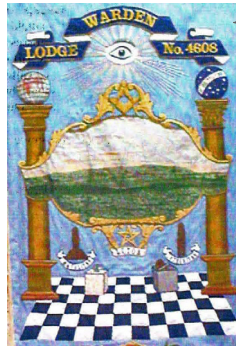


# WARDEN LODGE

## No. 4608



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Consecrated 21st March 1924

### *Consecrating Officers*

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire  
The R.W. Brother The Right Honourable  
Lord Amptill

W. Bro. W. Ll Jones  
W. Bro. F.E. Hamilton  
W. Bro. The Rev. Dr. C. Winship  
W. Bro. B.E.L. Perryman  
W. Bro. P. Allen  
W. Bro. H.G. Ruggles

### *Honorary Members*

R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Courtown, P.G.W.  
W. Bro. L.C.H. Fuller  
W. Bro. H. Cumberland  
W. Bro. P. Allen  
W. Bro. H. Davies  
W. Bro. Lt. Jones

## ***Founders and First Officers***

Worshipful Master	...	...	...	W. Bro. E.G. Jones
Senior Warden	...	...	...	W. Bro. W.A.P. Smith
Junior Warden	...	...	...	W. Bro. W.F. Wilkins
Immediate Past Master	...	...	...	W. Bro. A.W. Boutwood
Treasurer	...	...	...	W. Bro. A.N. Gutteridge
Secretary	...	...	...	W. Bro. J. Swain
Director of Ceremonies	...	...	...	W. Bro. C. Robinson
Senior Deacon	...	...	...	W. Bro. H. Cook
Junior Deacon	...	...	...	W. Bro. A.E. Ansell
Asst. Director of Ceremonies	...	...	...	W. Bro. C. Smith
Organist	...	...	...	W. Bro. W.H. Dennett
Inner Guard	...	...	...	W. Bro. S.T. Hawkins
Steward	...	...	...	Bro. A.H. Clarke
Steward	...	...	...	Bro. A.D. Gee
Tyler	...	...	...	Bro. H. Mullins

*and*

Bro. S.J. Boutwood  
 Bro. F. Taylor  
 Bro. F.C. Dawson  
 Bro. J.H. Coggins  
 Bro. C. Hinton

Bro. S.A. Attwood  
 Bro. B.J. Scott  
 Bro. H.R. Hansell  
 Bro. C.A. Taylor



## ***Warden Lodge No. 4608 Centenary***



### ***Foundation of Warden Lodge No. 4608***

With the resurgence of interest in Masonry after the First World War members of the Chiltern Lodge No. 1470, which was based in Dunstable, felt a need to form a new Lodge in bustling Luton. A warrant of Constitution was forwarded to Grand Lodge and in due course a Warrant was granted for a new Lodge to be consecrated.

Many of the Founders were familiar with the outstanding Area of Natural Beauty to the north of Luton, known as Warden Hills. As a result of the connection of some of them being members of the local golf course that spread over the area. This was the influence to decide on the name Warden Lodge.

The Banner/Jewel includes recognised Masonic Regalia and emblems as well as, interestingly, open views of the Warden Hills which incorporates a fairway view of one of the holes on the golf course.

### ***Consecration of the Lodge***

The consecration of the Warden Lodge (No. 4608) took place at the Wesley Hall, Waller Street, Luton on Friday 21st March 1924, at 3.45pm.

The ceremony was performed by the Right Honourable Lord Ampthill, Arthur Russell, Pro Grand Master, as well as the Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, assisted by seven Provincial Officers from Bedfordshire, 23 founder members and 147 guests.

All the Lodge officer's jewel's, collar's, and other Regalia, much of which is still used today, were presented by the Founders.

After the consecration the 178 Brethren attended a dinner at the former George Hotel in Luton. During the six-course meal they were entertained by soprano and tenor vocalists and ‘a good time was had by all’.

## *Meetings*

The first couple of meetings were held at the Primates Café in Cheapside, Luton as the new magnificent Masonic Hall in Church Street, Luton was still under construction. Members of the newly consecrated Lodge helped and presented equipment for use at the new centre.

In recent years, due to parking and logistical issues, the Luton Centre has moved to the Pavilion in Bowling Green Lane, Luton. The dome and pillars of the original temple are still visible if you decide to frequent Pizza Hut, food outlet, in Church Street, Luton.

Due to the demand for membership in the early days it was quite usual to hold two ceremonies at each meeting. Within a few years membership had swelled to about 50 and in 1927 it was decided to form a Warden Lodge of Instruction. As a result some of the unique Warden workings were established.

During the war years the Lodge suffered like everything else at the time, for those that could attend, meetings were held during daytime.

The very first initiate into the Warden Lodge was Walter Ogden, aged 46, a merchant of 54 Kenilworth Road, Luton on the 14th April 1924. He became Master of the Lodge on the 13th March 1933.

## *History*

In 1974 the Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary with Sir Gilbert Inglefield, Provincial Grand Master together with the Provincial team in attendance.

In March 1999 the Lodge celebrated its 75th Anniversary with R.W. Bro. Martin Foss the Provincial Grand Master and W. Bro Victor Lawrence Deputy Provincial Grand Master together with the Provincial team in attendance. A commemorative engraved whisky tumbler (firing glass) was presented to all Members.

In October 2007 the Lodge celebrated its 500th meeting with R.W. Bro. Michael Sawyer, Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial team in attendance. Commemorative embroidered white gloves were presented to all members.

In March 2016 the Lodge was honoured that the R.W. Bro. Michael Sawyer, Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by W. Bro. Anthony Henderson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro Eric Barford, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. John Morrows Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Dave Harwood, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies together with the rest of the Provincial team were in attendance to celebrate the official final engagement of our outgoing Provincial Grand Master.

### *Charity*

In 1928 the Warden Lodge Samaritan Fund was inaugurated which enabled the Lodge to help widows and Members requiring support. Over the years the membership has supported many charities and has always fulfilled its commitments to Festivals and other charitable events.

The Brethren of Warden Lodge have been, and still are, generous in their obligations to charity.

### *Membership*

The Lodge flourished during the 20th century with regular attendances of 60 plus. Now in the 21st century membership is still strong with a bright and encouraging future. Younger members are taking up the challenge required to aspire to become Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

In recent times, Covid-19 happened in 2020/21 and 2021/22 which took its toll on Freemasonry membership in general, but with new directives from Grand Lodge and our Provincial Grand Master's determination to become more transparent and engaging with younger members, membership is rising.

Our fore-bearers and founders I'm sure, will be proud that the members of Warden Lodge have upheld the traditions and values that they brought to the Lodge 100 years ago.

*W. Bro. Stuart Allsop, PPrGSwdB*

## ***Past Masters of the Lodge***

1924-25	<i>Bro. E.G. Jones</i>	1958-59	<i>Bro. L.W. Lake</i>
1925-26	<i>Bro. W.A.P. Smith</i>	1959-60	<i>Bro. E.J. Day</i>
1926-27	<i>Bro. W.F. Wilkins</i>	1960-61	<i>Bro. C. Howarth</i>
1927-28	<i>Bro. H. Cook</i>	1961-62	<i>Bro. A. Coupe</i>
1928-29	<i>Bro. A.E. Ansell</i>	1962-63	<i>Bro. V.C. Hall</i>
1929-30	<i>Bro. S.T. Hawkins</i>	1963-64	<i>Bro. K.C. Treasure</i>
1930-31	<i>Bro. A.H. Clarke</i>	1964-65	<i>Bro. D. McKensie</i>
1931-32	<i>Bro. J. Swain</i>	1965-66	<i>Bro. W.C. Rudd</i>
1932-33	<i>Bro. W.H. Dennett</i>	1966-67	<i>Bro. E.F. Richardson</i>
1933-34	<i>Bro. W. Ogden</i>	1967-68	<i>Bro. E.S. Richardson</i>
1934-35	<i>Bro. B.T. Pannell</i>	1968-69	<i>Bro. R.F. Saunders</i>
1935-36	<i>Bro. P.F.A. Child</i>	1969-70	<i>Bro. E.W.M. Bearman</i>
1936-37	<i>Bro. H.J. Darby</i>	1970-71	<i>Bro. K.G. White</i>
1937-38	<i>Bro. F. Taylor</i>	1971-72	<i>Bro. R.A.K. Coe</i>
1938-39	<i>Bro. G.A.R. Densham</i>	1972-73	<i>Bro. D. Davies</i>
1939-40	<i>Bro. P.G. Harding</i>	1973-74	<i>Bro. A.R. Barnard</i>
1940-41	<i>Bro. A. Burges</i>	1974-75	<i>Bro. E.J. Hammond</i>
1941-42	<i>Bro. W.H. Everett</i>	1975-76	<i>Bro. E.G. Shepherd</i>
1942-43	<i>Bro. W.D. Rice</i>	1976-77	<i>Bro. E.G. Shepherd</i>
1943-44	<i>Bro. W.H. Dines</i>	1977-78	<i>Bro. R.E. Gilks</i>
1944-45	<i>Bro. G.H. Cleverly</i>	1978-79	<i>Bro. T. Wordley</i>
1945-46	<i>Bro. S.W. Manning</i>	1979-80	<i>Bro. J.E.G. Gudgin</i>
1946-47	<i>Bro. S.W. Manning</i>	1980-81	<i>Bro. D.J. Ilett</i>
1947-48	<i>Bro. F. Harrison</i>	1981-82	<i>Bro. P.J. Bunnage</i>
1948-49	<i>Bro. H.A. Burgess</i>	1982-83	<i>Bro. J.M. Walker</i>
1949-50	<i>Bro. T.A. Mayes</i>	1983-84	<i>Bro. W.J. Lowther</i>
1950-51	<i>Bro. A.G. Peck</i>	1984-85	<i>Bro. A.R. Barnard</i>
1951-52	<i>Bro. J.E. Burrows</i>	1985-86	<i>Bro. W. Enge</i>
1952-53	<i>Bro. A. Ward</i>	1986-87	<i>Bro. P.G. Mills</i>
1953-54	<i>Bro. A.E. Wickson</i>	1987-88	<i>Bro. A.F. Allison</i>
1954-55	<i>Bro. A.H. Hickman</i>	1988-89	<i>Bro. A.F. Allison</i>
1955-56	<i>Bro. A.G.T. Gibbons</i>	1989-90	<i>Bro. M.J. Chalkley</i>
1956-57	<i>Bro. H.H. Page</i>	1990-91	<i>Bro. R.D. Chalkley</i>
1957-58	<i>Bro. A.G. Williamson</i>	1991-92	<i>Bro. B.R. Arnold</i>

## ***Past Masters of the Lodge (continued)***

1992-93	<i>Bro. R.C. Moss</i>
1993-94	<i>Bro. S.H. Lloyd</i>
1994-95	<i>Bro. R.A. Browell</i>
1995-96	<i>Bro. I.J. Deas</i>
1996-97	<i>Bro. I.J. Deas</i>
1997-98	<i>Bro. S.J. Allsop</i>
1998-99	<i>Bro. S.J. Allsop</i>
1999-00	<i>Bro. R.L. Jacobs</i>
2000-01	<i>Bro. R.L. Jacobs</i>
2001-02	<i>Bro. R.W. Oakley</i>
2002-03	<i>Bro. E.W.G. Peacock</i>
2003-04	<i>Bro. M.C. Davies</i>
2004-05	<i>Bro. A.D. Sharp</i>
2005-06	<i>Bro. A.M. Oxley</i>
2006-07	<i>Bro. M.H. Guy</i>
2007-08	<i>Bro. D.P. Caldon</i>
2008-09	<i>Bro. A.D. Sharp</i>
2009-10	<i>Bro. B. George</i>
2010-11	<i>Bro. R.W. Oakley</i>
2011-12	<i>Bro. D.J. Dibley</i>
2012-13	<i>Bro. I.J. Foote</i>
2013-14	<i>Bro. I.J. Foote</i>
2014-15	<i>Bro. J.M. Stenton</i>
2015-16	<i>Bro. J.M. Stenton</i>
2016-17	<i>Bro. S.J. Allsop</i>
2017-18	<i>Bro. P.G. Hack</i>
2018-19	<i>Bro. P.G. Hack</i>
2019-20	<i>Bro. A.D. Sharp</i>
2020-21	<i>Bro. A.D. Sharp</i>
2021-22	<i>Bro. A.D. Sharp</i>
2022-23	<i>Bro. C. Dos-Santos</i>
2023-24	<i>Bro. J.W. Harrington</i>
2024-25	<i>Bro. B.A. Bates</i>



