

## MINUTE BOOK 4

1951 - 1962

### 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1951

- **Unsuitable candidate- Mr Denham** – The Secretary reported that information had been conveyed to him, that Mr Denham was not a suitable person to become a member of our lodge. W.Bro Smithson said he had information that had been told to him and felt he must report to the Secretary so that it could be dealt with officially. W.Bro Palliser, Mr Denham's proposer, said he had no idea of anything detrimental to the character of Mr Denham. After a long discussion, the WM and Secretary interview Mr Denham and report back to the next meeting.
- **Electric cleaner** – The Secretary reported on the condition of the electric cleaner and gave details of a new industrial cleaner which would help the caretaker to keep the premises much cleaner – moved by W.Bro Ringrose and seconded by W.Bro Richardson that a new industrial cleaner be purchased.
- **Charity** – W.Bro Ringrose reported that a further £10.10.0 had been given to Bro Inshall making a total of £52.10.0 – action approved.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1951

- **Unsuitable candidate – Mr Denham** – The Secretary reported that the sub committee appointed by the last lodge committee meeting had interviewed Mr Denham with regard to the complaint which had been received that he, Mr Denham was not a fit and proper person to become a member of the Eboracum Lodge or masonry in general. The interview lasted approximately one hour, was very thorough and every member of the sub committee, ably led by the WM, put very pointed questions to Mr Denham. He frankly admitted there had been an affair, but the whole trouble seemed to be wrapped up in the talk about his Brother's wife and a relative of theirs, which unfortunately, in addition to his own indiscretions had been levelled against him. The sub committee thanked Mr Denham asking him to retire. It was then decided by the sub committee that Mr Denham had been very frank and fair and seemed truthful and was very sorry for what had happened in the past. It was then decided the WM and the Secretary should meet Bro Atkinson. This the WM and the Secretary did on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Bro Atkinson that he was the person who had made the first complaint regarding the unsuitability of Mr Denham becoming a member of the lodge. He denied stating that Mr Denham had broken up two homes. He said most of the information came to his ears through his wife and several women from down the street. He said far more had been made of it than he ever intended. He was quite prepared to support Mr Denham and he thought Mr Denham was a suitable person and would be prepared to support him in open lodge.  
Later the Secretary, contacted W.Bro Smithson and said it was quite true that he had told the Secretary that two homes were broken up and this information had been given to him by the W.Bro in the first place, but he was quite prepared to believe that the two homes mentioned referred to those of Mr Denham's brother and some other person.  
Afterwards these reports having been given to the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the best thanks of the Past Masters be conveyed to the sub committee who had undertaken this work. It was felt that it had been carried out in the most efficient and courteous manner. It was also unanimously decided that the application of Mr Denham be accepted.
- **Caretaker** – The Secretary reported having made temporary arrangements during the illness of Mrs Lee, the caretaker.
- **Heating** – The Secretary reported the trial heating arrangements in connection with the robing room. It was decided that two electric fires be purchased, one for either end of the room. The Secretary to obtain prices for these and the wiring from Bro House. These to be approved by the

W.Master and Treasurer on behalf of the Lodge Committee. Arrangements were made for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

- **Vacant land** – The WM, Treasurer and Secretary were nominated to meet an official for the Land Developments Charge Office, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Bros Thorpe and Best were to be attendance.

### 1<sup>st</sup> June 1951

- **Steward** – new catering arrangement – A letter was read from Bro Carter in which he stated it was impossible for him to carry on providing meals as he had been doing in the past. After due to consideration it was unanimously decided that the catering be placed in the hands of Bro Duff. Bro Duff had previously given his word to the Secretary that he would be happy to attend to the requirements of the lodge. This was to take effect immediately, therefore the catering for the June lodge would be carried out entirely by Bro Duff who would make the necessary arrangements.
- **Chief Steward- complaints against** – The WM said he had received a communication for the Secretary who had received several complaints about the deportment of the Chief Steward in the lodge, and the manner in which and the manner in which he attended to the requirements of the Past Masters in the Lodge and the Brethren in general. This was lowering the tone of the lodge considerably. After a very full discussion it was decided that a sub committee be formed to interview Bro Carter, and point out the Past Masters were very much concerned with what had been brought forward at this meeting and hoped there would be a considerable improvement in the future.

The sub committee will consist of WM W.Bro L.J. Martin, W.Bro Ringrose treasurer, W.Bro Dales SW, W.Bro Hall Secretary.

- **Decorating – Car Park** – The preservation of the Lodge fabric exterior, the banner and the carpets in the dining room were brought forward along with the enclosing of the car park. The Secretary was asked to write to Bro Thorpe asking him to submit suggestions for enclosing the land, also for the renovation of the exterior of the building including the painting. Prices to be submitted for this work, afterwards to be submitted to a future meeting.
- **Electrics** - The question of a light on the car park was mentioned, the price for this and for two three-point plugs to be fitted in the dining room, prices to be obtained and approved by the WM, the Treasurer and Secretary.
- **Lodge Banner in need of restoration** - W.Bro H.Clark, after examining the Lodge banner, thought there was a good possibility of this being cleaned. He undertook to do this, but hoped the committee would not rule him responsible should the banner fall to pieces. The Worshipful Master and Bros. thanked W.Bro Clark for undertaking this work, and should the banner fall to pieces, they were quite satisfied that it would be through no fault of W.Bro Clark. W.Bro also undertook to see that the carpets in the dining room were cleaned.

### 30<sup>th</sup> November 1951

- **Visitors song / Carols**– In connection with the harmony of the lodge, the WM mentioned that he would like the Visitors Song to be sung immediately after the Visitors toast had been proposed. The committee agreed with the very nice suggestion and hoped the innovation would meet with success. It was also mentioned that on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, the usual carols would be sung.
- **Past Masters Photographs** – A discussion took place regarding the Past Masters photographs which were taken down and stored in the ante-room in the lodge. It was finally decided that the photographs of the Founders of Eboracum Lodge, W.Bro Cooper and W.Bro Whytehead should be taken out of store and hung in a suitable place on the wall in the dining room.
- **Falling picture risk** – The Secretary mentioned that it had been brought to his notice by the Secretary of Minster Lodge that there was a likelihood of someone sustaining an injury due to

one or more of the pictures falling from their storage space in the ante-room. As the risk was so very small it was decided that we accept this risk and no insurance policy be taken out for coverage.

- **Building Society** – W.Bro Ringrose said he thought the time had arrived when a further investment should be made in the Halifax Building Society, and he had the pleasure in proposing that a further £100 be invested in the Society. This was agreed to.
- **Charitable Trust** – W.Bro Ringrose also mentioned that he, along with W.Bro Smithson had been looking into the possibility of forming a Lodge Charitable Trust. If this was possible it would mean that roughly the Lodge contributions to charity would be double. He would like to feel that they had they had the support of the Lodge Committee to go forward and make further enquiries. As soon as he had more information he would be happy to bring this forward to the meeting of the Lodge Committee for their further consideration.

## 1952

### 18<sup>th</sup> January 1952

- **Provincial Honours** – A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary asking for the name of a Past Master to be submitted for Provincial Honours. It was unanimously agreed that the name of W.Bro H.Palliser be submitted.
- **Vacant land** – A plan by Bro Thorpe to enclose the land adjoining the Lodge was submitted to the meeting – A sub committee was duly formed.
- **Car park attendant** – The Secretary reported that he had been making enquiries to see if it was possible to obtain the services of a person as car park attendant to look after the cars of the Brethren who are attending Masonic functions. It was agreed by the committee that it was a very good suggestion. They hoped arrangements could be made very soon to put this into operation.

### 30<sup>th</sup> May 1952

- **Stewards seating in Lodge** – A discussion took place regarding the Stewards seating. It was pointed out that the Stewards had no official seating in the lodge. It was therefore left in the hands of W.Bro Stubbs, Director of Ceremonies, and the Assistant Director of Ceremonies W.Bro Davison, to watch that there was always sufficient seating accommodation for the Past Masters and Visitors and if necessary ask the stewards to vacate their seats.
- **Processing into lodge** – A long discussion took place regarding the precedence in Provincial Officers. It was moved by W.Bro Smithson, seconded by W.Bro Richardson, the Secretary should write to Provincial Officers of Eboracum Lodge giving the order of Precedence both in forming the column and seating.
- **Crockery** – The question of crockery, tumblers and spirit glasses was mentioned. The Secretary was asked to have a word with the caterers regarding their responsibility of providing suitable crockery etc. If necessary afterwards obtaining the necessary quotation.
- **Painting the exterior of the building** – The painting of the exterior of the lodge was mentioned and it was decided to obtain three quotations and suggestions for the exterior.
- **Complaints re-caterer** – This was gone into fully and it was felt that we were very fortunate in having Bro Duff to look after our catering and that instead of a reduction being asked for we give the caterer permission to go up in price to 5/6d as a maximum for dinner.
- **Charity Fund** – Arising out of any other business, W.Bro Richardson said about 20 years ago, Eboracum Lodge borrowed £100 from the Lodge Charity Fund. He would like to move this £100 be paid back to the Charity Fund. This motion was seconded by W.Bro Ringrose.

### 8<sup>th</sup> August 1952

- **Estimates for painting the exterior** - Estimates regarding the painting of the exterior of the lodge premises were carefully examined. Estimates showed a variation from approximately £65 to £150. It was finally decided on the proposition of W.Bro Ringrose, seconded by W.Bro G.Richardson the estimate by Bellerby's Ltd should be accepted at approximately £148.
- **As the condition of the front of the is so bad, the Secretary is to discuss with Messrs Bellerby's the possibility of the alteration of treatment of the front of the premises after some of the old paint has been cleared away. It was, therefore, decided the WM, W.Bro Ringrose, Bro Thorpe, Architect and the Secretary should view the premises when the work had been commenced and discuss with Messrs Bellerby's Ltd the final colour scheme and suggested treatment.**
- **Boiler** – It was decided on the proposition of the WM, seconded by W.Bro Herman, the Secretary's action in securing at such a reasonable cost a new boiler and having same fitted should be approved with the best thanks of the meeting.

### 18<sup>th</sup> October 1952

- **Arrangements for the Installation banquet.**
- ❖ Ceremony at St.Saviourgate to commence at 3pm
- ❖ Banquet at Terry's St.Helens Square – tickets 15/- each.

### 28<sup>th</sup> November 1952

- **Car Park / vacant land** - It was decided to proceed with enclosing the land surrounding the Lodge as Plan A drawn by Bro Thorpe.
- **Brickwork and steel quotation** - The quotation of Messrs Garratt & Steel for the brickwork and Messrs A.Taylor for the ironwork were accepted.

## 1953

### 20<sup>th</sup> February 1953

- **Charitable contributions** - W.Bro Smithson, Charity Representative – said W.Bro Ringrose and himself had been trying for some considerable time to get our Charity contributions working on a covenant system whereby enabling a substantial sum to be extracted from the Exchequer – so increasing our contributions to Charities.  
W.Bro Ringrose mentioned the correspondence he had had with the Provincial Grand Secretary re-getting the Grand Lodge to adapt this suggestion. Unfortunately it was felt that this could not be undertaken by headquarters. We are therefore hopeful that this scheme can be worked in our Lodge.
- **Vacant land** – The Secretary read before the meeting the quotation from Messrs W&J.Glossop Ltd for the levelling of the land adjoining the Lodge. It was decided, the quotation submitted by W&J.Glossop (to remove shrubs, grass, etc trim over existing area and fill in hollows to an even surface. Supply, lay and roll a 3"thickness of ashes – for the sum of £92 should be accepted.
- **Name of premises** – W.Bro Richardson said how pleased he was that we had a name to our premises and how, he thought, this had improved our status.

### 17<sup>th</sup> July 1953

- **Car park dividing wall and gates** – A letter was read from J.A.Magson of Messrs Magsons, St.Saviourgate, York asking permission to erect a 9' high by 9" wide party wall the length of our car park and dividing the two properties. Sketch plans being placed before the committee.Permission being granted subject to our architect Bro Thorpe approving the plans prepared by Messrs Needham, Thorpe and White of 6 High Petergate. Special attention being paid to the joining our

new wall and gates which were also being erected joining up with the wall so not to leave any gap. The Secretary was also asked to write to Messrs Magson regarding any possible damage which might be done to the surface of the car park itself. The committee agreed to the suggested wall being erected as the conditions laid down in the correspondence.

- **Locking of the gates** – After a lengthy discussion regarding the locking of the gates of the car park and the possibility of obtaining keys for their use at any time. It was decided the W.Bros Ringrose and Stubbs plus the Secretary should meet two or three Brethren of the Minster Lodge Committee to decide on the best method suitable to both lodges for the scheme to be properly worked and it was left to the above mentioned to agree on the charge of each privately owned key.
- **Friday evenings** – The attendance of Brethren on Friday evenings was brought forward along with the suggestion that it might be possible to close the lodge on Friday evenings in June / July and August. After fully discussing the matter it was moved that every effort should be made to encourage every brethren to attend on Friday evening and that the lodge should remain open as at present. – this was agreed.
- **Temple wall condition** – W.Bro Smithson mentioned the condition of the paint on the walls of the Temple. W.Bro Smithson proposed that W.Bro Palliser and the Secretary should invite quotations for the washing down and cleaning the walls of the Temple also repairing any cracks etc.
- **Modernisation of the lodge premises** – Regarding the long term policy re the modernisation of the lodge premises – The Secretary was asked to write to Bro A.N.Thorpe to obtain some idea of A and B Schemes as outlined in the plans already in the hands of the Architects. These are to be submitted to the next meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1953 at 7.30 pm. Bro Thorpe should be asked to attend this meeting to give any necessary information.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> September 1953

- **Car park keys** – It was unanimously carried that Brethren of Eboracum Lodge and tenants to make application to the Secretary of Eboracum Lodge for a private key which must be for their personal use and not to be loaned to other persons. The charge of this key to be one guinea on application and 10/6d per year afterwards.
- **None holders of keys** - It was understood that Brethren not having a private key would be able to use the car park when ever they attended the lodge as the arrangements would be made to open the gates on these occasions – the Secretary said he would write to the secretaries to the Minster and Chapter Lodges.
- **Cleaning the Temple** – Estimates were submitted during the meeting regarding the cleaning of the Temple. After fully considering these estimates it was moved and seconded that the estimate as submitted by T.E.Oxtoby to be accepted. The question of cleaning the carpets was discussed. It was agreed this was a favourable opportunity to have the carpets in the Temple thoroughly cleaned and repaired where ever possible.
- **Plans decided** - W.Bro Thorpe was brought into the meeting – he gave a lucid description of the plans he had drawn up with various improvements to the lodge premises and decided stage 1 was the important to be dealt with – this was a new cloakroom on the ground floor. It is part of the major scheme of improvements and at no stage would any extra work be involved carrying out the improvements in sections as outlined by Bro Thorpe.
- **New cloakroom go ahead** - The estimated cost of the new cloakroom would be between £1400 and £1500 pounds. The Treasurer, W.Bro Ringrose said he was quite sure we would be able to meet the money required and saw no reason why this part of the scheme should not be proceeded with immediately. After a very full discussion by all present it was agreed that the first part of the scheme be proceeded with – this was unanimously agreed.
- Bro Thorpe was asked to apply for the necessary licence, obtain firm quotations for carrying out – these details will be gone into at once to proceed with the building of the new cloakroom.

- **Provincial loan sought** - W.Bro Richardson suggested that as we were contemplating the putting in hand of stage 2 alterations in the near future it would be advisable if the Secretary would write to the Provincial Grand Lodge asking the maximum amount of money they would be prepared to advance for these improvements and what rate of interest for the money loaned.
- **Cleaning the Temple** – The WM said he wished to thank Bro Francis Granger for so kindly paying half the account for the cleaning of the panel? – this was very much appreciated by the committee who expressed their delight at admirable results he had obtained in the cleaning process.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December 1953

- **Minute book not present** - The Secretary apologised for not bringing the minute book.
- **Interview panel** - The practice of interviewing candidates was discussed. It was felt advisable that Candidates should be interviewed by the WM, Treasurer, W.Bro Stubbs and the Secretary.
- **Bankers orders** - It was agreed that Bankers Orders should be sent to Initiates and Brethren joining the lodge
- **Supper prices** - A letter from Bro Duff regarding lodge suppers was read – it was decided that the maximum price to be charged to the brethren be 5/6d and should the cost be any greater – this should be met from the Stewards cupboard.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> January 1954

- It was decided that the question of purchasing Books of Constitution be left in the hands of the Treasurer and Secretary to purchase when funds are available.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> March 1954

- **Arrears** – The Secretary mentioned the number of brethren in arrears with their subscriptions. The committee were very concerned to hear of this and promised to do all they could to bring this to the notice of any brother who they knew being in arrears. The Secretary said he would write to every brother who was in arrears and at the next lodge committee meeting would present a list of all Brethren who were still in arrears at the time meeting takes place.
- **Architect ill** – The Secretary mentioned Bro Thorpe, the architect, who had been ill, consequently he had not made the progress with the alterations that he had originally intended but had promised to give this his serious consideration in the very near future. An Account having been received from Bro Thorpe for Architectural Fees amounting to £43.0.0 of which Bro Thorpe has asked that £20.0.0 of these fees be placed to the benefit of the Building fund. The Secretary was asked to acknowledge with thanks.
- **25 Years as Past Master** – It was mentioned that W.Bro Stubbs had been Past Master for the Lodge for twenty five years. It was moved that a special committee be appointed consisting of the WM, Treasurer and Secretary to arrange for a dinner to be given to W.Bro Stubbs – details to be announced later, the cost of which would be met by the Worshipful Brethren.
- **Solicitors account** – The Secretary presented an account he had received from Bro P.F.Ringrose, solicitor, in connection with the work he had done in preparing Drafts, etc, for Eboracum Lodge No1611 Benevolent Fund. It was felt by the Brethren, the account submitted did not in any way cover the cost involved in launching such a scheme . W.Bro Ringrose asked the Brethren to kindly accept the account as presented as he knew his son would not like to benefit financially out of the work which he had undertaken to do for the lodge.

It was the unanimous wish of the committee that a permanent record be placed in the Minutes of the appreciation felt by the WM and Past Masters of the Eboracum Lodge who wished to place on record “ their appreciation of the very efficient services and advice so courteously afforded to them by Bro Ringrose in the connection with the establishment of the Eboracum No1611 Benevolent Fund and request the Secretary to convey these sentiments to Bro Ringrose”

## 16<sup>th</sup> October 1954

- ❖ Installation banquet arrangements –
- ❖ Ceremony at Eboracum Lodge at 3pm
- ❖ Banquet at Terrys Restaurant, St.Helens Square
- ❖ Tickets 15/-

## 12<sup>th</sup> November 1954

- **Plan of Alterations** – It was decided that the plan of the alterations to the lodge premises be framed and hung so that all the Brethren may see the improvements to be carried out in the future.
- **Loving cup** – A long discussion took place regarding the passing round of the Loving Cup. It was unanimously decided that the passing round of the Loving Cup be omitted from future Installations.
- **Dinner and Dance** – The Shrove Tuesday dinner and dance is to be held at the Station Hotel on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1955. It was decided that the Autumn dance be omitted in future.

## 1955

### 6<sup>th</sup> May 1955

- **Estimates for alteration costs** – The following estimates and prices were submitted for consideration –
  - ❖ Messrs F.Shepherd and Son Ltd. Blue Bridge Lane, York the sum of 2546.12.0
  - ❖ Messrs T.Belt and Son Ltd. St.Maurices Road, York the sum of £2215.10.0
  - ❖ Messrs Jarratt Steel the sum of £2107.5.10
- **Builder agreed** - Upon the recommendation of the Architect, the estimate from Messrs Jarratt Steel was accepted.
- **Alterations go ahead** – W. Bro Herman moved that the alterations of Stage 1 and 2 as plans submitted by Bro Thorpe be carried out. This was seconded by W. Bro Palliser and carried.
- **Alterations explained** – Bro Thorpe gave a very detailed comprehensive explanation of the alterations which would be carried out, with as little inconvenience as possible. It was decided that the following small building committee be appointed –  
W. Bro Ringrose / W. Bro Richardson / W. Bro Hall  
Who would give careful attention to the building alterations along with furnishings of the new rooms.
- **Stage 3 alterations** – Bro Thorpe gave a rough idea of the cost of Stage 3.
- **Floor covering** – It was decided that at the time of the alterations it would be advisable to cover the flooring of the Dining Hall.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1955

- **Application wrongly filled in** – Application form to be a joining member had been completely filled in by the applicant, who in addition to filling in the form, had signed the names of the proposer and seconder himself. It was unanimously decided that this application be not considered further, as it was not felt by members to be a correct application.
- **Caretaker resigns** – The Secretary, having received a letter of resignation from Mrs.Lee, caretaker, it was left in the hands of the Treasurer and Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for this post to be filled. As explained by the Secretary, it was felt desirable to replace Mrs Lee as quickly as possible, as she had become an undesirable person to be caretaker of our Lodge.

- **Alterations** – The following letter was received from the Minster Lodge – “.....at a Lodge Committee recently held on 30<sup>th</sup> June great appreciation was expressed at the alterations and improvements which are still being carried out at the Lodge premises, which when completed will be to our mutual benefit and comfort.”
- **Alterations – Minster offer to defray costs** – The Brethren of Minster Lodge feel they would like to do something towards defraying the cost, which will no doubt be heavy, of the alterations and it was agreed to the Eboracum Lodge a loan of £1000 at a nominal interest.  
My committee would be pleased if you would bring this before your lodge and If the loan is accepted arrangements could probably for a representative of each Lodge to meet and and agree details of the transaction.  
Assuring the brethren of Eboracum Lodge our gratitude for past favours and fraternal in their future welfare.
- **Protests at Minster offer** – The above letter raised a strong protest from one of two members, who were very much against accepting under any condition a loan from Minster Lodge. Other members expressed great concern that an offer made by Minster Lodge should be received in such a manner. It was finally decided that we write to Minster Lodge, asking for 4 members of their committee to meet our Building Committee, which is made up of the WM, W.Bros Ringrose, Richardson and Hall.  
Our Committee were asked to handle this matter very carefully and to bear in mind what had been expressed at this meeting. As we had sufficient money to carry out Schemes 1 and 2, we were not anxious to borrow money on a long term basis, as obviously we should be committing the Lodge to paying interest over a long period of time, also the Minster Lodge may call in this loan at short notice. This may place the Lodge in an awkward position.  
It was suggested that we may try to make arrangements for the Minster Lodge to furnish one of our rooms, either the Past Masters Robing Room or the Dining Room, up to the £1000 suggested for the loan. This furnishing to comply with the Architects plan.  
This concluded the meeting.

### Meeting of the Building Committee

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1955

- Consideration was given to the furnishing of the cloakrooms, P.M’s room and library. Suggested re-furnishing and decorating of the dining room etc
- The following items are of special interest –
  - ❖ The main electrical switches covering the whole of the lodge premises are being re-positioned in the new entrance hall.
  - ❖ The architect into the possibility of using the present large door mat which will be placed in a well at the main door.
  - ❖ It was agreed that as soon as possible instructions be given to the painters to carry out plastering and painting the kitchen in tones of light cream. The woodwork also to be painted in light colours along with the Stewards pantry, the connecting passage between the kitchen and the stairs ascending to the Temple and the walls of the steps leading down to the cellar.
  - ❖ It is quite possible the W.Bro Grainger would be a large fairly new gas stove if this was reasonable. W.Bro Grainger had made an offer to purchase this and present to the lodge. The Building Committee gratefully accepted on behalf of the Lodge Committee. If this is installed, the Building Committee gave instructions for the three present gas cookers to be taken out and returned to the Gas Company.
  - ❖ When the bookcases have been erected in the present P.M’s robing room it will be converted into the library, the roof is to be painted and the lighting improved. Bro Thorpe is looking into the amount of lighting required in the Library. Afterwards the carpet will be re-fitted.



- ❖ It was agreed that when the present lavatory on the ground floor is no longer required for the Brethren this will be converted in a lavatory for the catering staff with an entrance from the kitchen into this lavatory by a new door being fitted.

### 18<sup>th</sup> November 1955

- **New loan offer from Minster Lodge** - Telephone message received on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1955 from W.Bro Gofton, Treasurer of Minster Lodge, asking if I had received a communication from the Secretary of Minster Lodge, regarding the proposal of the gift and loan from Minster Lodge, to which I replied I had received no communication. He was very surprised and said he intended to give notice of motion at the next lodge meeting –
  - ❖ That this Lodge contributes approximately £750, being half the estimated cost of renovating and furnishing the Dining Hall of the Lodge premises, as a memorial to the late W.Bro Arthur Finney.
  - ❖ That the further sum of £750 be loaned to the Eboracum Lodge.
- **Interest on the loan** - W.Bro Gofton informed me that it was the intention that approximately 1/2% be charged for the loan, this may be a little more or less. He was giving this figure unofficially, he said it was felt that payment of interest on this loan might be returned each year.
- **Alterations to the DINING ROOM** – Bro Thorpe, our architect gave us a report on the building progress, plans had previously been submitted to the members present, showing the latest sketch drawing prepared by the architect for the alteration to the dining room. The latest sketch shows three steel girders in place of two pillars. Bro Thorpe answered many questions regarding the strength of the three girders in supporting the Temple above as against two steel pillars. Bro Thorpe said he had taken expert advice, and had no hesitation in stating that the girders would support the Temple. In fact would go so far as to say. That the girders were a better support than the pillars. The furnishing of the Dining Room was receiving Bro Thorpes attention, as was also the Past Masters Robing Room and the Brethrens cloakroom. The architect reported that he would have the details and prices available shortly.
 

The Secretary arranged for a meeting of the Building Committee as soon as he had the necessary details from the architect. We would then submit at a very early date, full details to the Past Masters meeting.
- **Cycle shed** – The committee a number of slight amendments which have been carried out by the members, and which were not covered by the plans previously approved. We have taken down the wall in the entrance, arranging for a lean to cycle shed, the painting? Of the kitchen, the stewards pantry, and the passage between the kitchen and the bottom of the Temple staircase.
- **Possible future plans(Agricola Lodge)** – Consideration was given to the notes and suggestions submitted by W.Bro Richardson, on the future developments of our Masonic Building. After discussion it was decided that we did not proceed with immediately as we were anxious to receive from Minster Lodge an official notification that they would stand half the cost of the alterations to the Dining Room, as a memorial to the late W.Bro Arthur Finney. They would also loan us £750 at a very low rate of interest. When this had been received the Secretary would approach the Secretary of Agricola Lodge, to find out if Agricola Lodge would be interested in joining our premises. If after explaining to the Agricola Secretary, the facilities we should have in the future, the Agricola are interested then we would arrange for our building committee to meet representatives of the Agricola Lodge to discuss the matter further.
- **Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute Home for Aged Brethren** – W.Bro Smithson gave an interesting report on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute Home for Aged Brethren. This he said had been favourably commented upon by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the Charity Board held earlier this week
- **Pedestal cover** – An offer has been made to cover the pedestal with a suitable covering to match the general furnishing of the Lodge, also the front of the pedestal to be suitably lettered (Bro Knox)

- **New Tracing Board Stand** - Bro Steel has offered to make and present a new stand for our tracing boards.
- **Joint notice board** - Bro Scaife has made an offer of a joint notice board.
- **Car park area levelling** – It was decided to ask the builders to level off the ground behind the Lodge to give a better approach and more room for the car park, we are not to re-surface this part of the car park.

## 1956

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1956

- **Provincial honours** – W.Bro Shearsmith proposed the name of W.Bro Ringrose be submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge for Provincial Honours. This action was unanimously confirmed.
- **Alterations to the premises** – The Secretary was asked to urge forward the architect to complete the building extensions already in progress. Also to try to arrange with the architect to consider the furnishing of the Past Masters robing room, along with further details and prices for the alterations to the dining room.
- **Letters from Minster Lodge** – Two letters were read out from Minster Lodge, regarding their proposed grant of £750 towards half the approximate cost of refurbishing the dining room, and the £750 loan, free of interest for the alterations already undertaken.
- **Alcuin Lodge as a possible tenant** – The Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary of Alcuin Lodge, to enquire if they were interested in becoming tenants of our Lodge premises.
- **Caretakers wages** – The action of the Treasurer and Secretary in the increasing of the Caretakes wages during the period of alterations was discussed and approved by the committee. This concluded the meeting.

### 24<sup>th</sup> February 1956

- **Rent Agreement/tenancy with Minster Lodge** – W.Bro Ringrose gave a detailed report of the rent agreement, which had been considered by the Building Committee. It was finally decided that the legal document as submitted, would raise serious problems regarding the draft deed of Licence as drawn up by our solicitors and would really not be a satisfactory way of dealing with this matter. The solicitors advise that we cannot legally complete the deed by giving a long term tenancy, and at the same time include a clause whereby we wish to increase the rent should this be necessary.
- It was decided therefore the building committee meet four members of the Minster Lodge at an early date, submitting to them a simplified draft agreement, accepting the £750 offered by Minster Lodge towards the approximate half cost of renovating the dining room as a memorial to the late W.Bro A.Finney. Also accepting a loan of £750 free of interest.
- We wish them to have a long term tenancy but think it advisable that we should both agree a three year period of tenancy at present rent, but in view of the increasing costs we may have to consider an adjustment in rent at a later period.
- **Insurance** – At the last meeting of the building committee W.Bro Ringrose explained that he was not satisfied the building and contents were adequately covered by insurance. The Building Committee asked if he would obtain information from the Yorkshire Insurance Co. as to what sum they suggested the building and contents ought to be insured at replacement value. The Yorkshire suggested insurance should be taken up, in a letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1956, £24,500 for the building and £3000 for the contents. It was decided that the Treasurer go into this with the Yorkshire Insurance Co and increase the insurance to a satisfactory figure.
- **Lodge working – Brethren on the floor?** – Provincial Grand Secretary put in his place!!!! – A long discussion took place regarding the request of Brethren on the floor, wishing to take place in the Lodge working. This matter was raised because of a request which had been made by Bro Scaife.

Bro Scaife had approached the W.Master along with various other brethren, at our Shrove Tuesday Dinner and Dance had approached the Provincial Grand Secretary asking his opinion why Brethren of the Eboracum Lodge could not take part in ceremonies. Bro Scaife was told by the Provincial Grand Secretary that he saw no reason why this could not take place. During the evening the Provincial Grand Secretary came to me saying he had been approached for his opinion, why we were not allowing this to take place. I told him that this was a matter for the WM and the Lodge Committee to decide, and providing we were working to the Book of Constitution, it had nothing to do with him.

- **Oak Chairs** – A suggestion that the Past Masters be allowed to purchase an oak chair for the robing room at an approximate cost of 10 guineas, or make a contribution to a refectory table was left over to the next meeting.

It was noted that –

W.Bro C.F.Grainger

W.Bro W.O. Smithson

W.Bro G.R.Richardson

W.Bro G.A.Reed

Have each asked if they could donate the sum of 10 guineas each toward a chair.

- **Stewards Outing** – The date of the Stewards Outing – could or should this be an evening run or a full day?
- **Subscription increase** – Notice of motion to increase from one guinea to two guineas for Brethren not in a position to enjoy the privileges for the Lodge regularly.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1956

- **Lodge working – WM and or IPM work** – It is resolved that the established tradition in Eboracum Lodge, whereby the Worshipful Masters work is either done by him or the Past Masters is re-affirmed. In the exceptional circumstances of the Initiation of a Lewis, his father may be invited by the Worshipful Master if he should desire, to undertake some portion of the Initiation ceremony.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> May 1956

- **Alterations update** - Bro Thorpe our architect attended this meeting for the purpose of letting the committee have the latest information regarding the outstanding items to be completed in respect of stages one and two of the building programme, along with alterations to the dining room. Bro Thorpe apologised for the fittings in the Past Masters cloakroom, he said these would be replaced without delay.
- **Joint notice board** – The sketch of the joint notice board was circulated amongst the members of the committee. It was finally decided that Bro Thorpe should complete a scale drawing of the notice board. It was also mentioned that Bro Scaife had made an offer to provide this notice board.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> June 1956

- **Alteration estimates** - The Building Committee having considered quotations for alterations to our dining room, as specifications submitted by our architect. Bro Thorpe recommended to the committee the acceptance of the quotation from Jarratt Steel for the sum of £1408.15.9.

Other quotations considered were from –

- ❖ W.Fairweather and Sons Ltd      £1452
- ❖ Robert Dent and Sons Ltd      £1469

- **Friday nights suspended** - It was decided that we should not meet on a Friday evening while these alterations were being carried out and that the lodge would be held as usual, suppers to be taken at The Creamery Restaurant.
- **Agricola Lodge** – The Secretary reported he had received a letter from Agricola Lodge which had been replied to, we await their further response.
- **Removal furniture van** – It was agreed that we engage a removal firm to store various items of furniture etc while the alterations be carried out.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> August 1956

- **Senior Warden with a problem** - A letter was read from W.Bro Merriman explaining the difficult situation that his business connections were causing him, he was not sure if he would be unable to go forward to the chair because of his business commitments.  
It was decided that W.Bro Merriman was to try and arrive at a decision within the next few weeks.
- **Telephone** – A suggestion was made, would we consider the installation of a telephone in the lodge. This suggestion was left over to the next meeting.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> November 1956

- **Extra storage** – Extra regalia accommodation in the brethrens cloakroom to be provided. It was agreed the building committee were to make the necessary arrangements for this to be carried out.
- **Hungarian Relief Fund** – W.Bro Smithson proposed that the sum of £21 be sent to the Lord Mayors Hungarian Relief Fund – carried unanimously.  
This concluded the business

### 1957

#### 4<sup>th</sup> January 1957

- **Replacement piano** – Bro J.Bowman of Minster Lodge reported that piano he was storing for us was in a very bad condition .. as he had obtained a Beckstein Piano to sold in their auction rooms he recommended that we purchase this for £40.0.0 – the auction price would be very much higher. Bro Bowman suggested we sell the roll top desk and two large tables and one or two oddments which he was storing for us, which he thought would bring in approximately £20.0.0. After long discussions it was decided we purchase the Beckstein Piano for £40 and dispose of the other items.
- Bro Holmes had on our behalf inspected the Beckstein Piano and had reported this was in good condition, working parts not worn, a little stiff, this is through lack of playing and would soon be rectified, and it also required tuning.
- **Work practice** - A request had been received by the Secretary of two additional brethren to attend the Past Masters meeting to represent the Brethren on the floor. After long discussions the committee could not agree to this, therefore the matter was closed.
- **Telephone** – The Secretary was asked to make enquiries regarding the rent for the coin box telephone, this matter to be considered at a later meeting.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> January 1957

- **A change in catering arrangements** – The meeting was called at the request of Minster Lodge to discuss a change in catering arrangements.
- **W.Bro Sadler** said the main object of the meeting was to make arrangements for a change in catering and to find out how far the property of Eboracum Lodge could be used by the new caterers, The Creamery Restaurant.

W.Bro Hall said at the outset that there might be some matters which we should have to refer to our Lodge Committee but that he understood that the rent paid by Minster Lodge covered the use by them of the Lodge premises and of any Eboracum property on the premises.

W.Bro Ringrose confirmed that in his opinion Minster Lodge members were entitled to free heating, lighting and cleaning and the free use of cutlery and crockery etc.

It was suggested there was not enough cutlery for a full lodge of 70 for suppers and this seemed a matter for consideration as to whether more cutlery and crockery should be purchased.

W.Bro Knowles said the Lodge was not usually warm enough and recommended that the boiler should be put on in sufficient time to the Temple for lodge time.

W.Bro Taylor produced a receipt showing that Mrs Lee had made a charge to Minster Lodge in connection with their Childrens Party of £1.15.0, it was agreed by the representatives of Eboracum that this should not have been made and offered to refund the amount, but having established the principle, Minster Lodge would not accept any refund and were quite happy to close the matter.

A discussion followed regarding the duties of the Caretaker, W.Bro Hall suggested a letter should be drafted and sent to Mrs Lee setting out her duties as caretaker and making it clear that Minster Lodge were to have the same attention as Eboracum. A copy of this letter to be sent to the Secretary of Minster Lodge for information .

Some members of Minster Lodge mentioned personal instances of difficulties regarding the catering and felt they would be much better served by Bro Duff of the Creamery. It seemed clear from the discussions that there had been many difficulties and that Minster were justified in bringing the matter to our notice.

The meeting was frank but friendly and it was felt by both sides that it had done much to clear the air and to restore the good relations which ought to exist between the two lodges.

Eboracum Lodge No:1611.

Mrs. Lee,  
22, Kyme Street  
Bishophill  
York.

19.1.51.

Dear Mrs. Lee,  
Minster Lodge have decided to let all their catering to independent caterers, this comes into effect immediately. Meaning you will not be asked by the Minster Lodge to do any catering for them in the future, nor will your attendance be required after you have seen to the fires on Lodge nights. You will light fires whenever you are instructed by the Secretary of Minster Lodge, whether it is for a meeting in the Robing room, or in the Dining room. You will also see that the Temple is warm enough for the Lodge ceremonies, complaints have been made recently about the Temple not being warm enough. I have had a word with the Engineer this morning, who assured me that the boiler is quite capable of giving the necessary heat, providing it is lit in plenty of time. This means that the Temple boiler fire must be lit on the day previous to a Lodge Meeting.

Permission has already been given to the Minster Lodge caterers, to use all cooking and serving utensils, crockery and glasses, in fact everything on the premises whether it belongs to Eboracum Lodge or Minster Lodge.

P. T. O.

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The cupboard containing any utensils, crockery or glasses are not to be locked, the keys of such to be returned to me. The caterer will erect the tables he requires for the dinner, table cloths will be provided by Eboracum Lodge, freshly laundered. You as caretaker will see that these table cloths are sent to the laundry after use, you will also be responsible for putting away the tables and trestles, and carrying out the duties which you have done in the past, keeping the premises clean and tidy.

You charged Minster Lodge £1 : 15s for extra cleaning, in connection with the Children's Party. Your salary covers all cleaning in the Lodge. Instructions have been given to Minster Officials not to pay any such charges if requested in the future.

We rely on you to see that everything runs smoothly, with regard to the change over, as we are anxious that Minster Lodge should be satisfied in every way.

Yours sincerely,

15<sup>th</sup> February 1957

- **Beacon Lodge applicant** - The application for admission to Eboracum Lodge from Mr. John Oxberry from Pocklington was considered. The Secretary reported having interviewed the proposer and seconder of the applicant. It was agreed that the Secretary write a letter to W.Bro G.Henningham asking him if he knows Mr John Oxberry and if so could he inform us why this person withdraw his application to become a member of Beacon Lodge.
- **Royal Mason Institute for Girls** - It was proposed,seconded and approved that a donation of £50 from our Lodge be made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girl. It was later increased to 50 guineas £52.10.0.
- **Dining room for hire** – It was agreed to let the Dining Room to selected parties. The charge to be arranged by the WM, Treasurer and Secretary. At the end of six months these arrangements to be reviewed.
- **Brass Square and Compass gift** – The WM and brethren accepted with pleasure the offer of W.Bro Taylor of Minster Lodge to provide a Brass Square and Compass to in one of the alcoves in the entrance.
- **Seat arrangement for Past Masters** – The matter was raised regarding the seating of Stewards and brethren in the lodge. After long discussion the Director of Ceremonies and the Assistant Director of Ceremonies were asked to make arrangements on all future occasions for seating to be reserved for the Past Masters of the Lodge. If necessary to ask the stewards to move to make this seating possible.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> April 1957

- **Brother refuses a WM Request (Bro George Acomb)** – The WM reported that last Friday evening owing to the absence of our Junior Warden, he asked Bro T.G.Acomb, Senior Deacon, if he would occupy the Junior Wardens chair, Bro Acomb refused. In view of the serious position which is developing in the West W.Bro Smithson, after very careful consideration said he would move that Bro Acomb be called to appear before the Executive Officers of the Lodge to discuss the question of refusal of the Worshipful Masters request. Also with a view of obtaining a definite assurance in respect of his future conduct. It was decided that Bro Acomb be interviewed immediately after the Lodge Committee had closed.
- **Crockery order** - It was decided to purchase from Messrs Woollons and Harwood six dozen sets of Spode crockery as samples viewed by the committee.
- **Cutlery to be marked??** – Referring to the cutlery submitted by F.R.Stubbs, it was decided first of all to ask if a mark of indentification could be placed on each piece, and what would be the cost, if any, to have the number 1611 stamped on each article. It was also decided not to order immediately but to wait further information from the Treasurer to what the position of the finance were.
- **Crockery and cutlery checks** – In connection with the new crockery and cutlery it was decided that a final check of all items be taken by the Chief Steward at the close of every function.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> May 1957

- **Bro Acomb – attitude deplored** – A report was received from individual members of the sub committee appointed to interview Bro George Acomb, with regard to his attitude re our Friday evening meetings. It was unanimously decided that the attitude of the Senior Deacon was deplored. The lodge committee were very much concerned. Each member was asked to give this matter very careful consideration and to consult the Book of Constitution and our own Lodge Bye Laws for guidance and to report to the WM, or Secretary, their findings. It was unanimously decided that Bro Acomb be requested to attend a meeting of the Lodge Committee in Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1957, to be told through the Chair the opinion of the Committee that his attitude is very much

regretted, asking for his assurances that if he is asked to go forward he will conform to the Established Customs of our Lodge.

- **Electric clock** – The offer of Bro Alex and Stafford House to present the already installed electric clock along with the installation of same to the Lodge was accepted with thanks. The Secretary to write a letter of appreciation.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> June 1957

- **Dining Room formally opened** - It was agreed that the Assistant Grand Master should be received by the WM and the Executive Officers. Afterwards upon entering the Dining Room the WM would welcome W.Bro Field asking him to unveil the plaque. A vote of thanks would then be given by the WM seconded by the WM of Minster Lodge who would be asked to make special reference of the presence of the Provincial Grand Secretary and his assistant and also announce the name of W.Bro Willan to reply.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> July 1957

- **Bro George Acomb interviewed** – Bro George Acomb, Senior Deacon, was interviewed. After a lengthy discussion Bro Acomb was asked to leave and definitely consider what had been said to him with the hope that in a very short period of time he would report to the WM that he was ready to conform to the Established Customs of Eboracum Lodge.
- **Bro George Acomb allowed to go forward** – After a lengthy discussion referring to Bro George Acomb being allowed to go forward to a Wardens Chair, W.Bro Ringrose said that everyone had fully expressed their opinion and he did not see that we were coming to a decision. He therefore proposed that Bro George Acomb be allowed to proceed to the Chair in the normal way. This was seconded by W.Bro Clark – on a vote of 8 for and 3 against the proposition was carried.
- **Lodge of Instruction attendance** – The WM briefly reported attending the Lodge of Instructions appealing to the Committee for support in attendance.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> October 1957

- Bro George Acomb to be Senior Warden for 1957/58

### 1958

#### 21<sup>st</sup> March 1958

- **Lodge of Instruction appeal** - An appeal was made for support of the Lodge of Instruction. After discussion it was felt the Past Masters and Proposers of the Candidates should support more fully the Lodge of Instruction.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> September 1958

- **Telephone Box** – W.Bro Dales asked if details could be obtained for the installation in the lodge of a coin telephone box. Bro Acomb supporting said he was sure the Brethren would appreciate the facility if this could be obtained.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> October 1958

- **Installation Banquet** - Suggestion put forward that the next Installation Banquet be held in our own dining room. It was felt by the number present if each Brethren were limited to invite on guest we should be able to seat 85 in our own dining room.
- **Bro Denham payment** – Mention was made of the work done by Bro Denham for the benefit of the Brethren at the lodge. It was felt he ought to be financially recompensed. It was unanimously

agreed by those present that a sum of £15.0.0 per annum be given to him for services rendered. It was also agreed that Eboracum Chapter would contribute £5.0.0 making £20.0.0 per year. Half of this sum to be paid at the end of the first six months and half at the end of the financial year.

- **Minster display cabinet** – A letter was read from the Secretary of Minster Lodge stating that the brethren had a number of trophies and as they had nowhere to display them could they have a glass cupboard in the dining room. It was unanimously decided this be brought forward at the next Lodge Committee meeting and that we offer one of the glass shelves in the top glass cupboard in the dining room.

#### 1959

- **Minster Lodge display cabinet** – A letter from Minster Lodge Secretary asking for space in the glass fronted cupboard in the dining room for the display of trophies, it was unanimously agreed that one shelf (the middle one) in the top cupboard should be allocated to Minster Lodge.
- **Creamery Restaurant request** – Bro Duff, in a letter, made application for the use of the Lodge Committee premises be used by the Creamery Restaurant whilst alterations were taking place at their premises. After a very long discussion, the Lodge committee decided they could not agree to this request.
- **Installation banquet** – A discussion took place regarding the holding of the Installation Banquet at the lodge and it was felt, unfortunately, that as we had not sufficient accommodation, we should have to hold the banquet in other premises.
- **Bro Denham payment** – The committee considered the position of Bro Denham, who has carried out a great deal of work on behalf of the Brethren, in so far that he has for some time been responsible for the heating of the lodge premises, attending to the lighting equipment, etc and has been extremely helpful in many ways for the comfort of the brethren. To meet his out of pocket expenses, it was decided that he be given a sum of £15 guineas per year in addition to this, the Eboracum Chapter have also agreed to give Bro Denham 5 guineas per year towards his out of pocket expenses.
- **Electric polisher** – Bro House, in a letter, mentioned that he thought it would be an advantage to have additions to our electric polisher. After discussion, it was decided to write to the makers of the chairs and tables, asking his advice before proceeding any further with Bro House's suggestion.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> February 1959

- **Telephone coin box** – it was decided that the new telephone coin box should be sited in the alcove to the right of the stairs leading to the premises. The Secretary was asked to get in touch with the telephone people to ask their requirements to fix a shelf etc. suitable to hold the telephone.
- **Cost of wining and dining visitors** – The WM brought forward a suggestion that it was the wish of the Past Masters to the cost of entertaining reigning Masters and Official Provincial guests at the Installation Banquets. The reason he mentioned this was that he felt we may well be losing very good and worthy Masons proceeding to the Chair because of the cost involved. In addition Eboracum Lodge was lagging behind other York Lodges who include the cost of wining and dining visiting Masters and the expense of the Lodge. One way to overcome this would be to increase the cost the tickets to our brethren. After a long discussion it was moved by the WM and seconded by W. Bro Dann and carried that we put this into operation in the future. The WM also mentioned the fact of the Past Masters dinner. He said it was the general idea that the Past Masters entertained the Master Elect to dinner. After a short discussion **that as** this had not appeared on the agenda no further thought should be given to it. This was, therefore not



proceeded with. The WM gave notice that he would at the next committee meeting bring this matter forward for discussion.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> August 1959**

- **Holiday pay for the Caretaker** - A letter having been received for the Caretaker, Mrs Allison, requesting payment for holiday pay during the period 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 1959, the WM convened an emergency meeting of the lodge committee. It was agreed that Mrs Allison be paid for her holidays.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> August 1959**

- **Holiday pay for the Caretaker** – It was agreed that payment of holiday pay be regarded as a permanent arrangement.
- **Secretary resigns** – The WM read a letter from W.Bro Hall dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 1959 tendering his resignation on medical advice of his office of Secretary. The resignation was accepted with deep regret by all members fo the board and the WM was entrusted with the task of writing to Bro Hall thanking him for for his past services and expressing a hope for a complete recovery from his recent serious illness.
- **Telephone** – It was noted that a telephone coin box had been installed and was now available for use. The number allotted to the instrument being York 59037.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> October 1959**

- **Gas or Electric heating** - A notice of motion concerning the lodge heating by Gas or Electricity was made by W.Bro Mansfield, who was asked to have particulars for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **27<sup>th</sup> November 1959**

- **American Motto** - It was decided to exhibit the small framed American Motto, in the entrance hall for a time.
- **Lodge keys** – The Committee were informed that one member of the lodge who was not qualified to have a lodge key, was using this key to allow a non mason to enter the lodge. The Secretary was asked to investigate.
- **Lodge heating** – The Secretary and Treasurer were asked to enquire into other methods of heating the lodge with a view to forming a sub committee.

#### **1960**

- **Lodge and Car park keys** – Further discussion took place on the possession of lodge keys and the use of the car park. The sub committee previously appointed was requested to hasten its deliberations.
- **Boiler** – The question of cost and maintenance of the lodge boiler was discussed and Bro A. Thorpe was asked to obtain comparative estimates for heating by coke, oil or gas.
- **Lodge pictures and curios** – It was proposed and seconded that a sub committee be formed to examine the pictures etc stored away. The sub committee to consist of W.Bros Dales, Palliser and Smithson will have the power to co-opt some of the younger brethren.
- **Silver Rose Bowl** – The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr L.Whytehead thanking him for the gift and the Treasurer was asked to look into the question of insurance.

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 1960

- **Rent increase for Minster** – The sub committee appointed to approach Minster Lodge on finance reported that they were favourably received and were awaiting the reply from Minster. The feeling was that a rent of £300 was the least that could be accepted.
- **Car park fee and rules** – The sub committee of the WM, Treasurer and Secretary placed before the Lodge committee copies of a suggested letter to car park users. It was decided that this letter should be printed and sent.  
Also vans were to be kept out of sight.  
It was approved that a donation of 5 guineas per annum per car was to be asked of any mason, not a member of either Eboracum or Minster Lodges for the use of the car park. The limit was to be twelve vehicles
- **No Parking Sign** – The Secretary reported that he had asked the City Engineer to repaint the No Parking Sign.
- **Shrove Tuesday Dance** - The Social Committee put forward a suggestion that the Shrove Tuesday Dance in 1961 should be held at Terrys Ballroom.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1960

- **Minster Lodge rent** – The sub committee reported that Minster Lodge has agreed to a new rent of £300 per annum with the request that it be in two half yearly payments.

## 1961

### 13<sup>th</sup> January 1961

- **Lodge seating** - The Secretary was asked once again to have the seating in the lodge repaired. It was suggested that the work might be done by Hunter and Smallpage.

### 7<sup>th</sup> April 1961

- **Subscription increase** – The subscription of members unable to enjoy the full amenities of the lodge be raised from one to two guineas as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1961.
- **Heating** – The WM, Treasurer and Secretary submitted the report on the Lodge heating and it was proposed by W.Bro George Acomb and seconded by W.Bro Dann that the tender of G.H.Haden and Son Ltd be accepted if the plans of future development and insurance both were not affected.
- **Minster Service** – Proposed by the WM and seconded by W.B.Dann the distribution of tickets for the Minster Service should be decided by a draw for 4 names from the brethren at the April Lodge.

### 18<sup>th</sup> November 1961

- **Oil heating faults** - It was noted that certain faults of the oil heating required attention and Hadens were to be asked to see to these before final payment was made.
- **Booster pump for heating** – The Treasurer reported that a quotation for the insertion of a booster pump had been given by Hadens, it was agreed that a sub committee be formed to look into the matter.
- **New Stewards cupboard** – The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the Chief Steward, Bro K.C.Hodgson, containing a proposal for a new Stewards cupboard. Plans were to be sought and the matter to be dealt with by a sub committee.
- **Turn left sign** – The Secretary reported receiving a letter from Minster Lodge re a “Turn Left notice board” at the car park exit – it was agreed that such a sign be produced and fixed.
- **New ovens required** – W.Bro Duff suggested to the Secretary that new ovens were required for the kitchen – this was to be considered by the sub committee.

- **Vacuum cleaner** – The Secretary was asked to seek the advice of House & Sons on the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner and report back if serious cost was involved in its repair.
- **Transfer of Funds** – The Treasurer asked for authority to transfer the Social Funds to the General Account. This was given on the motion of the WM seconded by W.Bro Smithson.
- **Accounts** – It was moved by the Treasurer and seconded by the WM that the Charity account be audited at the general audit at the end of the year end. This was carried  
**The Treasurer reported how difficult it was to make up his between the 30<sup>th</sup> September and the October Lodge.** It was moved by W.Bro Acomb and seconded by W.Bro Carter that the financial year should end on 31<sup>st</sup> July each year and that the Bye Law be altered with the approval of Grand Lodge – This was carried.
- **Style of dress** in Lodge – W.Bro Smithson proposed that the style of Dress for Lodge meetings be printed on the summons. This was seconded by W.Bro Acomb and carried.
- **Pedestal for the Director of Ceremonies** – W.Bro Smithson gave information that an anonymous W.Bro. wished to provide a pedestal for the D.C. in keeping with the Lodge furniture – W.Bro Gore proposed the acceptance of the offer and W.Bro Dann seconded.

## 1962

### 24<sup>th</sup> January 1962

- **Oven renewal** - The WM proposed that the WM, Treasurer and Secretary interview W.Bro Duff and see the true state of the kitchen ovens with a view to renewal – this was seconded by W.Bro Dann.
- **Lodge night meal price increase** – A letter from W.Bro Duff asking for a menu price of 7/6d be accepted for the lodge night meal – acceptance was proposed by W.Bro Granger and seconded by W.Bro Davison.
- **The Proposed Bar** – After a full discussion of plans on the report from the sub committee W.Bro Dann proposed the matter lie on the table – this was seconded by W.Bro Carter.
- **Vacuum Cleaner** – The Secretary reported on the repair of the vacuum cleaner and proposed the purchase of a “Dustette” type of cleaner – W.Bro Acomb proposed that such a cleaner be bought and W.Bro Ringrose seconded – The committee accepted.

### 18<sup>th</sup> May 1962

- **Serving hatch for the Stewards** – The question of a serving hatch for the Stewards was discussed and the Secretary was asked to to obtain tenders for Bros Steel, Scaife and Bradley.
- **Stewards time period of duty** - W.Bro Acomb proposed the following resolution “that the youngest? Master Masons and Joining Members be appointed Stewards the year following their entry into the Lodge to serve for a period of at least two years then retiring to return in order of seniority to second steward” This was seconded by W.Bro Ringrose.
- **Seating of Official guests** – A discussion took place on the seating of the Official Guests at dinner. Steps were to be taken to see that official guests were seated by reserving places for them.
- **Broken chairs** – The Secretary was asked to see to the repair of the broken chairs.
- **Honours Board** – Oxtobys having failed to insert the names of the Honours Board, the Secretary was asked to have this done by Dodsworths.

### 14<sup>th</sup> December 1962

- **New gas cooker/s** – this was to be on the table for the meeting.
- **Serving hatch** – The Secretary was instructed to press for estimates for the serving hatch in time for the next meeting.
- **Farmers Union Insurance Co.** – A letter was read concerning plans for their new offices. The Secretary was asked to make contact and arrange for WM. Secretary and Treasurer to see the plans as invited.
- **Heating** – The lodge heating was discussed because of the cold Temple.
- **Library toilet** – Bro C.Brumfitt was asked to fix the toilet.

- **Parking light** – W.Bro Acomb proposed and W.Bro Dann seconded that House's be asked to fit another parking light.
- **Lodge finances / Car park key** – The Treasurer gave a report on the finances of the Lodge suggesting that the donation for the car park key should be 2 1/2 guineas and that some identity disc be provided. This was accepted on the proposition of W.Bro Carter and seconded by W.Bro Borwell.
- **Minster Lodge Cupboard** – The Secretary was asked to see Bro Geary concerning the repair of the Minster Lodge cupboard.
- **Box for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree sheet** – The offer of Bro J.C.Wright to present a box for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree sheet was accepted.
- **The oil tank, coal chute, and main gates** were discussed and the Secretary was requested to make arrangements for painting.
- **Coal chute** – The coal chute was to be bricked in leaving sufficient air space for the boiler
- **Fabric of building** – a sub committee was formed to examine the fabric of the building.