

SCRIBBLES

An occasional Newsletter produced for the amusement and information of the Brethren of

DOWNSHIRE LODGE, NO 594, MEETING AT LIVERPOOL

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THE INSTALLATION –DIDN'T WE DO WELL!



Our Honoured Guest W.Bro Harry Cox PSGD, APrGM takes wine with our new Worshipful Master, Bro John Colin Harrop.

The whole ceremony rollicked along in fine style with nary a hiccup so it's a pat on the back all round. It was certainly nice to be back home in the Corinthian which added its own air of dignity to the whole proceedings.

The Festive Board was outstanding and even the most dedicated trencherman (yes, I do mean you W,Bro Robinson) was well satisfied.

The evening was enhanced by the presence of a number of guests, old friends and new, who kept us on our toes in the Lodge room and delighted us with their company later.



The Masters Song was delivered by W.Bro E Norman Pritchard accompanied on the pianoforte in thunderous style by our own W.Bro Oliver Winder.



This photo sums up the evening—our new Worshipful Master and his Installing Master, W.Bro Terry Longworth in a relaxed mood after an excellent evening's work well done.

Brethren we are off to a flying start so lets keep up the momentum and give our WM our wholehearted support both at Lodge and, particularly at Social Functions so that he, and we, have a truly memorable year.

A Daily Advancement ...

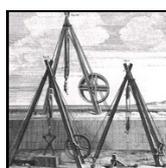
Where did the myth of the 'Goat' often mentioned in relation to initiation ceremonies arise?



A "goat" (French: chèvre) was the common name given by the mediaeval stonemasons to the simple three-legged wooden cranes which they used to lift stones manually.

Similar cranes had already been used thousands of years earlier by their predecessors.

Roman stonemasons already called it a "goat".



A fine representation of such a "goat" (scientific names : tripastos) can be seen on a extant fresco depicting a Roman construction site at the Villa San Marco at Stabiae, near Pompeii (Italy). When at work some Masonic lodges in England and their districts overseas, still display today on the Junior Warden's pedestal, a miniature "goat" i.e. a tripod showing a stone suspended between its three legs, all with pulleys, ropes, chains, lewis, etc. Some of these items are wonderfully crafted museum pieces.

Dates for the Diary



Friday, 10th November, Remembrance Service at the Liverpool Masonic Hall War Memorial. 10.30 followed by a cup of tea. All welcome.

Thursday, 23rd November. Regular Meeting, business TBA.

Wednesday, 6th December, Lodge Committee and a Practice.



Saturday, 9th December, Joint Christmas function with Blenheim and Childwall Lodges. At the Hall. Festive Fare and Fun, £25 pp. Paul Dwan's the man for tickets. This is our first opportunity to show our support for Colin so let's aim for a bumper turnout and a couple of 'Downshire Tables'. Our turn to host this function will come around soon enough. Paul's Mobile is 07979731444 or email him at pauldwan27@gmail.com

N.B No Lodge Meeting in December

Wednesday, 3rd January, Lodge Committee and practice—if the Hall is open.



Saturday, 24th March 2018. Ladies Night @ [Allerton Manor Golf Club](#)—more information to follow—but ink it in your diary NOW. It's a brand new function room set in beautiful surroundings. Our WM cordially invites all brethren, their partners and guests to join him for what is bound to be a memorable evening together. ~~~~~

Can I remind Brethren that the **Lodge Committee** is open to ALL lodge Officers, i.e. if your name is on the Summons you are a Lodge Officer. Further it would be nice if Lodge Officers attended the practice that follows the Committee for it is there that you will see how the ceremonies are put together and it is there that you may have a go yourself at bits of the ritual. If you have learnt even a little bit you are welcome to have a go. It is here you will realise that that which you had word-perfect when walking the dog suddenly becomes a distant memory when you stand up. Don't worry about it as it has happened to us all—and probably will do so again. The important thing is to 'have a go'.

A Lodge is not a static entity—its very survival is dependant on the willingness of brethren to attend and show commitment to the Lodge. It is the duty of the Past Masters to encourage and develop the less experienced brethren for it is they upon whom the Lodge will depend to carry it forward into the next Century. Many lodges have the problem of what I call 'a broken ladder' there are a few rungs missing, usually at the bottom and we need brethren to become involved. To be fair there can be problems at the top of the ladder too with some of us having a few slates missing. I am in that latter category and cannot be relied on to take any sensible part in our rituals from here on in. ~~~~~

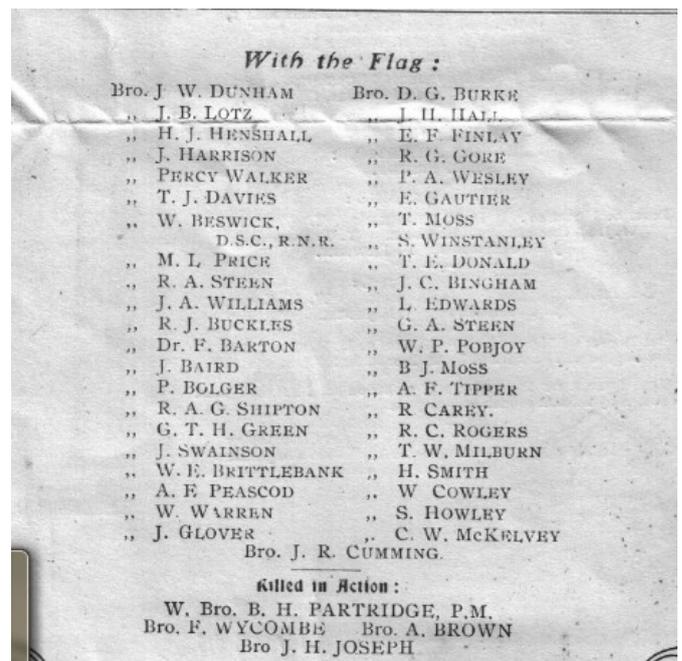
In Flanders Fields By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Reproduced below is the Roll Of Honour printed in our Lodge Summons of November 1917



WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

I do wonder how many of our brethren were in the Merchant Navy and also 'Serving' though not 'With The Flag'.



This is my last Scribbles for the year so may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. [Cheers!](#) Dave