

Lodge Committee meetings 1916 – 1940

1916

18th July 1916

- **Tyler to cover furniture** - Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, it was proposed, seconded and carried that "it was tyler's duty to replace the covers on the Lodge furniture in the Lodge room following a Lodge meeting be rescinded"
- **Provincial meeting in York** - The WM reported that he had been approached by the Agricola Lodge with reference to a joint invitation from Eboracum, Agricola and Albert Victor Lodges to the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold the annual meeting at York in 1917. The matter was fully discussed and on the proposition of W.Bro Pfluger, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank, it was decided that the Eboracum Lodge could not see their way to entertain the suggestion.
- **Eboracum invites Provincial Grand Lodge to visit** - It was agreed that Provincial Grand Lodge be invited to Eboracum Lodge to meet in York at some future date.
- **Value of shares** - The WM reported that an application had been received from Mrs Masterman for the cash value of her 5 Eboracum shares. W.Bro Pfluger outlined the case and after full discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the WM and Treasurer to see Mr Boddy about the title and to make all necessary arrangements.
- **Caretakers position** - The secretary pointed out that the appointment of Mrs Hodgson as Caretaker had not been officially sanctioned and on the proposition of W.Brookbank, seconded by W.Bro Grainger it was resolved "that the action of the Lodge sub committee be confirmed"
- **New Lodge Committee book required** - The secretary reported that a new Lodge committee minute book was required and he was instructed to purchase one.

1917

18th January 1917

- **Anthem singing at the Installation** - The WM mentioned that at an informal meeting of Past Masters, the question of singing of the anthem "be??faithful ???" at the Installation Ceremony was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to fall in with the view of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and discontinue the practice. This gave rise to discussion and W.Bro Thompson spoke very strongly against dropping the anthem being of the opinion that it not in anyway irregular and proposed that he would write to the Grand Organist and the the secretary should write to the Grand Secretary for an expression of opinion on the matter. This was seconded by W.Bro Grainger and agreed to.
- **Value of shares** - W.Bro Pfluger referred to the Mrs.Masterman's application for the cash value of her shares in the Eboracum Lodge Proprietary and reminded the committee that W.Bro Delittle to take up one share to *hide over* the difficulty.
- **Lodge Charity Fund** - A long discussion took place as to the constitution of the committee that administered the Eboracum Lodge Charity Fund.
- **Tontine scheme** - It was agreed that a Tontine scheme be immediately put into operation to raise funds the 1919 Masonic Festival.
- **Ladies night deferred** - The question of a Ladies Night mentioned and also a Ball for charitable purposes but owing to the present state of the Nations affairs to leave both over for the present,

- **Concern over the condition of the supper room** - The ventilation and draughty state of the supper room were mentioned and it was thought best to get Bro Nichols advice on the matter with a view to getting something done about the problems.

4th May 1917

- **Anthem singing** - W.Bro Thompson reported his enquiries re the singing of the Anthem at the Installation and announced that permission could be obtained from the Provincial Grand Master of Secretary for its continuance.
- **Ballot delayed due to lodge workload** - A lengthy discussion took place with reference to a candidate for initiation and it was finally decided that on account of the large amount of work in the lodge at present that his ballot should be deferred for a time.
- **Charity Steward ill** - The WM referred to the continued ill health of W.Bro J.Smith Charity Rep., and thought it a suitable time for the lodge to show their appreciation of his long and valued services. He suggested that a testimonial be presented to him the cost to come out of the Lodge Funds. The suggestion was fully supported by the Brethren. Various proposals on how to mark the testimonial were brought forward, an illuminated address, endowment of chairs for the Central Masonic Charities, a portrait – all were fully discussed.

3rd June 1917

- **WM to take a rest** - The WM informed the Committee of the serious state of his health and announced that he had been advised to take six months rest. He asked the help of the Past Masters in carrying out the work of the Lodge and an attempt was made to allocate work for the succeeding months. Finally it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the IPM to carry out the WM's wishes.
- **Testimonial for Charity Steward** - The testimonial for W.Bro Smith was again mentioned and it was resolved that the Lodge be recommended to vote a sum of 20 guineas to endow a Chair in W.Bro Smith's name in the Central Masonic Charities and that an illuminated address be presented to him. A sub-committee was formed to ensure the matter was taken care of.
- **Candidates dress code** - W.Bro Grainger brought forward the matter of Candidates sitting in open Lodge without coats, and it was decided that for the future Candidates should retire at the appointed time and re-enter the Lodge properly dressed.
- **Procedure for candidates** - With reference to the introduction of Candidates for admission of the Lodge, W.Bro Thomson thought it would be better if there were a revival of the custom of first bringing the names before a Past Masters meeting and suggested that all names should first be submitted to the WM after which two Past Masters should officially interview the Candidate and fully place before him the Ideals of Masonry.
The discussion that followed revealed a decided difference of opinion on the matter and finally the suggestion as a proposition was carried by the casting vote of the WM.
- **WM health update** - W.Bro. Thompson voiced the opinion of the Brethren in expressing the hope that the WM would speedily be restored to health and strength. The WM suitably replied and sincerely thanked the Past Masters for their generous help in conducting the Lodge.

28th July 1917

- **Education of Mrs Monaghans son** - Bro Thompson explained that an application had been received from Mrs Monaghan with respect to the education of her son and she much preferred to have the boy taken in the Royal Masonic Schools.

It was resolved "That we use our utmost endeavors to get the boy into the schools, failing that an application be made for assistance from the N & E.R. Yorkshire Educational Fund."

8th December 1917

- **Suppers not to be mentioned on the summons** - W.Bro Pfluger introduced the subject of catering and after discussion it was resolved that in future no mention Supper be mentioned on the Lodge summonses.
- **Lodge night suppers and cost** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and the SW Bro Rodwell seconded that on Lodge nights light refreshments be provided, the cost not to exceed 6d per head. This was unanimously carried and the WM and Wardens deputed to carry out the resolution.
- **Interview team for candidate** - W.Bros Pfluger and Chapman were elected to interview Mr Grove, a candidate for admission to the Lodge.
- **Joining member from Agricola** - The Secretary read a letter from W.Bro Eastwood to the effect that Bro Garton of the Agricola Lodge was wishful to become a joining member of the Eboracum Lodge and that he would propose him if there was no opposition. During the discussion that followed, the general conduct of the Agricola Lodge was thoroughly surveyed and it was thought that Bro Gartons admission would form a bad precedent and not send harmony between the two lodges and it was finally decided to defer the matter until a committee meeting when Bro Eastwood would be present.
- **Ritual wording confusion** - The variation in the wording of the various Rituals at present in possession of the Brethren was referred to and it was felt that it would be more conducive to the harmonious working of the Lodge if uniformity could be established. The matter was discussed at length W.Bro Gent with the approval of the committee with the approval of the committee intimated that he would move in open Lodge that a definitive Ritual be decided upon, a copy to be kept in the safe and that all the rituals be brought into conformity with one chosen and that in future the approved working be strictly adhered to.

1918

1st February 1918

- **Ritual uniformity** - W.Bro Gent informed the committee that he would shortly have ready his motion for securing uniformity and would submit it to a future meeting of the Lodge committee.
- **York Provincial visit** - The Secretary read a letter received from the Provincial Grand Secretary as to the desirability of Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in York in 1918. It was proposed, seconded and carried that Provincial Grand Lodge be invited to meet in York under the Eboracum banner on Wednesday 3rd July 1918.
- **Wedding present collection** - The Secretary reported the amount of subscriptions received towards Bro Browns wedding present and it was suggested that the list be kept open until after the next regular Lodge. A sub committee be appointed to deal with the matter.
- **Resolutions to be on the notice board** - It was decided that all future resolutions of the Lodge committee should be placed on the notice board and also mentioned by the WM in open Lodge.

5th April 1918

- **Stewards food supply issue** - The Steward, Bro Leason, informed the committee of the great difficulty in obtaining supplies for the cupboard and asked for instructions as to the best method for conserving present stocks with least inconvenience to the Brethren. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter over till after the Budget.
- **Closing the Stewards cupboard?** - W.Bro Eastwood gave notice that at the next meeting of the Lodge committee he would move a resolution with reference to closing the of the cupboard.

12th April 1918

- **1887 Craft ritual – Meeting stopped due to Zeppelin raid** - W.Bro Gent submitted to the committee that the 1887 Edition of the Craft Ritual contained the exact working of the Eboracum Lodge, and suggested trying to obtain two copies, one to be deposited in the safe and the other for the Preceptor. He moved that the 1887 Edition of the Craft Masonry be the standard of working in Eboracum Lodge. W.Bro Chapman seconded. At this point the meeting was abruptly adjourned through the electric light failing owing to circumstances unavoidable necessity, namely Zeppelin Raid.

27th April 1918

- **1887 Ritual adopted** - W.Bro Gent again brought forward the motion of the adoption of the 1887 Edition of the Craft working as the standard for Eboracum Lodge. W.Bro Challenger seconded, and after discussion the matter was carried. An amendment moved by the WM that the latest Ritual be adopted failing to get a seconder.
- The difficulty of obtaining supplies for the Cupboard was discussed and W.Bro Pfluger moved and the WM seconded and it was carried that no action be taken with regard to the whisky until a reply be received from the distillers and that an order be given to the Steward to keep the Lodge supplied with whisky not exceeding 9/6d a bottle.
- The Stewards price was discussed and it was felt that an effort should be made in certain cases to have them reduced.
- The Rules of the Eboracum Masonic Club were read.
- The sherry cask in the cellar indentified and it was decided to notify the Tyler that the said cask was not for sale.
- It was decided that in future the Stewards Cupboard should be closed at 9.30pm precisely.
- W.Bro Pfluger gave notice that at the next Lodge committee meeting he would move that the motion re two past masters seeing a candidate for initiation be rescinded.

20th June 1918

- **Summons to be printed half size due to the war effort** - On the proposition of W.Bro Walker, seconded by the WM, it was resolved that during the war, the Lodge Summons be reduced in size to a half sheet.
- **Organ tuner** - It was proposed, seconded and resolved to discontinue to employ Mr. Hopkins of Skeldergate, in respect of tuning of the Lodge organ.

- **PGL visit planned** - It was proposed, seconded and carried that a sub committee be appointed to deal with making the arrangements for the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 3rd July next.

9th August 1918

- **Organ needs cleaning out** - W.Bro Pfluger read a letter from Messrs Hopkins re rescinding the contract for organ tuning. They complained that the organ as blocked up with dust and required cleaning. That seeing that Mr.Hopkins could not attend that night to explain the matter, be adjourned until the next committee meeting.
- **Insurance values** - W.Bro Pfluger gave particulars re the insurance and the following alterations were made.

❖ Hall	(£1500)	to be raised to £2250
❖ Fixtures	(£750)	to be raised to £1000
❖ Cottage	(£200)	to be raised to (£300)
❖ Organ	(£250)	to be raised to (£350)

Resolved

- **Loan of plants** - "That a letter of the thanks be sent to Messrs Simpson for the loan of plants for the Provincial Grand Lodge"

10th October 1918

- **Organ estimate accepted** - It was proposed, seconded and carried "that the estimate as prepared by Mr. Hopkins for cleaning the organ be accepted."
- **Electric consumption to be reduced** - The Secretary gave particulars of the steps taken to reduce to the consumption of electricity and the action was confirmed.
- **Caretaker pay increase** - The WM read a letter from the caretaker. Mrs Hodgson asking for an increase in her remuneration. After some discussion it was resolved on the proposition fo Bro Halliday and seconded by W.Bro Brookbank to advance the same by 2/6d per week.
- **Use of gas deferred due to the war** - Proposed by Bro Halliday and seconded by W.Bro Pfluger "that the question of the use of gas be deferred until the Coal Controller has decided as to the quantity to be allocated to the Lodge." – carried

2nd November 1918

- **Memorial to a deceased brother** - W.Brookbank undertook to fill in the form of memorial and obtain particulars on behalf of the widow of the late Bro Stockdale.
- **Potential candidate told to find a lodge nearer to home** - The Assistant Secretary read a letter form a Mr Spetch asking for particulars as he was wishful to join 1611. It was decided that the Secretary write and advise him to join a Lodge in the place of his residence after the War.
- **Debentures redeemed** - The Treasurer reported that he could redeem £170 of Debentures for £10.16.8d and he was authorised to do so.
- **Surplus funds** - It was resolved that any surplus from the Social evening go to the Ball etc Fund a/c.

- **Caretaker resigns and then accepts better terms** - The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Hodgson declining the increase decided upon by the Committee and tendering her resignation. The matter was fully discussed and it was proposed by W.Bro Brookbank, seconded by Bro Rodwell "that Mrs Hodgson be offered £26 per annum with rent free, to date from Oct 1st 1918." Mrs Hodgson attended the meeting and the terms were explained to her by the WM and she agreed to accept the same subject to one months notice on either side.
- **Agricola rent increase discussed** - W.Bro Brookbank read a letter from W.Bro Chapman suggesting an increased rental from Agricola Lodge. The matter was fully discussed. It was proposed, seconded and carried that "that the Agricola Lodge be asked to increase their rent from £50 to £75." Amendment proposed by W.Bro Kilvington, seconded by Bro Rodwell "that the Treasurer obtain the full details first and then the committee to decide what action to take." Carried
- **Banquet ticket for the press** - It was resolved to send a Banquet ticket to the York Herald.
- **Cupboard closing time** - W.Bro Grainger gave notice that he would move at the next meeting "that the minute relating to the time of closing the Cupboard be expunged"

7th December 1918

- **Festival subscribers list** - W.Bro Delittle suggested that a list of subscribers to the 1919 Festival be printed as adopted by the York Lodge. It was proposed, seconded and carried "that a separate list be printed and sent to those who had not subscribed with an appeal to do so before 31st December 1918."
- **Agricola rent increase discussed** - The Treasurer gave details of increased expenditure since Agricola Lodge became tenants in 1910 to the present date and it was proposed, seconded and carried "that a sub committee be appointed to meet a deputation from 1991 to consider the matter of an increase in rent and they be asked to appoint a similar sub committee." Bro Halliday thought that we ought to ask them to pay £25 per year on top of their original rent."

1919

25th January 1919

- **Charity appeal result 1919 Festival** - The Charity Rep. reported on the satisfactory result of the appeal for the 1919 Festival - £530 being subscribed.
- **Agricola presented with rent increase** - The WM reported having placed before the Agricola Lodge the extra cost of the upkeep of the Lodge required since the war and them to bear half - £15 for the year in advance and £15 for previous expenses. He thought that they would meet us satisfactorily.
- **Heating the lodge** - The heating of the Lodge Room was introduced by the WM and after full discussion it was proposed, seconded and carried "that arrangements be made for the Lodge premises to be satisfactorily heated."
- **Lavatory inspected** - The question of the lavatory was discussed and W.Bro Roberts proposed W.Bro Wolstenholme seconded "that the same committee deal with the lavatory inspection."- carried.
- **Supper financial loss** - The WM reported a loss of £1.18.0 on the New Years Supper and that the loss had been borne by the Stewards Cupboard. – this action was confirmed.
- **Hot suppers and lack of crockery** - The question of hot suppers was mentioned by the WM and Bro Halliday referred to the lack of crockery and suggested that sufficient should be provided for the Lodge suppers and paid for from the Stewards profits. The suggestion was fully discussed and W.Bro Brookbank proposed and W.Bro Wolstenholme seconded "that whatever crockery is required for the Lodge suppers be purchased from Lodge funds."- carried.

- **Cold suppers** - It was decided to continue the cold suppers.
- **Whist drive and dance** - With reference to the Whist Drive and Dance the WM reported having visited W.Bro Graingers Rooms where he thought there was every accommodation. It was decided to proceed with the arrangements.

22nd February 1919

- **Hot water supply** - The WM reported that the sub committee appointed to consider the heating of the Lodge were of the opinion that hot water heating was the only practical method, and the committee confirmed this opinion. Bro Halliday explained the detailed arrangements of the system to be installed and in response to questions, informed the committee that the sectional boilers to boilers proposed were capable of being added to at any time. The WM intimated that another Bro. of the Lodge was desirous of tendering for the work, and it was proposed and seconded “that the matter be deferred for a fortnight.” – carried.
- **Agricola offer** - The Secretary reported having received a letter from the Secretary of Agricola Lodge re extra expenses in the upkeep of the Lodge offering a grant of £10 to meet arrear expenses and £15 for the current year to date from 1st April 1919 the matter to reviewed about Feb or March 1920 as to any further necessity for a grant. The matter was fully discussed and it was proposed, seconded and carried “that the Secretary send a letter to to the Agricola Lodge accepting their offer but pointing out the the committee were strongly of the opinion that the increase should date from 1st October 1918 and ask for an early reply accepting this alteration.”
- **LOI seating arrangements** - The WM brought forward the question of the Wardens occupying their respective chairs on Friday evenings as on Lodge nights. Bro Halliday gave his reasons why the Wardens be seated near the Master so as to be in touch with him and gave assistance as regards the work and ruling of the Lodge.
- **Whist drive and dance arrangements** - A report was received as to the progress of the arrangements concerning the whist drive and dance and on the proposition of W.Bro Pfluger, seconded by W.Bro Gent it was left with the sub committee to complete the arrangements for March 12th 1919.
- **Organ misuse by brethren** - The Secretary reported the use of the organ by brethren obtaining admission through removal of the panel on the left side and it was decided that the Tyler be instructed to fasten it securely.
- **Organ misuse** - W.Bro Brookbank proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded “That no brother use the organ unless the the permission of the WM be obtained.”

21st March 1919

- **Heating update costs for new installation** - The WM read out the following estimates for the heating of the Lodge premises.

W.Bro Challengers	estimate	£189.17.0
Bro Hardgrave	estimate	£185.15.0
W.Hopkins	estimate	£142.7.0
W.R.Stubbs	estimate	£115.0.0

- He reported that it was the sub committees opinion that the first two estimates should be ruled out and this was agree to. Bro Stubbs estimate was fully detailed and the WM after explaining that Bro Stubbs intended to supply the materials at cost price and arrange for someone to fix it suggested that the sub committee be given authority to have Bro Stubbs estimate reduced.
- The estimates of Bros Stubbs and Hopkins were discussed at length and W.Bro Roberts proposed, W.Bro Grainger seconded "That the sub committee be requested to confer further with Bros Stubbs and Hopkins and bring their tenders more into line with each other and to report further" – carried.
- **Agricola must pay-up** - The Secretary read a reply from the Agricola Lodge re grant for extra expenses to the effect that the grant of £15 is for their year commencing April 1st 1919 and was agreed by this committee on that understanding only. The matter was discussed and on the proposition of W.Bro Kilvington, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank it was resolved "That the secretary be instructed to write informing Agricola Lodge that payment must be made from October 1st 1918 as notified in previous letter from which position this committee cannot recede."
- **Wardens Chairs on a Friday** - The question of the occupancy of the Wardens Chairs on Friday evenings was again discussed and the WM proposed, W.Bro Grainger seconded "That the question be adjourned sind die." W.Bro Pfluger proposed as an amendment and W.Bro Wolstenholme seconded "That the Wardens chairs be place in the S. and W. on Friday evenings and that the Wardens occupy them." The amendment was carried 6 – 3.
- **Whist Drive account** - With reference to the Whist Drive, the Secretary reported that the accounts were not yet complete and that there was every likelihood of their being a balance in hand.

12th April 1919

- **Heating tenders considered** - Bro Halliday reported on the results of the conferences of the sub committee with Bros Stubbs and Hopkins with respect their tenders for heating the Lodge premises and the amended tenders were detailed and compared. Proposed by W.Bro Chapman, not seconded. W.Bro Brookbank proposed that Bro Hopkins tender be accepted, this was not seconded.
- The WM proposed and W.Bro Roberts seconded that W.Bro Stubbs tender be accepted provided that regulating valves are put on each radiator. – carried 7 – 1
- **Agricola pay** - W.Bro Brookbank reported that the Treasurer had received a cheque from Agricola Lodge for the full amount agreed for extra expenses.

May 10th 1919

- **Mahogany radiator covers** - Bro Halliday informed the committee that it was proposed to place mahogany slabs on the radiators and this would safeguard the pictures from damage.
- **Whisky price reviewed** - The Stewards department was reviewed and the Stewards action in forwarding £40 for whisky was approved. The price charged to the Brethren for Whisky was discussed and it was resolved on the proposition of W.Bro Gent, seconded by W.Bro Pfluger "That the price remain as at present 6d." An amendment to raise the price to 7d was defeated.
- **Chief Steward complimented** - W.Bro Wolstenholme obtained leave and complimented the Steward on the admirable way he had carried out his duties under exceptionally difficult circumstances.
- **Lodge fees revised** - The question of the Lodge fees was brought forward by the WM who thought that the time was opportune for their revision with a view to raising them. The subject was fully discussed and it was finally decided to recommend the Lodge to sanction the following amendments to Bye-law XV11.

Fees payable

- On initiation £12.12.0
 - On admission of a brother, if registered in the Grand Lodge of England £8.8.0
 - On re-admission of a former member £8.8.0
 - On re-admission of a former member within 12 months of resignation £5.5.0
 - On admission of a brother registered under any other Constitution £10.10.0
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- **Lodge fees** - It was also resolved to recommend for approval "That on and after 1st October 1919 each shall pay subscription of 2 guineas per annum." An amendment to include all Brethren proposed by W.Bro Wright finding no seconder.
 - **War service brethren, subs considered** - W.Bro Pfluger proposed and the WM seconded that the Secretary write to the Provincial Grand Secretary for a ruling as to the remittance of fees for the War Service Brethren – carried.
 - **Bequest of pictures etc** - The WM read a letter from Mrs Smith notifying the late W.Bro Smiths bequest of his masonic pictures and certificates to the Lodge and the Secretary was instructed to see Mrs Smith and arrange for their removal to the Lodge.
 - **Shares purchased** - It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the lodge purchase the 2 shares held by Bro Jackson for £10.
 - **Candidates name withdrawn** - The WM brought forward the name of Mr C.S.Russell, one of the candidates to be balloted for at the next regular Lodge and stated that he had decided to withdraw his name from the ballot for further consideration.

6TH June 1919

- **War service brethren subs delayed until Nov.30th 1918** - A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary stating that Provincial Grand Lodge follows the rules of Grand Lodge and does not call for remittance of the dues for Brethren whilst on War Service. The WM proposed "That Brethren on War Service be notified that subscriptions are not required up to November 30th 1918." W.Bro Gent seconded and it was unanimously carried.
- **Gift of Jugs** - The WM mentioned receiving a letter from Mrs Smith offering a set of masonic jugs to the Lodge. The offer was accepted and on the proposition of W.Bro Pfluger, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank, the secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Smith.
- **Candidates, procedure discussed** - The WM brought forward the question of Mr Russells candidature and the method of procedure of objection were fully discussed and it was the general opinion that all objections should be openly stated on each Friday evening when the Candidates name is brought forward and not after the name had appeared on the Summons and that any Brother offering an objection should not be subject to censure by Past Masters as had occurred in the past.
- **Potential candidate investigated** - W.Bro Pfluger proposed and W.Bro Brookbank seconded "That the WM, SW and W.Bro Wright be appointed to investigate Mr Russells candidature and if necessary to report to a further meeting of the Lodge Committee." - carried.

29th November 1919

- **Potential candidate investigated** - The Worshipful Master reported the action of the sub committee re Mr Russells candidature to the effect that the objection was considered valid and no further action was necessary. After some discussion W.Bro Kilvington gave notice that at the next

Lodge committee meeting he would move “That the methods of Procedure with respect to the introduction of Candidates into the Lodge be revised.”

- **Heating apparatus costs** - The WM gave details of the extras incurred in the fixing of the heating apparatus. The final total cost being £171.7.11 and recommended that £100 be paid on account and it was agreed after discussion to ask the Lodge to sanction this recommendation.
- **Education costs – Dales** - W.Bro Rodwell read a letter from Mr Golledge detail the cost of keeping the younger son of the late Bro Dales at Haughtons School till the end of April – about £14 and proposed that the fees be paid by the Lodge from the Eboracum Lodge Fund.
- **Education costs – Dales** - W.Bro Gent supported and he would move in open Lodge “That the necessary money required till the end of April – that being the date when it was hoped to get the boy into the Royal Masonic School – be forthcoming from the Charity Fund.”- carried.
- **Charities discussed** - The whole subject of the Charities – Central and Provincial was very fully discussed. Methods suggested bringing home to the Brethren their responsibilities in the matter and educating them in the work and scope of the Central Institutions and it was finally agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Charity Representative.
- **History of Eboracum** - W.Bro Kilvington mentioned the History of the Eboracum Lodge and thought that it was time it was revised and proposed Bro Horner as the most suitable historian and that the WM ask him to undertake the work. W.Bro Brookbank seconded and it was carried.
- W.Bro Wolstenholem gave notice of the following motion which he would move at the next Committee meeting –
 - ❖ “That 10% of the nett profits of the Lodge Funds be given to the Masonic Charities.”
 - ❖ “That a Past Masters jewel be presented to the each retiring WM.”
 - ❖ “The cost to be defrayed from the Lodge Funds.”
- **Preceptors duty** - It was decided that questions were allowable in Instruction Lodge but no discussion on the method of working should take place this being the Preceptors prerogative only and that his ruling was binding.
- **Chaplain retires** - The WM brought forward to the notice of the committee that it had been the wish of Bro. Reverend R.P.T.Tennent to retire from the Chaplaincy for some years past, and thought that efforts should be made to find a successor. The matter was left in the hands of the WM.
- **Childrens party** - W.Bro Roberts proposed and W.Bro Delittle seconded “That a childrens party for the children of the Brethren should be held at the Lodge.” This was carried a sub committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements.

13th December 1919

- **Childrens party arrangements** - The WM reported the arrangements made by the Sub Committee for the Ladies Night and Childrens Party. W.Bro Roberts suggested that the elder children be invited to help in looking after the younger ones and that the time be extended for their “special benefit.” This was agreed to. Bro Finney suggested that a Ladies Committee be formed to assist in the entertainment of the children and it was resolved that it would consist of the wives of the WM, IPM, SW and JW.
- **Lodge profits to go to Charities strenuously opposed** - W.Bro Wolstenholme proposed and Bro Martin seconded “That 10% of the nett profits of the Lodge Funds be given to the Masonic Charities.” W.Bro Brookbank strenuously opposed the motion being of the opinion it would hamper the work of the Charity Steward and the matter was very fully discussed. It was finally resolved on the proposition of W.Bro Rodwell, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank “That the question

of allocating a % of the nett profits of the Lodge Funds to Charities be brought up at the first Lodge Committee meeting after the annual audit" the original proposition being withdrawn 5 – 3.

- **Past Masters Jewel, Lodge to pay for it** - It was proposed, and seconded "That a Past Masters Jewel be presented by the Lodge to each retiring WM, the cost to be defrayed from the Lodge funds." – carried.
- **Special Lodge for Charities discussion** - W.Bro Thompson proposed, W.Bro Gent seconded "That a special lodge – February 9th 1920 be devoted to a discussion on the Provincial and Central Charities." This was unanimously supported and after discussion it was agreed that the Provincial Charity Representative, W.Bro Thomas, be invited to address the Brethren on that date. The WM to write to him personally on the matter.

1920

3rd January 1920

- W.Bro Gent proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded "That W.Brookbank be asked to give a paper on the charities at the regular Lodge on the 9th February 1920 and that the invitation to W.Bro Thomas to be present rescinded."- carried.
- **Heating apparatus generous gift** - The WM mentioned that no record had been made of the generosity of Bro Stubbs in installing the heating apparatus at cost price and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent by the Secretary to Bro Stubbs.
- **Candidates names** - The WM mentioned Mr G.Boyes and W.Bro Grainger Mr Abraham Rosen as candidates for initiation and authority was given for their names to be brought before the Brethren.
- **Gift of carpets for the supper room** - The WM intimated his intention to present the carpets which were laid in the Supper Room on the occasion of the Ladies Night and Childrens Party to the lodge. A very warm vote of thanks was proposed and seconded thanking the WM for his handsome gift. The resolution was warmly supported by all the members of the committee, who also expressed their deep appreciation of the untiring efforts of Mrs Halliday to ensure the success of the social gatherings. The resolution unanimously carried with acclamation and the WM suitably replied.
- **Electric vacuum cleaner to be purchased** - W.Bro Pflufger and Bro Finn seconded "That an electric vacuum cleaner for use in the Lodge be purchased from Lodge funds." – carried

17th January 1920

- **Candidate, WH Smith bookstall manager** - The name of Mr Frank Burns was mentioned as a candidate for initiation – Manager of Smith and Sons Railway Bookstall, York. Proposer Bro Taylor and it was decided that the WM should see further into the matter before the candidates name was brought before the Brethren.
- **Admission of Candidates discussed** - The admission of Candidates in general was touched upon by W.Bro Kilvington who outlined his proposals – Lodge Committee first – then objection – objection considered by lodge committee and if not valid – rejected. The matter was eventually deferred to a later meeting.
- **Whist Drive and Dance** - It was agreed to hold a whist drive and dance at the Assembly Rooms on Shrove Tuesday February 17th 1920 – a sub committee was formed to carry out the arrangements.- carried.
- **Photograph of TBW moved to more prominent position** - The Worshipful Master brought forward a suggestion from Bro Homer to move W.Bro Whyteheads photo from the supper room to a position on the staircase with the coats of arms on either side – the other photo to be placed in its correct position among the Past Masters.W.Bro Kilvington proposed that the large photo be placed

in a better frame and arranged over the S.W. chair in the Lodge room. Bro ??? seconded but after discussion the matter was deferred.

- **Instruction Lodge attendance** - W. Bro Gent referring to Instruction Lodge thought that it was time methods were adopted to improve the attendance and suggested that it might meet earlier and that the cupboard should be closed during instruction. The suggestions were discussed and it was decided to mention the matter in open Lodge.

20th March 1920

- **TBW photograph position** - W. Bro Gent proposed "That W. Bro Whyteheads photo be placed in the lodge room above the SW chair" this was seconded by W. Bro Brookbank and carried.
- **Photo frame discussed** - The question of a suitable design for a frame was discussed and it was decided to leave it in the hands of the WM.
- **Whist Drive and Dance shows profit** - The Secretary submitted the report of the whist drive and dance showing a balance in hand of £12.8.0 and it was adopted.
- **Candidature of Mr Rosen opposed** - The candidature of Mr Rosen was brought forward and the WM outlined the nature of the opposition and the reasons why the name was withdrawn. The matter was fully discussed and left in the hands of the WM.
- Several names were mentioned for possible initiation – leave was given for their names to be brought forward before the Brethren.

8th May 1920

- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - Re the candidature of Mr Rosen, the WM reported having had consideration with interested Brethren about the matter which however left the situation much the same as before. A discussion took place as to the best means to be adopted to put an end to the deadlock and it was finally decided to place the matter fully before the Grand Secretary and ask for advice. It being the unanimous opinion of the committee that the opposition was totally wrong and perfectly illogical.
- **Whisky price for a cask & Bar prices** - The Stewards prices came up for discussion. The Steward reporting that the price now being quoted for a 10 gallon cask of whisky was £60. It was decided not to purchase at this price but to obtain bottles of proprietary whisky from local dealers and the WM was deputed to see three local firms and try to obtain for the Lodge the same terms as other Clubs in the City were reported to be receiving.
- ❖ The committee fixed the prices of liquid refreshment as follows –

❖ Beer	4d
❖ Whisky	8d per glass
❖ Bottled ale and stout	7 1/2p
❖ Mineral waters	3 1/2p

3rd July 1920

- **Whisky terms for local firms** - The WM reported that he had been unable to interview local firms with regards whisky terms owing to the serious illness of Mrs Halliday, but would do so.
- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - The Secretary reported that no reply had been received from Grand Lodge re Mr Rosen. It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary write to Grand Lodge by registered letter asking for an acknowledgement.

- **Candidates brought forward** - The name of Mr Frank Newitt, Wholesale leather merchant and Mr Cyril Marshall, Cycle agent were mentioned, and leave was granted to bring their names before the Brethren.
- **Candidate delayed due to ill health** -The Secretary mentioned Mr G.Richardson, Railway clerk, but it was decided to postpone consideration for three months owing to the state of his health.
- **Black balling discussed** - A discussion took place as to the desirability of bringing candidates forward as the present time and W.Bro Thompson suggested that the whole question of *blackballing* should be fully debated in open Lodge but no decision was reached.
- **Refund for widow** - W.Bro Gent proposed and W.Bro Brookbank seconded that the sum of fourteen guineas be returned to Mrs J. Fenwick the widow of the late Bro J.Fenwick. This was carried, the proposal to be brought before the Lodge.

4thSeptember 1920

- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - The Secretary reported that no reply had been received from Grand Lodge concerning Mr Rosen.
- **Whisky shortage - £60 keg to be purchased** - Bro England reported the possibility of a whisky shortage and suggested that supplies be arranged for at once. The matter was discussed and it was decided to discuss the matter further on Friday evening 10th September when Brethren would be invited to subscribe £60 for the purchase of a keg to be kept in reserve. – This was carried.
- **Resignation** - The Secretary read Bro Boococks resignation and it was decided to leave it for the WM to deal with.
- **Masonic service at ALL Saints, Pavement** - The WM reported the proceeds at the Masonic Service, All Saints, Pavement and said it would be necessary to vote £5 from the Lodge funds in conjunction with the other Lodges to bring the amount to 30 guineas – W.Bro Gent proposed and Bro Martin seconded that the Lodge be recommended to subscribe £5 from the Lodge funds – carried.
- **Education of Master Dales** - Bro Golledges account for Master Alf Dales for the summer term at The Haughtons School was read. The WM reported that nothing had been voted from Grand Lodge funds for the boys maintenance and that he would not enter the Masonic School till before October 1920. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Charity Representative.

2nd October 1920

- **Education of Master Dales** - W.Bro Brookbank reported that the Central Charity Board had granted £30 per year paid quarters for the education of Master Alfred Dales dating from October 1st 1920 until the time he enters the Masonic School. He thought that it was impertinent that Mrs Dales to send her son as boarder to Haughons School for the Summer term and expect the Lodge to meet the bill and proposed that the account be returned to Bro Golledge and informing that the Lodge had only made itself responsible for the boy till the end of April 1920 and that Mrs Dales should be held liable for the amount. W.Bro Rodwell seconded, the matter was discussed and the proposal carried.
- **Candidate** - Bro T.Martin mentioned Mr.W.Hewitt, Engraver and Illuminator aged 38 years a candidate for Initiation.
- **Allied Degrees in arrears with their rent** - It was reported that the Allied Degrees were in arrears with their rent and that no rent was received from the Rosicrucian College and the matter was left for the Treasurer to deal with.
- **Moral conduct of a Brother questioned** - The Worshipful Master read a letter he had received from Bro Moran, making a most serious allegation against the moral conduct of Bro Prince with

respect to Bro Morans wife. It was resolved that the Secretary send a registered letter to Bro Prince informing him of the contents of the letter and inviting him to meet the Lodge committee on October 10th 1920 with an explanation or resign forthwith.

- **Moral conduct of a Brother questioned** Bro Prince met the Lodge committee on October 10th and refuted all charges against him.

13th November 1920

- **Education of Master Dales** - Bro Golledges account for the education of Master A.Dales at Haughton School was considered and after discussion it was resolved "That the account be met from the Eboracum Lodge Charity Fund."
- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - Mr Rosens name was again mentioned and after discussion, the matter was postponed till the next committee meeting.
- **Supper room re-de-decoration estimates** - The WM read a letter from W.Bro Chaloner giving an estimate for papering the ceiling in the supper room and on the proposition of W.Bro Brookbank seconded by W.Bro Grainger it was resolved "That the tender for £22.14.0 approx be accepted." The WM mentioned that W.Bro Chaloner would like to do the staircase with some fine Italian marble paper, which he had at cost price. The matter was considered and it was suggested that the walls and woodwork in the supper room be renovated at the same time. Minute of the above motion was amended as follows "That the tender for the ceiling in the supper room for £24.14.0 be accepted and if meets with the approval of the Treasurer Bro Chaloner be asked to tender for the walls and woodwork in the supper room and the papering of the staircase." – this was carried.
- **Electric lights in the Lodge room** - It was resolved "That Bro Nichols be instructed to put ½ watt lamps in the Lodge Room."
- **Bye laws to be updated** - The WM suggested that as the Installation was taking place in December this year, the time was appropriate for the Bye-Laws to be revised so that the changes might become permanent. After discussion it was resolved "That the Bye-Laws be thoroughly revised and be brought up to date – the matter to be brought before the Brethren at the January Lodge in January 1921"
- **Percentage of nett Lodge profits for Charities?** - W.Bro Wolstenholme reminded the committee of the question of allocating a % of the nett profits of the Lodge to Charities and after consideration the question was adjourned.

27th November 1920

- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - The case of Mr Rosen was mentioned and postponed until after the Installation.
- **Telegram row over Royal visit to York** - A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary also the communication to be read at the next Regular Lodge with reference to the telegram sent by the Lodge to HRH The Duke of York on his recent visit to the city. The committee were strongly of the opinion that no infringement of any ruling of Grand Lodge had taken place but that it was purely a message of welcome. After discussion it was decided to carry out the instructions of Provincial Grand Lodge without comment and read the communication before the visitors were admitted.
- **Candidate** - The WM on behalf of Bro Isaac mentioned Mr R.Willsden, Tar distiller and tar spraying contractor, aged 27 and leave was granted to bring his name before the Brethren.
- **Dissatisfaction with the suppers** - Bro Finney mentioned the dissatisfaction expressed by many Brethren with regard to the suppers at present provided on Lodge nights and it was decided to place the matter before the Brethren on Friday evening.

- **Whisky quality questioned** - W.Bro Wright referred to the inferior quality of the whisky supplied to the Brethren and after discussion it was decided that the Steward be asked to purchase Proprietary brands so that individual Brethren might be provided for.

1st December 1920

- **Whisky quality questioned** W.Bro Roberts complained about the quality of the whisky at present supplied and suggested purchasing Johnny Walker, White Label or Black and White Whisky.
- **Whisky quality questioned** The matter was left in the hands of the WM who said he would talk it over with the Steward.
- **Friday night suppers discussed - The** WM undertook to consult the Brethren on Friday night as to their wishes in respect of to supper on Lodge nights.
- **Childrens Xmas party go-ahead** - It was proposed and carried "That we hold a Childrens Party." – carried
- **Childrens Xmas party** - It was proposed and carried "That the date be January 6th 1921" – carried
- It was proposed and carried "That Professor Caudler be asked his terms for a Punch and Judy show for the Childrens Party and that the Secretary engage him his fee does not exceed 3 guineas, exclusive of expenses," – carried
- **Ladies night** - It was proposed and carried "That we have a Ladies Night on Friday 7th January – carried.
- **Ladies night** A discussion took place as to the question of a whist drive in connection with the Ladies Night. – voting 7 – 4 carried.
- **Shrove Tuesday whist drive and dance** - It was proposed and carried "That the Secretary engage the Assembly Rooms for the whist drive and dance on a Tuesday or Wednesday in February."
- **Candidates from Pocklington – John Boyden** -W.Bro Boyden forwarded the following names as Candidates for consideration –
 - Mr Charles Rowley of Pocklington, aged 41 – wholesale and retail clothier
 - Mr Thomas Jackson of Pocklington aged 45 – wholesale clothier
 - Mr James Walton Curtis of Pocklington aged 31 – workhouse manager
 - The SW and W.Bro Chapman seconded that the names go forward.
- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - W.Bro Grainger mentioned the case of Mr Rosen and spoke very highly as to his qualifications for acceptance as a candidate for initiation. He felt he could not allow his name to go to the ballot in face of opposition.
- **Candidature of Mr Rosen** - W.Bros Wright and Roberts said the fact that Mr Rosen being a JEW should not debar his admission. The IPM said the Secretary had informed him of the objections and he should lid like the Secretary to explain the nature of the objections. The Secretary stated that having heard of the objections he considered it his duty to acquaint the WM if it was the wish of the meeting – he would see the Brethren concerned and report. The WM asked the Secretary to move in the matter and he would be pleased to meet the Brethren concerned if they wished. W.Bros Rodwell and Wolstenholme and the SW spoke in favour of Mr Rosen.

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5TH January 1921

- **Property in dangerous condition adjoining the Lodge - The** Secretary reported having written to Mr Kendall and the engineer of the York Corporation with respect to the dangerous condition of the gable end of the property adjoining the lodge. The Corporation official had taken action in the matter Bro Stalker repair work had been put in hand

- **Kitchen floor re-tiling cost** - The Secretary read an estimate from Messrs G. Walker and Son the cementing and re-tiling of the kitchen floor in the cottage for a sum of about £22. It was proposed by W.Bro Roberts and seconded by W.Bro Gent "That the drains be tested first and the estimate considered later." – carried.
- **Drains to be tested** - The Secretary was instructed to ask Bro Drummond to have the drains tested.
- **Lodge cost comparison** - W.Bro Pfluger gave the figures of the increased expenses of the Lodge during 1920 compared with 1919.
- **Agricola Lodge to be charged with half the increased cost** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Rodwell seconded "That the Treasurer charge half the increase to Agricola Lodge." – carried.
- **Childrens party and Ladies Night to be subsidised** - It was proposed and seconded "That the Secretary collect as many subs as possible towards the debit balance of the Ladies Night and Childrens Party, and make up the any deficiency out of the Entertainment Fund." – carried.
- **Whist drive and Dance ticket price agreed** -It was seconded that the price of tickets for the Whist Drive and Dance be 8/6d, also that the sub committee carry out the arrangements with power to add to their numbers.
- **Sympathy for Brothers illness** - The Secretary was asked to convey to Bro H. Williams the sympathy of the Brethren in his illness.

11th February 1921

- **Health Inspector and drains** - W.Bro Pfluger read the report of the Health Inspector re the drainage etc to the cottage and his interview with Bro Walker as to the cost.
- **Cost of work on drains** - W.Bro Gent proposed and Bro ?? seconded "That Bro Walkers tender be accepted and that the work be proceeded with at once at a cost not exceeding £37" – carried.
- **Socials subsidising other functions** - It was proposed and seconded and resolved "That the Secretary be empowered to take the deficits of the Ladies and Childrens nights from any profit from the Whist Drive and Dance."
- **Lodge debentures** - The Treasurer was requested by the WM and Lodge Committee to bring before the next Lodge the subject of the Lodge Debentures and the status of the present holders with a view to the Brethren subscribing for and taking over those at least of deceased Brethren and their dependants.

5th March 1921

- **Cottage repairs over spend** - The Secretary reported that Bro Walker had explained to him that the extra work required in the cottage repairs etc, way exceeded the contract price, but he would endeavour to keep as near to figure quoted as possible.
- The Secretary said that there would be a credit balance of £6 or£7 from the Whist Drive and Dance.
- **Pocklington Lodge, support sought** - It was proposed by W.Bro Pfluger and seconded by the SW that we support the appeal from Pocklington for the formation of a lodge there. - carried
- **Agricola members to join Eboracum** - The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of Agricola Lodge asking if they had any objection to names of Bros Woolnough and North going forward as joining members of this Lodge.
- **Seamans Hospital Fund donation** - It was proposed, seconded and carried "That the sum of £1.1.0 be subscribed to the Seamans Hospital Fund from the Lodge Charity Fund." – carried.

15th July 1921

- **Bye laws to be revised** - The Minutes of November 13th 1920 relating to the revision of the Bye-Laws not having been carried out, it was agreed that it be expunged on the proposition of the WM, Secretary seconded by W.Bro Pfluger. A committee was to be set up to go through the Bye-Laws and suggest any alterations if thought necessary and report to the Lodge on July 23rd.
- **Agricola pushed for payment** - W.Bro Pfluger suggested that the Secretary write to the Secretary of the Agricola Lodge asking them to pay the sum agreed upon for the extra expenses at once. This was agreed to.
- **Candidate** - Bro Creegan mentioned the name of Mr George Royden Richardson Loco clerk. NER as a candidate for initiation. W.Bro Gent was requested to interview Bro Merryweather who is Mr Richardsons senior in the NER Loco Office to see if he had any objection.

23rd July 1921

- **Candidate told to wait** - W.Bro Gent reported interviewing Bro Merryweather re the application of Mr Richardson as a candidate for initiation and Bro Merryweather thought he had better wait a little longer – no decision was arrived at.
- **Bye Laws revision report** - The report of the sub committee re-revision of the Bye-Laws was then taken and the following alterations were agreed to –
 - Rule 1 – To remain as now.
 - Rule 2 – Add to list of Officers – Chaplain / Director of Ceremonies / Organist
 - Rule 3 – To remain as is up to subscriptions and then to read –
 - “The mode of electing the Master shall be as follows – The Secretary shall provide a requisite number of cards and the Director of Ceremonies shall deliver to each member one of such cards and when the ballot box is carried round, each member shall put into the box the card, having previously written the name of the brother whom he wished to serve the office as Master. The brother having the majority of votes shall be declared elected, the Master or presiding officer in addition to his own vote, a casting vote in the case of equality of votes. The other part of the rule after the word subscription in the former part of the rule to remain as at the present.
 - Rule 4 – Add the words after ballot “after being proposed and seconded.” Also add after the word “received and disbursed” Delete the next six lines up to and including Secretary. Delete the word “the” on the 13th line and substitute “elected.”
 - Rule 5 – Add the letter “s” to payment on the last line.
 - Rule - 6,7,8,9 to remain as now.
 - Rule 10 – Alter on the 12th line £3 in place of £1.
 - Rule 11 – Alter the word “one” to “both” on the 3rd line. Delete the words “ The proposition shall be received after payment to the Secretary of the sum of one guinea as a proposition fee and.” Substitute the word “at” for “or” on the 13th line.

24th September 1921

- **Bye laws alterations confirmed** - The minutes of the previous meeting and the proposed alterations of the Bye-Laws were read and confirmed.
- **Cottage floor payment passed** - W.Bro Pfluger presented the accounts of Bro Walker and the one relating to the to the cottage floor of £23.0.1 was passed for payment.
- **Builders payment queried** - The other account far exceeded the amount of £37 agreed by the Committee as the probable cost and Secretary has requested to interview Bro Walker with respect the same.

- **Candidate** - The WM mentioned Mr Earnshaw, an insurance agent, as a possible candidate for initiation, it was agreed that some enquiries ought to be made into the financial position of Mr Earnshaw.
- **Candidate** W.Bro Gent reported that Mr E.R.Richardson has called upon him with respect to him coming forward as a candidate and he was favourably impressed and thought he would be a suitable person.
- **Candidate** W.Bro Rodwell also had seen him and supported his coming forward. The matter was fully discussed and left over for the attendance of Bro Creggan who first brought his name forward.

25th October 1921

- **Builders over spend sorted** - The Secretary reported interviewing Bro Walker re his account and said that Bro Walker stated that the work had been done at a reasonable figure and he could not reduce any item. He would allow 2.5% discount and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the account.
- Mr Earnshaws name was mentioned and left over for the attendance of the Worshipful Master.
- **Lodge sale of liquor hours** - It was resolved that the following be the registered hours for the sale of Liquors in the Lodge – 12am to 2pm and 4pm to 10pm and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Magistrates Clerk accordingly.
- Several names were discussed and allowed to go forward for initiation.

24th November 1921

- **Candidate** - Arising out of the minutes of the meeting held on October 28th Mr Richardsons name was mentioned and the matter was left in the hands of the W.Bro Gent who undertook to report to the next meeting.
- **Candidates** - The WM had some names to bring forward –
Mr Jesse Holt, provision merchant in Low Ousegate age 52
Mr Richard Beckett Holt, carriage and wagon superintendant NER age36
Mr Richard Pattison, hatter and hosier in Goodramgate age 44 – to be proposed by Bro Challoner who is his brother in law.
- **Candidates status queried** - It was agreed that these names might be mentioned in the Lodge, subject in the case of Mr Pattinson to the WM satisfactorily interrogating Bro Challoner as to his candidates financial qualification.
- **Minster window fund** - A letter from Provincial Grand Secretary re Minster Window Fund in memory of fallen Brethen of the Province was discussed and a postcard from W.Bro Thompson relating thereto was read. W.Bro Gent proposed and W.Bro Pfluger seconded that the sum of 10 guineas be paid out of Lodge funds for the purpose which was approved.
- **Whist drive and Dance** - The WM announced that he had engaged the Assembly Rooms for February 28th next also Messrs Bartleys Band for a Whist Drive and Dance. This was approved by the Brethren present, the arrangements to be left in the hands of the WM, IPM, 2 Wardens and the Secretary.
- **Ladies night and price of tickets** - It was proposed by the WM that a Ladies Night be held in the Lodge on Wednesday January 4th at which a dinner was to be provided – cost not to exceed 3/6d per head.
- **Childrens party** - A Childrens party was to be held on January 6th a sub committee was formed with the powers to co-opt as necessary lady helpers and brethren.
- **Childrens party entertainer** - The Secretary was instructed to write to Professor Caudler from Harrogate with a view to his engagement for the Childrens Party at a fee not exceeding £2.1.0.

- **Heating apparatus unsatisfactory** - With regard the to the alleged unsatisfactory working of the heating apparatus, the WM undertook to Bro Stubbs to instruct the caretaker in its proper management.
- **The Ritual and Deportment in the Lodge** particularly the Recessional, Candle, Candidates questions and Master Masons questions were mentioned and after general discussion the WM and DC promised to the instruct the Officers of the Lodge in these matters.

22nd December 1921

- **Candidate held over for checks** - The name of Mr Richardson as a prospective candidate was again brought up and allowed to stand over as W.Bro Gent was not yet in position to advance his case.
- **Masonic Memorial Fund** - The WM raised the question of the Masonic ??? Memorial Fund and after general discussion he proposed and W.Bro Rodwell seconded and was agreed that Bro England be approved with a view of taking up the Secretaryship for that Fund. In the event of his accepting the duty the WM,SW and they are to draw up a circular to the members outlining a scheme in which the Brethren are to be asked to definite contributions to the Fund. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Grand Secretary informing him of what action had been taken and tentatively to promise a total subscription of two hundred guineas spread over the next 5 years.
- **Childrens party thanks** - It was resolved and agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Bro Golledge for his proffered service in connection with the Childrens Party and the WM undertook to personally thank Bro Bartley for his promised gift of balloons and streamers.
- **Candidate** - W.Bro Martin who had been asked by Bro Harvey to offer for the consideration of the Lodge a gentleman named Mr Henry Wilkinson, aged 68, recounted a conversation which certain brethren had had with that gentleman and it was suggested the W.Bro Dixon be asked if he was prepared to propose him as a candidate in which case W.Bro Martin would second him.
- The meeting was then closed.

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21st January 1922

- Arising out of the minutes W.Bro Gent had nothing to add with regard Mr Richardsons candidature but hoped to report for or against at the next meeting.
- ❖ **Candidates** - The following names were submitted as prospective candidates –
- ❖ Mr Arthur Rigg, Master muffin maker.
- ❖ Mr Samuel Arthur Fletcher, Constructional engineer, age 45
- ❖ Mr J.Clarke, Merchant
- ❖ Mr Thomas Wilfred Page, Schoolmaster from Pocklington
- ❖ Bro Rhease introduced the name of W.Bro H.Clarke, Tobacconist, who wished to join Eboracum Lodge. It was agreed to accept him as a joining member subject to satisfactory completion of forms of application and clearance certificate.
- **Resignation but not before clearing arrears** - The resignation of Bro J.Butterworth was considered and he was asked to pay outstanding dues before it was accepted.
- **Draughts within the lodge room** - W.Bro Gent referred to complaints of draughts within the Lodge Room.W.Bro Pfluger promised to investigate.
- **Bye laws to be re-printed** - It was decided to proceed at once with the reprint of the Lodge Bye-Laws, the Secretary to obtain from Messrs Delittle Fenwicks as to the probable cost of five hundred.

- **Issues with ceremonies** - A vote was taken as to whether the Processional and Recessional were to be performed and it was agreed that it should be done.
- **Lights, too many, several removed** W.Bro Pfluger complained of extravagance within the lighting of the Lodge a certain number of lamps (5) were removed from the dining room.
- **Display recess idea dropped due to cost** - W.Bro Halliday mentioned the use of a recess in the dining room for the display of some of the the Lodges treasures but owing to the present costliness of such a venture was for the present allowed to drop.

25th February 1922

- There were a number of names brought forward for consideration for initiation.
- **Breach of Masonic etiquette** - The WM reported that Bro Sutton had been heard to say in a private club if this gentlemans name was offered for acceptance by Eboracum Lodge, it would be rejected.
- **Breach of Masonic etiquette** W.Bro Brookbank moved that it be suitably represented to Bro Sutton that he had committed a grave breach of Masonic Etiquette and in seconding, W.Bro Chapman hoped the WM would address the brethren generally on this subject.
- **Breach of Masonic etiquette** - It was agreed that the WM and Bro Atkinson would endeavour to obtain some explanation of his conduct and if Bro Suttons could be removed Mr Horners would be acceptable to the Lodge Committee.
- **Canvassing for candidates unconstitutional** - W.Bro Halliday wished to bring to the notice of the Lodge Committee that if the younger brethren were canvassing for members, it was agreed that was most unconstitutional and should be made the subject of an address to the brethren.
- **Agricola joining member to be delayed** - W.Bro Rodwell proposed Bro Harland, a member of Agricola Lodge as a joining member but he promised to delay any action until the WM had had some opportunity for removing certain objections which were thought to be held by certain brethren.
- **Joining Past Master not allowed to be on the board of Past Masters** - On the proposal of W.Bros Halliday, seconded by the WM it was decided that the acceptance of W.Bro Harry Clark as a joining member should not entitle him to representations on the Board of Past Masters.

BYE-LAWS – Revision and Reprint

- The subject having been referred back by a sub committee it was decided that the list of members past and present should be brought to date with the exception of the names of those brethren who had been struck off for non payment.
- The Secretary estimates received from Messrs Delittle Fenwick and Co and it was proposed by W.Bro Halliday, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank that 300 copies of Bye-Laws as per following specification – viz size 6.5” 4.5” about 48 pages, printed in red and black on toned paper, sewn thread, coloured edge, bound on full stiff cloth, turn over edges, blocked centre and border, be ordered at the rate quoted – viz £15.8.6 per 100 – six proofs in galley form to be supplied for approval of open Lodge and submit to Provincial and Grand Lodge.

1st April 1922

- **Horner incident** - The Worshipful Master interviewed Bro Sutton with regard to the "Horner" episode and administered the necessary caution. Bro Sutton still maintained his objection to Mr Horner and in view of that Bro Atkinson will not be prepared to bring him forward as a candidate.
- **Raising of disabled candidate** - W.Bro Gent referring to Mr Richardson said he had persuaded him to mention his disability to Dr Long who was able to state no danger need be anticipated in raising Mr Richardson if a little care were exercised. No objection to this candidate would be offered by Bro Merry weather.
- **Candidate told find lodge nearer home in Halifax** - With regard to Mr William Sydney Northall, the Worshipful Master suggested that Mr Northall should try to gain admission to a Halifax Lodge. If he experienced any difficulty there, this Lodge would be prepared to support his application. On a vote the WM's suggestion was agreed to and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Northall to that effect.
- W.Bro Rodwell asked what progress had been made in the case of Bro Charles Harland and the WM informed him that objection to his admission as a joining member had not yet been removed.
- The WM wished to know if the Past Masters had any particular preference for a day for meetings and after some discussion it was left to the WM's discretion.
- **Initiates to buy debentures- but dropped** - The WM proposed that initiates be asked to take up £5 worth of Lodge debentures and after some explanation of Lodge finances from W.Bro Pfluger, the matter was allowed to drop.
- **Debentures donation but..-** The WM reported that W.Bro Sykes would be willing to present to the Lodge £25 worth of debenture if he were satisfied that the members generally were making an effort to reduce the Lodge debt.
- **Chapter rent increase** - W.Bro Pfluger moved that the rent of Eboracum Chapter be increased to £15.15.0 for four meetings per annum with an addition of £1.10.0 for every meeting over that number. – this was carried. The Secretary was instructed to give notice to Scribe E accordingly.
- **Agricola and the removal of carpets** - The WM reported on a conversation he had had with W.Bro Blunder? of the Agricola Lodge with regard to the removal of carpets. W.Bro Brookbank and W.Bro Gent seconded that W.Bro Blunder? be informed of certain articles in the possession of the Eboracum Lodge had been presented for its exclusive use and in loyalty to the donors that use could not be extended to tenants of the Lodge.
- **Agricola private cupboard issue** - Bro Atkinson mentioned that some members of Agricola Lodge had a private cupboard which they were in the habit of using sometimes when their Lodge was not sitting and it was felt that was an objectionable practice which should be brought to the attention of their incoming Worshipful Master.
- **Ballot issues in lodge** - W.Bro Pfluger objected to the loose method in which the ballots were conducted and stated some of the Brethren were not provided with a black ball as well as a white one. The Director of Ceremonies promised to give the subject his attention to the matter.
- It was proposed by W.Bro Gent that an offertory be taken at Emergency Lodges – this was carried and the meeting terminated.

1st June 1922

- The WM mentioned that he had spoken to Bro Northall re his Nephew and he was perfectly satisfied with the action taken.

- **Horner case** - W.Bro Kilvington mentioned the “Horner case” and the SW explained he would not bring the name forward if it would keep any Brother away from the Lodge which he believed it would.
- **Major or Minor Honours** - The WM explained the principal business to consider the incident with regards major or minor honours at the last Lodge meeting.
- **Major or Minor Honours** W.Bro Kilvington said his idea was that major honours should not be given to any below the rank of WM. W.Bro Pfluger said in the old times minor honours were always given. W.Bro Brookbank quoted the opinion of the late W.Bro Whytehead that major honours were due to all candidates after they were raised. W.Bro Halliday thought the old Past Masters had neglected their duty in not carrying out the honours in accordance with custom. W.Bro Wharton objected to minor honours.
- **Major or Minor Honours** WM proposed that major honours be given to candidates raised to the 3rd degree and also to visitors in future, W.Bro Halliday seconded.
- **Major or Minor Honours** W.Bro Wolstenholme would like to see minor honours given to see minor honours given to candidates after the 3rd degree and W.Bro Kilvington objected to any new brother receiving same honours as a Grand Lodge Officer. After discussion the proposal was carried.
- **Honorary member** - W.Bro Halliday proposed that Bro J.R.Jackson be recommended to the Brethren for election as an honorary member, seconded by W.Bro Jackson and carried.
- WM proposed that initiates be allowed to attend on Friday nights, W.Bro Chapman seconded.
- **Initiates not allowed to attend on Friday nights** - W.Bro opposed and the proposal was withdrawn.
- **Ladies night in credit** - W.Bro Atkinson as acting Secretary read the Secretarys statement of accounts for the Ladies Night, Childrens Party and Annual Ball showing the credit balance was £10.3.6 which amount amount had been handed over to the Treasurer.
- A vote of thanks to the Secretary for the way he had conducted these functions was passed and the meeting was terminated.

14th July 1922

- **Afternoon tea for wives and children** - The WM had summoned the meeting in order to obtain permission to use the Lodge premises on the occasion of an afternoon tea which he asked be extended to brethren and their children. This was unanimously agreed to.
- **Caretaker requests repairs to her property** - A request had been received from the caretaker for certain renovations to the dwelling house attached to the lodge.
- **Caretaker to purchase wallpaper** - WM proposed purchase of wallpaper for staircase, W.Brookbank seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Hodgson be authorised to purchase a suitable supply and carry out the work an account for which should be rendered to the Lodge.
- **Agricola suggest buying new piano** - It had been suggested by Agricola Lodge that a new piano be purchased for which they were prepared to pay half.
- **Piano to be inspected** - W.Bro Brookbank proposed old instrument be examined by an expert and estimate be obtained for putting it in first class order. W.Bro Grainger seconded – agreed.
- **Lodge exterior requires re-painting** - WM mentioned necessity for repainting exterior of lodge and it was proposed that an estimate be obtained for carrying out that work.
- **Organ power failure – electric motor donated** - W.Bro Halliday mentioned the failure of organ power and said Bro England had offered to give to the Lodge a quarter horsepower electric motor if it could be adapted. It was proposed and seconded that Bro Nichol be asked to consider the practicability of this.

- **Mr Rosen** - W.Bro Grainger asked if there was any prospect of again bringing forward the name of Mr Rosen as a candidate and said that he had been mentioned to Bro A.G.Watson. The subject was dropped without resolution.
- **Lodge Banner to be repaired** - W.Bro proposed lodge banner be backed. W.Bro Wharton seconded and W.Bro Delittle agreed to take the job in hand.
- **Stewards accounts questioned** - W.Bro Pfluger mentioned the fluctuations in Stewards profits and said he intended to introduce a book for the checking of the finances of the Cupboard which he hoped to present to the Lodge Committee at their next meeting.

2nd September 1922

- **Lodge exterior re- painting estimate** - Secretary read estimate of cost of repainting exterior of lodge premises received from Bro Chaloner.
- **Lodge exterior to be re-faced** - W.Bro Rodwell proposed and W.Bro Delittle seconded and it was agreed that an estimate be obtained from Mr West, builder, as to the probable cost of re-facing the front of the building with plaster or cement and to imitate stonework – an example of this type of work was to be seen in the renovation of Kensington House, Lord Mayors Walk.
- **Piano to be inspected** - W.Bro Halliday promised to take action with regard to a previous minute on examination of piano after which the offer of Agricola Lodge will be reconsidered.
- **Organ – power options considered** - Secretary will ask Bro Nichols to report on the possibility of adapting electric in place of hydraulic organ power.
- **Royal invested as Senior Warden** - Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales as Senior Warden. After explaining the procedure in order to qualify for attendance the WM said the list would remain open until Friday 8th September and it was proposed by W.Bro Atkinson, seconded by the WM that in the meantime Past Masters not present including W.Bro Harry Clarke be notified specially of the time limit.
- W.Bro Delittle asked for information of the order for reprint of Bye-laws. This was amended to 300 copies as per particulars and price agreed to in minute of 25th February 1922.
- **Agricola meeting issues** - WM said Agricola Lodge wished to vary the representation at joint meeting to be held on September 20th and it was proposed by W.Bro Halliday and seconded by W.Bro Delittle that we should stick to the three agreed up. Viz WM, Treasurer and Secretary. In the anticipated absence of Secretary it was arranged that W.Bro Atkinson should act for him.
- **Candidate** - W.Bro Grainger mentioned the name of Mr Henry Edward Alexander Clark, a laundry manager, as a suitable candidate for the lodge. W.Bro Brookbank, the WM and Bro Leason spoke in support and it was agreed this name be presented to the lodge. W.Bro Grainger to propose and Bro Smith to second.
- **Candidate objected to** - W.Bro Rodwell asked if Mr Charles Harland was still objected to. The WM replied that was unfortunately not likely to be overruled.

25th November 1922

- **Renovation of lodge exterior** - Renovation and painting of Lodge premises – Wests letter read and Secretary to write thanking for advice offered asking for price for patching of broken plaster, preparation to repainting and also separately price for repainting whole of exterior of building and cottage No23A adjoining.
- **Piano repair cost - Piano** – W.Bro Halliday on repair of piano at a cost of £5. Result considered satisfactory and expenditure authorised.

- **Organ, electric motor not powerful enough** - Organ – The electric motor offered by Bro England for drawing the bellows was not thought to be sufficiently powerful in opinion of Bros Nichols, Hardyman and North. Secretary instructed to convey to Bro Nichols the best thanks of the committee for his kind offer explaining why they could not avail themselves of it.
- **Dining room cupboard price** - Cupboard – Bro Kilvingtons offer to construct a cupboard in the recess in dining room at a cost of £28.17.6 was declined.
- **Lavatory** – WM submitted estimate of Bro E.Walker for alteration of lavatory accommodation and mentioned that Bro Syd Smith had two suitable white glazed urinal stalls which he was prepared to place at the disposal of the lodge at a nominal figure if they cared to accept them.
- **Lavatory** - The estimate and specification of Messrs Geo.Walker and Son embodying this proposal was agreed up at a cost of £18.18.0.
- **New WC to be provided** - It was proposed by W.Bro Roberts and seconded by W.Bro Grainger that another water closet be provided and it was agreed that the WM, W.Bros Kilvington, Pfluger and the Secretary act as a sub committee to see how the work could be carried out and to obtain estimate of probable cost.
- **Candidates** - The WM has two names to bring forward as prospective candidates for admission to the Lodge – viz Mr Geo. Waterworth, age 24, occupation as a clerk in the Yorkshire Insurance Company and Mr Geo.Wilkinson, age 37, confectioner. Both these names had the approval of the committee.
- **Tablecloths** – Mrs Hodgson had requested renewal of the tablecloths. W.Bro Pfluger to investigate and report.
- **Beer price reduced** – On proposal of WM it was agreed to reduce the price of beer to 4d per glass.
- **New Gauntlets to be purchased** – W.Bro Turner spoke of the dilapidated condition of the IPM and Wardens gauntlets and it was proposed by W.Bro Brookbank and seconded by Secretary C.Grainger that three new pairs be purchased – proposed by C.A.Pfluger, seconded by B.Kilvington old pairs to be preserved in custody of Bro Horner.
- **Stewards profits** – W.Bro Pfluger spoke of fluctuating profits of stewards cupboard and it was understood that Bro Bradshaw would prepare and experimental account book to be submitted to PM Committee after trial.
- **Meeting with Agricola Lodge** – Agreed that representatives to be WM, Secretary and Treasurer.
- **Education of Master Martin** - Mrs Martin – W.Bro Turner read letter received from Mrs Martin for financial aid to continue her sons education at the Leeds University. After exhaustive discussion and submissions of particulars of Mrs Martins available funds from other sources, Secretary was instructed to reply and inform agreed upon explaining that Mrs Martins present circumstances did not justify any such aid being granted.

8th December 1922

- **Extra W.C** - WM explained object of meeting – provision of additional water closet and in ??? of minute of November 25th called upon sub committee to report. W.Bro Halliday submitted estimate obtained from Messrs Wm Birch and Son and Geo Walker and Son. These were considered and the offer of Geo Walker and Son was accepted.
- **Specification for Ladies wc.** To complete necessary bricklayers, joiners and plasters work in connection with Ladies WC. to include mahogany seat , porcelain pedestal 2.5” partition and plastering on both sides, vent pipe above roof and connection to existing drain, making connection with existing water service and leaving all complete.

Price £29.0.0

14th December 1922

Meeting with Agricola Lodge

- The WM welcomed the deputation and called upon W.Bro Oxtoby (WM Agricola Lodge) to make a statement of their case. In reply W.Bro Oxtoby said they had long desired to meet the committee in order to remove some bad feeling which existed between the Brethren of the two lodges and he hoped the discussion would be of a free and amicable nature as they only wished to make a bargain for the good of Freemasonry in general.
- He requested W.Bro Milburn who was more familiar with the detail to outline the agreement under which they were tenants of Eboracum Lodge. According to the explanation of W.Bro Milburn from April 1910 his Lodge had paid an annual rental of £45 for three years. When Eboracum met them on the subject of increased expenses and requested that they would read into agreement the sum of £50 as rent. Thus they agreed to and from April 1913 they paid that sum until Sept 1918 when the matter was again reviewed and they were prevailed upon to make an ex gratia grant of £10 to the continually increasing expenses of the Lodge and from that date they were asked to pay £65.
- Some discussion arose here as to the allowance of £15 in the 1921 settlement the opinion of the Treasurer of Agricola Lodge that they had been allowed the sum of £7.10.0 in error which sum he was prepared on of his lodge, to pay.
- The point which the deputation required was whether these increased charges which they had been called upon to pay were incurred in part by the more frequent use of the lodge premises by side degrees. If such was the case, they did not think they should be saddled with such charges. Upon being assured that no greater revenues were derived from side degrees than formally and that the total of such revenues was quite an insignificant sum, they appeared satisfied.
- With regard to Clause 5 of the agreement, it was explained that the grievances under that head(ing) all hinged upon the use of the carpets which it was understood had been given to the Lodge for the sole use of the members of the Eboracum Lodge. W.Bro Gill (Agricola Lodge) thought it could be brought within the terms of Clause 5 and further it was stated that a distraction was being made as between the R.A.Chapter and Agricola Lodge in as much the R.A.Chapter was allowed the use of the carpet. Also in view of the fact the old carpet was very shabby, a new one ought to be provided. W.Bro Oxtoby said his lodge had suffered by our selfishness because brethren from Agricola Lodge who would have provided furniture (piano, glasses were mentioned) for the joint use of the two lodges had refrained from doing so because of the bad feeling which has resulted from the carpet episode.
- W.Bro Pfluger referred to a meeting between Eboracum and Agricola Lodges in 1912, when owing to the poverty of the latter their rent was fixed on a very low basis he stated they should not now expect the same conveniences for 160 members as they had for only 50 members at the same rent.

- He stated the annual working costs of Eboracum Lodge which had readily risen from year to year until in 1921 they were £228, a quite disproportional amount of which sum the Agricola Lodge were asked to bear in comparison with the use they had of the Lodge.
- W.Bro Blunder? said this was no answer as we should not take away rights or privileges of our Tenants but if necessary ask them to pay more which he thought they had already done.
- W.Bro Mildren said if he had known the small amount of revenue derived from the side degrees and the heavy annual charge for upkeep he would not have associated himself with the complaint about the rent but there should be no pettiness about cutlery, glass, carpets etc as he was sure his lodge would provide their share of such things for the joint use the lodge.
- With regards to a statement that Agricola use the lodge premises more than Eboracum, W.Bro Gill, said this was not the case but that on the contrary they made less use of the lodge than they were entitled to. From 1910 to present date they had been entitled to hold 832 meetings where as they had attended only 460.
W.Bro Atkinson promised to bring the question of the use of Cutlery, glass and carpets before the Lodge committee.

Alteration of premises and joint ownership

- W.Bro Mildren asked if any structural alteration to the lodge premises were contemplated and if so was there any possibility of Agricola entering into joint ownership on terms to be agreed upon. Also he wished to know whether shares in the lodge could be purchased as he understood they were to be disposed of from time to time.
- The WM replied there were no immediate likelihood of any structural alterations and question of joint ownership could be brought before the Lodge committee, but he did not think they would consider favourably.
- Also W.Bro Pfluger said the declaration of trust under which the rights of the lodge were held could not be varied without legal powers.

Provision of a panel for names of Past Masters of Agricola Lodge

- W.Bro Jackson ??? asked whether permission could be given for the placing of a panel in the Lodge Room at their own expense similar to those of Eboracum, the position suggested being over the disused chimney.
- In the event of Agricola vacating the premises they could leave the wall in its original state. W.Bro Atkinson promised to submit this.
- W.Bros Oxtoby and Blunder said the remark was frequently made "When are you going to get a Lodge of your own?" and whether wished to know whether they were really welcome or whether Eboracum wanted rid of them because they did not like to feel that they were here under sufferance. Some discussion followed and W.Bro Pfluger asked whether Agricola would consent to the removal of their Roll of Honour for the mirror displaced by alterations to the urinal. W.Bro agreed that the Roll of Honour could be removed to a more suitable place, Eboracum to suggest where it could be hung.

- W.Bro Oxtoby thanked the meeting for receiving the deputation and hoped hence forth the two lodges could work together amicably.
- W.Bro Atkinson replied that the opportunity given for a free discussion of grievances imaginary of otherwise would no doubt do good. Agricola ought rest assured they were acceptable tenants and as long as they conducted themselves properly and paid a fair rent they might consider themselves permanent under the terms of the agreement. Any misunderstanding which had arisen were due to tittle tattle and unauthorised discussion of lodge affairs which should be discouraged on both sides.He promised to bring up the outstanding matters for the consideration of his lodge committee and comment on their decisions
- The deputation then withdrew.

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13th January 1923

- **Painting of the Lodge** - Secretary read further estimates received from Messrs West Ltd. It was proposed, seconded that the matter be left in abeyance.
- **Table cloths**, still under consideration. W.Bro Pfluger to report.
- **Cost of Gauntlets** - W.Bro Pfluger revised price list from Messrs Spencer and Co. and it was decided on a proposition of W.Bro Gent and seconded by W.Bro Delittle that four new pairs be purchased at £2.15.0 per pair for use by the WM,IPM and Wardens.
- **Cost of Lavatories** – Messrs Geo. Walker and Sons account was submitted and explained that in addition to the original contract, 36 hat pegs had been provided and fixed without extra charge and other work including painting of two rooms upstairs and lavatory downstairs had been performed by Bro Chaloner free of cost to the lodge.WM moved satisfaction of account from Messrs Walker, total £47.18.8. Seconded by W.Bro Brookbank and approved. W.Bro Pfluger proposed a vote of thanks to Bro Chaloner for the gratuitous work he had performed, seconded by W.Bro Finney.
- **Candidate** - The WM mentioned on behalf of Bro G.Reid the name of Bro Robert Leonard Grange, a member of Red Triangle Lodge No4000 as a joining member.
- **Candidate** - Also Mr Astle age 45 a commercial traveller as a candidate for initiation.
- **Lecture offer on Persia** - A letter was read from Bro Ralfe? Conveying the offer of Major Galloway to deliver in the lodge a lecture on Persia. W.Bro Thompson proposed offer be accepted seconded by Bro Wolstenholme. WM to try and arrange for February 8th and members to be notified on ordinary Lodge summons.
- **Lectures not allowed in the Lodge room** - W.Bro objected to lecture being given in the Lodge Room and as it was understood Agricola were to be addressed by the same lecturer, the WM undertook to see that such lectures were delivered only in the dining room.
- **Annual Dance & ticket price** – WM proposed himself, wardens, steward and Secretary be a sub committee for the purpose. Secretary to get out notices etc – cost to be 8/6d. W.Bro Finney seconded and it was agreed.
- **Agricola rent issue** - The sub committee appointed to meet representation of the Agricola Lodge reported and arrangement of that report W.Bro Pfluger explained the £7.10.0 which had been deducted from the rent due and which amount had since been paid.

- **Agricola allowed to use the carpets** – After discussion, W.Bro Gent proposed and W.Bro Finney seconded that Agricola Lodge be allowed free use of the carpets. This was being left at the discretion of the committee by W.Bro Halliday, it was carried unanimously.
- **Stocktake of glass and cutlery** – WM proposed, Treasurer and Steward take stock of and submit to the Lodge Committee an inventory of the Glass, Crockery, Cutlery and other utensils in possession of the Lodge. W.Bro Finney seconded and it was carried.
- **Alterations of Premises and Joint Ownership** – WM proposed and W.Bro Finney seconded that reply on following terms be given “No scheme of alterations is at present before the Lodge and question of Joint Ownership could not be recommended by this Committee.”
- **Panel for Names of PM’s Agricola Lodge** – proposed by W.Bro Kilvington and seconded by W.Bro Thompson that Agricola Lodge be allowed to fix approved panels and position immediately adjoining the organ on either or both sides.
- **Lavatory mirror re-positioned** – Proposed by W.Bro Kilvington seconded by W.Bro Turner that mirror is taken from lavatory be placed over fireplace in the ante-room used by Agricola Lodge for their Roll of Honour this to be removed and placed in some other part of the room. WM will see this carried out.
- **Rent paid by Agricola Lodge** – W.Bro Pfluger asked what directions could be given to the sub committee negotiating with Agricola Lodge as to a consolidated payment of rent and expenses to be paid from April 1st 1923. W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded that the sum of £125 (originally shown as £150 but crossed out) per annum be asked for. Upon and even vote, the WM gave casting vote in favour of the amended figure.
- **Catalogue of picture to be produced and sold** - W.Bro Kilvington suggested that the many valuable pictures in the Lodge be catalogued with a short account of each, such catalogue be sold to cover the cost. It was understood Bro Horner would carry out the work assisted by W.Bro Atkinson but no resolution was made.
- **Organist seat in the Lodge room** – W.Bro Wolstenholme asked whether, as Director of Ceremonies, he would be in order in reserving the seat nearest the organ for the use of the Organist – permission granted.
- **Waste Pipe** – W.Bro Halliday mentioned the necessity for a waste pipe from the lavatory wash basin upstairs – matter deferred.

22nd February 1923

JOINT MEETING WITH AGRICOLA LODGE

- W.Bro Atkinson addressed the representatives of Agricola Lodge and explained that all the matters submitted at Joint Meeting of December 14th had been fully discussed by the Committee and were happy to state that the ??????? claimed by Agricola Lodge as to the use of Glassware, Carpets and Cutlery had been conceded as had also the request for space in the Lodge Room to erect a panel or panels of their Past Masters – the space allocated to be that immediately adjacent to the organ front either or both sides and the panel to be design and material subject to approval of Eboracum Lodge Committee.
- The question of position of Agricola Roll of Honour, mirror, hat pegs etc were also agreeably settled.
- It was explained to the representatives that in making these concessions, the committee had examined the conditions under which the Agricola Lodge tenancy was held and they had formed the opinion the rent paid was inadequate for the facilities afforded and W.Bro Atkinson said he was directed by his Committee to ask for an annual rental of £125, the sliding scale to be abolished.

- W.Bro Oxtoby thanked the sub committee for the removal of the grievances and with regard to the amount of £125 with regard to the proposed increased rent he thought the amount of £125 was excessive and that if the rent was to be advanced it should be on such a reasonable basis as would make them satisfied tenants which they never could be at the figure proposed. He was prepared to recommend £100 and he was supported with the amount by W.Bro Mildren.
- The representatives of Agricola Lodge promised to submit the question of increased rent to their and communicate further.
- Meeting closed.

24th March 1923

- **Cost preparing the Lodge front** - It was proposed and seconded that the work of preparing the lodge front etc as specified in the lowest tender be proceeded with as per contract price of £12.0.0.
- **Estimate for painting the exteriors of the Lodge and Cottage** - Bro Chalons estimate for painting exterior of lodge premises and cottage was also accepted at the precise amount of £35.0.0. Secretary to put in hand forthwith.
- **Position of the mirror** – The position previously decided upon for the mirror was said to be on account of the heated wall. W. Bro Chalones offered to have it fixed in such a manner as could provide an air space behind it.
- **Rent offer from Agricola rejected** - Secretary read report of joint meeting with representatives of Agricola Lodge. W.Bro Gent proposed acceptance of their offer of £100, W.Bro Brookbank seconded. This was rejected upon a vote to the original resolution, it was agreed the request for £125 be adhered to. (W.Bros Gent and Brookbank against, others for and WM neutral)
- **Rejection communicated to Agricola** - Secretary to communicate the decision to the Agricola Lodge and ask for early reply.
- **Candidates** - Five names were brought forward to be considered as candidates for initiation.
- **Table cloths and plates** – W.Bro Pfluger undertook to provide necessary table cloths. He was also authorised to purchase plates to bring stock up to 4 dozen.
- **Charity refused for widow living in Australia** - A letter was read out from Grand Lodge enclosing an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Victoria on behalf of Mrs Rose Carter, widow of the late Bro William Gibbon Carter a former member of Eboracum Lodge. It was explained that applicant was not entitled to petition the Board of Benevolence and it was agreed – proposed by W.Bro Pfluger, seconded by W.Bro Halliday that the sum of £10 be granted and charged to the lodge charity fund.

2nd June 1923

- **Candidates** - Various names were discussed by the committee as possible for going forward as candidates.
- **Annual dinner dance and childrens party in credit** - The Worshipful Master submitted the accounts of the Annual Dance and Christmas Party as prepared by the Secretary, showing a nett balance on the credit side for the functions of £1.13.9 which amount had been added to the entertainment fund.
- **Brother living in Scarborough granted assistance** - W.Bro Brookbank read letter received from Bro E. Graycliffe of Leopold Lodge, Scarborough applying for financial assistance. The brother had not qualified for Central Charities and it was proposed by W.Bro Halliday, seconded by W.Bro Delittle that the sum of 7/6 per week be granted until such times as Bro Graycliffe becomes entitled to the old age pension. Money for the purpose to be remitted to the Charity Representative of the Leopold Lodge and charged to the Eboracum Lodge Charity Fund – carried.

- **Ballot balls to be purchased** - WM proposed and W.Bro Walker seconded that new ballot balls (six dozen of each kind) be purchased at a cost of 3/6 per dozen.
- **Candidate withdrawn** - W.Bro Thompson asked for update about name of John Ward whom he understood Bro Hickel? wished to introduce. He was informed that this gentlemans name had not been considered by the Past Masters as it had been withdrawn.
- **Agricola refuses to pay increased rent** - With regard to minutes of March 24th and resolution fixing rent to be charged to Agricola Lodge, WM outlined what had occurred as the various meetings between the representatives of the two lodges and the correspondence which had resulted in the Agricola Lodge refusing to pay more that £100 per annum. He asked for confirmation or amendment of that resolution.
- W.Bro Delittle proposed and W.Bro Rodwell seconded resolution be rescinded.
- **Running costs compared** - W.Bro Pfluger gave particulars of cost of running the Lodge for the years 1920/1921 & 1922 and the amounts paid by Agricolo Lodge during those three years.
- **Agricola asked to pay reduced rent increase** - Eleven voted for, six against rescindment. After full discussion another resolution was made on the subject. W.Bro Kilvington proposed that Agricola Lodge be asked to pay £112 per annum from 1st October1923. W.Bro Thompson seconded.
- **Agricola asked to pay reduced rent increase** - Several amendments were proposed after which it was suggested that the matter be submitted to arbitration. These were in turn defeated and the original motion of W.Bro Kilvington was put and carried, eleven for two against.
- **Improper use of lodge premises by a member of Agricola** - Worshipful Master reported that W.Bro Blunder? of Agricola Lodge had a cupboard in which he kept interesting liquors and was in the habit of inviting other brethren as well as own members to the Lodge premises in an irregular manner. He proposed and W.Bro Halliday seconded and unanimously agreed the Secretary write to W.Blunder? asking him to remove the cupboard and refrain from using the lodge at unauthorised times.
- **Lodge Jubilee plan proposed** - W.Bro Pfluger reminded the meeting of the approaching Jubilee of the Lodge which would fall in two and a half years time and he asked whether it would be possible to wipe off the Lodge debt before that occasion. Debentures of the value of £450 were still owing. It was the opinion of the meeting that the Treasurer should try and persuade as many of the Past Masters as possible to relinquish their holdings.
The meeting closed at 11pm

30th June 1923

- **Agricola lodge cupboard issue - PM Blunders cupboard** – a letter was read from W.Bro Blunder in reply to request to have cupboard removed. W.Brookbank said request should have been made to Agricola Lodge Committee and not W.Bro Blunder.- matter left in abeyance.
- **Candidate issue- Mr John Ward**_– W.Bro Thompson complained that the name of his prospective candidate had been turned down. Bro H??? was still ready to propose him. W.Bro Thompson thought the candidate had not been given a fair chance – Upon being informed by the WM that the gentlemans name had not been before the committee.W.Bro Thompson said he wished to bring forward and he formally mentioned Mr John Ward, of Scarcroft Hill York, Commercial Traveller for Messrs Spillers and Bakers, Cardiff as a suitable candidate. He had the approval of the committee. W.Bro Pfluger recommending that W.Bro Thompson interview with regards to his supposed objection and he undertook to do.
- **Mr Rosen** - Mr.Rosen_- W.Bro Chapman wished to again bring forward the gentlemans name. W.Bro Finney spoke in support of his candidature but at the same time thought it inadvisable to allow the proposal to go before the Lodge. The name was approved.

- **Photographs of Past Masters** – WM proposed and W.Bro Finney seconded removal of caricatures to other side of door to make room for ?? portraits and it was agreed W.Bro Pfluger to instruct “Jacques” to affix three rows of picture rails for the purpose.
 - **Proposed new lodge** – W.Bro Halliday said twenty five brethren of the lodge wished to form a new Lodge. A provisional committee had been called at which about eighteen members attended and as he was put in the chair he wished to make a report on the matter to the committee in order to see whether such a ?? would have their support and approval. It had been inasmuch resolved that Eboracum Lodge be asked to give support to the formation of a new Lodge in York and if such a sanction were given by the committee of Past Masters it could be brought before the next regular Lodge. They wished to hasten their proceedings because another Lodge in York had a similar idea and might anticipate them. He did not think it would be detrimental to the interests of Eboracum Lodge which had about 160 members, few of whom had a chance of attaining the chair. The scheme had the sympathy of nearly all the old officers of the Lodge who new the difficulty members well in their years who would have in the chair. Both York and Agricola Lodges had considered the same question and he thought we had ample time in Eboracum Lodge to form a new lodge and the provisional committee felt that this Lodge should be first past the post to such a project. He proposed Eboracum Lodge Committee support the formation of a new lodge, W.Bro Delittle seconded. After full discussion the WM put the motion and it was carried.
 - **No word from Agricola re rent increase** - W,Bro Finney, asked whether further had been heard from Agricola Lodge about rent, Answer, NO.
 - **Candidate blackballed** - W.Bro Thompson mentioned recent blackballing of candidate and the WM refused to allow the subject to be discussed. He stated every presentation was taken within the Constitution and nothing could be done if the Brethren would not confide in the Worshipful Master.
 - **Lodge painting delayed** - W.Bro Finney enquired about painting. Answer delay due to waiting for drying of cement.
 - **Candidates and blackballing** - W.Bro Wolstenholme observed that every brother who brought forward a candidate should tell him he would have to take the risk of being blackballed.
- Meeting ended at 10.15pm.

7th September 1923

- **Candidate issues** - The Secretary being instructed to delete certain names with regard to the adoption of Mr John Ward as a candidate for initiation.
 - A letter was read for Bro Bairstow in connection with a testimonial, Secretary instructed to reply to effect that matter was outside our ??? as funds of Lodge were not available for such purposes.
 - **Candidate issues** - Bro T.Clarke, had by correspondence introduced for consideration of the lodge Mr Thomas Turner of York. The Senior Warden promised to to make further enquiries about the gentleman – no decision while under consideration.
 - **Agricola Lodge, given notice of tenancy termination** – WM outlined history of negotiations, W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded that six months notice of termination of tenancy be given by post Thursday 27th September and Secretary instructed to give effect to this resolution and at same time by a separated communication to offer the Agricola Lodge a renewal of tenancy at a rent of £125 per annum as from April 1st 1924. This resolution was carried unanimously and the Worshipful Master announced his intention to ask for the confirmation of open Lodge.
 - **Clock to be repaired** - W.Bro Challenger offered to have the clock repaired at his own expense. He was thanked and the offer was declined. Secretary to instruct Bro Fearnley to attend to it.
- Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

24TH November 1923

- **Candidates** - The following three names were mentioned to the committee as being suitable candidates for initiation –
Rev.Hargrave
E.S.Halder
F.W.Kitchen
- **Candidates** - The first two names were unanimously approved and that of Mr Kitchen was accepted subject to further inquiries to be made.
- **Almoners collar** - The WM and it was seconded and approved that an officers collar be provided for the use of the Almoner.
- **Funeral expense for wife of a brother paid for by the lodge** - WM reported the death of the wife of Bro R.Jackson and W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Finney seconded and it was agreed that funeral expenses be defrayed out of Lodge Charity Fund.
- **Frosted lamp for lodge room chandelier** - Lights in the Lodge Room – Bro Nichol to be asked to have frosted lamps fixed in one of the chandeliers for inspection at the next meeting.
- **Cottage chimney in a dangerous state** - W.Bro Atkinson reported the cottage chimney was in dangerous state and it was proposed by W.Bro Brookbank, seconded by W.Bro Grainger and approved that Bro Walker be instructed to carry out necessary repair at earliest possible opportunity.
- W.Bro Finney asked whether the wife of late Bro Bartle would be permitted to complete subscription to Masonic ??? Memorial Fund and he was requested to talk the matter over with Mrs Bartle with a view to persuading her to accept refund of amount paid.

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14th February 1924

- **Termination of Agricola Lodge Tenancy** – proposed by W.Bro Finney seconded by Bro Reed that new lock and ten keys be purchased for use after 31st March, Caretaker not to give access after that date except on authority of Worshipful Master. Keys to be held by the WM, Treasurer, *Secretary, Chief steward and Caretaker.*
- **Caretakers emolument** – Agreed that no alteration be at present made in the sum paid to the Caretaker in view of probable future occupation of the premises by Minster Lodge. W.Bro Halliday suggested WM explain position with Caretaker.
- **Tontine scheme** - W.Bro Finney mentioned the Tontine Scheme subscriptions to which were not being regularly collected. WM promised to speed up the secretary.
- **Lodge room lighting alteration approved** - Action of the WM in having lights in lodge room altered was approved.
- **Candidate** - The WM submitted a further report on Mr Kitchen whose name was before the meeting previously. From enquiries made by W.Bro Gent he thought the name should be recommended and it was approved. W.Bro Grainger was prepared to second him.
- **Candidate told of rules** - WM read letter submitted by Bro Ward seeking admission of Mr Mawson?? and it was agreed to allow this name to go forward as candidate that proposer Bro Walter Ward and seconder Bro Puckering?? Attend on Friday evenings and make their application in the orthodox manner ie three Fridays in succession.
- **Brother returns from India** - Bro C.G.Richards – a letter was read from a brother mason recently returned from India who wished to join a local lodge. Secretary was instructed to inform the applicant it would be necessary for him to be proposed and seconded by two brethren of the

lodge who had known him for some considerable time. He should also procure a copy of his clearance certificate.

- **Canadian brother request information on UK living - G.A.Malthouse** – a letter was read from Bro ??? 21F Cherry Avenue, Windsor, Ontario Canada asking for information conditions and prospects for employment in this Country, Secretary was instructed to reply in general terms giving any information he could.
- **Catering complaints** – W.Bro Grainger said he had heard complaints about the supper provided on Lodge Nights and asked if anything could be done to improve the attendance on those occasions. After a good deal of discussion, it was agreed that the WM and Wardens speak to Bro Woolgrove with a view to improving the catering. A guarantee similar that given to Bro Cuthbert to be offered if necessary.
- **Buiding Accounts received** from Bro Walker amounting to £23.10.2d for work done December 1923 and £28.9.9d for February 1924 were submitted and passed for payment.

18th July 1924

- **Muffin maker candidate** - The Worshipful Master has again been asked to bring forward the name of Mr W.A.Rigg, a master muffin maker of this City. He submitted letters from SW.Butler of Halifax and W.Bro Feavers a Halifax Freeman in support of Mr Riggs candidature .The name was approved.
- The accounts for the Annual Ball etc were presented by the Secretary and passed.
Photograph of Gold Cup - It was agreed to purchase a photograph of the Gold Cup presented to the Most Hon. The Marquis of Zetland at a cost 2/6d
- **Temple curtains to be replaced** - The Secretary was instructed to have the curtain replaced over the windows in the Lodge Temple.
- **Bent wood chairs ordered** - Bro J. Grainger proposed and it was agreed to purchase three dozen bent wood chairs.

Deputation from Minster Lodge

- A deputation from the Minster Lodge represented by W.Bro Halliday, Worshipful Master Elect Bro R.A.Rodgers, and G.W.Dawson, Senior and Junior Wardens designate and Bro H.H.England Secretary for the Founders of the New Lodge. W.Bro Halliday introduced the deputation and said they would like to make their home with Eboracum on terms which would be agreeable to both parties for many years to come. **The Founders were all members of the Eboracum Lodge** and they intended to continue to be members of their parent lodge although they were desirous of a forming a new one.
- He referred to to a previous tenancy by the Agricola Lodge which commenced on reasonable terms but although that Lodge had grown to four times its original strength the rent paid had not increased accordingly. They submitted that the question of rent paid should be governed by membership and should be increased proportionately as the Lodge grows so that the Minster Lodge could feel it was doing its proper share towards the expenses.
- It had been suggested that £1 per head per annum would yield approximately £20 for the first year would be a fair offer. It was quite possible during the first year their numbers would be increased to thirty and he proposed that rent be fixed from year to year so that as their lodge grew, so they would be prepared to pay more rent. They were anxious for the new lodge to accumulate some funds so that it could be looked up to as a flourishing one and he humbly submitted that their proposal might be favourably considered by the Eboracum Lodge Committee.

- Bros Rodgers, Dawson and England spoke in support of the application and the deputation temporarily withdrew. After discussions it was proposed by W.Bro Grainger seconded by W.Bro C.A. Thompson and agreed that offer of £1 per member per annum as ascertained at end of each financial year be recommended for acceptance by open lodge. Any agreement entered into to be for one year and be subject to review at end of such period.
- The Worshipful Master informed the deputation their application had the approval of the Committee and he was prepared to support a resolution in those terms when moved in open lodge.
- In accepting the WM's statement, W.Bro Halliday on behalf of the deputation offered to pay from the funds of the new lodge their quota towards maintenance and renewal of crockery, cutlery, glassware etc and it was agreed the supplementary offer be embodied in the resolution.

25th October 1924

- **Candidate** - Some delay had occurred in the proposal in open lodge of Mr Fred Haynes as a candidate for initiation and after discussion this gentlemans name was re-affirmed.
- **Candidate** W.Master mentioned name of Mr Ford introduced by Bro Jackson, consideration was deferred owing to short period of residence in York.
- **Candidate** W.C.Grainger proposed Bro. J.Grainger seconded, and it was agreed to accept Bro R.Grainger as joining member of Eboracum Lodge.
- **Fees returned to a brother in financial difficulties** - W.Master proposed, W.Broadbank seconded and it was unanimously agreed to return initiation fee and one years subscription total - £8.12.0 to Bro Fawcett in consequence of his reduced circumstances.
- **Chapter cupboard** - W.Bro Rodwell asked whether the proposed gift of a museum cupboard for the Eboracum Chapter had the approval of the Committee. He was assured it had.

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17th January 1925

- **Candidates name withdrawn** - Bro Walter Ward had expressed a wish to propose Bro E.Crump of the Remington Arms and Metallic Cartridge Co. as a joining member of Eboracum Lodge. In absence of fuller information, no resolution was made.
- **Annual Ball venue objected to** - WM said he had heard objections to holding the Annual Whist Drive and Dance at Terrys Restaurant and he explained why he had chosen that place. The action of the WM was endorsed. It was proposed and seconded that the Wardens be added to sub committee carrying out arrangements for that event.
- **Subscription towards a memorial** - A letter was read from Miss Mann of the St.Margarets School asking for a subscription toward a memorial to the late Bro T.Martin to be placed in the Parish Church and for which she hopes to raise a sum of £20. It was proposed by W.Bro Grainger, seconded by W.Bro Brookbank and agreed that an amount of £2 be contributed from the Lodge Fund for that object.
- **Financial assistance for a brother in difficulty** - A letter had been received Bro Heason? from Bro E.Graycliffe, a one time member of Eboracum Lodge and also a former member of the Leopold Lodge, Scarborough explaining his straightened financial position and asking for relief. W.Bro Halliday suggested some confirmation of the facts should be asked for through the Charity representative of the Leopold Lodge and it were substantially true he proposed 5/- per week for twenty weeks be granted to the applicant. Payment to be made through the Charity Representative of the Scarborough Lodge – Seconded by W.Bro Finney and agreed.

- **Minster request lodge keys** - On behalf of the Minster Lodge, W.Bro Halliday asked for keys of the lodge to be supplied to himself as Worshipful Master, and also to his Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Steward. – agreed.
- **Minster allowed to build a cupboard for draught beer** - Authority was given for Minster Lodge to erect a cupboard for the stowage of draught beer alongside the one in use by this Lodge.
- **Minster await tenancy agreement** - W.Bro Halliday reminded the Committee re agreement as to the tenancy had not yet been presented to Minster Lodge. Treasurer be asked to such a document in consultation with the WM and Secretary. It was of the opinion of the Committee that legal aid was an unnecessary expense and an agreement in simple form to that providing for for the Agricola Tenancy would suffice.
- **Dining room window to be covered over** - Bro Halliday called attention to the window in the corner of the dining room which he thought was useless and had been curtained for a number of years. He proposed to provide more wall space for pictures etc the window to be covered with match boarding – seconded by W.Bro Grainger – agreed

17th February 1925

- **Candidate** - With regard to the nomination of Mr G.Rowley whose proposal as a candidate for initiation had been delayed, the committee was informed by the WM there would be no obstacle to his adoption if Bro Woolgroves name could be disassociated from the proposal as it had been arranged for Bro R.Bailey to act in his stead.
- **Candidate** - The name of Mr Crump was deferred until Bro Walter Ward should take further action.
- **Eboracum Jubilee plans** - The WM had called the meeting to discuss the forthcoming Jubilee of the Lodge which will be outlined on the 5th August 1926 to celebrate which he said it had been suggested Provincial Grand Lodge be asked to hold the 1926 Annual meeting in the Guildhall at York under the name of Eboracum as it was proposed W.Bro Grainger, seconded by W.Bro Atkinson and agreed to the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary be asked to receive a small deputation consisting of the WM, 2 Wardens to make representations with that object in view.
- **Past Masters to fill all offices during Jubilee year** - W.Bro Delittle proposed and W.Bro Atkinson seconded it be a recommendation to open lodge that Past Masters be asked to fill all offices of the lodge during the year commencing November 1925.
- **Outstanding debts of the lodge** - W.Bro Pfluger referred to the outstanding debts of the Lodge and asked that an appeal in the form of a circular be made to all the brethren to clear of the sum of £290 still owing to debenture holders. W.Bro Halliday spoke in support and proposed that the suggested form of appeal submitted by W.Bro Pfluger be approved and printed for distribution seconded by Bro G.Reed and carried.
- **Chapter cupboard and the moving of the clock** - The sanction of the Committee was given to W.Bro Rodwell as representative of the Eboracum Chapter to erect a museum cupboard in the alcove where the clock has customarily stood and after much discussion it was agreed as temporary measure to place the clock in the corner alcove.

23 May 1925

- **Jubilee plan** - With regards to a resolution passed at the previous meeting recommending the filling of the principal offices by Past Masters during the year 1925/26. W.Bro Brookbank said some opposition was to be anticipated gave notice of motion be given by the WM in terms of that minute – agreed.

- **Appeal for funds to clear the lodge debt** - It was asked what response had been received to the appeal for funds issued Feb18th/25 with the object of clearing the lodge of debt. The Worshipful Master gave information to date which did not show to have been made.
- **Urinal to be cleansed and the organ cleaned** - W.Bro Gent complained that the urinal of the lodge was offensive and needed a thorough cleansing – caretaker to be instructed to attend to this and also the organ loft was said to be very dusty.
- **Organ is defective** - W.Bro Thompson reported organ defective and Secretary ordered to obtain an estimate from Mr Hackett for its overhaul.

31st August 1925

- **Jubilee fund appeal faltering** - Arising out of previous minute with regard an appeal for funds to liquidate the lodge debt W.Bro Pfluger reported amount collected to date £30 and amount promised £33 . This was considered unsatisfactory and W.Bro.Halliday proposed and W.Bro Delittle seconded preparation of a list of sums paid for exhibition in the Lodge it was agreed that Past Masters should canvas the brethren for subscriptions and after scrutinising the roll of member, certain Past Masters took lists of Brethren whom they were willing to approach.
- **Organ to be repaired** - W.Bro Pfluger read estimate from Messrs Hackett and Messrs Summers and Barnes for repair of organ proposed and seconded – question remain in abeyance in view of statement of organist that instrument gave no cause for complaint. On an amendment it was agreed WM, Wardens and organist consult together as to necessity for repair and report to next lodge committee meeting.
- **Officers of the Jubilee year** - W.Bro read a letter he had received from W.Bro Chapman with referment to next years officers of the lodge and he also read the unposted reply he had drafted. The WM thanked W.Bro Reed for the straight forward manner in which he had explained his position in view of the decision of the brethren in open lodge – no resolution was made.

29th September 1925

- **Organ repair** - With reference to the organ, W.Bro Pfluger informed the committee a contract for the maintenance of the organ was in operation and was regularly executed by Messrs Summers and Barnes. In view of this it was decided to rescind the previous minute on this subject.
- **Rents of Side Degrees** – Treasurer reported upon termination of tenancy held by the “Rose Croix and Red Cross” side degrees also the lodge of “Royal and Select Masters” and “The Allied Degrees.” With regard to the last mentioned it was explained they had seldom met and they now offered two guineas each as a final payment.
- The committee assented to the acceptance of these sums.
- **Bookcases to be agreed** - W.Bro Pfluger submitted for inspection two bookcases to replace similar articles removed or about to be removed by other degrees formerly occupying these premises.- proposed, seconded and agreed their purchase being agreed.
- **Election of WM row** - Secretary read a letter from Bro H.N.England protesting against and asking for production of minutes of an alleged meeting of the Past Masters dealing with the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.
A copy of this letter which had been circulated amongst a number of the brethren had been circulated was also brought to the notice of the meeting.
The WM expressed his disapproval of the action of the JW. W.Bro Challenger read some of the Constitution which define the powers of a Master – viz rules 181/183 and 133 – Book of Constitutions and several of the Past Masters spoke in support of the WM.
W.Bro England replied at some length pleading justification but he declined to retract.

28th November 1925

- **Million Memorial Fund** – It was resolved that Bro England be asked to present his accounts for audit by the WM and IPM, on Friday December 4th and the Secretary was instructed to write him to this effect.
- **Lodge visiting dates** - The WM arranged the following dates for the visits of other Lodges – 14th December Albert Victor, February York Lodge, March Minster Lodge, April St.Germain Selby, May Calcaria, Tadcaster, June Camalodunum, Malton, July Victory Lodge Pickering, August Beacon Lodge, Pocklington, September Agricola Lodge.
- **Ladies Night and price of tickets** - The Ladies Night was fixed to be held on the 6th January 1926, tickets 3/6d each. The programme to be left in the hands of W.Bro C.Thompson. The Childrens night was fixed for the 8th January 1926. The carols to be sung in the lodge were left to W.Bro Thompson, also.
- **Ladies to sort out Childrens Party** - It was decided that Mrs C.A.Pfluger be asked to arrange a committee meeting of Ladies (Wives of the Officers) to make arrangements for the Childrens Party.
- **Ventriloquist/conjurer booked for the Childrens Party** - The Secretary was instructed to engage Mr Blake, ventriloquist and conjurer for the Ladies Night and also the Childrens Afernoon and Evening.
- **The Annual Ball and ticket price** - The Annual Ball is arranged to take place in the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday evening 3rd February 1926. The WM to see about the Band, tickets to be 8/6d each. 7 o'clock being fixed as the time to commence.
- **Rules for serving non members** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded "That the Stewards be instructed not to serve any non member unless a member is with him, and to whom refreshments shall be booked."
- **Lighting issue in the Temple** - W.Bro Gent mentioned the insufficiency of the Artificial Light in the Temple and this was ordered to be seen to.
- **Redemption Fund donation** - W.Bro Pfluger, alluded to the Redemption Fund and proposed a vote of thanks be sent to W.Bro Sykes and Bro Frank Woolgrove for their handsome donations of £25 each. This was seconded by W.Bro Gent and unanimously carried.
- **Piano cover missing** - The Secretary was instructed to inquire as to the whereabouts of the *Piano Cover* and the reason it was not on the instrument when not in use.
- **The Lodge in a dirty state** - The WM mentioned the dirty state of the Lodge and he and the SW were appointed to interview the Caretaker.
- **Slabs to be placed on top of radiators** - W.Bro Pfluger proposed, and W.Bro Grainger seconded that slabs be placed over each radiator – this was carried.

Saturday 30th January 1926

- **Hoover vacuum cleaner to be purchased** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded the action of the WM in purchasing the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner be approved, unanimously agreed.
- **Tips for Terrys waitresses agreed** - W.Bro Finney brought forward the question of TIPS for the Terry's waitresses and the WM proposed and it was seconded by W.Bro Brookbank that 50/- be paid to them.
- **Re-decoration of the lodge to be discussed** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Halliday seconded that Bros Chaloner and Lacy be separately asked their opinions re decoration of the Lodge – carried. The proposer and seconder to accompany them.

- **Two gas cookers for the kitchen – stove to be returned** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded that two gas cookers be seen to for the kitchen and that the Secretary ask Bro F.Woolgrove if he would like to have the stove back – agreed.
- **Radiator slabs to be priced** - It was proposed, seconded and agreed that estimates re slabs over the radiator be sought.
- **RNLI donation** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Finney seconded the same amount as last year be forwarded to the Royal Lifeboat Institution.
- **Gift of knives for Xmas tree** - It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro Stubbs for his gift of 9 knives for the Christmas Tree.
- **Fever Hospital thanks for gifts** - A letter was read from the Matron of the FEVER HOSPITAL thanking the Lodge for gift of Sweets and Fruit.
- This concluded the business.

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27th January 1926

- **Re-decoration of the lodge agreed** - Bro Chaloner's Letter and Tender were read and the WM and W.Bro Grainger were appointed to see him. The WM proposed and W.Bro J.Grainger seconded that Bro Chaloner be given the work of decorating the Lodge.
- **Chairs and carpets to be inspected** - It was left to W.Bro Halliday to see to the carpets and also to see to Upholstery and Chairs previous to visit of Provincial Grand Lodge.
- **Robing room alteration estimate required** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Gent seconded that an estimate should be got for the alteration of Robing Room prior to the decoration of the lodge.
- **Estimates for work on the stairs and floor** - It was also decided that estimates should be obtained from Mr Marrilow? Bro Edgar Walker for Steps at Foot of Staircase and Kitchen floor cementing respectively.
- **Estimates for 3 x oak tables required** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and the WM seconded that estimates be obtained from W.Bro Dixon and Bro Perkins for 3 oak tables, one 5'x 2'6" and two 4'x 2'6" – carried.
- **Social functions lose money** - The Secretary reported re-entertainments for the year and these showed a loss of £5.5.0, it was proposed and seconded that this amount be paid from the Reserve Fund – agreed.

10th April 1926

- **Tables gifted by Minster** - Tenders from W.Bros Dixon and Biscomb and Frith re 2 tables were read. W.Bro Halliday reported that the WM of Minster Lodge was desirous of presenting the 3 tables above mentioned. The tenders were therefore handed to W.Bro Halliday who promised to hand same to W.Bro Rodgers.
- **Price for staircase in marble steps** - Tender from Mr Marrilow re-marble steps for £12.10.0 were considered and it was decided that the matter be deferred for consideration as to whether the whole staircase should be done in marble or wood.
- **Price for concreting kitchen floor** - Bro Walker's tender for £9.7.6 for concreting the kitchen floor was read. W.Bro Grainger proposed and W.Bro Challenger seconded that this be accepted – agreed.
- **Gift of tables accepted** - It was proposed and seconded that W.Bro Rodgers offer of Tables be accepted.

- **Radiator cover go ahead** - The committee decided that W.Bro Dixon be empowered to proceed with the radiator covers in his suggested way.
- **Meeting to be missed due re-decoration?** - W.Bro Grainger proposed and W.Bro Challenger seconded the May Lodge be abandoned on account of the decoration of the lodge. The Secretary was instructed to the Provisional Grand Secretary for advice.
- **Removal of partition wall** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Leason seconded the partition wall upstairs should be removed by Bro Kilvington – Agreed.
- **Estimate required for new lodge room carpet** - W.Bro Halliday undertook to obtain estimates for a new carpet for the Lodge.
- This concluded the business.

19th July 1926

- **Signatories for Barclays Bank account** - The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to the manager of Barclays Bank, setting out the names of those authorised to sign all documents to the borrowing of £1000.
 - **Kitchen wall removal under discussion** - A discussion as to the removal or retention of the kitchen wall was after consideration left in the hands of the sub committee.
 - **Eboracum thank 236 for use of furniture** - The Secretary was instructed to write to the York Lodge 236, to express the thanks of the Eboracum Lodge for allowing the York Lodge furniture to be used at the Provisional Grand Lodge to be held in the Guildhall on July 7th next.
 - The WM reported that he had secured the Assembly Rooms for the Luncheon after the Provincial Grand Lodge at a cost of £5.5.0. This was approved.
 - **Guildhall booked for luncheon** - The WM proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded that W.Bro Cuthbert cater for the Luncheon and also provide light refreshments in the Guildhall – this was approved.
 - It was proposed and seconded that the WM request the Provincial Grand Master to come down and re-open the Lodge – this was approved.
 - **American organ required for PGL at the Guildhall** - The Secretary was instructed to ask Messrs Gray to provide an American Organ for the Provincial Grand Lodge, the instrument to be at the Guildhall not later than 10am on the 7th July.
 - **Assistance refused for widow of the lodge** - The Worshipful Master brought forward a letter from Bro Goode re assistance for the Widow of the late Bro Dales. This was thoroughly discussed and after a letter from W.Bro Fox-Thomas had been read by W.Bro Brookbank it was resolved that no action be taken in the matter.
- Jubilee photograph to be taken** - The WM suggested that a Jubilee Picture of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge for the Jubilee year should be done. This was seconded by W.Bro Grainger and agreed to. The WM undertook to see Bro Harry Masson? to make all the arrangements for its production.

21st August 1926

- **Accounts presented** - The WM presented accounts which had been passed by the sub committee for payment – the accounts were confirmed.
- **Million Memorial fund accounts required** - The WM reported an interview he had had with Bro England with reference to the accounts for the Million Memorial Fund and said “Bro England promised to hand in a complete return as soon as possible after he returned from his holiday in

Scarborough” The Secretary was instructed to write him emphasising the importance of his keeping faith with the committee.

- **Jubilee photograph circular submitted** - The Secretary was instructed to draft a circular letter to be addressed to the Past Masters re Jubilee Photograph
This concluded the business.

29th September 1926

- **The Million Memorial Fund** was discussed and the matter was left in the hands of W.Bro Pfluger.
- **New WM selected** - After a lengthy discussion on the subject of the Worshipful Master for the year 1926 – 27, W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Walker seconded and W.Bro Pfluger supported that W.Bro Grainger be put forward to occupy that position. W.Bro Grainger thanked the Brethren for the compliment paid to him and accepted the invitation to allow his name to go forward.
- The Worshipful Master agreed to see W.Bro Reed and acquaint him of this decision.
- **Payment for work at PGL** - W.Bro Halliday proposed, W.Bro Walker seconded that Bro Laley? be paid the sum of £2 for his services at Provincial Grand Lodge. This was carried.
- **St.Dunstans gift** - A letter was read from St Dunstans Hospital, and it was agreed the sum of two guineas be forwarded as last year.

24th November 1926

- **New senior steward – must leave by 11pm** - W.Bro Halliday reported having interviewed Bro Brian Shaw re the Senior Stewardship and stated he was willing to act and keep the accounts but wished to leave before 11pm each Friday.
- **Lodge premises to close at 11.30pm** - W.Bro Halliday proposed, and the WM seconded “That in future the Lodge premises be closed on Fridays at 11.30pm” – carried.
- **Lodge opening time to be 7pm** - W.Bro Halliday proposed and W.Bro Pfluger seconded “That in future the Lodge opened at 7pm.”
- **Ladies nigh tickets to be restricted** - It was resolved that owing to the limited accommodation each Brother be allowed one lady’s ticket only for the Ladies Night.
- **Dance venue booked** - The WM announced that he had booked the Assembly Rooms for March 10th for the Whist Drive and Dance.
- **Candidates** - Various names were submitted for consideration as members.
- **Proposal forms required** - It was resolved that a supply of proposal forms be obtained from Messrs Delittle & co.
- **Cost of printing summonses** - It was also resolved to accept the estimate of Messrs Delittle and co for printing and collating envelopes for Summons as under –
175 lots 3 cap envelopes, 50 each printed addresses and collated, - £15

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20th January 1927

- **Candidates** - Two candidates as joining brethren, viz Bros C.G.Little and C.Farmer were deffered in the absence of seconders.
- **Lodge visiting list announced** - The following Lodge Invitations were agreed to – March, York Lodge – April, Minster Lodge and Albert Victor Lodge – July, Calcaria Lodge – Sept, Agricola Lodge.

- **Ladies and Childrens nights shortfall** - The Secretary gave the financial statement of the Ladies and Childrens nights which shared a slight deficiency which the Treasurer agreed to meet the loss out of the Entertainment Fund.
- **Radiator for Stewards Pantry?** - The provision of radiators in the Stewards pantry were left to the committee to report upon.
- **New House Committee** - It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by W.Bro Brookbank that the following form the HOUSE COMMITTEE – The WM, Secretary and W.Bro Halliday. – carried
- **Ticket price for the Whist Drive and Dance** - The Whist Drive and Dance tickets were fixed at 8/6d and the following sub committee were appointed to carry out the arrangements – The WM, Wardens and Secretary.
- The provision of printed sheets for the Steward was left to the House Committee to report upon.
- **Bank transfers and state of finances** - The Treasurer gave a lengthy report on the financial position of the Lodge. Proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by W.Bro Halliday “That the sum of £250 be transferred from No1 account to No2 account.” – carried.
- **Bank transfers and state of finances** - Proposed by W.Bro Halliday, seconded by the WM “That the sum of £100 be transferred from the Charity account on loan to No2 overdraft account.” – carried

25th February 1927

- **Australian joining member** - The WM read a letter from W.Bro G.Markham? asking to become a joining member. He sent his clearance certificate from the Military Lodge of Western Australia and his Masonic record. It was resolved that his name go forward – carried.

29th April 1927

- **Stewards radiator delayed** - The House Committee recommended that the provision of radiators for the Stewards pantry be deferred until later in the year. This was agreed to.
- **Roof leaking** - W.Bro Pfluger reported a leakage in the roof and W.Bro Dixon agreed to see to the same.
- **Candidate from Market Weighton to be checked** - The WM mentioned the name of Bro R.Ingle of Market Weighton, a member of the Beacon Lodge as a joining member. This was seconded by W.Bro Halliday. After some discussion as to the reason for wanting to join Eboracum, the matter was deferred until the WM had made enquiries from the Secretary of Beacon Lodge.
- **Minster Anniversary Fund** - The Secretary was requested to ask the Provincial Grand Secretary as to the object to which the proposal subscriptions to the Minster Anniversary Fund were to go to.
- **Organ to have curtains** - The House Committee were asked to provide curtains for the organ.

3rd June 1927

- **Jubilee photograph cost** - The Secretary said he had received an account from Bro Hewitt for the Jubilee photo amounting to £18. The Secretary was asked to see W.Bro Delittle respecting payment of the same.
- **Stewardship for next PGL meeting** - The Provincial Grand Secretary having written to offer the Lodge a Stewardship for the next Provincial Grand Lodge, it was decided to nominate Bro F.Wakefield. Failing his acceptance the following to be asked in rotation Bros F.Scaife, C.Wilson and F.Batty.
- **Joining member deferred** - Re Bro Ingle proposed as a joining member and adjourned for WM to make enquiries. It was resolved that the matter be deferred.

- **Position of the Jubilee photo decided** - The position to hang the Jubilee photo was decided upon.

12th August 1927

- **Arrears of subs to have forms** - The Secretary was given permission to have forms printed re arrears of subs.
- **Charitable relief for widow** - W.Bro Thompson mentioned the name of Mrs.Thom. Humphries and stated she was only in receipt of 10/- per week old age pension. Proposed by W.Bro Delittle, seconded by W.Bro Dixon "That the sum of 5/- per week be granted from the Charity Fund to Mrs Humphries for a period of six months as from 1st August." – carried.
- **Charity Fund to pay Brothers funeral expenses** - The action of the WM in instructing the Treasurer to pay the funeral expenses out of the Charity Fund for the late W.Bro Humphries was confirmed.

25th November 1927

- **Members in arrears** - The Secretary gave a list of members in arrears and W.Bro Thompson proposed and W.Bro Challenger seconded "That a letter be sent to each Brother two years in arrears, calling attention to the Bye-law 18 which the Committee intend to put into operation." – carried.
- **Organ, repair and tuning** - A letter was read from Messrs Hackett and Hackett saying they intend to repair the organ on the following Monday, also stating that they have tuned the organ on several occasions.
- **Organ, repair and tuning complaints** - So many complaints having been made by the different organists, it is now decided that the Secretary write to Hackett and Hackett not to touch the organ until instructed. The WM, Secretary, Organist and assistant Organist were appointed as a sub committee to deal with the matter and report.
- **Date for Ladies Night** - The Ladies Night was fixed for January 4th and the Childrens night for January 6th. The WM, IPM, D of C, Secretary, SW and JW to make arrangements.
- **Past Masters missing from Audit** - W.Bro Brookbank mentioned the absence of Past Masters at the audit this year and said they were usually invited to attend and he objected to the omission to do so this audit. W.Bro Pfluger said he objected to the remarks of W.Bro Brookbank who never waited to hear the statement read. The IPM said he was alone responsible for the arrangement and was surprised to hear the remarks of W.Bro Brookbank. It was impossible for the Auditors to carry on their work with a number of Past Masters present. He attended at 7pm and left, returning at 10pm and the audit was not complete then.
- **Audit inspection** - W.Bro Halliday supported W.Bro Brookbank and said the Past Masters ought to see the Balance Sheet before the lodge meeting.
- **Audit** - The WM said he would take a vote previous to the next audit as to the desirability of having Past Masters present. He was an auditor this year fully realised the impossibility of auditors doing their work properly in a number of Past Masters were present in the same room.

14th December 1927

- **Secunder withdraws** - The Secretary reported that Bro A.E.Smith had withdrawn his name as secunder to Mr H.N.Jackson, so this name was left in abeyance.
- **Organ to be inspected** - A letter was read from Hackett and Hackett re organ. It was agreed that Mr Arthur Ayres be asked by W.Bro Halliday to examine the organ and report as to its condition.

- **Value of the Lodge** - The WM's assessment of the lodge was considered. The gross value had been raised for £41 to £100 and the nett value from £36.15.0 to £80. After being discussed it was carried "That no action be taken in the matter"
- **Prayers to be said in Lodge** - Proposed by PM Halliday and seconded by PM Finney "That the Chaplain be requested to offer the prayers in Lodge." – carried
The WM to arrange with the Chaplain.

1928

24th February 1928

- **Caretakers allowance for cottage wallpaper** - It was agreed to allow Mrs Hodgson the sum of £2 towards the cost of papering in the cottage.

25th May 1928

- **Charitable relief for widow** - It was agreed to continue the payment of £1 per month for the next six months to Mrs Humphries.
- **Repeat visits not Masonic** - The Secretary reported that Bro Lye had visited the Lodge on several occasions during this year. It was agreed that the Secretary write to Bro Lye pointing out the repeated visits were not masonic.

7th September 1928

- **Minster Lodge to have an Honours Board** - A letter was read out from the Secretary of the Minster Lodge asking permission for that lodge to erect a panel containing the Founders and Past Masters in the West of the Lodge. This was agreed to.
- **Chapter to have an Honours Board** Permission was also given to the Royal Arch Chapter to place a panel in the West of the lodge.
- **Organ contract for repair and tuning** - It was resolved to sign a yearly contract with Messrs Hackett and Hackett at the sum of £3.3.0 per year, subject to three months notice on either side, for the repair and tuning of the organ.
- **Request to re-instate brother after being in arrears** - The Secretary reported that the WM of the Minster Lodge had been approached by Bro J. Johnson Smith with a request that he should ascertain if Eboracum Lodge would re-instate him if he paid up all arrears. The Secretary said Bro Johnson Smith has been "struck off" for the non payment of subscriptions. It was resolved that nothing be done in the matter."
- **Lodge debt reduction meeting** - Proposed by W. Bro Halliday, seconded by W. Bro Thompson "That a Lodge Committee be called on Friday 21st October at 8.30pm, to consider the question of raising money to reduce the debt of the Lodge." – carried
- **Honours board to be moved** - The Secretary was requested to instruct Bro Chaloner to replace the panel on the right of the dais, the same to be a copy of that on the left side to contain names of the Past Master.

21st September 1928

- **Lodge debt reduction appeal** - In accordance with notice given last meeting W. Bro Halliday proposed "That an appeal be made to the Brethren for subscriptions to clear off the debit balance owing to the bank." seconded by W. Bro Thompson.

- **Lodge finances declared** - The Treasurer made a report stating that the decorations cost £1550.16.6, borrowed money £250, paid off £550, total owing to bank at present £802.11.6 – the question was fully discussed and the position of the finances was considered satisfactory and upon the proposition being voted upon it was LOST by 5 against to 3 for.

6th December 1928

- **Alterations to the boiler** - The Secretary produced sketches supplied by the caretaker suggesting alterations to the boiler to prevent the over heating of the wall. The matter was left to the SW to report on.
- **Picture of Freemasons Hall** - W.Bro Delittle asked the WM to accept a picture of Freemasons Hall and he accepted the same with thanks.
- **Roll of Honour Eboracum Fabric** - W.Bro Delittle suggested a “Roll of Honour Eboracum Fabric” to contain the names of brethren who had subscribed to the clearing off of the debentures and the redecoration of the lodge. He thought many of the younger brethren would like to subscribe and he would have pleasure in a suitable book for that purpose. It was agreed to accept the book and W.Bro Delittle was warmly thanked.
- **Ladies night at the Lodge** - It was agreed to hold a Ladies Night at the Lodge the arrangements were left to the WM and a sub committee.

1929

15th March 1929

- **York236 request the use of 1611 premises** - The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of York Lodge 236 asking for permission to hold their Lodge meetings on premises during alterations to their building, also for the meetings of Albert Victor Lodge and Zetland Chapter.
- **York236 granted the use of 1611 premises** - This was granted on the proposal of W.Bro Pfluger, seconded by W.Bro Grainger.
- **York236 pay costs for the use of 1611 premises** - In light of York Lodge offering to pay the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning and having a report from the Treasurer as the costs, it was resolved not to charge any rent but to ask the York Lodge to the sum of 15/- per meeting held to cover the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning. The caretaker to be paid the sum of 5/- per meeting for the extra work involved.
- **Gift of tables** - Bro F.Woolgrove offered to provide three tables for the room downstairs and his offer was gratefully accepted by the WM.

21ST June 1929

- **Joining member request from Persia** - A letter was read from the Baghdad Lodge recommending Bro LYE as a joining member of this Lodge. It was resolved that the application be not entertained.
- **Candidate to be checked** - The name of Fred Haynes was then considered and W.Bro Thompson spoke in favour of the name going forward. The WM said there were several objections. It was resolved that the WM make further enquiries and if objections still remained the name be dropped, or if in his opinion the objections could be overcome the name go forward.

- **Meeting of other lodges to appoint an Almoner** - The Secretary was requested to call a meeting of the WM's of the other lodges to consider the appointment of an Almoner to succeed the late Bro ??

13th December 1929

- **Safe purchased** - The Secretary and Treasurer having seen a safe belonging to Bro S.Fearnley which was for sale and which would be suitable for the lodge. W.Bro Swales? Proposed and it was seconded by the SW "That the safe be purchased at the sum of £16 to include the stand with drawers.

1930

20th March 1930

- **New Tyler appointed** - The Treasurer reported having a meeting with Bro Bean with reference to the position of Tyler. Bro Bean attended and explained his wish to become the Tyler. He was initiated in 1916 in the ???Lodge No 157. Proposed by W.Bro Gent and seconded by ??? "That Bro Bean be proposed at the next lodge as a serving Brother." – carried
- **Long service presentation** - It was resolved that a presentation be made to W.Bro Railton as an appreciation of his long service as Tyler." The Secretary to send a circular to each member asking for subscriptions. The WM, Treasurer and Secretary to act as a sub committee to carry out details.

23rd May 1930

- **Candidate situation** - A letter was read from Past Master Thompson "wondering what was the use of considering Candidates when after due enquiry they were objected to and withdrawn." The WM explained why the name of Mr Lillywhite had been withdrawn and a vote of confidence in the WM's action was passed.

26th September 1930

- **Candidate voted for** - The WM said he had received several letters re the name of Mr Lillywhite being recommended and asked what were the wishes of the Past Masters in the matter. After some discussion it was recommended that the name again go forward – 9 voting for to 1 against.

21st November 1930

- **Fan for dining room** - W.Boyes offered to install a fan in the dining room. His offer was accepted with thanks.
- **Piano** - The WM reported having ????? the piano and in its place had a much better instrument installed. The WM was thanked for his generous gift.

1931

16th April 1931

- **Thanks for the fan** - The Secretary was requested to write to write and thank W.Boyes for installing the fan in the dining room and defraying the cost.

- **Caretaker resigns** - A letter was received from Mrs Hodgson resigning the position of Caretaker. It was agreed to accept the same to expire on April 30th 1931.
- **Cottage and out buildings to be inspected** - It was resolved that a sub committee consisting of the WM, Secretary, Treasurer inspect the cottage and out buildings and report if they they think any alterations advisable with a view to improving lodge premises.
- **Caretaker interview panel** - The same committee to interview applicants for the office of Caretaker.
- **Reading stand for the Secretary** - Proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by W.Bro Grainger "That a reading stand be provided for the Secretaries desk." – agreed.
- **Financial assistance requested by Mrs Thorpe** - The Charity Representative reported having received an application for financial assistance from Mrs E.Thorpe. Proposed by W.Bro Grainger, seconded by W.Bro Walker "That authority be given to the Charity Representative to petition Provincial Grand Lodge on behalf or Mrs Thorpe." – agreed
- **Financial assistance requested by Mrs Thorpe** - Proposed by W.Bro Brookbank seconded by W.Bro Dixon "That a sum of £20 be granted to Mrs E.Thorpe from the Lodge Charity Fund." Amendment by the Treasurer seconded by the Secretary that £10 be granted. The amendment was lost.
- **Piano, donor nameplate** - W.Bro Stubbs asked permission to fix a silver plate on the piano – presented to the lodge by W.Bro Woolgrove, giving the name of the donor and date of presentation.

24th April 1931 – Emergency Meeting

- **Cottage inspection** - The sub committee reported having inspected the cottage premises and could not recommend any alterations at present.
- **Agricola caretaker recommended as caretaker** - They had interviewed several applicants for the position of Caretaker and were unanimous in recommending Mrs Bolton at present Caretaker of Agricola Lodge.
- **Caretaker to be engaged** - The Secretary was instructed to engage Mrs Bolton, the matter to be confirmed at the next regular committee meeting.

30th October 1931

- **Secretary missing, minutes not read** - In the absence of the Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting was not read.
- **New Caretaker confirmed** - The action fo the sub committee in engaging Mrs Bolton as Caretaker was confirmed
- **Caretaker remuneration terms** - The terms being £26 per annum, house, rates and water free.
- **Piano tuner charge** - The estimate of Harold Star? for tuning the piano every six months at 10/- per annum was accepted.
- **Gift of photographs** - W.Bro E.Walker presented two framed photographs of himself to the lodge which the WM accepted and thanked the donor.
- **Gift of photographs** - The WM and Wardens assisted by the Librarians to arrange positions for hanging same.

27th November 1931

- **Reading stand still to be provided** - W.Bro Pfluger asked why the reading stand for the Secretary,s desk approved at the meeting on April 16th had not been provided. W.Bro Dixon instructed to supply.

- Ancient Charges and the summons - W.Bro Thompson inquired what progress had been made with regard his resolution to incorporate an extract from the “Ancient Charges” on the lodge summons.
- **Ancient Charge agreed upon** - He now proposed and W.Bro Walker seconded an Old Charge at one time used by the Eboracum Lodge be again be included – agreed
- **Honorary member** - W.Bro Woolgrove proposed by Bro ??? be made an honorary member of the lodge and that any arrears of subscriptions be borne by the lodge. W.Bro Finney seconded and it was agreed.
- **Honorary member** - The WM and the IPM will give effect to this resolution by a proposal in the next open lodge.
- **Printing work questioned** - W.Bro Thompson referred to the printing work of the lodge which he understood had been taken on by the hands of Messrs Delittle, Fenwick and Co and asked what authority there might be for placing of such orders.
- **Printing work questioned** - The WM asked for the matter to be left in his hands for the time being until he could confer with the Secretary.

1932

9th January 1932

- **Financial assistance requested for Mrs Ewbank** - W.Bro Brookbank read a letter received from W.Bro Herbert Holme of Pontefract, applying for relief for Mrs Jackson Ewbank living in Blaydon on Tyne. It was reported that the late Bro Jackson Ewbank had only subscribed to Eboracum Lodge for four years and that he had ceased to be a subscribing member thirty one years ago.
- **Financial assistance requested for Mrs Ewbank** - In these circumstances the Charity Representative presented that this widow was not eligible for Central or Provincial Charities. W.Bro Thompson gave a history of the late Bro Jackson Ewbank as he had known him and pleaded that the some assistance might be afforded from the Lodge Charity Fund.
- **Financial assistance requested for Mrs Ewbank** - After full discussion it was unanimously agreed W.Bro Thomson proposing, Bro Shaw seconding that as an act of grace a grant of £10 be made on the understanding that such a grant would not lead to a corresponding reduction in the amount the applicant was receiving from the Local Public Assistance Committee. W.Bro Halliday undertook to make the necessary enquiries with to this qualification.

9th April 1932

- **Financial assistance requested** - The WM read a letter from Miss Dunsford asking for financial assistance for her mother. The Charity Representative gave his views on the matter and questioned what he thought the salaries of the two daughters and son. He considered the family were in a position to maintain their mother.
- **Financial assistance requested** - It was decided to leave the matter to the WM who would write and explain that full particulars have to be supplied before the case could be considered by the Poor Charity Board.

26th August 1932

- **Past Masters Jewel to be presented** - It was proposed by W.Bro Finney seconded by W.Bro Grainger “That in future the Lodge presents to the IPM a Past Masters jewel and that W.Bro Stubbs and F.Woolgrove be presented with one each also.” – carried.

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16th December 1932

- **Cutlery order** - Permission was given to the Treasurer to purchase a supply of Knives, forks and spoons.
- **Radiator tender accepted** - The tender of Messrs J.Hardgrave and Sons for a new radiator at the sum of £10 was accepted.
- **Financial assistance requested – Bro Jesse Holt** - The Secretary read a letter from Bro Jesse Holt stating that he having lost all his money in business he was unable to pay his subscription. He had a leg taken off. W.Bro ??? gave particulars of an interview with Bro Holt. Proposed by PM E.Walker seconded by PM ?? "That the sum of of £5 be granted to Bro Holt, further that Bro Bunch make enquiries to ascertain if Bro Holt could wear an artificial leg, if so the WM, IPM,Treasurer and Secretary to act in purchase of same further the WM to consult the Charity Representative with a ??? to obtaining relief for Bro Holt from Central Charity.

11th August 1933

- **Financial assistance requested – Bro Jesse Holt** - The WM reported having heard that Bro Holt was in distress, he had authorised the Treasurer to advance a sum of £5 out of the Lodge Charity Fund. The action of the WM was confirmed.
- **Financial assistance requested – Bro Jesse Holt** - The Charity Representative reported that the sum of £60 had been granted to Bro Holt and was in the Yorkshire Penny Bank in Leeds and could be drawn upon at the rate of £10 per month. He also hoped that an annuity of £64 be per annum be granted ???
- **Portrait to be restored** - The Secretary asked for permission to have the portrait of Elias Ashmore restored at the cost of £4.4. 0 – agreed.
- **Radiators not working** - The Secretary was instructed to ask Bro Hardgrave to make a report on the non functioning of some of the radiators.

1934

13th April 1934

- **Mrs Perkins seeks help to educate her son** - The Secretary read an appeal from Mrs Perkins for assistance in the education of her son. It was proposed by W.Bro Brookbank and seconded by W.Bro Grainger "That the boys fees be paid up to £20 for the year 1934, the case to be reconsidered after that date.
- **Case deferred** - W.Bro Brookbank mentioned the case of Mrs Shearsmith and asked permission to bring it forward again.The matter was discussed and it was agreed to adjourn it again owing to the fact that this year is taken up with candidates.
- **Organ, price required for electric blowing** - It was agreed that the organist obtain estimates for installing electric blowing to the organ.
- **Painting Lodge premises considered** - It was proposed by the JW and seconded by W.Bro Grainger "That the WM, Treasurer, and Secretary act as a sub committee to carry out the painting etc of the Lodge premises." – carried
- **Chapter donation** - The Secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to Scribe E of the Chapter for the donation of £40 to the Lodge Funds.
- **Loose cover required for 1611 Bible** - It was proposed, seconded and carried "That the Assistant Librarian have the loose copies of the Ars- Quatuor Coronatorimum bound and obtain a loose cover for the 1611 Bible"- carried

15TH June 1934

- **Honours Board** to refer to dual Masterships - It was proposed by W.Bro Grainger and seconded by W.Bro Wolstenholme "That where Worshipful Masters have served more than once in the Chair, it be recorded on the Honours Board in the Lodge Room"- carried.
- **Only 1611 Past Masters to attend committee meetings** - W.Bro Thompson asked if it were possible invite W.Bro Clark to Committee meetings. The Secretary said it would be out of order as the Bye-law was – The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Past Masters of the Lodge.

1935

15th March 1935

- **Candidature deferred** - The Worshipful Master referred to the name of Mr F.J.Brown and the IPM said many brethren were not in favour, so it was decided to defer consideration.
- **Organ, annual contract cost** - The contract of Messrs Summers and Barnes for tuning and repairs to the Organ at the sum of £3.3.0 per annum to include four visits per year, was accepted, subject to three months notice on either side to terminate the contract.
- **Mrs Perkins seeks help to educate her son** On the proposal of W.Bro Woolgrove, seconded by W.Bro Grainger, it was agreed to continue the payment of £20 for one year to Mrs Perkins for education of her son.
- **1611 library grant** - The Library was granted the sum of £2.10.0 for the purchase of books and general purposes of the Library.

31st May 1935

- **Appointment as PPGW** - Minutes of the previous meeting were read and with minor alterations as shown were confirmed. The Worshipful Master explained meeting had been called in connection with W.Bro Pflugers appointment as Past Provincial Grand Warden and in view of the desire of the brethren to associate themselves in some way with the honour bestowed upon him.
- **Appointment as PPGW, lodge to provide clothing** - After full discussion it was proposed by the Worshipful Master and seconded by W.Bro Bouch that this should take the form of a presentation to W.Bro Pfluger of the appropriated Provincial Grand Lodge Clothing and that a circular be sent out to all members of the Lodge setting out briefly the valuable and continuous service which has been rendered to the Lodge by W.Bro Pfluger and inviting subscriptions not exceeding 2/6d to provide such a testimonial.

20th September

- **Joining membership** - On behalf of W.Bro J.Grainger, W.Bro Pfluger submitted application for joining membership of W.Bro Francis Morse Lindley? Who had been Provincial Grand Chaplain in 1903, and Master of the De Brus Lodge, Redcar 1929/30.
- W.Bro Grainger joining the meeting later, confirmed the favourable introduction which had been made by W.Bro Pfluger and formally proposed by W.Bro Lindley as a joining member of this Lodge, W.Bro Pfluger seconded.
- **Candidate** - The Worshipful Master in putting the proposal observed the Committee had little alternative than to accept a brother who had already made such progress in Masonry and it was agreed the application should go before the Brethren.
- **Illness sympathy letter** - The continued illness of W.Bro Challenger was mentioned by W.Bro Finney and Secretary instructed to write a letter of sympathy to him from the Past Masters.

29th November 1935

- **Illegal manner for electing treasurer** - A letter was read from the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary was read calling attention to the illegal manner of electing the Treasurer by Proposal and Seconding instead of by ballot.
- **Closing the Lodge for two months** - The WM mentioned the closing of the Lodge in July and August. It was discussed and carried on the proposal of the WM and seconded by W.Bro Finney. That notice of motion be given at the next Lodge to alter the rules or by Bye-laws accordingly.
- **Financial assistance for widow, Mrs Coates** - It was agreed to grant the sum of £10 out of the Lodge Charity Fund to Mrs Coates, who is 83 and has only an annuity of £45. It was proposed by W.Bro Brookbank and Secretary W.Bro Thompson .
- **T.B.Whyteheads articles to be obtained** - W.Bro B.Shaw asked for permission to purchase Typewritten copies of some of W.Bro Whyteheads articles published in The Freemason and now out of print – This was agreed to.

1936

22nd May 1936

- **Candidates** - The following name was submitted as a candidate –
- **Candidates** - Mr John Eric Johnson, Ingleside, Dringhouses. Age 24, Clerk, Sam Smiths Ltd, Tadcaster. Proposed by Bro J.A.Jones, seconded by Bro A.Hardgrave. On a vote being taken there were 5 in favour and 8 against.
- **Candidate too young** - The feeling of the majority was that he was too young and suggested that his name be brought forward again in two years.
- **Demolition of cottage and outside wall** - The following sub committee was appointed to deal with any matters arising out of the demolition of the adjoining property and of the repair to our outside wall – WM, Treasurer, Secretary, SW,JW.

18TH November 1936

- **Lecture agreed** - Worshipful Master suggested in the absence of a candidate at next regular meeting “Antient Charges of a Mason” be read by the Past Masters to which assent was given without a vote.
- **Childrens party date** - He also announced his intention to give a Childrens Party in the Lodge on Wednesday January 6th. An invitation to be also extended to brethren and their Ladies from 8pm to 11pm.
- **Fire extinguishers to be purchased** - W.Bro Pfluger proposed, seconded by Bro.J.Rodwell that three fire extinguishers be provided for the safety of the Lodge premises. After some discussion on the merits of different kinds of extinguishers it was proposed W.Bro Grainger seconded by Bro H.Clark inquiries be made by W.Bro Pfluger at the Yorkshire Insurance Offices and agreed that he be empowered to act upon their recommendation.
- **Social function venue to be confirmed** - WM said it was necessary to make an early engagement of rooms for Annual Dance and Shrove Tuesday and ask the committee to the committee to decide the place it should be held.
- **Venue confirmed** - It was agreed the dance be held in the Station Hotel.
- **Demolition in St.Saviourgate & the effect on the lodge premises** - W.Pfluger spoke at some length on the Corporation Demolition Scheme in St.Saviourgate and its probable effects on the Lodge property also the ground which will become available for possible extension of the lodge premises, such as the provision of a dining hall. He also wished the committee to consider the condition of

the caretakers cottage as to whether necessary improvements were more than the lodge should undertake owing to its general state of disrepair and the possibilities of it too being condemned.

1937

15th January 1937

- **Fire extinguisher types to be ordered** - Re Fire extinguishers as mentioned at the previous meeting. It was proposed by PM Grainger that three be purchased viz Two lime and soda and one pyrene – this was agreed to.
- **Cost of demolition site land** - Re the cottage and the property condemned adjoining. The Treasurer said the Solicitor acting were asking £2000 for the land, the purchaser to demolish the property. It was agreed to await further developments.
- **Fund payment offer** - The WM mentioned that Bro R.Burgh had offered to subscribe £10.10.0 to the ??? Fund so that it would obviate any further charges to the Lodge Funds
- **Master Perkins educationfee paid** - After discussion it was resolved to continue the grant of £20 for the next 12 months for the education of the son of the late Bro Perkins.
- **Financial assistance grant** - PM Bouch said he had been asked by Bro.W.Pike if the Lodge could make him a grant. PM Bouch proposed and PM Thompson seconded that the sum of £5 be granted and this was agreed.

21st May 1937

- **Alterations to the Ritual** - The WM stated that PM B.Shaw had gone very carefully into the Ritual as worked by 1611 and had submitted numerous questions to headquarters for their decision. PM Shaw gave a lengthy explanation of many wrong words etc that had crept in. PM Shaw was thanked by the WM for the trouble he had taken and it was decided that a sub committee consisting of the WM, SW,JW and PM Shaw to go through the proposed alterations and recommend those which in their opinion 1611 should adopt.

25th June 1937

- **Alterations to the Ritual** - The report of the sub committee was submitted by the WM. He said they had gone fully into the suggestions as explained by W.Bro Shaw and they recommended their adoption. Proposed by W.Bro Rodwell and seconded by W.Bro Thompson."That the recommended of the sub committee be adopted and the Ritual in future be according to Emulation."- carried

3rd December 1937

- **Publication subscription increased** - It was agreed that the request of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge for the annual sub to be increased to £1.1.0
- **Financial assistance requested** - As regards the application from Mrs Coates for assistance PM Thompson said she had refused to apply for the Old Age Pension, so it was agreed that no further action be taken.

1938

7th January 1938

- **Committee of Preceptors** - W.Bro Shaw suggested the following three to form the committee of Preceptors – W.Bros Shaw J.A.Jones and Bro G.Richardson.
- **Dining room more space required for photographs** - A letter was read from the Secretary of the Minster Lodge asking for more space in the dining room to display P.M,s photographs.
- **Minster Lodge photographs** - In view of what W.Bro Finney said viz the Minster Lodge were considering putting future photo's in a case, the matter was deferred.

- **Tax and rates payments to be made - The** Secretary stated he had obtained the books and charity books of the late Treasurer and several accounts would have to be paid, such as Property Tax and Local Rates. The committee instructed the Secretary to pay such accounts as he thought necessary.
- **Succession** - The WM said he had considered the question of a Brother to succeed the late W. Bro Pfluger and he thought W. Bro Waggott most suitable and he proposed and W. Bro Grainger seconded "That this committee support the name of W. Bro Waggott when it comes before the February Lodge."
- **Yorkshire Penny Bank Accounts** - The Secretary said that there were two accounts at the Yorkshire Penny Bank – viz Charity account and Entertainment account which has been operated by the Treasurer only. He suggested that two members those accounts in future and it was agreed that W. Bro Waggott and the Secretary should sign cheques in future.

1st April 1938

- **Vacant land prices and scope for expansion** - The Secretary reported that he had interviewed the agent for the land adjoining the Lodge and had that day received a letter stating the Sherwood Trustees had fixed the price as at 20/- per square yard and intended to wait until they got that figure. Considerable discussion followed as to the advisability of purchasing the whole or part of the land. The WM said if we could obtain the part behind our cottage, we could see great possibilities in ??? the lodge premises.
- **Vacant land committee to negotiate on price** - It was proposed by W. Bro Grainger and seconded by W. Bro Dixon "That a sub committee consisting of the WM, Secretary and Bro Wilsdon negotiate as to purchase price for the whole of the land and be prepared to go to 15/- per square yard.
- **Master Perkins education fee** - The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Perkins asking the committee to allow her another £20 to continue the education of her son for the next 12 months. Proposed by W. Bro Rodwell, seconded by W. Bro Jones that the amount be granted – carried.

3rd June 1938

Re application for membership from Mr Stafford House

- **Mr Stafford House candidature** - The WM was anxious to the name immediately before the members in the order that the formal proposal might be made in the June Lodge. This would not permit the application being submitted on three successive Friday nights in accordance with established practice and WM asked the committee to forgo the strict observance of the custom as a special case. Although the application of Mr House was warmly supported, a good deal of discussion took place with to the propriety of curtailing the usual procedure, but on a vote it was agreed the name on the 3rd and 10th June, propose in Open Lodge 13th June and ballot for and if elected on the 11th July.

26th August 1938

- **Candidature application from Kenya** - Application for Initiation from Mr George Duncan Fletcher, age 31 now in York on holiday and residing in Nairobi, Kenya was considered. Mr Fletcher is the Grandson of the late Bro. George Fletcher of this Lodge. The Secretary read a letter of commendation form the District Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Africa. It was proposed by W. Bro Rodwell who knew him when in York 14 years since and seconded by the WM that his name go forward. – carried
- It was agreed that W. Bro Walker negotiate with the Trustees for the purchase of approx. 80 sq yds of land adjoining the lodge premises.

2nd December 1938

- **Vacant land price on offer - W.Bro Walker** read a letter from the solicitors for the Sherwood Trust agreeing to sell approximately 114 sq yds of land adjoining the Lodge at £1 per sq yd. After discussion it was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by W.Bro Wolstenholme "That we consult an architect as to
 - ❖ A) the possibility of building a cottage and enlarging the ground floor of the lodge if we purchase the land adjoining.
 - ❖ B) or build a cottage or ?? on the present site without buying any additional land.

16th December 1938

- **Vacant land – plans submitted** - Bro Thorpe submitted plans for the rebuilding the cottage on its present site and a plan for extension of the lodge and cottage on a site with the suggested purchase of 114 sq yds of land adjoining the cottage. A long discussion ensued and objection was aired to the price of £1 per sq yd for the land.
- **Vacant land** It was proposed and seconded that we offer £50 for the 114 sq yds and agree to relinquish all existing easements and right of light. If not accepted we propose to erect a cottage on present site and retain all our rights and privileges. It was proposed, seconded and carried "That we engage the Mr Holden, Solicitor to carry out the offer etc."

30th December 1938

- **Vacant land – 1611 offer price** - The Secretary reported the result of the interview with Mr Holden, Solicitor, re offer submitted for the land. It was fully discussed and the following proposition was carried by 12 for to 1 against " That we agree to purchase the 114 sq yds of land for the sum of £100 each side to pay own costs and that Mr Holden be instructed to complete the purchase."
- **Single Lodge Trustee** - The Secretary reported that W.Bro Humphreys was the only existing Trustee for the Lodge Property and the Solicitor advised adding further names as soon as possible.

1939

5th May 1939

- **Vacant land – 1611 offer** - A discussion took place as regards the purchase of land adjoining, approx 114 sq yds. It was proposed and seconded "That we instruct our solicitor to offer £100 plus costs for the portion required" – agreed
- **Vacant land purchasing committee** - The following sub committee was appointed with power to carry out the proposed purchase – W.Bro Clark, Treasurer, SW, Secretary and W.Bro Brookbank.
- **Minster Lodge and the amount paid to 1611** - It was agreed that the Treasurer and Secretary be empowered to meet the PM's of Minster Lodge to discuss the cost of running the lodge premises and the sum paid by Minster Lodge. Also the suggested loan from Minster Lodge and rate of interest.

26th May 1939

- **Master Perkins education fee** - A letter was read from Mrs Perkins asking the committee for a further grant for her sons education. This was agreed to up to £20.
- **Vacant land – all or none of it for sale** - The Secretary read a letter from our Solicitor stating that Mrs Inglis would not sell a portion but was willing to sell the whole of the land.
- **Vacant land negotiations to take place** - After a discussion it was proposed by W.Bro Finney and seconded by the SW "That W.Bro Woolgrove to be asked to negotiate with Mrs Inglis for the purchase of the whole of the land at the ?? price he could.

16th June 1939

- **Vacant land negotiations stalemate** - PM Woolgrove stated he had interviewed Mrs Inglis re proposed purchase of land and had been unable to come to any reasonable offer. He proposed that we submit plans to the Corporation for rebuilding the cottage on the present site seconded by W.Bro Wolstenholme – carried

7th July 1939

- **Vacant land purchased** - PM Wolstenholme reported that he had purchased the land from the Sherwood Trustees for £1000, plus the cost of transfer. He had paid the deposit of £100 and the cheque had gone through his banking account. Proposed by the SW and seconded by PM Grainger "That the action of PM Woolgrove be confirmed and that he be thanked for his services." – carried
- **Vacant land & how to raise the finance** - Proposed by PM Woolgrove seconded by PM Grainger "That the sub committee considers ways and means of raising the sum of money to meet the cost of the land and rebuilding." – carried
- **Minster Lodge – 1611 apply for loan** - Proposed by PM Woolgrove and seconded by PM Finney "That we apply to the Minster Lodge for the loan of £300 plus the £200 already owing to the Minster Lodge at interest not exceeding 31/4% for the total £500." – carried.

21st July 1939

- **Loan considered** - The Secretary reported that the Minster Lodge would consider our application for a loan of £300 on the first Thursday in September. Also that the Treasurer and Secretary had arranged for a loan of £1000 at 41/2% from Messrs Barclays Bank Ltd.
- **Vacant land – deeds to be inspected** - It was proposed by the JW and seconded by PM Grainger "That Mr Holden be instructed to inspect the deeds of the property bought from the Sherwood Trustees being prepared for Mr Harrowell, solicitor" – carried.
- **Minster Lodge to be told of reconstruction plans** - Proposed by PM Willsden? seconded by PM Woolgrove "That the sub committee arrange a meeting of a committee of Minster Lodge and explain the several schemes for reconstructing the lodge premises." – carried.

1st September 1939

- **Is any of the vacant land for sale?** - The secretary explained the present situation re proposed alterations etc and said Messrs Gowling and Swift? had enquired through our solicitors if any of the land was for sale. The matter in all its respects was fully and freely discussed and it was resolved on the proposition of PM Walker seconded by the SW "The committee having considered the enquiries from Messrs Gowling and Swift ?? owing to the war crisis that it was not advisable to enter into any negotiation at the present time."
- The Secretary was instructed to convey this decision to Mr Holden our solicitor. – carried
- **Secretary thanked for his help in purchasing the vacant land** - The IPM moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his services in connection with the purchase of the land and other works. The Secretary said it was not necessary.

29th September 1939

- **National Emergency discussed** - A communication was read from Grand Lodge regarding the resumption of Masonic Meetings during the period of National Emergency and the matter was discussed at length.
- **Lodge meeting timed to start earlier** - It was decided to call the October Lodge for 7pm.
- **Lodge timings during the War** - Proposed by the IPM and seconded by W.Bro Bouch "That during the period of the War the Lodge premises be vacated at 9.30pm and the Lodge premises be open each Friday at 7pm" – carried

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15th March 1940

- **Yorkshire Penny Bank Signatory** - Resolved "Owing to the departure from York of W.Bro Atkinson, cheques drawn on the Yorkshire Penny Bank in future be signed by W.Bro Richardson instead of W.Bro Atkinson.

7th June 1940

- **Subscription increase** - The WM read the recommendation from the sub committee which was " that the annual subscription paid by members residing in York and District be increased by 21/-

the subscription paid by Country members to remain as at present. The status of Country members shall be in accordance with Rule No145 in the book of Constitutions.

- **Subscription increase** - A proposal by W.Bro Woolgrove that the increase of 21/- be left on a voluntary basis had no seconder and the original proposal was **agreed unanimously**
- **Candidature deferred** - Mr J.Bleasdale – The meeting endorsed the action of the WM and SW in deferring this mans application for membership.

23rd November 1940

- **Provincial Grand Medical Charities Fund appeal** - The Secretary read an appeal from the Provincial Grand Medical Charities Fund and after discussion it was proposed and seconded “That a circular be sent to all Brethren appealing for support of the Provincial Grand Medical Charities fund.” – carried.
- **“Blacking out of Lodge windows”** - It was agreed that the matter of “blacking out” one window in the Robing Room and two windows on the stairs be left in the hands of the Secretary.

Repairs to wall at back of Lodge

- **Rear wall needs to be repaired** - The unsatisfactory state of the wall at the back of the Lodge was discussed and it was agreed that the question of repair be left in the hands of the WM, SW, Treasurer and Secretary.

Vacant land

- **Vacant land to be advertised by 1611 in the Press** - It was agreed to advertise the vacant land for sale or to let in the Yorkshire Evening Post and Yorkshire Evening Press.

Safety of Valuables

- **Safety of Lodge valuable during the war to be considered** - The matter of the safety of the Lodge valuables during war time was discussed and it was agreed to the matter in the hands of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary.

