

Semicentennial Meeting And Banner Rededication

At the

Masonic Hall, Snargate Street, Dover

On

Monday 29th November 2021

At

1730 Hours

THE TRINITY MARINERS' LODGE

No. 8406



Semicentennial Dinner

Master

W.Bro. JOHN TURNER PPrJGD



(as close as possible to the Consecration Menu)

Smoked Salmon with Salad,
Brown Bread and Butter.



Roast Rack of Lamb, Braised Onions,
Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower au Gratin,
Baby Carrots in Butter, Gravy.



Apple Pie with Fresh Cream.



Cheese Board & Biscuits.



Coffee & Mints.



Port: Cockburn's Special Reserve.

Grace

(to be sung)

“Laudi Spirituali”

“For these and all Thy mercies given,
We bless and praise Thy Name, O Lord,
May we receive them with thanksgiving,
Ever trusting in Thy Word,
To Thee alone be honour, glory,
Now and henceforth for evermore.”

Amen

TOASTS

The Queen and the Craft

HIS MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the DUKE of KENT

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO. GRAND MASTER

Peter Geoffrey Lowndes.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Jonathan Spence.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

Sir David Hugh Wootton

and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
Neil Hamilton Johnstone

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

Worshipful Brother Philip Neil South.

THE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS

Worshipful Brother Mark Christopher Bassant

Worshipful Brother Richard Henry Wingett

Worshipful Brother Mark Edward Costelloe

Worshipful Brother Duncan Andrew Rouse

*And the Officers of the Province of East Kent, Present and Past
and holders of equivalent rank.*

The Worshipful Master

The Founders

Our Visitors and Guests

The Tyler's Toast

Followed by the first verse of The National Anthem



DINERS

W.Bro. R. Arnold
Bro. J. Barnes
W.Bro. D. Barter
W.Bro. R. Buhlman
W.Bro. B. Catling
W.Bro. P. De-La-Mere
Bro. P. Devine
W.Bro. R. Gambrill
W.Bro. T. Glave
W.Bro. M. Goodwin
W.Bro. C. Jones
W.Bro. T. Kingsbury
W.Bro. D. Page
Bro. J. Read
W.Bro. D. Rhydderch
W.Bro. C. Saville
W.Bro. G. Skelton
W.Bro. A. Spiers
W.Bro. B. Swinerd
Bro. A. Thorp
W.Bro. J. Turner

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Almoner, Inner Guard (Acting)
Steward

Secretary

I.P.M. (Acting)
Treasurer, Senior Deacon (Acting)
Chaplain

Tyler

Banner Bearer

Senior Warden
Director of Ceremonies
Junior Warden
Worshipful Master



DINERS

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W.Bro. M. Bassant
W.Bro. G. Beach
W.Bro. J. Beattie
W.Bro. S. Bispham
V.W.Bro. P. Brooshooft
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W.Bro. G. Chisnell
W.Bro. R. Cooper
W.Bro. J. Friel
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W.Bro. C. Harmer
 Bro. A. Hitchcock
W.Bro. M. Lawson
W.Bro. K. Nunn
W.Bro. T. Philpott
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W.Bro. D. Watts

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WM Snar Gate 6770

PDPGM
ProvSGW
ProvJGW
Organist
ProvGStwd


WM Peace & Harmony 199

ProvGStwd

WM White Rose 9308
ProvGDC
ProvSGD



Additional Explanation of The Flags of The Banner And Those On Display At The Festive Board.

International signal flags of the maritime nations overcome the difficulties of language by having a specific meaning regardless of the nationality of the vessel. They also have a second use as letters of the alphabet. For instance the  flag means 'I have a Pilot on board', but it also acts as the 'Hotel' or 'H' flag.

It is in the latter sense that the flags are displayed on the Lodge Banner. The top row is the letters 'T', 'H', 'E'. The two vertical outer columns are 'T', 'R', 'I', 'N', 'I', 'T', 'Y' and 'M', 'A', 'R', 'I', 'N', 'E', 'R', 'S'. The more astute of you will have noticed that the two words are of a different length and the really knowledgeable mariners will have spotted that the bottom flag of the left column does not actually exist, but is merely added to cosmetically balance the display.

The lower rows are 'L', 'O', 'D', 'G', 'E' and '8', '4', '0', '6'; the Lodge number. Numerical flags were pennants on merchant vessels rather than the rectangular versions.

For the purpose of our festive boards you will note we have the Lodge name and number displayed in a dress line, but with an additional flag in the centre



. This is the 'Gin Pennant' and signifies that visitors are most welcome to drinks in that vessel's Wardroom and it is in this sense that visitors are ALWAYS welcome at our festive boards.

As an aside, it used to be common practice, whilst in port, for junior naval officers of one ship to attempt to raise the Gin Pennant on the halyard of another ship, thereby forcing that ship to put on free drinks for the officers of the ship that managed to raise the pennant. If, however, the junior officers were caught raising the pennant then it was their ship that had to put on free drinks within their own Wardroom! It is rumoured that the United States Navy were favoured targets for this prank.



The Lodge Firing Glasses.

‘Gunfire’ salutes with Brethren crashing down thick-based drinking glasses on the table were once a common practice. In Kipling times and earlier the practice was to fill the glass at every toast, empty the glass at the toast and signify completion by crashing the glass down on the table. Masonic festive boards were boisterous affairs that went on long into the night.

The significance of the PLR sequence is unclear and various theories exist as to its origin.

The use of such firing glasses is now much less common, however, and the ‘fire’ is more usually accompanied by the Brethren clapping their hands instead.

In Trinity Mariners, we attempt to enjoy the best of traditional and modern Freemasonry by using our own firing glasses, but in deference to potential damage to Dover Masonic Hall’s tables by the more enthusiastic brethren, we only bang the table with the firing glasses for the first ‘clap’ of the fire, following the ‘point left right’ sequence. The remainder of the fire is completed by normal clapping. The glasses are not used for the Tyler’s toast.

The Glasses were donated to the Lodge by W.Bro. John Backhouse, who is sadly no longer with us.

A variation was ‘Running Fire’ where, following a toast and an announcement by the Master, he would bang his glass on the table, followed by the IPM to his left. This would be continued by each brother on the left around all the tables until it returned to the Master. You may find that the first attempt at our fire this evening resembles this in one direction or the other!!

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