

## MINUTE BOOK 3

1940

### 13<sup>TH</sup> December 1940

- The Secretary reported that as a result of advertising the vacant land he had been in communication Messrs J.Wailes & sons who required some land for the purposes of a Builders Yard. After discussion, proposed by the SW and seconded by W.Bro Woolgrove "That the lowest price the Lodge committee would be prepared to accept is 30/- per square yard." – carried.
- Copy of Minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 1924 determining rent to be paid by Minster Lodge.
- Comparative figures paid by Eboracum Lodge for years 1925/6 and 1939/49.
- Copy of Resolution increasing subscription of Eboracum Lodge members by 21/-
- It was agreed that the deputation from Minster Lodge should be met by WM, SW, & Secretary.
- The appeal of Grand Lodge for Masonic Jewels to be handed in for the National Effort was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the circular.
- The WM reported some progress had been made towards ensuring the safety of the Lodge treasures. He stated that cellar was unsuitable storage space for the Lodge library and the committee left the matter of the protection of the books in the hands of the WM, Wardens and Secretary.

1941

### 14<sup>th</sup> February 1941

- After discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to Minster Lodge for a reply on the matter of Rent subsequent to the meeting of Lodge representatives held 31<sup>st</sup> December 1940.
- The Grand Lodge Circular re the giving of Masonic Jewels for the furtherance of the War Effort was discussed and it was agreed that the Secretary should enclose a copy of the circular with the next Lodge summons.
- The air raid siren sounded at 8pm and the meeting was closed.

### 21<sup>st</sup> March 1941

- A discussion took place regarding the firefighting precautions on the lodge premises. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr Arther Carr, Secretary, St Saviourgate Fire Watching group with a view to being included in that scheme.
- W.Bro Bouch informed the meeting the Bro J.Holt who had been in receipt of an annuity of £68 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had died on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1941. He also reported that the Institution had asked the widow to return the cheque for £17 (payment for quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 1941) The Secretary was instructed to take up with the Provincial Grand Charity Representative with a view to cancelling the request to refund the £17 and to enquire if the widow was in need of financial assistance.
- Proposed by W.Bro Walker and seconded by W.Bro Clark "That £5 be sent to Mrs Holt from the Lodge Charity Fund."
- The WM stated that a number of the lodge valuables had been packed in boxes but it was a difficulty to find suitable storage accommodation. W.Bro Walker the use of a strongroom at 46 Stonegate. The meeting readily accepted the offer and the Worshipful Master thanked W.Bro Walker for his generous offer.
- The Secretary was instructed to obtain a price for protecting the books in the Lodge library.

### 4<sup>th</sup> April 1941

- An estimate for the covering of the Book Cases in the Library from Messrs Eyington and Dunkley for the sum of £24 was considered and after discussion it was agreed that such a measure would not afford the desired protection. W.Bro Waggott proposed and seconded by the JW "That the matter be not proceeded with."

- The Worshipful Master submitted that as the pictures in the dining room were being removed a suitable opportunity occurred to decorate the room and he stated he had received an estimate for £15 for both being done. Proposed by W.Bro Willsdon and seconded by W.Bro Clark” That the work be proceeded with.”
- ❖ **Rent – Minster Lodge** – The Secretary read a letter from Minster Lodge dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 1941 which read. At the meeting last night, a proposition to make the following offer was put forward and subsequently carried by the brethren “The rent paid by Minster Lodge for the next five years should be increased from 20/- to 25/- per member per annum” Eboracum to pay the interest on the loan at the rate of 3% per annum.
- ❖ After a full and free discussion the following resolutions were unanimously carried – Proposed by W.Bro Willsdon and seconded by W.Bro Bouch
- ❖ That Minster Lodge be informed that their rent by £100 per annum from the commencement of the present financial year of Minster Lodge, the position to be reviewed a joint meeting of the representatives of two lodges and the end of the year
- ❖ In addition, Minster Lodge to share equally in the cost of Fire Watching.
- ❖ That the offer by Minster Lodge of £200 on loan at 3% per annum be accepted with thanks and the gratitude of Eboracum Lodge expressed to Minster Lodge for the loan of this amount for a number of years free of interest.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> April 1941

- “That a reply be sent to Minster Lodge noting with regret the contents of the letter of 18<sup>th</sup> April and in an endeavor to arrive at a settlement we request that three members of Minster Lodge authorised with powers to conclude an agreement meet three members of Eboracum Lodge at an early date.” It was agreed that the three representatives of Eboracum be selected from the WM, Secretary W.Bros Bouch and Willsden.
- The question of Fire Watching on the Lodge premises was discussed and it was agreed to postpone a full discussion till later date when more information would be available.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> June 1941

- **Fire Watching** - The Lodge Committee meeting called for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June is postponed and will be held at 7.30pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June when it is anticipated advice will be available from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> August 1941

- Proposed by W.Bro Clark and seconded by SW “That the rental agreement arrived at between the representatives of Minster Lodge and Eboracum Lodge be confirmed and the thanks of the Lodge Committee to the Eboracum representatives for their efforts be recorded in the minutes. (A detailed account of the agreement arrived at is recorded at the end of these minutes – in fact the agreement was NOT recorded in these minutes)
- A discussion took place round the suggestion of the WM that it may be possible to effect economy if the Caretaker could be accommodated on the Lodge premises. It was agreed that the Secretary should interview Mrs Bolton and suggest she and her husband live in the Lodge Robing room and have the use of the kitchen with free coal and light and a salary of 15/-.
- **Ministry visit** - The Secretary reported that he had shown the lodge premises and land to an official of the Ministry who was ??? to schedule the lodge and or land for possible requisition for Government purposes.
- The Secretary explained that the policy of the Ministry was to rent and not to purchase. After discussion it was proposed by the Worshipful Master seconded by W.Bro Clark “That the Lodge premises not be scheduled by the Ministry. The land adjoining the Lodge be offered at a rental of £75.”

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1941

- The WM explained that he could not read the Minutes of the previous meeting owing to the Secretary being absent from York on war work and having the Minute Book with him.
- The WM stated that the meeting had been called to consider a request made to him and the Treasurer to purchase a portion of the land recently acquired by the Lodge. The request was made verbally by W.Bro Cecil Johnson(236) Chairman of Messrs Bleasdales Ltd, Wholesale Chemists, who asked to be quoted a price for whatever area adjacent to the firms property in St.Saviorgate the lodge was prepared to sell.
- After a full discussion on the potential value of the total site (inclusive of the Lodge building) W.Bro Willsdon proposed and W.Bro Waggott seconded "That the matter should be left in the hands of W.Bro Walker who undertook to see W.Bro Johnson and report to a subsequent meeting of the Lodge committee." The Secretary to write to W.Bro Johnson to this effect.
- The WM reminded the meeting that a Chapter Representative would be required to be elected at the October Lodge and he suggested W.Bro Bouch be asked to fill the office so loyally occupied by the late W.Bro Brookbank. Although the request was unanimous W.Bro Bouch felt compelled to decline pleading that advancing years and increased duties prevented him taking on this office. He appreciated the honour and thanked the meeting for compliment implied on the proposal.

## 1942

### 13<sup>th</sup> February 1942

- **Fire Watching** – Fire prevention (Business Premises) (No2) Order 1941. A circular dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 re above was read and the matter was left to be perused by the WM and IPM getting in touch with Centenary Chapel.
- The WM reported that W.Bro Walker had intimated to him his inability to come to terms with Messrs Bleasdale Ltd but in the absence of W.Bro Walker and the relative correspondence, no details were available. The position was noted, details to be given at a later date.
- **Organ** -The Organist Bro C.Noyes, submitted details of a verbal estimate from Messrs Summers and Barnes of £40 for overhaul of the Lodge Organ excluding any repairs to the water motor. The organist states that the organ requires attention and presses for repairs to be carried out. After a full discussion the matter was left in abeyance pending further enquiries including the additional opinion and advice of the Eboracum Chapter organist Bro Gray of Beacon Lodge No 4362.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1942

- **Organ** - The IPM intimated that he was expecting a reply on the state of the organ from Bro Gray, Beacon Lodge, after the Chapter meeting on Tuesday next 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### 31<sup>st</sup> July 1942

- **Organ** - Arising for our previous minutes was the question of the organ repairs and the Secretary was requested to get in touch with Bro Blades of Minster Lodge with regard to the estimated cost of repairs to the water motor and report there on to the WM.
- **Fire Watching** – The question also arose from previous minute and in view of the prominence now being given to Fire Watching, the Secretary will endeavor to see Mr Carr, the Secretary of the St.Saviorgate group and report on the discussion.
- **Members of HM Forces** - A letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1942 from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro John Moffatt was read and his guidance therein with regard to dealing with visiting members of H.M.Forces temporarily resident in the vicinity was carefully noted. It was satisfactory to have received his letter which it was agreed to take as a lead in this matter.
- **Letter of Sympathy** - The Secretary was requested to send letters of sympathy to W.Bro Walker on his recent accident and to W.Bro S.Smith on his long illness.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December 1942

- **Widows annuity** - W.Bro Smithson submitted details of an application made on behalf of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Holt, widow of the late Jesse Holt, a late Brother of this lodge for a permanent annuity through the Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- **Order of the Moose** - The Worshipful Master read an extract from the Quarterly Communication in reference to the recent decision in connection with the The Loyal Order of the Moose.

#### 1943

#### 26<sup>th</sup> March 1943

- **Identifying visitors** - The Worshipful Master read a letter from Provincial Lodge in reference to the identification of visitors. This suggested that serving brethren should carry with them the last receipt for their lodge subscription to serve as an introduction when visiting, especially when overseas.
- **Lodge times** - Consideration was given to the question of the time at which regular lodges should be held and it was decided that this matter be held over for consideration at a future meeting.
- **Caretaker** - The WM reported that Mrs Bolton had been instructed to take a rest. It was decided that the question of finding a relief should be left in the hands of the WM and the Treasurer.
- The Secretary was instructed to write to W.Bro Walker in reference to the vacant land at the side of the lodge and to ask for a report.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> May 1943

- **Vacant land** - Consideration was given to the question of the vacant land adjoining the lodge and the WM read correspondence which had passed between W.Bro Walker and the Chairman of Messrs Bleasdale. It was proposed, seconded and carried that an opportunity be sought to re-open this matter with Messrs Bleasdale Ltd with a view to selling the land to the rear of the lodge amounting to ??square yards referred to in the correspondence.
- The WM asked W.Bro Smithson if he would undertake to re-open this matter and he agreed to do so.
- **Caretaker** - The question of offering additional assistance to the Caretaker was fully discussed both from a physical and financial aspect of the matter. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of W.Bro Clark seconded by Bro P.Steel that W.Bro Waggott should see Mrs Bolton that the lodge is ?? to finance additional assistance to enable her to continue with her duties as Caretaker.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> October 1943

- **Caretaker, increase in wages** - W.Bro Treasurer reported that he had intimated to the Caretaker (Mrs.Bolton) the decision of the Lodge Committee to increase her salary by 50% and the Treasurer stated that Mrs Bolton was entirely satisfied with the arrangement.
- **Lodge property discussed following collapse of the old cottage** - The matter of the Lodge property was discussed at length after the collapse of the old caretakers cottage.
- **Cost of repairs** - Proposed by W.Bro Smithson and seconded by W.Bro Bouch "That the sub committee be requested to submit a detailed report of the repairs required and an estimate of cost"
- The Lodge Committee expressed their appreciation of the work of the sub committee (W.Bro H.C.de Burgh, W.Bro Waggott and Bro A.N.Thorpe)
- **Thanks to WM of Minster Lodge** -The Secretary was requested to send a letter to W.Bro Hylatt? WM of Minster Lodge who had rendered such valuable assistance to the sub committee.

1944

#### 21<sup>st</sup> January 1944

- **Lodge repairs** - The question of the repairs of the Lodge property was discussed. It was proposed and seconded by W.Bro Waggott and seconded by W.Bro Clark and carried that Bro A.Thorpe be asked to obtain tenders for the necessary work of repair.
- **H.M. Forces subs** - The Secretary asked for a ruling with regard to the subscriptions of members in H.M.Forces.It was proposed, seconded and carried that the subscription of members serving with the Armed Forces should be one guinea (£1.1.0) per annum as from the beginning of the current financial year.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> March 1944

- **Tender for lodge repairs** - Consideration was given to tenders for repairs of Lodge property. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the tender of Messrs Geo.Walker and Son amounting to £74.4.6 be accepted
- **Old Cottage demolition** - W.Bro Smithson suggested that the Committee responsible for the work already done in connection with the demolition of the cottage adjoining be thanked for their work and asked to continue until the repairs were completed – carried.
- **Vacant land** – An application was received from Messrs Taylor and Sons in reference to the land adjoining the lodge premises. Proposed by W.Bro Clark, seconded by W.Bro de Burgh and carried, that Messrs Taylor be asked how much land they would be likely to require and also that in the meantime Bro Thorpe be asked to bring plans A and B in connection with the proposed alterations to lodge premises so that the whole matter could be considered at the next meeting.

#### 31<sup>st</sup> March 1944

- **Vacant land** - The WM reported that an enquiry had been received through W.Bro Woolgrove regarding the land adjoining the Lodge premises. It was proposed and seconded that a letter be sent to W.Bro Woolgrove thanking him for the enquiry and asking him to put his friend in touch, so that the matter could be considered at the next meeting of the lodge committee.
- **Repairs to Premises** - Bro Thorpe reported that after work had been started on the agreed repairs it had been found that a portion of the wall previously believed to be 9" was in fact only 4 1/2" and therefore insufficient for an outside wall. An additional sum of approximately £40 would therefore be required for building a 4 1/2" thick wall on the outside unless the City Engineer agreed to allow the existing wall to suffice.
- Moved by W.Bro Smithson, seconded by W.Bro de Burgh and carried that the sub committee should see the City Engineer with a view to allowing the the original contract to stand or to proceed with the extra work if found necessary.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> May 1944

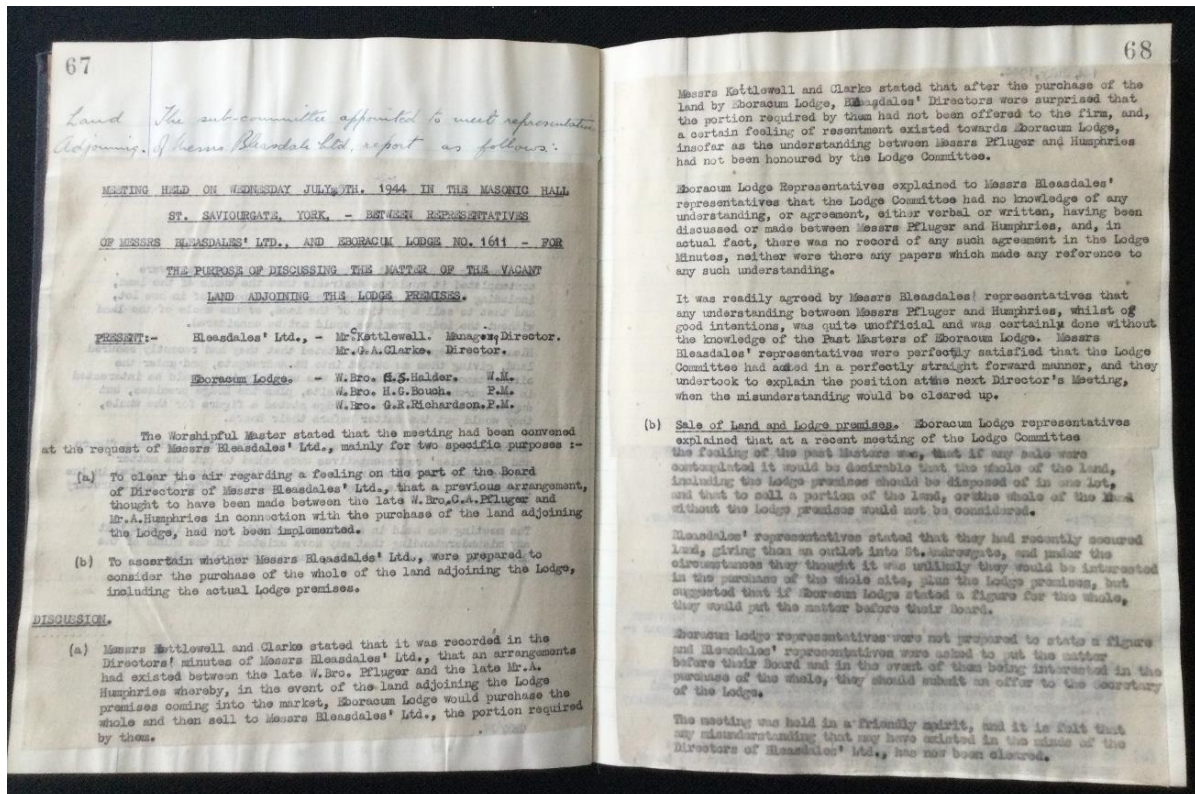
- **New wall to be built** - The Committee endorsed the action of the sub committee in having agreed to the building of a 4 1/2" wall on the south side of the lodge premises.
- **Vacant land** - The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from W.Bro Woolgrove from which it appeared the land adjoining was still of interest to Messrs Bleasdale.
- **Vacant land** - The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the position and to ask Messrs Bleasdale to make a definite application.
- **Duplicate Lodge Warrant** – W.Bro Smithson proposed that the photographic copy of the Lodge Warrant be framed and hung in the Lodge – seconded by W.Bro Clark and carried.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1944

- **Vacant land** - After some discussion regarding the land adjoining the lodge premises the following resolution was carried -That Committee of three Past Masters should meet the Directors of Messrs Bleasdale Ltd to discuss the question of the land adjoining the lodge premises.
- It was decided that this sub committee should consist of the WM. W.Bros Richardson and Bouch.

14<sup>th</sup> July 1944

#### THE REPORT OF THE LODGE SUB COMMITTEE & MESSRS BLEASDALE Ltd



The WM explained that the meeting had been called by Messrs Bleasdales for two reasons –

- ❖ To clear the air regarding a feeling on the part of the Board of Directors of Messrs Bleasdales Ltd, that a previous arrangement thought to have been made between the late W.Bro Pfluger and Mr.A.Humphries in connection with the purchase of the land adjoining the lodge had not been implemented.
- ❖ To ascertain whether Messrs Bleasdales Ltd were prepared to consider the purchase of the whole of the land adjoining the lodge including the actual lodge premises.

#### Discussion

- Messrs Kettlewell and Clarke stated that it was recorded in the Directors minutes of Messrs Bleasdale Ltd that an arrangement had existed between the late W.Bro Pfluger and the late Mr.A.Humphries whereby, in the event of land adjoining the lodge premises coming into the market, Eboracum Lodge would purchase the whole and then sell to Messrs Bleasdale Ltd the portion required by them.
- Messrs Kettlewell and Clarke stated that after the purchase of the land by Eboracum Lodge, Bleasdale Directors were surprised that the portion required by them had not been offered to the firm and insofar as the understanding between Messrs Pfluger and Humphries had not been honoured by the Lodge Committee.

- Eboracum Lodge Representatives explained to Messrs Bleasdales representatives that the Lodge Committee had no knowledge of any understanding, either verbal or written, having been made between Messrs Pfluger and Humphries, and in actual fact, there was no record of any such agreement in the Lodge minutes, neither were there any papers which made reference to any such understanding.
- It was readily agreed by Messrs Bleasdales representative that any understanding between Messrs Pfluger and Humphries, whilst of good intention, was quite unofficial and was certainly done without the knowledge of the Past Masters of Eboracum Lodge. Messrs Bleasdales representatives were perfectly satisfied that the Lodge Committee had acted in a perfectly straight sort of manner, and they undertook to explain the position at the next Directors meeting, when the misunderstanding would be cleared up.

#### **SALE OF LAND AND LODGE PREMISES**

- **Eboracum Lodge representatives explained that at a recent meeting of the Lodge Committee the feeling of the Past Masters was, that if any sale were contemplated it would be desirable that the whole of the land, including Lodge premises should be disposed of in one lot, and that to sell a portion of the land, or the whole of the land without the Lodge premises would not be considered.**
- Bleasdales representatives stated that they had recently secured land giving them an outlet onto St. Andrewgate, and under the circumstances thought it was unlikely that they would be interested in the whole of the site, plus the lodge premises, but suggested that if Eboracum Lodge stated a figure for the whole, they would put the matter before their board.
- **Eboracum Lodge representatives were not prepared not to state a figure and Bleasdale representatives were asked to put the matter before their Board and in the event of them being interested in the purchase of the whole, they should submit an offer to the Secretary of the Lodge.**
- The meeting was held in a friendly spirit, and it was felt that any misunderstanding that may have existed in the minds of the Directors of Bleasdales Ltd have now been cleared. Meeting closed.
- **Vacant land** - W.Bro de Burgh proposed that the report be accepted and that the sub committee be asked to accept the thanks of this Committee for the work they had done, seconded by W.Bro Grainger and carried.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> September 1944**

- **Vacant land** - The Secretary reported that Messrs Taylors, plumbers of St.Saviourgate were still interested in the land adjoining the lodge premises and asked to be informed if the land and buildings were to be offered for sale.

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> September 1944**

- **Vacant land** - The Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs Bleasdale Ltd informing them that there had been another enquiry about the land adjoining and asking them if they were still interested.
- **Strong room for lodge valuables** - A letter was read out from W.Bro E.Walker asking for the removal of the Lodge property from his strong room in Stonegate. It was agreed that these valuables should be removed as early as possible and that a letter of thanks be sent to W.Bro Walker for his kindness in storing these valuables free of charge during the past years.
- **Lodge repairs** - It was decided to ask Bro Thorpe to obtain Messrs Walkers account for repairs to the lodge property, so that this could be passed during the current year.



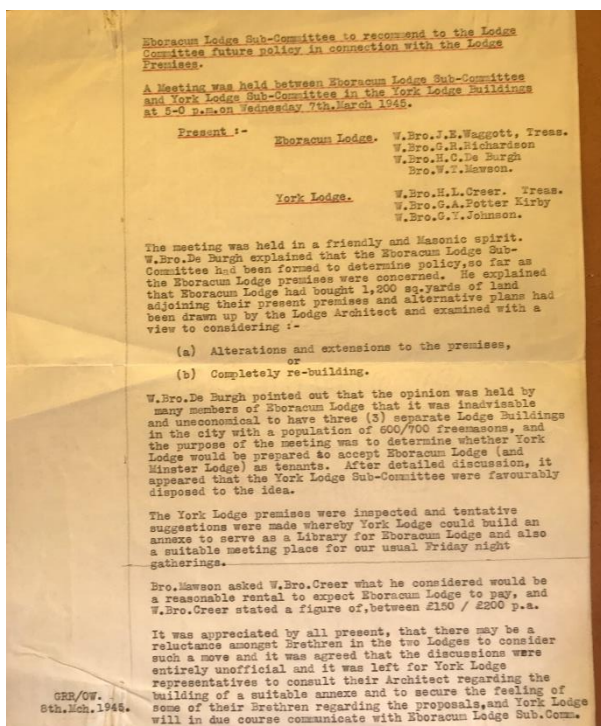
15<sup>th</sup> December 1944

- **Vacant land** - Bleasdales – A letter from Messrs Bleasdale Ltd, making an offer of 15/- to 20/- a square yard for the whole of piece of the Lodge Property was discussed. The offer was not considered suitable as a basis for discussion.
- **Lodge finances** - W.Bro Richardson proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded that a sub committee be appointed to examine the financial position of the Lodge, having regard to the structural condition of the buildings and to consider –
  - whether tenant rents are adequate.
  - b) on a long term policy, the question of the retention or sale of Lodge Premises
- This resolution was unanimously carried.
- **Poster board application** – Messrs Sheldon Ltd made an application for permission to erect a poster board at 19 St.Saviourgate using Eboracum Land for that purpose. An offer of 5/- was made to us as a right of way .
- The offer was rejected and Messrs Sheldon informed that objection is taken to any advertisement notices over looking Lodge Property.
- **Poster board rejected** - A request for a Lodge Key was made by Bro Varney in connection with his Office of Librarian. It was decided that the request be granted.
- **Arrears** – certain matters of arrears of subscription were discussed and the action agreed upon.
- **Honorarium** – it was carried unanimously that an Honorarium of £10.10.0 be granted to Bro Thorpe for his valuable services to the lodge in conjunction with the Lodge Premises and that a letter of appreciation for his work be sent to him.

1945

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1945

- **Sheldon's board** – a letter was read out from Messrs Sheldon asking for further consideration of request



for advertisement board. It was decided that the letter should lie on the table.

- **Entertainment of visitors** - W. Bro Richardson suggested that the time had arrived for a general overhaul of arrangements for the entertainment of visitors to the lodge should be made. After a full discussion, W. Bro Richardson proposed "that private visitors should be entertained by the Brother making the invitation after the Masters permission had been granted. – Official visitors should be paid for by the lodge and casual visitors also be entertained by the lodge" this was seconded by W. Bro H. Clark and carried unanimously.

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May 1945

- **Telephone number on summons for WM** - A letter was read from Bro Mawson suggesting that the address and telephone

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number of the WM should be added to the Lodge Summons.

- **Social events** – The question of social functions was discussed and the Secretary left to make enquiries re facilities.



### 13<sup>th</sup> July 1945

- **Caretaker resigns due to ill health** - A letter was read out from Mrs Bolton, the Caretaker, intimating her inability to continue her duties for the lodge owing to health conditions. The acceptance of the resignation was moved by W.Bro Willsdon, seconded by W.Bro Grainger with regret and the Secretary was instructed to forward to her a letter of appreciation for her valuable services for the lodge. The resolution was carried unanimously.
- **Caretaker position advertised** - It was decided to advertise the post for 3 evenings in the Yorkshire Evening Press. It was further decided that a joint committee consisting of two WM's and two Secretaries be appointed to discuss the question of suitable testimonial to Mrs Bolton.  
**Shrove Tuesday dance** - It was decided that a Social Function be held in October and W.Bro Richardson and the Secretary were instructed to book arrangements. The Shrove Tuesday Dance (1946) was to be held if possible and W.Bro Richardson was deputed to to arrange the use of the De Grey Rooms.
- **Report of Building Sub Committee** – The interim report was present by W.Bro Richardson. He reported that several meetings had been held by the sub committee at which the financial position of the Lodge was fully discussed. Various possibilities had been explored and a report was given of a meeting with representatives of of York Lodge 236 – report attached.
- The acceptance of the report was moved by W.Bro Willsden who offered the sub committee the thanks of the Lodge Committee for their valuable help and guidance and that a fuller report be awaited. Seconded by W.Bro Grainger and carried unanimously.
- **Vacant Land** (*First reference as to the vacant land being used as carpark*) – The frequent unauthorised use of adjacent land belonging to the lodge by the parking of cars was referred to. W.Bro Willsdon offered generously to see what could be done bring this land into use. This offer was unanimously accepted with grateful thanks.
- **Worshipful Masters annual subs** – A discussion was raised on the position of the Worshipful Master with regard to the amount of his annual subscription. It was proposed, seconded and carried that under Rule 145 of the Book of Constitutions, the full subscription of £3.3.0 is due and that the Worshipful Master be so informed in writing.

### 17<sup>th</sup> August 1945

- **Caretaker testimonials** - The Secretary gave a report on the meeting of representatives of Eboracum and Minster Lodges to discuss the question of a fitting testimonial to Mrs Bolton on her retirement as Caretaker.
- **Assistance with coals** - Present were the WM and Secretary of Minster Lodge and WM and Secretary of Eboracum Lodge. W.Bro Oxtoby Master of Minster Lodge, put forward a suggestion that he would provide a man to assist with coals etc. This man would be provided in W.Bro Woollens time but some remuneration would be required. The suggestion was not acted upon
- **Testimonial total** - The Minster representatives heartily agreed with the proposed testimonial and desired to co-operate with Eboracum Lodge. The sum of £50 suggested is the joint aim. Minster Lodge offered as their contribution a sum of £20 to £25. The Eboracum Chapter had been invited to co-operate, but no reply had been received. A resolution that £20 be contributed by Eboracum was proposed and seconded.
- **Proposed Social** – The Secretary reported a visit in company with W.Bro Richardson to the Clifton Ballroom. A tentative booking was made for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October for dancing 7.30 to 11.45pm. Subsequently W.Bro Richardson met Bro Mawson re further arrangements. Refreshments to be supplied and the Band usually employed at the Ballroom to be engaged. Tickets limited to 150 to cost 7/6 each – The report was confirmed. After discussion it was decided to limit invitations to Brethren and their immediate relatives.

- The list of applications for the post of Caretaker in reply to the advertisement in the Yorkshire Evening Press was discussed. A sub committee was formed to interview candidates and report.

### 31<sup>st</sup> August 1945

- **Caretaker appointment** - The sub committee reported result of interviews of applicants for the post of Caretaker of the Lodge. It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mrs.A.A.Lea of Bishophill be appointed as Caretaker at a salary of 30/- per week.
- **Tenant of flat** – W.Bro Waggott was asked to enquire as to the exact position re the tenancy of the flat in occupation of Mrs Bolton.
- **Kitchen restoration** – It was proposed, seconded and carried that the kitchen be re-decorated – arrangements to be left in the hands of the W.Bro Treasurer.

### 20<sup>th</sup> October 1945

- Previous to the Business of the meeting the Master Elect entertained the Board of Past Masters to Dinner.
- **Tyler** - During the Election of Officers discussion was raised up the place of the Tyler in the Lodge, Bro.B.R.Bean. It was suggested before a subsequent election of officers the desires of Bro Bean with regard to coming into the Lodge be ascertained.
- **Board of Preceptors** – W.Bro Smithson proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded the establishment of a Board of Preceptors to act in Instruction Lodge – This was carried. W.Bros Bouch, Richardson, and de Burgh were duly elected and with the Preceptor W.Bro Smithson to constitute the Board.
- **Installation day** to be 12<sup>th</sup> November 1945, ceremony to be held at the Lodge at 3pm. Banquet to be held at Terry's, St.Helens Square at 6pm.
- **Toasts** – On the suggestion of W.Bro Willsden, it was agreed to award the customary musical honours to each toast.

### 16<sup>th</sup> November 1945

- **Tenancy of the flat** – A discussion took place regarding the tenancy of the flat occupied by Mrs Bolton, ex caretaker and it was agreed that the WM should contact Mr Taylor, Secretary of the York Housing Improvement Society to get some further information.
- **York 236 & Eboracum Lodge** – The Secretary reported that a letter had been received for W.Bro Johnson of the York Lodge stating that the Past Masters of York Lodge had reluctantly come to the conclusion that they would have to turn down the proposal that Eboracum Lodge should become tenants of York Lodge.
- **Building plans** – The sub committee had met and considered the situation and recommended that Messrs Needham and Thorpe be asked to co-operate with our Bro Thorpe.
- A) To determine in the Lodge buildings are structurally sound.
- B) To examine the possibility of providing more suitable Dining Room and Cloak Room accommodation at a cost of say £500
- **Cheque for Needham and Thorpe** - Bro Mawson had agreed to pay the cheque of Messrs Needham & Thorpe. After discussion the recommendation of the sub committee were agreed – proposed by W.Bro Halder and seconded by W.Bro Palliser.  
The Secretary was requested to write to Bro Mawson for his offer which was appreciated and accepted.
- **Parking of cars** – Reference was made to the parking of cars by unauthorised persons, it was agreed a notice board be erected stating “Private Property – No Parking” – it was proposed seconded and carried.
- **Childrens Christmas Party** – the WM announced his intention of reviving the Childrens Party which the committee unanimously agreed and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1946 was decided upon – details were left to the WM and Secretary.

- **Lodge Organ** – Reference was made to the unsatisfactory condition of the organ and it was agreed the Secretary should discuss the matter with the Organist and obtain an estimate for the necessary work from Messrs Summer and Barnes.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> December 1945

- **Thanks** – The Lodge Committee passed a unanimous vote of thanks to W.Bro Clark for the cleaning the carpets in the dining room and for erecting the notice board on the vacant land.
- **Plans** – The sub committee reported they had met at the Lodge on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1945, along with the architects, Bro A.N.Thorpe and Bro R.Thorp – the architects were acquainted with the sub committees views and would submit a report on the condition of the structure and plans for alterations and extensions.
- **Decorations** – It was conveyed to the meeting that W.Bro Stubbs had offered to supply materials for the decoration of the dining room. The committee expressed their thanks for generous offer and it was left to W.Bro Smithson to endeavor to secure the labour.
- **Agricola Lodge** – The Worshipful Master stated that he had been approached by the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary to ascertain the views of Eboracum Lodge Committee regarding the formation of a daughter lodge by Agricola Lodge. After lengthy discussions it was unanimously agreed that Eboracum Lodge would view such additional lodge with disfavour until Agricola Lodge are more discerning in their acceptance of candidates.
- **Emulation Lodge** – The Preceptor, W.Bro Smithson, suggested that Eboracum Instruction Lodge should seek official recognition by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and he outlined some of the merits of such a course and he was supported by the Brethren. It was proposed by W.Bro Clark, seconded by W.Bro de Burgh that “ That W.Bro Smithson make enquiries when visiting Emulation Lodge on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1945 regarding the procedure to be adopted in seeking recognition.”
- **Carpet sweeper** – The carpet sweeper was reported to be out of action and the Secretary was requested to have it repaired.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> December 1945

- **Emulation** – The Preceptor, W.Bro Smithson, reported that he had secured a copy of the conditions required to be observed by an Instruction Lodge seeking recognition by Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The committee agreed that the conditions should be considered in detail by the Eboracum Board of Preceptors.
- **Charity Fund** – The Charity Representative W.Bro Smithson, explained that he hoped to raise in the region of £530 for The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Festival in 1946 being presided over by our own Provincial Grand Master. After discussion, it was proposed, seconded and carried “That a sum of money be taken from the Lodge Charity Fund to make a total of £600 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund.”

### 1946

#### 29<sup>th</sup> March 1946

- **Organ renovation** - The Secretary submitted an estimate from Messrs Summers and Barnes for the sum of £238 for the renovation of the organ. It was agreed that the Secretary should discuss the matter with Bro Hoyles (organist) and report at the next meeting.
- **Stewards** – The Secretary reported that he understood that a certain amount of dissatisfaction existed amongst Stewards who attend regularly regarding the unsatisfactory attendance of Bros Shearsmith and Grainger. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should write to both the brethren calling attention to their responsibilities.
- **Royal Masonic Hospital** – A letter was read from the Royal Masonic Hospital stating that Eboracum Lodge having subscribed 100 guineas to the funds of the Hospital are appresented a Patron Badge – a

certificate has been received. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Certificate be framed and hung up on the Lodge premises.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> June 1946

- **Membership** – The application for membership from Mr Robert Burrow Atkinson was further discussed and it was reported that the Senior Deacon (Bro J.Davison) who was understood to have some objection to the applicant had been advised by the Secretary to make any specific objection to the WM but this had not been done. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Atkinson be interviewed by the WM, SW. and Secretary.
- **Organ** – The Organist (Bro Noyes) attended the meeting for this item and stated that in his opinion, Summers and Barnes estimate for £238 was reasonable and the work was essential – after discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the financial affairs of the lodge had been determined. Bro Noyes was thanked for his assistance in the matter.
- **Minster Lodge rent** – after a long discussion regarding the rent paid by Minster Lodge, the Secretary read the report of the sub committee appointed to examine the finances of the lodge. It was finally agreed to increase the rent paid by Minster Lodge from £100 to £200 per annum as from 1<sup>st</sup> December 1946. It was agreed that Minster Lodge be invited to meet the Treasurer and Secretary to discuss the matter.
- **Building Fund** – The sub committee recommended the establishment of a Building Fund and after discussion it was decided to leave it in abeyance.
- Provincial Grand Lodge in York – The Secretary reported the lodge had supported an invitation from the other lodges in York that the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should be held in York in 1948 – this was confirmed.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> July 1946

- **Minster Lodge rent** – The WM and Secretary reported to the committee re. their meeting with Minster Lodge representatives. After lengthy discussions it was agreed that Minster Lodge should not be given a balance sheet of Eboracum Lodge finances or any detailed items of expenditure and that the Secretary should to Minster Lodge giving a formal notice that Minster Lodge rent is to be raised from £100 to £200 per annum from 1<sup>st</sup> December 1946 and requesting acceptance or otherwise of this increase by 31<sup>st</sup> August 1946. The Secretary was authorised to advise Minster Lodge that the annual cost of the upkeep of the Lodge premises is £616.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> August 1946

- **Minster Lodge rent** – The Secretary read a letter from Minster Lodge which stated that Minster Lodge agree to pay the increase in rent of £200 per annum provided that an assurance be given of security of tenure at the same rent for a period of not less than five years. After lengthy discussion, the WM propose, W.Bro Smithson seconded “Having regard to the possibility of future increase costs, that Minster Lodge be given a tenancy of three years at £200 per annum as from 1<sup>st</sup> December 1946, during which time Eboracum Lodge will bear any increase charges.
- **Minster Lodge rent, amendment** – “That Minster Lodge be given a five year tenancy at £200 per annum as from 1<sup>st</sup> December, but in view of the probability of substantial increased costs arising during the period, it is hoped that Minster Lodge will agree to review of the position at the end of three years with a view to meeting a part of the additional costs.” On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared carried by 7 votes to 3.
- **Increased fees** – A discussion took place regarding the fees payable to the lodge and was agreed to give notice of motion at the next regular lodge in September regarding the following alterations of the Bye-laws

#### Bye law No17

- The fees payable in this lodge on Initiation or Admission or re-admission shall be as follows
- On initiation - £21.0.0
- On admission of a brother registered in the Grand Lodge of England - £12.12.0
- On re-admission of a former member - £6.6.0
- On admission of a brother registered under any other Constitution - £15.15.0
- These fees shall be included in the subscription to the lodge for the current financial year.
- The Master on his installation £1.1.0

#### **By law No18**

- Each member shall pay to the Secretary or other authorised member a subscription of £4.4.0 per annum due in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> December in every year except in the case of a member who for some cause satisfactory to the Lodge is not in a position to enjoy such privileges regularly, when the subscription shall be 21/-.
- **Bankers Orders** – It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should endeavor to secure the payments of subscriptions by Bankers Orders.
- **Stewards Charges** – The Senior Warden expressed the opinion that the Stewards charges for Liquor refreshment were too dear and it was decided to the matter in the hands of the WM, Treasurer and Secretary for investigation
- **Food parcel** – A letter was read for the Provincial Grand Secretary asking for the names of necessitous Brethren or their families to whom a parcel of food may be sent by Colonial Freemasons – it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Charity Steward.
- **Vacant land** – A letter was read from Messrs Sykes, Johnson and Lee, solicitors, asking if the Lodge is prepared to sell a piece of land twelve feet wide adjoining the premises presently occupied by Messrs Taylor, Plumbers or if the Lodge could sell a right of way is requested across the twelve feet strip. The committee decided to refuse both requests.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> September 1946**

- **Vacant land** – W.Bro Bouch raised the question of the request of Messrs Sykes, Johnson & Lee, solicitors, to purchase a strip of land 12 feet wide and expressed the opinion that it might be possible to sell the strip and still leave adequate space for Lodge purposes. After discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the sub committee for consideration.
- **Lodge Bye law No18** – A discussion took place regarding the alteration of Lodge Bye law No18 and it was agreed that the proposed alteration should read as follows –
- “Each member shall pay to the Secretary or other authorised member a subscription of £4.4.0 per annum due in advance on the first day of December in every year, except in the case of a member who for some cause satisfactory to the Lodge Committee is not in a position to enjoy such privileges regularly, when the annual subscription shall be 21/-.”

#### **19<sup>th</sup> October 1946**

- **Tyler** – The Secretary reported that the Tyler, Bro R.G.Bean, had expressed a wish to become a subscribing member of Eboracum Lodge. It was decided to leave the matter to be dealt with by the Lodge Committee.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> November 1946**

- **Childrens Party** – It was agreed that a Childrens Party be held at the lodge on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1946 and the Brethren be asked to contribute 10/- each towards the expenses.
- **Annual whist drive and dance** - It was agreed the annual Whist Drive and Dance be held in the De Grey Rooms on Shrove Tuesday – tickets to be 8/6d each.

- **Tyler** – A discussion took place regarding the appointment of a Tyler – Brother Bean having expressed a wish to become a joining member of the Lodge – no name was submitted and the Secretary was to discuss the matter with the Secretary of Minster Lodge.
- **Crockery** – The Secretary explained that the Lodge did not possess sufficient crockery and cutlery and had to borrow regularly from W.Bro Woolgrove. It was agreed to purchase up to requirements with the assistance of W.Bro Stubbs. The Secretary was requested to write and thank W.Bro Woolgrove for his kind assistance over a long period.
- **Masonic Quiz** – The Preceptor (W.Bro Smithson) stated it was his wish to hold a Masonic Quiz in the Instruction Lodge at an early date and sought the opinion of the Lodge Committee on the matter. After discussion it was agreed that the quiz should be held.
- **Non Eboracum members** – A discussion took place regarding Brethren attending Instruction Lodge who are not members of Eboracum Lodge. It was decided that they may remain for a short time downstairs after the Lodge was closed but should leave early in order that any domestic business affecting the lodge may be freely discussed. 9.15pm was suggested as a reasonable time for their departure.
- **Bye law No18** – It was agreed that 17 named members should pay a reduced annual subscription of 21/-.

## 1947

### 21<sup>st</sup> February 1947

- **Bro T.W.Pay** – A letter was read from Bro T.W.Pay of Pocklington stating that he was unable to enjoy the privileges of the lodge regularly owing to his scholastic duties and it was agreed that his subscription should be £1.1.0.
- **Air Training Corps** – A letter was read from the Hon.Sec. No 110 Squadron requesting permission to erect two army type huts on the vacant lodge land. The committee decided not to prevent the request.
- **Car park space request** – The Secretary reported that he had received a further letter from Dr Naish requesting permission to park her car on the lodge land and that after consultation with the WM and W.B Herman he had replied refusing such permission.
- **Charity award** – The Secretary and Treasurer reported that they had visited a brother of the lodge who appeared to be in reduced financial circumstances and had given him 20 guineas from the Lodge Charity Fund. The committee endorsed the action. The Secretary was asked to send a receipt for the money.

### 17<sup>th</sup> January 1947 (*note the previous entry and this one are NOT in sequence – reason not known*)

- **Grand Rank** – The WM explained that the meeting was called to deal with a communication requesting for consideration by the Provincial Grand Master, the submission of a name and particulars of a Past Master worthy to receive Grand Rank. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to submit the name of W.Bro Clark.

### 18<sup>th</sup> April 1947

- **Flood relief fund** – The committee endorsed the action of the WM in sending a donation of 20 guineas to the Lord Mayors Flood Relief Fund .
- **Building Fund** – The Secretary raised the question of the establishment of a Building Fund to the Brethren should be invited to subscribe and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed that a Building Fund be established and the Secretary draw up a circular explaining the necessity and objects of the Fund – be sent to all brethren.
- **Quarterly Communication** – The Secretary read the following extract from the Quarterly Communication of 4<sup>th</sup> December 1946 - “ The Board is of opinion that the time has come to revert in all cases to the Rules in the Book of Constitutions. It therefore recommends that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1947, the Directives ??? in the Circular of December 1945 be withdrawn subject to the retention of the request that white gloves should not be worn. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master wishes it to be

made known that Masters of Lodges when indicating the dress that should be worn at Lodge meetings will bear in mind the difficulties which exist with regard to evening dress and should make sure that no Brother is put to inconvenience.”

- **Food Licence** – The Secretary reported that he had made application to the local Food Central Committee for a catering licence.
- **Tyler** – The question of a successor to Bro Bean was discussed and it was agreed that the Secretary should approach the Assistant Tyler of Agricola Lodge to ascertain if he would be willing to accept the post of Tyler for Eboracum Lodge.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> June 1947

- **Building Fund** - The Secretary submitted a draft of the proposed Form of Appeal which was agreed in principle – re wording of the paragraph referring to the amount suggested each Brother be asked to subscribe to be left in the hands of the WM, Treasurer and Secretary. It was also agreed that before the appeal is confirmed, the details of the proposed plans of alterations should be placed before the Brethren at the Regular Lodge in October 1947.
- **Tyler** – The Secretary reported that the Past Masters of Agricola Lodge were unwilling that their Assistant Tyler should be approached regarding the vacancy in Eboracum Lodge for a Tyler. It was agreed that the WM should announce the vacancy to the Brethren to ask if anyone wished to submit a likely name.
- **Food Parcels** – A letter was received from the Provisional Grand Secretary asking for a list of names to be submitted to whom food parcels from the Dominions could be sent. After discussions it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary and Charity Stewards to submit the names of widows and widowers
- **Functions – Cinematograph of Children’s Party** – The Secretary reported that after consultation with the WM and SW he had tentatively booked at Terrys, St. Helens Square for the Installation Banquet on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1947 and also for the Whist Drive and Dance on Shrove Tuesday 1948. He had also booked with Messrs Saville and Sons for a Cinematograph and suitable films for the Children’s Party on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1948. The committee approved the action taken.
- **Reduced subs refused** – The Secretary read a letter from Bro A.G.Watson stating that owing to advancing years he must resign his membership of the lodge but would be prepared to continue if the lodge would agree that his subscription be fixed at 21/-. It was agreed that Bro Watson did not qualify to pay the reduced subscription.
- **Royal Artillery Association** – A letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal Artillery Association asking for permission to erect a wooden hut on the vacant lodge land – The committee refused the request.
- **Unauthorised parking** – A letter was read from Messrs T.W.Taylor and Sons apologising for unauthorised parking on the Lodge land and asking permission to park one corner of the land between the hours of 8am to 5pm. The committee approved the action of the the Secretary who had refused the request.
- **Unauthorised parking** – a letter was read from Messrs Hyal and Howard apologising for unauthorised parking on the Lodge land and giving an assurance that it would not be repeated.
- **Food Licence rejected** – The Secretary reported that the application for a Catering Licence had been rejected by the Local Food Control Committee.
- **Lodge cleaning** – W.Bro Smithson expressed appreciation of the efforts of Mrs Lea in cleaning the lodge and it was the general opinion of the committee that the condition of the lodge is much improved and Mrs Leas services are appreciated.

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> September 1947

- **Tyler appointed – Step on the ladder** – A discussion took place regarding a Tyler for the ensuing year and until such time and as a Permanent Tyler should be appointed – it was proposed, seconded and agreed that as a temporary measure the Office of Tyler be regarded as a step on the ladder immediately after the Office of Junior Deacon – agreed



- **Honorarium – Tyler’s fee** – The Treasurer informed the committee that for a number of years Bro Bean had not accepted his fee as Tyler and it was pointed out that his joining fee was £15.15.0 – it was proposed, seconded and carried that Bro Bean be given an honorarium of £15.15.0.
- **Curtains & Roller Blind** – An estimate of £32.15.0 for curtains and pelmet rails including the cost of removing shutters in dining room from Messrs Olvers of York was accepted subject to the shutters remaining. An estimate for of £5.5.0 for a spring roller blind in the Library was accepted.
- **Fuel economy** – The necessity of strict economy in the use of fuel was discussed and it was agreed that the central heating should not be used until authorised by Official announcement and fires in the dining room should only be used when necessary.
- **Masonic newsletter** – The Secretary read a circular inviting subscriptions for The Masonic Newsletter and it was agreed that the Secretary should ascertain if the publication had the approval of Grand Lodge.
- **Reduced subscription** – A letter was read from Bro M.Moore who is now living in Guisely requesting that under Bye law 18 his subscription should be 21/- this was agreed.
- **Lodge Bible** – A discussion took place regarding the potential value of the Lodge Bible and it was agreed to take no further action.
- **Roll Top Desk** – It was agreed that a Roll top desk was not actually not required and it was decided that it should be sold for not less than £30.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1947

- **Plans of proposed alterations** – Bro A.H. Thorpe was brought into the meeting and explained in detail the plans for the alteration of the Lodge premises which had been prepared in conjunction with Bro K Thorp of York Lodge. The plans were discussed at length – it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the plans be approved.
- Bro A.H.Thorpe submitted the matter he had prepared for presentation and explanation of the scheme to the Brethren at the Regular Lodge meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1947.

### 13<sup>th</sup> October 1947

#### Installation arrangements -

- Ceremony to commence at 3pm
- Installation dinner to be held at Terrys, St Helens Square
- Tickets 10/6d each.
- In accordance with the Ministry of Food Regulations, numbers are strictly restricted to 100

### 21<sup>ST</sup> November 1947

- **Building Fund Appeal** – A form of wording for the Building Fund Appeal was discussed and accepted in principle and it was agreed that it should be left in the hands of the WM and Secretary to agree on minor alterations and then the appeal is to be sent out to all brethren the first week in December.
- **Childrens Party** – The date of the Childrens Party has already been fixed for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1948 and certain preliminary arrangements have been made. It was agreed a circular be sent to all brethren giving details and inviting subscriptions of 10/- from each member. The Secretary stated both he and Mrs Richardson felt the time had come when the responsibility for the entertainment of the children should be in other hands and W.Bro Hall proposed and W.Bro Grainger seconded the appreciation of the committee be recorded for the work of Mrs Richardson had done in past years.
- **Masonic Newsletter** – A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary stating that the publication was a private ?? and it was agreed to take no further action.
- **Flat for Caretaker** – The Secretary reported that he had written to Miss M.Cudworth regarding a flat that may become vacant at 16 St.Saviourgate.

1948

## 16<sup>th</sup> January 1948

- **Charity** – The Secretary reported on the circumstances of a Brother of the Lodge who was unable to work following a serious illness and was worried financially – it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the WM, Treasurer and Charity Representative for the necessary action.
- **Food Parcels** – The Secretary reported that he had received a request from the Provincial Grand Secretary to submit seven or eight names for gifts of food parcels from Victoria, Australia – after consultation with the WM eight names had been submitted.
- **Building Fund** – The Secretary reported that the response to the Building Fund was £97.10.0 which had been donated from 14 brethren. This was regarded as being unsatisfactory and it was proposed by W.Bro Hall and seconded by W.Bro Smithson “That a reminder be sent out during March in the hope that more Brethren would appreciate the importance of the appeal.”
- **Painting estimates required** – It was decided to secure estimates for the painting of the Front Entrance / Hall / Library / Notice room / Lavatory and outside woodwork.
- **Installation disapproval** – The WM said that at his Installation dinner, the Provincial Charity Representative had expressed disappointment that he was not given the opportunity of replying to the Toast of the Charities and the WM suggested it a matter that might be borne in mind at the appropriate time.

## • 11<sup>th</sup> March 1948

- **Building Fund** - The Secretary reported on the position of the Building Fund – 27 brethren had subscribed the sum of £170. This was regarded as unsatisfactory and it was pointed out that unless there is a better response it would not be possible to proceed with the alterations to the premises even when building licences become available. It had been decided at a previous meeting that a reminder should be sent in March to all brethren who had not subscribed and the WM and Secretary undertook to prepare the wording.
- **Painting and decoration** – An estimate was submitted from Messrs Parke Bros. for the sum of £107 for painting – the Front Entrance / Hall / Library / Notice room / Lavatory and outside woodwork. After lengthy discussion it was proposed, seconded and approved that the estimate be accepted and the work be put in hand.
- **Temple re-decoration** – W.Bro Stubbs said that he was concerned about the faulty paintwork in the Temple and stated he would be happy to defray the cost of renovation. The WM said both he and the committee thanked W.Bro Stubbs for his generosity and acceptance his offer with gratitude.
- **Caretaker** – The Secretary reported that Mrs Lea was ill and was authorised to secure additional temporary help if necessary.
- **Firewood** – It was agreed to purchase chopped firewood and the Secretary was authorised to purchase.

## 31<sup>st</sup> May 1948

- **Building Fund** – The Secretary reported that 31 brethren had subscribed to the Building Fund which now totalled £187.17.0 – The WM expressed the opinion that the result was most disappointing and said consideration must now be given to other means of increasing the lodge income in order to be in a position to undertake improvements to the lodge premises. He asked the Lodge committee to give serious thought regarding the increasing the lodge subscription and it was agreed to defer the discussion to a subsequent meeting at which the Treasurer would be present.
- **Decorating the lodge** – The Secretary reported that the Decorators were to commence work on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and asked the committee to approve a further £23 which would include the cost of decorating the portion for the Notice room to the Kitchen and staircase up to the Temple. It was proposed, seconded and agreed.
- **Minster Chapter** – A letter was read from W.Bro E.Nichols asking if Eboracum Lodge would be prepared to accept the new Minster Chapter as tenants and under what terms or rental. It was agreed to accept Minster Chapter as tenants at an annual rent of £26.5.0 for four meetings a year. Emergency

meetings to be arranged at the rate of £5.5.0 per meeting. Minster Chapter meetings to be on the third Monday in the Months of January / March / September and November.

- **Eboracum Chapter** – Arising out of the previous discussion it was decided to apply the same rental basis to Eboracum Chapter.
- **York Waterworks** – The Secretary reported he had received a request from the York Waterworks Co. to disconnect the the service supplying the old cottage and w.c. and connect same to the 2” main supplying the lodge. The Secretary had suggested that in view of the future plans regarding the premises the Waterworks Co would accept an agreed annual charge for water consumed and the service alteration be deferred until a later date – The action of the Secretary was approved.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1948

- **York Waterworks** - The Secretary reported that the York Waterworks Co. had intimated that the water supply to the disused cottage should be disconnected and the supply to the outside wc should be connected to the 2” main supplying the lodge.
- **Building Fund** – It was reported that so far 35 brethren had subscribed the sum of £214.2.0.
- **Lodge finances** – A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed that the Building Fund appeal had not received the support necessary to provide adequate money to enable the building sceme to be undertaken.

It was realised that it was necessary that the lodge income should be increased and it was proposed,seconded and agreed “That the Lodge subscription fee should be increased.”

After further discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of W.Bro Herman to defer the matter for further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

- **Organ** – The organist had reported that the Organ was again giving trouble and the Secretary was authorised to contact Messrs Summers and Barnes.
- **Lodge Pictures** – A discussion took place regarding the re-hanging of the Lodge pictures and it was agreed the matter be left in to the sub committee.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1948

- **Organ** – The Secretary reported that Messrs Summers and Barnes had patched up the organ but it was still regarded as necessary to have the organ completely dismantled and all worn and rusty parts replaced.
- **Lodge Subscriptions** – A lengthy discussion regarding the increase in the Lodge subscription and W.Bro Herman proposed and Bro J.Gorse (JW) seconded
  - ❖ “That the lodge subscription be increased from £4.4.0 to £5.5.0 from the beginning of the next Masonic year – 1<sup>st</sup> December 1948 – agreed
  - ❖ The fees payable in this lodge on Initiation or Admission or re-admission shall be as follows
  - ❖ On initiation - £22.0.0
  - ❖ On admission of a brother it registered in the Grand Lodge of England - £13.13.0
  - ❖ On re-admission of a former member - £7.7.0
  - ❖ On admission of a brother registered under any other Constution - £16.16.0
  - ❖ These fees shall be included in the subscription to the lodge for the current financial year.
  - ❖ The Master on his installation £1.1.0
- **Letting of Lodge Premises** – The Secretary reported that he had received a request from one of the Brethren for permission to use the lodge premises for a private party on one Saturday evening in September. After discussions it was agreed in principle to the letting of the premises to Eboracum Brethren subject to adequate safeguards being taken regarding the care of lodge fabric and full observance of the legal requirements .
- **Price for Letting** – It was proposed seconded and agreed that the charge for letting the premises under those circumstances should be £5.5.0, the payment to the Caretaker to be extra and paid by the lessor.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1948

- **Building Fund** - A lengthy discussion took place regarding money paid by some brethren to this fund, it was ?? that the brethren could not be expected to continue supporting this fund in view of the subscriptions being increased and that the brethren should be written to them asking if their money could be placed in the organ fund – the WM, and Secretary to draft a suitable letter.
- **Vacant Land** – An application was received on behalf of Magsons of St.Saviourgate for right of way on our land and making an entry through the wall to the rear of their premises – This was refused.
- **Vacant Land** – Messrs Taylors asked permission to buy all of part of our land – This was turned down

## 1949

### 25<sup>TH</sup> March 1949

- **Town and Country Planning** – W.Bro Waggott raised the question of alterations to the lodge and adjoining land in connection with the Town and Country Planning. After a lengthy discussion, a sub committee consisting of the WM, Treasurer and Secretary, and W.Bro Thorpe - Thorpe was asked to into the matter and report to the next meeting.

### 9<sup>th</sup> September 1949

- **Subscription** – Arising out of the correspondence, the Secretary was asked to write to Bro Noyes informing him that his previous application to £1.1.0 subscription had been respectfully considered and the committee was of the opinion that he must pay the full subscription of £5.5.0 that his latest letter did not alter their decision. Secretary to write Bro Noyes returning his cheque for the £1.1.0 subscription and asking for the full amount to be sent.

### 24<sup>th</sup> November 1949

- **Letter of resignation** – A letter of resignation was read from W.Bro Bouch, the WM said he was sure it was the wish of the lodge that this committee should recommend to the next Lodge that W.Bro Bouch be elected as Honorary Member.

## 1950

### 13<sup>th</sup> January 1950

- **Organ** – The specification of repairs and improvements to our organ were fully discussed by the meeting, it was decided the time had arrived when it was necessary to have the organ repaired. The specification and quotation submitted by Messrs Summers and Barnes dated 13/12/49 was considered and accepted, the motion was proposed by W.Bro Clark seconded by W.Bro Davison and carried. The Secretary was asked to notify Messrs Summers and Barnes Ltd that their quote for £345.0.0 had been accepted, suggested date for putting the work in hand being 9<sup>th</sup> May 1950.
- **Finance** – W.Bro Ringrose reported on the finances of the lodge saying that he had been making enquires regarding investing Lodge monies into the Halifax Building Society with a view to having money invested in this society that when the time came for making alterations to the Lodge Buildings the Society would look more favourably on our application for a loan. It was moved by W.Bro Clark and seconded by W.Bro Palliser that the necessary money should be invested for the Eboracum Building Fund in the names of the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge and that two separate accounts should be opened by the Treasurer. The Treasurer and Secretary to formulate the correct wording to be submitted to the Building Society for this investment. It was also agreed that there should be two accounts, one to be a Luna monthly payment of £5.0.0.

- **Lodge of Instruction** – The Lodge of Instruction being desirous of inviting their wives to a social evening was considered. It was decided that permission be granted for this Friday, or any normal night in which the premises are in use.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> April 1950

- **Stewards Bank** account - The Secretary reported that the Senior Steward wished to have a banking account for the money received by him on behalf of the lodge. It was agreed that an account should be opened in Messrs Barclays Bank, cheques to be drawn in the names of the Treasurer, W.Bro Ringrose and the Chief Steward.
- **Lodge Charity** – The Secretary reported a letter from Bro Insall saying he was financially embarrassed owing to illness. It was agreed that £20.0.0 be given to Bro Insall from the Lodge Charity Fund. The WM agreed to personally take this to Bro Insall.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> September 1950

- **Caretakers' resignation.** – Mrs.Lee having tendered her resignation as Caretaker of the lodge it was decided to insert an advertisement in the Press for a Caretaker. Applicants to be considered by a sub committee comprising of the WM, Treasurer, W.Bro Herman and the Secretary. Owing to W.Bro Herman being away on holiday the Secretary agreed to send a list of applicants for his observations.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> October 1950

- **Caretaker re-instated** – The Secretary reported that Mrs Lee had decided not to take the post at the Agricola Lodge, she had therefore been re-engaged – W.Bro Herman proposed and W.Bro Palliser seconded “That the action of the Secretary be approved.”
- **Stewards charges** – A lengthy discussion took place regarding charges made by the Stewards for refreshments and meals. It was finally decided on the motion W.Bro Clark, seconded by W.Bro Hal?? That in future the selling prices of beers, stouts, cider and minerals be 1d more than the cost price, in the case of whisky, rum, gin and other spirits the selling price be 2d per measure more than the cost price. It was agreed that the maximum charge 4/- be made for suppers.
- **Vacant land** – W.Bro Thorpe gave a report re-development charges of land adjoining the premises, he agreed to consult Bro ??? before returning form with our objections and report back at our next meeting.
- **Building society** – W.Bro Ringrose suggested that a further sum of £100 be invested in the Halifax Building Society – this was agreed.
- **Stewards** – The Secretary agreed to have a talk to the Chief Steward – Bro Carter – re department and attention to the requirements of the Past Masters and Brethren.

