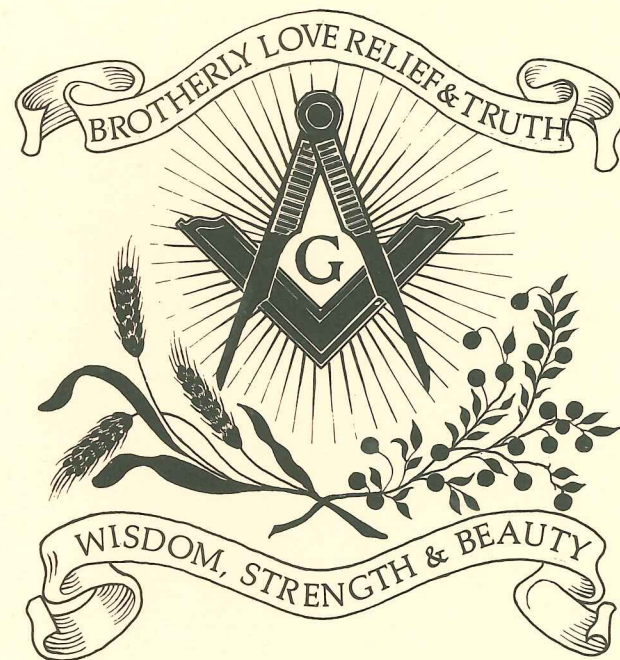


*Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
Beverly, Massachusetts*





Presented to June Kenney
for a year of faithful devotion.

— Your husband — June 7, 1974

Stewart Allen Miner

Gertrude Miner

Grand Master Virginia, 1974

Glarence A. Cairns

Grand Marshal, Virginia, 1974

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Robert C. Swiger, Alexandria - Wash. 22

C. Lee Bolton DDGM DIST. 1-A

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Robert Bosterbaugh Marshall Alex. Wash #22

Robert Howard Alex - Wash #22

J. Westly Robinson Alex - Wash #22

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Lilly Sweitzer

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 Ruth Louise Arnold
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 Barbara H. Beach
 Lucille B. Vose →
 Ruth K. Randall
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 Whitfield W. Johnson
 Robert Beach
 Benj. G. Robinson
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 A. Neil Osgood
 Ralph H. Arnold
 Hyman A. Randel
 Ralph Ernest Bayes
 Kenneth H. Simpson

Most Worshipful Donald Warren Vose -
 Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

Donald W. Vose



*History of
Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
Beverly, Massachusetts*

*Instituted
June 9, 1824*

*Perpared for the
150th Anniversary
June, 1974*

Dedication

*This book is dedicated to the
Past Masters of Liberty Lodge.
Their dedication to the Fraternity
has made this one-hundred-and-fiftieth
Anniversary possible.*

1824 - 1974

The Anniversary Committee

"Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Liberty Lodge is deeply indebted to the Anniversary Committee who have so willingly devoted many hours of their time to make our One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary a success. We asked for their help and they gave it, we sought their assistance and found it, we knocked on the door of their abilities and they were opened unto us.

General Chairman

Wor. Donald S. Kenney

History Committee Chairman

Wor. Alexander W. D. Black

Anniversary Book Chairman

Wor. Bryant B. Besse

Reception Committee Chairman

Wor. Albert C. Phillips

Banquet Committee Chairman

Bro. Alan B. Ayers

Transportation Committee

Bro. Maurice P. Nack

Music

Wor. Paul W. Lunn

As Chairmen of their respective committees, these Brethren were ably assisted by numerous members of Liberty Lodge to whom we all owe a debt of sincere gratitude.

Masters Message



Wor. Donald S. Kenney
Master
1973-1974

One hundred and fifty years ago, Liberty Lodge was born on the threshold of an anti-Masonic frenzy which was spreading throughout the United States. From 1826 to 1845, many Lodges, and yes, even Grand Lodges ceased to operate or went out of existence. Undaunted by these adversities and the taunts of the citizenry, the members of Liberty Lodge, and Freemasons throughout the land, men of strong convictions and character, held fast to their principles and continued to practice their noble rites and Liberty Lodge has flourished these many years. The lapse of time, financial depression, the ravages of war, and every conceivable natural or man made adversity have not diminished the lofty ideals of Masonry, nor the desire of its members to practice the rites of the "mystic tyge". Liberty Lodge today numbers over 600 members; the oldest continuously active organization in the city of Beverly, having listed among its members, a President of the United States, an Earl of the Realm, scholars, artists, mayors, generals, storekeepers, gardeners, laborers—men from every walk of life.

My term as Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge, has been filled with many activities and much personal satisfaction. The comradeship, our annual celebration commemorating the birth of Illustrious George Washington; a Fraternal visit by the Brethern and their ladies of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Alexandria, Virginia; our 150th anniversary celebration; and, the climax of over 80 years of Fraternal communication, brings to our shores our beloved Brethren from across the sea, the Brethren and their ladies of The Constitutional Lodge, No. 294 of Beverley, England. These activities have and will bring enjoyment to many, as well as stimulating friendships which shall continue for many years to come.

To the Brethren who have joined in developing and presenting these programs, I am indebted and grateful for their unselfish and tireless assistance. It is only through their devotion and dedication that our programs have been successful. Active fraternal and social programs are a stimulus which create interest not only among the Brethren, but among those who are not members of the Craft.

What is the future of Liberty Lodge; Of Freemasonry itself? In another fifty years or even one hundred and fifty years, will men still be taking their vows at the consecrated altar of Freemasonry? Will there be men worthy of admission to our ancient craft? Will men desire to become

Masons? The answer to these questions lie in our devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, our willingness to practice in our daily lives the teachings of the Holy Scriptures and the lessons we are taught in the Degrees of Freemasonry. As long as there are men of good will, of concern for their fellow man, then Freemasonry will survive. Freemasonry will stand as a beacon for all to see; a safeguard for righteous living, moral integrity, human understanding, and love for all mankind.

Today we are faced with an almost total collapse of morality and integrity in our social, business, civil, and political life. Social strife and decay is at every hand. The world cries to be wrest from the dilemma in which it finds itself. Where are we to turn? We have the tools! Let us use them! Let us have the perseverance, the willingness, the fortitude to do our duty, to be leaders in every walk of life; to make this world a world of peace, justice, equality, and brotherhood. This is the challenge of the future. In another one hundred and fifty years, let it be said that we met that challenge.



Wor. Jesse Shelden
Worshipful Master
1824-1825-1826-1830-1831

Excerpt from the first book of records of Liberty Lodge

The first recorded meeting of Liberty Lodge was held on Monday, March 22, 1824. At this meeting, officers were selected for the future Lodge, and one man was selected for office who was not even an Entered Apprentice, Joseph Hill, the Tyler.

The following officers were unanimously elected:

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| Jesse Shelden | <i>Master</i> |
| John P. Webber | <i>Senior Warden</i> |
| Samuel D. Turner | <i>Junior Warden</i> |
| Daniel Poor | <i>Chaplain</i> |
| Amos Shelden | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Stephens Baker | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Francis Lamson, Jr. | <i>Senior Deacon</i> |
| Emery Norris | <i>Junior Deacon</i> |
| Simeon Smith | <i>Steward</i> |
| Benjamin S. Lunt | <i>Steward</i> |
| George Brown | <i>Marshal</i> |
| Joseph Hill | <i>Tyler</i> |

Jesse Shelden, John P. Webber, and Samuel D. Turner were chosen as the Committee on Charity and Inquiry. Amos Shelden, George Brown, and John P. Webber were chosen as the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Charter Members of Liberty Lodge

Amos Shelden
First Treasurer
Fifth Worshipful Master
Trade—Real Estate, Danvers
Received Degrees—Jordan Lodge

Benjamin S. Lunt
First Junior Steward
Tyler: 1829-1832
Grandson, Hervey Lunt, was
Eleventh Worshipful Master
Received Degrees—St. Marks Lodge
Newburyport

George Brown
First Marshal
Received Degrees—St. Andrews Lodge,
Boston, Chairman, Committee
to furnish first Lodge

Samuel D. Turner
First Junior Warden
Received Degrees—
Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead
Trade—Baker

Jesse Shelden
First Worshipful Master
Received Degrees, Jordan Lodge, Danvers
Trade—Owner, Meat Market

John P. Webber
First Senior Warden
Received Degrees—Jordan Lodge, Danvers
Trade—Mustard Business
Son, John P. Webber, Jr. was
fourth Secretary

Stephen Roundy, Jr.
Sixth Junior Warden
Received Degrees—Mt. Lebanon Lodge
Boston

William Gallop
Departed 1826
Received Degrees—King Solomon's Lodge,
Charlestown.
Grandson, William Galloupe,
was thirtieth Worshipful Master

Emery Norris
First Junior Deacon
Second Senior Warden
Received Degrees—Essex Lodge, Salem
Trade—Trader

Stephens Baker
First Secretary
Third Senior Warden
Received Degrees—
St. John's Lodge,
Wilmington, North Carolina
Trade—Silversmith, Postmaster

Andrew T. Leech
On Committee that planned
dedication of Hall
Received Degrees—
Essex Lodge, Salem

Benjamin Webber
Received Degrees—
Jordan Lodge, Danvers
Trade—Master Mariner

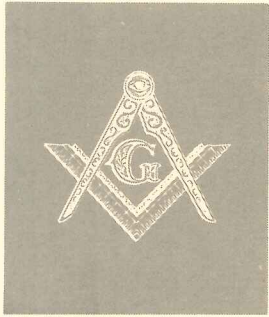
Simeon Smith
First Senior Steward
Received Degrees—
Jordan Lodge, Danvers
Trade—Spice Business

CHARTER OF LIBERTY LODGE

The Charter of Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Beverly,
Massachusetts, is dated June 9, 1824, and is signed
by the following officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

John Abbott *Grand Master*
Caleb Brown *Deputy Grand Master*
Samuel Thaxter *Senior Grand Warden*
John Keys *Junior Grand Warden*

Attested by Thomas Power, *Grand Secretary*



Wor. Samuel D. Turner
1827-1828-1829-1833-1839



Wor. Benjamin Pierce
1832

The History of Liberty Lodge—Foreword

This history of Liberty Lodge is presented in two parts. Part I gives the history of the Lodge for its first 100 years: 1824-1924. Part II gives the history of the Lodge for the last 50 years: 1924-1974.

In 1924, "Freemasonry in Beverly, 1779-1924", written by Wor. E.J.V. Huiginn, was published by the North Shore Printing Co., of Beverly, Massachusetts. Wor. Bro. Huiginn was well qualified to write that history, he being a member of Liberty Lodge, Past Master of Budleigh Lodge, and Honorary Member of Constitutional Lodge No. 294 of Beverley, England. He did a masterful job in preparing that document, and it is highly recommended to the Brethren and friends of Liberty Lodge that they refer to it for a complete early history of Freemasonry in Beverly and its surrounding communities. Part I of this history consists of a direct abstract of the Huiginn history. In order to present a complete 150-year history of Liberty Lodge at this time, it was necessary to condense Huiginn's history considerably. Very few of his original words have been changed, the abstract was performed by Wor. Bryant B. Besse.

The later history of the Lodge (1924-1974) is given in Part II and was prepared by Wor. Alexander W. D. Black.

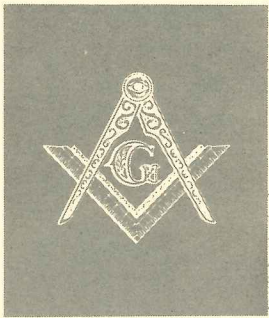
Part I 1824 - 1924

It would not be worth while to write a history of the nearly 3200 Communications of the Lodge and its routine work, nor would it be possible, even if advisable to write about the many members who have signed the By-Laws of the Lodge. The most we can do is to glean the prominent facts and bring out the names of the outstanding members who in one way or another did noticeable service to the Fraternity or reflected some unusual credit on the Craft.

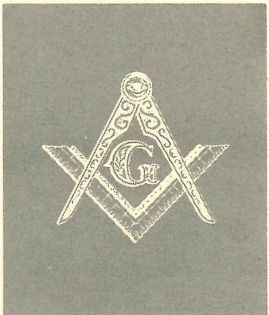
The first meeting held after the date of the Charter was a special one on Tuesday, July 6, 1824. It was opened on E.A. degree, and the petition of Joseph Hill to receive the degrees was presented. He was duly elected and received the first degree. The Lodge was then closed on the first and opened on the second degree, and Joseph Hill was elected to receive the second degree and received it forthwith.

At the first Regular Communication, held on July 8, 1824, a ballot was taken for Joseph Hill to receive the third degree. He was elected and raised, and then elected to membership.

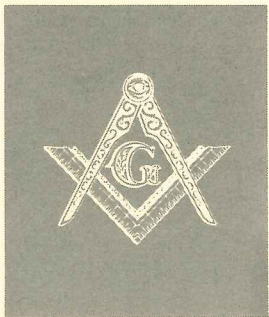
At a Regular meeting on August 5, 1824, a written amendment to the By-Laws was moved by Bro. Stephens Baker, the Sec., and seconded by the Worshipful Master, Jesse Shelden. This amendment was that the Regular Communications of the Lodge



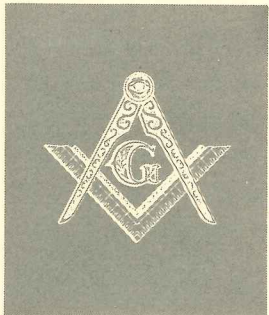
Wor. Jonathan Towne
1834



Wor. Amos Shelden
1835-1836-1837-1838



Wor. John Bell
1845



Wor. Thomas Remmonds
1846-1847-1848-1849

be held on the Monday on or preceding the full of the moon in each month. This was adopted by the Lodge at a Regular Communication held September 2, 1824.

On December 6, 1824, the first annual election of officers took place in the Lodge room. It was voted at this meeting that the Treasurer pay to the widow of Bro. Benjamin Webber, lately deceased, the ten dollars he had advanced at the foundation of the Lodge.

It is of record that the Lodge, on invitation from the Grand Lodge, participated in the ceremonies attending the laying of the Corner Stone of Bunker Hill Monument on June 17, 1826.

The first visitation from a D.D.G.M. is recorded on October 16, 1825, when the Rev. Bro. John Bartlett, the D.D.G.M. for this district visited Liberty Lodge and collected the Grand Lodge dues, amounting to \$41.00.

For many years it was the custom for the Lodge to elect the first three officers, and these were to bring in a list of candidates for the other offices who were generally elected by the Lodge on the evening of, and immediately before, the Installation. Sometime the Lodge elected more than the first three officers.

From 1828 to 1845 inclusive the Anti-Masonic influence in the country and the community is reflected in the Lodge Records. During these eighteen

years only eleven members signed the By-Laws; there is a probability that twelve did sign them. For eleven years not one member signed. It is possible that candidates were raised, because we know there was at times great carelessness in signing the By-Laws and keeping the Records.

On several pages of the Records there is evidence that the Lodge felt its responsibilities and gave assistance in times of need—in sickness, in cases of fire and accident, and did not forget the widow and the orphan. As early as December 3, 1827, a Committee was appointed to consider the question of raising a fund for the relief of the families of deceased members.

Money was needed to start Liberty Lodge. Here is a record: "The Committee appointed to raise money to pay for the Charter of Liberty Lodge reported that in their opinion it was advisable to circulate a paper for the Brethren to subscribe what they thought proper and when the Lodge is organized to have it put to their credit on the books.

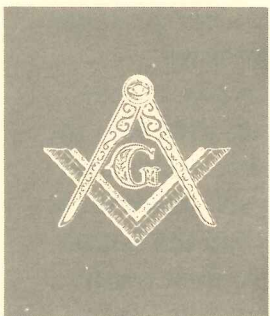
Jesse Shelden
John P. Webber
Samuel D. Turner
George Brown
Committee



Rt. Wor. John B. Hill
1850-1851-1852-1853
1854-1855-1856-1857
1858-1859-1860-1863



Rt. Wor.
S. Lothrop Thorndike
1861-1862



Wor. David S. Shattuck
1864-1865-1866-1867-1868



Wor. Hervey Lunt
1869-1870-1871

There is no list of money subscribed in conformity with this Resolution or Report. However, we do know that on October 4, 1824, it was "Voted, That the Treasurer of this Lodge be authorized to pay to the widow of our deceased Brother, Benjamin Webber, Ten Dollars, being the amount of the money which he advanced at the foundation of this Lodge." On May 15, 1826, the Lodge voted \$10 to the widow of Bro. Gallop. He was one of the Charter Members, as Benjamin Webber was, and the Lodge evidently returned to the widow the amount her husband had contributed towards establishing the Lodge. Again on January 8, 1827, the Lodge at a Regular Communication voted "That those Brethren who paid \$10 when Lodge was first constituted be credited for same on their quarterage fees should they desire it."

From these votes, as well as from a small cash book of the Treasurer of Liberty Lodge, in which it is stated,

"Jesse and Amos Shelden paid \$50 each"—it is easy to conclude that the Brethren, all, contributed to the funds needed to start the Lodge. The first date in the little cash book mentioned is July 6, 1824, the date of the first meeting of Liberty Lodge on record. The last date in the same little book is April 15, 1830. There are 37 names and accounts in the book, but all entries except about the two Sheldens are for entering, passing, raising, and membership fees.

We now come to the period when the Anti-Masonic outburst had quieted down. There is a petition to the Grand Lodge, dated February 26, 1844, which reads: "We, the undersigned Free and Accepted Masons being desirous to resuscitate Liberty Lodge do agree to pay the dues that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have against said Lodge and when a suitable number have agreed thereto to meet and organize said Lodge, agreeable to the ancient landmarks of Masonry.

Beverly, February 26, 1844.

Signed

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| Samuel D. Turner | Daniel Anibal |
| John P. Webber | Jesse Shelden |
| John Lovett | Stephen Roundy, Jr. |
| John Bell | Benjamin Pierce |
| Thomas Farris | Obadiah Patch |
| Abraham Edwards | Thomas Remmonds |

The next we know by the Records is that a Regular Communication was held on April 25, 1845, at the home of Bro. Farris, and that a Lodge of E.A. was opened in due form. Bros. B. Pierce, John P. Webber, and Farris were elected a Committee to bring in a list of officers and report to this meeting.

A motion to change the day of Regular Meeting of Lodge from Monday to Tuesday on or preceding the full of the moon was introduced on August 11, 1845, and adopted on August 21, 1845. This was again changed on January 6, 1846, when the Tuesday was changed to Wednesday. These changes were made



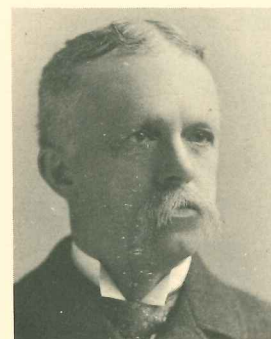
Wor.
Samuel Augustus Endicott
1872



Wor. Isaac H. Edgett
1873-1874-1875-1878-1881



Wor. Charles Woodberry
1876-1877



Wor. William R. Driver
1879

because the Hall was occupied by other bodies on the dates selected by Liberty Lodge.

On October 25, 1852, there was a communication from Fredericksburg Lodge, Va., asking a subscription towards the erection of a monument to Washington in that City, where he was made a Mason. Liberty Lodge appointed a committee to receive and forward subscriptions.

On September 28, 1857, it was voted to appoint a committee to ascertain if funds could be obtained to build a Masonic Hall. The committee was Stephens Baker, John P. Webber, and Abraham Edwards. Bro. Webber, being excused, John B. Hill was chosen in his place.

The Lodge had the pleasure and honor of a visit from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John T. Heard, on Friday, November 13, 1857.

We now approach the period of the Civil War. You could not tell by anything in the Records that there was war in the country or that Liberty Lodge men were interested.

On June 1, 1863 the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William Parkman, and Deputy Grand Master, William Sutton, visited the Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master installed the officers on January 14, 1864, in the "Baptist Meeting House".

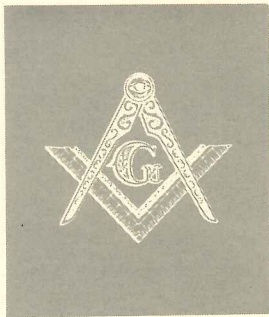
The By-Laws were amended on September 12, 1864, so that instead of taking four ballots for degrees and membership, one ballot would suffice for all,—including the signing of the By-Laws by the newly raised brother.

The Lodge attended in full regalia the Laying of the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple in Boston, on Friday, October 14, 1864.

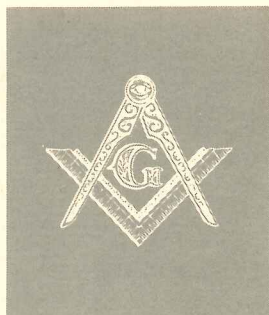
It was voted on December 12, 1864, that "the funds now in Savings Bank, Salem, be drawn by Treasurer and Finance Committee and invested in U.S. Government Stock." There is no hint of the War in this vote but it is the nearest hint to anything in the Records.

A committee of eighteen was appointed by the Lodge on July 15, 1867, to arrange for the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Masonic building on the corner of Cabot and Washington Sts., Beverly. The Corner Stone was laid on August 8, 1867, with full Masonic Services. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was present; also, Starr King Lodge of Salem, Amity Lodge of Danvers, John T. Heard of Ipswich, the Winslow Lewis Encampment of Knights Templar of Salem, and Liberty Lodge, together with other members of the Fraternity.

On April 1, 1868, the new Lodge room was dedicated by Grand Master Dame and the officers of the Grand Lodge. Then the Grand Master installed the officers—the Installation having been postponed to this date.



Wor. George E. Norris
1880



Wor. Charles W. Marshall
1882-1883



Wor. Albert A. May
1884-1885



Wor. Augustus Stevens
1886

The funeral of Jesse Shelden, one of the Charter Members, and the first Master of the Lodge, was held at the North Parish Church on July 7, 1871. At the grave the Masonic Service was held.

When the officers were elected by special dispensation on January 8, 1872, it was voted on January 22 that the Installation be public, and on February 19 it was voted inexpedient to have it public, and at last on March 15, 1872, the Installation took place. Wor. Bro. John B. Hill installed the officers, and there were eight members present, apart from the officers!

Amity Royal Arch Chapter having been recently formed, a Special Committee was appointed by the Lodge on December 9, 1872, to lease the Masonic Apartments to the Chapter and report at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

At the December 8, 1873 meeting, a committee of five was appointed to consider the question of celebrating the semi-centennial of the Lodge. The committee members were: Bro. Stephens Baker (the only Charter member living), and Wor. Bros. J. B. Hill, S. L. Thorndike, Hervey Lunt, and S. A. Endicott.

The Lodge then appointed a committee of nine on the semi-centennial celebration—the same five Brethren already mentioned, and Bros. Charles Woodberry, William A. Webber, Albert Perry, and John G. Millett. On December

14, 1874, Bro. Stephens Baker deposited with the Secretary of Liberty Lodge a manuscript of 112 pages, containing extracts from the Records of the Lodge for the past fifty years.

The work of Brother Baker was a toilsome one for a man of his age. It was an expression of his interest in, and love for, Liberty Lodge and Masonry. He was the last survivor of the Charter members. It is good to know that the manuscript is in a fine state of preservation, and will continue to be safe-guarded from loss or destruction.

But to return to the fiftieth anniversary celebration: after the Lodge was closed a collation was served, at which interesting addresses were made by Bro. Frink, Pastor of the Washington St. Church, Bro. Emery, Pastor of the Universalist, Bro. Wright, Pastor of the Methodist, and Bro. Butler, Pastor of the Unitarian; also by Past Masters Norris of the Essex Lodge, Salem, and Rt. Wor. J. B. Hill of Liberty, and by Bros. John I. Baker, Samuel Porter, and John Meacom.

On November 19, 1883, the M. W. G. Master, Samuel C. Lawrence, paid an unexpected visit to the Lodge, when all had a most pleasant social time.

During 1884, owing to floods in Ohio there was a small sum (\$26) subscribed by some of the Brothers for the relief of brethren in Ohio. The Ohio brethren not needing aid, it was voted, with the



Wor. John F. Hill
1887-1888-1889



Wor. George A. Galloupe
1890-1891



Wor. Fred C. Dodge
1892-1893



Wor. John W. Carter
1894-1895

consent of the donors of the relief money, to turn it into a Charity Fund, of which the interest only should be used; also, that the Treasurer be instructed to get all the brethren of the Lodge to subscribe to this Charity Fund.

On October 24, 1887, Brother Samuel Porter presented a Masonic portrait of Washington, which had been the property of R. W. William Sutton. The same evening the lambskin apron worn by the first Master of the Lodge and obtained for the Lodge by Bro. John Meacom was presented, and it was voted to have the apron framed and hung in the Lodge room, and also that the oil painting of Worshipful Bro. Sheldon, the First Master of Liberty, be properly inscribed and hung in the Lodge room.

On May 22, 1888, the Lodge gave a banquet in honor of Rt. Wor. Bro. John B. Hill, and presented a handsome oil portrait of Wor. Bro. Hill to the Lodge. The portrait was painted by Mr. F. E. Wright, a Boston artist.

Right Wor. Bro. Hill was Master of Liberty Lodge for twelve years. He was the first Excellent High Priest of Amity Chapter, R.A.M., Beverly, and the first Commander of the St. George Commandery, Beverly. He had the honor of being elected to the thirty-third degree, in which honor his Lodge greatly rejoiced. In the Memorial of Wor. Bro. Charles Woodberry by the present writer—which was published by the Lodge,—it is told

how Woodberry's friends wished him to accept the honor of the thirty-third degree for himself, but he with fine Masonic feeling asked that the honor be conferred on his venerable friend whom he loved to call "Our beloved St. John of Beverly."

We now come to a new departure in the routine of Liberty's life. On February 3, 1890, it was moved by Wor. Bro. John B. Hill that Liberty Lodge in some manner should celebrate the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. From that time to the present, February 22 is, year after year, the most outstanding feast day of the Lodge.

The credit for inaugurating this Feast Day of the greatest of all Masons is due, in its entirety, to Wor. Bro. Charles Woodberry.

There is no question about it that the Masonic celebration of Washington's Birthday has been an inspiration and an incentive to all who have been associated with it in Beverly, in Virginia, and in England.

The initiation of these inter-Lodge exchanges of Brotherly Love and Affection was due to Bro. Woodberry. In April, 1889, twenty-four of the brethren of Liberty Lodge celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the Inauguration of Washington as President of the United States. These brothers resolved to have a celebration of Washington's next birthday by the Lodge,



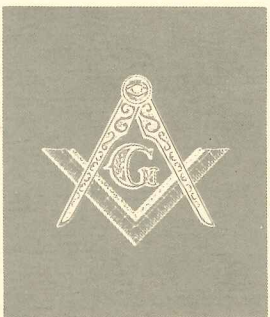
Wor. Stephen W. Abbott
1896-1897



Wor. Charles E. Greenough
1898-1899



Rt. Wor. Luther S. Herrick
1900-1901



Wor. William A. Lee
1902-1903

and to make that February 22 a more noticeable day to the Fraternity, these twenty-four brothers agreed to present to the Lodge a replica of Houdon's famous bust of Washington, which is in the capitol in Richmond, Va.

On that February 22, 1890, then, the first of the annual celebrations was held.

On that historic date, Bro. Edward L. Giddings, himself a military man of the rank of Lt. Col. in the civil war, presented to the Lodge from a number of its members, the replica of Houdon's Bust of Washington which has ever since stood in the East.

At the celebration in 1891, the Grand Master Samuel Wells, the Deputy Grand Master, the Recording Grand Secretary, the Corresponding Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Parkman, and other members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were present, also Masters and Past Masters of neighboring Lodges.

We especially recall the visit of Bro. Charles H. Callahan, the present Grand Master of Virginia, who has worked so indefatigably for the erection of the Great Washington Memorial Temple now being built at Alexandria. It will not be amiss to remind some of the Brethren that Liberty Lodge was the first Lodge to subscribe to the building fund of that magnificent building by sending a check of \$100 as its first installment.

We now direct attention to another friendship which Liberty has formed with a Lodge in the mother-country, England. It came about almost accidentally. The occasion presented itself when two sea captains from England paid a visit to Liberty Lodge. R. W. Bro. Thomson Foley of Beverley, Yorkshire, England, will tell the story in his own words:—Extract from the minutes of The Constitutional Lodge, September 7, 1911, when R. W. Bro. Thomson Foley presented in Liberty Lodge's name the Beaver sent from Liberty Lodge to the Constitutional Lodge of Beverley, Yorkshire.

"About the year 1891 Bro. Capt. R. W. Padgett of this Lodge, was detained with his ship in Boston waiting for freight. He together with another Captain, detained from the same cause, to fill in time visited Beverly. By some means they found that it was the day on which the Masonic Lodge met, and both being Masons they determined to pay it a visit. They did so, and this was the means of bringing to the notice of our American brethren the fact that there was a Lodge at Beverley in the Old Country. Shortly after this, W. Bro. Chas. Woodberry sent a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Freemasons' Lodge, England, with a request that the Lodge would do them the favour to send them a stone from the ruins of Beverley Minster for a Rough Ashler.

"W. Bro. Harry Adams, P.M., was then



Wor. William R. Brooks
1904-1905



Rt. Wor. Walter H. Smith
1906-1907



Wor. William Galloupe
1908



Wor. Frank S. Cleaves
1909-1910

Secretary and as fortune would have it, our W. Bro. Tom Turner, P.M. was Mayor, and as such a Trustee of the Minister. W. Bro. Turner and Bro. Beaumont went down to the yard where the stone belonging to the Minster is stored and selected a stone with some dog-teeth carving upon it, evidently a portion of a rib of the roof groining. This was taken out by Bro. Capt. Padgett and despatched by him from New York to Beverly. This piece of our old Minster is very much prized by our American Brethren.

In 1894, on March 19, Lord Londesborough was unanimously elected to honorary membership in Liberty Lodge, and since that time other members of the English Lodge have received the same honor.

Through Liberty Lodge the Lodges in Alexandria and Beverley, England, were introduced to each other, and since 1894 all three Lodges have Washington's Birthday as a common festival. Letters and cablegrams have been frequently exchanged every year, and representatives of the English Lodge have found their way to Beverly and Alexandria in America. After the Lamented decease of the Centennial Master of the Constitutional Lodge, his son and heir, the young Earl, was elected to his place as honorary member in Liberty Lodge.

Liberty has honorary members in both

Alexandria-Washington and the Constitutional Lodges. Both these Lodges have honorary members in Liberty; and Alexandria-Washington and the Constitutional have each honorary members in the other Lodge.

At the Washington Birthday Celebration in 1904, the Lodge gave a hearty welcome to R. W. Bro. John B. Hill on the completion of his fifty-fifth year as a Mason. In a few weeks the venerable Hill was laid to rest on March 30, with impressive Church and Masonic Services. The Resolutions on his decease are a touching expression of the feelings of the Brothers of Liberty Lodge.

In 1911, Liberty Lodge accepted the request of the Post Office Department to take charge of laying the Corner Stone of the new federal building to be erected on Rantoul St., corner of Broadway. The Corner Stone was laid at request of Liberty by the Grand Master, Dana J. Flanders, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on May 20, 1911. The ceremony was very impressive and was attended by about 400 Brethren and a great concourse of other citizens.

A striking event in 1912, was the visit of President Taft to the Lodge. The President entered the Lodge as a member of the Staff of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Everett C. Benton. There were about four hundred and thirty brethren present, the largest number on record at any meeting of the Lodge to that date.



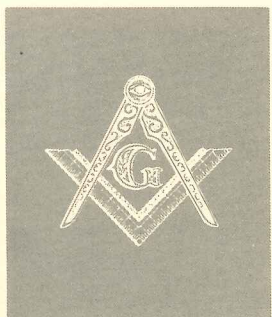
Wor. John H. Harris
1911-1912



Rt. Wor. William H. Parker
1913-1914



Wor. Harland E. Cate
1915-1916



Wor. Howard K. Preston
1917

Mr. Taft signed his name on the visitors' book and on the apron he wore, which is now in the archives of the Lodge; he was a member of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 356, of Cincinnati, Ohio. the President addressed the Lodge and expressed his appreciation of the honor done to him, and thanks for the courtesies to Mrs. Taft, his family and himself. At the next meeting in October, the President was proposed for honorary membership, and he was elected to such membership on November 18, 1912. On January 2, 1913, the Secretary of the Lodge received the following from Mr. Taft:—

The White House,
Washington,
January 2, 1913.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have received your letter and the very handsome certificate of honorary membership in Liberty Lodge. I would be glad to have you express to the members of Liberty Lodge my appreciation of the distinction they have conferred upon me, and to thank them warmly for their fraternal courtesy.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Wm. H. Taft.

Hervey Lunt, Secretary,
Liberty Lodge, A.F. and A. M.,
Beverly, Mass.

It was in April, 1914, that W. Bro. Charles Woodberry died in his sixty-seventh year. In a letter from the English brethren they spoke of W. Bro. Woodberry as "one whose name and memory will be ever cherished as that of one of the best and brightest Masons with whom the Lodge has been connected." The Alexandria brethren in their resolutions said that to W. Bro. Woodberry "is primarily due the credit of establishing the cordial relations now existing between the above-named Lodges, linking as it were the widely separated Commonwealths of Massachusetts and Virginia into a closer and more enduring fraternal relation that had hitherto existed, a relation profoundly cherished by all the members of both Lodges."

W. Bro. Woodberry's portrait by the Artist, Bro. Arthur M. Hazard was unveiled in the Lodge room on September 28, 1914.

On May 24, 1915, Liberty Lodge was largely represented at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the imposing and handsome Masonic Temple in Salem.

On October 23, 1916, the Henry Price medal was presented to W. Bro. Hervey Lunt, a member of the Lodge for fifty-eight years, and Secretary for thirty-five of these years; he had the record of never being absent from a meeting of the Lodge.



Wor. Hollis L. Cameron
1918

On May 19, 1919, the fiftieth anniversary of W. Bro. Lunt's installation as Master of Liberty Lodge was observed: it was also his thirty-seventh year as Secretary, and sixtieth as member of the Lodge. The Lodge made a present of over \$1,000 in gold to the Wor. Brother. There were 315 members of the Lodge present, besides a number of guests. W. Bro. Lunt became a member of Liberty Lodge on May 30, 1859.

The country had now declared war against Germany, and it was voted that all members of the Lodge in war service should have their dues remitted during such service. Fifty members of Liberty Lodge were in the military or naval service of the Country.

During the war the Lodge invested in war bonds and contributed to the Red Cross funds, the Masonic War Relief Funds, and in all ways used its influence and power to aid the country in her time of need. Special identification medals of gold appropriately engraved were given by the Lodge to the men in service; in all fifty-one of these medals were issued.

In 1918, on January 14, Bro. the Hon. Channing H. Cox, speaker of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, and Bro. the Hon. Henry G. Wells, President of the Senate of Massachusetts, and former United States Senator from Minnesota, Bro. Charles A. Towne, attended the Lodge and spoke on the problems of the times, and the spirit of

the people. There was a very large attendance of the Brethren.

During the years since 1918, two important events occurred: the first was the establishment of a new Lodge in Beverly, Budleigh Lodge, named after the home town of Roger Conant in Cornwall, England. On March 29, 1920, the then Chaplain of Liberty Lodge presented a Resolution to the Lodge asking the brethren to take steps to form a new Lodge in Beverly. The Resolution was not adopted by Liberty at that time, but on September 27 following, Liberty Lodge sanctioned the establishment of a new Lodge, whose first Master was Rt. Wor. Bro. Edgar S. Rideout, a past Master of Phoenician Lodge, Lawrence, and past District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

The second important event was the establishment of a new Lodge in Manchester, our neighboring town, on November 22, 1920.

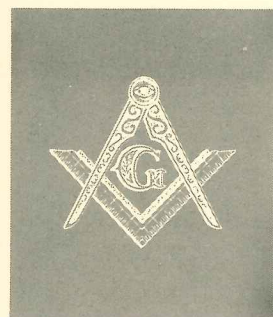
The Lodge-room was not always where it is now.

From the formation of the Lodge to December 15, 1834, inclusive, the Lodge met in the upper hall of the home of Bro. Col. Abraham Edwards, Edwards St.

From December 29, 1834, to 1845, the Lodge met in a hall in Bro. Thomas Farris's house, now 312 Cabot St.



Wor. H. Franklin Murray
1919-1920



Wor. Harold C. Childs
1921



Wor. Harry M. Grout
1922



Rt. Wor. George A. Sinnicks



Wor. William H. Black
1924



Wor. Jesse A. Dutelle
1925



Wor. Clarence A. Edwards
1926

From 1845 to February 2, 1852, the Lodge met in a hall known as Bell's Hall. The building is still on the corner of Cabot and May Sts.

From Feb. 2, 1852 to 1868, the Lodge met in a hall over William Lord's store; this store was later occupied by Henry Woodbury as a clothing store. It is the building now 152 Cabot St.

From 1868, the Lodge met in its recent home, corner of Cabot and Washington Sts.

During the period from 1834 to 1845, the brethren met in Bro. Benjamin Pierce's house. This house is now 305 Cabot St., on the corner of Charnock St., that is nearest to the City Hall. The Records of the Lodge say that the brethren met once or twice in this house.

It is stated by some of the descendants of Bro. Elliott Woodberry, who lived at 28 Bartlett St., that the brethren met there occasionally between 1834 and 1845. It is also stated that the brethren met in their old hall in Bro. Colonel Edwards' house on Edwards St., during this period. It is true that the brethren may have met in these three houses during the Anti-Masonic excitement, but there is no evidence that they met as a Lodge (although they may have) in any one of these three houses, or in any other house, except in Bro. Farris's, 312 Cabot St.

In the Civil War Liberty was largely

represented. There were at least thirty-six brethren of Liberty in the Army or Navy during the Civil War. In the Spanish War, 1898, several members of Liberty were in the service of the United States, and in the forces sent to the border of Mexico, shortly before the World War there was a good representation from the Lodge.

On two occasions sons of Liberty Lodge held the honorable office of Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Benjamin A. Gould and S. Lothrop Thorndike; the latter was also Corresponding Grand Secretary at one time.

It would have been a much easier task to write this history of Freemasonry in Beverly, if the Records had been more exact, or if any of the brethren of the Lodge had left us any letters, memoranda, or other data of any value. The only one who tried to do so was the Venerable Stephens Baker, and we found that his statements did not always agree with the Records, nor with Grand Lodge Returns. The dates he gives for several of the early Worshipful Masters are wrong; indeed the dates given on the notices of the Lodge meetings are wrong for seven of the first eight Masters. The dates Bro. Baker gives for the occupancy of some of the halls are not correct, and in several other matters there are errors. It seems necessary to make this statement so that the brethren in the future may not be misled.

Since this history was written the Masonic



Wor. Charles H. Barter
1927



Rt. Wor. Edmund G. Haskell
1928



Wor. William E. Alcock
1929



Wor. Alexander Black
1930

building was destroyed by fire on the morning of May 2, 1924. Liberty Lodge lost many of its valued treasures, practically everything, except those things which were in the safe. No doubt a record of the losses will be made, and also of the articles that escaped destruction. The other Masonic bodies also lost almost all their possessions.

Part II

Fifty Years of Freemasonry in Liberty Lodge 1924 - 1974

Prepared by Wor. Alexander W. D. Black, Secretary, Past Master of Liberty Lodge
Honorable Member Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22. Honorable Member Constitutional Lodge, No. 294.

Those of our membership who have read the well-prepared and masterfully researched Centennial History of Liberty Lodge by the Rev. and Wor. E.J.V. Huiginn will note that it went to press before the 100th year was concluded, and before the events of the Celebration could be recorded. Therefore, we shall start this part of the history by recording the events that took place at the end of 100 years in Liberty Lodge.

The last meeting of Liberty's 100 years was a Special Communication held on June 7, 1924. At this meeting the Centennial Presiding Master, Wor.

William H. Black had the unique pleasure of Raising his father, Bro. Alexander Black, Sr.

The One-hundredth Anniversary Celebration commenced with religious services at the Ware Theater (now Cabot Cinema). A procession proceeded from Odd Fellows Hall to the theater where the orchestra section was filled with Masons, and the balcony reserved for the ladies and families. The sermon was delivered by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

On June 9, 1924, a meeting was held at Odd Fellows Hall to celebrate the One-hundredth Anniversary of the Institution of the Lodge. A fine representation from Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Va. headed by Most Wor. Charles H. Callahan, Grand Master of Virginia, and author of "Washington, The Man and The Mason" were present. A meeting of Constitutional Lodge No. 294 was held in Beverley, England this evening to join with Liberty Lodge in their Celebration.

On June 10, 1924, the Celebration was concluded with a Banquet and Ball at the Salem State Armory attended by more than 3,000 Masons and their ladies.

The balance of this history will be concerned with historical facts and presentations to the Lodge so that easy reference may be made in future years.



Wor. Carl E. Herrick
1931



Rt. Wor. Russell C. Tirrell
1932



Wor. Winthrop P. Porter
1933



Wor. Harry C. Smith
1934

September 8, 1924. A Minstrel Chain was presented to our Lodge by Constitutional Lodge through Wor. Hollis L. Cameron who had just returned from a visit to that Lodge. This Chain is worn on two occasions, namely, the Installation of the new Master and the Washington's Birthday Celebration. Two Gavels were also presented by Wor. Alfred S. Gates, a member of the English Lodge and Lord Mayor of Beverley, England.

At this meeting, it was voted not to rebuild the Masonic Temple on the old site. Also, following a Building Committee's recommendation, it was voted to exercise the options for purchasing property at the corner of Cabot, Elliott and Roundy Streets. However, at an October 17th meeting, called to reconsider that vote, it was voted not to exercise the option.

November 10, 1924. Wor. John F. Hill presented a Bible to the Lodge, it having been presented by the Lodge to his father, Rt. Wor. John B. Hill on May 23, 1855.

January 12, 1925. Wor. Alfred S. Gates, Past Master of Constitutional Lodge, presented through Wor. William H. Black a bound book of the Records of the Corporation of Beverley, England as a gift from his Lodge.

March, 1925. Rev. and Wor. E. J. V. Huiginn reported that the several hundred papers taken from the Records of the Lodge are in possession of Grand Lodge, a

full manuscript of the Centennial History is in the Essex Institute, Salem, and the Centennial History, photographs, references to Amity Lodge, are in the Beverly Historical Society.

June 1, 1925. A bust of Washington was presented to the Lodge by Wor. Frederick G. Hobson of Constitutional Lodge through Wor. Hollis L. Cameron.

February 26, 1926. A lath from the Mt. Vernon Estate was presented to the Lodge by Wor. C. Philip Heishley, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

March 29, 1926. Bro. Frank E. Thissell presented a framed letter inviting brethren from Liberty Lodge to attend Alexandria-Washington Lodge on May 14, 1889 on which date Wor. Charles Woodberry would visit that Lodge. Also, an enlarged and autographed picture of Wor. Bro. Woodberry. Both items were presented to the Virginia Lodge on June 10, 1926.

October 24, 1927. An oil painting of Wor. Jesse Sheldon, the first Wor. Master of our Lodge, was presented by Bro. H. P. Brett in behalf of the family of the late Bro. Walter A. Perry.

February 21, 1932. Hon. and Bro. James A. Torrey, Mayor of Beverly, at Divine Worship in the Beverly Farms Baptist Church, presented Wor. W. Selden Washington, representative of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, a box



Wor. John D. Martyn
1935

made of wood from the home of George Cabot where Illustrious George Washington stopped on his way through Beverly. In the box was a brick from the first cotton mill in America, once located in North Beverly.

December 12, 1932. An ancient English Diploma was presented to the Lodge by Wor. Russell C. Tirrell in behalf of Mrs. William Selby, widow of our late brother.

May 10, 1934. Wor. Thomas J. Turton, Past Master of Constitutional Lodge, visited our Lodge, and presented a Medal which is given by the Grand Lodge of England to all Lodges under its jurisdiction having an unbroken record of 100 years. Through Wor. Bro. Turton, our Lodge presented to Constitutional Lodge a framed picture of Wor. Charles Woodberry, and a Gavel made of wood from our City Hall.

January 14, 1935. A Gavel made of very old ivory, dug up by Eskimos in Alaska, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Harlan E. Glidden. The carving and lettering on the Gavel was executed by Eskimos.

March 11, 1935. A box for storing Officers' Aprons was presented by Bro. Frank E. Thissell, and a gong for use in the Master Mason Degree and a point within a circle embroidered by two parallel lines was presented by Bro. George W. Jeffs.

February 22, 1937. A picture of Rt. Wor. John B. Hill was presented to the Lodge by his son, Wor. John F. Hill.

November 14, 1938. Wor. John B. Hill was installed Wor. Master by his father, Wor. John F. Hill, and the Joseph Warren Medal for Distinguished Service to the elder Wor. Bro. Hill.

February 22, 1939. The Lodge held its 50th Joint Observance of the birth of Washington.

June 12, 1939. Miss Elizabeth Woodberry presented to the Lodge through the Wor. Master a picture of Wor. Charles Woodberry, his Past Master's Jewel, his Masonic Diploma signed in 1875, a picture of the Earl of Londesborough, Honorary Membership Diplomas from Alexandria-Washington and Constitutional Lodges, and other Masonic items.

November 12, 1939. The Joseph Warren Medal for Distinguished Service was presented to Rt. Wor. William H. Parker.

November 11, 1940. Rt. Wor. C. Philip Heishley, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, brought three Gavels made of walnut from the Mt. Vernon Estate of Washington, and each was used in our Lodge for the first time. They are to be used in Alexandria-Washington and Constitutional Lodges following which each Lodge will receive a Gavel.



Wor. John A. Miller
1936



Wor. Richard H. Winchester
1937



Wor. Fred E. Sherman
1938



Wor. John B. Hill
1939



Wor. Ernest L. Newhall
1940



Wor. Alexander W. D. Black
1941



Wor. George W. Jeffs
1942-1943

October 26, 1942. A pastel copy of William Williams' portrait of Washington was presented by Alexandria-Washington Lodge. It is used at every February 22nd Celebration.

June 14, 1943. The Diploma of Bro. Daniel W. Hammond, dated June 17, 1863 and signed by Rt. Wor. John B. Hill, was sent to the Lodge by a gentleman who had discovered it in a framed picture he had bought.

May 19, 1947. Captain and Bro. Matthner Armstrong, a member of Constitutional Lodge, was entertained by Liberty Lodge Officers while his ship was in Boston.

June 9, 1949. The 125th Anniversary of the Lodge was held. A delegation from Alexandria-Washington Lodge, and the Most Wor. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts were in attendance.

January 28, 1954. It was announced that the original Lodge Altar which survived the 1924 fire had been restored by Bros. Gilbert A. Prescott and Leslie E. Brigham.

May 10, 1954. Wor. Harry W. Knowles of Constitutional Lodge visited the Lodge, and announced that Rough and Perfect Ashlars were enroute from his Lodge as a gift.

June 14, 1954. The Ashlars from Constitutional Lodge were formally accepted. At this meeting, it was announced that the Washington Street

Congregational Church Building was available, and it was moved that appropriate action be taken to buy the building.

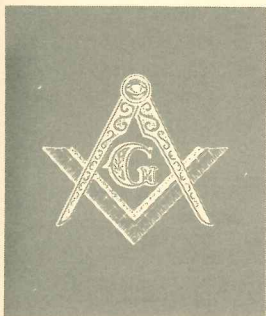
July 12, 1954. It was voted to buy the Washington Street Church Building, and to inaugurate the necessary Trust for its management.

September 13, 1954. The formation of the Beverly Masonic Temple Trust was announced.

November 15, 1956. The new Beverly Masonic Temple was dedicated by Most Wor. Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, with Wor. Edward H. Ober presiding in the East. Enough cannot be said for the many hours Wor. Bro. Ober devoted to the planning of the Temple, and for that reason, Wor. Robert O. Lunn, Presiding Master, relinquished the Chair for this occasion. Wor. Harry C. Simpson, Presiding Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge was in attendance, accompanied by Wor. Edward Buckmaster, Wor. Raymond A. Strong and their wives.

During his term, Wor. Robert O. Lunn assisted in the laying of the Cornerstone of the First Federated Church in Beverly Cove.

January 13, 1958. An Altar Cloth purchased with money donated by Alexandria-Washington Lodge was presented to the Lodge.



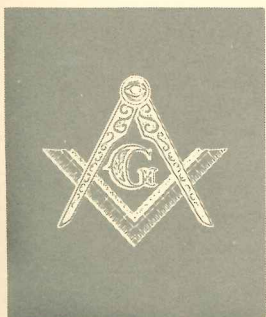
Wor. Clarence L. Brierley
1944



Wor. William L. Moody
1945



Wor. W. Kimball Hayes, Jr.
1946-1947



Wor. Joseph E. White
1948-1949

May 30, 1958. Members and wives journeyed to Alexandria, Va. for the first interchange of the Lodge and Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

May 31, 1958. A Special Communication of the Lodge was held in the George Washington National Memorial. A Gavel made of wood from the famous George Washington Elm Tree in Cambridge, and Liberty's first gift to Alexandria-Washington Lodge, was used during the meeting.

June 9, 1958. Bro. Edward H. Ober presented a barrel stave with Masonic insignia that had washed up on a beach at Swampscott to the Lodge. This was once possessed by Bro. Howard A. Doane, a former Junior Warden of Liberty Lodge.

September 13, 1958. A return visitation by members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and their wives took place, further cementing the fine relationship between the two Lodges.

October 13, 1958. Wor. Harry W. Knowles of Constitutional Lodge made a second visit to our Lodge.

November 10, 1958. Rt. Wor. William H. Parker retired after 44 years of service as Treasurer of the Lodge.

February 9, 1960. Portraits of Wor. George Palfreyman and Wor. Harry W. Knowles, Past Masters of Constitutional Lodge, were presented to the Lodge.

April 9, 1962. Hon. Thomas J. Wickers, Mayor of Beverly, presented through Wor. Robert O. Lunn a steel engraving of Illustrious George Washington.

June 11, 1962. Bro. Norman E. Whitehead presented an 1850 Installation Program of Liberty Lodge, and a well-preserved Program of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Salem Masonic Temple. Bro. Arthur N. Mitchell of Athens, Greece, and a member of our Lodge, presented three Masonic Plates, painted by an 85 year old Greek Mason to the Lodge. Wor. Robert O. Lunn announced the gift of several Masonic books to the Lodge from Mrs. Gerald Frowd.

April 8, 1963. A new 50-Star American Flag was presented to the Masonic Temple Trust by Liberty and Budleigh Lodges and Amity Royal Arch Chapter.

June 10, 1963. Bro. Philip Michael Ward Knowles, Senior Warden of Constitutional Lodge, and son of Honorary Member, Wor. Harry Ward Knowles, visited the Lodge, and was given a standing ovation.

February 22, 1964. Mrs. Edward H. Ober, widow of Wor. Bro. Ober, presented through Wor. George R. Spear a rare drawing of Illustrious George Washington in Masonic Regalia presiding over Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

May 2, 1964. A second pilgrimage was made to Alexandria-Washington Lodge by members and their wives.



Wor.
W. Whitney Lundgren, Jr.
1950



Wor. Robert W. Ireland
1951



Wor. Ellis M. Purinton
1952



Wor. George H. Gray
1953

September 26, 1964. A second pilgrimage to Beverly was made by members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and their wives. A Gavel of black walnut wood from the Mt. Vernon Estate was presented to Wor. Douglas S. Littlehale.

October 26, 1964. Wor. Harland E. Cate was presented a Citation from Grand Lodge commemorating the 50th Anniversary of his installation as Wor. Master of Liberty Lodge.

Wor. Albert G. Patard and Bro. Richard Patard presented a plaque on the untiled door of the Temple in honor of Wor. Robert O. Lunn and his devotion to visiting those of the Lodge who were ill.

Rt. Wor. Edmund Gallop Haskell presented to the Lodge an Apron, Blue Sash and Diploma belonging to his Great Grandfather, Wor. William Gallop, a Charter Member of Liberty Lodge. The Sash had been worn by Liberty Lodge members at the laying of the Cornerstone of Bunker Hill Monument on June 17, 1825.

March 8, 1965. Bro. Bryant Baker, a member of Constitutional Lodge, was elected to Honorary Membership in Liberty Lodge. A noted Sculptor, Bro. Baker created the huge statue of Ill. George Washington that is located in the Rotunda of the National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Va.

May 4, 1968. A third pilgrimage by Liberty Lodge members and their wives was made to Alexandria-Washington Lodge. Liberty Lodge opened in the Replica Room of the Memorial with Wor. Rodney W. Preston seated in the original George Washington Chair, the first time that any Lodge other than Alexandria-Washington Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Virginia had opened in that Room.

October 13, 1968. 100,000 persons witnessed the Tercentenary Parade in Beverly in which the Masonic Unit was the largest single unit in the five hour parade.

February 9, 1970. Wor. John B. Hill and Bro. J. Gregory A. Hill presented an Altar Bible in memory of Rt. Wor. John B. Hill and Wor. John F. Hill. Earlier, Bro. Hill had presented a picture of his Great Grandfather, Rt. Wor. John B. Hill.

February 22, 1970. On the occasion of the Annual Washington's Birthday, a three-way telephone conversation was held between Constitutional, Alexandria-Washington and Liberty Lodges.

October 25, 1971. Bro. Stuart Fowkes, a member of Constitutional Lodge, and Junior Warden of Excester Lodge, Excester, England, visited our Lodge.

November 6, 1971. Wor. Bryant B. Besse was installed Wor. Master of our Lodge



Wor. Edward H. Ober
1954

by his father, Rt. Wor. Gerard C. Besse with the assistance of two other sons, Wor. Bruce A. Besse and Wor. Gerard C. Besse, Jr.

May, 1972. A group of Alexandria-Washington and Liberty Lodge members with their wives flew to England where they were royally welcomed and entertained by Constitutional Lodge.

September 11, 1972. Constitutional Lodge, through Bro. Donald S. Kenney, presented a set of Candelabra to our Lodge. Two are in Alexandria-Washington Lodge and two remain in Constitutional Lodge.

October 9, 1972. The Lord Mayor of York, England through Wor. Robert O. Lunn, presented a Plaque bearing the Seal of Beverley, England to our Lodge.

March 12, 1973. Wor. Stuart Fowkes, Presiding Master of Excester Lodge, and a member of Constitutional Lodge, through Wor. Robert O. Lunn and Wor. A. W. D. Black, presented to the Lodge a Mayflower Anniversary Plate, commemorative of the sailing of The Mayflower to the American Colony.

June 26, 1972. Rt. Wor. Charles A. Fritz, Jr., D. D. G. M. for the Gloucester Ninth Masonic District, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. John F. Mackey, Jr. The Joseph Warren Medal for Distinguished Service, for his devoted

visits to the ill.

November 13, 1972. An Historic Event took place this evening when a 4th generation of the Hill family was installed as Wor. Master. Wor. J. Gregory A. Hill was installed by his father, Wor. John B. Hill.

October 8, 1973. A Masonic Chair, originally presented to Wor. Charles Woodberry by the Earl of Londesborough, was presented to the Lodge by his grandson, Mr. Edward Woodberry, through Wor. Robert O. Lunn.

November 10, 1973. Wor. Edgar Bielby and Bro. Harry Betts of Constitutional Lodge and Bro. Robert C. Swiger, Senior Warden of Alexandria-Washington Lodge were present for the installation of Wor. Donald S. Kenney as Master of Liberty Lodge. Following his installation, Wor. Bro. Kenney presented a Silver Punch Bowl Set to the Lodge, to be used in the Deputy's Room.

Wor. John B. Hill presented his son, Wor. J. Gregory A. Hill with a Past Master's Jewel that had been originally presented to Rt. Wor. John B. Hill at a Communication of Liberty Lodge on November 17, 1879.

As this History goes to press, extensive plans have been made for the 150th Anniversary in June, and the brethren of Liberty Lodge are looking forward to a gala Celebration.



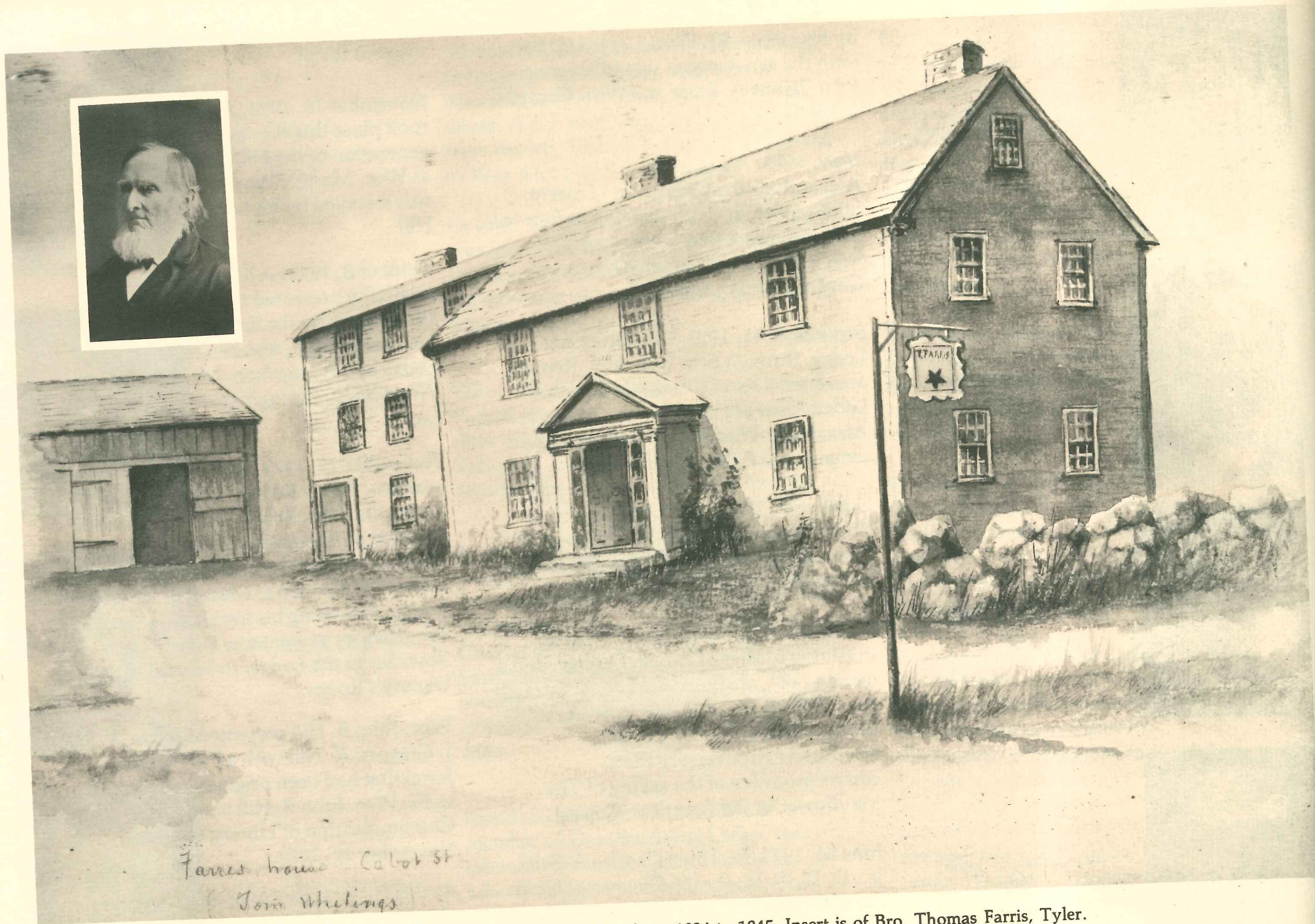
Wor. George R. Spear
1955



Wor. Samuel E. Tappan
1956



Wor. Robert O. Lunn
1957



Thomas Farris' tavern used as a meeting place from 1834 to 1845. Insert is of Bro. Thomas Farris, Tyler.



Rt. Wor. Frederick W. Allen
1958



Wor. Albert G. Patard
1959



Wor. Lawrence H. Carlson
1960



Wor. Gilbert A. Prescott
1961



Bell's Hall, corner of Cabot St. and Bartlett St. used as a meeting place 1845 to 1852.



Wor. David L. Twiss
1962



Wor. James R. Maguire
1963



Wor. Douglas S. Littlehale
1964



Wor. Albert H. Nash
1965



Masonic Building, first permanent home of Liberty Lodge, corner of Cabot St. and Washington St. 1868 to 1924.



Wor. Albert C. Phillips
1966



Wor. Paul W. Lunn
1967



Wor. Rodney W. Preston
1968



Wor. Owen H. Curtis
1969



Odd Fellows Hall used as a meeting place after Masonic Building destroyed by fire 1924-1956.



Wor. Kenneth C. Pendleton
1970



Wor. Bryant B. Besse
1972



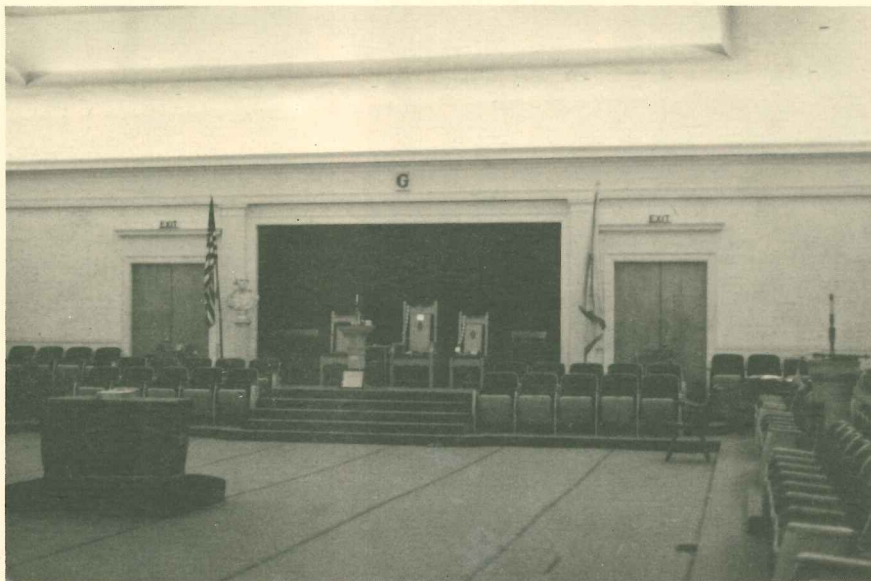
Wor. George E. Manson
1971



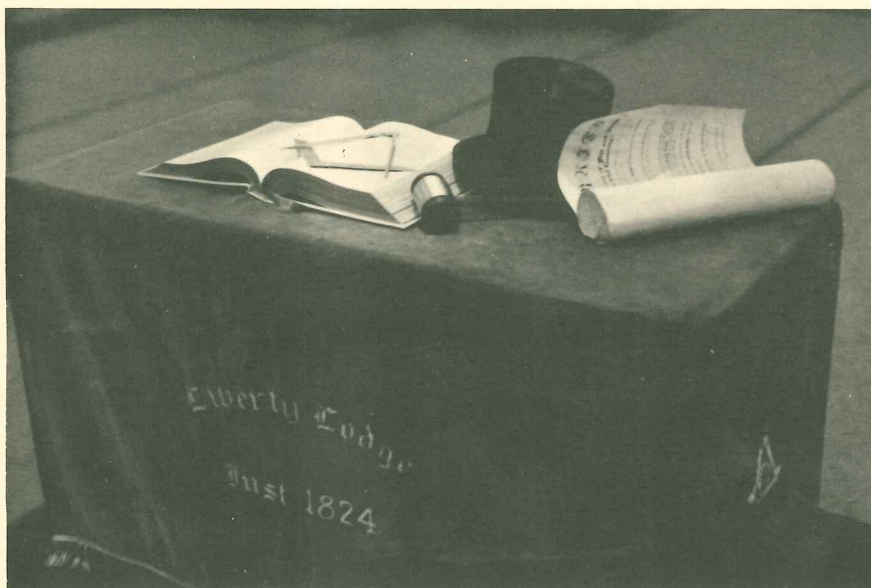
Wor. J. Gregory A. Hill
1973



Present meeting place formerly Washington St. Congregational Church. Dedicated 1956.



The Lodge Room



The Altar

EPILOGUE

Fifty years ago, Wor. and Rev. E.J.V. Huiginn concluded his Centennial History of Liberty Lodge with these words: "The younger members of Liberty Lodge will find many examples of the private, domestic, and public virtues in the membership of the Lodge. Let us recall the days of old and the years that are past; Let us cherish the memory of those who set example of Masonic virtue; and, above all, let us emulate their good works, that our age may be blessed by our Institution, and that we ourselves may be better fitted for the Celestial Lodge above."

What foresight was emulated in these few words of wisdom! Over the past fifty years, Freemasonry has flourished and we in Liberty Lodge are proud of our growth, along with that of our Institution. True, we have grown in membership; but more importantly, we have grown in harmony and in our goals of achieving peace and goodwill toward all men. Masonry today, as in the past, remains the guiding star of our destiny; and, God willing, its influence practiced by Masons throughout the world will largely contribute to the ultimate achievement of the goals we all seek. This is our prayer and hope for the future.

OFFICERS OF LIBERTY LODGE
1973-1974



Alan B. Ayers
Senior Warden

Donald S. Kenney
Worshipful Master

Daniel W. Hall
Junior Warden

Maurice P. Nack
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Chaplain

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Donald D. Hislop
Senior Steward

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Secretary

Thomas S. Meldrum
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Junior Steward

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