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### Digital Edition

The page numbers of this A4 digital version differ from the original A5 printed edition and there are minor changes in formatting. Opportunity has been taken to correct a few typographical errors and upgrade the graphics.

I apologise for the error in the historical perspective on page 4. By 1900 all parts of the British Empire were connected by telegraph cable and within South Africa thousands of miles of cable had been laid by the British Army. The relief of Mafeking would therefore have been known to all who took part in the Consecration.

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June 2009



## FOREWORD

The Minutes of masonic meetings usually contain little information reflecting the friendship, charity, virtue and enjoyment which motivate men of goodwill to take part. Also there is little reference to problems encountered from time to time. This is certainly true of the Minutes of University Council No.26. Here and there, however, from an odd comment or anomaly in the Minutes we catch a glimpse of the true nature of masonic fellowship.

Various other sources are invaluable in illuminating the scenes set by the customary formal descriptions of meetings. These include earlier histories, letters, memories of Companions and even the accounts, as well as what is known about individuals and events in wider masonic circles and in the world at large. Perhaps uniquely in the case of University Council we are fortunate in having additional sources of information about the earliest members, derived from their University of Cambridge links.

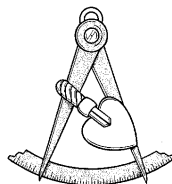
In this Centenary History, as well as setting out the chronology of events I have used all these kinds of sources in an attempt to convey the 'flavour', or corporate personality, of what is undoubtedly an exceptionally interesting Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Appendices A1-A4, taken together and in conjunction with the text, provide much detailed information about members, dates, degrees conferred and places. However, time has not allowed the fullest possible research so that there are still gaps in information about some of the earlier and most of the recent members. Hopefully, other Companions will soon repair many of these omissions.

Harold Beck

May 2000

NB [..... HVB] signifies my own additional comment in passing.



## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL No.26 : 1900-2000

### In The Beginning

On 13th April 1900 a Warrant was issued for the establishment of University Council No.26 of Royal and Select Masters. The Consecration of the Council took place in three stages on Thursday 24th May 1900. In the first stage University Council met by Dispensation to confer all four Degrees on a number of candidates. In the next stage the Consecration took place, followed by the Installation of the TIM and a certain other action. The final stage was in essence the first regular meeting, in which the Council conducted business such as the election of a Treasurer and the investment of Officers in the usual way, albeit in the presence of very distinguished visitors.

The venue was the Isaac Newton Masonic Hall in Corn Exchange Street, Cambridge. This had been open for less than a decade, the Foundation Stone (which can be seen outside the door to the present Freemasons Hall in Bateman Street) having been laid on 6th May 1892 by the MW Pro GM Rt Hon The Earl of Lathom GCB. Foremost among those assisting the Pro Grand Master on that occasion was the Earl of Euston, PGM of Northants & Herts as well as Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters. The Secretary of the Committee responsible for building the Hall was Bro Rev D Hall, who was to become the first Recorder of University Council. No doubt in 1900, only seven years after the Hall was first used, the magnificent ceiling with its Masonic symbols and College crests looked resplendent.

To give some historical perspective, on the day University Council came into being Queen Victoria, who had been born exactly 81 years before, was well into the 63rd and last year of her reign. The 2nd Olympic Games had got under way in Paris four days before. Britain was much concerned about the Boer War in South Africa; Mafeking had been relieved on 17th May but the news may not have reached London. It is interesting to reflect that over the lifetime of University Council the speed of intercontinental communication has increased a million-fold and moreover provides virtually instantaneous sound and vision rather than just the printed word.

In May 1900 the Order of Royal and Select Masters in England was 28 years old. 26 Councils, including the Royal Kent which had no number, had come into existence but about a third of them had already ceased working so that when No.26 was Consecrated it was preceded by only 16 Councils. Membership of Order was reported to Grand Council in March 1900 as 857.

### The Pre-Meeting

The first stage started at 2.30pm when eight Founders and two additional Companions formed a Council. Officers and members were:-

Ill Comp	VINCENT W	PAGDC	TIM
Ill Comp	MONEY EM	GMarsh	DM
Comp	ARMITAGE E		PCW
Comp	HILL A		Recorder
Ill Comp	VOISEY RJ	GLect	C of G
"	"	"	C of C
Comp	SIMPSON RPFW		Stwd
Comp	ADIE RH		Inner Sen
Comp	ARMITAGE WJ		Outer Sen
Ill Comp	GREEN JR	GDC	
Comp	ROGERS GF		

The additional Companions were Ill Comp Vincent, who assumed the Chair, and Ill Comp Voisey, who undertook the offices of C of G and C of C. In effect they were Founding Associates -

they took part in the Pre-Meeting as well as the Consecration and Installation ceremonies but did not become subscribing members of University Council. Ill Comp Vincent was to install the TIM-Designate, Ill Comp EM Money, after the Council had been Consecrated so their Offices in the pre-meeting were very appropriate. There is a reference in Grand Council records to William Vincent being of the British Museum. Robert James Voisey lived at Camberwell and it is mentioned in Grand Council Minutes that, in common with previous practice, as Grand Lecturer he exemplified Degrees at Grand Council meetings.

### The Founders

Of the remaining eight Companions present - the Founders - seven were members of Isaac Newton Mark Lodge No.112 and of Euclid Royal Arch Chapter No.859. The exception was the TIM-Designate, Ill Comp Money, a member of Old Kent Mark Lodge and Chapter No.28. Of the seven, four had been or were shortly to become WM of Isaac Newton University Lodge No.859 (INUL859) and another two of Alma Mater Lodge No.1492 (AM1492). All but one of the Founders were members of Constantine Council No.2, the exception being Comp E Armitage, who was a member of Euston Council No.4 as well as Council No.1 in the Scottish Constitution.

The dates when the Founders entered the Order range from 1888 to 1898 which suggests that there was no plan to form a Council by arranging for candidates to enter the Order in rapid succession through No.2. It seems that half the Founders lived in or near London so the establishment of University Council was probably a coming together of Cambridge members of the Order with others residing elsewhere who realised the potential for a Council associated with their University. Outline CVs are given below, the ages, qualifications and addresses being those of May 1900. TO denotes the publication of an Obituary in the Times.

EM MONEY, 51, lived in Bayswater. His College was Downing but he resided for only a year, later being called to the Bar and the pursuing a career, cut short by ill-health, in the Indian Civil Service. He became a member of the Order in Constantine No.2 on 27th March 1886, was appointed G.Stwd in 1890 and promoted to G Mar in 1900.

E ARMITAGE, 41, of Trinity College lived at Tilford, Surrey. He died there on 12th March 1929 (TO).

A HILL, 42, of Jesus College lived at Lyndhurst. He was Head of an organ-building firm and was particularly interested in Churches in Cambridgeshire. He died on 16th June 1923 (TO).

RPFW SIMPSON, 37, of Magdalen College lived at The Boltons, Kensington. He was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1882 and called to the Bar in 1885. He was a Special Pleader. He died 2nd July 1937 (TO).

RH ADIE, 35, studied at Trinity College and obtained a 1.1 in the Natural Sciences Tripos. He was an MA and also a BSc (London). He had a career in the University of Cambridge, specialising in Chemistry at St.Johns. He developed an interest in Agriculture and became an Alderman of Cambridgeshire County Council. Died 18 May 1932 (TO).

WJ ARMITAGE, 31, joined Emmanuel College from Westminster School and became a solicitor. He also served in the Army. He lived at Hildenborough, Kent.

JR GREEN, 51, joined Trinity College with a BSc (London) degree and proceeded to an MA and then an ScD. He lived in Grange Road, Cambridge. He became Professor of Botany for the Pharmaceutical Society and a FRS. He died on 4th June 1914 (TO).

GF ROGERS MA MB BChir MD, 33, of Caius College was known as 'Long Roger' because of his height of 6'8". He pursued a medical career in London Hospital, was a Captain in the RAMC and became an Inspector of Vivisection. Died on 16th November 1943 (TO).

### The Original Members

At 2.30pm on Thursday 24th May 1900 the Council was opened in the MEM Degree. There followed immediately the reading of a Dispensation signed by C.F. Matier PDGW, Grand Recorder, of Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street. It contained the following statement:-

You are hereby authorised to meet as a regular Council prior to your Consecration for the purpose of admitting duly qualified Brethren who shall have been previously accepted by you as Candidates.

There were to have been 20 candidates. One (Dr JHC Dalton) withdrew before the meeting but became a greatly valued member from 1911. Three others, although balloted for at the meeting, were not in attendance and did not subsequently become members University Council.

The candidates who proceeded are listed below, with their ranks as Minuted.

RW Bro Col	CALDWELL RT	VW Bro Rev	GRAY JH
W Bro Rev	HALL D	W Bro Rev	FOAKES JACKSON FJ
W Bro	TREVOR JONES HT	W Bro	BROWNING O
W Bro	ROUSE BALL WW	W Bro	SHEPPARD WF
W Bro	BELL AS	W Bro	IZARD AW
Bro Rev Dr	CUNNINGHAM W	Bro Dr	BARCLAY SMITH E
Bro	COMBER HG	Bro Rev	BROWN AL
Bro	ADIE CJM	Bro	ELLIS CH (Serving Bro)

All sixteen candidates were received into the degree of MEM, Bro The Rev AL Brown acting as candidate. Likewise all sixteen were acknowledged as RM's. The Minutes record that at this point Comp Barclay Smith was called away on urgent business so the number greeted as SM and then admitted to the SEM Degree was fifteen. The Minutes further record that Labour was then resumed in the Secret Vault and the meeting adjourned until 6pm. The fifteen subscribing candidates are referred to in University Council records as Original Members.

In the Grand Council registration book the candidates are listed and after the first entry a single ditto signifies that all four degrees had been received. In the case of E Barclay Smith there was no differentiation between him and the other candidates - there was a single ditto for him also. The date of the return was recorded as 26th May 1900, two days after Consecration, and certificates were sent to the Recorder on 5th Jun 1900. E Barclay Smith must have been surprised that he was certified as going through all four degrees. There is no record of him taking the SM and SEM degrees in University Council No.26.

The Masonic ranks in the list refer to Craft. All of the subscribing candidates qualified for the Royal and Select Masters by virtue of their membership of Isaac Newton University (Mark) Lodge No.112 and Euclid (Royal Arch) Chapter No.859. It was INUL859 which either directly or through the other University Craft Lodge, AM1492, 'fed' these qualifying Mark and Royal Arch bodies. The overwhelming majority of the Original Members were senior members of the Craft University Lodges - seven had been or were shortly to become WMs of INUL859 and another five of AM1492. Moreover RT Caldwell, a Founder of Alma Mater Lodge, was Provincial Grand Master for Cambridgeshire and Rev JH Gray was his Deputy and eventual successor. Rev D Hall, in addition to being Secretary of the Hall Committee, was for some time Secretary of all the University masonic bodies in Cambridge, including INUL859 for 31 years and, simultaneously, AM1492 for 6 years.

Outline non-Masonic CVs are given below. As before, the ages, qualifications and addresses are those of May 1900 and TO denotes the publication of an Obituary in The Times.

Col RT CALDWELL MA LLM, 57, was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College as well as a distinguished lawyer and soldier. He was Master of Corpus Christi from 1906 until his death on 8th September 1914 (TO).

Rev JH GRAY MA, 43, was a Priest in the Diocese of Ely and Dean of Queens' College, later becoming Vice-President. He also became a JP and had a particular interest in Sport. He died on 23rd March 1932 (TO).

Rev D HALL, 68?, was Vicar of Impington and had an Honorary Office in the University Library. He died in September 1916

Rev FJ FOAKES JACKSON MA, 44, of Trinity College became Chaplain of Jesus College and a Lecturer in Divinity and Hebrew, obtaining a DD in 1906. He moved to the USA where he was Professor of Christian Institutions. He died in New Jersey on 1st December 1941 (TO).

HT TREVOR JONES MA, 45, of Trinity Hall was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1881. He died on 24th January 1901.

O BROWNING, 63, was an MA of Kings College. His dismissal from his first post of Assistant Master at Eton aroused great public controversy. Back in Cambridge he carried out pioneering work as a University Lecturer in History and his University interests ranged wide. He died in Rome on 6th October 1923 (TO).

AS BELL BA, 26, of Trinity Hall, was a Rowing Blue. He served in the Army in the 1914-18 war. A JP, he died on the 7th November 1934.

WW ROUSE BALL MA, 49, was a Fellow of Trinity College. He was also an MA of London University and a Fellow of University College, London. He initially followed a career in Law and then held Offices in his Cambridge College and University. He represented the University on Cambridge Borough Council. He was particularly interested in the history of Mathematics and in Conjuring. He was a great benefactor and endowed the University of Cambridge with the Rouse Ball Chairs of Mathematics and English Law. He died on 4th April 1925 (TO).

WF SHEPPARD MA LLM, 36, was a Fellow of Trinity, having taken the Maths Tripos. He was a Senior Wrangler. He followed a Law career and later worked in the Board of Education. He died on 12th October 1936.

AW IZARD BA, 25, of Trinity College was a New Zealander. He received his MD Degree in 1909 and served in the NZ Medical Corps. He received an MC and an OBE. He died on 16th February 1932 (TO).

Rev Dr W CUNNINGHAM MA, 50, was a Fellow of Trinity College and an Hon Fellow of Caius. He was ordained a priest but was also Professor of Economic Science at King's College London. His writings covered Christianity and social issues and he became Archdeacon of Ely. His travels included India and the USA. He died on the 10th June 1919.

Dr E BARCLAY SMITH MA MD, 39?, of Downing College became a member of King's, Cambridge in 1902. He practised medicine at The London Hospital and became Professor of Anatomy at King's College London. He is listed in Who's Who 1939.

HG COMBER MA, 30, was a Fellow of Pembroke College. He followed a College and University career but also served in the Army, organising the first OTC. He died on 13th September 1935 (TO).

Rev AL BROWN MA, 44, studied at Trinity College then taught at Selwyn Hostel. He was ordained priest and became Vicar of Wonersh, Surrey. He wrote a history of Selwyn College.

CJM ADIE BA, 23, brother of RH Adie was also at Trinity. He was a Rowing Blue and had a schoolteaching career in Modern Languages.

In summary, the total of 23 members came from 12 of the Cambridge Colleges and covered a wide range of disciplines, careers and interests. Several were ordained Priests. Careers in College & University as well Law and Medicine were well represented. Some were closely associated with one or other of two University of London colleges, KCL & UCL. One interesting feature is the number who were involved in the Town side of life as JP's, Councillors and Aldermen.

### The Consecration

The second Stage began at 6 pm when the Companions, who had re-assembled in the Council Room, were called to order. The Grand Master entered, attended by members of Grand Council, assumed the Chair and then temporarily constituted the Council as follows:-

M III Comp	The Earl of EUSTON	GM	TIM
R III Comp	MATIER CF	GRec	DM
III Comp	VOISEY RJ	GLect	PCW
V III Comp Rev	FINLAY WR	MA GCh	Chaplain
III Comp	VINCENT W	PAGDC	DC & IO
Comp	ARMITAGE WJ		Organist
Comp	SIMPSON RPFW		Inner Sentinel

The Council was resumed and ceremony of Consecration was performed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. After the Patriarchal Benediction, Ill. Comp. Vincent installed Ill Comp Money as TIM. Then, while still in the Inner Working, the Grand Master conferred the rank of PTIM on Companions RT Caldwell, Rev JH Gray and Rev D Hall; these must have been among the most rapid promotions in the Order and perhaps in the whole of Masonry.

The First Meeting.

After the Companions had been re-admitted Comp Rouse Ball was elected Treasurer and Comp CH Ellis as Outer Sentinel. Ill Comp Money then invested his Officers so that the Council was constituted as follows:-

Ill Comp	MONEY EM	GMarsh	TIM
Ill Comp Col	CALDWELL RT	PTIM	IPTIM
Ill Comp	GREEN JR		DM
Comp	ARMITAGE E		PCW
Ill Comp Rev	GRAY JH	PTIM	Chaplain
Comp	ROUSE BALL WW		Treasurer
Ill Comp Rev	HALL D	PTIM	Recorder
Comp	ROGERS GF		C of G
Comp	HILL A		C of C
Comp	SIMPSON RPFW		1st Mar
Comp	ADIE RH		2nd Mar
Comp	ARMITAGE WJ		1st Std
Comp Rev	FOAKES JACKSON FJ		2nd Std
Comp	TREVOR JONES HT		Inner Sen
Comp	ELLIS CH		Outer Sen

The members of Grand Council who had assisted at the Consecration were then made Hon Members though the two who are listed as Founder Members paid their dues along with the others. The TIM presented a magnificent collar jewel which has been worn to this day by his successors.



University Council No.26 was then closed in due and ancient form and with Solemn Prayer and the Companions adjourned to a Banquet.



## The Banquet

No record has been discovered about the food and wine consumed at the Banquet. However, the Toasts are set out in the Minutes and include "The Queen and the Cryptic Rite", "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales" and "The newly received, admitted and greeted Brethren".

## Expenses & Fees

The expenses of the Grand Officers at Cambridge on 24th May 1900 totalled £3=15=0 (5 at 15/- each?).

The Founder's Fee was £2=10=0 and the Fee paid by the 15 Original Members was £3=3=0. In addition, each member paid a Life Fee, ie a single sum for life membership, which was set at 5s6d (27½p). This was to give rise to considerable financial problems in the future.

## THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

The second meeting of the Council, in October 1900, was quite well attended there being eight Companions present. The TIM was not among them, his place being taken by Ill Comp JR Green, the Deputy Master. Essentially the business of the meeting was to elect the TIM and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The time of the second meeting was recorded in the Minutes as 3pm. No times were recorded for meetings thereafter until November 1915 when the time shown was 5pm. After that, until the end of the first quarter-century, starting times were from 5pm to 6 pm, even during wartime.

Eight members attended the third meeting, in May 1901 and one candidate received all four Degrees. There is no record of the Companion, SR van Duzer attending University Council again; interestingly in 1900 a Wy Bro FC van Duzer was in the Chair of an OSM Joint Conclave of University of London No.2 and Zacharie No.9 and a R Ill Comp FC van Duzer is referred to in the Minutes of the 1919 meeting of Grand Council

The working of the four degrees in respect of SR van Duzer was followed by the Installation of JR Green GDC by the TIM. There must have been much amused delight that the Recorder, Ill Comp Dennis Hall, who a year before had progressed from Candidate to PTIM in under 5 hours, presented the senior Grand Officer for Installation!

At the fourth meeting, in October 1901, Ill Comp EM Money filled the Office of TIM pro tem and presided over the elections. The Minutes also record that Ill Comp Money gave Notice of a motion "That the Council be called the 'Melchizedek' - University Council No.26". He was absent from the following four meetings and there is no record of the proposition being proceeded with. It is difficult to know what prompted the Notice of Proposition. Melchizedek is referred to in both the Old and New Testaments (Gen 14.17-20, Ps 110.4, Heb 7.4). He was regarded as a priest of the God Most High, superior even to Abram. It is interesting to note that the Nag Hammardi documents, which refer to Melchizedek, were discovered at the end of the 19th century and something of their content may have filtered through to Ill Comp Money. On the other hand I understand Melchizedek features in two Masonic Orders and this may have a bearing on the matter.

It is recorded that Ill Comp EM Money attended the Council meeting in October 1903 but there is no reference to him thereafter. As will be seen, the Council did not meet in 1918, the year in which he died, so there was no opportunity to pay tribute to the Founder TIM..

At the next meeting, in May 1902, the main item of business was the Installation of Comp E Armitage as TIM. It was attended by only three members according to the Minutes or four if the Signature Book is taken as the more accurate source.

The first Emergency meeting was held in June 1902 when seven members put four candidates through all four Degrees. The Council had suddenly come to life after a fallow period since its Consecration. However it was to go through nine Regular meetings (Elections at one meeting,

Installation at the next) taking it up to 1906 before it was again to have another intake of members. During this period numbers attending dwindled to three for several meetings in succession.

#### Absent Companions

The principal problem was that most of the Companions who became Original Members on 24th May 1900 did not support the Council thereafter. Eight of them - Ill Comps Caldwell and Gray and Comps Foakes Jackson, Browning, Sheppard, Bell, Comber and CJM Adie - did not attend any meeting and two - Companions IZARD and Cunningham - attended only one. Comp Trevor Jones may have been ill at the time of the second meeting for he died shortly afterwards. Essentially the Council was 'carried' in the early years by the Founders and only three of the Original Members, namely Ill Comp Hall and Comps Rouse Ball and Brown.

As a consequence, the pattern of the TIM's place being taken by another was a prominent feature of the first quarter century of the University Council. In 17 of the 39 meetings from October 1900 to November 1921, GF Rogers, E Armitage and RH Adie each stood in four times, JR Green three times and EM Money and JR Roxburgh on one occasion each.

At the May 1903 meeting there was the first indication of a problem that was to be of concern for the ensuing 70 years or so. It is recorded in the Minutes that "Comp A Hill wrote to enclose a contribution to the funds of the Council, in view of his presence being excused, which contribution extinguished the deficit in the Council's account". The single Life Fee did not cover the ongoing costs, even though at this stage, perhaps due to the good offices of the Recorder, there appears to be no rent paid for the use of rooms nor for postage.

It was another Emergency meeting, in November 1906, which brought the next intake of candidates. With RH Adie in the Chair, three members made five new members, among them the Rev SS Stitt, who in due course became Grand Chaplain. RH Adie was Secretary of AM1492 from 1902 to 1923.

Two candidates became members at the May 1907 Regular meeting. It seems clear from an alteration to the very brief Minutes that at the meeting after that, the DM, the Rev Canon Foakes Jackson withdrew from election as TIM and JR Roxburgh became TIM-Elect instead.

#### Change of Recorders

The following meeting, in May 1908, was opened and adjourned until June when after the Installation of JR Roxburgh (a rowing Blue, Barrister and Bursar of Westminster College, Cambridge) the Council turned its attention to one candidate, AN Fynes-Clinton. Four years before, he had become Secretary of INUL859 in succession D Hall and now, immediately after the four Degrees had been conferred, he took over from D Hall (who was present) as Recorder.

It would be interesting to delve into the timing of University Council meetings. In 'Impressions of Alma Mater Lodge' a picture is painted of INUL859 meeting in the upper room at Corn Exchange Street at the same time as AM1492 met in the basement, with Dennis Hall as Secretary of both Lodges! For the period when he was also Recorder of University Council were there likewise some coincident meetings? If so, did AM Fynes-Clinton continue the practice? Later events indicate that coincident meetings may have been regarded as acceptable practice in some University Masonic bodies.

With the new Recorder in Office there followed two meetings without candidates. Then in the three meetings from May 1910 to May 1911 ten candidates were made members.

In the May 1911 meeting the Rev JS Sergeant was appointed Chaplain in succession to Rev JH Gray, though as has been pointed out the first Chaplain had not attended the Council since he was appointed in May 1900. The meeting in May 1912 was notable in that the Council welcomed its first Joining Member, Ill Comp Dr EH Ezard of Grand Master's Council No.1. It was also at this meeting that a communication was read from the TIM-Elect, the Venerable Archdeacon Cunningham, saying that he would be unable to proceed. His one attendance since the Consecration had been in November 1908, just after he had been appointed Archdeacon of Ely. He

had been appointed but never invested as C of G , PCW and DM and finally was elected as TIM. The vacancy created by his withdrawal was filled in May 1913 by Comp Dr. E. Barclay Smith. This was his second and last attendance since the Pre-Meeting in May 1900, the Minutes recording him as present as PCW in June 1912.

Attendance generally increased from June 1912 until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 and seven members were added during this period. Among them was LC Mandleberg, father of R Ill Comp Charles John Mandleberg PDepGM.

It should be mentioned that the Minutes from June 1908 to May 1915 do not state where the meetings were held but it can be safely assumed that they continued at the Isaac Newton Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange Street. The location of the November 1915 meeting was recorded as the Isaac Newton Masonic Hall but then the conditions of the First World War caught up forcing a change of venue.

### World War 1 and Aftermath

In the Preface to the 1916 Cambridgeshire Yearbook, the PGM, R.W. Bro. Canon JH Gray, referred to the sad effects of the War. He reported that over three-quarters of the membership of INUL859 were away in the Services and that the Lodge Trustees had been forced to close the Masonic Hall to save rates and taxes. The Military then took over the Hall and INUL859 did not move back into possession until the Michaelmas Term of 1920.

Thus from the start of the war in August 1914 until November 1915, University Council No.26 continued to meet at the Masonic Hall. At the Installation meeting held there in November 1915, seven members were present and FK Peile (a son of the Master of Christ's College practicing in Cambridge as a solicitor) was installed as TIM and R Hamblin Smith (who became Esquire Bedell of the University) was appointed Recorder. The next meeting took place in November 1916 at Trinity Hall, the College of JR Roxburgh. The TIM was present with four of his Officers and after confirming the Minutes of the previous meeting, an election was held in which Comp GH Scarlett was elected TIM for the ensuing year.

The next meeting was a year later, in November 1917, and again at Trinity Hall. The TIM and five members were present but not the TIM-Elect. By this time the problems of accommodation, including the necessary furniture and no doubt even more important the availability of able-bodied men to shift it, must have become extremely difficult for the following appears in the Minutes:-

It was resolved that under the circumstances the Officers remain as at present appointed until the next regular meeting.

It is clear that Grand Council continued in communication with University Council No.26 for it was also recorded in the Minutes that:-

The congratulations of the Council were accorded to the Recorder on his having attained the rank of GC of G."

The next regular meeting did not take place until 25 May 1921, ie as soon as possible after INUL859 had regained possession of the Masonic Hall.

There can be no doubt that the Council was in existence during the years 1918, 1919 and 1920. A University Council No.26 entry appeared in the Cambridgeshire Yearbook showing the Officers for the year and noting the earlier date of Installation. The address of the Recorder, R Hamblin Smith, was given. In the Grand Council Minute Book, the appointment of R Hamblin Smith as Grand Captain of the Guard for the year from March 1917 to March 1918 appears in the Minutes. Also, the Minutes of the Grand Council meetings of March 1920 and March 1921 contain the Accounts for the years ending in February 1920 and 1921 respectively; in both cases University Council No.26 was in the list of Councils in the Receipts section while Councils such as Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 which had discontinued working were not. The nil entries for No.26 in the Annual Dues and Registration columns reflect the Life Composition fee basis of membership and the lack of candidates at that time.

It was evident that University No.26 was no moribund Council for at the May 1921 meeting 11 of the pre-war members attended and put nine candidates through the four degrees. A list of members drawn up after the meeting and pasted inside the front cover of the Minute Book contains 47 names, including 5 Founders and 9 Original Members. The TIM who had held the fort during the war years, FK Peile, was absent from the May 1921 meeting and did not appear again in the Council, being listed as IPTIM (absent) after the Installation of his successor in November 1921. He died in 1927.

The Council continued to flourish; in eight meetings from November 1921 to the end of the quarter-century 27 candidates were put through the four degrees. The immediate postwar period was also notable in another respect - University Council had its first visitors. At the November 1921 meeting Ill Comp Nicholl, TIM of Constantine Council No.2, was the guest of Dr JHC Dalton, who was appointed Recorder at that meeting. Then at the November 1922 meeting Ill Comp Nicholl was accompanied by another member of his Council, H Franklin. There were to be no more visitors until January 1929. Another notable event was the appointment in May 1922 of the Council's first Organist, CG Lamb.

At the November 1921 meeting a committee was set up to consider the revision of the by-laws. There were incidentally three Armitages present on this occasion - WJ Armitage was DM, E Armitage was PCW and J Armitage was a candidate. The by-laws were provisionally approved in May 1922 and then confirmed at the January 1923 meeting and pasted in the Minute book. The day of the week on which meetings took place changed from predominantly Tuesdays since the Consecration to the last Tuesday in January and the fourth Saturday in May. The Life Subscription Fee was set at £1=1=0. For the first time a copy of the Treasurer's accounts was entered in the Minute Book

In addition to the Founders and a minority of the Original Members, a few Companions who became members after the Consecration but before the First World War made particularly important contributions to the well-being and indeed survival of the Council. JR Roxburgh deserves a special mention, attending regularly from 1906 to 1934. The following also helped greatly in bringing the Council to the 'survival point' in May 1921 after which Offices were filled progressively:-

JHC DALTON was a Cambridge medical practitioner. He was Mayor of Cambridge Borough Council and Chairman of its Public Health Committee. He also served as a JP. One of his books was on The Position of the Laity in the Church of England. He died in July 1942.

EH EZARD was an Edinburgh graduate in Medicine. He is thought to have been Medical Officer to Cambridge Goal. Died in 1944?

H YULE OLDHAM was an MA of Oxford (Jesus) and Cambridge (King's). He was Reader in Geography at Cambridge University. He died in March 1951

LF NEWMAN was an MA of Downing who was elected a Fellow and Director of Studies in Natural Sciences of St. Catharine's College in 1919. Wilbur Cocke considered LF Newman probably the greatest University Council character of all, most interesting to be with and very friendly.

Before moving on to the second quarter-century mention should be made of the Haddons. AC Haddon - a pioneering anthropologist, a Fellow of the Royal Society and a keen champion of the underprivileged - became a member of the Council in January 1923. Two years later, Christ's College held a dinner in hall to celebrate his 70th birthday and this was the first occasion on which women dined in a men's college hall in Cambridge. He died in 1940. EB Haddon, who became a member shortly before his father, AC, did not wish to progress in University Council. [I remember him well in AM1492 in the late 50's and early 60's - a delightful, modest man who was always late when there was a rugger match on]

All in all, after a number of trials and tribulations the first quarter century ended with the Council flourishing and in good order - but remarkably, there is no mention of a Silver Jubilee celebration.

## THE SECOND QUARTER-CENTURY

The Council continued in fine form for well over a decade. The pattern was that at the Tuesday meeting in January the four ceremonies were followed by the Installation of the TIM-Elect. The election took place at the Saturday in May meeting and in 1926 and 1927 this is all that took place. Thereafter, until 1938, all four degrees were worked at every meeting. The number of members attending to confer the degrees was high, ranging from 12 to 19, except in the case of an Emergency meeting, of which more in due course. From January 1938 the pattern changed - the Installation ceremony took place as before but the Degree ceremonies were confined to the May meetings. The intake of candidates continued quite well and attendance remained high until May 1941 when, as will be described, the exigencies of the 2nd World War took their toll.

At the January 1926 meeting Comp FM Rushmore, who Wilbur Cocke described as “a charming and distinguished mason”, was installed as TIM. He had been among the 9 new members who entered in May 1921, the first meeting after the war. When in the Offices of C of C, C of G, PCW, DM and indeed TIM he did not miss a meeting. He started his career as a teacher at the Perse School and was elected a Fellow of his College, St.Catharine’s, of which he in due course became Master. He was active in Town life, becoming an Alderman and serving as a JP for many years. He was active in other Orders in Freemasonry and became PGM of Cambridgeshire though, sadly, he died after only one year in that Office. He was the only one of the College Masters in University Council to become TIM; likewise with the PGM’s who were members.

The Recorder must have been fascinated by the example of dispersal of Cryptic Masonry over the face of land or water by the candidates at the January 1926 meeting for exceptionally he noted their addresses in the Minutes. AP Parnell came from Balmer Vicarage, Sudbury, Suffolk, LF Taylor from Rangoon and BA Brown from Durham. It was at this meeting, also, that the Organist, CG Lamb was appointed to a progressive Office and his place was taken by EH Ezard. The Installation meeting a year later brought significant changes in the Offices and Officers of the Council. The new TIM, FG Blandford, established for the first time the Offices of DC (LF Newman), ADC (EH Ezard) and Manciple (ET Halnan). No Organist was appointed to succeed EH Ezard.

The significant change in Officer as distinct from Office, particularly from the point of view of writing this History, was the appointment of H Yule Oldham, already a PGPCW, as Recorder. Until this time the Summonses had not been attached to the Minute Book so very little about the candidates is now known from that source. R Ill Comp Yule Oldham had the fortunate habit of recording in the Minutes the details of each candidate. Thus, not only were the full names given but the candidate's College, academic status (undergraduate, student, BA, MA etc) and in most cases their qualifying Mark Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter.

The death of CH Ellis, who had been Sentinel since the Consecration was reported at the May 1927 meeting. At the January 1928 meeting his successor, CF Potts, was Obligated as a Serving Brother.

At the May 1929 meeting, with Dr JHC Dalton as TIM, the following tribute was paid to Edward Armitage:-

A vote of most sincere condolence with the relatives of the late R.Ill.Comp: E. Armitage - the oldest, but one, of the past T.I.M.s, to whose energy the revival of the Council after the Great War was chiefly due - was moved in feeling terms by the T.I.M. seconded appropriately by Ill.Comp: G.F.Rogers, the next senior T.I.M., and carried unanimously, the Comps. all standing.

Tribute was also paid to another Founder at the meeting on 28th May 1932,:-

A feeling reference to the great loss the Council had suffered by the death on 18 May of the Treasurer, Ill.Comp: R.H.Adie, P.G.A.D.C., was made by Ill.Comp: J.H.C.Dalton. In token of respect the Companions stood in silence for a space of time. A vote of sincere condolence with Mrs.Adie was passed unanimously.

Jewels

It is likely that up to 1930 the Council was working without collars and other regalia, apart from the TIM collar presented by EM Money. In 1930 the Executive Committee of the Order "found itself called upon to urge the wearing of the proper regalia" (to quote from the Wilkinson Treatise). Apparently the Minutes of the Executive Committee suggest that whereas "Grand Officers may have provided themselves with the proper aprons, collars and jewels the ordinary companion seems to have contented himself with the Cryptic jewel worn with Mark regalia". [In 1960, when I became a member, and for many years afterwards, the "ordinary companions" wore only the Cryptic jewel - HVB].

It was probably the deliberations of the Executive Committee which led members of University Council to act for it is Minuted that at the May 1930 meeting "through the kindness of the TIM and other Comps: a complete set of Jewels and Collars had been presented to the Council".

The date 1930 and a name is inscribed on each jewel as follows:-

DM	Mason CC	DC	Newman LF
PCW	Lamb CG	C of G	Dentith AW
Treasurer	Ezard EH	C of C	Brodby P
Recorder	Dalton JHC	Steward	Blandford FG

In the cases of the DM, PCW and C of G jewels, the names correspond with the Offices held at the time. There appears to have been no jewel provided for the Manciple and the Sentinel's jewel has no name inscribed thereon.

The TIM under whose auspices the jewels were presented was CRG Cosens. Wilbur Cocke wrote that

CR Cosens had a skull so similar to Neanderthal man, that he was said to have been offered a large sum to leave it to a museum. He was a keen mason in most of the degrees, but he went home one day to find his wife dead and he was so contrite at not having been there at the time that he never again went to a masonic meeting.

The Minutes of the May 1931 meeting contain the following statement:-

The Recorder read a letter from Comp JV Stanton, who had come from South Africa to take the Degrees in the University Council, but was unable to be present owing to his having been knocked down by a Motor 'bus the day after landing. It was resolved to hold an Emergency Meeting, if possible, for his benefit.

Happily, the Emergency meeting was held in June 1931 and Comp JV Stanton, an engineer, returned to Johannesburg as a full member of the Order. As will be seen, he returned nearly two decades later and helped RJ Stanton, presumably a son, complete the four degrees.

Another happy event occurred the following year as set out in a Minute written by H Yule Oldham:-

The Recorder reported that the Council had been honoured by his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Mississippi on the Grand Council of England.

A Diary Note of Comp Wilbur Cocke records that R Ill Comp H Yule Oldham was "very impatient at bad work". In a recent letter R Ill Comp Cocke added:-

H Yule Oldham used to look like God, seen dimly through the white curtain which we have traditionally used. He was said to have been, when going to his first interview at King's, given a set of rooms, which he never vacated for the rest of his life. His rooms were crammed to bursting with what seemed to be old newspapers and when he had you to 'breakfast' just a corner of a table was cleared to feed.

In January 1932 and again a year later the Deputy Grand Master, Charles H Perram, visited the Council. On both occasions he was a guest of R Ill Comp Dentith, who had become a member of the Council in 1902. He had then joined the Indian Civil Service, appearing only once before his retirement. From 1931 he was a regular attender who undertook many Offices. He died in 1957.

Of R Ill Comp Dentith, Wilbur Cocke noted "beautiful work in lodge and extraordinarily funny afterwards (as usual)". He also wrote that

he was a remarkable man, with very bushy black eyebrows and a nervous twitch, but he would do the perambulation in the Royal, so that you felt it really was HA in person.

### World War 2 and Aftermath

In January 1935 Comp ET Halnan, a leading researcher in animal nutrition, was installed as TIM. He became Recorder in 1940 and was perhaps more than anyone else responsible for keeping the Council going during the Second World War and for placing it in a healthier position by changing the entrants to the Council to include Town as well as Gown. A charming, fair-minded and considerate man, he became Mayor of Cambridge in 1955. Shortly before he died in 1985 AM1492 celebrated the 70th Anniversary of his Initiation.

The Second World War, resulted in a broadly similar pattern of response as did the 1914-18 war, but with far greater intensity. From its outbreak in September 1939, University Council No.26 was no longer able to meet at the Masonic Hall. The Craft Provincial Grand Secretary wrote in 1940, referring to INUL859, that "the War has fallen with devastating force". In the booklet 'Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge' it is stated that during the war "University Freemasonry was almost dormant" and that "The Masonic Hall had suffered considerable dilapidation during its war years as a Civil Defence Centre".

The first wartime meeting was held at the Lion Hotel and the next two at St. Catharine's College. In the Minutes of the second of these, an Installation meeting held on 28th January 1941, the Recorder, ET Halnan referred to events associated with the war:-

In the temporary absence of the Recorder, who was engaged at the Guildhall recording a News Reel for broadcast to the Cambridges U.S.A.

and

During the ceremony of Installation, the Alert and Raiders Passed signals were sounded on the Siren, signifying the presence of enemy aircraft, but the presence without of these intruders and cowans to Masonry was not allowed to interrupt the proceedings.

The next meeting was back at the Lion Hotel and the one after that was at 100 Castle Street, the home of the DC, R Ill Comp Ezard. On 30th January 1942 the Council returned again to the Lion Hotel and it was at this meeting that, with nine members present, RK Schofield was proclaimed TIM and appointed his Officers.

The Minutes of January 1942 then record that:-

On the proposition of Ill. Comp. Atkins, Seconded by Ill. Comp. Fox, the Council agreed that, for the period of the war, future meetings of the Council should be held on dates fixed for meetings of the I.N.U.L. of Mark Master Masons.

This was a strong echo of the practice of University Masonic bodies around the turn of the century. Isaac Newton Mark Lodge No.112 was having to meet at the Dorothy Cafe so for the next four meetings University Council No.26 met there also. At the fourth meeting, on 11th May 1943, with the Officers as appointed on 30th January 1942:-

It was resolved that, owing to the difficulties created by war conditions and inability to utilise the Masonic Hall for the conduct of ceremonies, the officers remain as at present appointed until the next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting was in 1947 and thus was created a gap in meetings in the years 1944, 1945 and 1946. As however happened throughout the First World War, each issue of the Cambridgeshire Yearbook contained an entry about University Council No.26. Also, payments were made to Grand Council during the gap period. Both University Council's 1900-91 Account Book and Grand Council's Account Book 2 show that disbursements were made to Supreme Grand Council in October 1943, December 1944 and February 1946. Presumably these were for Annual Dues.

### Postwar Changes

The first meeting after the war was not of the Council as a whole but of the Permanent Committee. It took place in the Dorothy Cafe at 5pm on Tuesday 18th February 1947 and the decisions taken were to have a major effect on the nature of the Council. The 'war years' TIM (RK Schofield) and DM (WEL Brown) sent their apologies, those present being Ill Comps C Fox, CC Mason, ST Miller and ET Halnan. It was recorded in the Council Minute Book that:-

Arising from a discussion on the resumption of the Regular meetings of the Council it was resolved

- a That the next meeting of the Council should be called for the 24th May 1947 and should be held in the Masonic Hall.
- b That the Permanent Committee of the Council should comprise The Three Principals, Recorder, Treasurer and all Past T.I.M.'s.
- c That membership of the Council should be thrown open to selected Non-University members.
- d That the members before being proposed in open Council shall be submitted for consideration to and approved by the Permanent Committee.
- e In accordance with rule 2c & d the names of Bros.Mantell, Stranks & Parfitt were submitted and approved as candidates for election.

The Regular meeting took place as the Permanent Committee had hoped. After the TIM had signed the Minutes of the Permanent Committee meeting as well as the Minutes of the last Regular meeting, back in May 1943, the three candidates received the degrees of MEM and RM. This was another departure from previous practice in University Council, namely the conferring of not more than two degrees at a time on any one candidate, which has continued to this day.

The entry into University Council No.26 of AH Stranks, a much-respected non-University candidate, resulted in an unexpected development in the Order of Royal and Select Masters as a whole. He was an executive of Luke Ayres, manufacturers of College ties and scarves, of Histon Road, Cambridge. Albert Stranks was inspired to design a tie in the characteristic maroon colour of the Order and with a single emblem thereon consisting of a white triangle surmounted by a crown. Members adopted the tie for wearing at University Council meetings but its use was spread by visitors to the Council and by daughter Councils in Hertfordshire. In 1987 Grand Council gave official recognition to a black version of the tie and the position now is that the maroon tie may also be worn. University Council still gets its supplies of the maroon tie from Luke Ayres, now in Littleport, Essex.

At the October 1947 meeting SW Loader was Obligated as Serving Brother in succession to CF Potts. From a Diary Note of Comp Wilbur Cocke we discover that at the May 1948 meeting one candidate came forward "but it was then discovered that he hadn't taken the Royal Arch!" and also that "Fox [the TIM] rather ill and more irritable than usual. He presented a 7 branched candlestick". In a letter he added that he was knowledgeable and well worth listening to. [I remember Charles Fox, a Hebrew scholar, particularly well for in 1960 he proposed me into University Council. If you asked him how he was he would ponder awhile and then say he gave himself a  $\beta$ + or whatever mark he deemed appropriate for the occasion. There were fulsome tributes to him in his Times Obituary and a follow-up letter by a former student - HVB].

In June 1948 an Emergency meeting was held to enable RJ Stanton to complete his entry into the Order before he returned to South Africa in July. The Chair in the SM Degree was taken by Ill Comp JV Stanton, for whom similar Emergency arrangements had been made back in 1931.

Candidates, both University and non-University, came forward in good numbers as the second half-century drew to a close. Except in one respect, the Council was working well. However, not only were there no plans to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in May 1950 but the Regular meeting arranged for that date did not take place. ET Halnan, the Recorder, noted in the Minute Book:-

Owing to inability of a sufficient number of officers to attend, the regular meeting of the Council fixed for Saturday May 27th 1950 did not take place.



## Finances 1925-1950

The one aspect of the Council which continued to cause concern was the financial position. The Life Subscription basis of membership was highly regarded by the Companions and indeed in 1930 the Council successfully appealed against a requirement by Grand Council that Annual Subscriptions be paid. The Minutes of May 1930 (at which the Jewels and Collars of Office had been presented) include the following:-

The Recorder stated that, after representations had been made to the Grand Recorder with regard to the injurious effect that the recently instituted annual contribution from new Members would have on the University Council, the Grand Council had been pleased to make a special and unique exception in favour of this Council, which would be allowed to retain its Life Composition Fee unchanged.

In January 1938 the Treasurer, LF Newman, reported that a balance of about £23 was rather misleading as heavy payments had to be made to the Grand Council at the beginning of the new year. There was, he said, no subscription and without three candidates the expenses of a meeting were hardly covered. Perhaps, he suggested, a Fee of Honour from Officers might solve the difficulty. It was agreed to set up a Sub-Committee to consider the matter, the TIM, RU Sayce, expressing, with general approval, the hope that the unique privilege of the Council of no annual subscription might not be endangered.

There is no record of this Sub-Committee reporting and at January 1939 meeting a Special Committee was set up, consisting of the TIM and resident past TIMs to consider the Treasurer's accounts and the auditors' report and generally to review the financial position of the Council. At the January 1940 meeting the Treasurer outlined the difficulties due to past accounts not being paid at the proper time and drew attention to the obligation of the Council to pay annual dues to the Grand Council for all Companions elected since 1935 inclusive. It was also reported at that meeting that a vote of thanks was passed to Illustrious Companion JV Jacklin, who had installed his successor earlier in the meeting, for the generous contribution to the Council's funds, thereby enabling the Council to meet outstanding accounts.

At the May 1940 meeting a small Committee was appointed to consider the by-laws. Then, the labours of the Special Committee of Investigation appointed in January 1939 having been completed, the Council formally discharged the Committee with an expression of thanks for the services rendered. At the next meeting, in January 1941, proposed new by-laws were read (by the Acting Recorder while the Recorder was at the Guildhall) and after an amendment concerning meeting dates, which provided for three meetings a year, were carried unanimously. Life subscription was to be £1=10=0 and Fees of Honour for the three Principals were to be 10s6d each. A clause allowing for an annual subscription of 2s6d and exclusion of members three years in arrears was crossed out on the copy signed by the Grand Recorder, TS Lumley Smith, and dated 20th May 1941.

At the first Regular meeting after the war, in May 1947, it was resolved that a meeting of the Permanent Committee should take place soon to consider the financial position and the by-laws. At the next meeting the Recorder, ET Halnan, gave notice of proposed changes to certain by-laws and in January 1948 alterations to the by-laws were proposed and approved. The alterations were approved by the Grand Recorder on 27th January 1948 and were printed. The changes were to the Life Subscription, which was increased to £2=2=0, and to the Fees of Honour, increased to £1=1=0 each. There was also a stipulation that members must communicate with the Recorder at least once every three years.

At the meeting in May 1949 the Recorder called the attention of the Council to recent alterations in the Fees and Payments authorised by Grand Council. Perhaps this is why, at the October 1949 and January 1950 meetings, a collection was taken to augment Council funds.

## THE THIRD QUARTER-CENTURY

From 1950 to 1975 a number of changes took place in University Council - in membership, meeting dates and times, venue, financial arrangements and so on. These were to lead to the Council thriving as never before. It seemed at first, however, to be going in the opposite direction for at the October 1950 meeting it was agreed that because of the difficulty in obtaining a quorum at the May meeting, "the Council should revert to its former custom of meeting twice only in the year", namely in the last Tuesday in January and the fourth Saturday in October. The proposition went through its various stages and received Grand Council approval in October 1951.

The January 1951 meeting must have been uncomfortable for it is recorded that it was held under low temperature conditions occasioned by the implementation of the Ministry of Fuel's "under-delivery of fuel policy".

At the October 1951 meeting there occurred a delightful episode which typifies the spirit of University Council. The Treasurer, CC Mason, had received a major promotion in Grand Council and it was recorded in the Minutes that:-

The Treasurer retired for a short while, and during his absence the R.III. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (R.III. Comp. C.C. Mason) demanded admission to the Lodge, was conducted to his seat in the Lodge and was greeted with enthusiasm tinged with the proper respect by the members of the Lodge.

At the following meeting, in January 1952, JJ Hall was obligated as a Serving Brother and it is also of interest to note at our Centenary that RAN Petrie was among the four candidates completing the four degrees. Also, the affixing of most of the Summons in the Minute Book began with this meeting, a development useful to the writing of this History. It has to be said, however, that the earliest adhesive has greatly deteriorated and has damaged some pages.

The meeting of October 1955 is notable in that a meeting of Past Masters was held for the purpose of selecting a member to recommend for Grand Rank. This was a rare occurrence - it was and is very difficult to get Principals and PTIM's together for such meetings. Perhaps the credit for doing so on this occasion belongs to the TIM, ST Miller; Wilbur Cocke refers to him as a local solicitor who was most interesting and friendly. [I knew him in AM1492 as a tall, slim person with a very considerate disposition and tending to shyness - HVB]. The outcome of the PC meeting was that one Companion (ET Halnan) was unanimously recommended for promotion and another (CJES Fendick) for office. Grand Council acted favourably on both recommendations.

Comp Wilbur Cocke wrote a Diary Note of the May 1956 meeting which not only describes the work in the Temple and afterwards but throws light on why Cambridge graduates enjoyed visiting Cambridge for a Masonic meeting. It is here reproduced in full:-

Attended as "I.G." and helped put through two candidates as MEMs and RMs. We had the first ceremony in the far room and the next in the usual lodge room. We were all a bit rusty and there was a certain amount of reading from the book. The perambulation was particularly well done.

After supper, a wonderful 6/6 worth, soup, fish, meat, pudding, cheese and coffee, I went along to the Cruising Club and met some of the present day members. I then drove back to London.

I had arrived in sufficient time to have ½hr punting down the Backs and back.

For all his slurred Tylers Toast in AM1492, JJ Hall and his wife did provide some excellent value meals.

In his Diary Note of the October 1956 meeting Comp Wilbur Cocke, who in April 2000 is the only surviving member from the "gown only" era, commented that "The atmosphere is now different somewhat as we have had to let townsmen join to keep up our nos.". In his Note on the following meeting, after claiming that as Steward in the SM he snored well and gave a piercing scream (Ill Comp Brian Garside remembers that when he was Steward, sounds of snoring continued after he had stopped!), Comp Cocke went on to pay tribute to the new TIM, Ill Comp WS

Matthews, adding that "Now we are admitting members from the Town we are growing to more reasonable numbers ....."

For reasons which are not apparent, instead of meeting on the last Tuesday in January 1957, the Council sought a Dispensation to meet on the first Saturday in February - and evidently liked the alteration for it went through the process of making a change in the by-laws. From that date the Council has met on Saturdays only. Also in 1957 an Emergency meeting was held in May, this being repeated in 1958 and 1959. However, thereafter until 1974, there were just the two Regular meetings a year.

Another significant change, which proved permanent, occurred on Saturday 1st February 1958. This was the alteration from meetings starting at about 5pm with supper at 7.15pm to the present pattern of an afternoon meeting preceded by lunch. The Summons stated that the meeting would start at 2pm with lunch at 1pm and asked Companions to note the change of time. The Summons also says that "Supper will be provided for those Companions who notify their intention to lunch . . . ". There is no reference in the Minutes to the reason for this change. However, in his Diary Notes Comp Cocke recorded that in error the Hall had been let in the evening. He also had interesting comment on the Treasurer to the effect that after the meeting he "drove CC Mason home and he gave me an excellent tea and tried to help me with a mathematical problem, but he is too knowledgeable to find this easy". Elsewhere Wilbur Cocke said CC Mason "seemed rather a cold character, but he was most interesting to talk to, a top mathematician with business interests" [he was a Director of Cambridge Instrument Company - HVB]. Wilbur Cocke added that CC Mason played the organ for us - this is interesting because although there have been only occasional appointments to the Office of Organist it is clear that University Council was not without music in between.

The meetings continued smoothly in the 1960's, attendance usually being well into double figures. In February 1960 Comp JWG Cocke was installed as TIM. He had become a member in May 1934, aged 19, attended the next four meetings but, no doubt due to his Army service, did not resume regular attendance until May 1956. Since that time he has been a stalwart of the Council. He obtained an MA in Economics and served in the Royal Signals from 1935 to 1957, in the course of which he was evacuated from Dunkirk and went ashore on D-Day. After the war he qualified as a Chartered Accountant and administered a Region of that professional body. He also served as a City of London Special Constable and was also owner of the famous Cheshire Cheese pub. In February 1961 he installed as his successor another stalwart of the Council, James Barnes, a solicitor, who like Wilbur Cocke journeyed from London for every meeting. He in turn installed Comp John Hammond, Works Manager of Cambridge Instruments, as TIM and this was followed by a two-year tenure by Robert Rowell, MBE, a wartime photo-intelligence officer and a fine amateur opera singer whose sense of drama was very evident in parts of the Cryptic ceremonies!

At the October 1964 meeting there was a discussion about returning to evening meetings but the Council voted to retain its new arrangement. A nice little touch of humour entered the Minutes of the February 1965 Installation meeting - it was reported that as a reward for their unbounded keenness two junior Companions (J Goakes and S Harrison) were elected Auditors for the ensuing year. At the same meeting EB Haddon was thanked for his generous gift to the Council of an antique spirit lamp and brass ritual bowl. Attached to the Minutes of the February 1968 meeting is an inventory of items possessed by University Council. The spirit lamp does not appear to be among them.

The passing of Companions was notified from time to time, most of them no longer active in the Council, but there was probably no sadder occasion than at the February 1967 meeting when the loss since the last meeting of the TIM-Elect, the Recorder and the DC were reported.

Undoubtedly, what prompted the making of an inventory in February 1968 was the move to Bateman Street from the soon to be demolished Masonic Hall in Corn Exchange Street. University Council moved in two stages. In February 1968 a Dispensation was obtained to change the venue of that particular meeting to the new Masonic premises. There being no catering facilities at the

new Hall at that stage, the lunch was held at the nearby Royal Hotel. By the October 1968 meeting the transition to Bateman Street was complete.

In October 1969 there occurred a characteristic query by the Treasurer, Ill Comp JWG (Wilbur) Cocke, when he observed that he thought the extinguishing of the lights during the perambulation in the RM Degree was contrary to custom in University Council. The Recorder was requested to write to Grand Council for a ruling, which was to the effect that the lights should not be extinguished.

Another pleasant feature of the October 1969 meeting, which exemplifies the reunions which have taken place from time to time, was Minuted thus:-

The TIM thanked Ill Comp Mantell (who was on holiday from Australia) for taking the Chair and working the MEM Degree. He expressed the delight of the Companions in having Ill Comp Mantell with us again and wished him a pleasant voyage home.

#### Visit by the Grand Master

The seventh decade of University Council ended with the Council being honoured in October 1970 with a thoroughly enjoyable visit by the Grand Master, Dr AS Hollins, accompanied by his Grand Director of Ceremonies. The two Grand visitors arrived early and so did two of the candidates, who later expressed amazement that the two Companions with whom they had such a pleasant and relaxed conversation while awaiting the Council's Officers to finish their rehearsal turned out to be the Head of the Order and his DC! There was another surprise - the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill Comp Walter Wigglesworth, signed in as a member. This was far from being a mistake for back in 1928, as an undergraduate of Magdalen College, he had paid his life subscription and received all four Degrees in University Council No.26. This was his first attendance since that occasion, 42 years before.

There occurred at the same meeting another characteristic query, this time by Comp Charles Cann, who asked during consideration of the accounts presented by Ill Comp Cocke, about the contribution to the Masonic Hall, Bateman Street. Answer was made by another Companion, CT Salkeld-Green, that the contribution was need to help meet the running cost of the hall. The query by Comp Cann epitomised the banter between him and Ill Comp Cocke which delighted the Companions for many a year. It has only recently come to light that they were in the same unit of the Royal Signals at the time of the evacuation from Dunkirk so the exchanges between them in the Council may have derived from their Army days. Comp Cann later transferred to REME.

As has already been noted, one of the impressive features of the SM Degree when it was worked at the Isaac Newton Masonic Hall in Corn Exchange Street was the use of a veil. It has to be said, however, that in the mid-1960's the veil was showing considerable signs of wear and tear but the blight caused by the long-awaited move from Corn Exchange Street discouraged replacement. When the move to Bateman Street took place it was found there was no means of hanging the veil. At the meeting in February 1971 the question of providing a veil was raised and subsequently enquiries were made of the Hall management. A feature of pride of the Temple at Bateman Street is the magnificent wood beams. After negotiations with the management, a pair of unobtrusive brackets was specially designed and installed on one of the beams so for many years from 1971 the Council was able to carry on its customary practice. Alas the mountings were removed and the small holes filled in during a refurbishment.

In 1971 the Order marked its Centenary, several Companions of University Council attending the Grand Council meeting in April, four of its members receiving promotion or appointment to Grand rank. 1971 was also an auspicious year for candidates for at the October meeting Brothers JGF Rynsard and RT Gibbs received the first two Degrees, Ill Comp HV Beck acting as RWM in the MEM Degree.

At the February 1972 meeting the Council was honoured by the attendance of both the current and the Immediate Past Grand Chaplains who were appropriately saluted. It should be mentioned that salutations (and for that matter Toasts) were kept to a minimum in University Council. Later in

1972 it was suggested that a University of Cambridge emblem be attached to the breast jewel but one Companion - an Oxford man - objected and the idea was dropped.

At the February 1973 meeting the Council balloted for the Grand Master, M Ill Comp Dr AS Hollins and Ill Comp WS Matthews as Honorary Members, both ballots proving perfect. Dr Hollins had greatly endeared himself to the Companions of University Council, especially during his 1970 visit, and WS Matthews, initiated at the age of 65 on retiring from a retail business in Cambridge, was much respected for his zeal as a Mason and his excellent delivery of ritual until he was into his 90's. His two brothers were also members.

Such were the number of candidates coming forward that in 1974 two Emergency meetings were added to the two Regular occasions. The Minutes state that in the January 1974 Emergency meeting the lights were extinguished in the SM Degree.

In February 1974, Comp Ian Morton was installed as TIM. He came from New Zealand and followed a career in food technology, achieving a Chair in that subject in the University of London. He became the Council's longest-serving DC. Also at the February 1974 meeting, the Council expressed its thanks to Comp CVH Swainland, the dedicated Manciple, for the provision of a new floorcloth, adding that it could be regarded as a fitting memorial to R Ill Comp William Carr who had joined University Council from Icenian No.36 and become an excellent DC.

At the Emergency meeting in June 1974 the Council welcomed its first candidate from the Scottish Constitution, Companion TBE Hamilton of Strathendrick No.555, who took the MEM Degree in full with two other candidates. In October 1974 the TIM-Elect, Comp Charles Cann, immediately after his election spoke of his joyous and happy approach to Freemasonry and promised the Council ceremonies the like of which had not been seen before. In February 1975 the TIM drew the attention of the Companions to the honour received by one of the members, who was now Sir Arthur Armitage. A LI Armitage had been President of Queens College and had then become Vice Chancellor of Manchester University. The Council also noted with great pleasure that Comp H Turner had been awarded a BA Degree by the Open University. At this same meeting a visitor conveyed the greetings of Chelsea Council No.72.

#### 75th Anniversary

We now come to the meeting marking the 75th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Council. There having been no marking of the 25th Anniversary nor of the 50th (indeed the meeting had been abandoned) the Council celebrated the 75th Anniversary in style. An Emergency meeting was arranged for 21st June 1975, a special Summons was produced and the Deputy Grand Master Eric le Fre was present. In addition to the usual work in Council, the Recorder gave an outline of its history.

Something of the mood of the Council that day is conveyed in the following Minute:-

..... it was agreed that the following items of business would not take place and no record would be made thereof since they were not described in the Summons of the Emergency meeting.

There followed matters including the conveying of greetings of the Grand Master by his Deputy and an expression of great appreciation to Comp Henry Appleby for restoring the ornaments of the Council to their original lustre.

After the meeting the Companions were joined by their ladies at a Garden Party at The Old Rectory, Cottenham, the home of the TIM, Charles Cann and Mrs Grace Cann. The garden setting, with its 300 year old mulberry tree and mere 60 year old offspring, was superb. The weather, the food and the wine were all excellent. Above all was the marvellous Companionship enjoyed by the members and their ladies - it was a fitting tribute and thanksgiving to all the work, trials and anxiety endured by our predecessors.

#### Finances 1950-1975

The third part of the century started with continued financial difficulty for the Council, which was ameliorated by a collection taken at every meeting from October 1950 to January 1956. In

October 1956 it was Minuted that the accounts "show a Balance at the end of the year of £9=19=0 - in credit", but this favourable state proved illusory. One of the problems was that expenses were incurred for Companions, all Life Members, who never attended. At the revision of the by-laws proposed in October 1957 to change the dates of the meetings, it was also stipulated that "members who desire their names retained on the Roll must keep the Recorder informed of their addresses and report themselves to him at least once in every three years". At the same meeting the Treasurer reported that his accounts "showed a profit of £5, accounted for by sale of 2 Jewels which were in stock". A collection was taken at the following meeting and then discontinued for a while. This coincided with the Summonses being typed rather than printed in the usual red on white, probably as an economy measure.

Despite the parlous financial position, at the February 1959 meeting the Treasurer proposed a contribution to the Perram Memorial Fund of £2=2=0. The Minutes record that the proposition was carried and that the Broken column was circulated. The Broken column was normally used in associated Craft Lodges to collect for charity and was probably the purpose in this case. Thus although University Council has not for the past 40 years had collections for charity there is little doubt that a precedent was set back in 1959.

At the May 1959 meeting the Treasurer "gave as his opinion that three candidates per annum was a minimum on which the Council could keep its head above water". In October 1960 a Committee was set up to consider the finances of the Council. This was, no doubt, prompted by a proposal by Grand Council to abolish Life Membership, which proposal was not accepted by University Council pending the report of the Committee. A year later the Treasurer reported a loss of £1=8=9 and measures were taken to reduce and offset losses on lunches ordered for Companions but neither taken nor paid for by them

Evidently the Council appealed against the Grand Council ruling that Life Subscriptions must be abolished. The appeal was lost so that Grand Council fees became payable from February 1962. Thus in October 1962 it was proposed that existing Life Member shall be exempt from further subscriptions but that other Companions should pay an annual subscription 6d more than the annual dues required by Grand Council. Fees for Candidacy and for Joining were reduced accordingly. This was carried after amendment of the 6d to 1/-. The loss on the year reported at the meeting was £7. Again, expenses were collected.

Collections were taken at the two meetings in 1965. Then in October 1965 it was proposed to substantially increase the Candidacy Fee but it is Minuted that at the February 1966 meeting, after a discussion on the by-laws "at some considerable length ... it was finally agreed to confirm those passed, by this Council, on 15th July 1960". The date in fact refers to when Grand Council gave its approval. It appears that none of the propositions agreed since then had been submitted to Grand Council. Collections continued from time to time.

In October 1968, with the Council now in Bateman Street and with a new Treasurer, Ill Comp Wilbur Cocke, the question was raised for the first time of what the Council should pay for the use of the new Hall. It is Minuted that "The Companions discussed this matter at some length, when it was proposed ..... that ..... £15 pa be paid". This was carried.

Grand Council now required dues to be paid by life members as well as annual subscribers. Some life members had not been in touch with the Council for many years and were thus incurring outgoings which had become a considerable burden on the others. Accordingly, in June 1970 the Treasurer and Acting Recorder contacted absent life members, by Recorded Delivery letters where necessary, explaining the financial position. Very nearly all responded with donations, two or three also taking the opportunity to resign. Then in February 1971 the Treasurer and Recorder visited Mark Masons' Hall, Upper Brook Street, to compare the Grand Council's and University Council's lists of members. A few anomalies were found and corrected, which proved to be of some financial benefit to University Council.

By February 1974, with a favourable balance of £156.46p, the Council was sufficiently thriving for the Fees of Honour clause in the by-laws to be suspended. Financial viability had been achieved.

### COMPLETING THE CENTURY

University Council No.26 started the fourth quarter-century in good spirits. Not only had members and their ladies enjoyed the Garden Party but the event had produced a small surplus, which Companions agreed at the October 1975 meeting should be donated to an Old People's Fund. Of those who were thanked for their parts in making the event such a success, particular mention must be made of CVH (Cyril) Swainland, the burly and large-hearted Manciple who organised the event. The Companions regretted that he did not wish to progress in the Council, preferring to serve in the one Office. The October 1975 meeting was also memorable in the several roles undertaken by the Treasurer, Ill Comp Cocke. Not only did he act as Tyler in the MEM Degree, giving the answers and passwords on behalf of the candidates, he later joined the Companions and presented Grand Council certificates and then his accounts. Regrettably the Recorder did not note in the Minutes why the Treasurer acted outside the door of the Lodge; certainly there was no shortage of Companions available for the number of University Council members attending this meeting (and the great majority of future meetings) was well into the 20's. It was at this meeting that the TIM-Elect (Comp Tom Salkeld-Green, a distinguished barrister) had announced that "off the record, unofficially and without embellishment of collar and jewel he would be appointing Assistant Manciples to help at the Festive Board before each meeting".

1976 was a busy year, with two Emergency as well as the two Regular meetings. In February the new TIM appointed three Companions as Assistant Manciples, defining their duties as "to assist the Manciple, to undertake junior Offices at short notice and to attend rehearsals". This practice continued in University Council but it is only recently that Grand Council recognised such additional appointments, though with the title of Manciple rather than Assistant Manciple.

### Gown, Town & Gender Issues

There were two other matters of substance raised at the February 1976 meeting. To quote the Minutes:-

The TIM reported the results of soundings he had taken about admitting University candidates ahead of the strict order in which notices of proposition had been made. There was general agreement that if it was the TIM's wish to do so during his year of Office it would be the Council's pleasure to support him. Ill Comp Cann (IPTIM) wished, however, for his objection to be recorded. The matter was left in the TIM's hands".

This was an attempt to shift the balance, which since 1947 had changed from being virtually all Cambridge University entrants to being preponderantly non-University, back somewhat towards the original University composition. The outcome was that at the following meeting the Recorder reported that at the TIM's direction he had placed all candidates on the Summons in strict order of notice of proposition. There was to be much more on this issue a decade or so later.

The other significant matter concerned an individual, and is recorded in the Minutes thus:

A discussion took place on the question of admitting Ill Comp PRP Claridge, who had in recent years changed sex, to future meetings of the Council. The TIM requested Companions to let him have their views. It was agreed that if more than one or two objections were received it would be inadvisable to admit Ill Comp Claridge.

Following a sex change operation, Ill Comp PRP (Peter) Claridge, who had re-named himself Petralinda Rosemary Percival Claridge, had requested to be admitted to Council meetings. He was a Life Member of the Council, had been TIM in 1949, had served the Council as Recorder from 1965 to 1975 and was a Grand Officer.

The Recorder had written to the Grand Recorder asking for guidance and had received a reply that there was little in any Constitution that would have a bearing on such a situation although similar cases had not been unknown in the Craft. The advice was that the Council must decide, hence the discussion in Council and the TIM's request for views. The outcome was reported by the

Recorder at the October 1976 meeting, to the effect that following the TIM's soundings on the matter he had written to Ill Comp PRP Claridge, requesting that he should not attend meetings of the Council and that no reply had been received.

References in the Minutes to matters of ritual continued, such as the comment that in the October 1976 meeting "during successive perambulations (in the RM Degree), Companions stood in a circle around the A of C, in the traditional manner of University Council". At the following meeting it is recorded that "After the usual historical lecture (in the SM Degree), Ill Comp Cocke gave an addendum lecture pointing out the irregularity of having the three great lights in addition to the proper three candles per pedestal". This was in fact an SM ceremony conducted by PTIM's appointed by Ill Comp Beck, Recorder, in the Chair. The same Recorder was unduly flippant in the Minutes of the October 1977 meeting, describing himself as Ill Councillor Beck, which covered not only his membership of the R&S Council but also to his successful campaign to get himself elected to a District Council as an Independent. It was at the same meeting that the Treasurer, shortly after sounding the gong in the SM Degree, in presenting his accounts reported that there were 43 subscribing and 9 life members and that despite inflation (which as it turned out was in its early stages) no increase in subscription was necessary. Then at the risings the Recorder reported on the travels of Ill Comp Quiggin in Kenya and it was also announced that a new Council was to be formed at Radlett in Hertfordshire.

#### Hertfordshire Developments

In 1968 Ill Comp Harold Beck had proposed a fellow parishioner in Harpenden, a Bro. Ian Morton, who was seconded by Ill Comp Rowell, for membership of University Council. Due in no small measure to the enthusiasm of Comp Ian Morton, this led over a period of nine years to a number of Hertfordshire and South Bedfordshire Brethren becoming members of University Council so that by 1977 there was a nucleus for the founding of the first Council in Hertfordshire. A warrant for Hertfordshire Council No.121 was issued on 17th March 1978 and the Council, which was to meet at Radlett, was Consecrated by the Grand Master at St.Albans on Thursday 16th June 1978. An example of the linking of the University and Hertfordshire Councils occurred the following year when Comp Ron Aviss, on the proposition of V Ill Comp Harold Beck, seconded by Comp Peter Baikie, having received the MEM, RM and SM degrees in Hertfordshire Council, received the SEM Degree in University Council and then became a Joining Member. Two more Companions of Hertfordshire 121 (FL England, who became a Joining Member, and S Mellows) have since received the SEM Degree in University Council.

At the October 1978 meeting the Recorder reported that he had attended a R & S meeting in Vancouver BC and had exchanged greetings with the Grand Master of the Western Supreme Grand Council of Canada.

There being so much business at the February 1980 meeting of the Council, the physical length of the Summons was almost doubled. A particularly notable event was the Installation as TIM of the ever-courteous and unflappable Comp Fred Rynsard, an entrepreneur who had wide experience in the entertainment and retail sectors before becoming a law practice administrator. He became the Council's longest serving Recorder. Other significant items were the receiving and acknowledging of Bros. GF Redman, TS Rawlinson, KA Hunt and RB Garside, the increase in subscription to £4 per annum and the agreement that there should be a third Regular meeting each year.

#### Eastern Division

There now occurred a major change in the structure of the Order, with the establishment of Divisions. University Council No.26 was one of eight Councils in Eastern Division, covering Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. The Installation of the Divisional Grand Inspector, Ill Comp Peter William Racey PAGDC, took place at an Emergency meeting of University Council on Saturday 22nd March 1980. The Grand Master, M Ill Comp Dr AS Hollins, was accompanied by his most of his appointed Officers, as detailed below. It was a splendid



occasion, 29 Companions being present and over 51 visitors, mostly from Councils in the new Division.

There was a sad beginning of the meeting, namely the reporting by the TIM, Ill Comp Fred Rynsard, of the grievous loss of three Illustrious Companions - Ill Comp Jack Goakes, who had been designated as Divisional Recorder, Ill Comp Albert Stranks, who had been the first non-University member, and Ill Comp Leslie Fowler. After the Companions had stood to Order in token of their respect, the Grand Master and his Officers, entered to heartfelt applause. The Council then worked two Degrees - the RM, with Brothers GF Redman and TS Rawlinson as candidates and the SM, with Comps Leslie Penney and John Cullip, the history in the latter being imparted by Ill Comp Stanley Harrison.

The Grand Master then took the Chair and filled the Council's Offices as follows:-

DM	R Ill Comp	J MAKOWER	Dep GM
PCW	R Ill Comp	Rev AB CARVER	GPCW
DC	R Ill Comp	Lt Cdr ACE HIGGENS	GDC
ADC	Ill Comp	TC NELSON	Dep GDC
C of G	Ill Comp	DT MORTIMER	as G C of G
Stwd	Ill Comp	BC CULEY	as G Stwd
Sen	Ill Comp	WR ELLIOTT	G Sen

The Grand Recorder, R Ill Comp WJ Leake was in attendance, the GPCW also acted as Grand Chaplain, Ill Comp Sqdn Lr D Walker acted as Grand Sword Bearer and Ill Comp JAS Seabert as Grand Standard Bearer. The Grand Organist, Ill Comp ES South acted as Organist.

After the Grand Master had been saluted, the Divisional Grand Inspector Designate was escorted into the Council and after prayer recited and sealed his Obligation. Ill Comp Racey was then invested and installed in his Chair by the Grand Master and saluted by the Companions.

A week or two after the meeting, the Divisional Grand Inspector announced the appointment of V Ill Comp Harold Beck, Recorder of University Council, as Divisional Recorder.

#### 81st Anniversary

The meeting in May 1981 was another auspicious occasion for it was the 81st Anniversary of the Consecration of the Council and this provided a reason for another Garden Party. The TIM was Ill Comp Ray Gibbs and much work was done in Council during the afternoon with the working of the MEM, RM and SEM Degrees. After this, the Council agreed that the fees for entry and for joining should be raised to £10. The Treasurer, by now R Ill Comp Wilbur Cocke then presented a gong to Hertfordshire Council No.121, which was received with warm thanks by Ill Comp Ian Morton while other members of No.121 present stood to Order. The Recorder then reported that he had updated a history originally prepared for the 75th Anniversary and would arrange for its distribution. It was a 4-page outline entitled The First Eighty-One Years.

The late-afternoon Garden Party was to have been held, as before, at the home of Ill Comp Charles and Mrs Grace Cann but due to an illness of Mrs. Cann, from which thankfully she recovered, the venue had to be changed. Through the kindness of Comp David and Mrs. Pam Ousey the event was held at their home at Great Shelford and proved another thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

#### Grand Council Dues

At the October 1981 meeting, after the conferring of the RM Degree on two candidates and the SM on another two, there was an animated discussion on what were described as a huge increase in the dues required by Grand Council. The Divisional Grand Inspector gave some background information on the increases. It was minuted that:-

after discussion it was proposed by Ill Comp Roger Morris, seconded by Comp Stanley Aston that the TIM, Treasurer and Recorder be empowered to act in conjunction with other University masonic bodies to present a concerted University masonic view to Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and affiliated Lodges, Councils etc, which was agreed.

It was also proposed by the Recorder, seconded by Ill Comp Roger Morris, that the Recorder should write to the Divisional Grand Inspector expressing the great concern of University Council in particular at the increases in dues, which was agreed.

The presence at a University Council meeting of Comp Stanley Aston, who was Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, was a very rare occurrence. Indeed, so far as can be ascertained he had attended only twice before, namely when he received the MEM and RM Degrees in 1954 and when he completed the four Degrees in 1957. From the manner in which he spoke about the dues it was clear that he was very concerned about University Masonry as well as developments at Mark Masons' Hall. The Recorder's motion was to correct any impression that the preceeding motion lacked sympathy for the new Divisional structure.

At the risings the Recorder reported that Eastern Division had been requested to work the RM and SM Degrees at the 1982 Grand Council meeting. Also, Ill Comp Bill Parker described the current position regarding the possible establishing of another new Council in Hertfordshire, at Letchworth.

At the Installation meeting in February 1982, the new TIM, Ill Comp WP (Peter) Wood, appointed V Ill Comp Harold Beck as Chaplain and Ill Comp Fred Rynsard to succeed him as Recorder, the writing of the Minutes of that meeting changing from one to the other at the appropriate point. Later in February 1982 a letter was sent to life members similar to the one sent in 1970, resulting as before in donations and resignations. At the following meeting, in October 1982, the Treasurer proposed that the annual subscription should be £15, with increases also to the entrance and joining fees, which were agreed.

In February 1983 Ill Comp BE (Brian) Whitehead was installed as TIM, a Dispensation having been obtained to enable him to hold that Office in University Council as well as being TIM of Huntingdon Council No.130. At the Installation meeting a year later, in February 1984, the Council was honoured by a visit by the Deputy Grand Master, R Ill Comp TW (Tom) Howard as well as the Divisional Grand Inspector, R Ill Comp Peter Racey. At this meeting the Council mourned the loss of Comp Arthur Armitage. The Deputy Grand Master very graciously presented Grand Council certificates, after which the always courteous, affable and able ritualist Ill Comp James Barnes was installed as TIM for the second time, 23 years after the first occasion. At the June 1984 meeting fulsome tributes were paid to the Treasurer, R Ill Comp Wilbur Cocke on the 50th Anniversary of his admission into the Order. Echoes of war were again apparent when the PCW, Comp Keith Ansell, reported that regrettably he would be absent for the next two meetings as he was being posted to the South Atlantic on duty.

#### Divisional Ranks

The October 1985 meeting of University Council was the first at which Cryptic Divisional Ranks were conferred by the Divisional Grand Inspector. There was an item to this effect on the Summons and Illustrious Companions receiving the new honour attended from other Councils in the Division.

In February 1986, with all Officers present, Comp Keith Ansell was installed as TIM by Ill Comp Fred Pues OBE, a senior Red Cross Officer and father-in-law of Ill Comp Ray Gibbs. held in great affection by all the Companions. The IPTIM also took on the Office of Manciple, serving in this capacity for 9 years.

At the February 1987 meeting Ill Comp Ansell installed Comp David Ousey as his successor and V Ill Comp Beck had the pleasure of presenting a Grand Council certificate to Comp Ron Kitson, who had recently become the Council's much-esteemed Sentinel.

At the May 1987 meeting the Companions were delighted to hear that Ill Comp Peter Wood had been appointed Grand Organist. At the same meeting the new Divisional Recorder, V Ill Comp TC (Tom) Nelson, brought to the attention of the Council a number of announcements made at the meeting of Grand Council in May 1987, among them the regularisation of the Office of Chaplain, the permitted increase in the number of Manciples to four (thus in effect condoning the University Council innovation of Assistant Manciples though perhaps not reflecting the original purpose of a Manciple) and the mandatory wearing of an Apron. The October 1987 meeting was another with Divisional content, the Divisional Grand Inspector again conferring Cryptic Divisional rank on a number of Companions.

The next meeting, in February 1988, at which Comp Peter Maxwell-Stuart was installed as TIM, exemplified the concern and affection of the Companions for those who serve it outside the door of the Council. Mrs Olive Hayward, wife of the Hall Steward, had produced good meals for Companions over many years and there was great sorrow at her passing. The Council agreed that a sum of £50 be taken from Council funds and donated to the Rheumatology unit of Addenbrookes Hospital as a memoria tribute to her. A delightful photograph of her is appended to the Minute Book. A most unusual event occurred at the June 1988 meeting, namely the admission to the Council of twins, Brian and Alan Dawson, the traditional history in the MEM Degree being given by their father, Comp GF Dawson.

#### East Anglia Division

The October 1988 meeting marked another turning point in the organisation of the Order of Royal and Select Masters and was the occasion of another visit from the Grand Master, now M Ill Comp Tom Howard, and other senior Grand Officers. After University Council was opened at 1200 noon the Grand Recorder, Rt Ill Comp PG Williams, was admitted and announced that the M Ill Grand Master was without and demanded admission.

After the Grand Master and his accompanying team had been welcomed, the Grand Master occupied the Chair and appointed officers as follows:-

DM	R Ill Comp	GF RUDGARD
PCW	R Ill Comp	NT CLARKE
Chap	V Ill Comp	Rev WHE BEALE
DC	R Ill Comp	PG WILLIAMS PGPCW
ADC	Ill Comp	JA WRIGHT
C of G	Ill Comp	JFG RYNSARD PAGDC
GSwB	V Ill Comp	TC NELSON PGLect
GStd B	Ill Comp	G SMITH PAGDC
GOrg	Ill Comp	WP WOOD
Stwd	Ill Comp	RT GIBBS PG Mar
Sen	Ill Comp	JE TROTT PG C of G

The Grand Master announced that the Eastern Division was being split into two Divisions. He then proceeded to constitute the new Division of East Anglia covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and install R Ill Comp Peter William Racey as Divisional Grand Inspector of East Anglia. The Council was adjourned and the Companions partook of a Festive lunch. The Council was resumed and conducted business in the usual manner, incorporating Divisional matters such as the conferring of CDR's by the Divisional Grand Inspector.

By Dispensation the meeting at which Ill Comp Peter Maxwell Stuart installed Comp LA Penney as TIM was held on the third Saturday in February 1989. At this meeting thanks were expressed to Ill Comp Brian Whitehead for his work in refurbishing the robes and regalia.

## Revised Order

At the June 1989 meeting the Degrees were worked in the revised order for the first time, namely SM, RM, MEM and SEM, though the last of these was not conferred at this meeting. There was a particularly pleasant event, namely the presentation of Grand Council certificates (to Comps PWJ White and AD Pettit) by Comp Pat Quiggin, a member who had been in Kenya for much of the time since his entry into University Council in 1932 but had kept regularly in touch. At the October 1989 meeting, in addition to the normal business of the Council, Cryptic Divisional Ranks were conferred by the Divisional Grand Inspector.

In February 1990, with Ill Comp TS Rawlinson as TIM, the absence of the veil as well as the rail on which it was mounted was noted and enquiries put in hand. It was reported at the June 1990 meeting that the rail had been found but not the veil. It was agreed to obtain a new veil. At this meeting also the first reports of the Recorder and Treasurer were made about correspondence with the Hall Management Committee concerning the rent payable for the use of the premises. At the October 1990 meeting the Treasurer "gave an extensive account of his negotiations and correspondence concerning the rent of the masonic premises and informed members that these were not yet concluded". These had started in 1989/90 when the Council's "contribution to the upkeep of the hall" was raised from £25 to £89 with a further increase to £270 in prospect. At this point the Treasurer withheld payment, put in the accounts the statement "There may be a liability to pay rent" and engaged in lengthy correspondence with the Hall Trustees. In the same accounts he also changed the title 'Investment Fund' to 'Centenary Fund Investment', thus laying the foundation of the Council's Y2K celebrations.

## Gown & Town Again

In February 1991, Comp Robert Petrie, a much respected Surrey GP, was installed as TIM. He had become a member of the Council in 1951 but there had been a 30-year gap in his attendance so it was only in the 80's that he progressed in Office, much to the delight of the Companions. After investing his Officers, Ill Comp Petrie presided over an item which was to be a another major factor in putting the Council in a fortunate position at its Centenary. The Treasurer, JWG Cocke, proposed and the Council agreed "that the annual subscription be increased to £25 or such lesser amounts as he shall deem appropriate". A year later the subscription was put up to the authorised limit and has remained at that level to date.

The Treasurer also reported on his continuing negotiations concerning rent. The arguments he put forward are too many and varied to be reported here but in essence he was saying that it had been agreed many years before that because the Council was part of University Masonry it had been promised that no charges would be incurred for the use of the Hall. Consequently, the Treasurer had withheld payment of invoices for rent and reported a threat to the Council's continued use of the Hall. In the view of the Trustees of the Hall the change in balance towards non-University membership placed the Council outside the terms of the agreement. The Treasurer's replied that the financial position of the Hall was such that all of the masonic bodies using it could do so rent-free, which had been the original purpose in providing the Hall. In response the Trustees made an offer which included a continuing rebate as long as either or both the Recorder and/or Treasurer of the University Council remained a subscribing member of INUL859. University Council rejected this condition in May 1992 on the grounds that the autonomy of the Council in choosing its own Officers could not be determined by an external body and that in any case the usual difference between the progression envisaged for individuals and what actually took place would make it impracticable to promise its achievement. The Trustees were asked to substitute the condition "while there is a reasonable number of members of INUL and Alma Mater Lodge in the Council".

The negotiations continued but were overtaken by a moratorium on charges on all masonic bodies using the Hall! The payment of rent was resumed in 1995/96 at £85 per annum, which was increased to £100 from 1997/98.

In February 1993 there occurred an unusual and delightful incident. The TIM, Ill Comp Paul Owens, who steadfastly made the long journey from Mid-Glamorganshire to carry out his duties in

the progressive Offices in the Council, was conducting the SEM ceremony. At one point in the ceremony and in a manner which in no way detracted from the dignity of what was taking place, a Companion in the West somewhat breathlessly informed the Council that Wales had beaten England at Rugby. The TIM was then heard to say "I don't know about you boyos but this has made my day!".

In May 1993 the Council's congratulations were extended to a member, Ill Comp Graham Redman, on his Installation as TIM of Euston Council No.4. Then in June 1994 R Ill Comp Ian Morton was saluted appropriately on becoming GPCW. There was another echo of war at this meeting in the absence of the Treasurer, R Ill Comp Wilbur Cocke, who was in Normandy attending the ceremonies to mark the 50th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

#### Divisional and District Matters

The February 1995 meeting was attended by the new Divisional Recorder, Ill Comp Roger Woolnough and in October by the new Divisional Grand Inspector, Ill Comp Bernard Denny. The Minutes record that in June 1996 news of the 30p to 50p Divisional Fee was received with resignation. At the next meeting the Divisional Recorder outlined the new District arrangements, which were to follow the Provincial pattern established in other Orders. Then, in 1997, for the first time Divisional ranks were conferred at a February meeting. On the occasion of the University Council meeting in May 1997 the new District Grand Master, R Ill Comp Bernard Denny, with the assistance of R Ill Comp Wilbur Cocke acting as DM and V Ill Comp Harold Beck acting as PCW, installed Ill Comp James Caldwell as Deputy DGM. Other District business followed.

In May 1998 it was a pleasure for the Council to salute its Recorder, V Ill Comp Fred Rynsard, PG Lecturer, following his appointment as District GPCW. Then in October 1998 a Past Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Rev Canon Hugh Barker, 79, was chosen as a Select Master and honoured as a Royal Master. It was explained to the candidate at the Luncheon beforehand that he could not nowadays expect to proceed in very few hours direct to PTIM rank as had a predecessor of his as PGM in May 1900 - but the many who knew his modest demeanour must have considered the explanation superfluous.

During the 1990's the Council expressed its sadness at the loss of a number of Companions who had contributed enormously to its well-being and who had been very active until stricken with illness from which they did not recover. These included Ill Comps Stanley Harrison, James Barnes, Peter Wood, Fred Pues, R Ill Comp Ian Morton and Comp Ron Kitson. Others who though not active had maintained a close interest included Comps Pat Quiggin and Peter (RA) Taylor, the latter a victim of a tragic road accident. Another loss felt keenly in University Council and expressed at the February 1998 meeting was the passing of M Ill Companion Arthur Hollins, Past Grand Master. The Companions also paid tribute to Fred Haywood, the Hall Steward, who though not a member was regarded with great affection.

#### Centenary Preparations

At the meeting in May 1997, with financial provision already in place, a Sub-Committee was formed to look after arrangements for celebrating the Council's Centenary. At the next meeting, in October 1997, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Council at the appropriate time that V Ill Comp Harold Beck, who by this time had commenced writing the Centenary History, be the Centenary TIM. It soon emerged from a listing of meetings and work done since the Council was Consecrated that there were two 3-year gaps in working. In June 1998 a paper was sent to Grand Council justifying the grant of a Centenary Warrant but it was decided that the 100 years since Consecration would be celebrated in any case. The Companions set to work to mark the Anniversary in fitting style. One project, undertaken by the Deputy Master, Comp Ian Burnett, was to present a cup to the Royal Masonic School for Girls for annual award for service to the Chapel. Another was to arrange a dinner for the Ladies, the first-ever in the century of the Council's history, which is due to take place at Freemasons Hall, Bateman Street, on 10th June 2000..

The efforts of the Companions were crowned in March 2000 when it was learned that M III Grand Master had been pleased to grant the Council a Centenary Warrant on completion of one hundred years of continuous working.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

(Year of Installation)

1900	MONEY E M	1956	SLATER L V
1901	GREEN J R	1957	MATTHEWS W S
1902	ARMITAGE E	1958	HOPKINS A E
1903	ROGERS G F	1959	SCUDAMORE B M
1904	HILL A	1960	COCKE J W G
1905	SIMPSON R P F W	1961	BARNES J F
1906	ADIE R H	1962	HAMMOND J G
1907	ARMITAGE W J	1963+4	ROWELL R M
1908	ROXBURGH J R	1965	HOWELLS T
1909	WOOLLEY V J	1966+7	SIMON F D N
1910	ROUSE BALL W W	1968	BECK H V
1911	LEWIN H W	1969	GOAKES J
1913	BARCLAY SMITH E	1970	HARRISON S
1915	HAMBLIN SMITH R	1971	HOPPER A R
1915	PEILE F K	1972	PETERSEN E W R
1921	ARMITAGE E	1973	FOWLER A L
1923	OLDHAM H Y	1974	MORTON I D
1924	EZARD E H	1975	CANN C
1925	NEWMAN L F	1976	SALKELD-GREEN C T
1926	RUSHMORE F M	1977	MORRIS R B
1927	BLANDFORD F G	1978	PARKER W W
1928	BRODBY P	1979	THOMAS J H
1929	DALTON J H C	1980	RYNSARD J G F
1930	COSENS C R G	1981	GIBBS R T
1931	MASON C C	1982	WOOD W P
1932	LAMB C G	1983	WHITEHEAD BE
1933	DENTITH A W	1984	BARNES J F
1934	HART H P	1985	PUES F H
1935	HALNAN E T	1986	ANSELL K
1936	MILLER S T	1987	OUSEY D G
1937	ATKINS J F B	1988	MAXWELL-STUART P G
1938	SAYCE R U	1989	PENNEY L A
1939	JACKLIN J V	1990	RAWLINSON T S
1940	FOX C	1991	PETRIE R A N
1941	SCHOFIELD R K	1992	PURNELL W T
1942	SCHOFIELD R K	1993	OWENS R P
1948	FOX C	1994	WATTS M A
1949	CLARIDGE P R P	1995	PETTIT A D
1950	GOODWIN F C	1996	GARSDIE R B
1951	FENDICK C J E S	1997	EMBLEY C
1952	MANTELL G W	1998	HEPWORTH L
1953	STRANKS A H	1999	TANDY R D
1954	PARFITT P A	2000	BECK HV
1955	MILLER S T		

## HONORARY MEMBERS

(Year of Election)

1900	M III Comp	The Earl of Euston	GM
	R III Comp	Matier CF	GRec
	III Comp	Voisey RJ	GLect
	V III Comp Rev	Finlay WR	MA G Ch
	III Comp	Vincent W	PAGDC
	Comp	Armitage WJ	
	Comp	Simpson RPFW	
1973	M III Comp	Hollins AS	GM
	III Comp	Matthews GS	
1981	R III Comp	Racey PW	DGI
1992	III Comp	Wood WP	PGOrg
1999	R III Comp	Cocke JWG	PGPCW

## CHAPLAINS

(Year of First Appointment)

1900	Gray Rev JH	1966	No Appointment
1911	Sergeant Rev JS	1975	Goakes J
1915	Stitt Rev SS	1981	Salkeld-Green CT
1923	No Appointment	1982	Beck H V
1950	Roderick HB	1985	Thomas JH
1962	Newman LF	1995	Ousey DG

## TREASURERS

(Year of First Investment)

1900	Rouse Ball WW	1959	Mantell GW
1909	Adie RH	1965	Stranks AH
1933	Newman LF	1967	Cocke JWG
1948	Mason CC	1997	Gibbs RT

## RECORDERS

(Year of First Appointment)

1900	Hall Rev D	1955	Claridge PRP
1908	Fynes Clinton AN	1965	Scudamore BM
1915	Hamblin Smith R	1967	Hopkins AE
1921	Dalton Dr JHC	1971	Beck HV
1927	Oldham HY	1982	Rynsard JGF
1940	Halnan ET		

## DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

(Year of First Appointment)

1927	Newman LF	1959	Miller ST
1933	Mason CC	1967	Carr WHE
1935	Blandford FG	1974	Simon FDN
1937	Ezard EH	1977	Harrison S
1943	Atkins JFB	1983	Morton ID
1948	Jacklin JV	1993	Gibbs RT
1951	Fox C	1995	Whitehead BE
1957	Halnan ET	1999	Embley C

### Manciples & Sentinels

In some years the Offices of Manciple and Sentinel were regarded as progressive and Companions were appointed for 1 year only. These appointments have been excluded from the Tables below. In the case of Sentinels the full names of those who were not subscribing members are given as this information may not appear elsewhere.

### MANCIPLES (>1year)

(First & Last Years of Appointment or of No Appointment)

1927-1930	Halnan ET	1964-1965	No Appointment
1937-1939	Baker HAE	1966-1967	Harrison S
1940-1941	Mason CC	1968-1979	Swainland CVH
1942-1947	Fendick CES	1980-1982	Maxwell-Stuart P
1948-1951	Parfitt PA	1983-1984	Penney LA
1954-1958	Matthews GH	1986-1994	Pues FH
1960-1962	Hockey HT	1995-	Fiber AN

### SENTINELS (>1year)

(First & Last Years of Appointment or of No Appointment)

1900-1927	Ellis, Clement Henry	1982-1983	Ansell K
1928-1947	Potts, Cecil Frederick	1986-1993	Kitson, Ronald
1948-1952	Loader, Sidney William	1995-1996	Somerville, Walter Stark de
1953-1976	Hall, John James	1998-	Hobson-Frohock G
1977-1979	No Appointment		



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 E26 = SEM in University Council No.26.    ^ = In waiting - to take MEM.  
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 ug = Undergraduate    stdt = Student (perhaps Research Student)  
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1900 May		<b>MONEY</b> Ernest Montagu		Down	OK	2	28
	Col	CALDWELL Robert Townley	MA LLM	Corpus	112	2	859
		<b>GREEN</b> Joseph Reynold	ScD	Trinity	112	2	859
		<b>ARMITAGE</b> Edward	MA	Trinity	112	4	859
	Rev	GRAY Joseph Henry	MA	Queens	112		859
		ROUSE BALL Walter William	MA	Trinity	112		859
	Rev	HALL Dennis	MA		112		859
		<b>ROGERS</b> George Frederick		Caius	112	2	859
		<b>HILL</b> Arthur	MA	Jesus	112	2	859
		<b>SIMPSON</b> Robert Percy Francis Wilkinson	MA	Magd	112	2	859
		<b>ADIE</b> Richard Haliburton		Trinity	112	2	859
		<b>ARMITAGE</b> William James		Emm	112	2	859
	Rev	FOAKES JACKSON Frederick J	MA	Jesus	112		859
		TREVOR JONES Henry Tudor	MA	Trin H	112		859
		BROWNING Oscar	MA	Kings	112		859
		SHEPPARD William Fleetwood	MA LIM	Trinity	112		859
		BELL Adam Searle	BA	Trin H	112		859
		IZARD Arnold Woodford	BA	Trinity	112		859
	Rev	CUNNINGHAM William	DD	Trinity	112		859
		BARCLAY SMITH Edward	MA MD	Down	112		859
		COMBER Henry Gordon	MA	Pemb	112		859
		BROWN Algernon Leslie	MA	Selwyn	112		859
	Rev	ADIE Clement James Mellish	BA	Trinity	112		859
1901 May		VAN DUZER Selah Reeve		Trinity	112		859
1902 Jun		DENTITH Arthur William		Trin H	112		859
	Rev	CHANNON Francis Granville		Corpus	112		859
		ROBERTS Charles Cecil Gwynedd		Trinity	112		859
		NORTHEN Harold Abraham		Trinity	112		859
1906 Nov		LEWIN Herbert William	MA	Clare	112		859
		ROXBURGH John Robert		Trin H	112		859
	Rev	STITT Samuel Stewart		Pemb	RA		859
		WOOLLEY Victor James		Kings	112		859
		MANDLEBERG Joseph Harold	ug	Trinity	112		859

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1907 May		DOHERTY Richard Edward Ernest B		Trinity	112		859
		PILKINGTON Edward Fielden		Trinity	112		859
1908 Jun		FYNES-CLINTON Arthur Norreys		Trin H	112		859
1910 May		HAMBLIN SMITH Rupert		Pet	112		859
		PEILE Frank Kitchener		Chr	112		859
		SCARLETT Charles Herbert		Magd	112		859
1910 Nov		MYERS Charles Samuel		Caius	112		859
	Rev	SERGEANT Justus Stephen		Pemb	477		370
1911 May		DALTON James Henry Chesshyre		Trinity	112		859
		BULLOUGH Edward		Caius	112		859
		HILL Thomas Archibald Montgomerie		Trinity	112		859
		GEACH George Hender		Trinity	112		859
		BANISTER Charles Garvill		Trinity	112		859
1912 May	Dr	EZARD Edward Henry		Pemb		1	
1912 Jun		WATKYN-THOMAS Frederick W		Trinity	112		859
		DONALDSON Eric		Trinity	112		859
1913 May		MANDLEBERG Lennard Charles	ug	Trinity	112		859
		GLEN Robert Roger		Trinity	112		859
		EDDY Jerome Orell		Magd	112		859
		NEWMAN Leslie Frank	MA	Down	112		859
		OLDHAM Henry Yule		King's	112		859
1921 May		BRODBY Percy		Fitz	112		859
		LAMB Charles George		Trinity	112		859
		RUSHMORE Frederick Margetson		Caths	112		859
		COSENS Charles Richard Garrod		King's	112		859
		BLANDFORD Francis George		Corpus	112		859
		McGREGOR Alan Godfrey		Trin H	112		859
		MASON Cecil Charles		Trin H	112		859
		LEYCESTER Joseph Hugh		Magd	112		859
		GRANTHAM William Ivor		Trinity	112		859
1921 Nov		ARMITAGE James		Pemb	112		859
		LUDDINGTON Lancelot Harold		Johns	105		1008
		HADDON Ernest Balfour		Christ's	112		859
1922 May		MASON James Herbert		Caius	112		859
		SHAW Geoffrey Reginald Devereux		King's	112		859
		DUNLOP Roger		Queens	112		859
1923 Jan		ROUTH Arthur Lionel		Trinity	112		859
		HADDON Alfred Cort	MA FRS	Christ's	112		859
		ALLEN John Manchester		Pemb	112		859
		PATTERN John Arthur		Fitz	112		859

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1923 May		BURNS Victor L Allan Bowman			112		859
		SMYTH John Reginald Victor			112		859
		MOGG Albert Oliver Dean			112		859
1924 Jan		CLAYDEN Henry King		Jesus	112		859
		CAPEL CURE Walter Edward		Trinity	112		859
		WALKINSON Horace Norman Stanley	Trinity		112		859
		ARMITAGE Evarard Leathly		Pemb	112		859
		BARNETT Herman		Fitz H	112		859
1924 May		BRANSTON Reginald			112		859
		EZARD Barnard John Bycroft			112		859
		McARTHUR James Harry Stewart			112		859
		WILLIAMS Harold			684		1422
1925 Jan		HART Howard Percy		Corpus	112		859
1925 May		ARMITAGE Austin Edward			112		859
		CAMPBELL Angus		Caths	112		859
		HAWKER John Carey			112		859
		LLOYD Ivor David			112		859
1926 Jan		PANNELL Arthur Ridgeon			112		859
		TAYLOR Leslie Fernandes		Clare	88		859
		BROWN Brian Alan			112		859
1927 Jan		HALNAN Edward Thomas	MA	Trinity	112		859
		EVERETT Henry	BA	Clare	112		859
1928 Jan		FLACK Edward Hugh St.Clair	Stdt	Sid Sus	112		859
		HAWKER Richard George	ug	Trin H	112		859
1928 May		MAYFIELD Guy	ug	Magd	112		859
		COX Henry Archibald	MA	Fitz	112		859
		WIGGLESWORTH Walter S	ug	Magd	112		859
1929 Jan		FOX Charles	MA	Chr	112		859
1929 May		STRICKLAND Thomas Alfred Gerald	MA	Sid Sus	112		859
		PEERS Anthony Loudon	ug	Caius	112		859
		SAWYER John Edmund Stanley	ug	Caius	112		859
		DALTON Charles Henry Chesshyre		Kings	70		859
1930 Jan		DRAGE Thomas Ismay		Trinity	112		59
		MILLER Sidney Thomsett	MA	Jesus	112		859
		TOZER George Clark	BA	Trinity	112		859
1930 May		HARRISON Beverley Thelwall	ug	Johns	112		859
1931 Jan		EVELYN Peter George	ug	Trinity	112		859
		MACDONALD Alexander Godfrey	BA	Magd	112		859
		SCOTT Gerald Lazonby	ug	Cath	112		859
		KNIGHT Claude Thorburn	ug	Tr Hall	112		859

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1931 May		ATKINS John Francis Basil	MA	Cath	112		859
		BURNETT William Andrew	ug	Cath	112		859
		ORME Christopher L'Estrange	MA	Sid Sus	112		859
		LINDSAY John Nigel Arthur Boyne	MA	Trinity	I284		I284
1931 Jun		STANTON James Vincent		Johns	848		2313
1932 Jan		QUIGGIN Patrick Valentine Munro	ug	Caius	112		859
1932 May		SAYCE Roderick Urwick	MA	Cath	112		859
		ROGERS Gerald Llewellyn	MA	Cath	112		859
1933 Jan		PETERSON Edward Whittred Reed	MA	Johns	112		859
		JACKLIN James Valentine		Johns	334		3532
1933 May		POWELL Cyril Edward	ug	Queens	112		859
		MACDONALD James Archibald	ug	Magd	112		859
1934 Jan		SCHOFIELD Robert Kenworthy	MA	Trinity	112		859
1934 May		ERANT Alexander	MA	Emm		I14	
		COCKE James Wilbur Gent	ug	Pemb	112		859
1935 Jan		SIMON Frederick Derek Noel	ug	Tr Hall	112		859
		SEBAG-MONTEFIORE Denzil C	ug	Trinity	112		859
1935 May		BROWN William Edward Leighton	MA	Trinity	112		859
		GINN Samuel Marsland	BA	Tr Hall	112		859
		<i>HAZELDINE Sidney</i>		Corpus		15	
1936 Jan		BAKER Harold Arthur Edward	MA	Fitz	112		859
1936 May		FORRER Henry Augustus	MA	Magd	382		1535
		RUSHMORE Frederick Herbert M	ug	Chr	112		859
1937 Jan		RODERICK Henry Buckley	MD	Emm	112		859
1937 May		BARNES James Freeland	ug	Trinity	112		859
		COWAN John	ug	Johns	112		859
		KEMSLEY William Frederick Fenn	BA	Chr	112		859
		MANIFOLD Thomas Peter	MA	Tr Hall	112		859
		ROTCH Claude Dickason	MA	Tr Hall	112		859
1938 May		CRUISE Sydney Elvin	ug	Clare	112		859
		TUCKER Norman Foster	BA	Queens	112		859
1939 May		CLARIDGE Peter Robert Percival	MA	Clare	112		859
		DUFF-DUNBAR Kenneth James	BA	Trinity	112		859
		TURNBULL Julian Corbett	BA	Trinity	112		859
1941 May		JARMAN Henry Thomas		Emm	112		859
		GOODWIN Frederick Claude		Chr	112		859
		GOODMAN Harold			112		859
		FENDICK Cyril John Ephraim Smith		Down	112		2727

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1947 May		STRANKS Albert Harry			334		441
		PARFITT Percy Albert			334		441
		MANTELL Gilbert William		Fitz	112		859
1948 Jan		SLATER Leslie Vernon			334		441
1948 May		ARMITAGE Bernard William Francis		Johns	112		859
		STURTON Joseph Colin			334		441
		EASTWOOD Peter		Clare	112		859
		STANTON Royden James		Johns	112		859
1949 May		FLAWN Neville George		Trin H	112		859
		BRADY Cyril Alfred Hubert			334		441
1950 Oct		ROBERSON Reginald			334		1280
		HOPKINS Archie Ernest			334		441
1951 Oct		MATTHEWS William Solomon			334		88
		PETRIE Robert Alexander Neill	BA	King's	112		859
1952 Oct		SCUDAMORE Basil Maurice			334		441
		STUBBENS Sidney William John			334		88
1953 Oct		MATTHEWS George Henry			334		441
1954 Jan		ASTON Stanley Collin		Caths	112		859
1955 Jan		HAMMOND John Gilham			112		859
1955 Oct		MATTHEWS William Frederick			334		88
1956 May		HOCKEY Herbert Thomas			334		1280
		HOWELLS Trevor	MA	Keble	112		859
1956 Oct		ROWELL Robert Maingay	MA	Trinity	112		859
		GROOM William Herbert	MA	Pet	70		936
1957 Oct		SCOTT Harry William			334		88
		TURTON Thomas Freemantle			334		88
1958 May		WOLVERSON Robert Archibald	MA	Down	112		859
		ARMITAGE Arthur Llewellyn	MA	Queens	112		859
1959 Feb		MARTIN Frederick John	MA	Selwyn	112		2798
1959 May		GREEN Robert John			334		441
		WRIGHT Leonard George			132		386
1960 Feb		BECK Harold Vincent	MA	Caius	112		859
		TAYLOR Ronald Arthur		Down	112		859
1961 Feb		HAWES Albert William Hartley			334		2727
		CANN Charles Alfred	MA	Johns	1200		4440
1964 Oct		GOAKES John			603		3201
		HARRISON Stanley			603		3201
1965 Feb		<i>CARR William Henry Elsley</i>				36	
1965 Oct		CLARK Jesse			334		2727
		HOPPER Albert Ronald			603		3201

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1966 Oct		FOWLER Albert Leslie			607		2684
		SWAINLAND Cyril Victor Harry			334		88
1967 Oct		STRUGGLES Maurice Jessop			603		3201
		SHELDRAKE Alan Robert Blaker			132		132
1968 Oct		PRIOR E.H.			794		373
		CHRISTMAS FJ			607		2684
		MORTON Ian David	PhD	Trinity	434		2343
1969 Oct		SALKELD-GREEN Charles Thomas	MA	Hertford	736		1610
1970 Oct		MORRIS Roger Brian	MA	Clare	840		1432
		PARKER Wilfrid William			926		2086
		TURNER Harry			434		540
1971 Feb		<i>THOMAS John Henwood</i>				66	
1971 Oct		RYNSARD John Gilbert Frederick			334		88
		GIBBS Raymond Trevor			607		607
		APPLEBY Henry George			1254		4314
		WOOD William Peter			1254		4314
1972 Oct		HARMER Ernest Francis			607		3048
1973 Oct		WHITEHEAD Brian Edwin			607		373
		ARNOLD Cecil Thomas Metcalfe			607		2077
1974 Jan		ABRAHAM Charles Foskee			434		2343
		WAKE George Barry			434		2343
1974 Jun		<i>HAMILTON Thomas Beveridge Edwards</i>				S555	
		WOOR Peter Hubert			1254		7536
		FARADAY Michael B.					
1974 Oct		LANGLOIS Geoffrey			1254		4314
		IRVINE Charles Cecil Hubert			1254		1282
1975 Jun		BLACKBURN Edward James Grantham			607		2864
		MERRIOTT Donald George			1358		5748
		BEED George Ian				S261	
1975 Oct		WATSON Willfrid Bertram			926		5109
		CLARKE Albert			926		5109
1976 May		STEWARD Douglas Charles			926		4670
		PINKNEY Ronald Samuel			794		373
1976 Sep		BAIKIE Peter Tulloch			1315		6652
		PUES Frederick H			1071		2956
1976 Oct		ANSELL Keith			603		1706
		OUSEY David G			112		859
1977 May		MAXWELL-STUART Peter		Queens	112		859

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1977 Oct		GOUGH Jack			926		4670
		ELMES Thomas			926		5109
1978 May		FLEMING-TAYLOR Arthur Bernard			1254		4670
		BENTLEY Terrence Charles			872		1580
1978 Oct		TURNEY Alan H			872		1580
		ANDERSON James			1404		4670
1979 May		TAYLOR Peter James			683		6652
1979 Oct		PENNEY Leslie Alan			1230		985
		CULLIP John			294		140
1980 Feb		REDMAN Graham Frederick	Queens,Oxford		504		118
		RAWLINSON Thomas Stobart			1001		5683
		HUNT Kenneth Alfred			926		5109
		GARSDALE Richard Brian			434		540
		<i>AVISS Ronald</i>	(E26)			121	
1981 Feb		<i>PUFFET Ronald</i>				121	
		<i>ENGLAND Frank Leslie</i>	(E26)			121	
1981 May		DOUGLAS Alexander Shafto		Trinity	294		46
		MOORES Gordon William			366		302
		RICH Frederick James			105		1008
		CLEALL William Robert			1404		449
1982 May		WILLIAMS Clive		Wadham	112		859
		WRIGHT Donald			1315		961
1982 Oct		BRUCE-SQUIRES Malcolm			929		5109
		OWENS Robert Paul		Caius	112		859
1983 Jun		PURNELL William Tom			163		540
		BRADLEY Roy Keith			477		442
1984 Jun		KING Edward Staines			163		2728
		DAWSON Gerald Frederick			434		2343
1985 Jun		WOODALL Brian			105		1008
1985 Oct		KITSON Ronald			334		3532
1986 May		ANSELL Christopher Wilson Guy		Selwyn	1519		859
		WATTS Michael Alistair			163		7917
1987 May		PETTIT Anthony Deric			957		1663
		MARR Peter John			334		3532
1987 Oct		SMITH Stanley George Robert			334		88
		WHITE Percy William John			1410		809
1988 Jun		DAWSON Brian George			434		2343
		DAWSON Alan Gerald			434		2343

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1989 Jun		AVES Albert Lloyd			957		85
		TANDY Reginald David			1625		475
		<i>TAYLOR Robert</i>				82	
1989 Oct		SOPER Julian Robert			3533		357
		HEPWORTH Lewis			105		1823
1990 Jun		BURNETT Ian			926		449
		REUMEL Peter James			163		7796
1991 Jun		PORTER Roland Bernard Griffiths			1341		3039
1991 Oct		FIBER Arnold Nathaniel			278		278
		EMBLEY Colin			434		540
		TIMMS Geoffrey Peter			163		5627
1992 May		BLACK Martin Charles			1109		4536
		TREMAINE David Edmund			390		1096
1992 Oct		UNDERHILL Norman Boyce			736		4225
		DOAK Michael Leslie			1600		4
1993 May		PICTON David John			434		540
1993 Oct		CLARKE Paul James Stanhope			3		140
		PEARCE Brian Arthur			1210		2438
1994 Jun		DAFF Trevor Andrew			334		88
1995 Jun		MATHERS Lyn Michael Grenville			861		34
1995 Oct		KING Maurice Ivan			957		2579
		<i>NOAKES Peter Edward</i>				25	
1996 Jun		BLAND Henry Horsfall			525		3740
		BEAUMONT Peter William Robert	DPhil	Wolfson	607		2684
1996 Oct		KING Anthony Patrick			1291		1926
		TORBETT Hugh			334		441
1997 Feb		<i>LAW Jeffrey</i>				130	
1997 May		HOBSON-FROHOCK Geoffrey			334		88
1997 Oct		BROWN Thomas			3343		3532
1998 May		STONE Geoffrey Vincent			434		540
		WOODS Spencer William			1210		1823
1998 Oct		BARKER Hugh Remington		Pemb	112		859
		FOSTER Athony Roy			1427		1823
1999 May		DAWSON Peter William			1935		1935
1999 Oct		PAYNE Richard Charles Arthur			5		4179
		SAVAGE Keith			930		985
2000 Feb		<i>LUTTRELL John Eric</i>				178	
		<i>PARKER John James Whitton</i>				^S302	



UNIVERSITY COUNCIL No.26 : MEETINGS

KEY

P Place      M Number of Subscribing Members at end of meeting      V Number of Visitors

Places

CE=Corn Exchange St, Cambridge    ce=Venue not stated but likely to be CE

BS=Bateman Street, Cambridge

DC=Dorothy Cafe    TH=Trinity Hall    LH=Lion Hotel    NC=L F Newman's room, St.Caths

cC=100 Castle St

Festive Board (or, rarely, Tea) at same venue as meeting except lunch in Royal Hotel 10 Feb 68.

Meetings

Emergency meetings underlined.

Work

M=MEM    R=RM    S=SM    E=SEM, preceded by number of candidates.    # = +Serving Brother

El=Election of TIM etc    I=Installation

D ahead of the Work entry denotes a Divisional or District content.

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>WORK</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>V</u>		<u>DATE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>WORK</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>V</u>
1900	May 24 Th	CE	15MR 14SE # Consecration	22	5	1911	May 23 Tu	ce	I 5MRSE	15	
	Oct 30 Tu	"	El	9			Nov 21 Tu	"	El	7	
1901	May 27 Mo	"	1MRSE I	8		1912	May 21 Tu	"	---	3	
	Oct 29 Th	"	El	6			<u>Jun 01 Sa</u>	"	2MRSE	12	
1902	May 27 Tu	"	I	4			Dec 3 Tu	"	El	5	
	<u>Jun 11 We</u>	"	4MRSE	11		1913	May 24 Tu	"	I 5MRSE	17	
	Oct 28 Tu	"	El	5		1914	Jun 2 Tu	"	El	7	
1903	May 26 Tu	"	I	5		1915	May 25 Tu	"	El I	5	
	Oct 27 Tu	"	El	7			Nov 16 Tu	CE	I	7	
1904	May 30 Mo	"	I	4		1916	Nov 14 Tu	TH	El	5	
	Oct 25 Tu	"	El	6		1917	Nov 13 Tu	"		6	
1905	May 30 Tu	"	I	3		1918		---			
	Oct 31 Tu	"	El	3		1919		---			
1906	May 28 Mo	"	I	3		1920		---			
	Oct 30 Tu	"	El	3		1921	May 25 We	CE	9MRSE	20	
	<u>Nov 28 We</u>	"	5MRSE	8			Nov 28 Mo	"	3MRSE I	14	
1907	May 27 Mo	"	2MRSE I	8		1922	May 27 Sa	"	3MRSE	15	
	Oct 29 Tu	ce	El	5		1923	Jan 30 Tu	"	4MRSE I	20	
1908	May 25 Mo	CE	Op & Adj	3			May 26 Sa	"	3MRSE	16	
	Jun 02 Tu	ce	I 1MRSE	6		1924	Jan 29 Tu	"	5MRSE I	19	
	Nov 30 Tu	"	El	3			May 24 Sa	"	4MRSE	19	
1909	May 25 Tu	"	I	5		1925	Jan 27 Tu	"	1MRSE I	18	
1910	May 23 Tu	"	3MRSE I	9			May 23 Sa	"	4MRSE	22	
	Nov 22 Tu	"	2MRSE	9		1926	Jan 26 Tu	"	3MRSE I	19	
							May 22 Sa	"	El	12	
						1927	Jan 25 Tu	"	2MRSE I	13	

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1927	May 28 Sa	CE	EI	4		1949	Jan 25 Tu	CE	I	13	
1928	Jan 31 Tu	"	#2MRSE I	16			May 28 Sa	"	2MR	16	
	May 26 Sa	"	3MRSE	15			Oct 22 Sa	"	1SE	14	
1929	Jan 29 Tu	"	1MRSE I	17	1	1950	Jan 31 Tu	"	I 1SE	18	
	May 25 Sa	"	4MRSE	18	2		May 27 Sa	---			
1930	Jan 30 Tu	"	3MRSE I	17	1		Oct 28 Sa	CE	2MR	14	
	May 24 Sa	"	1MRSE	16		1951	Jan 30 Tu	"	I	8	
1931	Jan 27 Tu	"	4MRSE I	18			Oct 27 Sa	"	2MR	14	
	May 23 Sa	CE	4MRSE	20		1952	Jan 29 Tu	"	# 4SE I	16	
	<u>Jun 16 Tu</u>	"	1MRSE	10			Oct 25 Sa	"	2MR	16	
1932	Jan 26 Tu	"	1MRSE I	19	1	1953	Jan 27 Tu	"	I	12	
	May 28 Sa	"	2MRSE	16			Oct 24 Sa	"	1MR	13	
1933	Jan 31 Tu	"	2MRSE I	18	1	1954	Jan 26 Tu	"	1MR I	13	
	May 27 Sa	"	2MRSE	20			Oct 23 Sa	"	1SE	13	
1934	Jan 30 Tu	"	1MRSE I	15		1955	Jan 25 Tu	"	1MR I	13	
	May 26 Sa	"	2MRSE	18			Oct 22 Sa	"	1MR	15	
1935	Jan 29 Tu	"	2MRSE I	21		1956	Jan 31 Tu	"	2SE I	14	1
	May 25 Sa	"	2MRSE	21			<u>May 26 Sa</u>	"	2MR	15	
1936	Jan 20 Tu	"	1MRSE I	17			Oct 27 Sa	"	2MR	19	
	ay 23 Sa	"	2MRSE	18		1957	Feb 2 Sa	"	3SE I	15	
1937	Jan 26 Tu	"	1MRSE I	17			<u>May 25 Sa</u>	"	2SE	21	
	May 22 Sa	"	5MRSE	21			Oct 26 Sa	"	2MR	21	
1938	Jan 25 Tu	"	I	19		1958	Feb 1 Sa	"	2SE I	19	
	May 28 Sa	"	2MRSE	20			<u>May 3 Sa</u>	"	2MR	20	
1939	Jan 31 Tu	"	I	18			Oct 25 Sa	"	2SE	16	
	May 27 Sa	"	3MRSE	15		1959	Feb 7 Sa	"	1MRS I	16	
1940	Jan 30 Tu	LH	I	13			<u>May 23 Sa</u>	"	2MR	13	1
	May 25 Sa	NC	EI	13			Oct 24 Sa	"	2SE	13	
1941	Jan 28 Tu	"	I	12	1	1960	Feb 6 Sa	"	2MR I	14	
	May 24 Sa	LH	4MRSE	17			Oct 22 Sa	"	2SE	19	
	ct 25 Sa	cC	EI	8		1961	Feb 4 Sa	"	2MR I	15	
1942	Jan 30 Fr	LH	I	9			Oct 28 Sa	"	1SE	13	
	May 12 Tu	DC	Mins	6		1962	Feb 3 Sa	"	I	12	
	Nov 17 Tu	"	Mins	9			Oct 27 Sa	"		12	
1943	Feb 16 Tu	"	EI	6		1963	Feb 2 Sa	"	I	9	
	May 11 Tu	"	EI until ...	5			Oct 20 Sa	"	1SE	9	
1944		---				1964	Feb 1 Sa	"	1SE	17	1
1945		---					Oct 24 Sa	"	2MR	18	1
1946		---				1965	Feb 6 Sa	"	2SE I	18	
1947	Feb 18 Tu	CE	PC	4			Oct 23 Sa	"	2MR	13	
	May 24 Sa	"	3MR	13	1	1966	Feb 5 Sa	"	I 2SE	17	
	Oct 25 Sa	"	# 3SE	12			Oct 22 Sa	"	2 MR	14	2
1948	Jan 27 Tu	"	I 1MR	12		1967	Feb 1 Sa	"	I (re-EI)	17	1
	May 22 Sa	"	4MR	18			Oct 28 Sa	"	2MR	16	
	<u>Jun 16 We</u>	"	3SE	14		1968	Feb 10 Sa	BS	I	20	2
	Oct 23 Sa	"	2SE	11			Oct 26 Sa	"	3MR	18	

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1969	Feb 1 Sa	BS 3S I 3E	18		1985	Jun 1 Sa	BS 1MR	23	6
	Oct 25 Sa	" 1MR	21			Oct 26 Sa	" D 1MR	23	5
1970	Feb 7 Sa	" 1S I 1E	17		1986	Feb 1 Sa	" 2S I	28	4
	Oct 24 Sa	" 3MR	20	6		May 31 Sa	" 2MR	26	5
1971	Feb 6 Sa	" 3S I 3E	19	2		Oct 25 Sa	" D 2S 2E	24	19
	Oct 23 Sa	" 4MR	25	1	1987	Feb 7 Sa	" 1E I	25	7
1972	Feb 5 Sa	" 4SE I	21	4		May 30 Sa	" 2MR	27	
	Oct 28 Sa	" 1MR	25	3		Oct 24 Sa	" 2MR	22	
1973	Feb 3 Sa	" 1SE I	21	4	1988	Feb 6 Sa	" 4S I	25	2
	Oct 27 Sa	" 2MR	24	3		Jun 4 Sa	" 2MR	27	2
1974	<u>Jan 12 Sa</u>	" 2MR 2SE	23	2		Oct 22 Sa	" D 2S 4E	25	28
	Feb 2 Sa	" 2SE I	23	5	1989	Feb 18 Sa	" 2E I	27	3
	<u>Jun 29 Sa</u>	" 2M 2RS	23	3		Jun 3 Sa	" 2SR	25	4
	Oct 26 Sa	" 2MR	23	4		Oct 28 Sa	" D 2SRM	26	3
1975	Feb 1 Sa	" 2SE I	24	4	1990	Feb 3 Sa	" 2E I	29	2
	<u>Jun 21 Sa</u>	" 3M 2RS	24	3		Jun 2 Sa	" 2SR	28	2
	Oct 25 Sa	" 2MR	25	4		Oct 27 Sa	" D 2M 2E	23	3
1976	Feb 7 Sa	" 2S 3E I	25		1991	Feb 2 Sa	" 2E I	31	3
	<u>May 1 Sa</u>	" 2MRS	20			Jun 1 Sa	" 2SR	22	
	<u>Sep 18 Sa</u>	" 2MRS 4E	25			Oct 26 Sa	" D 2SR	23	4
	Oct 23 Sa	" 2MR	24		1992	Feb 1 Sa	" 4ME I	27	2
1977	Feb 5 Sa	" 2SE I	30	1		May 30 Sa	" 2SR	25	2
	<u>May 7 Sa</u>	" 1MR	27			Oct 24 Sa	" D 2SR	26	9
	Oct 22 Sa	" 2MR 1S	31	1	1993	Feb 6 Sa	" 4M 5E I	28	2
1978	Feb 4 Sa	" 1S 2E I	27	3		May 29 Sa	" 1SR	27	3
	<u>May 27 Sa</u>	" 2MRS	25			Oct 23 Sa	" 2SR	33	
	Oct 28 Sa	" 2MR 2E	24	2	1994	Feb 5 Sa	" 4ME I	28	
1979	Feb 3 Sa	" 3SE I	27	1		Jun 4 Sa	" 1SR	31	3
	<u>May 5 Sa</u>	" 1MRS16	5			Oct 22 Sa	" D 1SR	20	5
	Oct 27 Sa	" 2MR 2E	25	3	1995	Feb 4 Sa	" 2ME I	30	2
1980	Feb 2 Sa	" 4M I	32	4		Jun 3 Sa	" 1SR #	24	
	<u>May 22 Sa</u>	" D 2R 2S I	29	51		Oct 28 Sa	" 1SR	26	
	Oct 25 Sa	" 2R 2S 4E	31	7	1996	Feb 3 Sa	" 3ME I	27	
1981	Feb 7 Sa	" 2S I	36	5		Jun 1 Sa	" 2SR	29	
	May 30 Sa	" 4M 2R 3E	30	3		Oct 26 Sa	" 2SR	24	5
	Oct 24 Sa	" 2R 2S	27	4	1997	Feb 1 Sa	" 4ME I	30	7
1982	Feb 6 Sa	" 2S I	27	5		May 31 Sa	" D 1SM	35	13
	May 29 Sa	" 2MR 3E	27	5		Oct 25 Sa	" 1SR	27	1
	Oct 23 Sa	" 2MR	28	1	1998	Feb 7 Sa	" 2ME I	28	1
1983	Feb 5 Sa	" 1S I	21	9		May 30 Sa	" 2SR	27	1
	Jun 4 Sa	" 2MR	23	3		Oct 24 Sa	" 2SR	24	11
	Oct 22 Sa	" 2S 2E	21		1999	Feb 6 Sa	" 4ME I	30	2
1984	Feb 4 Sa	" 2S I	23	10		May 29 Sa	" 1SR	21	4
	Jun 2 Sa	" 2MR	18	5		Oct 23 Sa	" 2SR	31	2
	Oct 27 Sa	" 2S 2E	20	2	2000	Feb 5 Sa	" 2ME I	35	8
1985	Feb 2 Sa	" 3E I	24	5					

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL No.26 INVENTORY : May 2000

It appropriate to end the 100 years of existence of University Council No.26 and begin its new century with an Inventory. The following items were recorded as present by the Sentinel, Comp G Hobson-Frohock.

1	Warrant	1	Ark of Covenant
1	Pair of Cuffs with Chain	1	Trowel
1	Small Black Veil	3	Spare Collars
1	Floor Covering presented 1974 by CVH Swainland as Memorial to W. Carr.		

### For the Table of Gold:-

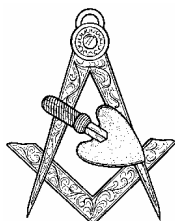
1	7-branch Candlestick (Menorah), electrically lit, presented May 1948 by C Fox		
1	Symbolic 2 x 5 Candlestick on Wooden Base, presented by JGF Rynsard		
1	3-branch Candlestick on Wooden Mount.	2	Brass Bowls
4	Pairs of Hinges	2	Brass Spoons
2	Oblong Trays	2	Snuffers

### Officers' Collars with Jewels

<u>Office</u>	<u>Date and Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date and Name</u>
TIM	1900 Money EM	DC	1930 Newman LF
DM	1930 Mason CC	C of G	1930 Dentith AW
PCW	1930 Lamb CG	C of C	1930 Brodby P
Treasurer	1930 Ezard EH	Steward	1930 Blandford FG
Recorder	1930 Dalton JHC	Sentinel	No date or name.

Missing in 1968 was an antique spirit lamp, the gift of Comp EB Haddon in February 1965. Missing since 1968 are 3 spare Collars, a Steward's Apron, a small 7-branch Candlestick, a Circular Tray and a large veil and long rail with mounting brackets for use in the SM Degree.

University Council No.26 has been greatly indebted over the years to Euclid Chapter No.859 and Fidelity Chapter No.441 for the loan of the Principals' Robes. The Council is also grateful for the loan of the gong and striker used to great effect in the SM Degree.



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Ill Comp Robert Petrie for his provision, after diligent search, of valuable information about early members.

Ill Comp Bryan Bailes, Archivist at Mark Masons' Hall, for his time and dust-protection facilities.

The following sources were of especial value:-

University Council No.26 Minute Books:

24 May 1900 to 25 Oct 1969.

7 Feb 1970 to 27 Oct 1990.

2 Feb 1991 to date.

University Council No.26 Signature Books:

24 May 1900 to 22 Oct 1988.

18 Feb 1989 to date.

University Council No.26 Account Book: 1900-1991.

Council Continuity by V Ill Comp Harold Beck: June 1998.

Grand Council Minute Book: 1871-1925.

GC Membership Records: 1871-1908, Councils to No.31.

GC Registration Book: 1900 to 1943.

Venn's Alumni Cantabrigiensis.

A hundred years of the Isaac Newton University Lodge No.859, 1861-1961.

Alma Mater Lodge No.1492: Some Personal Impressions of the First Hundred Years by W Bro G Walker PhD.

Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge by W Bro JM Whitehead MA.

Cambridge Encompassed (1796-1996) by JM Whitehead.

The Wilkinson Treatise

## CENTENARY OVERVIEW

In the first half-century of its existence, University Council No.26 endured a number of difficulties and must on occasion have come close to surrendering its warrant. Two World Wars had a greatly disrupting effect on the working of the Council. The Life Subscription basis of membership led to much financial difficulty; it was particularly suitable for attracting undergraduates but nevertheless after 1939 none were recruited. We must express our gratitude to the members who with loving care and concern persevered with what obviously was to them, as it is to us, a unique Council in a very worthwhile Order.

Undoubtedly the most significant step ensuring not merely the survival of the Council but also its thriving was the decision half a century ago to admit non-University men. The beneficial effect was noted at the time by the only presently surviving Companion whose membership began in the earlier period. As a result of extending its intake, the life of University Council has been greatly enriched by both graduates from other educational institutions and those who, like the Founder TIM, have no academic degree.

The present title, associations and ethos of the Council derive from the original exclusively University of Cambridge source of members; in the manner of producing a 100-year solera wine, some of the attributes imparted by the earlier members are still with us. The question has been raised in the last quarter-century about “fast-tracking” University of Cambridge entrants to restore the balance somewhat towards the original - but it was Companions of that University who were against such a measure.

As it begins its second century, University Council No.26 is set fair to be an outstanding example of harmonious Companionship between all in the widened ‘mix’ of entrants.

