



District Grand Lodge Of India

Scottish Constitution

175TH ANNIVERSARY
1838 -- 2013

AND

INSTALLATION

OF

BRO. ASPI KHURSHEDI BYRAMJI, D.S.M.

AS

**DISTRICT GRAND MASTER
FOR THE SECOND TERM**

OF

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

BY BROTHER

**CHARLES IAIN ROBERT WOLRIGE GORDON
GRAND MASTER MASON**

AND

**BRO. DAVID MACKAY BEGG
GRAND SECRETARY**

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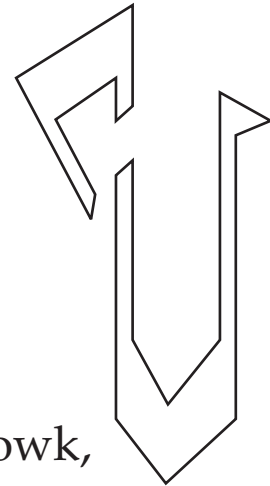
SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2013

**Freemasons' Hall,
Damodardas Sukhadwala Marg,
Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.**





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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA
UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF
ANTIEN T FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF SCOTLAND



175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
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RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY

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Saturday, 23rd February 2013
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The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

Charles Iain R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont Grand Master Mason
David M Begg CA Grand Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER MASON

TO THE BRETHREN OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

It is always an honour and a privilege as Grand Master Mason to be able to join with Brethren of our Districts when they celebrate special milestones. I am particularly delighted to be in Mumbai to mark a double celebration; the 175th anniversary of the formation of the District Lodge of India and the re-installation of Brother Aspi Kurshedji Byramji as its District Grand Master.

In a Country such as India encompassing a large geographical area and the multicultural and multiracial mix of the people of the region, together with their social and economic problems, you have an exceptional opportunity to show the world in a practical fashion the true meaning of Scottish Freemasonry; that distinctions of religion, politics, race, social position, occupation, or personal wealth have no bearing on eligibility for membership, and that our charitable works are not concentrated on our own brethren but range across a wide spectrum of non-Masonic charities.

As District Grand Master, Brother Byramji is my representative and he has the onerous duties of ensuring that Scottish Freemasonry in India continues to follow the principles of our Craft in accordance with Scottish traditions and practices.

I am sure that all who are privileged to attend the celebrations will remember this important year in the history of the District and have no doubt that the renewal and strengthening of our fraternal bonds will create a solid foundation for its future prosperity, just as our forefathers did 175 years ago at the formation of the District.

Yours sincerely and fraternally
Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont
Grand Master Mason

February 2013





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of Esslemont

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**ASPI K. BYRAMJI, D.S.M.
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER
HON. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**

23rd February 2013

MESSAGE

Today the District Grand Lodge of India celebrates One Hundred and Seventy Five Years of its existence, upholding the truest tenets, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry. It is, by any count, no mean achievement for any Masonic Institution.

Rooted in the truest traditions of our Order, it has, during its span of existence, encountered many happy, joyous and memorable occasions and has also undergone a number of trials and tribulations. Yet, it has withstood everything encountered in its march and has continued undeterred in not only upholding the Masonic values but also providing effective leadership to the various Daughter Lodges under its care.

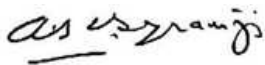
On this auspicious occasion, we are happy to have in our midst no less a personality than the Grand Master Mason and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who have so kindly made it convenient to traverse across continents to partake of our joy. We are indeed privileged to receive at their hands the solemn and revered ceremony of Re-dedication.

I deem myself to be fortunate in being re-installed at their hands for my second term. I also take great pleasure in conveying to them our sincere felicitations and good wishes on behalf of the District Grand Lodge of India, and also on my own personal behalf.

The District Grand Lodge of India has had a galaxy of Past District Grand Masters, each of whom have regularly contributed to strengthen its foundation for prosperity, and in the process, brought glory to the District and its Founding Members.

I pray that the Most High may continue to shed his Divine Blessings on the District Grand Lodge of India and all of its members for future peace, prosperity and progress.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,



**ASPI K. BYRAMJI
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**



BRO. ASPI KHURSHEDJI BYRAMJI

Hon. Junior Grand Warden
District Grand Master
District Grand Lodge of India

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**BOMI S. MEHTA, D.S.M.
IMM. PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER
HON. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN**

23rd February 2013

MESSAGE

Bro. Aspi K. Byramji, D.S.M.,
District Grand Master,
District Grand Lodge of India,
Mumbai.

Dear Brother Aspi,

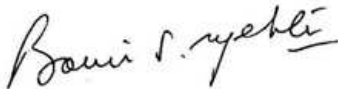
It is a matter of great pride that our District Grand Lodge has completed One Hundred and Seventy Five glorious years in India. To you, our District Grand Master and to the Brethren of our District, I offer my sincere congratulations and good wishes.

I pay tribute to the many worthy and distinguished Masons who are no more with us, and who protected and nurtured our District Grand Lodge over these last 175 years. They have ensured that the tenets and principles of Freemasonry continue to flourish in Scottish Freemasonry in India.

My congratulations to you on your Re-installation as District Grand Master. Having been at the helm of our District for a decade in the recent past, it gives me great happiness in seeing the manner in which the Brethren have responded under your leadership. I pray that our District Grand Lodge prospers and thrives on the road to its Bi-centenary.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours sincerely & fraternally,



Bomi S. Mehta
Immediate Past District Grand Master



BRO. BOMI SHAWAK MEHTA

Hon. Senior Grand Warden
Immediate Past District Grand Master
District Grand Lodge of India

MESSAGE

I am very happy that the District Grand Lodge of India (S.C.) will be celebrating its One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Jubilee on 23rd February 2013, and on this auspicious and momentous occasion, I have great pleasure in sending warmest felicitations to Bro. Aspi K. Byramji, Rt. Wor. District Grand Master and the Brethren of the District Grand Lodge of India.

I am indeed delighted that Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esselmont, Grand Master Mason and Bro. David M. Begg, C.A., Grand Secretary will be present in our midst to bless us and our undertakings with the solemn Ceremony of Rededication. This Ceremony is a gentle reminder of the tasks ahead as we march towards our Bi-Centenary.

We will also be witnessing the Installation of Bro. Aspi K. Byramji, District Grand Master for a second term of office at the august hand of the Grand Master Mason. Bro. Byramji has ably guided the District with dedication and devotion for the last five years. I am confident that he will further enhance the reputation of our Order by continuing to provide sound leadership and good governance to the widely spread District of India, thereby making his second term of office equally vibrant and purposeful.

May the Most High continue to shower His choicest blessings on the District Grand Lodge, so that it can play an increasingly useful and dynamic role in the prosperity and welfare of Scottish Freemasonry in India.

D. D. Karkaria
Past Rt. Wor. District Grand Master
(1992-1997)

23rd February 2013



BRO. DHUNJISHAW DINSHAW KARKARIA

**Hon. Senior Grand Warden
Past District Grand Master
District Grand Lodge of India**



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MESSAGE FROM GRAND SECRETARY, THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, TO BRETHREN OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

I gives me great pleasure to have the privilege of joining with Brethren of the District Grand Lodge of India to celebrate 175th anniversary of the formation of a Scottish District in India, and the reinstallation of the your District Grand Master, Brother Aspi Kurshedji Byramji.

We may reflect, occasionally with some dismay, how society and the Craft have changed over the years and recognise society is currently in a period of rapid change. Communications have changed out of all recognition over the last decade. We cannot ignore these changes and hearkening back to the "good old days" is ultimately a futile exercise. If we are to survive and grow stronger we must embrace change. The challenge is that we do so without compromising our principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

All District Grand Masters must have the respect and support of their Brethren, and I am confident Brother Byramji will have that support and that you have in Brother Bryamji a District Grand Master who embodies all the principles of Scottish Freemasonry, and who will lead your District to further achievements

In our official deputations and visits it is always gratifying to meet with members of the Scottish Craft in particular our Brethren overseas who do so much to keep the flame of Scottish Freemasonry burning, often in difficult circumstances. We at Grand Lodge are very grateful to the Brethren of the District Grand Lodge of India for their continued work and loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Scotland over the last hundred and seventy five years, and I wish to extend to all the Brethren of the District my sincerest best wishes and support for the future.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

February 2013

David Mackay Begg
Grand Secretary





BROTHER DAVID MACKAY BEGG

Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Scotland

RE-DEDICATION OFFICE - BEARERS

Grand Master Mason	-	Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gorden
Senior Grand Warden	-	Bro. Bomi S. Mehta
Junior Grand Warden	-	Bro. Dhunjishaw D. Karkaria
Grand Director of Ceremonies	-	Bro. David M. Begg
Grand Chaplain	-	Bro. Noshir G. Pagdiwalla

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA
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175TH ANNIVERSARY RE-DEDICATION
AND
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BRO. ASPI KHURSHEDJI BYRAMJI, D.S.M.
AS DISTRICT GRAND MASTER
FOR THE SECOND TERM

SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2013

CEREMONY OF RE-DEDICATION

1. The District Grand Master, Bro. Aspi Khurshedji Byramji, D.S.M. will open the District Grand Lodge.
2. Opening Hymn :

Tune No. 33 A. & M.

Hail Eternal; by whose aid,
All created things were made,
Heaven and Earth, Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine !

May our work begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be !
And may we, when labours cease
Part in Harmony and Peace.

By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us Architect Divine !

So mote it be.

3. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Devesh H. Hingorani will call upon the Brethren to rise and salute Bro. Aspi Khurshedji Byramji, D.S.M., District Grand Master on the Throne (once).

4. The District Grand Secretary will read the Summons for the Communication.
5. The District Grand Master will call upon the District Grand Secretary to read the Minutes of the last Installation Communication of the District Grand Lodge held on 17th November 2012.
The Minutes will be put to vote and confirmed.
6. The District Grand Master will call upon the District Grand Secretary to read the Minutes of the District Grand Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2013.
The Minutes will be put to vote and confirmed.
7. The District Grand Master will adjourn the District Grand Lodge for a short break. District Grand Lodge will be re-opened.
8. The District Grand Master will call upon the District Grand Director of Ceremonies to form suitable escorts to receive Visiting Deputations.
9. Deputations from the Regional Grand Lodge of Western India, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India, the District Grand Lodge of Northern India (E.C.) and the District Grand Lodge of Bombay (E.C.) will be received, presented and greeted (once).
10. The District Grand Inner Guard will admit the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who will announce to the District Grand Master that the Grand Master Mason awaits without and seeks admission.
11. To receive the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon along with his Deputation
12. Salutation to the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon.
13. The District Grand Master will extend a welcome to the Grand Master Mason and his Deputation.
14. The Grand Master Mason will take charge of the District Grand Lodge.
15. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will request the District Grand Wardens to vacate their Chairs in favour of the Grand Wardens.
16. The Grand Master Mason will announce the purpose of the meeting.
Psalm XXIII – “The Lord's My Shepherd” will be recited from the East.
17. The Grand Chaplain will read out the Scriptures.

II Chronicle, Chapter 6, Verses 12, 14 to 21

ACT OF RE-DEDICATION

18. The Grand Master Mason will invite the District Grand Master to join him at the Altar to accept a solemn obligation of Re-dedication on behalf of the Brethren of the District Grand Lodge.

When the District Grand Master is called upon to seal the obligation in a manner customary in our fraternity, Brethren of the District Grand Lodge will also signify their assent by giving the sign of fidelity three times.

19. The Grand Master Mason will administer the Obligation.
20. **The Three-fold Blessing** by the Grand Chaplain.
21. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will assemble the Re-dedication Office-bearers.
22. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will present the Cornucopia containing the Corn to the Grand Chaplain.

Ceremonial pouring of the Corn, Wine and Oil.

The first paragraph of Psalm 122 “Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity” will be read out from the East.

During the reading of the Psalm, the Grand Director of Ceremonies will lead the Re-dedication Office-bearers once around the Lodge to the South.

The Grand Master Mason will offer a prayer and scatter **Corn**.

Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing.

Response by Brethren : So mote it be

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will present the Vessel of Wine to the Grand Chaplain.

The second paragraph of Psalm 122 “Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity” will be read out from the East.

During the reading of the Psalm, the Grand Director of Ceremonies will lead the Re-dedication Office-bearers once around the Lodge to the West.

The Grand Master Mason will offer a prayer and pour **Wine**.

The Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing.

Response by the Brethren : So mote it be

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will present the Vessel of Oil to the Grand Chaplain.

The third paragraph of Psalm 122 “Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity” will be read out from the East.

During the reading of the Psalm, the Grand Director of Ceremonies will lead the Re-dedication Office-bearers once around the Lodge to the East.

The Grand Master Mason will offer a prayer and pour **Oil**.

Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing.

Response by Brethren : So mote it be.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will take the Vessel of Oil from the Grand Master Mason. The procession will perambulate the Lodge; the Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Chaplain will leave the procession at their respective places and finally the Grand Master Mason will be conducted to the East by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Re-dedication of Regalia

23. The Grand Master Mason will Re-dedicate the Regalia.

24. Declaration of Re-dedication of the Regalia.

25. The Grand Master Mason will invest the District Grand Master with the newly consecrated Regalia.

26. **Address by the Grand Master Mason**

27. Paraphrase 2 “O God of Bethel! By whose hand Thy people still are fed” will be read from the East.

(During the recitation the Grand Director of Ceremonies will conduct Grand Chaplain to the Altar)

Thanksgiving

28. The Grand Chaplain will offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving from the south-east.

29. “Such blessing from Thy gracious hand our humble prayers implore” will be recited from the East.

Brethren will be upstanding.

Benediction

30. The Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Benediction.

31. Return of the Gavel by the Grand Master Mason to the District Grand Master.

32. The District Grand Master assumes charge of the Lodge.

33. The District Grand Master thanks the Grand Master Mason and Grand Secretary, and officiating Grand Chaplain.

34. Presentation of Commemorative 175th Anniversary Jewel by the District Grand Master to the Grand Master Mason, and to the Grand Secretary.

35. Presentation of Commemorative 175th Anniversary Jewel by the Grand Master Mason to the District Grand Master and Past District Grand Masters.

36. Presentation of Commemorative 175th Anniversary Jewel by the District Grand Master to the Office-bearers of the District Grand Lodge.

37. The Grand Master Mason along with his Deputation will retire.

38. The District Grand Master will adjourn the District Grand Lodge for a short break.

The Immediate Past District Grand Master will re-open the District Grand Lodge after a short break for the Re-installation of the District Grand Master.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

1. Brethren and Visiting Deputations to be seated before the Immediate Past District Grand Master and District Grand Wardens enter in procession.
2. The District Grand Lodge will resume working in the Third Degree.
3. The Grand Master Mason and Grand Secretary enter in procession and will be seated.
4. The Grand Master Mason will take charge of the District Grand Lodge.
5. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will request the District Grand Wardens to vacate their Chairs in favour of the Grand Wardens.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will escort the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden to their respective chairs.

6. The Grand Master Mason will request the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire to escort the District Grand Master into the District Grand Lodge.
7. Psalm XXIII “The Lord's my shepherd” will be read from the East.
8. During the reading of the Psalm the District Grand Master accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies will enter the District Grand Lodge.
9. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will present the District Grand Master.
10. The Grand Master Mason will call upon the Grand Secretary to read the Commission.
11. The Grand Master Mason will address the District Grand Master.
12. The Grand Secretary will read a summary of the Antient Charges.
13. The Grand Master Mason will call upon the District Grand Master to submit to the Charges and Regulations.
14. The Grand Master Mason will administer the Oath of Fidelity.

15. The Grand Chaplain will recite :-

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.

16. The Grand Master Mason will invest the District Grand Master with the insignia of his Office and place him in the Chair.

17. Proclamation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

18. The Grand Master Mason will obligate the Depute and Substitute District Grand Masters, invest them and present them with their Commissions.

19. Proclamations by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

20. **The Grand Master Mason will obligate the District Grand Secretary and District Grand Chaplain**, invest them and present them with their Commissions.

21. **The District Grand Secretary will call the Roll of Lodges in the District.**

As the name of each Lodge is called, Members of that Lodge will be upstanding, salute the District Grand Master, and resume their seats.

22. ADDRESS by the GRAND MASTER MASON.

23. "O God of Bethel!" will be read from the East.

24. The Grand Chaplain will offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Response by Brethren : So mote it be

25. Brethren will sing the Masonic Hymn.

Hail Eternal, by whose aid,	May our work begun in Thee,
All created things were made:	Ever blessed with order be;
Heaven and earth, Thy vast design,	And may we, when labours cease,
Hear us, Architect Divine!	Part in Harmony and Peace.

By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us Architect Divine!

So mote it be.

26. The Grand Master Mason will present the District Grand Master with the Gavel, the Emblem of Authority.
27. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will request the Grand Wardens to vacate their Chairs in favour of the District Grand Wardens. The Grand Wardens will be escorted to their seats in the East.
28. The District Grand Master will Address the Brethren.
29. Offertory.
30. Visiting Deputations from Sister Constitutions will offer greetings.
31. The Grand Master Mason along with his Deputation will retire.
32. Visiting Deputations from Sister Constitutions will retire.
33. The District Grand Lodge will be closed in due and antient form in the Third Degree.
34. Closing Hymn

Now the evening shadows closing,
Worn from toil to peaceful rest
Mystic arts and rights reposing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of Light – whose love unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works extend.
Crown our order with Thy blessing.
Build – sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before Thee
Grateful for Thy aid divine,
Everlasting power and glory
Mighty Architect be Thine.

So mote it be.

35. National Anthem

Brethren will remain in their places until the District Grand Master and District Grand Office-bearers have retired.

T O A S T S

1. *The President of The Republic of India*

2. *Head of the Commonwealth,
H. M. Queen Elizabeth II*

3. *The Grand Master Mason
Bro. Charles Iain Robert
Wolrige Gordon*

4. *The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Scotland,
Bro. David Mackay Begg*

5. *Bro. Aspi Khurshedji Byramji, D.S.M.
District Grand Master
Hon. Junior Grand Warden*

6. *Bro. Bomi S. Mehta, D.S. M, and
Bro. Dhunjishaw D. Karkaria D.S.M.
Past District Grand Masters
Hon. Sen. Grand Wardens*

7. *Visiting Deputations*

Responses

8. *Daughter Lodges*

Reply

9. *Tyler's Toast*

*Bro. Aspi K. Byramji, D.S.M.
District Grand Master,
Hon. Junior Grand Warden*

*Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige
Gordon, Grand Master Mason*

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District Grand Master,
Hon. Junior Grand Warden*

*Bro. Rustom K. Daruwalla,
Depute District Grand Master*

Bro. Abraham John

Bro. Rummy P. Khan

DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS : 1838 – 2013



**BROTHER CHEVALIER DR. JAMES BURNES
FIRST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF WESTERN INDIA**

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN INDIA

Brother Dr. James Burnes	1838 - 1850
Brother Phillip William LeGeyt	1850 - 1855
Brother Henry Durance Cartwright	1855 - 1860
Brother George Robert Ballingal (Acting Prov. Gr. Master)	1861 - 1863
Brother Richard Bolton Barton	1863 - 1870
Brother Sir Henry Morland	1870 - 1875

GRAND LODGE OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA

Brother Sir Henry Morland	1875 – 1878
Brother Mackintosh Balfour	1878 – 1883
Brother Sir Henry Morland	1883 – 1892
Brother James W. Smith	1892 – 1897
Brother Lord Sandhurst	1897 – 1901
Brother Lord Northcote	1901 – 1903
Brother Lord Lamington	1904 – 1908
Brother Col. Robert Hall Forman	1908 – 1912
Brother Justice Sir Frank Clement Offley Beaman	1912 – 1919
Brother Major General William Ernest Jennings	1919 – 1923
Brother Harry Parker Gibbs	1924 – 1929
Brother Sir John Ernest Buttery Hotson	1929 – 1932
Brother Dr. Sir Tehmulji Nariman	1932 – 1938
Brother Sir Cecil Patrick Blackwell	1938 – 1944
Brother Sir Ivon Taunton	1945 – 1948

**GRAND LODGE OF UNITED SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY
IN INDIA & PAKISTAN**

Brother Sir Ivon Taunton	1948 – 1950
Brother Sir Shapoorji Bomanjee Billimoria	1950 – 1955

**GRAND LODGE OF UNITED SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY
IN INDIA & CEYLON**

Brother Major General H. H. Sir Syed Raza Ali Khan, Nawab of Rampur	1955 – 1961
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN INDIA

Brother Dr. Sorab Maneckji Khambatta	1961 – 1968
Brother Albert Bernard Turner	1968 – 1978
Brother Noshir Muluk Irani	1978 – 1985
Brother Ratan Naoroji Contractor	1985 – 1987
Brother Shavak Phirozesha Dadachanji	1988 – 1991

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF EASTERN INDIA

Brother William George Miller	1961 – 1967
Brother Edward Ira Brown	1967 – 1970
Brother Ivan Goss	1970 – 1976
Brother Boris Alex Yashanoff	1976
Brother Tayebbhoy Mohomedalli	1977 – 1979
Brother Saroj Kumar Mehera	1979 – 1984
Brother Hari Singh	1984 – 1992

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

Brother Dhunjishaw Dinshaw Karkaria	1992 – 1997
Brother Bomi Shawak Mehta	1997 – 2007
Brother Aspi Khurshedji Byramji	2007- to date

**GRAND MASTER MASONS
WHO LATER BECAME GRAND MASTERS OF
THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND**

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| 1. | John (Keith) 3 rd Earl of Kintore
(Grand Master of England 1740-41) | 1738 – 39 |
| 2. | James (Douglas) 14 th Earl of Morton, <i>KT</i>
(Grand Master of England 1741-42) | 1739 – 40 |
| 3. | Thomas (Lyon) 8 th Earl of Strathmore
& Kinghorn
(Grand Master of England – 1744-45) | 1740 – 41 |
| 4. | Sholto (Douglas) 15 th Earl of Morton
Lord Aberdour
(Grand Master of England 1757-60) | 1755 – 57 |
| 5. | Thomas (Alexander) (Erskin)
6 th Earl of Kellie
(Grand Master of England 1760-65) | 1763 – 65

2 years common Grand Master |
| 6. | John (Murray) 3 rd Duke of Atholl, <i>KT</i>
(Grand Master of England 1771-74) | 1773-74
1 year common Grand Master |
| 7. | John (Murray) 4 th Duke of Atholl
(Grand Master of England 1775-81;
& 1791-1813) | 1778-80

2 years common Grand Master |
| 8. | H. M. George IV
(Grand Master of England 1790-1813) | 1806-20
7 years common Grand Master |

FROM OUR PAST

A FEW SNIPPETS OF EVENTS OVER THE LAST 175 YEARS OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA

1. THE BIRTH

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held at Edinburgh on 30th November 1836, the Grand Master Mason, Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Ramsay, during his address informed the members that Bro. Dr. James Burnes, K.H., LL.D., of the Honourable East India Company's medical services was about to return to India and proposed that Bro. Dr. Burnes be appointed Provincial Grand Master over the Provinces of Western India and Dependencies with authority to establish Lodges in those Provinces. This was unanimously approved and Bro. Dr. Burnes was accordingly issued a Commission dated 30th November 1836. Bro. Dr. Burnes arrived in Bombay towards the end of December 1837 and on 1st January 1838 opened and established the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western India and its Dependencies, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and appointed his Office-Bearers.

2. THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS

The first Lodge founded by Bro. Dr. James Burnes was Lodge Hope No. 337 in Kurrachee in 1842. Thereafter, he founded Lodge Rising Star of Western India No. 342 in Bombay in 1843, to open the portals of Masonry to Indians. Parsis were the first to evince interest in the Craft, then Muslims and later Hindus.

The north-east Corner Stone of the Jamshedji Jeejeebhoy (J. J.) Hospital in Bombay was laid with Masonic Rites on 3rd January 1843 by the Provincial Grand Master of Western India, Bro. Dr. James Burnes.

The Province was renamed and inaugurated as the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India on 31st January 1875, with 19 Lodges under its Jurisdiction. Bro. Sir Henry Morland was installed as its first 'Grand Master'. The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge at one time extended from Burma to Aden, including the Persian Gulf and Ceylon.

In 1886, Bro. John Adams designed and supervised the construction of the Throne and Pedestal for the Grand Master, which continue to be in use even today. This Throne and Pedestal were presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Hormusjee J. Rustomjee, Hon. Substitute Grand Master and Past Master of Lodge Hope No. 350, Kurrachee and Lodge Harmony No. 485, Kurrachee.

The oldest existing Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge relate to the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Clare Road, Byculla, Bombay on 25th April 1891, which was presided over by Bro. James W. Smith, Grand Master Depute. In his Address, Bro. James Smith informed the Brethren that in the morning that day, the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Henry Morland, Governor of Bombay Presidency, when about to mount his horse, the stirrup leather broke and he fell. The horse reared and came down with one of his hoofs on the chest of the Grand Master and afterwards kicked him on his other breast. The injuries were serious enough to cause the Grand Master's demise three months later on 28th July 1891.

3. FIRST VISIT BY AN OFFICE-BEARER OF GRAND LODGE

On 6th April 1893, Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun, Substitute Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland attended the Quarterly Communication held in Bombay, of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. This visit was not in an official capacity, but it was the first visit by an Office-bearer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun later became the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason in 1896.

**4. THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY BECOMES AN AFFILIATE
& THE NEW FREEMASONS' HALL IN BOMBAY**

At a Special Communication held on 8th January 1897, Bro. The Rt. Hon. William Baron Sandhurst, H. E. The Governor of Bombay Presidency was elected as the next Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He was the District Grand Master of Bombay E.C. at that time and had to first become a Scottish Mason (by becoming an Affiliate Member of The Scots Lodge No. 828 in Bombay), before he could be installed as the Grand Master. His Installation was held on 4th June 1897 at the Novelty Cinema, Esplanade, Fort, Bombay. For the first time in the history of Freemasonry in India, both the Scottish and English Districts were placed under one Brother, -- Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Sandhurst. He occupied both Chairs from 1897 to 1900

The foundation stone of the present Freemasons' Hall was laid the next day, 5th June 1897 by Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Sandhurst. The District Grand Lodge of Bombay (English Constitution) and the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India were opened successively and temporarily adjourned, and the Office-bearers of the two Districts formed a procession and then laid the corner stone of the present Freemasons' Hall. A Plaque placed in the porch of Freemasons' Hall to commemorate this event can still be seen.

Within two years of the laying of the foundation stone, the construction of the present Freemasons' Hall was completed. The opening, consecration and dedication of the present Freemasons' Hall was held on 25th March 1899 by Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord

Sandhurst at what was described as 'Home Street, Fort, Bombay'. The ceremony was performed by Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Sandhurst, as Head of both the Scottish and English Constitutions, and consequently the main Temple in Freemasons' Hall is named after him and called the 'Sandhurst Temple'. On the occasion, a Silver Bowl and Cup were presented to Bro. Darasha Ruttonjee Chichgur, Past Grand Master Depute, Honorary Secretary of the Joint Hall Committee, in recognition of the tremendous services rendered by him in ensuring the successful completion of the new Freemasons' Hall. His grandsons and great-grandsons are members of our District. An American Organ was donated to the Hall by the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India at a cost of Rs. 600, which today unfortunately lies un-repairable.

On the occasion, Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Sandhurst said "The more these two bodies (E.C. and S.C.) are united in their Head, the better it will be for the Craft in every respect." The bonds between the two District Grand Lodges are as strong today as they were in the year 1900, 113 years ago.

It was estimated that the buildings would cost Rs. 1,10,000/-, while fittings for furniture would cost Rs. 36,900/-. It was planned to raise funds by donations, debentures, and bonds. However thanks to the generous response from Brethren, Masonic bodies, the Trustees of the N. N. Framji Trust (S.C.), the generosity of the Petit family and the savings of the Joint Hall Committee, the Building Committee was able to meet the costs.

The Building Committee resolved to have one of the halls named as 'Framji Dinshawjee Petit Banqueting Hall' and the larger hall 'Framji Cowasji Banqueting Hall'.

5. FIRST OFFICIAL DEPUTATION FROM GRAND LODGE

The first Official Deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland visited India in December 1937. The Deputation was led by Bro. Robert Edward, The Rt. Hon. The 11th Lord Belhaven & Stenton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who was on a private visit to India at that time. The Grand Secretary, Bro. T. G. Winning, came over by ship to Bombay and they paid an official visit on 22nd December 1937 to the Installation Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Bombay. Interestingly, Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Belhaven commented at the Meeting that he found the working of Grand Lodge to be "too English" !! The Deputation had visited Rajputana, the Punjab, Calcutta, Madras, Kolar Gold Fields, and Hyderabad before coming to Bombay.

6. SPLITTING THE DISTRICT - 1938

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held in Edinburgh on 5th May 1938, the recommendation made by Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Belhaven, Past Grand Master not to adopt the decision of the Foreign & Colonial Committee to divide the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India by creating a District Grand Lodge of Eastern India, was accepted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He further recommended that in future, consideration be given to having a Grand Master alternately from Bombay and Calcutta. This recommendation was never implemented.

7. SECOND OFFICIAL DEPUTATION FROM GRAND LODGE

On 9th March 1959, Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Alexander G. MacDonald, Immediate Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland visited India along with Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. Alexander F. Buchan.

8. SPLITTING THE DISTRICT – 1948 AND 1961

Consequent to the partition of India in 1947, Lodges in Pakistan were transferred to the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan in 1948.

With the forthcoming formation and constitution of The Grand Lodge of India on 24th November 1961, it was decided by the Grand Lodge of Scotland at its Quarterly Communication held in Edinburgh on 30th August 1961, that for better supervision of Lodges in India and Ceylon, two District Grand Lodges should be erected in India instead of the Grand Lodge of United Scottish Freemasonry in India and Ceylon, to be known as the District Grand Lodge of Western India and the District Grand Lodge of Eastern India. As a general principle, all Lodges west of longitude 76° E were assigned to the District Grand Lodge of Western India and all Lodges lying east of longitude 76° E were assigned to the District Grand Lodge of Eastern India.

At an Especial Communication held at Bombay on 16th March 1962, the District Grand Lodge of Western India was consecrated by Bro. Cyrus F. Minwalla, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan (S.C.), and Bro. Dr. Sorab M. Khambatta was installed as its first Rt. Wor. District Grand Master.

At an Especial Communication held at Calcutta on 24th July 1962, the District Grand Lodge of Eastern India was consecrated by Bro. P. G. Clark, District Grand Master of The Middle East, (S.C.) and Bro. William George Miller was installed as its first District Grand Master.

9. FIRST VISIT BY A GRAND MASTER MASON

The first Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to visit India was Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing. In Bombay on 14th February 1967, the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing re-installed Bro. Dr. Sorab M. Khambatta as the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Western India for a second term, assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. Alexander F. Buchan.

During his visit to India, the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. Alexander F. Buchan carried out the Rededication Ceremony on the occasion of the Centenary of Lodge Barton No. 475. Lonavla on 13th February 1967.

At an Especial Communication held in Calcutta on 17th February 1967, Bro. Edward Ira Brown was installed as the District Grand Master of Eastern India by the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing assisted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. Alexander F. Buchan. This is also reported to be the first Masonic visit by a Grand Master Mason to Bengal. The next day, 18th February 1967, the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing performed the Rededication Ceremony on the occasion of the Centenary of Lodge Endeavour No. 474 in Calcutta.

10. SECOND VISIT BY A GRAND MASTER MASON

The second Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to visit India was Bro. Capt. Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, accompanied by Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Stewart Falconer. The Grand Master Mason installed Bro. Noshir Muluk Irani as the District Grand Master of Western India on 17th February 1978 in Bombay.

11. DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

Coinciding with the Installation of Bro. Dhunjishaw D. Karkaria as the District Grand Master on 28th November 1992, the District Grand Lodge of Western India and the District Grand Lodge of Eastern India were merged to form the District Grand Lodge of India under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

12. FURTHER VISITS BY GRAND MASTER MASONS

After the visit of Bro. Capt. Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont in 1978, all succeeding Grand Master Masons, except Bro. Rev'd Canon Joseph (John) Morrow, have visited India during their term in Office.

On 20th December 1980, Bro. Sir James McKay, the Grand Master Mason visited the District Grand Lodge of India, accompanied by Bro. E. Stuart Falconer, Grand Secretary. He again visited the District Grand Lodge of India accompanied by Bro. E. Stuart Falconer, Grand Secretary on 26th February 1983, and re-installed Bro. Noshir Muluk Irani in Bombay as the District Grand Master for a second term.

On 18th November 1985, Bro. James M. Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, the Grand Master Mason visited the District Grand Lodge of India at its Annual Installation Convocation in Bombay, accompanied by Bro. Arthur O. Hazel, Grand Secretary.

On 16th February 1993, Bro. Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, the Grand Master Mason visited the District Grand Lodge of India at its Annual Installation Convocation in Bombay, accompanied by Bro. Arthur O. Hazel, Grand Secretary.

On 19th February 1998, Bro. The Rt. Hon The Lord Burton, the Grand Master Mason visited the District Grand Lodge of India, accompanied by Bro. C. Martin McGibbon, Grand Secretary and installed Bro. Bomi Shawak Mehta as the District Grand Master of India.

On 6th February 2003, Bro. Sir Archibald Donald Orr Ewing, the Grand Master Mason visited the District Grand Lodge of India, accompanied by Bro. David M. Begg, Grand Secretary.

Today, 23rd February 2013, we have Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon, the Grand Master Mason accompanied by Grand Secretary, Bro. David Mackay Begg with us to conduct the Re-dedication Ceremony on the occasion the District Grand Lodge of India completing 175 Years, and also to re-install Bro. Aspi Khurshedji Byramji as the District Grand Master for the second term.

It has been a long and interesting history of Scottish Freemasonry in India over the last 175 years.

A detailed history of Scottish Freemasonry in India can be viewed in the web site of the District Grand Lodge of India at <http://go.to/dglindia>.



Ruling Masters' Guild

Under the District Grand Lodge of India

BRIEF HISTORY OF RULING MASTERS' GUILD S.C.

FORMATION OF THE RULING MASTERS' GUILD (S.C.)

The Ruling Masters' Guild was conceptualised by Br. Abraham John, in the year 1999, when he ascended the Eastern Chair in Lodge Al Ameen No. 1412 S.C. Not being content with merely occupying the Masters' Chair, he set his sights to achieving more as per our Masonic philosophy. His axiom being that one should be averse to be termed merely as fork and spoon mason, but instead, to actually endeavor to live up to the high ideals and tenets of the order. Besides, being philanthropically inclined with a penchant to ameliorate the sufferings of the distressed, he envisaged that Masonry could go a long way in helping mankind, promoting goodwill, comforting the distressed and giving succor to the needy.

Driven by his foresight, he conceptualised the idea of formulating a body of all Ruling Masters and Past Masters from all the Scottish Lodges within the jurisdiction of The District Grand Lodge of India, Scottish Constitution so that their collective efforts could fructify into realizing the vision. Upon presenting his ideas to Bro. Bomi S. Mehta and Bro. Bahadur D. Khambatta. The then Rt. Wor. District Grand Master and District Grand Secretary of the Scottish Constitution in India, the same was viewed favourably and he was encouraged to put his plans to action.

That is how The Ruling Masters' Guild saw the light of day in December 1999 under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge of India, Scottish Constitution. Bro. Bomi S. Mehta. The then Rt. Wor. District Grand Master of The District Grand Lodge of India was the first Patron and Bro. Abraham was elected unanimously as the first Chairman. From humble beginnings with seventeen members comprising of the then 16 Ruling Masters and one past Master hailing from seventeen Lodges in Mumbai, the guild now boasts of many members, some of whom even traverse long distances from upcountry centres to attend its quarterly meetings which are held on the third Sundays of March, June, September and December.

“RULING MASTERS' GUILD – THUS FAR & FURTHER”

Started in December, 1999 with 17 members (16 Rt. Wor. Masters & 1 Past Master) under the patronage of the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master, Bro. Bomi Shawaksha Mehta, today the Guild comprises 83 members (Ruling Masters, Immediate Past Masters and Supporting Past Masters) covering 17 Lodges under the District Grand Lodge of India in the Scottish Constitution. The meetings of the Guild are regularly held on the third Sundays of March, June, September and December.

ACTIVITIES

1. 16th December, 2000

For the first time a get-together of all Masons along with their families comprising all the Scottish Lodges in and around Mumbai was held at the Freemasons' Hall – Mumbai.

2.. **7th December, 2003**

Free Medical Services Camp at the Jeevandhara Adivasi Kanya Ashramshala at Ashagad, Dahanu. Over 700 Adivasi patients benefitted.

3. **26th September, 2004**

Free Medical Services Camp at the Jeevandhara Adivasi Kanya Ashramshala, Ashagad, Dahanu, when 31 doctors from various disciplines attended to 927 patients.

4. **27th January, 2005**

Donation of Rs.1,25,000/- to the Bombay Urban Industrial League for Development, an NGO working with those affected in Chandrapadi and Kareikal in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry in Southern India, after the Tsunami floods hit the south-eastern coast of India on 26th December, 2004.

5. **12th August, 2005**

Completion of project – sweet water supply to the Jeevandhara Adivasi Kanya Ashramshala at Ashagad, Dahanu by installing a Borewell with submersible and hand pumps. 350 Adivasi children and the staff of the School benefitted.

6.. **20th November, 2005**

Free Medical Services Camp at the Jeevan Vikas Seva Trust, Koshimbi, Mumbai – Nashik Road. 700 patients were attended to, by a team of 21 doctors.

7. **11th December, 2005**

Donation of two steel cupboards & 16 pairs of desk + benches to the Bhavdhara Academy, Virar (E), an institution catering to Adivasi (tribal) children.

8.. **19th November, 2006**

Free Eye Camp at Dayanand Hospital, Vadoli Village, Talasari, on Sunday, 19th November 2006 in association with Vision Foundation of India when 510 patients were attended to, 18 cataract operations were conducted and 186 spectacles were distributed besides supplying Vitamin A booster for children.

9. . **15th June, 2007**

In the month of May, 2007 investigations were carried out by the Guild so as to assess the possibilities of ascertaining water supply in the premises of Dayanand Hospital, Vadoli village along the Mumbai – Ahmedabad Highway. The Hospital serves all the Adivasis in and around the village and was facing acute water shortage. A complete report was submitted to the Hospital in this regard by the Guild and by 17th June, 2007, a pilot project of water harvesting was carried out to recharge one bore-well in the hospital premises at a cost of Rs. 52,742/-. This has enhanced the water supply in the hospital premises considerably.

10. **30th September, 2007**

A Free Eye Check-up Camp was held at the Jeevan Vikas Seva Trust premises in village Koshimbi along Mumbai – Nashik Road for the benefit of the Adivasis residing around the village. 560 patients were checked, 66 cataract operations are being carried out at the

Bombay City Eye-Research Centre at Babulnath, Mumbai, 193 spectacles were already distributed and further 66 to be given after the 66 cataract operations and besides all these, 210 patients were treated by general physicians on the same day.

11. **22nd February, 2009**

A Free Medical Services Camp was held by the Guild on Sunday, 22nd February, 2009 at the Nirmala Mata Girls' High School at Manickpur, Vasai (W) in Thane District. 2500 patients were attended to by a team of 70 Doctors comprising various disciplines. By far this was the largest camp held by the Guild till then.

12. **29th April, 2009**

A picnic of the patients at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Indian Cancer Society to Alibaug was sponsored by the Guild. A contribution of Rs.10,000/- was paid to the Society towards this on 29/04/2009.

13. **1st November, 2009**

A major Blood Donation Camp was organized by the Guild in association with Think Foundation and the State Blood Transfusion Council in a residential colony at Andheri (E) on Sunday, 1st November, 2009, in aid of Thallassaemia affected children. 72 bottles of blood were collected on that day. which is almost double the number normally expected from residential areas.

14. **27st June, 2010**

One more Rain Water Harvesting Project to redress the water scarcity problems faced by the Dayanand Hospital at Vadavali (Talassari) was carried out in the front portion of the Hospital Complex at a cost of Rs. 1,32,886/-. A team of fourteen senior Freemasons led by Bro. Rashid N. Poonawala (District Grand Secretary), Bro. Phiroze M. Katrak (District Depute Grand Master), Bro. Dinshaw R. Pavri and Bro. Chandrakant G. Patel (Past District Depute Grand Masters) visited the location on Sunday 27th June 2010 and laid a marble plaque on the recharge pit to commemorate the event.

15. **3rd July, 2010**

School fee for the Academic year 2010-2011 for the benefit of the education of the daughter of one of the employees of Freemasons' Joint Hall Committee was paid for by the Guild as part of its policy of encouragement of girls' education.

16.. **6th March 2011**

A free general medical camp was organised at The Divine Mercy church, Durgesh Park, Kalher, Bhiwandi, on 6/3/11. There were 28 doctors including 4 dentists with a fully equipped dental van. 550 patients were treated and free medicines were dispensed as prescribed. Around 30 volunteers comprising Masons, their family and friends traveled in two buses from the Freemasons hall. Breakfast, lunch and evening tea along with lots of soft drinks and bottled water was organised for all the participants. At the end of the camp, the visiting doctors were given certificates of appreciation along with a Pierre Cardin pen as a memento.

17. **10th June 2011**

Donated Medicines worth Rs.40,000 to Rs.50,000/- to The Lions Club of Esat Bombay Polyclinic and Diagnostic centre – Matunga.

18. **3rd October 2011**

An Osteoporosis Detection Camp was jointly with Lions Club of East Bombay at their polyclinic and Diagnostic Centre, Matunga on Monday, 3rd October, 2011. Clinical advice was rendered to 192 persons who underwent the Bone Densitometry Test on the occasion. The Ruling Masters' Guild was enabled to participate in the programme through the good offices of the RW District Grandmaster Bro Aspi Byramji who attended along with his wife Tanaz, our Dist. Grand secretary Bro Rashid Poonawala and six other members of the guild.

19. **6th November 2011.**

A General Medical Camp with emphasis on gynaecology and pregnant women in the rural areas around Karjat was carried out by the Supreme Council 33* under the Masons of India programme on Sunday, 6th November, 2011 at the farm of Bro Charles Ferreira in Karjat. 490 patients were examined. The Ruling Masters' Guild contributed Rs 35,000/- worth of medicines and nutritional supplements for this project besides several Brethren and their spouses from the Guild attending and helping at the Camp.

20. **11th December 2011.**

One of the first projects carried out by the Guild was to provide bunker beds for the children at an orphanage run by The Handmaids of the Blessed Trinity at Vasai (W). That was way back in March, 2003. The orphanage had barely 40 children at that time. Once again a very memorable event was organised at the orphanage, when seven members of the Guild were present to spend time with the children, who today number about 150. Members of the Guild gifted the children with presents and offered a special lunch to the children and staff.

VISION

Notwithstanding the progress made by the Guild, it has been our endeavour not to rest on our past laurels, but instead, to strive to achieve our goals at a high degree of success. We are alive to the “4 cardinal virtues”, viz., Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice ... but while many lodges breathe a spirit of general philanthropy, our biggest task today is to convince an increasingly cynical public that the Craft is neither a standing conspiracy nor a secret society, nor even a “society with secrets”, but a harmless private institution which benefits the entire community by inculcating lofty moral and spiritual values in its members ... but it is not that ... because Freemasonry can spiritually enrich a lifetime, it can be conservative, but also a reactionary force. True Masonic Ritual, as it always was intended to do, teaches the great lesson of life, the importance of honour and integrity, of being a person on whom others can rely, of being trusting and trustworthy, of realising that you have a spiritual nature as well as a physical nature, of the importance of self control, of knowing how to love and be loved, of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so that they “open up” without fear, in short, Masonic ritual teaches us to reach for a higher standard in conducting our lives.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE PERSEVRANCE NO. 338

In 1822, Benevolent Lodge No. 740 was established in Poona, shifted to Bombay and started meetings at Bombay Castle. In 1826, 13 Non Commissioned Officers started meeting in the Guard Room over the Apollo Gate. Benevolent Lodge elected them as Honorary Members but discriminated them during Banquet by serving separately. They complained to the Commanding Officer, who ensured that they met on the level henceforth. Meanwhile, Lancashire Fusiliers landed in Bombay and were attached to Minden Lodge No. 63 under Grand Lodge of Ireland, to which some of above 13 got affiliated. In 1827, as recommended by Benevolent Lodge, they petitioned to Grand Lodge of England for a Charter to Lodge Perseverance, which was approved on 16th April 1828 under warrant No. 618, later changed to No. 546 in 1832.

In 1837 Bro. Dr. James Burnes landed in Bombay, authorised by Grand Lodge of Scotland to establish Lodges in Western India. He established a Provincial Lodge and appointed Office Bearers. He joined Lodge Perseverance and was appointed RWM in December 1838, re-elected in 1839, but was transferred to Calcutta. During his time, a controversy arose over the rejection of an Indian Native, a prominent Bombay citizen, Mr. Maneckjee Cursetjee. This was based on Lodge's inability to establish antecedents of Indians due to lack of their social interaction with Europeans. Mr. Cursetjee went to England but was not admitted a Mason. He went to France and was admitted to a Lodge in Paris. But on return to India, he was again refused entry. Discord amongst Members led to formation of Lodge of Rising Star by dissidents in 1845 and election of Mr. Cursetjee as an Extra Member of Lodge Perseverance. Bro. Burnes returned to Bombay in 1842. On a petition from 32 Masons, Lodge Perseverance was formed with Provisional Warrant under Grand Lodge of Scotland bearing Warrant No. 422 (later changed to 351).

In 1853, Lodge St George under English Constitution (E.C.) tried to convert Lodge Perseverance to E.C. but failed.

In 1868, rejection of affiliation of candidate proposed by RWM Bro. Morland led to conflict and his resignation with supporters. Bro. Morland, as Dy. Prov. Grand Master (Prov. Grand Master was away), broke into the Lodge premise and seized the Warrant. On his return, Warrant was restored by Prov. Grand Master and dissidents were reinstated.

Prov. Grand Master directed that Lodges should be arranged under individual banners. Banner for Lodge was designed by Bombay School of Arts and unfurled on 17th March, 1874.

In 1880, misuse of ballots and rejection of candidates led to grave dissatisfaction. Amongst five members present for election meeting, only two voted for RWM Lodge, was kept in abeyance normalcy was restored by intervention by Past Grand Master Bro. Morland and influential members of the Lodge in 1882, First Indian Member Bro. Ardeshir Pestonjee Daver was admitted, followed by Bro. Sorabji Dadabhai Dubash, much to the consternation of Grand Lodge of Scotland, who advised caution while recruiting Indians.

In 1893, Lodge celebrated Golden Jubilee and a Medal was stuck to commemorate the event.

In 1897, Lodge asked for precedence over Rising Star No. 342 and was allotted rightful No. 338. On 6 April, 1897, Lord Salton, Sub. Grand Master of Scotland attended the Lodge and profusely praised its' working.

On 16 April, 1928, Centenary was celebrated with thanksgiving, prayer and banquet. Old jewels were carried in procession.

In 1950, Lodge donated a cupboard & 134 Masonic books owned by Bro. A.J. FINAN, Historian of Scottish Lodges in India to the Hall Committee.

Post independence in 1947, as Europeans left, Membership shrunk and in 1952, Indianisation started.

Distinguished Personages of Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, including all Grand Masters, Prov./Dy. Prov. Grand Masters have been Members of the Lodge, right from inception.

It is interesting to note that eight Brethren of Lodge Perseverance have headed the Scottish Craft in India since the inception of Scottish Freemasonry in 1838. In 1961, on the formation of the Grand Lodge of India (G.L.I.), two Scottish Districts were constituted. This arrangement continued till 1992, when the earlier bifurcated Districts were merged into one single District ie. "District Grand Lodge of India". The first Brother to head this reconstituted composite District was our member Bro. Dhunjishaw Dinshaw Karkaria (1992 – 1997). He headed the Scottish Craft exactly a hundred years after Bro. James W. Smith was Grand Master – A.S.F.I. during the period (1892 – 1897)

Presently, Lodge is on sound footing and working most satisfactory. Members show excellent dynamism. On roll are one Past District Grand Master, ten Past Masters, two DSMs and one Life Member. Members hold senior positions in District Grand Lodge of India.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE St. ANDREW'S IN THE EAST No. 343



“A RARE RECORD”

It is rare for any Lodge which has completed one hundred and fifty years of unbroken existence to have some of its earliest records. Lodge St. Andrew's In The East No. 343 S.C. is singularly fortunate in that its first Minute Book had been preserved in immaculate condition at The Grand Lodge of Scotland.

There is reason to believe that this masterpiece of penmanship, written lovingly by a succession of secretaries, was probably restored and bound by Wor. Bro. Fram Billimoria, an illustrious member who was secretary of the Lodge for about seven years during the 1940's. At the request of the Lodge, the volume was returned a couple of years ago to help in the writing of the history of the Lodge. It contains the minutes of the first 215 meetings, from February 19th. 1844 to June 21st 1852. There is also a copy of the petition for the founding of the Lodge and the Original Charter granted by the first Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in Western India, the illustrious Dr. James Burnes M.D.,K.H.

However, in the opinion of the Brethren, two Brethren deserve mention. Briefly sketched are Col. John Augustus Wood, the first soldier of the Indian Army to be awarded the Victoria Cross and Dr. Maneckji Sohrabji Hormusjee Mody, the legendary ritualist at every level of Masonic working. A gentleman still remembered, with much love and spoken about with awe by those who had to contend with him when entrusted with working and ritual.

(Interestingly, one of the group of the first three soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross at a common ceremony at Hyde Park by the Queen Empress herself was Col Dunn. He was a member of Chapter St. Andrew's In The East. This must surely be a Masonic record of some sort. But the account of his bravery must await the 150th Anniversary of the Chapter will be celebrated in 1997)

The inscription on the opening pages of the first Minute Book.

Towards the end of the Year 1843, a few Master Masons at the Station having the interest of the Craft at heart came to the resolution of forming themselves into a Lodge to be designated Saint Andrews in the East the following Petition was accordingly drawn up and forwarded to the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Maser Mason of Western India Brother Burnes M.D.K.H.

Rev Brother Jackson, Worshipful Master of the Lodge Orion in the West, proceeded to read the Warrant of Constitution, after which Brother Horrocks took the Chair as Worshipful Master, Brother West having been absent from Sickness – Brother Randall was unanimously called on to occupy the Chair of the Senior Warden, & Brother Buchanan took his seat as Junior Warden, the Lodge being properly constituted was opened in the first degree of Masonry according to antient form when the following resolutions were adopted pro tempore until a Code of By laws for the Government of the Lodge be drawn up Resolved 1st That The Entrance fees of he Lodge be as follows –

20 Rs. To be paid on obtaining the first, or Entered Apprentice Degree/

15 Rs. for the 2nd or Fellow Craft Degree.

25 Rs .for the 3rd or Master Degree.

In all 60 Rs. Exclusive of 3 Rs to be paid to the Tyler

In all cases to be paid in advance.

Resolved 2nd That The Monthly dues to be 1 Rs & 8 anas for each Member.

We have much gratification in acquainting you with the present prosperous Circumstances of our Infant Lodge Saint Andrews in the East, its commencement was attended with some difficulties emanating from a quarter whence assistance might rather have been hoped for, and expected, these have however we are happy to say been entirely overcome.

Our members exclusive of our Reverend Brother Jackson are three Commissioned Officers, three Warrant and Non-Commissioned Staff, four Non Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Service, two Civilians and one serving brother of Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE BARTON NO 475

In the middle of the 19th century there were many Masons in Lonouli (now called Lonavla), predominantly European train drivers and Senior Railway Officials. They used to travel to Mumbai and/or Pune to attend Lodge meetings. Finding it inconvenient and cumbersome to travel, they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a Lodge to be founded in Lonavla. The First Meeting was held at Lonavla on 24th April, 1866. Bro. W. Wellis, the then Depute Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. J. Lumsden as the First Right Worshipful Master. The Lodge was named after Bro. Richard Bolton Barton, the then Provincial Grand Master.

In 1866 the Lodge functioned in rented premises. In the year 1917, when the Lodge celebrated its Golden Jubilee, the four sons of that revered and illustrious Mason Bro. Khan Bahadur Dr. Hormusji L. Batliwala, the Ruling Master Bro. Jehangir Katgara, Bro. Dinshaw Cooper and other members donated munificent amounts to build a Temple. They also decided to start a Royal Arch Chapter Hormusji Batliwala, which was consecrated on 13th April, 1918.

Land was purchased from the estate of the late sister of Bro. Peter Geering one of the Petitioners & Founder of Lodge Barton. At last in 1923, the dream to build a Temple became a reality. The first meeting was held on 10th November, 1923 and the Temple consecrated on 1st March, 1924 by Bro. Frank Beaman, Past Grant Master, A.S.F.I. This Temple is used for Masonic meetings of both Lodge Barton and Chapter Hormusji Batliwala.

The Lodge has the unique honour and distinction of having four distinguished Masons visiting it as Grand Master Masons.

- Late Bro. Major Sir Ronald Orr Ewing, Grand Master Mason on 13th February, 1967.
- Late Bro. Capt. Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont Grand Master Mason on 16th February, 1978.
- The Right Honourable The Lord Burton, Grand Master Mason of Grand Lodge of Scotland on 16th February, 1998.
- Bro. Sir Arcibald Donald Orr Ewing, Grand Master Mason on 9th February, 2006.

Today we welcome Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, Grand Master Mason, son of the Late Bro. Capt. Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, who had visited us 35 years ago.

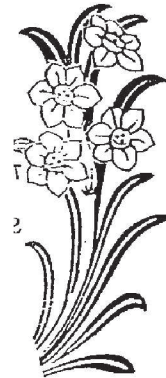
The Lodge has also had the distinction of two of its members Late Bro. Noshir Muluk Irani & Bro. Bomi Shawaksha Mehta as District Grand Master of District Grand Lodge of Western India & District Grand Lodge of India respectively.

It has also had three of its members as District Grand Secretaries ; Late Bro. Rusi P. Pavri as District Grand Secretary of District Grand Lodge of Western India and Bro. Homi F. Colombowalla and Bro. Bahadur D. Khambatta as District Grand Secretaries of District Grand Lodge of India. Bro. Shiawax N. Mistry is the present Asst. District Grand Secretary.

Lodge Barton has the distinction of having nine members conferred with the Distinguished Service Membership. Six of these Brethren Late Bro. Beramsha Kapadia, Late Bro. Savak B. Choksey, Late Bro. Framroze N. Shroff, Late Bro. Dadi B. Sarkari and Bro. Bomi Shawaksha Mehta and Bro. Phiroze Maneksha Katrak, have been honoured with Distinguished Service Membership from the Lodge. Late Bro. Pervez M. Mistry, Late Bro. Rustomji B. Daruwalla and Bro. Homi Faramroze Colombowalla, members of Lodge Barton, have been honoured with Distinguished Service Membership from their respective Lodges.

Our Chapter Hormusji Batliwala No. 434 S.C. has the honour of two of its members M.E. Comp. Bomi Shawaksha Mehta & Late M.E. Comp. Pervez M. Mistry as Grand Superintendents and M.E. Comp. Bahadur D. Khambatta as Grand Scribe 'E' of Grand Chapter U.A.R.A.F.I.C. Bro. Shiawax N. Mistry is the present Asst. Grand Scribe 'E' of Grand Chapter U.A.R.A.F.I.C.

With Best Compliments From



Lodge Barton No. 475 S.C.
Lonavla

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE CALEDONIA NO. 490

Lodged Caledonia was inaugurated by Dispensation from the Acting Master on 19th December, 1868 at Masonic Hall, Grants Building, Colaba. The Founders had many difficulties to overcome in the formation of the Lodge but these having been successfully overcome. Brother Hamilton Maxwell was installed as Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge and he appointed the following as his Officers :

Bro. J. Balfour, Dep. M	Bro. J. Henderson, J. W.	Bro. A. Gidden, Secy.
“ . J. Mackinlay, Sub. M	“ G.B. Thomas, S.D.	“ C. Jones, Treasurer
“ J.M. Brebner S. W.	“ A. F. Shepherd, J.D.	“ J. Bedfore, I.G.
	“ J. Simpson, Tyler	

The first Regular Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Colaba, on 28th March 1869 and in the absence of the Right Worshipful Master the Lodge was presided over by Bro. J. Balfour. The fraternal spirit which prevailed may be assessed by the fact that the Banquet which followed the Meeting went on into the late hours of the morning at which Wines and Champagne were served.

MEETING PLACES

As this time the Masonic Hall at Colaba was found too small to accommodate the Brethren of the Lodge and at the instance of the Committee under England, our Meetings were held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazgaon.. A few months later, on 11th December, 1871 the Scottish Constitution found its own Hall at Gowalia Tank Road, later to be called the Scottish Masonic Hall. In 1871 our Meetings were held at the Masonic Hall in Nesbit Lane, Byculla, until the 19th November, 1884 when another move was made to Huntley Lodge at Clare Road, Byculla. Meetings were regularly held here until 22nd May, 1895 when we held Meetings at the Adelphi Hotel, Clare Road, Byculla, until we finally moved to the Freemasons' Hall, Reveline Street, in 1901, where we are holding our Meetings regularly since then.

The question of a new permanent Masonic Hall was first raised at Meeting of Lodge Caledonia held on 28th June 1882 at the instance of the Grand Secretary and a sum of Rs. 1,000/- was subsequently donated to the New Hall Fund.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Our Golden Jubilee was, for some unknown reason, celebrated at the Meeting of the Lodge held on 26th November 1919. Strangely the summons did not make any mention of this, but after the Meeting to celebrate this occasion, a Café Chantant was held in the Banqueting Room. A Jubilee Jewel was struck for this memorable occasion and one is exhibited in the Masonic Museum at the Masonic Hall, Great Queens Street, London.

MASTERS OF DISTINCTION

Another of our distinguished master was late Bro. Albert B. Turner, who joined us in 1959 and was elected to the coveted office of the District Grand Master by the unanimous choice of Daughter Lodges of this District and was re-elected for 2nd term but retired prematurely in February 1978, to make way for the late Bro. Noshir M. Irani, another of our galaxy of eminent member. He joined us in February 1968 and remained an active subscribing member till his demise in January 1985.

AT 100 PLUS

Admittedly, the Centenary of the Lodge on 1.2.1969 was an event of great historical importance. The quarter century following the Centenary is also happily marked with events of equal importance; the most significant being the historical decision jointly taken a little earlier, i.e. in April 1965, by the late Bro. Albert B. Turner and late Bro. Rusi P. Pavri, when membership dwindled in the mid sixties as a result of vast exodus of expatriates/ That this Lodge survived the lean period was mainly due to the untiring and ceaseless efforts of the aforesaid stalwarts who lavished all their care and devotion in keeping this Lodge alive.

After a string of foreign MASTERS FOR ALMOST 100 YEARS, THE FIRST Indian to be installed in the Chair was the late Bro. Savak B. Choksey in 1967, a quiet, soft spoken gentleman mason of outstanding caliber in ritual working, whose love for the institution of Freemasonry and its ideals and virtues was an example to inspire and emulate.

The late Bro. Rusi P Pavri, who joined us in February 1965 contributed to the virtual resurrection of this Lodge in close harmony with the late Bro. Albert B. Turner. Such was his devotion to this Lodge in particular and to Scottish Freemasonry in general that he was very aptly described as 'Gods gift to Scottish Freemasonry in Western India' by the late Bro. Ratan N. Contractor Past District Grand Master & Hon. Member of this Lodge. It is a lengthy and no easy task to review the work and services of this Towering Freemason who was actively connected with numerous Masonic bodies, both in craft and in Royal Arch, a mason whose knowledge in ritual was equally matched by his knowledge in the technicalities and administration of the same. He was the Asstt. And later District Grand Secretary of District Grand Lodge of (the then Western) India for 19 years from 1961 to 1980. The said office was held by another of our other Senior Past Master, Bro. Homi F. Colombowala, a child of this Lodge, who has given the best years of his life to the cause of Freemasonry.

It is a matter of great good fortune to add that both the abovesaid stalwarts. Bro. Savak B. Choksey and Bro. Rusi P. Pavri have bequeathed their interest and zeal to their heirs, Bro. Sam Choksey and Bro. Dinshaw Rusi Pavri, the latter enjoying the unique distinction of being the 4th Generation Freemason and the first native to be INITIATED in this Lodge.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE SALEM NO. 563

As per very old recorded minutes the salient features in the birth, growth and progress of the lodge are derived.

The minutes are of repetitive pattern almost bordering on monotony and present an image of good behavior, quite different from the minutes of some of our old craft Lodges of the eighteenth century as set down in their records.

This is not surprising as the members of the Lodge were and are always chosen with care. Men of good social and educational standing mainly from strate of professional and business community.

We begin then where all Lodge or Chapter histories must begin , viz., the petition.

CONSECRATION

On the above date, Lodge having moved to a house in the City, opposite the Travellers' Bungalow, lbelonging to Bro. Navroji Pestonji Vakil, was honoured by a deputation from the Grand Lodge A.S.F.C. consisting of

M.E. Bro. Sir Henry Morland – G.M.

R.W. Bro. Valentine Reid	R.W. Bro. E. Freeborn	R.W. Bro. H. Rowe
“ “ “ J. Butler	“ “ “ W. Waite	“ “ “ Wm. Maule
“ “ “ Wm. Rodger	“ “ “ Wm. Smith	“ “ “ J. Holland

The above named Officers having taken over charge of the Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master handed to the R.W.M. the Charter received from Scotland. He then duly consecrated the Lodge using the customary emblems of Corn, Wine, and Oil. Thereafter the Master Elect was installed. Most Worshipful Bro. Sir Henry Morland presiding over the Board of Installed Masters.

RESUSCITATION OF LODGE.

In 1883 the Lodge being still in abeyance, several candidates for Freemasonry anxiously demanded the opening of the Lodge. Bro. W.H. Garner was appealed to and by his exertions a meeting was held on the 24th January 1884. This meeting, however, was merely a casual assembly of Masons under the Hiram of R.W. Bro. Cowasji Muncherji, who aided by R.W. Bros. Jehangirji Pestonji and W.H. Garner, commenced to reorganize the Lodge. The next Regular Meeting taking place in May 1884, when the first named brother was voted, a Jewel, and the Hiram he had wielded so long was transferred to R.W. Bro. R. Beadle.

LEWIS.

The Lodge has on its roll sixteen sons (Lewis) of members of the Lodge, Bro. P.F. Khambatta, Bro. M.A. Babaycon, Bro. F.N. Khambatta, Bro. D.S. Lashkari, Bro. H.D. Lashkari, Bro. V.J. PATE, Bro. I.D. Shah, Bro. Suresh K. Patell, Bro. Anil K. Patell, Bro. Mahesh K. Patell, Bro. Jyotish N. Dandawalla, Bro. P.K. Shah and Bro. K.J. Vora. It must indeed be very gratifying to the Lodge, and more so to Bro. Kantilal K. Patell that three of his sons are members of the Lodge and two of them, viz., Bro. Suresh and Bro. Anil have adorned the Eastern Chair and are

following very closely in the footsteps of their illustrious father. Bro. Suresh K. Patell has shifted to Surat Lodge Hamilton (G.L.I.) where also he has become a Past Master. Bro. Anil had the unique privilege of installing his father. Bro. Yogesh S. Gami son of Bro. Surendra V. Gami. He also attained the Eastern Chair. Bro. Nalkamal V. Patel son of Vishnubhai N. Patel and Bro. Sunil M. Shah son of Bro. Manubhai O. Shah.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

On 12th December 1925, the Lodge celebrated with great eclat its Golden Jubilee, having completed 50 years of its life on 19th September 1924. On 24th December 1934 the Diamond Jubilee was also celebrated with Pomp. on both occasions the Grand Lodge (the parent Body in India), all the Lodges in the neighboring cities and all the Freemasons residing at Ahmedabad were invited. There was a large attendance and the functions were a great success in every way.

THE CENTENARY YEAR.

The Members of the Lodge look back on the past 100 years with great satisfaction and pride that the aspirations and hopes of the founders have been fulfilled and their successors have not belied the Trust reposed in them.

The Brethren of the Lodge decided to celebrate the Centenary with joy and enthusiasm. As a prelude they decided to elect the majority of the Office-Bearers for the Centenary year from Past Masters who had proved their worth.

PRESENT STATE OF THE LODGE

The present condition of the Lodge is sound and very satisfactory. We have 77 numbers on the roll of whom 26 re Past Masters. We have with us Bro. M.A. Babaycon who having been initiated on 9-9-24 has completed 50 years of membership in the Lodge.

The financial position is sound.

CELEBRATION

In the year 2011 "A get to gether celebration" was celebrated, Members of Deputation from Bombay Bro. R.N. Poonawala Hon. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of India, Bro. Dinsha Pavri, Past Dist. Depute Grand Master were there. The Members of Lodge Hope & Sincerity No. 34 S.C. and Lodge Fellowship No. 140 G.L.I. were invited, they responded and the function was a great success. After a Long time three new members joined the Lodge Salem namely :-

Bro. Neelkamal Vishnubhai Patel.
Bro. Sunil Manubhai Shah.
Bro. Mukeshbhai Bhagvandas Shah.

with true spirit. They were initiated, passed raised in the same year 2011. Now at the end of the year 2012 there are 24 Members and one absent member.

Mean while Lodge Hope & Sincerity No. 563 S.C. was in abeyance for a year. The Lodge Salem No. 563 S.C. unanimously decided to join and support this Lodge. After much of sincere efforts only five old members were ready to starts the same. Three members from Lodge Salem No. 563 S.C. have joined the Lodge Hope & Sincerity No. 634 S.C. to start the Lodge.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE ZOROASTER NO. 800

HUMATA, HUKHTA, HUWARSHTA

“ BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH”

1. THE ABOVE LODGE WAS :

- CONSTITUED ON : 29TH OCTOBER 1892
- OPENED ON : 2ND FEBRUARY 1893
- CONSECRATED ON : 2ND FEBRUARY 1894
- GOLDEN JUBILEE : 9TH NOVEMBER 1945
- DIAMOND JUBILEE : 3RD DECEMBER 1954
- CENTENARY JUBILEE : 5TH DECEMBER 1994

2. MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION HAVE PAID A BEFITTING TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT PROPHET, OUR DEAR LORD ZOROASTER BY FOUNDING AND CONSECRATING A LODGE AND ALSO A CHAPTER, AND A CONCLAVE IN HIS PIOUS MEMORY IN INDIA.

3. THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE LODGE WERE :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. R.W.M. WILLIAM L. HARVEY; RT. WOR. BROS. : G.P.MILLET; C.H.F. UNDERWOOD; E.F. UNDERWOOD; EDALJI B. SAHIAR; DADABHAI J. MISTRY; PIROJSHA P. WOONWALLA; EDALJI S. COOPER; COOVERJI M. MEHTA; DOSABHAI D. SOWKAR; NOWROJI N. BODE; AND BURJORJI S. SANTOOK.

4. SANTOOK FATHER AND SON TEAM HAVE THE UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE ONLY TWO OFFICIAL TYLERS OF THE LODGE SERVING FOR A COMMULATIVE SPAN OF OVER HALF CENTURY.

5. **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENTS OF DISTINGUISHED BROTHEREN :
IN BRIEF FROM 1923 TO 1955 :
AND DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER 1986 TILL THIS DATE :**

- GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE LODGE WAS CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1943.
- LODGE “ZOROASTER” HAS ALWAYS TAKEN KEEN INTEREST IN FREEMASONRY AND FROM TIME TO TIME HAS INVITED WORTHY BRETHREN TO LECTURE AND ENLIGHTEN BRETHREN OF OUR LODGE. TO MENTION THE NAMES OF SOME WERE R.W.BRO. SIR JIVANJI J. MODI, K.T. ; R.W. BRO. PROFESSOR SIR JEHANGIR C. COYAJEE; R.W. BRO. RUSTOM K.R. CAMA; AND MANY OTHERS.
- LODGE ZOROASTER HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED FREEMASONRY IN IT'S OWN WAY BY HONOURING THOSE WORTHY BRETHREN WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FIFTY YEARS IN FREEMASONRY.

- LODGE ZOROASTER HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR SILVER, GOLDEN AND DIAMOND JUBILEE.
- CENTENARY IS A UNIQUE OCCASION IN THE LIFE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTION ALIKE, LODGE ZOROASTER NO. 800 S.C. CELEBRATED THEIR CENTENARY YEAR UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF OUR DEAR W.BRO. PIROZE M. KHAN IN 1994 FOR THE SECOND TIME. CHARITIES WERE GIVEN ESPECIALLY TO WIDOWS AND UNFORTUNATE DESTITUTES, STAGING A HILARIOUS GUJARATI PLAY, A SOUVENIER WAS RELEASED ON 5TH DECEMBER 1994 AND MOMENTOS WERE PRESENTED BRETHERN.

Prepared by : Bro. Phiroz M. Khan (Past Depute Dist.Gr. Master – 09.01.2013)
From : BRO. DR. V.M. DHALLA

May the best you have ever seen
Be the worst you will ever see
May a mouse never leave your gurnal
With a tear drop in his eye
May you always keep hale and hearty
Till you are old enough to die
May you always be just as happy
As we wish you always to be

With Best Compliments from

Lodge Caledonia No. 661 (S.C.)
65 - Roorkee Road, Meerut - 250001, Uttar Pradesh, India.
(Constituted on 4th August, 1881)

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE CATARACT NO. 909

Shakespeare could well have his own thinking behind “What's in a name. A rose ... “Yet, the name of any individual, organization, Society-you name it – has its own importance. This lodge is one of those few that have derived their names from the natural surroundings – creation of the Great Architect Himself. The Gokak Falls is a cataract where the river Ghataprabha plunges over an enormous sandstone cliff 57 meters high into the picturesque gorge of Gokak. In these surroundings none could fail to get fascinated. Brushes on canvass, vocal cords, piano keys, violin bows could get active and hardcore masons could unflinchingly think of performing Masonic Ceremonies – just as we read Mark Degree having been worked in quarries and the ceremony of raising being worked in the open on the tops of remote hillocks.

Gokak is a small town about 50 kms away from the cantonment and District headquarters of Belgaum situated in the western region of South India and known for its salubrious climate. An English company chose this town to start a spinning mill in the 1880s as the surrounding area is rich in cotton and the river ensured a continual source of water. A Lodge of the Scottish Constitution already existed at Belgaum and Englishmen from the Gokak Mills, the spinning mill we referred to earlier and the nearby Army units took the initiative to form a Lodge at Gokak Falls. Accordingly, a petition for a Charter of Warrant for forming a Lodge was presented through the Grand Secretary. All Scottish Freemasonry in India (ASFI), Bombay to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The petition was approved and supported by the RWM F.C.O. Bro. Braman (who was a District Judge), officers and members of Lodge Victoria No. 363 (now No. 9 G.L.I. on opting to join Grand Lodge of India in 1961), Belgaum, and W.Bro. Major W. E. Jennings of St. Andrews Lodge in the East No. 343, Poona (now Pune) and others.

Dispensation to hold and work the Lodge at Gokak falls was granted on 24th August 1900 by the Grand Lodge Bombay till such time the Charter or Warrant of Constitution might be received. The Charter of Warrant of Constitution dated 1st November 1900 was received conferring the distinctive and consecutive number 909 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Colour of clothing chosen was 'Light Blue' which remains unchanged to date. The first Regular Meeting of Lodge Cataract was held on 24th November 1900 at the Masonic Temple, which was a room in the club of the Gokak Mills, which generously allowed its use. For this meeting, four initiations were announced to take place. But due to unexpected Departure of the candidates (petitioners as they were termed those days) with their regiment the Galiant East Yorkshire, no meeting could take place.

The Regular Meeting was held on 19th December 1900 where Bro. FCO Braman occupied the Eastern Chair as the Right Worshipful Master Four petitioners were balloted and it being clear, they were admitted and initiated. The Consecration and First installation of the Lodge took place on 13th February 1901. The Lodge was consecrated by the Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Captain C.D. Wise (Grand Secretary ASFI) Bro. Joseph Malcolm Kerr was installed in the Eastern Chair. He was then the General Manager of Gokak Mills and it was his enthusiasm that saw the establishment of the Lodge in such an out of the way place.

From here onwards the Lodge functioned regularly. Membership of the Lodge consisted mainly of Top Management and select executives of the Gokak Mills, a few from Lodge Victoria

No. 363 S.C., Belgaum and Lodge Dharwar No. 2527 E.C. Dharwar. Bro. Shivmurti Basayya Kanbargimath was the first Indian to be the RWM in 1914. Throughout the period of First World War, the Lodge continued to function and RWMs were regularly installed. Membership was small and brethren of Lodge Victoria regularly commuted to Gokak to make up the quorum. Few amongst them were Late Bro. Raosaheb S.S. Patil, Dr. Y.V. Kiittur, N.V. Nadkarni, S.S. Bhosale Rajasaheb of Sawantwadi, M.N. Naik, B.P. Shah and D.B. Shah of Ugarkhurd and S.M. Mirajkar. All of them occupied the Eastern Chair, in 1960 at its Diamond Jubilee, the Lodge 'boasted' a membership of 20 took upon himself to save the Lodge from closure. He personally gifted a set of new regalia for the seven office bearers, paid all outstanding dues of the Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge and further dues of initiated and Affiliates till the membership reached a healthy 25. Despite his failing health, he undertook the long train journey from Bombay often to encourage the Lodge to stand on its own feet. Bro. Irani is gratefully remembered in this Centenary Year.

From now on the Lodge started working regularly. Bye laws were formed and passed on 8th May 1982. A fresh Charter was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in July 1982, the Original Charter having become old and torn. Lodge Victoria graciously allowed the fledging Scottish Lodge the use of their Lodge premises to hold meetings and that relationship continues to this day.

All these days, Lodge Cataract was functioning as Lodge Cataract No. 909 S.C.; Gokak Falls with dispensation to hold meetings in Belgaum. Idea was then mooted to shift the location of the Lodge to Belgaum. Accordingly, Bro. A.H. Yadwad and Bro. Dr. R.Y. Kittur gave notice of motion and resolution to shift the location of the Lodge to Belgaum and hold meetings and working degrees in the Temple of Lodge Victoria was adopted on 14th December 1985. Approval of grand Lodge of Scotland was accorded on 28th August 1986 and the Lodge was renamed as Lodge Cataract No. 909 S.C. Belgaum.

Many members of Lodge Victoria of the Grand Lodge of India have supported the Lodge by their affiliation although they had to resign later when the two Grand Lodges ceased to be in amity in 1993 over some technical issues. Late Bro. Kisanbhai Nadkarni however chose to be with Lodge Cataract although being a past Master of Lodge Victoria and served ably as its treasurer for many years till called to the Grand Lodge above in January 1996.

The Lodge now has a strength of 54 members and is on a sound financial footing. As the Lodge completes a hundred years, all the brethren who have spared no efforts to make the Lodge what it is today are remembered and paid homage. May TGAOTU shower his blessings upon us and let us partake of His Divine Wisdom so that Lodge Cataract may prosper in the years to come.

BRIEF HISTORY OF LODGE FORMAN NO. 1066

OUR PATRON
MOST WOR. BRO. COL. ROBERT HALL FORMAN, R.A.M.C.
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA
From 27th March 1908 to 11th March 1912



The Patron of our Lodge, Bro. Colonel Robert Hall Forman was initiated on 1st February, 1881 in Lodge Charity No. 563 E.C. at Umballa (Ambala) in the Punjab. He joined Lodge Kirknewton & Ratho No. 85 S.C. in Linlithgowshire, Scotland. On returning to India, he first joined Lodge Victoria No. 363 S.C. at Belgaum and thereafter The Scots Lodge No. 828 S.C. in Bombay.

He was, in professional life, a surgeon in the army. As Major Forman, he was appointed Surgeon Major in Belgaum in 1896, when he joined Lodge Victoria. He was then transferred to Burma and later to Bangalore, before going to England on leave. On his return in 1906, he was stationed in Bombay, and the following year was appointed Substitute Grand Master.

On 27th March 1908, M. W. Bro. Col. Robert Hall Forman was installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He occupied that office till 11th March 1912. During his regime, ten Lodges were constituted – a record at that time. These Lodges were :

Lodge Elysium, Simla	Lodge Nicopolis, Vizianagram
Lodge Pavaghad, Godra	Lodge Forman, Bombay
Lodge Imperial Brotherhood, Bombay	Lodge St. Andrews, Lahore
Lodge Hanthawaddy, Inseen (Burma)	Lodge Beaman, Bombay
Lodge Sir Charles Napier, Hyderabad	Lodge Vindya, Dholpur
Lodge Hope & Sincerity at Ahmedabad was resuscitated.	

When he was installed as the M. W. Grand Master, there were 39 Lodges and at the end of his regime there were 50. The strength of Scottish Masons under the Grand Lodge increased from 1618 in 1908 to 2319 in 1911, an increase of over 40% . During his regime, he visited all 50 Lodges except only two. One of these was Lodge Heather No. 928 at Munnar in the High Ranges of South India, as access to Munnar was extremely inconvenient and time consuming in those days, the journey up the mountains having to be done on horse back from the plains.

For a period of almost 40 years, most of the Grand Masters preceding him had been Governors of Bombay Presidency, who were deeply involved in the administration of the Presidency. M. W. Bro. Forman, fortunately, was able to devote considerably more time to Masonic matters, with the result that he was popularly known as the “Working Grand Master”.

As the M. W. Grand Master, his Address to Brethren at Grand Lodge Communications over which he presided, make excellent Masonic reading and are thankfully preserved in the Proceedings in the District Grand Lodge Library.

Amongst his many achievements, was the publishing of a book entitled “Perfect Ceremonies of Craft Freemasonry”, for which there was a request even over 40 years later, in 1953, from a Lodge in South Africa !

16th February 1928 was a sad day for Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Col. Robert Hall Forman having died in London. A Grand Funeral Lodge Service was held in his memory in Freemasons' Hall, Bombay on 9th May 1928.

“WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT”

Hearty Congratulations to

BRO. ASPI KHURSHEDJI BYRAMJI

on his reinstallation as

RT. WOR. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

From :-

DR. SIR TEMULJI NARIMAN LODGE

No. 1516 (S.C.)



LODGE BEAMAN NO. 1069 MUMBAI

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE LAST 113 YEARS : 1910 -2113

Lodge "BEAMAN" was founded on 25th February 1910 in Bombay (as Mumbai was then called).

The Lodge was named after Bro. the Honourable Justice Sir Frank Clement Offley Beaman, I.C.S., who at that time was a Judge of the Bombay High Court and Grand Master Depute of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He became the Grand Master in 1912.

A Petition dated 18th February 1910 signed by 36 Founder members was supported by Lodge Zoroaster No. 800 S.C. and Lodge Perseverance No. 338 S.C. The First Meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bombay on Friday, 25th February 1910 under a Provisional Warrant issued by Bro. Col. Robert Hall Forman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. Bro. Dr. Hormusji L. Batliwalla, the first Petitioner, was installed as the first RW Master. Bro. The Hon. Justice Sir Frank C. O. Beaman, Grand Master Depute was made the Patron of the Lodge.

Over the years Lodge Beaman has built up a reputation of carrying out good Ritual working. In fact it would be very difficult to identify a RW Master who did not discharge his responsibilities in a praise worthy manner. However, the names of two outstanding Ritualists stand out -- Bro. Barjor J. Dastur and Bro. Jehangir K. Nanavati.

The **Silver Jubilee** of the Lodge was celebrated in 1935, when the strength of the Lodge was 60. The highest number of Initiates and the highest addition to the membership of the Lodge ever, happened during 1946-1947 during the regime of Bro. Darabsha (Dolly) F. Daruwalla. Eighteen new Members, including 16 Initiates were added to the strength of the Lodge. This record still stands !! The strength of the Lodge then stood at 92.

During the regime of Bro. Barjor J. Dastur in 1949-1950, the strength of the Lodge rose to 102, crossing the 100 mark for the first time.

The **Golden Jubilee** of the Lodge was celebrated during the Regime of Bro. Jehangir K. Nanavati (1960-61), when the strength of the Lodge was 83. On the occasion, a Golden Jubilee Souvenir including the History of the Lodge was prepared by Bro. Barjor J. Dastur.

At the Regular Meeting held on 4th March 1963, the Lodge was honoured by a friendly visit from MW Bro. Judge Charles W. Froessel, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, when two Candidates were Initiated.

The decade leading from the Golden jubilee in 1960 to the Diamond Jubilee in 1970 saw the Lodge flourishing, with the RW Masters being knowledgeable Masons and excellent Ritualists. At the time of the Diamond Jubilee in 1970, the membership again rose to 100.

The **Diamond Jubilee** was celebrated on 29th April 1970. The next 15 years saw the Lodge prospering. With nine Initiations during the regime of Bro. Bahadur D. Khambatta in 1973-74, followed by another nine Initiations in 1975-1976 during the regime of Bro. Bomi S. Mehta, and another nine Initiations in 1976-1977 during the regime of Bro. Dhunjishaw A. Bamji, the membership stood at 111 in February 1977, the highest ever in the Lodge.

In 1973, Burjor F. Guzdar was Initiated when he was 74 years old. He went on to become the RW Master in 1990, at the age of 90 years and discharged his responsibilities with fidelity and unbelievable zeal.

The **Platinum Jubilee** of the Lodge was celebrated on 2nd December 1985. Brethren who had completed 50 years and 40 years as Members of the Lodge were felicitated. Bro. Bomi K. Writer, RW Master in 1988-1989, got the Banner of the Lodge re-conditioned at his personal cost.

In October 1992 the Lodge was honoured when its Initiate and Past Master, Bro. Bomi S. Mehta was appointed and installed as the Grand Superintendent of Scottish Royal Arch Freemasonry in India and Ceylon. This was followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland appointing him in October 1997 as the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of India. Simultaneously, Bro. Bahadur D. Khambatta, Initiate and Past Master of the Lodge was appointed as the District Grand Secretary from 1997 to 2007, and Grand Scribe E from 1992 to 2007.

The **Centenary** of the Lodge was celebrated in 2009-2010, with Bro. Bomi S. Mehta Installed as the 100th Master of the Lodge in February 2009, There were over 90 Brethren present at the meeting.

Brethren from Lodge Beaman attended the 275th Anniversary Celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Centenary of the Grand Lodge building from 8th to 10th April 2011 in Edinburgh. Appropriate Mementos were presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason.

Over the years, the Lodge has been active in social activities involving families of members. The Lodge holds an annual Jashan Ceremony in the Zoroastrian month of 'Dae', in remembrance of departed Brethren of the Lodge, which is followed by a Ladies' Night. The Lodge has regularly been supporting the cause of benevolence.

In recent times, the universal problem of fall in flow of Candidates for initiation has affected the strength of the Lodge. The present strength of the Lodge is 27 members. The Lodge is fortunate in having dedicated Masons as Secretary and treasurer. Bro. Adi M. Choksi has been the Secretary for over a decade and Bro. Kersi K. Commissariat has been the Treasurer for several decades.

BRIEF HISTORY OF DR. SIR. TEMULJI NARIMAN LODGE NO. 1516

Temulji Nariman was born of poor parents at Navsari on 3rd September 1848. He was married to his cousin at the age of six. Published news of the same to be Guinness record is as

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He passed his matriculation examination from Elphinstone School in 1865. He passed his first L.M. examination in 1870 and bagged Comac scholarship for the highest proficiency in physiology. In the following year he passed his final L.M. and received the Sir J.J. prize for the highest proficiency in medicine.

He was shocked at the poor sanitation conditions of lying-in hospitals. He approached Lord Harris, then governor of Bombay to gift him a piece of land for the construction of Parsi Lying-in hospital. In March 1893 Lady Harris laid the foundation stone of the same, a first institution of this kind in India. He started his own maternity hospital and had a reputation for treatment of female disorders.

The honor of Knighthood was conferred on him in January 1914. He was honored at a dinner held by medical profession in the Masonic Hall.

Sir Temulji Nariman came to be regarded as not only the grand old man of Medicine but also of Freemasonry in India. He had an illustrious Masonic career. He was initiated in 1878 in the lodge Rising Star of Western India of which he was the founder member. He celebrated his Masonic Jubilee in 1928. Lodge Imperial Brotherhood felicitated him at a banquet held in his honor and Sir Leslie Wilson unveiled his portrait, which still decorates the walls of banquet hall in Mumbai.

In 1932 Bro. Dr. Sir Temulji Nariman, was installed as the Grand Master of all Scottish Masonry in India. He succeeded the retiring Grand Master Sir Ernest Hutson. Not only to be the first Indian but the only Indian in 200 years of Masonry, he became the Grand Master, and that too at the age of 85 years. In spite of his age, he not only completed more than his term, he continued in full vigor until 1938, when he was called to the Grand Lodge Above. He said that Freemasonry was very much like the oath which Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine required from the initiated of the Medical profession.

DR. SIR. TEMULJI NARIMAN LODGE, NO. 1516 S.C.

How did it all start?

In his cherished memory, who as in masonry and out of masonry used such excellent talents for the welfare of his fellowmen, this lodge was consecrated on Wednesday 28th November 1956, by Most Wor. Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Major General H.H. Sir Syed Raza Ali Khan, Nawab of Rampur. 'The lodge boasted of galaxy of founder Members some of which were Bros. Dr. K.N. Sahiar, Maj. S.R. Banaji, H.J. Billimoria , B.P. Kapadia, and others,. The fact that Nawab of Rampur was a subscribing member of this lodge shows the very great esteem in which Dr. Sir Temulji Nariman was held by Freemasons.

SOME OF THE EVENTS OF THE LODGE

- Circular dated 22.04.1957 regarding the proposed Grand Lodge of India was received and ballot taken at the meeting held on 30.08.1957. 17 voted in favour and 13 against it.
- At a meeting held on 30.03.1961, another notice regarding the proposed Grand Lodge of India was read and the brethren discussed the subject at length.
- The next landmark of the lodge was the meeting held on 27.04.1961 when R.W.M. Bro. D.J. Baria proposed, "This lodge do opt to join the proposed Grand Lodge of India on its inauguration. This Was seconded by Bro. B.P. Kapadia. Eleven more members took part in the discussion. 17 members voted for and 22 against the resolution, and since then we continued our association with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 10th anniversary was celebrated in December 1966. Bro. Suvarna was then the Ruling Master
- 25th Silver Jubilee year was celebrated in 1981 with Bro. Satish Dalal as the Ruling Master.
- Our Lodge has held many meetings outside Mumbai.
- Many of the Brethren from our Lodge have been in the various posts in the District from time to time.

With the galaxy of senior members, we plan to make our commitment to Freemasonry stronger by their experience and teachings.

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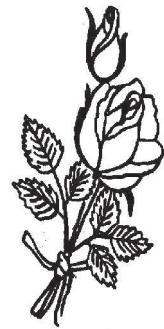


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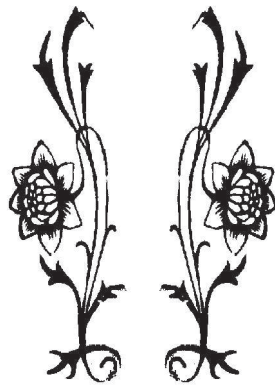
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