops Stortford. There was no candidate for the meeting but R.W.Bro. H.P. Bayon gave a brief History of the Order in the presence of guests from Alma Mater Conclave No.74. This brought to an end a much heralded series of meetings, one in each year for three years in succession, in one or other of the two other Universities with which the University of London Conclave was closely associated. There have been no further such meetings to this day.

#### DIAMOND JUBILEE

There was one highly significant meeting which is not mentioned in the Minutes or recorded in the Register. This took place on 22nd September 1947 and was the Joint Conclave of the four existing original Conclaves Nos. 1,2,3 and 5 to celebrate their Diamond Jubilees, University of London Conclave No.2 having received its Warrant on 15th September 1887 and the other Conclaves not long after. Notwithstanding the absence of reference to it in the official records of No.2, the occasion was marked by the issue of a very valuable Chronicle of the Conclave in which there is a brief account of the Joint Conclave. A full record of this historic event must exist elsewhere and is extensively reproduced in the 1950 source, including the whole text of the learned Allocution, which had been written by R.W. Bro. L. F. Newman but because of his unavoidable absence had been read by R.W.Bro. H.P. Bayon.

In summary, the Joint Conclave took place in the Egyptian Temple of the Abercorn Rooms, with R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross, Grand Recorder, as S.R. (he was S.R. of No.1 and No.2) and one of his sons, E. Bassett Cross P.G.V., as I.P.S.R. Other Officers were:-

V.W. Bro.	Lewis Edwards, P.A.G.Reg	C.
"	George Walter Hookham, A.G.D.C	G.
R.W. Bro.	Rev. Canon W.T. Money, Gd.Ch	Chaplain
V.W. "	H.J. West, A.G.D.C	Treasurer
R.W. Bro.	Henry Peter Bayon, P.G.V	Secretary
"	Ronald George Cross, P.G.V	D.C.
"	John Martin Oakey P.G.V	A.D.C.
"	T.J. Cooke	1st V.D.
W. Bro.	E.D. Woodrow, P.G.Std	2nd V.D.
"	C. Lee	3rd V.D.
"	Carey Morgan	4th V.D.
"	W.J. Stevens	Guarder

The Grand Supreme Ruler, M.W.Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Courtown was received and saluted. After calling the muster roll of all Conclaves, with Brethren responding from near and far, a demonstration of the Ceremony of Admission of a Prince of the Order was faultlessly rendered by the Premier Conclave of Improvement under the direction of R.W.Bro. R.A. Turner P.G.G. This was followed by the reading of the Allocution. About 90 Brethren dined and during the Toasts and Responses much was learned about the state of the world in general and of the O.S.M. in the world in particular.

### THE PAST 40 YEARS

The Conclave made a rapid recovery from the exigencies caused by the Second World War. By 1948 its subscribing membership was 35, meetings were well attended and there was a very satisfactory amount of visiting taking place. There were of course fluctuations in membership. For example in 1952 there were 32 subscribers, in 1962 there were 43, in 1972 the corresponding number was 36, in 1982 it was 45 and now, in the Centenary year, there are 50 or so subscribing members.

To complete the chronicle of meeting-places, in June 1951 it was resolved that owing Mark Masons' Hall, Kingsway, closing a Temple the Conclave should in future meet at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row. This it did until October 1958 after which it transferred to Mark Masons' Hall, 40 Duke Street, remaining there until 1979. There being no dining facilities available at 40 Duke Street, the Conclave dined variously at Rotary Club House, Portman Square (59-61); Park Lane Restaurant (61-68); Naval Club, Hill Street (67-75); and La Genova Restaurant, North Audley Street (75-79). In October 1979 the Conclave held its first meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, at which agreeable venue it has met and dined to this day, the only exception being on 30th April 1981 when it was necessary to dine at The Goat, 3 Stafford Street.

The furniture and effects lost or damaged during the war were made good by purchases and gifts, most notably when the Conclave moved from Mark Masons' Hall to the Bonnington Hotel in 1952. At this break point a list of articles requiring replacement was circulated by the then Secretary, V.E.K. Beckett, with a suggestion that offers of help would be welcomed. From the annotated copy of the list incorporated in the Minute Book it is clear that the Brethren responded generously. From time to time throughout its history the Conclave has been presented with regalia and other important items. Two relatively recent and somewhat unusual examples are a Bible presented in April 1960 by the Sentinel, Bro. Stanley Coleman, and a 6-foot bow given by Bro. Boulton (who was inducted in 1956, age 73, and died in Rhodesia in 1965). This latter gift was recalled recently by R.W. Bro. Ron Cross as "a formidable weapon of war and



no doubt would have given even greater cause for alarm had it been in use at the Emergency meeting on 1st March 1927!" One unusual purchase was that of a sash obtained jointly with Alma Mater Conclave No.74.

In October 1955, R.W.Bro. R.F.B. Cross was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his outstanding services to the Conclave. With great sorrow the Brethren heard at the April 1958 meeting that he had died. The Conclave paid worthy tribute to his memory.

Since the Diamond Jubilee meeting the Conclave has maintained its more than ordinary share of characters, each making his own kind of contribution to the well-being of the Conclave. Examples from among those now in the Grand Conclave above are:-

W.Bro. F.C. (Freddie) Hughes who reminded the Conclave in a kindly and persevering manner of that great feature of the Order of the Secret Monitor, the concern and care expressed by and through the Visiting Deacons.

R.W.Bro. J.L. (Joe) Gamgee who was strong both in expressing his views and in his devotion to the principles of the Order.

W.Bro. E.J. (Jimmy) Lawrie who took unto himself a Recruiting Sergeant role, introducing a new and for Freemasonry entirely appropriate professional element of members associated in divers ways with construction.

V.W.Bro. Rev.A.B. (Basil) Carver whose face shone with cheerfulness and good cheer.

R.W.Bro. R.J. (Dicky) Hammond who was always willing to take on an office at short notice and whose working of the ritual was carried out with an appearance of ease, warmth and humour entirely compatible with the spirit of the Order.

W.Bro. O.S. (Owen) Burton whose frame and demeanour reflected a stable and considerate friendship.

In February 1986 Alma Mater Conclave No.74 celebrated its Golden Jubilee in fine style in the presence of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.W.Bro. Rev. Ron Thompson D.F.C. University of London Conclave No.2 was well represented notably by its S.R.-Elect (Don Nicholls), Secretary (John Tuckey) and Chaplain (the writer of this History). Undoubtedly, however, the most significant person linking the two Conclaves present at the Golden Jubilee meeting was one of its Founders, R.W.Bro. R.G. Cross.

There can be no better way of completing the main text of this History than by referring again to R.W.Bro. R.G. (Ron) Cross. The links with the Cross family and especially with the former Grand Recorder places R.W.Bro. R.G. Cross in a special relationship with the Order and with the Conclave. It is however in his own right that we celebrate the continuing membership of R.W.Bro. Ron. In the 58 years since he was inducted in the Conclave there are frequent references in the Minutes to the willingness with which he undertook various duties, the beautiful quality of his work and his quiet and friendly manner towards all. He has been a backbone of the Conclave for over half its existence.

In October 1986, R.W.Bro. R.G. Cross was elected Centenary S.R. of University of London Conclave No.2 but to our great regret became ill shortly before he was due to be Installed. It is still, in July 1987, very much hoped that there will be an improvement in his health so that he may be Installed at our Centenary meeting on 30th September. We are happy that he is taking considerable interest in the Conclave and all its members are united in their concern that R.W.Bro. Ron Cross may recover and again be active among us.

## BRETHREN OVER THE CENTURY

The pages that follow contain reference lists of the Supreme Rulers, Honorary Members and Subscribing Members of the Conclave as well as Officers elected or appointed on a continuing basis.

The lack of full information for the period 1887 to 1905 is reflected in the lists and it is hoped that further research and archival discoveries will resolve some of the queries, clear up some of the ambiguities concerning dates and fill in where there are at present blanks.

For 1906 onwards the information has been obtained direct from the Minute Books and where appropriate - for example the date actually inducted rather than when the ballot was taken - from a Minute rather than a Summons. As a result there are a few changes in details (mostly dates) from the information given in the Chronicle of the Conclave. It should be mentioned that only those entering the Conclave for normal membership have been included; those proceeding through the 1□, 2□ or 3□ on behalf of other Conclaves or at the request of the G.S.R., for example prior to departure overseas, have been omitted. However, a number of such Brethren and occasions have been referred to in the text of this History. Likewise no additional mention has been made of Brethren on their re-Joining the Conclave or of previously subscribing Hon. Members on their return to the Active List.

Some comments on the more permanent Officers are appropriate. From the generally healthy financial state of the Conclave and the regular despatch and recording of its worthy work it is clear that University of London No.2 has been admirably served by its Treasurers and Secretaries. Of those in Office in the formative years particular mention must be made of E.E. Lemon P.G.T., who was Treasurer for a total of about 15 years, A.E. Sansom P.G.V. who was Secretary for a similar period and W.J. Spratling who whilst Grand Recorder found time to be Treasurer of the Conclave for at least 8 years and its Secretary for no less than 9 years. The longest-serving Treasurer was J. Buchan Ford P.G.G., in Office for 21 years. The Reverend Canon C.H. Malden P.G.Chap, served as Secretary for an identical period and later V.E.K. Beckett P.G.C. occupied the same Office for a total of 26 years.

In the early years of the Conclave it was only occasionally that a D.C. was appointed. In the latter half of its existence, however, the Conclave has had the benefit of just two D.C.'s - R.F.B. Cross G. Rec. from 1933 to 1947 and R.G. Cross P.G.C. from 1947 to 1987. The latter has attended every meeting since first appointment.

There have been some long-serving Sentinels, albeit with some substitution at particular meetings. The first holder of the appointment was John W. Freeman who in 1910, in recognition of 21 years service, received double his usual fee for that evening. The record for service "outside the door" is however held by W.R. Elliott P.G.V., now in his 25th year as Sentinel of the Conclave.



## SUPREME RULERS

(Year of Installation)

1887	PHILBRICK	F.A.	1937	MONEY	W.T.
1888	POCOCK	F.E.	1938	HAZELDENE	S.
1889	FOOKS	W.C.	1939	MORGAN DAY	W.
1890	GROSS	C.	1940	DRYSDALE	J.G.
1891	LEMON	W.G.	1941	FLOOD	J.P.
1892	KIALLMARK	H.W.	1942	HENCHY	D.N.
1893	SPRATLING	W.J.	1943	"	"
1894	LEMON	F.E.	1944	BUCHAN FORD	J.
1895	NORTON	A.T.	1945	BECKETT	V.E.K.
1896	SANSOM	A.E.	1946	BAYON	H.P.
1897	LEMON	F.E.	1947	CROSS	R.F.B.
1898	GROSS	A.R.	1948	HOOKHAM	G.W.
1899	SPRATLING	W.J.	1949	HARWOOD	F.C.
1900	* DUZER van	F.C.	1950	WOODROW	E.D.
1901	ROUNDELL	C.F.	1951	WHITE-PHILLIPS	G.
1902	MOSS	W.E.	1952	EVANS	A.E.
1903	NUNNELEY	F.P.	1953	RIDDELL	D.R.
1904	* CLELAND	J.W.	1954	ESLING	F.
1905	* FLORENCE	EB.	1955	TALBOT	H.
1906	* SPRINGETT	B.H.	1956	DODSWORTH	I.E.
1907	BEACHCROFT	P.M.	1957	HAMMOND	R.J.
1908	EYRE	J.W.H.	1958	BEHENNA	F.A.C.
1909	CORY-WRIGHT	D.	1959	BANKS	J.H.
1910	"	"	1960	PECK	W.C.
1911	EYRE	J.W.H.	1961	LYONS	A.M.
1912	PARR	R.C.	1962	SONES	V.D.
1913	GROSS	A.W.	1963	CARVER	A.B.
1914	"	"	1964	GARDINER	B.K.
1915	FLANDERS	W.F.H.	1965	DOIG	I.F.
1916	MALDEN	C.H.	1966	COOK	A.M.
1917	ROUTH	A.J.M.	1967	WHELAN	L.
1918	SKINNER	A.	1968	FENN	G.W.
1919	"	"	1969	SACKER	D.
1920	BISHOP	F.W.	1970	PYNE	G.C.
1921	RAE FRASER	D.	1971	SMITH	L.
1922	"	"	1972	GAMGEE	J.L.
1923	WHITE	A.J.	1973	LAWRIE	E.J.
1924	ANDERSON	M.J.B.	1974	WILSON	F.M.
1925	CHURCH	A.G.	1975	BURTON	O.M.
1926	GRANTHAM	W.I.	1976	JERRAM	C.J.
1927	MATTHEWS	F.	1977	EKE	J.H.
1928	PERRAM	C.H.	1978	HUGHES	F.C.
1929	CARR	D.G.	1979	SINCLARE	L.D.
1930	HORNBY STEER	W.R.	1980	TUCKEY	J.M.
1931	STREET	C.	1981	BARKER	J.A.
1932	MARSH	C.J.	1982	BECK	H.V.
1933	MARSH	O.J.	1983	GOULD	H.
1934	CROSS	R.G.	1984	"	"
1935	ADAMS	F.	1985	HUNT	D.W.
1936	MACKENZIE	F.	1986	NICHOLLS	D.W.

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## HONORARY MEMBERS

(Year of Election)

1887	Dr. I.	ZACHARIE	M.D.	G.S.R.
1887	J.L.	THOMAS	F.S.A.	D.R.O.
?		?		
1906>	Judge F.A.	PHILBRICK	B.A. K.C.	D.R.O.
1906>	F.E.	POCOCK	M.D.	P.G.C.
1906	Dr. A.F.	SANSOM	M.D. F.R.C.P.	P.G.V.
1909	Lord P.S.	METHUEN	G.C.B. K.C.V.O. C.M.G. Lt.Gen. Rt.Hon.	Hon.P.S.R.No.2 by desire of G.S.R.
1911	EB.	FLORENCE	B.L. (No.9 - Jt to 1910)	P.G.Gdr.
1918	P.	COLVILLE SMITH	MA. Craft G.Secretary	P.C.No.2
1928	C.W.	NAPIER CLAVERING	On receiving 2° & 3°	Request of G.S.R.
1936	Sir A.Y.G.	CAMPBELL	K.C.I.E. C.S.I. C.B.E.	First S.R.No.74
1936		SUPREME RULER	Alma Mater No.74	During Office
1936	W.F.H.	HOWARD FLANDERS		P.G.C.
1939	R.C.	PARR		P.G.D.C.
1940	H.	DUCK		P.G.Std.
1942	F.	ADAMS		P.G.Std.Br.
1943	F.W.	BISHOP		P.G.V.
1951	C.J.	MARSH		P.G.V.
1951	D.G.	CARR		P.A.G.D.C.
1953	R.F.B.	CROSS		G.Rec.
1957	Canon W.T.	MONEY		P.G.Chap.
1969	J.	BUCHAN FORD		P.G.G.
1982	V.E.K.	BECKETT		P.G.C.
1984	F.M.	WILSON		P.G.V.

> Date of earliest summons on which shown as Hon. Member

## TREASURERS

(Year first Invested and Years in Office)

1887	GROSS	C	2?	1941	MORGAN DAY	W.	3
?	?		?	1944	GRANTHAM	W.I.	3
1901?	LEMON	F.E.	8?	1947	BUCHAN FORD	J.	21
1909 *	FLORENCE	E.B.	1	1968	LYONS	A.M.	2
1910	LEMON	F.E.	7	1970	GARDINER	B.K.	2
1917	SPRATLING	W.J.	8	1972	BURTON	O.S.	2
1925	RAE FRASER	D.	3	1974	TUCKEY	J.M.	3
1928	GRANTHAM	W.I.	5	1977	BURTON	O.S.	5
1933	RAE FRASER	D.	8	1982	SINCLARE	L.D.	To date

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## SECRETARIES

(Year first Appointed and Years in Office)

1887	SANSOM	A.E.	8?	1933	ADAMS	F	1
1895?	?		3?	1934	CARR	D.G.	5
1898?	LEMON	F.E.	2?	1939	FLOOD	J.P.	1(A)
1900?	SANSOM	A.E.	6?	1940	ADAMS	F.	2
1906?	SPRATLING	W.J.	2?	1942	FLOOD	J.P.	1
1908 *	SPRINGETT	B.H.	2	1943	BECKETT	V.E.K.	1
1910	SPRATLING	W.J.	7	1944	CARR	D.G.	3
1917	BISHOP	F.W.	2	1947	BECKETT	V.E.K.	25
1919	MALDEN	C.H.	21	1972	PYNE	G.C.	7
1931	MATTHEWS	F.	1	1979	WILSON	F.M.	5
1932	HAWKES REED	J.	1	1984	TUCKEY	J.M.	To date

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## DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

(Year first Appointed)

1906	BUTLER	C.		1923	SKINNER	A.	
1907	DARBISHIRE	B.V.		1930	RAE FRASER	D.	
1916	ROFE	H.		1933	CROSS	R.F.B.	
1918	PARR	R.C.		1947	CROSS	R.G.	

## SENTINELS

(Year first invested)

1888	FREEMAN	I.W.		1931	WHYBREW	F.C.	
1910	THOMPSON	W.R.		1944	WITCOMBE	C.J.	
1913	NELSON	C.L.		1952	THOMSON	R.	
1915	COOP	S.		1954	COLEMAN	S.G.	
1920	SKINNER	C.F.		1963	ELLIOTT	W.R.	

## SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS

(Date of Induction/Joining and Lodge/Conclave)

1887	Oct	15	PHILBRICK Frederick Adolphus	F	Alfred Meadows	
			POCOCK Frederick Ernest	F	"	
			FOOKS William Craecroft	F	"	
			GROSS Charles	F	"	
			SANSOM Arthur Ernest	F	"	
			LEMON William George	F	"	
			KIALLMARK Henry Wallmark	F	"	
			SPRATLING William Joseph	F	"	
1888	Feb	11	LEMON Frank Edmund		Isaac Newton Univ	859
			NORTON Arthur Treherne		Univ of London	2033
			JULER Henry Edward		"	"
			ROOSE Robson		Drury Lane	2127
	May	8	BRANSTONE BEACH William W	J		
			ROBERTSON A D			
	Jul	14	CLARK(E?) Francis William (Winter?)			
			HORROCKS Peter		Univ of London	2033
1889	Feb	9	MORICE Beaumont		"	"
	Jul	13	MAYBURY Augustus Constable		Burdeet	1293
1890	Feb	9	CRIPPS Charles Couper		Hotspur	1626
			STEPHENS William		St George (Perth)	
	Apr	12	SPICER Scanes		Univ of London	2033
	Oct	11	GROSS Alfred William		Ellesmere	730
1891	Jul	11	KIDDLE Walter		St Pauls(Cyprus)	2297
1892	Feb	4	WORLLEDGE Theodore Edmund		Isaac Newton Univ	859
1893	Feb	2	HILL Arthur		"	"
1894	Apr	5	LLOYD-OWEN David Charles		Alma Mater	1492
1896	Apr	16	GERMAINE Robert Arthur		Univ of London	2033
1897	Feb	11	SANSOM Harry A		"	"
			WHITEHEAD Benjamin		"	"
1898	Feb	3	ROUNDELL Christopher Folis		Apollo	357
			PARR Roger Charlton		"	"
			BURY William Stanley		"	"
1899	Feb	2	HARRISON Herbert Champion		"	"
	Jul	8	MOSS William Edward		"	"
1901	Jan	11	NUNNELEY Frederick Pitcairn		"	"
			DAVIES Llewellyn		"	"
			FORBES Edmund		"	"
	Mar	15	COLVILLE SMITH Philip		"	"
			HENLEY The Hon Francis Robert		"	"
			COWLEY Arthur Emest		"	"
	Jul	26	TIVERTON Rt Hon Vt Hardinge G		"	"

1902	Feb	9	ROFE Henry John		"	"
			CORY WRIGHT Dudley		"	"
			BEACHCROFT Philip Maurice		"	"
	Apr	10	LYRE John William Henry		"	"
			ARMITAGE William James		"	"
	Jul	11	COLLISON Harry		"	"
1903	Apr	14	PERCIVAL Michael Passowar		"	"
	Jul	11	PIRIE GORDON H		"	"
1905	Jul	8	DARBISHIRE Bernhard Vernon		"	"
1908	Feb	6	DEMSKI Count Vladimir S von		"	"
1910	Feb	3	HART Walter Gray		St Margaret's	1872
1913	Oct	9	PASMORE Edwin S		Univ of London	2033
1914	Feb	12	ROUTH Amand Jules McConnell		"	"
			FLANDERS W Flanders Howard	J	Earl of Warwick	29
1915	Feb	11	SKINNER Arthur		Leopold	1571
	Apr	8	FLORENCE Ernest Badinius		Hon to Active	
	Jun	10	PHILLIPS John George Porter		Aesculapius	2410
	Oct	14	MALDEN Chas Herbert	J	Damon of Pythias	14
			BISHOP Frederick W		Univ of London	2033
1916	Apr	13	MASTIN John		Wentworth	1239
			GLOVER Ernest Augustus		Union	38
			RAE FRASER Douglas		Excelsior	617
1917	Apr	12	WATON Charles Frederick		Durham Univ	3030
1918	Apr	11	NICHOLAS William Howard		Canongate Kilwinning	2
	Jun	13	ANDERSON Matthew John Beevor		St Clement Danes	1351
			MALDEN Walter		Alma Mater	1492
	Oct	10	WHITE Alfred John		Univ of London	2033
1919	Jun	12	MALDEN Gilbert Charles		Sanctuary	3051
1920	Feb	20	CHURCH Archibald		Univ of London	2033
	Jun	10	ANDREWS John Walesby		Old Quintinians	3307
1921	Feb	10	BRADLEY Walter John		Centre	3071
	Apr	14	MATTHEWS Frank		Coronation	2898
	Oct	13	GRANTHAM William Ivor		Isaac Newton Univ	859
1922	Feb	9	PERRAM Charles Herbert		Rahere	2546
	Apr	21	ADAMS Frederic		Cator	2266
			CARR Douglas Gerald		Royal Connaught	2377
	Oct	12	BULL Arthur Clifford Howie		Isaac Newton Univ	859
			HOPKINSON H Lennox d'Aubigne		"	"
1925	Oct	8	HORNBY STEER William Reid		"	"
1926	Apr	15	STREET George		Hova Ecclesia	1466
	Jun	10	LARKWORTHY Norman John		Leopold	1571
1927	Feb	10	DUFF John Charles Archibald		Goodwill	711
	Apr	28	MARSH Oswald John		Old Reptonian	3725
	Oct	13	MARSH Cecil John		"	"

1929	Feb	14	CROSS Reginald Farleigh Bloomfield	J	Earl of Warwick	29
	Oct	10	CROSS Ronald George		Isaac Newton Univ	859
1930	Feb	13	ROYSE Alfred Ernest	J	Earl of Euston	7
			GREEN James Albert	J	Grafton (Allied)	26
	Apr	10	REEVE Walter William		Atlingworth	1821
	Oct	9	MACKENZIE Edwin		Old Bradfield	3549
1931	Apr	9	HAWKES REED John		London	108
	Oct	8	MONEY William Taylor		Frederick L of Unity	452
1932	Apr	14	HAZELDENE Sydney		Isaac Newton U	859
1933	Apr	27	WATKINS Geoffrey Maurice		Playgoers	2075
	Jun	8	DAY William Morgan		New Century	2860
			DRYSDALE John George		Westcliff	2903
1934	Feb	8	FLOOD John Pomeroy		Specula	5049
			HANNA Benjamin James Dick		Justinian	2694
	Jun	14	HENCHY Dudley North		Mona	2538
			BUCHAN FORD John		Columbia	2397
			BECKETT Victor Ernest Kenworthy		L of Friendship	206
	Oct	11	PENROSE Donald Michael		Lotus	3296
1935	Feb	14	BAYON Henry Peter		Cavendish	2620
			JARMAN Thomas Henry		St Marks	857
			TROUP Francis Gordon		Bayard	1615
	Apr	11	BRATBY George Alfred		Polytechnic	2847
			HARWOOD Frank Courtney		Antioch	3271
1935	Apr	11	DUFF Keith Mitchel Keitley		Cavendish	2620
			RIDDIOUGH Sidney		Alma Mater	1492
1936	Apr	2	MACDONALD Harold George Fisher		Elstree	3092
1938	Apr	21	ROCHELL William Royden		Trafford Park	4486
	Oct	13	MORGAN Conway Llewellyn		Worcester	280
			HOOKHAM George Walter		Aretas	4268
1939	Feb	9	MAGRINI John		Cronstone	3298
1943	Sep	16	WHITE Wilfred		Fulcrum	4012
1944	Jun	15	WOODROW Eric Donald		Croydon Chantry	5063
			FRANCIS-WHITE Thomas	J	Britannic of Madeira	85
1945	Jun	21	DAYKIN Harold William		Royal Alfred	1028
1946	Apr	18	PHILLIPS Geraint White		Cavendish	2620
	Oct	17	EVANS Albert Edward		Caveac	176
			Oakey John Martin	J	Alma Mater	74
1947	Feb	22	PORRITT Arthur Espie		Apollo	357
			SCOTT Hugh Duncan		Isaac Newton Univ	859
	Aug	22	HINDENACH Jack Carl Rudolph		Cavendish	2620
	Sep	15	WESTMAN Stephen Kurt		Pilgrim	238
			SHUTE Ronald Archie		Dreadnought	4366



1948	Apr	15	GOULSTONE George Albert Edward		Holy Well	6178
			CAMPART Ce'sar Charles		Pilgrim	238
			RIDDELL David Renton		Letchworth Gdn City	5109
	Oct	30	ESLING Frederick		Radium	4031
			BEST Frederick George		Apollo	357
1949	Apr	21	MILLER David		L of Probity	4911
1950	Apr	20	TALBOT Harold		Radium	4031
			SPALL Sidney Thomas		Loyal Heath	4716
	Jun	15	TOYE Herbert Graham Donovan		Jordan	201
1951	Jun	21	FAULKNER Harry		Jeanne d'Arc	4168
			DODSWORTH James Edward		City Livery	3752
	Oct	18	HAMMOND Richard James		Sir Walter Raleigh	2432
			BEHENNA Frederick Aneurin Connop		Maguncor	3806
1952	Oct	16	CORNISH Arthur William		Good Samaritan	4991
1953	Jun	18	BANKS John Neville		Blackfriars	3722
			PECK William Charles		Emanation	5232
1954	Apr	12	HOLLICK William Edward	J	Werham	111
			PULFORD Henry William George		Calculus	3575
			LYONS Albert Marcus		Sir Walter Raleigh	2432
	Jun	17	AVERY John Robert		Inc Soc of Musicians	2881
1955	Jun	16	SONES Victor Downing		Old Owens	4440
			CARVER Alfred Basil		Maguncor	3806
1956	Jun	21	MARSHALL James Herbert Evan		Alfred Newton	2686
			GARDINER Bruce Kenneth		Harmony & Goodwill	5958
			BOULTBEE Edward Frederick		Anglo Colonial	3175
1957	Oct	17	DOIG Thomas Finlayson		St Andrews (SC)	465
1958	Jun	19	PODGER Charles Vincent		Manor of Bromley	4810
1959	Oct	15	MITCHAM L C		Annuntion	5539
			MANSBRIDGE H S		St John's	1564
1960	Apr	21	LUKER Rupert John		Leswarre (IC)	646
1961	Apr	20	WILLIAMS Kenneth Alan		Argonauts	2243
	Jun	15	COOK Adrian Maxwell		Univ of London	2033
1962	Apr	19	MILLER Douglas Churchill	J	"	"
	Jun	21	WHELAN Leonard		Malleus	5453
			CROMACK Ernest Edward		Eureka	5557
1963	Apr	18	MANSELL Silvan		L of Revelation	7076
			LAWSON-REECE Clifford		L of Antiquity	2
1965	Jun	17	STRANDERS Michael O'Connel		Chancery Bar	2456
			FENN Geoffrey William		Univ of London	2033
			SACKER David		"	"
			PYNE Granville Claude		United Endeavour	7854
1966	Apr	21	SMITH Eric		St Cecilia	6190
			SCOTT Malcolm		Jurist	6061

1967	Apr	20	GAMGEE Joseph Leonard	J	Alma Mater	74
	Jun	15	MOREMAN Kenneth George		Thomas-à-Becket	2754
	Oct	19	WILTSHIRE John Stephen		Brockenhurst	7040
1968	Jun	20	WILSON Frank Maxwell		Culham	2951
			LAWRIE Edward James		Sackville	7063
1969	Jun	19	BURTON Owen Scantlebury		St Cecilia	6190
			BATE John Barrie		Portico	7950
			WADDY Harry Francis		Strand	1987
1970	Apr	16	JERRAM Charles James		L of Happiness	5353
			EKE John		Sackville	7063
	Oct	15	FOLEY James George		"	"
1971	Jun	16	WINBOURNE Norman Jack		Fait Lux	6144
	Oct	21	REDSTON Douglas Arthur		Univ of London	2033
			OLIVER Laurence		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
			JONES Melvyn		Kibbor	4634
			GRAINGER James George		North Glamorgan	4055
1972	Apr	20	HEARN Geoffrey		Sackville	7063
			HUGHES Frederick Charles		Semper Fidelis	4393
	Jun	15	WILSON Ralph		St Leonard's Streatham	3809
	Oct	19	SINCLARE Leslie David	J	Ravenscroft	108
			DRESNER Roy		Silver Jubilee	5535
1973	Apr	12	MILBOURNE John William		Basketmakers	5639
			WILLIAMS John Charles		Light of Craft	3265
			PRATT John Scott		Cosham	6912
	Jun	21	TUCKEY John Martin		Norbury	4046
			MASON Gerald Barry		Portico	7950
			SOUTH ALL Reginald Ernest Joseph		Feltmakers	3839
			BARKER John Alfred		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
	Oct	18	SELHI A S	J	Invicta	18
			ADAMS Francis Williams		Heptagon	3605
1974	Apr	18	CATTERALL Arthur Dawson		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
	Jun	20	BECK Harold Vincent		Alma Mater	1492
	Oct	17	SILVER Sidney		Sir Walter Raleigh	2432
1975	Jun	19	TROTT John Edmund	J	Zacharie	9
			OLLEY Martin Burgess		Greshamian	5769
	Oct	16	FOX Philip John		Londinium	4208
			NOTTAGE Denis Artemus		Royal Victoria	443
			COLE George Charles Leroy		"	"
1976	Jun	17	WALLIS Simon Robert		Unity & Prudence	4156
1977	Jun	16	BOYDELL Donald William		Mount Moriah	34
			GOULD Harold		London Mayors	3560
			HUNT Dennis William		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
	Oct	20	BALDWIN Roger James Maxwell		Portico	7950
			MYERS Mark		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
			NICHOLLS Donald William		Abbots Hall	6205

1978	Jun	15	BOORMAN Edward Charles		Felt makers	3839
			BOON George		Thornton	5556
			WRIGHT Edward H		Three Pillars	
	Oct	19	COHEN Aaron Harry		Hygeia	2664
			CHANDLESS Richard		Les Trois Roses	151
1979	Jun	21	MARSHALL Albert Edward		Beaux Arts	5707
Oct	15		NOAKES Peter Edward		Berwick	5387
			DAWE Lewis John		Kings Colonials	3386
1980	Jun	19	SPIRES Cohn Frederick		Holborn Borough Cl	3272
			HRH Prince CAROL of ROUMANIA		Amity	137
	Oct	16	GILL Norman		Enoch	11
			WELBORN Peter John		Holborn Borough Cl	3273
1981	Jun	18	WILLS Anthony Justin		"	"
			SAMI Hrit Singh		Latimer	4705
			LAWSON Peter Frederick John		Sir Charles Bright	1793
1982	Jun	17	BAINBRIDGE John		Chicheley	607
			BOORER William George		Meridian	4106
			MARSHALL Harvey		Cty of Lond S.Olave's	3123
			WOOD William Peter		Iris	2545
	Oct	21	LEVY Elkan David		Leadenhall	4297
			NICOHOSOFF Serge E		Rotatian	4195
			SANDERS Terence Albert		L of Chivalry	5685
1983	Jun	16	ADCOCK Ronald William		Cranbourn	5188
			LEICESTER Keith		Cty of Lond S.Olave's	3213
			HALL Ian Scarr		St Oswald	850
			MAHMOOD Abdul Latic		Duquesne	48
			SHENAI Sadashiva Narayan		Univ of London	2033
			DAVISON George		East and West	5410
			MONTI Carlomagno Nine		Loggia Italia	2687
1984	Jun	21	MARTIN Anthony D.		Kent	15
			THREADGOLD Leslie William		Gavel Sextant	6463
1985	Jun	20	LONG John Dennis		Juventus	6473
			MURRAY Hyman Andrew		Parmiterian	7413
			FAULCONBRIDGE Cyril		Kelvin	3736
			FOLEY Thomas		Old Aberdeen	164
			DENNIS Cecil Henry		Archimedean	3615
1986	Jun	19	RANDALL Robert Eric Michael		Sackville	7063
			PAYNE David Michael		"	"
			Le BON John Frederick		Earl of Lathom	1922
1987	Jun	18	WAYNE Peter Howard		Duquesne	45
			NIGHTINGALE Anthony James Frandor	Abacus	4742	
			RYCE Neil Anthony		Eurydice	1920

## CENTENARY WARRANT

At its regular meeting in April 1987 the Conclave learned that its application for a Centenary Warrant had not been successful. In common with other early Conclaves, it had been unable to produce Minutes covering the first 18 years of its existence but it was assumed that there was sufficient evidence from other sources and especially from Grand Council records to show that University of London Conclave had indeed been in continuous existence over this period. When the application was rejected it was considered very important, not least to do justice to the commitment of the Founders and early members of the Conclave and their concern and affection for it, to research the manifold sources and present all the evidence available to show that the claim of continuity was entirely justified.

Accordingly long periods were spent in the Archive Room at Mark Masons' Hall poring over the files on Conclaves and Grand Council Minute Books as well as looking in less likely places. It was on a shelf on which material of other Orders was stored that one of the most valuable sources was found, namely two battered files of correspondence covering the period from 1898 to 1900. In this file there were not only letters between members of the Conclave but copies of Summonses for some of its meetings. In another file there was correspondence from 1927 onwards in which concern was expressed about missing OSM items.

The discoveries were communicated to other early Conclaves and as a result, in May 1987, a whole day was spent in the Archive Room by the writer of this History together with W.Bro. Bert Liffen, Secretary of Zacharie Conclave No.9. This yielded not only further evidence of continuous working but other valuable discoveries. It was on this occasion that the original Alfred Meadows Declaration Book was found by W.Bro. Liffen in the middle of a pile of bric a brac and the first Grand Council attendance register was found in a book converted to another purpose. Lest a false impression is being conveyed about the state of OSM archives it should be mentioned that the Grand Council Minute Books are in excellent order and show clear signs of having been accorded much careful attention.

The evidence assembled or cited to accompany a renewed application for a Centenary Warrant for University of London Conclave No.2 includes:-

- material from those Conclave Minute Books which are available
- signatures of Supreme Rulers on the back of the Warrant
- records of roll calls of Conclaves in Grand Council
- reports to Grand Council of Conclaves in difficulties
- Grand Council proceedings giving Conclave details of its Officers, including in some cases current Office in Conclave
- Summonses in the period for which no Minutes are available
- letters at the turn of the century proposing candidates
- the Conclave's Chronicle, established from Grand Council records which are no longer available.

A copy of the case for the granting of a Centenary Warrant was presented to the Conclave held on 18th June 1987 and immediately afterwards a number of copies were provided to the Grand Recorder for presentation to the Executive Committee. It is a pleasure to report that at its meeting on 6th July 1987 the Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the G.S.R. that a Centenary Warrant be granted.

## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It is a great pleasure to acknowledge the various sources on which the writing of this History has been based. First and foremost are the successive Secretaries of the Conclave; to them our gratitude is due not only for the writing of the Minutes but for the pasting in of Summons, various other documents circulated to Brethren and on one special occasion an illustrated and adorned Menu with numerous signatures therein.

The Minute Books available for the writing of this History have been as follows:-

5th April 1906 to 8th October 1931  
11th February 1932 to 17th April 1952  
19th June 1952 to 19th June 1975  
16th October 1975 to date.

There are also signature books as follows:-

16th February 1915 to 15th April 1971  
16th June 1971 to date.

Declaration Books (not consistently used) cover the periods from:-

13th April 1916 to 22nd February 1947  
22nd August 1947 to date.

University of London Conclave No.2 has cause to be especially grateful to R.W.Bro. H.P. Bayon that we have details of those Inducted or who Joined the Conclave in the earliest period, corresponding to the lost Minute Book. The Grand Council Minute Books and other material found in the Archive Room have also been very useful sources with respect to this earliest period. The thanks of the Conclave are also due to several of its Brethren and those of other Conclaves who contributed ideas and information both to the writing of the History and to the case for the Centenary Warrant.

Acknowledgment must also be made of the value of two Histories of the Order, namely:-

The Masonic Order of the Secret Monitor R.A. Parfait, Cambridge 1950  
History of the Order of the Secret Monitor R.J. Wilkinson, London 1964

It is very much hoped that with the ferment of activity in connection with the Centenary of the Order and with the publication by other early Conclaves of their Centenary Histories yet more interesting information will come to light.