

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES BOOK 5

1963 - 1979

22ND February 1963

- **Dining room serving hatch** – it was decided to defer the question because on non receipt of tenders.
- **Car park - National Farmers Union Insurance Co.** – application re licence for window lights and the use of a strip of the carpark 6'x45' – granted
- **Lodge deeds** – enquiries having been made with the bank as to the possibility of the formation of a Lodge Trust to hold the deeds.
- **Fire insurance** – the committee was asked to consider whether the amount of fire insurance was sufficient to cover the Lodge, fittings and the organ.
- **Insurance cover** – the Treasurer was asked to obtain figures for cover up to £45,000.
- **Rateable value** – the Treasurer suggested that the new rateable values could lead to an increase in rates on the Lodge. The Secretary was asked to contact the other two lodges in the City with the object of making an appeal for a reduction in April.
- **Income Tax** – the Treasurer reported that the last maintenance claim to the Income Tax Authority was made in 1957 and that it was now time to make another.
- **Preceptorship** – to be left on the table for discussion at the next meeting.

12TH July 1963

- **Insurance cover** – it was agreed to stick with the figure of £45,000. The possibility of a Public Liability Policy was to be examined.
- **Trust Deeds** – The question of the Lodge Trust Deeds was examined and the surviving trustees were W.Bros Waggott and Richardson. It was agreed the new Trust Deeds be prepared and show the following new trustees, Bro E.Borwell, Treasurer / W.Bro L.Birkinshaw, Bro F.Moore, Bro E.Wing and Bro R.Brind.
- **Preceptorship** – This was again discussed and deferred to a later meeting.
- **Car park on Installation days** – The Secretary read a letter from Minster Lodge re car park on days of Installation. The letter was received favourably and it was suggested that for these days there should be no duplication of cars. The back space of the carpark must be used with very careful parking. It was agreed that key holders be circularised and asked to avoid the use of the carpark on these two days.
- **Repairs - Housing Committee** – the meeting then discussed the report from the Housing Committee concerning the urgent repairs necessary to the building.
- **Overdraft** - It was decided to ask the Bank for an overdraft of £3000 immediately.
- **Funeral expenses** – A letter from the widow of the late Bro Rutter was read and the Secretary reported on his correspondence with Mrs Rutter. It was agreed that £60.6.0 be sent to Mrs Rutter to help with the funeral expenses.
- **Minster Lodge meeting** – It was decided as a matter of urgency that Minster Lodge be asked to meet a Lodge sub committee of Eboracum Lodge.
- **Urgent repairs** – The urgent repairs to the building were to be put in the hand of Bros B.Scaife and B.Brumfitt on a cost plus basis as soon as soon as the money was to hand.

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- **Roof repairs** – Bro B.L.Scaife reported that repairs to the roof had been completed.
- **Legacy from W.Bro Rodwell** – The Secretary read a letter from the solicitors Heningham, Curtis and Ambler concerning the will of the late W.Bro Rodwell. The Secretary read that portion of the will mentioning Eboracum Lodge. After discussion on procedure concerning this will, the committee asked the Treasurer to the possibility of acting as our solicitor in the transfer of the legacy involved.
- **Minster Lodge meeting** – the sub committee which met Minster Lodge representatives reported that certain proposals for the formation of a company were discussed. Minster Lodge had no proposals otherwise to put forward. It was agreed that Bro Treasurer be given time to examine schemes for the formation of a company involving Minster Lodge so that the lodge building could be put into a really good position. The Treasurer said that he would endeavour to have something ready to put before another meeting.

15th October 1963

Meeting with Minster Lodge

- **Purpose of the meeting** – It was explained to Minster Lodge representatives that in the past it had been stated that, as tenants, Minster Lodge had not been put in the picture regarding expenditure on the premises and fittings, and this meeting was called to enable Eboracum to put the present position fairly and squarely before them.
- A recent survey of the premises had revealed serious deterioration in the condition of the roof and immediate repairs had been carried out at an original estimated cost of £1,250 and at the same time the exterior frontage had been painted at a cost of £67. It was also pointed out the extensive interior redecoration was urgently needed for which no estimate had yet been obtained. They were told that the upkeep of the premises (including heating etc, rates, taxes, insurance and cleaning repairs) for the year to the 31st July 1963 amounted to £700. The cost of cleaners wages of £150 was the maximum which Eboracum could afford to pay, although it was felt that to obtain a really efficient cleaning service, much more would have to be paid.
- **Minster Lodge's reply** – The representatives of Minster Lodge, having listened to the above explanation then enquired the reason for calling the meeting. They were informed that Eboracum hoped that they would be able to assist financially in this extraordinary expense as Eboracum would be compelled to borrow from the bank. The Minster representatives expressed their pleasure at the gesture of Eboracum in placing the facts before them, but made it clear, that, under present circumstances they would be in a position to be able to recommend to their lodge committee that assistance should be given, either in the form of a gift or loan and that any reasonable increase in rent would not really solve the problem. It was agreed that if the position remained as at present, the building and decorations would continue to deteriorate.
- **Alternative schemes** – Minster pointed out that in other cases where premises were used by more than one lodge, a third body, preferably a Limited Company had been formed to which the property had been conveyed in return for an equal shareholding by both lodges. The Directors of the Company to be divided equally between the two lodges (and a chairman elected alternatively annually from each Lodge) In this way the unsatisfactory features of Landlord and Tenant would be eliminated and full co-operation between all members for a common cause would be achieved.
- It was demonstrated that on transfer of the property to a Limited Company each Lodge could pay a rental and the donations arising from the Car Park could become income of the Company and it would be responsible for the upkeep of the fabric and Landlords fixtures. This could result in an increase of Minster Lodge subscriptions to bring them into line with those of Eboracum.
- Eboracum felt that in many ways this was a desirable solution but stressed that much would depend on the basis on which this sort of arrangement could be devised. Hypothetical figures were used to illustrate that by accepting such an arrangement, Eboracum would sacrifice a considerable potential capital profit, in the event of a sale of the premises either in the open market or under a Compulsory Purchase Order by the Corporation and Eboracum members stated that they would have great difficulty in persuading a majority of members to acquiesce to this course.
- **Summing up** – As briefly as possible the useful points emerging from this very harmonious meeting were –
 - 1) Because of lack of finance, Eboracum could not undertake to the premises up to the efficient standard of decoration and cleanliness which all felt was required.
 - 2) Minster Lodge could not offer any hope of further financial assistance under the status quo.
 - 3) Common ownership. In theory a very desirable object but achievement of same fraught with great difficulty because of the inherent Realisable Profit at present the birth right of Eboracum.
 - 4) Eboracum as landlords would have to explore all available possibilities, and would, when any scheme crystallised, meet Minster again for further consultation.
- These brief minutes on the lengthy discussion were prepared by E.E.Borwell on the 12th October and the draft submitted to and amended by W.Bro Gofton where he thought it appropriate to do so.

17th January 1964

- **Legacy from W.Bro Rodwell** - Bro Borwell reported that he had called on Heninghams the solicitor, and gave a survey of the progress of the conveyance of the property under W.Bro Rodwells will. The conveyance was prepared and awaiting signature of the solicitor representing the other beneficiaries.

- **Minster lodge meeting** – Bro Borwell having prepared a report on the meeting with with Minster Lodge representatives, this report was read. It was suggested that information from the Filey Lodges might be requested concerning the formation of a company for two lodges.
- **Lodge entrance decorations** – the committee noted that certain decorations had been done in the lodge entrance.
- **Vestibule repairs** – Bro Scaife requested permission to do work in the vestibule containing the telephone and to tidy up the steps.
- **Carpark donations** – the carpark donations were discussed and it was decided to let the matter rest on the table.
- **Charity donations** – W.Bro Dales suggested that no names of Brothers be mentioned in the year book but that donations be entered as from the Lodge.
- **Lodge committee and Past Masters** – it was decided that at a future meeting that the matter of including all Past Masters on the Lodge Committee should be fully discussed.

13th March 1964

- **Lodge entrance** – The committee noted the improvement of the Lodge Entrance instructing that it be recorded in the minutes.
- **Income tax** – The Treasurer reported on his procedure regarding Schedule A Income Tax. He had written the York Lodge and had decided to answer Inland Revenue by informing them that rents were less than expenses.
- **Lodge committee and Past Masters** - It was agreed by the Wardens that a notice of motion be included on the agenda for the next meeting, namely that Past Masters in the Lodge be members of the Lodge Committee.
- **The Rodwell Legacy** – the Treasurer reported the receipt of £832.3.11 from the Rodwell estate in the Halifax Building Society.
- **N.F.U. Building** – The Treasurer reported that the “Right of Light” agreement with the NFU had been prepared for signature. The committee noted that the new building was over the demarcation line but that we gained more frontage space.
- **Cleaning the temple** – The interior decoration of the Lodge was discussed and the Bro Acomb proposed that full permission be given to the brethren willing to organise the washing of the Temple. This was seconded by W.Bro Smithson.

12th June 1964

- **Rodwell Legacy** – The Treasurer reported progress with the Rodwell Legacy.
- **Lowther Street property** – The sub committee and Bro SW were asked to sell the Lowther Street House.
- **NFU and the carpark** – The Treasurer reported that the National Farmers Union had exceeded the time agreed for use of part of the carpark. A further payment of 20 guineas had been agreed.
- **Lodge decoration** – The interior decoration of the Lodge estimate from Oxtoby and Sons Ltd of £107.15.0 was accepted.
- **Honours board** – Oxtoby’s were to be notified and asked to bring the Honours board to date at the same time as the work on the lodge interior.
- **NFU builders** – Confirmation was given to the action of Bro Treasurer in giving permission to NFU builders to use the carpark on Sunday 7th June.
- **Gas cooker** – In the absence of W.Bro Duff it was proposed by W.Bro Acomb that no action be taken until the new kitchens are built and that the matter rests on the table.
- **Minster rent** – The Secretary was asked to include the Minster rent on the agenda for the next meeting.
- **Kitchen table top** – It was proposed that the kitchen table top be replaced by one with a Formica top and that first aid repair be given to the sink and draining board.
- **Cooking requirement** – The WM and SW to discuss the catering to ascertain the exact requirement in the kitchen concerning the cooking to be done.
- **Past Masters and the Lodge Committee** – The JW Bro Magson proposed that all Past Masters both in and out of the Lodge to be members of the Lodge Committee. This was seconded by W.Bro Acomb. After discussion the motion was carried by seven votes to six.
- **Carpark lock** – The meeting asked the Secretary to record in the minutes thanks to W.Bro Yates for his work on the lock on the carpark gate.
- **Footpath repair** – The Secretary was asked to inform the City Engineer of the dangerous state of the footpath at the carpark entrance and request repairs as a brother had fallen over on the uneven surface.
- **Ceremony** – The question of the SD procedure to the JW was to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- **10th July 1964**
- **Amber Street and Lowther Street houses** – The Treasurer reported the recovery of payment of £599.16.3 for the sale of 17 Amber Street. The sitting tenant in 15 Amber Street will buy for £400. No? Lowther Street to be bought by S.Haw for £600.
- **Temple decoration & Honours Board** – It was noted that the Temple decoration had been completed at a cost greater than the original estimate. Names had been inserted onto the Honours Board.
- **Gas cooker** – The question of gas cookers was left in abeyance
- **Car park entrance** – It was noted that temporary repairs had been made to the carpark entrance.
- **Joining member** – The Secretary reported receiving an application for membership for Bro Clive Gibbs, Ships Officer who was initiated and passed in Hong Kong and raised in York 236.
- **Minster Rent increase** – After discussions, a proposition that Minster Lodge Rent be raised from £300 to £600 per annum, was made by W.Bro Acomb, seconded by the JW – Such increase to be from 1st January 1965. The Secretary was asked to inform Minster Lodge.
- **Eboracum Subscription increase** – A suggestion was made that the Lodge subscription be raised from 5 to 8 guineas. The Treasurer was asked to obtain figures of the Lodge finances and submit them at the next meeting.
- **Promotion of the SD** – The promotion of the SD was again discussed and the WM agreed to interview Bro SD and report.
- **Lodge exteriors** – The Lodge exteriors were discussed and it was proposed that the House Committee of Bros Smithson, Scaife, Yates, Acomb and the WM go into the possibility of completing the building in accordance with the plans of the late Bro A.N.Thorpe.
- **Installation Banquet** – The Installation Banquet would probably have to take place at the Merchant Adventurers Hall.

7th August 1964

- **Meeting with the SD** – The WM stated that he had arranged to interview the SD at the Lodge this evening but he did not put in an appearance.
- **Re-decoration of the Temple** – Bro Treasurer stated that the account had been received from Oxtoby's and it was £55.5.7 above the estimate. This was accepted for payment and it was agreed the cost was very reasonable in view of the amount of work that had been done.
- **Extension plans** – W.Bro Acomb said that unfortunately the House Committee had been unable to meet but he hoped it would do so after this committee meeting. W.Bro Smithson and Bro Scaife agreed to follow up the question of plans made by the late Bro Thorpe.
- **Minster Lodge rent** – W.Bro Secretary reported that he had written to the Minster Lodge giving notice of the proposed increase in rent. The Secretary of Minster Lodge had acknowledged receipt of the letter and the matter was to be brought up at the next Lodge committee meeting.
- **Treasurers statement** – The Treasurer read a statement showing income and expenditure during the coming financial year. He estimated that expenditure would be £1250 and income £1825, assuming that there would be an increase in members subscriptions suggested that the statement should be considered under three headings.

❖ **1) Members subscriptions**

❖ **2) Car park donations**

❖ **3) Repayment of loan from Minster Lodge**

- ❖ 1) W.Bro Acomb proposed that subscriptions should be increased to £8.8.0. This was seconded and agreed unanimously. Notice of motion be given in the September Lodge summons, to be voted for at the October meeting.
- ❖ 2) W.Bro Acomb proposed and the WM seconded a motion that the Car Park users, other than the members of Eboracum and Minster Lodges and Chapter, should be asked to increase their donations to £10.10.0 per annum. This was unanimously agreed.
- ❖ W.Bro Dales proposed that for members of Eboracum and Minster Lodges and Eboracum Chapter the donation should remain at £2.12.6.
- ❖ An amendment to increase the donation to £3.3.0 proposed by W.Bro Smithson and seconded by Bro Magson was defeated. The proposition was then accepted.

- ❖ There was some discussion regarding firms vehicles using the carpark. The WM agreed to discuss this with Bro Brown and W.Bro Duff would consider the position regarding his firms vehicles.
- ❖ 3) W.Bro Smithson proposed our willingness to repay the loan, if so desired, should be intimated to Minster Lodge. It was suggested that this decision should be conveyed by the WM to the WM of Minster Lodge on the occasion of the official visit on Monday 10th August.
- **Installation Banquet** – Bro Hibberson was called in for the discussion of the following items.
Bro Hibberson reported that further discussions with Terrys concerning the bar arrangements were still unsatisfactory. It was agreed that the Installation Banquet should be held this year the the Merchant Adventurers Hall. Bro Borwell proposed and W.Bro Smithson seconded that the cost of the tickets should be 32/6d – this was duly carried.
- **October dance** – Bro Hibberson stated that the Social Committee had provisionally booked the Merchant Taylors Hall for this function to be held on the 14th October – it was agreed.
- **Shrove Tuesday dance** - Bro Hibberson stated that the Social Committee had provisionally booked the Station Hotel for 2nd March 1965 for this dance and it was felt the agreement of the Lodge committee should be obtained – agreed.
- **Printing** – Bro Magson said that the cost of printing menu cards was excessive and suggested that prices should be obtained from other firms for an equal quality of printing for these items – E.Waters, printer, Market Weighton to be contacted – agreed.

9TH October 1964

- **Lowther St house sale** – Bro Borwell reported the receipt of a cheque for £583.10.0 in respect of the sale of 25 Lowther Street.
 - **Extension plans** – The WM stated that the House Committee were waiting for professional advice from the Architect before proceeding.
 - **Subscriptions** – W.Bro Acomb to give notice of motion at the October Lodge that Lodge Bye Law No XV11 be altered to read –
The fees payable in this lodge on initiation, admission or re-admission, shall be as under-
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| ❖ On initiation | £25. 4.0 |
| ❖ On admission of a brother, if registered in the Grand Lodge of England | £16.16.0 |
| ❖ On admission of a former member | £16.16.0 |
| ❖ On admission of a former member if registered under any other Constitution | £10.10.0 |
| ❖ These fees shall include the subscription to the Lodge for the current financial year | |
| ❖ The Master on his installation | £1.1.0 |
- **Carpark** – It was decided that the matter of firms vehicles using the carpark should be discussed at the next meeting.
 - **Printing** – On the proposition of W.Bro Smithson, seconded by W.Bro Davison, it was agreed that the printing should continue to be done by Wood and Richardson.
 - **Senior Deacon** – The WM and Bro Scaife reported on their interview with Bro Denham. After a long discussion W.Bro Smithson proposed that the Secretary should send the following letter to Bro Denham after the meeting on Monday 12th October.

“I am writing to inform you that on the advice of the Lodge Committee meeting on Friday 9th October 1964, the Master Elect will not be inviting you to proceed to the office of Junior Warden of the Lodge.”

The proposition was seconded by W.Bro Acomb and carried by 11 votes to 3.

Bro Scaife then stated that Bro Denham had stated he would resign from the Lodge if not appointed Junior Warden.

W.Bro Acomb thanked Bro Scaife for withholding this information until the matter had been fully discussed.

- **Carpark** – W.Bro Richardson had written asking for another key for the carpark for his wives use. This request was agreed to.

- **Carpark** – It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mrs W.Anfield and Mrs A.Anfield concerning the personal use of the carpark.
- **Carpark** – The Secretary was asked to write to the architects to ensure that the hoarding should be taken down before the 31st October and for the land on the other side to be suitably made up.
- **Temple entrance** – W.Bro Meadowcroft offer 12 pieces of rubber to cover the threadbare entrance to the Temple and Bro Scaife offered to arrange the fitting. The WM moved that the offer should be accepted and thanked W.Bro Meadowcroft and Bro Scaife for their generosity. This was duly carried.

16th October 1964 – EMERGENCY MEETING

Master elect – unable to go forward.

- **The WM expressed regret at the illness of Bro Scaife which had resulted in this meeting being called. He gave a report on the illness of the Master Elect and the subsequent discussions with the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary. W.Bro Acomb moved that a WM should be elected at the November regular Lodge. This was seconded by W.Bro Smithson and duly agreed.**
- **W.Bro Smithson proposed and W.Bro Acomb seconded that Bro C.F.Magson be asked to go forward as Master and this was unanimously agreed.**
- **Bro Magson said he was prepared to take office if elected.**
- **The WM reported that the booking of the Merchants Adventurers Hall for 9th November had been cancelled.**
- **After discussion, it was agreed that a definite booking at Terrys for 14th December for the Installation dinner should be made if available. Bro Moor agreed to contact Terrys.**

27th November 1964

- **Carpark** – A discussion took place regarding the restoration of the carpark by the NFU builder. The architect was asked to meet the House Committee.
- **Business vans** – The matter of business vans on the carpark was discussed again. W.Bro Duff undertook to approach his committee.
- **Senior deacon and the ladder** – It were agreed that the dropping of the Senior Deacon from the ladder rest on the table.
- **Minster Lodge rent letter** – The Secretary read a letter from Minster Lodge regarding the rent asked for use of the Lodge. Minster Lodge declined to accept the increased rent and made an offer of £450 immediately on the 1st January 1965 to be reviewed triennially – Bro Magson proposed and W.Bro Carter seconded that the offer should be declined. The Secretary and Treasurer were asked to collaborate in writing a reply giving Minster Lodge the details of our costs for maintenance.

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22nd January 1965

- **Minster Lodge rent letter** – The Secretary had written to Minster Lodge giving the Treasurers reasons for the proposed increase in rent. The thanks of the meeting were expressed to Bro Borwell for his comprehensive report.
It was agreed unanimously that the Secretary should write to the Minster Lodge Secretary suggesting that the letter should be read out at the Domestic Lodge meeting on 28th January.
- **Investment** – Bro Borwell suggested that £1500 of the £2000 at present in the Bank should be invested in a Buiding Society. It was agreed that £1500 should be invested in the Halifax Building Society - this was unanimously agreed.
- **Carpark** – After discussions concerning the level of the carpark, Bro Borwell suggested that the matter would best be dealt with by a letter from our Solicitor to the Solicitors of the National Farmers Union – it was agreed that Bro Borwell should arrange for this to be done – unanimously agreed.
- **Lodge register** – The WM drew attention of the meeting to a register of members which were issued by several Lodges. It was agreed that no action should be taken by the Committee.

- **Committee meetings** – It was agreed that meetings of the Lodge Committee should be held in the library and that the heating should be on sufficiently early.
- **Carpark lighting** – The Secretary read a letter from House and Son stating that the light at the back of the building had been re-directed. If this is not satisfactory, an extra fitting in another position will be required. It was agreed the House Committee should check the lighting and if necessary, instruct House and Son to install the extra fitting.
- **Bye Laws criticised by Province** – The Secretary reported that criticism of the bye laws had been made by the Provincial Grand Lodge Secretary and that W.Bro Walker had sent a suggested list of bye laws. It was agreed to draft new bye laws.
- **Dance** – The WM stated that although the Shrove Tuesday Dance was provisionally arranged at the Station Hotel there was some possibility of lack of support and in consequence enquiries had been made with a view to transferring to the De Grey Rooms. After discussion it was agreed that the Dance should be held at the De Grey Rooms.

17th March 1965

- **Carpark lighting** – The House Committee had examined the lighting and had decided that no action needed to be taken.
- **Carpark level** – Owing to the absence of the Treasurer no information was available.
- **Bye Laws** – No meeting of the sub committee had been held.
- **Cleaner's wages** – It was agreed to discuss this at a later time when the Treasurer was present.
- **Minster Lodge rent letter** – The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of Minster Lodge suggesting that the two sub committees should have a further meeting. The WM in the absence of the Treasurer outlined a proposal that Bro Borwell had informally suggested that Eboracum and Minster Lodges should subscribe £600 each and Eboracum Chapter £50 per annum to a fund for the maintenance of the building to be administered by a joint committee. It was agreed that this should form the basis for another meeting with Minster Lodge.
- **Lodge Banner** – W.Bro Smithson had prepared a report concerning the condition of the Banner which needed a thorough overhaul and reconstruction at an approximate estimate of £30-£40 – it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and get it done.
- **Lodge keys** – W.Bro Dales enquired if Bro Denham had keys to the Lodge and silver cupboard. The Secretary reported that the keys had been handed in by Bro Denham and as far as he knew, Bro Denham had no Lodge keys.
- **Instruction Lodge letter** – The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Bro E.R.Newitt requesting that P.M's meetings be held on evenings other than Fridays. A letter had also been received from W.Bro Carter asking that Lodge Committee meetings should be on Friday nights. W.Bro Palliser stated that the meetings could be called by the WM for any evening. W.Bro Smithson suggested that the Secretary should reply to Bro Newitt acknowledging receipt of the letter and that note had been taken of what had been requested.
- **Hire of room** – The Secretary reported that a letter asking for the hire of the premises for a meeting had been received from the Secretary of the North Eastern Council of the National Chamber of Trade and he had replied to the effect that the premises were not available for functions. After discussions concerning the letting of the premises, W.Bro Haw proposed that the hire of the room should be restricted to private functions of members of Eboracum and Minster Lodges and Eboracum Chapter. – this was agreed unanimously.
- **Stewards** – W.Bro Smithson said that he did not think it desirable for all the Stewards to retire from the Temple to prepare the **cocktail bar** and this resulted in the newer stewards not seeing a full ceremony. W.Bro Acomb proposed that only the two senior stewards should retire to prepare the bar – This was seconded by W.Bro Haw and agreed.
- **Obligation re-wording** – The Secretary drew attention to W.Bro Bishop Herberts letter concerning the re-wording of the Obligations. The WM proposed that discussion should be deferred. This was seconded by W.Bro Haw and agreed.
- **Tracing boards** – Bro Bland had asked for details of cost of replacement of the Tracing Boards and the Secretary was asked to obtain the necessary information.

3rd March 1965

- **Tracing boards** – The Secretary reported that he had asked one firm “Fattorinis” for particulars of costs. It was now noted that Minster Lodge had received a gift of new Tracing Boards which Eboracum might be allowed to use. W.Bro Acomb moved that the matter rest on the table to be considered again when the wishes of Minster Lodge were known. This was agreed and carried.
- **Minster rent increase** – The sub committee of the WM and Treasurer report the result of meeting with the sub committee of Minster Lodge re rent – It was noted that the meeting was very friendly. Minster Lodge sub committee were reporting back to their full committee and we now await the result.
- **Lodge banner** – W.Bro Smithson reported that Messrs Jennings were progressing well with the renovation of the Lodge banner. Hope was expressed that the work would be completed for the Lodge of Instruction on April 9th and for Regular Lodge on April 12th.
- **The carpark and NFU** – The meeting had been called to discuss the failure of the NFU to honour the agreement covering the restoration of the carpark to a satisfactory condition after its use in the construction of their new offices.

It was now noted, after inspection and immediately before this meeting, that a small wall had been built, the ground levelled and the carpark restored to good condition. This wall had been built on our land. It was felt that that we would be prepared to accept this position provided the NFU acknowledge this fact of the wall being on our land.

W.Bro Acomb proposed that there should be an exchange of letters to be placed with the land deeds. This was seconded by W.Bro Dales – The Secretary agreed to see to this.

Minster Lodge rent and income tax – The Treasurer reported he had been pressed by the Inland Revenue for tax on the rent paid by Minster Lodge. The Inspector, after a period of one year in discussion agreed that no assessment should be made.

Kitchen alteration plan – W.Bro Acomb proposed that Bro Hardy be asked to meet the House Committee concerning plans re the proposed alteration of the kitchen. This was agreed and carried.

25th August 1965

Letter from Minster Lodge re Joint Committee.

1. A letter was read from Minster Lodge stating that they had agreed to the increased rent which had been suggested by Eboracum Lodge.
2. A joint committee, comprising three members each, elected from Eboracum Lodge and Minster Lodge under the chairmanship of the WM of Eboracum Lodge (who shall be a non-voting chairman) to be formed to be responsible for the maintenance of the property in St Saviourgate, York owned by Eboracum Lodge, excluding the land used as a carpark.
3. The Joint Committee shall appoint from its members, its own officials ie Secretary, Treasurer etc and shall open a bank account of its own choice and in such a name as it may select and give the necessary authority for the signing of cheques drawn on the account.
4. Eboracum Lodge and Minster Lodge will each pay £600 per annum in equal half yearly instalments in advance as rent to the Joint Committee and Eboracum Chapter £50 per annum. All income from the use of the property, excluding the carpark, to be paid to the Joint Committee.
5. The Joint Committee will not have any any authority from either Lodge to overdraw on its Bank Account.
6. The Agreement to run for a period of five years and to continue thereafter until terminated by a notice in writing from either Eboracum Lodge or Minster Lodge. Such notice to be given to the Joint Committee six months before the date of termination.
7. Any balance of money held by the Joint Committee at the termination of this Agreement to be repaid to Eboracum Lodge and Minster Lodge in equal shares.
8. The Joint Committee to have full authority to decide in what manner and in which order the repairs and renewals of the building and Landlords fixtures should be carried out (subject to clause 4)
9. All capital additions and capital improvements will be financed by Eboracum Lodge whose decision as to whether or not these be carried out shall be at their sole discretion.

10. The Lodge Committee of Eboracum and Minster shall be entitled to make recommendations to the Joint Committee on questions of revenue maintenance etc but the Joint Committees decision as to whether or not these shall be proceeded with shall be binding on both Lodges.
11. Eboracum Lodge will make every effort to keep the Joint Committee informed of impending structural alterations to avoid unnecessary short term repairs being carried out by the Joint Committee.
12. In the event of additional tenancies being by Eboracum Lodge as owners, which would be done after consultation with Minster Lodge, any rental in respect of such lettings would be the income of the Joint Committee and Clause 6 would be invoked at the date of such commencement of such additional tenancy and thereafter suitable amended.
13. All income from and expenses to the adjoining land now being used as a carpark to be solely reserved to the owners, Eboracum Lodge.
14. This agreement being deemed to have commenced on 1st July 1965.
15. Any maintenance costs which have been paid by Eboracum Lodge since 1st July 1965 up to the opening of the Joint Committees Bank Account, shall be deducted from their first instalment of rent paid to the Joint Committee
16. The Joint Committee will draw up a report and audited statement of accounts annually as at 1st July and present copies thereof to Eboracum and Minster Lodges.

The fifteen items were discussed and approved and it was agreed that a copy of the Heads? of Agreement should be sent immediately to the Secretary of Minster Lodge.

Correspondence

- **Catering** - A letter from W.Bro Duff concerning the price of the meal served on lodge nights was read by the Secretary. W.Bro Smithson proposed that for the next six months the caterer be asked to provide a meal at 7/6 per head. The matter to be reviewed at the end of this time. – agreed.
- **Resignations** - The Secretary read letters from W.Bro Waggott, Bro G.Clarke, and Bro E.Knox all of whom were resigning from the Lodge because of the increase in subscription. W.Bro Martin stated that he had written to W.Bro Waggott pointing out that a subscription of £2.2.0 was available to members who were unable to avail themselves of the amenities of the Lodge and W.Bro Waggott had replied agreeing to continue as a member on this basis.
- **Subscription concerns** – W.Bro Dann proposed that at the next Lodge Committee meeting the question of the subscription of members who feel they cannot afford £8.8.0 should be discussed. This was agreed. It was felt that the 3 members be advised that we should like them to continue membership at a subscription of £2.2.0.
- **Obligation** – W.Bro Ford proposed that no change be made in the wording of the Obligations. This was seconded by W.Bro Thompson.
It was agreed that this should be the subject of a proposition at the October Lodge meeting.
- **Worshipful Master 1965-6**
The WM stated that Bro J.C.Wright when accepting the office of S.W. had made it clear that he was not prepared to take office as WM in the following year.
A letter from W.B.Acomb concerning Bro Scaife was read and discussed. The WM read a letter from Bro Scaife regretting that he was unable to allow his name to go forward because of medical reasons. The Secretary was asked to reply to Bro Scaife that his decision is accepted with deep regret.
W.Bro Holmes J.W. reported on his physical condition and would hope to give a further report in two weeks. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

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- **Obligation** – It was proposed that the Communication from Grand Lodge concerning the alternative Obligation (including the proposed amendment) should be ready out at the October regular lodge and the WM should notify the brethren that it was the the recommendation of the Lodge Committee that no change should be made in the method of administering the Obligation. – carried.

- **Subscriptions** – There was considerable discussion concerning brethren who felt unable to pay the increased subscription, it was felt that the cases should be considered individually by the Lodge Committee.
- **Joining member** – The Secretary reported the receipt of an application from W.Bro Samuel Murray, Regular Officer in the RAF of Strensall. WM of Malta Lodge No7830 – the proposal was second and carried.
- **Worshipful Master 1965-6**
The WM gave a resume of the situation concerning the Senior and Junior Wardens and suggested that if Bro J.C.Wright could not go forward this year, two other brethren should be asked to take the Wardens chairs so there would be three brethren eligible for the office of WM next year. After discussions W.Bro Magson was asked if he would continue as WM for the ensuing year and he agreed that he would do so, if elected.
It was proposed that W.Bro Magson should be the guest of the PM's at the PM's dinner. This was seconded and carried.

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- **Radiator in the Temple** – It was proposed that a letter be sent to Bro Collyer thanking him for providing and installing a new radiator in the Temple. This was seconded and carried.
- **Chairs in the dining room** – It was decided to have chairs engraved by the person responsible for the engraving of Bro Nutts chairs after inspection of the two recently engraved chairs.

30TH November 1965

Record House, Bootham (possible replacement Masonic Hall)

- **The WM reported that along with W.Bros Smithson, Thompson and Bro Borwell, he had inspected Record House, Bootham which was coming up for sale and it was thought that with extensions the premises could be converted into a very fine Masonic Hall.**
After discussions, W.Bro Carter proposed that the Committee which had negotiated with Minster Lodge together with W.Bro Smithson, Thompson explore the matter to its ultimate end. This was seconded by W.Bro Dann and carried unanimously.
- **Minster Lodge and the Joint Agreement** – Bro Borwell read the proposed agreement which had been submitted by Minster Lodge, together with amendments he had made.
W.Bro Acomb proposed that we reply to Minster Lodge asking for a copy of the agreement in order that we may make certain amendments which will be re-submitted to them for their approval – this was seconded and carried.
- **Stewards & protective clothing** – Bro Hodgson reported that the Stewards had asked if protective clothing could be worn. It was agreed that there was no objection to the Stewards wearing protective clothing if they wished to do so, but it would not be provided by the Lodge.
- **Library documents to be classified** – Bro Bean to be asked to classify papers and documents in the library.
- **Festive board meals and price** – It was agreed the we revert back to the usual type of meal on Regular Lodge Nights at a price of 9/-
- **Carol service, ladies not to be admitted** – W.Bro Mansfield suggested that Ladies should be admitted to the Carol Service. Bro Hodgson proposed that Ladies be not admitted – this was duly seconded and carried.
- **Caretaker expenses** – Bro Borwell reported that the Caretaker had additional expenses of approximately 8/- per week in bus fares and and suggested an additional bonus be given at Christmas – W.Bro Thompson proposed that £10.10.0 be given – this was seconded and carried.
- **Preceptor to resign** – W.Bro Acomb stated that he wished to resign for the Office of Preceptor. The WM asked W.Bro Carter to be Preceptor for the remainder of the Masonic year.

23rd September 1966

- **Caretaker bonus** – It was reported that the Caretaker had been paid a bonus of £10.10.0 at Christmas.

- **Minster Lodge & the Joint Agreement** – Bro Borwell gave an account of further discussions with the Minster Lodge sub committee and read out a revised agreement. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the agreement be accepted in its present form. – this was seconded and unanimously agreed.
- **Property developers** – The WM that it had been arranged for representatives of property developers in London and Bradford interested in the St.Saviourgate site to visit York today and he had asked W.Bro Smithson to meet them. W.Bro Smithson stated that the representatives of the London firm had been delayed and would arrange another date. The Bradford firm were not interested.
- **250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge** – W.Bro Martin read a communication from the Grand Lodge Secretary dated 28th December 1965 concerning the establishment of a trust fund to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge - it was proposed, seconded and carried that this should be supported and a proposition in open lodge be made.

22nd June 1966

- **250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge** – The Secretary reported that approximately half the brethren had made contributions to the 250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge fund. W.Bro Acomb proposed that a reminder should be sent to brethren who not yet paid their contribution – this was seconded and carried.
- **Joint Sub Committee** – W.Bro Dales reported that there had been two meetings of the Joint Sub Committee and gave the following information.
 1. **Electrical work** - Minor work concerning electrical fittings had been done.
 2. **Outside toilet** – had been put in order.
 3. **Carpet replacement** – estimates for replacing the blue felt carpet at the entrance to the Temple and at the Senior Wardens pedestal were being obtained.
 4. **Carpet estimate** – Estimates were also being obtained for replacement of the whole of the blue cord carpet surround in the Temple.
 5. **Painting and repairs** – Estimates for the painting and repair of the windows, guttering, portico, railings and gates were being obtained.
 6. **Guttering** – On the Library and kitchen was to be carefully examined and put in order.
 7. **Tylers Lobby** – The Tylers lobby was to be painted.
 8. **Kitchen & dining room renovation** – W.Bro Firth was investigating the renovation of the kitchen and its equipment and the renovation of the dining room was being considered.

Regular item on the agenda - The WM stated that the report of the Joint Sub Committee would in future be a regular item on the agenda of the Lodge Committee.
- **Carpark** – The WM asked for approval from the Committee of the work recently carried out on the re-surfacing of the carpark at a cost of £215. This was agreed – The WM said that the cost of re-surfacing the remainder of the carpark would be approximately £80. W.Bro Acomb proposed that this should be done – seconded and carried.
- **Treasurers statement** – Bro E.Borwell stated that the Bank balance was £1532.1.5 of which £750 could be recalled at anytime by Minster Lodge and £300 was due on 1st July to the Joint Sub Committee.
- **Bro C.Cole in arrears for 7 years** – It was reported that Bro C.Cole had been in a home for many years and that he was 7 years in arrears with subscriptions. Bro H.Watts had been asked to investigate the case and approval was asked for Bro Cole to be classed as a member unable to enjoy the full amenities of the Lodge at a subscription of £2.2.0. – proposed,seconded and carried.
- **Candidates** – The WM proposed that in future, candidates be selected in accordance with the recommendations of the interviewing committee and the practice of initiating candidates in date order of application be discontinued – this was carried with two abstentions.
- **Lodge summons and candidates** – W.Bro Meadocroft proposed that in future, the Lodge summonses should be printed with the names of two candidates for initiation, passing or raising so that in the event of one candidate not being available it would still be possible for a ceremony to take place. – the proposition was duly carried.
- **Filing cabinet** – W.Bro Dann proposed that a filing cabinet should be provided for Eboracum Lodge and Chapter – agreed.

29th July 1966

- **250th Anniversary of Grand Lodge** – The Secretary reported that a few brethren had not made a contribution to the 250th Anniversary Fund in spite of having been sent a reminder. It was agreed that a further reminder be sent to these brethren. This was carried with W.Bro Carter dissenting.
- **Bro Cole and arrears** – The Secretary reported that the matter concerning the arrears of subscription of Bro Cole had been dealt with to the satisfaction of the Charity Steward.
- **Carpark re-surfacing** – The WM reported that the re-surfacing of the carpark had been completed at a cost of £80
- **Filing cabinet** – The Secretary reported that the filing cabinet had been delivered.
- **Bar prices** – It was proposed by W.Bro Yates and seconded by Bro Hodgson that the bar prices should be –
 - ✓ Sherry, Whisky, Rum and Gin 2/3d
 - ✓ Brandy 3/6d
 - ✓ Drambuie 3/3d
 - ✓ Beer 1/6d per bottle
 - ✓ Draught beer 2/3d per pint
- The proposition was carried.

- **Unpaid subscriptions** – The Secretary read a list of brethren who were in arrears with subscriptions. The WM complimented the Secretary on his tenacity in having so few subscriptions outstanding.

- **Letter from Alcuin Lodge** - The WM reported the receipt of a letter for Alcuin Lodge asking for a deputation to be received during the evening and it was agreed that W.Bros Smithson, Dales and Bro Borwell, the members of the Joint Committee should meet the deputation.
- Bro Borwell reported on this meeting with the Alcuin Lodge brethren as follows –
 - ✓ Alcuin had been given notice to quit unless accepting new terms offered by Agricola Lodge, details of which had not been worked out and were not likely to be available until the end of the year
 - ✓ The lodge holds 10 regular meetings and approximately 20 Instruction Lodge meetings each year and some social functions.
 - ✓ They have 67 members and the average attendance at Regular Lodge is 50.
 - ✓ There are 35 members of Alcuin Chapter.
 - ✓ At the September Lodge meeting, the matter is to be discussed and the Lodge will abide by the majority decision of the members.
 - ✓ Bro Borwell proposed that “This Committee, in principle accepts that Alcuin Lodge and Chapter are fit and proper bodies to become tenants of this Lodge upon the terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Joint Committee” – W.Bro Davison seconded the proposition which was carried with W.Bro J.Dales dissenting.
 - ✓ W.Bro L.Martin was asked to advise Alcuin of the decision.

12th October 1966

Report of the Joint Committee –

- ✓ **General repairs** - and the cleaning of rubbish had been completed in early August.
- ✓ **Painting of the outside of the building** – had begun was being done by I’Anson and Moore.
- ✓ **Dining room** – Estimates for the renovation of the dining room were being obtained.
- ✓ **Temple carpets** – The Temple surrounds were to be re-carpeted and would be completed in time for the Installation.
- ✓ **Lodge cleaner** – The Lodge cleaner, Mrs Deighton, had died since the last meeting. A new cleaner Mrs A.G.Sunley had been appointed.
- ✓ **Catering arrangements** – An estimate for providing catering arrangements for 150 people with new kitchen equipment had been obtained and this was £622.

- ✓ **Architect** – The Joint Committee recommend that an independent architect be appointed to investigate the extension of the kitchen and the Eboracum Lodge Committee were asked to consider this.
 - ✓ **Alcuin Chapter moving to Duncombe Place** – The Joint Committee had been advised that as from 1st January 1967 Alcuin Lodge Chapter would be transferred from Castlegate to Duncombe Place.
 - ✓ **Fire Insurance queried** – The adequacy of the Fire Insurance on the premises was queried.
 - ✓ **Minster Royal Arch Chapter** – The possibility of a Minster Lodge Royal Arch Chapter to meet four times per year on the fifth Thursday in the month.
 - ✓ **Retirement from the Committee** – The proposed retirement of W.Bro W.Smithson from the Joint Committee and the appointment of a replacement.
- In discussion following the report, it was stated that a warm letter had been received from Alcuin Lodge expressing appreciation of the reception by the Joint Committee. The WM stated that one of the main reasons for Alcuin Lodge **not** coming to St Saviourgate was the inadequacy of the catering facilities.
 - It was proposed by W.Bro Dann and seconded by W.Bro Acomb that this committee accepts in principle, that Minster Lodge Chapter is a fit and proper body to become a tenant of this Lodge upon the terms and conditions to be negotiated with the Joint Committee.- the proposition was carried unanimously.
 - It was agreed that an independent architect be appointed to give details of our draft requirements and submit a plan.
 - **MINSTER JOINT OWNERSHIP** – A proposition “to explore the possibility of some form of Joint Ownership with Minster Lodge under terms to be negotiated” was put forward by Bro K. Hodgson and seconded by W.Bro J.Gorse – the proposition was carried unanimously.
 - **Masters Collarette** – A letter referring to the wearing of a collarette which had been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary was read by W.Bro Martin, similar letters had been sent to all Lodges. W.Bro Dales read extracts from the minutes of a regular lodge held in 1887 when the jewel was presented to the WM by American Brethren visiting the Lodge in the presence of the Provincial Grand Masters of Yorkshire North and East Riding and Yorkshire West Riding. W.Bro Dann proposed that application to wear the Jewel should be made, accompanied by a copy of the minutes of the Lodge meeting in 1887 and a sketch of the Jewel. W.Bro J.Davison seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.
 - **250TH Anniversary Jewel** – the Secretary read the letter from Grand Lodge which gave instructions concerning the wearing of the commemorative jewel by the Worshipful Master.
 - **Unpaid subscriptions** – The Treasurer read out a list of brethren who were in arrears with subscription and also those who had not made a contribution to the 250TH Anniversary Fund of Grand Lodge
 - **Joint Committee** – W.Bro Smithson said that as the Joint Committee was now firmly established, he felt it would be appropriate for him to resign and suggested he should be replaced by the WM. W.Bro Thompson expressed appreciation of the work done by W.Bro Smithson both for the Joint Committee and the lodge and said it was with some regret that he proposed the resignation of W.Bro Smithson be accepted. He also proposed that the WM, W.Bro Magson be appointed to the Joint Committee in his place – the proposition was carried unanimously.
 - **Attendance register** – There was discussion on the desirability of having an attendance register which would be signed by all the brethren present at regular lodge meetings. Bro Hodgson proposed an attendance register be obtained for the forthcoming year. – this was seconded and carried unanimously.
 - **Meals** - There was discussion on the dissatisfaction amongst some brethren because they had been unable to obtain seats at the festive board on regular lodge nights. It was suggested that a steward should be detailed to obtain, before the ceremony began, the number of brethren wishing to dine. The caterer could then be notified and the requisite number of places be set.

30th November 1966

- **Festive board** – It was stated that seating at the festive board was now satisfactory.
- **Attendance book** – The Secretary was advised to purchase the attendance book at Burdekins.

Report of the Joint Committee –

- ✓ **Insurance** – Minster representatives were reluctant to increased coverage. Our members were to press for it. Full insurance as far as possible.
- ✓ **Joint ownership of 1611 and 4663** was being investigated. - W.Bro H.B.Raylor examining the Filey example.
- ✓ **Decorations** – The Lodge Committee approved of the recent decorations.

Recommendations to the Joint Committee

- ✓ **Water tank** – it was suggested that the water tank in the Tylers Lobby be baffled and boarded
 - ✓ **Thermostatic heating controls** – The Joint Committee might look into the possibility of thermostatic control of the heating by air temperature instead of water temperature.
- **Meeting with the Architect** - Bro P.M.Knowles had examined the building and he was asked to prepare plans for complete rebuilding of the kitchen, library etc. – with a complete estimate for the work. The matter was urgent and he will report back in due course.
 - **Reduced subscription** – It was proposed by W.Bro Thompson and seconded by W.Bro Magson that W.Bro Merriman should remain a member of the Lodge on a reduced subscription of £2.2.0.
 - **Provincial Honours recommendation** – The name of W.Bro Thomas George Acomb was submitted – this was proposed, seconded and carried.
 - **Candidate** – The Secretary submitted an application for membership from Mr Peter Alastair Wilson age 35 of Dringhouses, York – he is a director of York Graphic Arts.
 - **Widows Invitation List** – W.Bro C.Meadowcroft proposed that a list of our Masonic Widows be compiled and handed over to the Social Committee so that official invitations could be sent inviting them as guests of the Lodge – this was carried.

THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ST. SAVIOURGATE PROPERTY

Report to the Lodge Committee by the members appointed to the Joint Committee.

We, the undersigned, submit this report for the consideration of the Lodge Committee of Eboracum Lodge.

Following upon the views expressed at a recent Lodge Committee Meeting, at a subsequent meeting of the Joint Committee held on 16 November the question of Common Ownership of the Lodge Premises was discussed and W.Bro.A.Taylor undertook to arrange a meeting with W.Bro Raylor who had verbally offered to give us the benefit of his experience in the arrangements made at Filey for common ownership of the Lodge Property at Filey by the two lodges using it.

The meeting was held at Messrs. Raylor's Offices in Thomas Street on Thursday, 15 December at 6.30 pm

Those present were –

Eboracum

W.Bro K.Hodgson
W.Bro C.F.Magson
W.Bro J.F.Dales
Bro E.W.Borwell
Also in attendance, W.Bro Thompson

Minster

W.Bro E.D.Gofton
W.Bro E.Firth
W.Bro W.C.Mann

Chairman's opening remarks

At the very outset, the Chairman stressed that to achieve the right sort of progress the watchword should be Masonic and not mercenary principles.

As regards Eboracum members who may hold the view that the Property is held jointly and severally, he enquired "How did they acquire it?" He maintained this had been done by handing down over the ninety years or so since it was first acquired and that the present members held it as "life tenants" only, and could have no pecuniary interest in it as, if it were disposed of and the Lodge were to be wound up and liquidated, the nett proceeds would have to be handed over to Grand Lodge. This being so, its value in terms of money was not relevant. As a building used solely for Masonic purposes it was of equal value to all those who used it as such.

The method used at Filey –

The Chairman called on W.Bro Barker to explain the means by which the two Filey Lodges had dealt with a similar problem.

W.Bro Barker made the following points –

1. Each Lodge agreed to transfer its net assets (subject to retention of sufficient money to finance one year's working costs of a purely Lodge nature, such as Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Fee, postages and stationery and other incidental expenses) to a Company Limited by Guarantee.
2. This did not mean that each transferred an equal amount or moneyworth – but transferred all its net assets (with the above exception).
3. The Company which was formed is a non trading one and is required only to create an entity in law which the assets could be permanently vested, which would avoid the necessity of legal charges in names of Trustees, etc.
4. The Company delegated the operational requirements, both of property and all other assets, to a body similar to our own Joint Committee.
5. In the event of dissolution, the Company's net assets would pass to Masonic Institutions.
6. Each Lodge using the premises to contribute to revenue expenditure and development costs on the basis of a fixed per capita subscription.
7. All Lodges using the Lodge to charge an agreed minimum contribution to its members to cover (6) above and the annual requirement for purely lodge expenditure.
8. An official to be appointed to manage the day to day running of the Establishment under the control of the Committee. This includes supervision of the bar and catering and cleaning arrangements.
9. Having reached these conclusions, approval of the Committee of each Lodge was obtained, a joint meeting of the two Committees confirmed these and separate joint meetings of the members of each Lodge to ratify them.

Majority recommendation

We recommend the foregoing for your consideration as a basis for the future development of the St.Saviourgate premises.

Indeed we would go further by suggesting that if these steps are acceptable to you then our intention should be made known to all Lodges in York, and that if any other Lodge so desires, it should be given the opportunity of joining the "consortium" on the basis set out.

Perhaps the best word to describe the Capital Fund which would be created by the merging together of the net assets of each Lodge would be "Patrimony" - A dictionary definition being "property or estate which has descended in the same family" – not necessarily in equal shares but, nevertheless, the means of providing the "umbrella" under which the whole family is covered.

A further recommendation is that every Lodge joining in this arrangement should regard all initiation fees as Capital and should agree to hand these to the Joint Committee when requested, towards the cost of any Capital development deemed necessary by the Joint Committee.

We fully appreciate that these proposed steps will be revolutionary to some of our members. At first, in some measure, they were to us, but three of us, after much thought, are of the opinion that the interests of Masonry in the future and, therefore, the interests of our present and future members will be best served by a development on these lines.

K.C.Hodgson (Chairman)
C.F.Magson
E.W.Borwell

Dissenting opinion

W.Bro Dales dissents from this opinion on the grounds that Eboracum Lodge would be called on to transfer its net assets, value probably £20,000, to a Company or Joint Committee in which other Lodges would share control equally with Eboracum, although their contributions to the Company in terms of net assets would be comparatively negligible .

I doubt if the net assets of the five "Tenant" Lodges in York amount to more than £5000, of which perhaps half may be owned by Minster Lodge.

J.F.Dales.

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11th January 1967 – Extraordinary meeting of the Eboracum Lodge Committee

The meeting was called to discuss the Masonic future of the St. Saviorgate property as suggested by the report from the Joint Committee of Eboracum and Minster Lodges

After a long discussion, the Committee agreed by 15 votes to 2 that a Consortium of Lodges should be formed, if possible, on the basis set out by the Eboracum members of the Joint Committee.

17th February 1967 – Extraordinary Lodge meeting held at St.Saviorgate by special command of the Worshipful Master

Present – Worshipful Master, IPM, SW.JW. Treasurer. Secretary, Officers and Brethren (Total 57)

The Worshipful Master read the notice convening the meeting and also explained the reason for calling the same

He explained the position of the use of the building at St. Saviorgate as at present, Eboracum, Eboracum Chapter and Minster Lodges. This was not economical and to make it so, structural alterations were necessary for which capital was required.

To attain this, the Worshipful Master, placed a suggestion to the Brethren of Common Ownership leading to sharing of the Lodge assets in a Joint Pool or retain the present Landlord facilities.

A decision re the above to be accepted or rejected by a majority vote of those present.

The Worshipful Master read in full the report of the Joint Committee re the position at Filey after which W.Bro Dales was asked to give his views as to the minority report.

W.Bro Dales stressed strongly the financial position of the other Lodges who might wish to join, pointing out that Eboracum Lodge would contribute 90% of the monies which would be in the hands of the Company and on

this basis he proposed representation should be based on contribution. His own personal recommendation was no.

W.Bro Magson replied in terms that now was the time to move and let other Lodges join the Consortium, his point being was “why should Eboracum provide the facilities for other masons.” To join as of now, income would be immediate. Our Architect is ready with plans for development once a decision has been reached.

W.Bro Borwell explained the present situation in further detail regarding income from Eboracum Chapter and Minster in the hands of the Joint Committee and paid tribute to the cooperation of Minster Lodge to date.

The meeting was opened to the Brethren and questions were answered, many of which were interesting and had possibilities.

Discussion was held on the method of inviting other Lodges to join this proposed Consortium and it was decided to invite the WM and Secretary of each Lodge to meet the Eboracum Lodge Committee to give them in information concerning our intentions.

The Worshipful Master summed up the meeting in three phases

- To share with others.
- To remain as we are and complete the programme.
- To remain as we are and do nothing.

W.Bro Smithson proposed and W.Bro Acomb seconded the following resolution.

“To accept the principle of transferring our assets, in the main our principal site and building to a Consortium of York Lodges.

This was carried by a vote of 40 for to 7 against.

The meeting was then concluded.

29th March 1967

- **Widows – list of names** – A list of names compiled by the Secretary was read out for the benefit of those present. The Secretary stated that there were now 24 widows but this was amended to 22 on information given by some of those present. The Secretary pointed out that he could vouch for 10 of those listed but had no knowledge of the others. After some discussion it was agreed that a list of names and addresses be compiled if possible. The question of who would be responsible for covering the expense of inviting these ladies was raised, no decision was reached, it would be raised again once the list was complete.
- **Candidate** – An application for membership had been received from Mr C.A.Crossley of Strensall, a company director with W.H.Shouksmith and son.

REPORT OF ARCHITECT

- ✓ **The WM introduced to those present Bro.P.M.Knowles who had been given the task of surveying the present building and submitting a report in connection with the purpose of re-building.**
- ✓ **Brother Knowles gave his views on the present state of the building at length and then circulated copies of two plans he had drawn up showing the proposed new layout.**
- ✓ **Plan No1 was shown to give greater scope in many ways and in particular if the proposed new kitchen roof was strengthened during the course of the alterations further development could be carried out at some future date.**
- ✓ **The cost of this plan including the proposed strengthening was estimated at £25,000.**
- ✓ **Plan No2 was for a much more compact building and was estimated to cost £13,000 to £14,000.**
- ✓ **In both cases, the dining room accommodation would seat 120 in ultimate comfort and could at a pinch seat 180.**

- ✓ **General discussion then took place, many questions being asked to which Brother Knowles readily gave his views, but stressed strongly that the present submission was only a starting point.**
 - ✓ **At this stage the WM thanked Brother Knowles for his attendance and for his great help in all ways. Brother Knowles then left the meeting.**
 - ✓ **Discussion continued during which the WM stated that Minster Lodge were meeting on the 30TH March to make a decision on joining the Consortium and from information already known, this could be in the affirmative.**
 - ✓ **If the decision was favourable, it was recommended that the members of Eboracum on the Joint Committee be instructed that the unanimous decision of the Eboracum Lodge Committee was that Plan No1 be accepted.**
 - ✓ **It was again proposed that as soon as agreement was reached, other Lodges in York be invited to a meeting at which the details of the proposed re-building be verbally explained to them.**
- **Carpark** – The question was raised following the report of the consultations re-liability for taxation in respect of donations, again no further action to be taken at present.

10th December 1967

- **Proposed alterations to the premises** – W.Bro Smithson asked if any further communications had been received from other Lodges in respect of the proposed Consortium. Answer NO
- **Widows list of names** – W.Bro Martin stated a list of names and addresses had been compiled and handed to the Social Secretary, but as far as he was aware no action had been taken. The question of cost was raised and W.Bro Hodgson moved that Bro P.Nutt be officially instructed to invite all widows, the cost to be included in the price of tickets.
- **Car parking facilities** – W.Bro J.Thompson suggested that if the carpark was lined, more space would be available. This was discussed and W.Bro Magson proposed that the matter be deferred to be dealt with the Joint Committee with other matters which were at present in hand. The proposal was seconded and agreed by all those present.
- **Cupboard prices and buying** – Agreed no action be taken at present.
- **Joint Committee** – W.Bro Dales gave a review of matters already dealt with by the Joint Committee, also enumerating items to be undertaken as from 1st January 1968 stating that the Architect had been requested to revise the proposed building plans which he had undertaken and would submit same to the Joint Committee for review.
- **Royal Arch Chapter** – Consecration of Minster Chapter, April 1968.
- **Finance** – W.Bro Acomb, Treasurer, suggested the transfer of part of the Eboracum Lodge funds up to £2000 to the Halifax Building Society, at the same time transferring the sum of £200 from the Charity Account to a Building Society – unanimously agreed.

17th April 1968

- **Minster Royal Arch Chapter** – The Provincial Grand ??? has refused permission by Minster Lodge to form a Royal Arch Chapter due to a dearth of candidates and general lack of interest.

Joint Committee –

- ✓ **Dining room floor** – W.Bro Dales stated that Messrs Whitby Oliver had recommended the maintenance of the floor in the dining room be carried out once per year – this was agreed.
- ✓ **Heating unit repair** - He also informed the meeting that the repairs necessary to the heating unit would be carried out under the supervision of W.Bro Firth.
- ✓ **Upholstery repair** - The delay in respect of the repair of the upholstery was due to the illness of Mr.W.Linfoot.
- ✓ **Limited Liability Company** – A report as to the formation of a Limited Liability Company on which an investigation was being made by W.Bro Gofton and Bro Borwell had been delayed due to the unfortunate illness of Bro Borwell.
- ✓ **Suggestion by Agricola Lodge** – W.Bro Hodgson explained the views of a small body of brethren who had visited Castlegate and viewed the premises, but stated he would not give further details as this was

a matter for the Joint Committee and would be fully discussed at that Committee's next meeting to be held on 20th April 1968.

- ✓ **Application for reduced subscription** – W.Bro Martin stated that he had received a letter from Bro R.Filer requesting consideration regarding reduced subscription due to his living in Norwich and was therefore unable to attend the monthly ceremonies. – this request was to be proposed in open lodge.

3rd July 1968

- ✓ **Upholstery** – W.Bro Dales stated that the repairs to the upholstery was still in hand, the long continued delay being due to illness and staff holidays.

Invitation to Transfer to Castlegate

W.Bro J.F.Dales gave a lengthy and detailed report on the visit made by six brethren to the above premises on the 16th April 1968. In his resume he was supported by W.Bro Hodgson and W.Bro Acomb who emphatically stated the premises bore no comparison with St.Saviourgate.

W.Bro Magson stated that Minster Lodge were against the move and had advised the Joint Committee accordingly

An interesting discussion then took place in which all present joined in. Points both for and against were outlined and W.Bro Ford moved the following resolution –

“A – the concentration of four lodges under one roof was economically sound and to be commended.

B – a move from St.Saviourgate was not to be recommended.”

The resolution was seconded by W.Bro Thompson and unanimously approved. W.Bro Secretary was requested to advise the Joint Committee accordingly.

11th October 1968

- **Black and White carpet loaned out** – The Secretary read out a letter received from W.Bro Goften in connection with the Installation of the Provincial Grand Master which was to take place in the Guildhall in York, requesting the loan of the Black and White carpet used in the Temple for use at the forthcoming ceremony – the request was agreed.

Report of the Joint Committee –

- ✓ Bro.E.W.Borwell explained that during the past month two meetings had taken place in connection with the proposed alterations to the premises at St.Saviourgate.
- ✓ At the first meeting plans had been submitted indicating expenditure of some £13,000 but this was not accepted by Minster members of the Joint Committee and the matter was referred back to the architect for further consideration in reducing if possible the proposed expenditure to approximately £10,000.
- ✓ A second meeting was convened and a revised set of plans examined costing £11,000 which was agreed to be acceptable by the Joint Committee on 2nd October 1968.
- ✓ Bro E.W.Borwell explained in detail his proposed method of meeting this expenditure and had submitted them to W.Bro Stewart of Minster Lodge who considered them satisfactory.
- ✓ A letter was then read out from Minster Lodge Committee in the reply to the Joint Committee recommendation which stated that by a small majority it recommended the latest position to be put to a full meeting of Minster Lodge brethren which would be held on 31st October 1968.
- ✓ Brother Borwell pointed out that in view of this no point was served in discussing the matter further as the position must remain in abeyance pending the result of the 31st October meeting.
- ✓ W.Bro Hodgson stated he was of the opinion that Minster Lodge were capable of withdrawing from the proposed scheme stating they had gone back on their original agreement. These remarks were supported by W.Bro Acomb.
- ✓ W.Bro Magson proposed that the full support of the Eboracum Lodge Committee be given to the Joint Committee to go ahead, W.Bro Hodgson in chosen words seconded the proposal. This was unanimously agreed.
- ✓ W.Bro Ford proposed that members attending Eboracum regular lodge on Monday 14th October 1968 be briefly informed of the up to date situation re the proposed Consortium etc. – this was seconded and approved.

16th May 1969 – EMERGENCY MEETING WITH MINSTER LODGE – RE ALTERATIONS

- The meeting was called for the purpose of informing the Lodge Committee of the actions taken by WM and Treasurer in connection with the payment for the alterations and also the reading of the legal documents prepared for the formation of the Consortium with Minster Lodge 4663.
- The Treasurer gave a detailed resume of moneys paid out and information in respect of the overdraft from Barclays Bank which is at this date ie 16th May £2950. This is purely a temporary position until Minster Lodge release further assets and in this connection an emergency meeting is to be held on Thursday 29th May 1969 by dispensation.
- W.Bro Dann proposed the adoption of action by the WM and Treasurer. This was seconded by W.Bro Brand S.W. and unanimously approved.
- The Treasurer gave as his opinion of the annual income of Eboracum Lodge out of which it was anticipated that £500 could be paid against the overdraft.
- Minster Lodge to contribute a similar sum.
- £5,000 will be the limit of borrowing for Consortium without references to the Lodges.
- The WM and Treasurer read in detail the legal documents appertaining to the formation of the Consortium as prepared by Bro. P.Baines, solicitor (Leeman and Dolster)
- A discussion followed and several points were raised and the WM agreed to present to Bro Baines certain proposals for his approval for example it was felt generally that the number of members appointed from each Lodge to the management committee should be raised from 3 to 5
- It was recommended that Bro F.C.Moor and P.E.Wing be considered as prospective Trustees from Eboracum Lodge for the property.

That concluded the business for which this emergency meeting was called.

12th September 1969

Consortium into operation – 31st July 1969

- **Bar and Stewards cupboard** – The two Lodges having accepted joint management of the buildings, it was felt there should only be one bar which would necessitate one club licence instead of two. There should be one central control. The name of W.Bro Hodgson was put forward. W.Bro Hodgson had discussed the possibility with the respective senior stewards.
The Lodge Committee agreed in this principle unanimously and asked that our members of the management committee should put this forward to the Minster Members for agreement of Minster Lodge.
The two senior stewards agreed to take stock for 23rd September 1969.
- **Official opening** – W.Bro Dales reported that the official opening on the new building was being arranged for the 30th September 1969. All members of Minster Lodge and Eboracum Lodges have been notified and official invitations have been sent to all outside masons who had assisted in the development and completion of the Consortium.
- **Francis Drake request financial assistance** – The Secretary asked the Committee to make a decision with regard to the request from Francis Drake Lodge for assistance financially in the entertainment of Munster Brethren.
- After a full discussion it was decided to take no action and the secretary was asked to write to organisers giving this decision
- **Minster / Eboracum – honoured guests** - The Secretary reported that Minster Lodge had unanimously invited the Worshipful Master of Eboracum Lodge as an honoured guest to all future regular meetings of Minster Lodge. The Eboracum Lodge Committee expressed pleasure at this gesture. It was decided to reciprocate by extending a similar invitation for Minster Lodge Worshipful Master to attend Eboracum meetings. Such invitation was to be printed on the summons.

14th December 1969

- **Alterations to the Lodge to commence** - The members of the Joint Committee explained that the alterations would start on December 30th and therefore the Lodge ceremonies would be disrupted. Difficulties would be surmounted as they occurred.

- **Use of Agricola Lodge - The Secretaries were to consider a request for the use of Agricola Lodge if necessary.**

1970

27th February 1970

Candidate – Mr John Brian Stainthorpe – Bro R.Black proposed as a candidate for membership of Eboracum Lodge No 1611, Mr John Brian Stainthorpe, age 33 years, Clerical Officer, British Rail – the proposition was seconded by W.Bro T.G.Acomb. The Secretary to arrange an interview on a convenient date.

Secretary's telephone bill – It was agreed that the Secretary's telephone rental be paid out of Lodge Funds as in the case of Minster Lodge – this was unanimously agreed.

Regalia and Jewel – The Lodge Committee suggested that the WM's Jewel belonging to the late W.Bro Mansfield, having been returned, be reserved for Bro.F.C.Moor.

It was also brought to the committee's notice that regalia belonging to the late Bros Timms to W.Bro Watts who had returned the same to the Secretary.

1st July 1970

- **Candidate – Mr John Brian Stainthorpe** – a candidate for membership having been interviewed, his interview received unanimous approval. The Secretary was requested to proceed as accordingly.
- **Past Masters Jewels** – formerly belonging to the late W.Bro Grainger and J.Blenkin having been returned to the Lodge, it was proposed by W.Bro Acomb that the jewel of the late W.Bro Grainger be held in safe custody and eventually presented to a worthy brother. The jewel of the late W.Bro Blenkin should be displayed in the library – unanimous approval was given to this proposal.
- **Emulation ritual in Lodge** – W.Bro Murray – Acting Preceptor – pointed out various divergencies from Emulation working taking place in our ceremonies. This was acknowledged by those present. However as those variations were of such a nature as to have little significance no action was deemed necessary
- **Bible in the Temple** – It was resolved that 2nd bible at present used in the Temple on the WM's dais be withdrawn and placed in the library to be used as and when necessary.
- **Catering** – it was discussed that an effort should be made to ascertain what kind of meals the Brethren would prefer.
- **Festive Board seating cards** – also the provision of cards whom the those dining would hand in to Chief Steward for guidance.
- **Seating guidance** – a suggestion that was also made and received unanimous approval that Brethren dining should sit around the outside of the table leaving seats inside for Brethren not dining, but who would like to be present at the proceedings following the meal, the number dining would of course control this aspect.
- **Library – pooling of books** – The Management Committee recommended the pooling of the books of Eboracum and Minster Lodge. This was discussed in at length. It was resolved that the WM discuss this matter with the Librarians.
- **Provincial officers / library / robing room** – The proposal of W.Bro Acomb that the Provincial Officers use the library as a robing room was unanimously approved.
- **Beacon Social activities** – After the successful evening at Beacon Lodge a proposal which received full support – that an invitation be extended to Beacon Lodge to join Eboracum in a challenge game of bowls was left in the hands of the Social Secretary, Bro P.L.Nutt (this has been arranged for Aug 16th)
- **Dress code** – A letter was received from Provincial Grand Lodge re the correct clothing to be worn in Lodge and when visiting was discussed and it was agreed the letter should be read out at the next Regular Lodge.

7th August 1970

- **Library – Eboracum/Minster pooling books** – Agreed a joint library be founded with the proviso that Minster Lodge Books be integrated with those of Eboracum Lodge by compilation of a supplementary catalogue.

- Lodge subscriptions and decimalisation – W.Bro Acomb reported receipt of correspondence from Grand Lodge re decimalisation and proposed that in view of future increases in expenditure, subscriptions should be as follows.
- On initiation £25.00
- Joining and rejoining members £17.00
- Both these items to be inclusive of the annual subscription of £8.50
- The reduced subscription at present granted to members unable to enjoy the full facilities of the Lodge be raised to £2.50
- Such amendments to be introduced as from 1st December 1970.
- Unanimous agreement was given to the proposal and W.Bro Acomb stated he would give notice of motion to alter By-law No6 at the regular lodge held on Monday 14th September 1970.
- **Meeting of all York Lodges at Castlegate 1900 Festival etc**

W.Bro Brind and Bro Black attended the meeting representing the Lodge at which at which the items as per attached were discussed.

1. **Masonic service in the Minster during the Festival year** is concerned, it was agreed to ask each Lodge to appoint a representative to sit on a sub committee the the Dean and Chapter officers to arrange a suitable programme. The date was fixed for Sunday 18th July 1970 at 2.15pm. Owing to restricted seating accommodation, a problem was presented and lodges would receive an allocation but the members present felt priority belonged to York Lodges. Bro Bland was requested to represent Eboracum Lodge and liase with Bro Oxberry as and when necessary.
 2. **Demonstration of making a Mason circa 1790** – After reviewing the anticipated expense the Chairman W.Bro Oloman stated he would look further into the matter in general and report back.
 3. **Visit of Munster Brethren 1971**- The Committee agreed that Eboracum Lodge would associate itself with the proposed visit on the understanding that no funds from the Lodge were available.
- **Management officers** - The meeting was informed of the re-election of the sitting Treasurer and Secretary of the Management Committee.
 - **Subscription Arrears** - The Secretary made reference to outstanding subscriptions in respect of the Lodge fees and the steps being taken to the clear same.
 - **Dining cards** – It was agreed to have dining cards to assist the Chief Steward on regular Lodge nights.
 - **Entertaining of the Master Elect** – The WM proposed that the entertainment of the Master Elect by the Past Masters of the Lodge be discussed at a later date.

Minutes of meeting held at Castlegate House, Thursday 21st July 1970 at 8.30pm

Masonic service in York Minster

Everyone is aware that York would celebrate its 1900th anniversary next year and in a conversation between W.Bros Corrighan and Cloman, it was suggested that the Masons of York, and probably beyond, might like to attend a service in York Minster as their special part of the celebrations and would W.Bro Cloman be prepared to organise or assist with the arrangements. He immediately acquiesced and was now able to report –

The Dean of York (Very Revd A.Richardson) would be pleased for the service to be held on a Sunday in July.

The Marquis of Zetland (R.WP.P.M.) had intimated that any Sunday but the 1st would be convenient for him.

Canon P.J.Burbridge, Preceptor and Chamberlain, intimated that either the 18th July or the 25th would be convenient for the Minster.

Dr Francis Jackson would be pleased to play the organ or arrange for one of his assistants to do so. It was not likely the choir would be available.

Seating – 1600 seats would be available. (certain excavations would be taking place at the West end of the Minster)

Time – 2.15pm so that we could clear by 3pm (normal evensong would be at 4pm)

W.Bro Corrighan gave details of a similar service held in 1961 and said that expenses incurred in organising the service next year would be borne by the Province.

It was agreed the service would be held on 18th July and Brethren invited to bring their Ladies.

A special preacher would be invited (Archdeacon Ellison R.W.P.G.M. Yorkshire W.R. and V.W.Bro Bishop G.Townley were mentioned)

Other matters were discussed (order of service, stewards, car parking, refreshments, etc) but it was felt that these and other details would best be dealt with by a small organising committee to which each York Lodge would be asked to nominate one representative, and in order to ensure continuity, by name rather than by office or rank. It was agreed in the first instance, all Lodges in the Province be informed of the Service and asked to indicate as soon as possible how many of their Brethren and Ladies might wish to attend.

Demonstration of “Making a Mason circa 1790

A team of 12 Masons for the William Cobbett Lodge, Farnham, Surrey were prepared to come to York in 1971 to a demonstration provided –

- ✓ That our Provincial Grand Master give permission to do so (He has already intimated his approval, as has the Grand Lodge Secretary)
- ✓ A collection be taken in aid of Masonic Charities.
- ✓ The cost of transport of the team and a token payment towards their “stage properties” to be borne by their hosts.
- ✓ The provision of overnight accommodation for the team.

W.Bro Cloman was of the opinion that the costs involved to bring the team so far and for the hire of a suitable hall for the demonstration might be too high to justify the proceeds from the collection. The Brethren present, however thought his estimate excessive and suggested he make more enquiries as they felt the suggestion was well worth while. They also thought that there would be little difficulty in finding local Brethren prepared to offer overnight accommodation to the members of the team. W.Bro Cloman agreed to make such enquiries and inform the York Lodges so that, if they felt agreeable arrangements would be made for the demonstration to be held in York.

Visit of Munster Brethren

- Those present were reminded of the circumstances which led to the establishment of reciprocal Masonic visits to and from Munster. When York visited Munster in 1968, W.Bro Cloman had organised it. A report had been sent to the R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. and the A.P.G.M and encouraging replies had been received, indeed the Marquis of Zetland had been kind enough to write this “This must, I feel, have done much good and I congratulate you on your enterprise.”
- When the Munster Brethren came to York in 1969, W.Bro Cloman was largely responsible for the arrangements for their reception and entertainment etc. Francis Drake of York Lodge had acted as host lodge and been greatly assisted by personal and financial support from other York Lodges.
- It had been suggested that when the next visit from Munster took place, one of the other Lodges should take on the necessary organisation. There was no desire on the part of Francis Drake of York Lodge to assume a of proprietary attitude in this matter, nor did W.Bro Cloman want to give the impression that he felt he was the only one capable of being the organiser.
- It was hoped that one of the other Lodges would act as hosts in 1971 and that another organiser would be appointed. Similarly if any of the York Lodges felt unable to participate in making or supporting these projects, their wishes, if conveyed to W.Bro Cloman, would be respected and understood.
- It was agreed by all present that W.Bro Cloman should be asked to act as Chairman of the Organising Committee for 1971.
- W.Bro Cloman thanked all who attended the meeting.

6TH January 1971

- **Dining cards and seating** - The trial run of dining cards not having reached the standard required, this point being emphasised by W.Bro Hodgson, after much discussion it was generally agreed the issue of dining cards for the next Regular Lodge ie 1/1/71 be placed in the hands of Bro S.Hardy (steward) and brethren should place them on the dining table where they intend to sit on entering the dining room after the ceremony.
- **Candidate – The name of Mr.L.B.Armishaw** was brought to the notice of the committee. Mr Armishaw has already been interviewed, but as the Treasurer was not present it was agreed he be requested to attend again at St.Saviourgate.
- Subject to a satisfactory appraisal it was proposed by W.Bro Hodgson that Mr Armishaw be proposed in open lodge in February, balloted for in March and if successful initiated in April 1971.
- This was seconded by W.Bro Magson.
- **Stewards clothing** – Provision of lightweight jackets for use by the Stewards was discussed, it was finally resolved as follows –
W.Bro Hodgson proposed and W.Bro Acomb seconded that a letter be formulated for the Eboracum Lodge Committee to the Management Committee recommending that such protective clothing be provided and made available for the use of Eboracum and Minster Lodges.
- **Lack of Candidates** – The Secretary drew attention to the lack of candidates pointing out that arrangements should be put in hand to cover lodges in March/July and September. This was noted and W.Bro Brind suggested that the talk and film on Masonic Homes given by W.Bro Temple was an excellent subject as was the talk and film on Masonic Charities given by W.Bro Saville. It was unanimously agreed to invite both of these W.Brothers to give their respective talks at regular lodge on Monday 8th March 1971.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PAST MASTERS OF EBORACUM LODGE 29TH MARCH 1971

This was a special meeting called to discuss future Past Masters Annual Meetings prior to to Installations.

- ✓ **Past masters dinner** - W.Bro Acomb proposed that all future Masters Elect should be entertained by the Board of Past Masters. This was seconded by W.Bro Magson. After full discussion the proposition was carried.
- ✓ **Installation start time** - W.Bro Hodgson (Director of Ceremonies) felt that 4pm was too late for the start of the Installation Ceremony and it was decided to revert to the earlier time of 3pm.
- ✓ **All Past Masters of and in the lodge....** It was decided that in future the Board of Past Masters of Eboracum Lodge should include all Past Masters both of and in the Lodge.

29TH March 1971

Protective clothing for stewards – It was reported that the proposal to provide the stewards with protective clothing would be raised at the next management committee meeting.

Dining cards – The present method of issuing dining cards not having had the desired effect, it was decided that official guests would be receive priority, this being covered by the Junior Warden.

Talks in Regular Lodge – it was appreciated that having a candidate for initiation, the talks to be given by W.Bros Temple and Saville did not take place at the March regular lodge as had been intended.

Candidates – The Secretary submitted the following applications for membership of Eboracum Lodge – Mr P.O.Preston – aged 40 – an Insurance Official at Yorkshire and General Insurance of York.

Mr.G.A.Sloan aged 52 – Director of Ankers Garage, York.

Alterations – progress report – W.Bro Dales gave a detailed report on the present position. The builder had been instructed to get the outstanding items completed without further delay.

China cabinet for the library – the gift of a china cabinet for use in the library warmly received.

28th July 1971

- **Connaught Court opening** – The Secretary read a letter from the Province concerning the opening of the Connaught Homes by HRH The Duchess of Kent on Friday 17th September 1971 at 2.45pm. The number of tickets allocated to this Lodge was 4. It was decided that W.Bro Oxberry W.M, J.F.Dales Charity Steward and their ladies should use these tickets. We were also asked to submit 3 or 4 Brethren willing to assist with the direction of visitors, removal of chairs and erection of tables. These 3 or 4 Brethren would receive tickets for the opening ceremony.
- **Forthcoming major events** - The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Management Committee noting the following events –
1972 Beacon Jubilee
1974 Minster Jubilee
1976 Eboracum Centenary
- **Installed Masters Lodge formation** – The Committee asked to discuss the question of joint formation of a Lodge of Installed Masters. W.Bro Hodgson proposed that we agree in principle and that we make every endeavour to form an Installed Masters Lodge. This was seconded by W.Bro Duff – it was agreed that an approach to Minster Lodge be made.
- **Eboracum Centenary** – It was decided that this Centenary should be on the agenda for the next meeting or for a special meeting.
- **Charity Representative resigns** - W.Bro Dales asked to be allowed to resign as Charity Representative having been 14 years in the Office. His feeling was it was time to allow a younger brother to take over and serve the Lodge in that capacity. The Committee accepted this resignation with reluctance and regret and the committee wished that sincere thanks to W.Bro Dales be recorded in the minutes.
- **Secretary resigns** – The Secretary also wished to be relieved after a period of 12 years. A very necessary step on medical grounds.
- **Quator Coronati publication** – Bro Hodgson proposed that both Eboracum and Minster Lodges resign their separate membership of Quator Coronati Lodge. This was agreed. The Consortium should then seek membership.

12th November 1971

- **Lodge of Installed Masters to be formed** - W.Bro Hodgson stated that it had been decided to go ahead to form a Lodge of Installed Masters, based in the Masonic Hall, St Saviourgate and that further information would be forthcoming to the Brethren who had declared an interest in such a Lodge.
- **Reform of the Social Committee** – The WM declared his intention to reform this Committee. The subject was discussed at length and it was decided it should consist of the following – the WM / Senior and Junior Wardens / Social Secretary / Ass Social Secretary / Chief Steward / and W.Bro Holmes. In addition, the Treasurer and Social Secretary were to be ex officio members.
- **Quarter Summons agreed** – The future issue of a quarter summons was suggested in order to save on printing and postage, since these costs were rising at an alarming rate. The Secretary stated that although initially it would take longer to prepare, the eventual saving of his time, in future, would be considerable. He also said he had no reason why such a summons could not be prepared for issue for the December meeting. It was agreed that a quarterly summons should be issued in future.

1972

18th February 1972

- **Lodge of Installed Masters to be approved** – W.Bro Hodgson stated that the Petition of the Lodge of Installed Masters was expected to be approved by the P.G.M. on his return from holiday, early in March.
- **Candidates – Mr Paul Phillip James** – aged 36 – a representative of L.S.Dixon – Proposed by Bro P.A.Wilson, and seconded by W.Bro S.Thompson, interview to be arranged.

- **Catering / Festive board** – A letter from the Secretary of the Management Committee dated 25th January 1971 (1972?) was read to the members. Considerable discussion ensued, the outcome of which it was proposed and seconded to
- Introduce a dining card to be enclosed with the Regular Summons to be returned to the Secretary, duly completed, not later than the Friday prior to the Regular Lodge meeting.
- Write to the Secretary of the Management Committee requesting him to look into the standard of catering which, it was felt, had dropped considerably since its inception.
- **Closing Ode** – The WM then read a letter from W.Bro Birkinshaw, our organist, who suggested that the existing Ode was more appropriate than the alternative suggested. After a brief outline, on the origin of the Odes was given by W.Bro Hodgson, W.Bro Borwell proposed that we keep to tradition and make no alteration, this was carried unanimously.

17th March 1972

Emergency Committee meeting

- **Beacon Lodge Golden Jubilee** - The meeting was called to consider a letter from the Secretary of Beacon Lodge No4663 dated 13th March in which was enclosed two invitations to attend their Golden Jubilee Celebration meeting and dinner on Thursday 30th March 1972, 50 years to the day from the date of the Consecration.
It was agreed unanimously that the Eboracum Lodges should be represented by W.Bros. L.J.Martin & T.G.Acomb.

9th May 1972

- **Catering – waitresses or not** - The Secretary stated that he had been informed that at a meeting of the catering sub committee a decision had been taken for the Lastingham Lodge (caterers), Lastingham to be the Lodge caterers for a trial period of three months, commencing with the Eboracum meeting on 10th April. The sub committee had asked that a meeting of the Stewards be called for Thursday 6th April to decide whether or not they would be disposed to carry out the requisite dining room services in addition to their normal duties, so that the price of the meals could be reduced by 10p. The meeting was unanimous, that whilst they did not object to acting as waiters, they were of the opinion that the extra work involved would not permit them to attend the Lodge meetings. They voted therefore for waitresses to be provided and the cost of the meals increased by 10p.
- **Presentation of SRN Belt and Silver Buckle** – W.Bro Acomb explained that it was the usual masonic custom when a nurse of the RMH qualified, for the Mother Lodge of the father to provide the belt and silver buckle of the uniform. Miss Wing, the daughter of W.Bro P.E.Wing recently qualified. He proposed therefore that such a presentation be made and that the buckle be suitably engraved. This was carried unanimously.

15th September 1972

- **Provision of Gauntlets to the Lodge of Installed Masters** – W.Bro Duff said that the steering committee had been given to understand the Beacon Lodge and Minster Lodges had each offered to provide a pair of gauntlets for the new lodge and wondered if Eboracum Lodge were prepared to do the same. W.Bro Borwell stated that he saw objection providing the contributions from the Consortium were not impaired. This was not thought to be the case, therefore W.Bro Flint proposed that Eboracum Lodge provide a pair of gauntlets for the use of the S.Warden – this was carried.
- **Instruction Lodge Supper** – A communication was read by the Secretary which he had received from the Social Committee in to the overcrowding that had occurred at the last Instruction Lodge supper, and their suggestions to overcome the problem in the future. Whilst the committee were in agreement in principle, it was realised that there were difficulties in restricting the number to 76, as suggested. It was also out of the question to hold the function elsewhere. However it was thought that if the following points, if adhered to might alleviate the situation –
 - ✓ Notification of all future social events should exclude any mention of the Instruction Lodge supper as it is not considered a Social Function.
 - ✓ Canvassing of Brethren to attend should be avoided

- ✓ Members below the rank of a MM and visitors ought to be excluded.
- **Provincial Bye-laws** – It was agreed, after a short discussion to accept the recommendation of Provincial Grand Lodge, to present a copy of PGL bye-laws to the newly installed Masters,
- **Americans to visit** – The Secretary outlined correspondence he had received to date from America, regarding the proposed visit by American Masons from the State of Oregon, who expected to be in York in May 1973 and hoped to attend the regular lodge on Monday 14th May.

15TH December 1972

Gauntlets for Installed Masters Lodge – Provision of gauntlets could not be provided, as it was originally hoped, without detriment to the Consortium contributions. It was therefore proposed W.Bro Borwell and seconded by W.Bro Acomb that the Founder members be asked to subscribe 60p each towards the cost – This was carried.

Lodge summons to be duplicated – The Secretary stated that he had made tentative enquiries with York Duplicating Services in Stonegate, with a view to having the Summons duplicated, as opposed to being printed, in the future.

Calculations were based on the following requirements –

- ✓ Seven issues per year, ie five bi-monthly, and two monthly, one of which would be for the Installation.
- ✓ Approximately 130 copies per issue giving a total of 910 per year.
- ✓ The facsimile of the summons could be accurately reproduced and spaced to give extra room for variations in the agenda if necessary. Unfortunately, it was not possible at the time of the visit, to see any examples of the clarity of the process but it was understood that work is undertaken for other Lodges.
- ✓ The cost would be in the region of 1-95? per issue, and may be subject to VAT. These costs do not cover the the envelopes or the addressing of them.

1973

25th May 1973

- **Duplicating the Summons** – The Secretary stated that the Summons produced by the duplicating process had now been used for two issues, namely March/April and May/June, and that a considerable cost saving over printing had resulted.
- **Subscriptions, proposed increase** – A letter from the Secretary of the Management Committee was read, recommending an increase of £2 per year in Subscription, Initiation and Joining fees and the same to apply to members paying reduced annual subscriptions.
W.Bro Acomb then outlined, in detail, the present financial position of the Lodge, and W.Bro Borwell gave an account of the financial standing of the Consortium.
A short discussion took place. On completion of which, it was agreed that the recommendation of the Management Committee be implemented.

27th July 1973

- **Carpark – inconsiderate parking** – W.Bro Hodgson complained of inconsiderate parking of cars in the carpark. He was advised that this matter should be taken up with the Management Committee.

28th September 1973

- **Lodge accounts – savings on printing** – W.Bro Acomb gave a resume of the accounts for the year ending 31st July 1973. He stated that printing costs had virtually been halved and the Lodge was some £121 better off than it had been the previous year. The Brethren thought it was a very satisfactory state of affairs.

- **Benevolent fund** - W.Bro Brind then outlined the position in respect of the Benevolent Fund. W.Bro Borwell that the sum of over £400 was too large to hold in the bank, although he was aware of the reason. W.Bro Brind said he intended to call a meeting of the Benevolent Fund committee in the near future to discuss this point.
- **Past Masters dinner** – The Secretary stated that a price of £1.60 per head had been quoted by the same caterer we had last year for a similar meal and that he had accepted it. The members were of the opinion that it was satisfactory.
- **Installation menu cards** - W.Bro Oxberry would arrange to obtain the Installation menu cards from the same source as last year. The Secretary requested they be ordered as soon as possible.
- **Centenary year planning** - W.Bro Flint drew the attention to the fact that the Centenary Year was only a little over two years away and wondered what we were expected to do on this occasion. The Secretary said he would arrange a meeting with the Provincial Grand Secretary on the subject, and report back to the Committee.

16th November 1973

- **Centenary Celebrations** – The Secretary stated that he had seen the Provincial Grand Secretary who had stated that the request for the Centenary Warrant should be made through the Provincial Grand Secretary approximately 12 to 13 months prior to the anniversary of the Consecration. This would be in July/August 1975. In the meantime, it was suggested that a Centenary Committee be appointed –
 - ✓ The Worshipful Master
 - ✓ Senior and Junior Wardens
 - ✓ Treasurer
 - ✓ Secretary
 - ✓ Librarian

1974

18th January 1974

- **25th Anniversary, presentation or dinner?** – The Worshipful Master will approach W.Bro Davison with a view to obtaining his wishes in respect of a choice between a dinner or a presentation.
- **Lodge inventory** – It was agreed to accept the breakdown of the various areas as suggested by W.Bro Dales. Bro Riley will be responsible for the Kitchen / Pantry / Toilet / Bar / Cellar and wine store – W.Bro Murray the Staircase / Landing / Secretaries and Candidates rooms and Toilet / Bro Escritt the Library. The Consortium will be responsible for the valuation.
- **Centenary celebrations** – An interesting discussion took place regarding this important occasion. The WM asked W.Bro Acomb to give his views on would be entailed so far as he could.
- The undermentioned were more or less definite –

Ceremony	Guildhall
Banquet	Assembly Rooms
Carpark	Dean Park?

One of the most expensive items would be printing. In that particular year it could be several hundred pounds and as the Lodge itself would not be in a position to meet such expenditure it was essential that other methods must be found. To this end an Open Forum must be held at an early date.

W.Bro Acomb stated he was to visit the Provincial Grand Secretary during the coming week and the WM asked him to discuss with W.Bro Corrighan the full procedure and report back in order that a clear picture could be placed before the Brethren at the proposed Forum.

W.Bro Nutt stated that all things being equal, he would be Master in 1976. He considered it an honour and would be prepared to meet a great deal of the expenditure himself.

Those present deeply appreciated his generous offer but it had to be stated it was a Centenary of Eboracum Lodge. However such generosity would be gladly accepted but in what manner it would be for a discussion at a later date.

W.Bro Brind reminded the meeting there was a healthy balance in his Charity Account. This was noted with approval and would not be overlooked for charitable purposes in the Celebration Year.

A small sum of money was held in the Lodge safe, the result of a Christmas collection, to be placed in an account which should be opened in respect of the Centenary Celebrations.

W.Bro Oxberry proposed and Bro Black seconded, this account to be opened and held under the jurisdiction of the WM and W.Bro Acomb.

- **Visitors seating arrangements** – Bro Nutt drew attention to the seating arrangements of some of the visitors at the January Lodge, considering them to be uncomfortable. It was agreed to try and avoid such positioning in future. The numbers attending more or less governed the seating arrangements although it was appreciated there were comfortable seats not occupied on the evening in question.
- **Beacon Lodge Open Night** - B.W.Bro Acomb informed the Committee that W.Bro Scaife had approached him in respect of the Beacon Lodge Open Night, stressing he was hoping for a good attendance from Eboracum Lodge. Unfortunately the date 8th February was a Friday and clashed with the regular lodge rehearsal and as the Master was not available as he was attending Francis Drake of York. – it was later agreed that the rehearsal would be held on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm.

18th March 1974

- **Connaught Court** – W.Bro Acomb informed the Committee that he had attended the Committee meeting of the Friends of Connaught Court held on 17th February. He stated the members were very disappointed that the Eboracum Lodge were not so involved. It was asked that Lodge members become join the Association (annual subscription being 25p, Life membership £3)
W.Bro Magson suggested that the Brethren present should set an example and twelve members agreed to become Life Members.
- **Centenary Celebrations** – The Secretary had written to the PGL Secretary and had received a reply to the effect that the G.I. Librarian had examined the records of the Eboracum Lodge and it would appear that the Brethren would be quite in order to apply for the Centenary Warrant to cover the period from 7th August 1876. The Warrant was to be applied for in the summer of 1975.
It was agreed that a general forum be called for Friday 17th May at 7.30 when the Brethren would be informed of the progress to date and a very loose estimate of the costs that would be involved. The members would be called on for their views for raising the necessary funds.
W.Bro Acomb stated that a Fund, to be known as the Eboracum Lodge Centenary Fund, would be opened in a Building Society with donations received at the Christmas Party. The account will be held in the names of W.Bros Acomb and C.E.Abel.
A sub committee was formed in connection with the Centenary arrangements.
- **25th Anniversary dinner** – It was decided to hold the dinner for W.Bro J.B.Davison on Saturday 20th April 1974 in the Eboracum Masonic Hall at 7 for 7.30pm. The cost to be inclusive of drinks and dinner wine.
- **Stewards leaving Ceremonies early** – W.Bro Watts was disturbed to notice that up to 5 of the Stewards were leaving the Lodge prior to the Charge after Initiation, the 2nd Degree Tracing Board and the Traditional History taking place. It was his opinion that the Temple should come first and that the Stewards ought not to be deprived of witnessing those parts of the Ritual in question. This was generally agreed but it was necessary for some of the Stewards to leave early to help prepare the tables for the Festive Board etc. Arrangements was reached to keep the number leaving, before the end of the Ceremonies, down to three, including the Chief Steward, who was already downstairs.
- **Length of Ceremonies** – W.Bro Hodgson suggested ways and means should be considered in an attempt to reduce the length of Ceremonies. This was agreed and the WM would look into it.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

6th May 1974

- **Annual contribution to the Consortium** – A letter from the Secretary of the Management Committee dated 30th March 1974, was read by the Secretary. The letter advised that the indications were that

an annual contribution of £1000, from each of the Lodges, would shortly be required, which would no doubt entail an increase in annual subscriptions.

- The Committee were advised by W.Bro Acomb that the present income of the Management Committee was as follows –

• Contributions from each Lodge - £700 each	£1400
• Contributions from the carpark	550
• Rents	50
• Stewards donation	300
• Other	40
Total	£2340

W.Bro Acomb, requested on behalf of the Management Committee estimates of the expenditure for the next 12 months.

• Rates	£550
• Heat	350
• Light	200
• Water	10
• Gas	40
• Wages	300
• Insurance	250
• Upkeep	500
• Other expenditure	250
• Hospitality	300
• Sundries	150
• Company tax	125
• Total	£ 3025

- This shows an expenditure over income of £685
- Carpark – W.Bro Borwell said that the carpark revenue would now be £1000 but the re-surfacing, which is very necessary is estimated to cost £500 and Company Tax takes 52% of the donations from other Lodges.
- W.Bro Acomb stated that Lodge expenditure was rising rapidly viz.
- Fees to Grand Lodge had been increased by 30%
- Registration fees by 100% and it was expected that PGL dues were bound to rise.
- Postage and telephone charges were to be increased again.
- ALL in all this would mean a subscription of not less that £15.

A long discussion ensued on Subscriptions, Initiation and Joining fees, the outcome of which was the following proposition –

- That annual subscription be increased from £10.50 to £15.
- That subscriptions for Country Members be increased from £4.50 to £6
- That the fee for Initiation be increased from £19 to £35, exclusive of annual subscription. This was carried with one vote against.
- The Joining fee be raised from £21 to £30, inclusive of subscription. This was carried unanimously.

W.Bro Acomb made it quite clear that the above propositions only covered a period of one year ie 1st December 1974 to 30th November 1975.

Eboracum Lodge No. 1611

**APPLICATION FORM
FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name JOHN SEYMOURSON

Address BURLEIGH
WARTHILL YORK.

Occupation Manufacturing Manager.

Age 42.

Proposed by J. Riley (J. RILEY M.M.) (2 YRS)

Seconded by E. Dell (E. DELL M.M.) (1 MONTHS)

Any further Information:

Associated with Builders Employees
Charity Committee - Poole District.
Hobbies:- Sailing. Do-it-yourself (newhouse).

To be returned to the Worshipful Master.

*Re Check
R.C.*

*Eboracum
Common Law
Warthill
York. 10 May 1974*

Dear Mr. Manning

You may recall my recent application for admission to the Order and the interview I attended on 30 April with the Worshipful Master, the Proceptor and yourself. At the interview it was suggested, in view of my religion, that I should give the question of my application further thought and possibly talk to a priest.

I have given the matter deep consideration but have not talked with a priest - this I felt would be hypocrisy in view of certain convictions I hold. I have concluded that the question of my religion would not trouble my conscience if I were to be admitted to the Order.

I would therefore respectfully request that my application for admission be given further consideration.

Yours sincerely

John Seymourson

JOHN SEYMOURSON

5th June 1974

- **Centenary Celebrations** – The WM stated that the General Forum held on Friday 17th May 1974 had been well attended and expressed his pleasure the W.Bro Oxberrys and Flint were already past the half way mark in respect of the estimated financial target. This news was favourably received by those present.
- **Time factor** – between the Temple and Festive Board – W.Bro K.C.Hodgson again raised the time factor involved at Regular Lodge ceremonies, and after a short discussion it was suggested that an attempt be made to shorten the time period between leaving the Temple and being seated at the Festive Board.
- **Increased Fees and Subscriptions** – The Secretary was instructed to advise the Secretary of the Consortium Committee of the proposals at the meeting – figures as listed at the previous Committee meeting.
- **Dinner party and PM's Wives** – W.Bro Oxberry referred to the very successful evening held to commemorate W.Bro J.Davison's 25 years as a Past Master and suggested a similar evening be arranged to include the Past Master's Wives.
W.Bro Acomb pointed out to the WM the problems which could and would arise to cause friction in the Lodge, should the suggestion be proceeded with, whereupon W.Bro Oxberry withdrew the suggestion.
- **A Catholic applicant for membership** - The Secretary reported three applicants for membership, one of them being Mr J.Seymourson.
Regarding Mr Seymourson, his interview revealed that he was a Catholic – a non practising one. However, he was advised to have further thoughts and perhaps consult a priest. The panel pointed out to him that whilst Freemasonry was not barred to Catholics it was the Catholic faith that did not approve of Masonry.
The Secretary read out a letter he had received from Mr Seymourson in which the latter stated he felt no good would be achieved by consulting a Priest and that it would be hypocrisy to do so and wished his application to be reconsidered.
W.Bro Hodgson handed the WM correspondence regarding a similar case and the reply from a high ranking officer of the Craft, in words, confirmed what had been stated by the applicant.
A frank discussion ensued, their being views for and against by those present, many points were raised including family ties and it was suggested by a Senior Past Master of the Lodge that his proposer and

seconder should arrange a meeting with Mr & Mrs Seymourson and report back. The matter was left open.

- **Rejoining member** – The Secretary stated he had received a letter from Bro R.P.Brewer who was initiated on 8th January 1973 and resigned on 23rd February 1973, and now wishes to rejoin. His reasons for resignation were given and a lively discussion ensued, there were conflicting views as to whether he should be accepted, some members being most honest in stating their personal opinion as to why the applicant should be rejected. On the proposal of W.Bro Magson that an approach be made to W.Bro Darley of the Francis Drake Lodge of York, to obtain his opinion of Bro Brewer and his application, the assistant Secretary was asked to proceed on these lines and report back.

16TH August 1974

- **Mr J.Seymourson** – The WM advised the committee that he, accompanied by Bro Riley, had visited Mr & Mrs Seymourson and he had been very impressed by the visit. It transpired that neither Mr or Mrs Seymourson are in fact practising Catholics as such and although holding religious beliefs do not agree with the Confessional.
- W.Bro Acomb then read a paper, produced by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, concerning religion which cleared many of the points at issue in this case. A short discussion followed and it was decided that his application could now go forward. Mr Seymourson would therefore, be proposed at the regular lodge in September and the ballot take place in October.
- **Brother R.P.Brewer – a joining member** – Bro R.Black reported that he had on the recommendation of W.Bro Magson, contacted W.Bro Darley who had know Bro Brewer from a business point of view. A lengthy discussion then ensued, the outcome of which was for the Secretary to write to Bro Brewer to the effect that if after a period of 12 months had elapsed, and he still of the same opinion to rejoin the Lodge, his application would be reconsidered.
- **Disagreement over Fees and Subscriptions** – The Secretary had written to the Secretary of the Management Committee, copy to the Secretary of Minster Lodge, informing them of the proposals itemised at the meeting on Wednesday 15th June. A copy of Minsters letter dated 15th June was in agreement with the increase in subscriptions but did not agree with the increase in fees. Accordingly, it had been too late to increase fees to take effect from 1st December 1974. W.Bro Acomb gave Notice of Motion at the Regular Lodge in August re-increases in subscriptions to take effect from 1st December 1974.
- **Authorisation of a Lodge History** – At this stage Bro W.E.Escritt was invited to attend the meeting and explained that the History of the Lodge, on which he had been working would have to be approved by the Provincial Grand Master before printing, vide para 177 of the Book of Constitutions. He suggested therefore, that the best way to bring this about was for him to read the manuscript in parts to some of the Past Masters of the Lodge, who could then present it the Provincial Grand Secretary for Approval.
- The WM suggested a panel be formed consisting of the W.Bro Acomb, H.Watts, K.Hodgson who would attend to this matter – This was agreed.
- **Past Masters Jewel** – W.Bro Acomb explained that the Lodge had been presented by a Past Master Jewel by the Widow of W.Bro Harry Hermon and W.Bro Abel on the completion of his mastership would he accept it? The WM replied that he would be delighted to do so.
- **Noise from the bar** – W.Bro Flint was perturbed at the noise emanating from the bar whilst the members were dining, following the August Lodge meeting. He was supported by many of those present. It was understood that the Stewards were the cause. The WM said he would have a quiet word with the Stewards.
- **Bro D.Denham an excluded member** – Bro Black informed the meeting that he had been approached by a third party, regarding the possibility of Bro D.Denham, and excluded member, re-joining the Lodge. A lively discussion ensued and W.Bro. Acomb suggested that Bro Black inform the “third party”, that any application received on behalf of the Brother in question would not be viewed with favour.

23rd September 1974 – Updated catering charges.

Increase in dinner charges – Will you please note that the Lodges and Chapter caterer advised that as from 1st November next he is proposes to make the following increased charges for dinner –

30-40 dinners	£1.10 per head
40-50 dinners	£1.05 per head
Over 50 dinners	£1.00 per head

No alteration in the charge for over 50 dinners.

In addition the caterer proposes to make a surcharge of 5p a head when the meal is commenced after 9pm to cover the high cost of service when there is a lengthy waiting period.

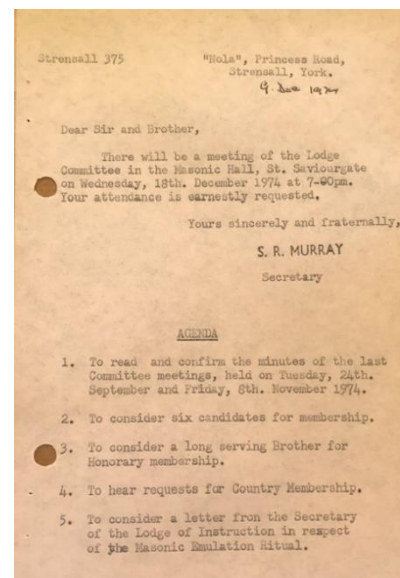
Will you please advise your Brethren?

24th September 1974

- WM is ill – The Secretary explained the W.Master was ill in bed and would have to have a series of x-rays in about a weeks time. W.Bro Davison, therefore chaired the meeting.
- Past Masters Dinner – The dinner had been arranged to be held on Saturday 19th October and it was agreed that the time would be 6pm for 6.30pm. Dress would be dinner jacket. The Secretary said the cost of the meal would be £1.70 per head. Drinks would, of course have to be added to this figure.

9th December

- Agenda for the Lodge Committee meeting.
- There were six named candidates.
- Amongst the six names of the six candidates were –
 - ✓ Mr Alan B. Johnson aged 35
 - ✓ Mr Thomas Charles John James aged 32
 - ✓ Mr Colin Maxwell Foster aged 32
- ✓ Interviewing of the Candidates would start on or about the 17th January 1975



- **Country Membership** – Applications had been received from two Brethren for consideration of reduced annual subscription, because it was claimed they were not in a position to enjoy the privileges of Regular Lodge.
- They were both regular users of the carpark and one of the Brethren was known to visit other Lodges. The Secretary was instructed to write to the applicants for a little more information and at the same time point out that if a reduced fee was agreed, the facilities of the carpark would have to be withdrawn.
- **Emulation Ritual and Eboracum variations** – A letter from the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction was read relating to the differences in the 1969/1970 Emulation Ritual used in the Lodge and the actual Eboracum Working. After a short discussion it was agreed to form a sub committee to deal with the subject
- **Widows in financial need** – W.Brind said that he had been approached by the Almoner in connection with certain Widows of past Members who were not in very good financial circumstances and considered a little extra, in the way of a gift at Christmas would not be out of place.

It was agreed that the Charity Representative, in consultation with the Almoner and Treasurer, should decide and take action considered necessary.

1975

14th February 1975

- **Country Membership update** – The two applicants for consideration of reduced subscription had been invited to provide a little more information to enable a decision to be taken. A reply from one of the Brothers was still awaited, whilst the other one had tendered his resignation.

12th November 1975

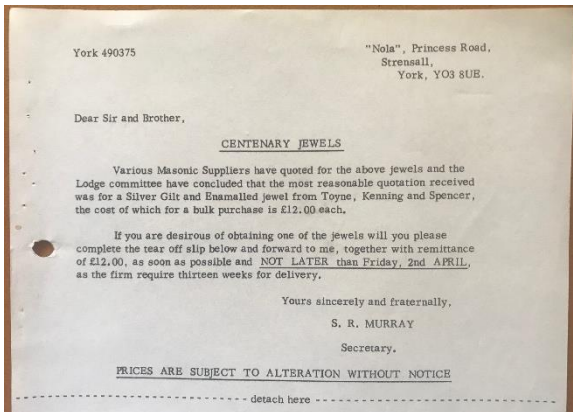
- **Work for 1975** – Bro A.B.Johnson who had been held back at the request of his proposer, W.Bro Nutt, was initiated at the October meeting and would be passed in December and raised in January 1976.
- It was then agreed to follow on with four 1st degrees. Utilising the three dispensations from Grand Lodge, it was possible to admit and complete to the third degree five brethren by the end of the year thus cutting the waiting list to seven.
- **Joining member** – John Atkinson - The Secretary reported that he had received an application on behalf of Mr.John Atkinson as a joining member. The ballot to take place in January.
- **Coffee table for raffle** – It was agreed that the coffee table, presented by Bro J.Riley, be raffled on Friday 19th December after the Carol Service.
- **Tylers duties** – The question of the duties of the Tyler were discussed and the WM agreed that he would list the duties and the Secretary would arrange to bring them to the attention of subsequent Tylers of the Lodge.
- **Post Box key** – The Secretary asked W.Bro Dales, in his capacity Secretary of the Consortium Committee, if a key to the postal box could be given to the Caretaker to enable the box to be emptied daily and so avoid the contents becoming saturated with water. This has happened in the past and at a time when a number of cheques were expected. W.Bro Acomb suggested a key be made available immediately and a report to the Consortium at first opportunity.
- **Cash grant to certain widows over Christmas** – W.Bro Acomb proposed that a cash grant be made to certain widows over the Christmas period. This was agreed unanimously.
- **Centenary year planning** – W.Bro Borwell proposed that to mark the occasion of the Centenary year, the Provincial Grand Master, his deputy and assistant Grand Masters with the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial DC be made Honorary members of the Eboracum Lodge. The proposition was seconded by W.Bro Acomb.
The Secretary said he would speak to the Provincial Grand Secretary and ask for guidance as to the method to adopt to implement the proposal.
- **Date agreed – Jewels to be costed** - The Secretary reported confirmation of the date for the Centenary Celebration as Saturday 7th August 1976. He would ascertain the cost of Centenary Jewels.

1976

27th January 1976

- **Centenary Celebration** – The Provincial Grand Secretary had been approached for advice regarding the offer of Honorary membership of the Lodge to R.W.Provincial Grand Master and other Officers of P.G.Lodge to mark the occasion of the Centenary. The advice had been passed to the WM which was to write at the appropriate time, to the brethren concerned to ascertain their willingness to accept the offer. In this instance the Provincial Grand Secretary intimated a ballot under rule 167 could be dispensed with, a normal vote in open lodge would suffice.
- **Charity Representative/Steward** – A letter from Provincial Grand Lodge in respect of the Appointment or Election of an additional Lodge Officer to be known as the Charity Steward, replacing the Charity Representative, was read. It was agreed that the office be by appointment. The Secretary was instructed to obtain the appropriate jewel of office as soon as possible.

- Honours Board** – W.Bro Borwell approached the question of the Honours Board in so far as the present Masters name would be the last on the existing boards, making a total of 100. He suggested that a hinged panel could at this stage be fitted over the first half of the original one which would then serve for a further 25 years.
 He asked that the suggesting be discussed at the next committee meeting which should be held as soon as possible to enable the wishes of the Lodge be known to the Consortium Committee. W.Bro Acomb seconded the proposal.
- Organ for Centenary meeting** – The WM expressed the view that it would be more in keeping with the tradition of the Lodge if we considered the hire of an organ for use during the Centenary meeting rather than use a piano.
 This was agreed by all present. W.Bro Birkinshaw would be approached to make enquiries if such an instrument could be hired.



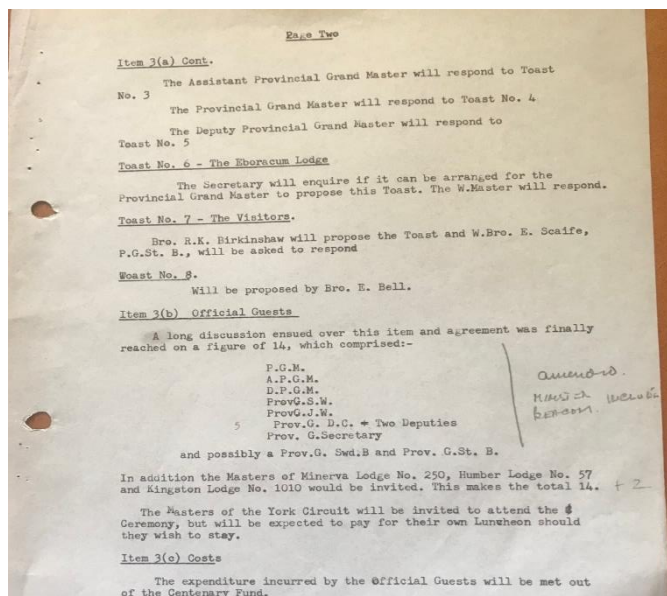
REMAINING WORK FOR 1976 INCLUDING TOASTS
DISPENSATIONS

Monday 9th February	1st.	Thomas C.J. James or Collin W. Foster
Monday 8th. March	1st	as above
Dispensation Friday 20th March (in)	1st	Kelth A Horner or Kenneth G. Appleby
Monday 12th April	2nd.	Thomas G.W. James or Collin W. Foster
Dispensation Friday 2nd. April	1st	Kenneth G. Appleby or Kelth A. Horner
Monday 10th. May	2nd	Collin W. Foster or Thomas G.W. James
Dispensation Friday 28th May	2nd	Kelth A Horner or Kenneth G. Appleby
Monday 14th June	2nd	W. E. Murray as above or W. E. Murray
Monday 12th July	3rd	To J. Shaw
Monday 9th August	3rd	C. H. Ayres
Monday 13th. September	1st 3rd	In order
Monday 11th. October	2nd 3rd	Checked to W. E. Murray W. E. Murray (Committee Meeting Friday 27th October)

*Balance Subject to Alteration
of Expenses September 1976/77*

25th February 1976

- Honours board** – At the request of W.Bro Borwell this subject was discussed as the last name, W.Bro Nutt, completed the space available.
 It was proposed that W.Bro Borwell bring to the attention of the Management Committee the necessity Modification of the Honous Board to the right of the WM chair by providing two matching hinged leaves. This would provide, in the first instance, for a further 50 names.
- Centenary menu** – The suggested menu, received from Messrs Fawcett was discussed and it was decided to refer it back for a further meeting, and in the meantime a change in the first course be considered.
- Centenary Official guests** – At this stage the number of official guests who would be attending the Centenary meeting was unresolved, but 20 guests were a possibility.
- Jewels** – The Secretary stated that the response for Centenary Jewels had not been as enthusiastic as originally supposed and that a small increase on the estimated cost of £12 may have to be made.
- None presentation of the Jewels** – The Provincial Grand Secretary had informed the Secretary that presentation of the jewels would not be made by the Provincial Grand Master at the meeting.



29th June 1976

- **Proposed visit to York by the Cumberland Lodge No26 of British Columbia, Canada** - The meeting was called because of a letter received from the Provincial Grand Secretary advising that members of The Cumberland Lodge No26 of British Columbia, Canada proposed to visit York during October 1976 for a period of three weeks. They are anxious to perform the Three Degrees in Three different Lodges whilst in the area.
- The WM was informed of the contents of the letter prior to his vacation and said that he would go along with the decision of the Committee. The Secretary had advised the members of the contents of the letter prior to the meeting to allow them time to reflect on the request.
- The Secretary read the letter to the Committee members and stated that the Provincial Grand Secretary had informed him that York Lodge No236 had down the suggestion, but the Lodge of St.Germain had accepted and agreed to the request.
- A very long discussion of all the implications involved then ensued from which it was apparent that an approximate equal division exists for and against the suggestion. A vote was therefore taken on "should we allow the Cumberland Lodge to perform a 2nd degree ceremony" The result was 7 for and 8 against, however the Committee that we should extend our hospitality in the circumstances and discuss alternatives were put forward.
- The outcome of which was to welcome the Cumberland Lodge on the 11th October and to them the full facilities of the Lodge to carry out a demonstration 2nd degree on either the 12th, 13th or 14th October. The Secretary to inform the Provincial Grand Secretary immediately.
- **Lodge History Book** – The Secretary stated that he had received the provisional cost for printing the Lodge History Booklet and it was far in excess the original estimate. It was agreed that he would approach the binders on the subject.

12TH August 1976

- **Honours Board** – W.Bro Dales stated that he had requested drawings for the new Honours Board which had now been received. The drawing showed a separate panel in the alcove in the N.E.corner of the Lodge. It was agreed the need for a period of time to consider the drawings – it was agreed that the panels should be able to accommodate 50 names on each – it was also agreed that a cheap mock-up be produced
- **Lodge Hospitality** – W.Bro Borwell stated that the cost of entertaining Lodge Guests came out of Consortium funds. At present it is costing approximately £500 per annum, £280 of which is on behalf of Eboracum Lodge. It was agreed to leave things as they are for the present.
- **Annual Subscriptions** – The Secretary read a letter from the Consortium Secretary advising that subscriptions to the 1st August 1977 would be £1,250 and to 1st August 1978 it would be £1,500 per annum per Lodge.
- After general discussion, W.Bro Acomb proposed that the fees/subscriptions should be altered to –
 - ✓ Annual Subs £15 to £20
 - ✓ Country Members £6 to £10
 - ✓ Initiation fees £19 to £25
 - ✓ Joining members £10.50 to £15
- ✓ This was seconded by W.Bro Duff.
 - **Damaged cars in the carpark** – W.Bro Flint complained that h.e had suffered damage to his car by inconsiderate parking by other members in the carpark. It was agreed that Secretary write to the Secretary of the Consortium requesting that the matter be drawn to the attention of the key holders. The damage was likely to have been caused by someone opening their car door and allowing it to hit the car parked alongside – the cost of repair was likely to be in the region of £17.
 - **Charity Steward** – The Secretary read out a circular for Grand Lodge to the effect that Charity Stewards had to be appointed by the WM and not elected by the members.
 - **Steward leaving Ceremonies too early** – W.Bro Watts made reference to the departure of the Stewards from the Temple prior to the, Charge after Initiation / the 2nd Tracing Board and the Traditional History been given. This practice is not to be encouraged particularly in respect of the Junior members. It was agreed the WM would have a word with them.

- **Consortium Talk/Lecture** – The WM made reference to the Legal Document drawn up for the Constitution of Eboracum and Minster Lodges and suggested a talk on the “Constitution” be given at a future date – the matter was left on the table.

26th August 1976

- **History booklet** – W.Bro Acomb stated that the cost of the History Booklet would be agreed later. Every subscribing member of the Lodge would be entitled to a free copy. Extra copies would have to be paid for.
- **Cumberland Lodge No26 to visit** – The Secretary advised the members of the content of a letter he had sent to the Secretary of the Cumberland Lodge and of a reply he had received from their Secretary. He confirmed that they would be delighted to attend our Regular meeting on Monday 11th October and to give a demonstration of a 2nd degree ceremony.
- **Social function to include the Ladies?** – A long discussion took place to include some sort of celebration to include the Ladies to mark the end of the Centenary Year. The WM summing up said it was the general opinion of the Committee that as all the Officers had had a strenuous year it would be unfair at this stage to overload them any further. There was still the Supper Dance to take place in October, this should suffice.
- **W.Bro Acomb replying to W.Bro Abell** stated that he would advise the Brethren of the Centenary Accounts as soon as they were available.

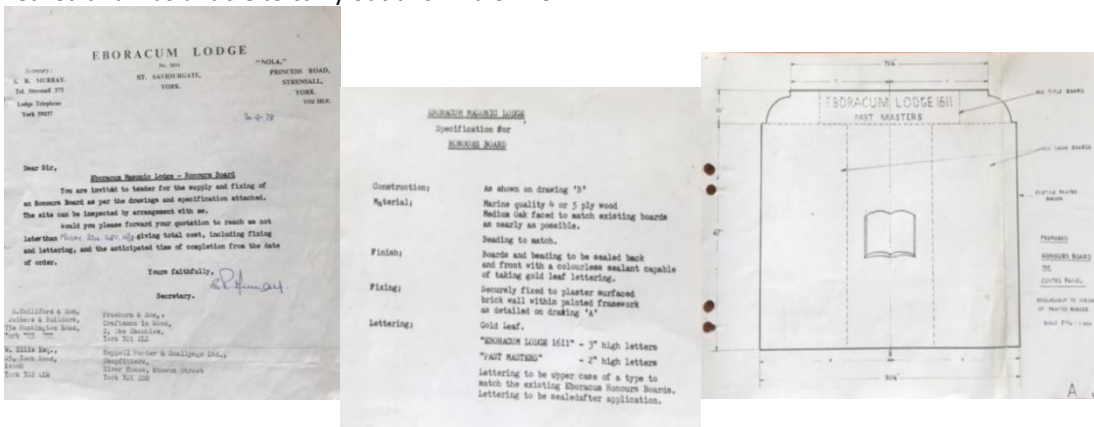
1978

4th August 1978

- **Honours Board** – It was agreed that the new board is to be situated in the alcove recess behind the Secretars desk
It was agreed that 3 or 4 firms be invited to tender for the work – Bro R. Culliford, Minster Lodge / Mr W.Ellis of Acomb / Mr Freeman of the Shambles and Heppel, Hunter and Smallpage of Museum St. Drawings and specifications to be supplied by Bro P.O.Preston. The boards to be produced from Oak faced 4 or 5 ply to match as near as possible the existing boards.
- **Past Masters Jewel** – The WM asked if it was possible to revert to the original jewel provided before the war of which 4 were in existence. W.Bro Acomb stated that the jewel now used cost £20 and that he had written to Toye, Kenning and Spencer to obtain the cost of the larger jewel if still available. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.
- **Past Masters dinner** – The Secretary said if agreed the Dinner would follow the usual pattern of an exclusive cost which he estimated to be in the region of £5 per head and would take place on Saturday 14th October at 6.30 for 7pm.

5th September 1978

- **Honours Board** – A letter had been received from Mr Ellis of the Shambles to say that he had now retired and was unable to carry out this kind of work.



- Board. W.Bro Acomb stated that the estimated cost was £380 for including the lettering.

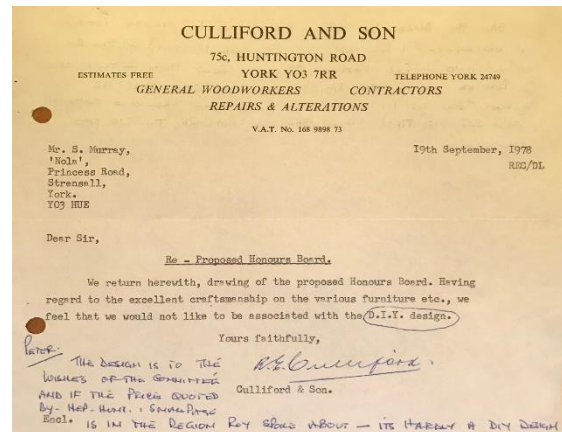
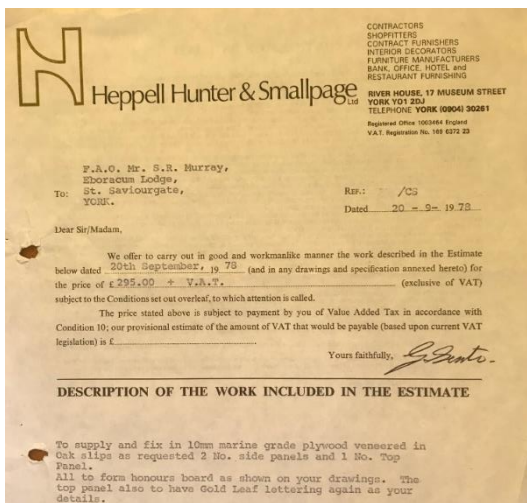
19th March 1979

- **18th Century display** – W.Bro Reg Cooley together with W.Bro ??, they would like providing agreement with the Committee was forth coming, to arrange a demonstration of an 18th Century Ceremony in the appropriate dress. This had been performed previously by the two W.Brethren and photographs of the occasion were to hand. W.Bro Cooley went on to say that it was his idea to perform the ceremony preferably at St.Saviourgate or at any other lodge at a time to be decided to make a small charge, the proceeds of which to go to Charity.

6th April 1979

- **Increase in Annual Lodge contribution** – A letter from Minster Lodge was received in response to the suggestion from the Consortium Treasurer, W.Bro J.B.Stainthorpe that the annual Lodge contributions should be raised to £2000 per annum. The letter went on to say that as the subscriptions are identical for both Lodges it was suggested that a meeting be arranged to decide what to do in the future. At the proposed meeting it was suggested that the WM, SW and Treasurer from each Lodge should meet.
- **Honours Board** – The order for the new Honours Board had now been placed with Messrs Freeman.
- **Annual subscriptions increased and to be "index linked"**- It was generally agreed that the annual subscriptions be raises as follows – Full members to pay £25 annually and country member £12, Initiation fee £40, Joining/Re Joining members £20.

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- **Bro J.Seymourson** – A letter was received from Bro Seymourson enclosing a cheque for £40. He apologised for not attending Lodge for over 2 years due to the ill health of his wife and other family members. He asked for guidance as to the best course of action he should take given that he did not wish to resign. The Secretary said how sorry the Brethren were to hear of his difficulties and suggested that he may wish to consider becoming a Country Member. At the Installation meeting held in November it was agreed that Bro Seymourson could become a Country Member.
- **Dress Code reminder** – A letter had been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary regarding the dress code for Masons he stated "It is apparent that during the past few months Dress adopted by some members when attending Lodge Meetings had fallen below the standard which is considered appropriate.

The introduction of coloured shirts as part of the Dinner Jacket attire has led to some members thinking that such form of innovation is acceptable.

So far as the Province is concerned the Provincial Committee of General Purposes wish to make it clear that any deviation from the traditionally accepted form of Dress is deprecated and Lodges are asked to make this clear to members and, in particular, their Director of Ceremonies.

It is also thought that Lodges should consider being rather more specific when stipulating Dress requirements on their Lodge Summonses, thus ensuring that the following interpretations are adhered to –

Dinner Jacket – This means black or midnight blue coat and trousers, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black shoes.

Dark clothing – This means a dark suit, plain black tie, white shirt and collar, black shoes and black socks.”

**Yours sincerely and fraternally,
Provincial Grand Secretary**

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- **Build a Capital Reserve** – The Asst.Secretary read a letter from Bro.G.Stead in which it was suggested that the Eboracum/Minster Consortium should seek amass a capital reserve, and this could be done by an increase in subscriptions. After discussion it was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Consortium.
- **Cutlery gift** – Bro P.Wilson proposed and was seconded by Bro J.Whalley thanks should be recorded to the anonymous donor of the new cutlery. This was carried.