

Freemasonry

Early Days

The Camolodunum Lodge, 958, was formed on 25th January 1856. It met initially at the Talbot Hotel. It was consecrated on 18th March, 1856, when P.M. Cowling of York was installed as the first Worshipful Master. [2] In February 1857 the Lodge was able to meet in its' own accommodation in Yorkersgate, when Z. Mennell was installed as Worshipful Master. [1] In 1863 the Camolodunum Lodge was assigned a revised number, 660. Mr. Thomas Taylor, who carried on a grocer and provisions business in Castlegate, and confectionery and refreshment

rooms in Yorkersgate was initiated in the first year. [3] Other members joining or initiated in the first year were: Rev. E. Day, R.H. Bower, R. Jones, W.C. Copperthwaite, Samuel King, Edwin Donkin, Samuel Walker, Samuel Walker, William T. Colby, Thomas Walker, Thomas Buxton, R. Bankes, William Love, Walter Taylor, H. Smithson, John Marshall, Rev. Daniel Ace, Thomas Taylor, Kirton Waudby, William Wilson, William Spaven, Digby Cayley, William Snow, John Staniland, Samuel Waud, William George Searle. [3]

King Edwin Chapter

The King Edwin Chapter was instituted in 1868. The warrant authorising its foundation states: 'We do hereby, with the consent of our said Grand Chapter grant unto the said companions this our charter of constitution to be held and attached to the warrant of Lodge No 660 called the Camalodunum Lodge with full power for them, their companions, and successors, to open and to hold a chapter of our

order at the Freemasons' Hall, New Malton, Yorkshire, or at such other place, and such time as our said companions and their successors shall with the consent of us and our successors, grand officers for the time being, think meet. The first chapter to be opened on Wednesday the 11th day of December, now next ensuing by the title of the King Edwin Chapter. [4]

Worshipful Masters

Worshipful Masters were generally installed at the annual meetings which took place each January or February. The following held office for the years

shown. Our thanks to David Batley for completing what could not be gleaned from the newspapers.

1856 Mr. Cowling	1871 W. Wilson	1886 John B. Nicholls
1857 Z. Mennell	1872 W.H. Rose	1887 James Buckle
1858 W.C. Copperthwaite	1873 G. Russell	1888 Moses F.W. Williamson
1859 R. Jones	1874 C.H. Priestley	1889 W.R. Metcalfe
1860 S. King	1875 John Hudson	1890 W.H. Rose
1861 J. Smith	1876 Robert Bankes	1891 R.G. Lucas
1862 S. Walker	1877 Thomas Clough	1892 Rev. E.A.B. Pitman
1863 J. Brown	1878 William King	1893 W.J. Marshall
1864 J. Staniland	1879 William King	1894 E.K. Spiegelhalter
1865 R.H. Bower	1880 A.W. Walker	1895 S. Wallgate
1866 C.G. Bond	1881 John W. Marshall	1896 John Spanton
1867 J. Marshall	1882 W. Constable	1897 R.S. Pears
1868 A.J. Taylor	1883 Richard J. Smithson	1898 W.G.T. Rase
1869 W.C. Copperthwaite	1884 J.D. Dodsworth	1899 Samuel Ridge
1870 Joseph Sowray	1885 Thos. M. Goldie	

References

[1] Yorkshire Gazette, 24th February 1857

[2] Malton & Norton Gazette, 5 April 1856

[3] Yorkshire Gazette, 3 March 1928

[4] York Herald, 2nd December 1893