

THE NORWOOD LODGE

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THE FIRST 100 YEARS (1905 - 2005)

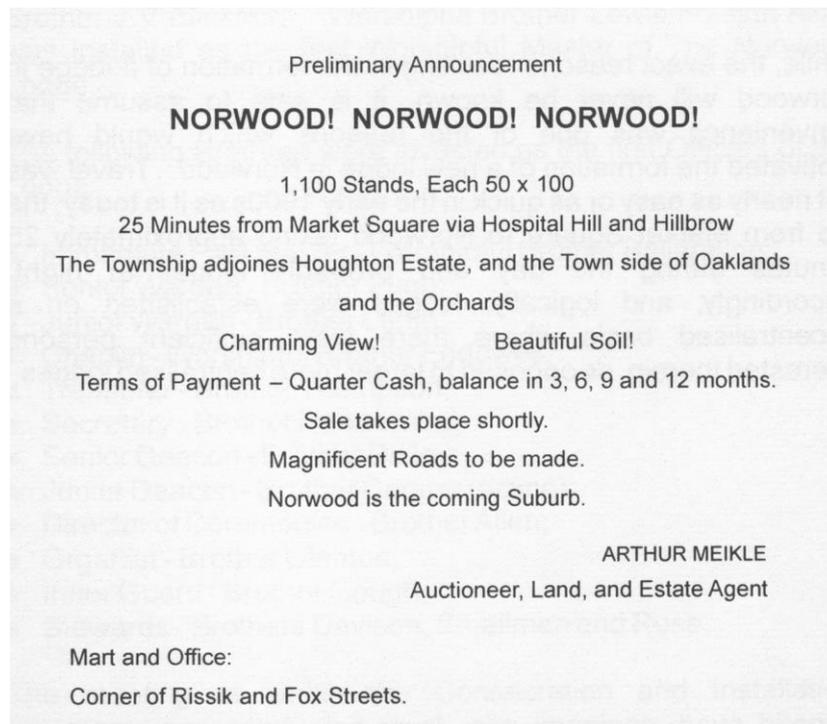
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CHAPTER 1 — NORWOOD

The late 1800s and the early 1900s witnessed somewhat of an exodus from the centre of Johannesburg to a string of newly established suburbs. Norwood was one such suburb.

Alexander A Osborn, Dr Cecil Schultz and J T Grant were the owners of a freehold township known as “Norwood” which had been established on the farm Klipfontein in 1902. On 19 and 27 June 1902 they caused the advertisement on below to be placed in The Star.



It is thought that the estate owners named Norwood after a district of the same name in south-east London near Croydon, although this is not necessarily the case since Norwood is not an unusual place-name in English speaking countries.

By 1905, some three years after the establishment of Norwood, the time was right to establish a lodge in Norwood there being sufficient people interested in doing so. The guiding light in the establishment of The Norwood Lodge was probably Major Lewis Forsyth Allan, as can be seen in the succeeding chapter.

While, the exact reasons resulting in the formation of a lodge in Norwood will never be known, it is safe to assume that convenience was one of the reasons which would have motivated the formation of a new lodge in Norwood. Travel was not nearly as easy or as quick in the early 1900s as it is today; the trip from Market Square to Norwood taking approximately 25 minutes during the day and probably longer at night. Accordingly, and logically, lodges were established on a decentralised basis where there were sufficient persons interested therein, as opposed to larger more centralised lodges.

CHAPTER 2 — THE FORMATIVE YEARS

It cannot be established with certainty when the petition for the formation of a lodge in Norwood was made. However, what is certain is that the Brethren who signed such petition assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hunters Street, Bellevue on Saturday, 7 October 1905. There they received the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal (now South Africa North) for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge. The minutes reflect that the Consecration and Installation ceremony was carried out in due and antient form and that the Installing Master was Worshipful Brother J V Blinkhorn. Worshipful Brother Lewis Forsyth Allan was installed as the first Worshipful Master of The Norwood Lodge.

The following Brethren were invested as the first Officers of the Lodge:

- Immediate Past Master - Worshipful Brother Ballantyne;
- Senior Warden - Brother Pugh;
- Junior Warden - Brother Lamb;
- Chaplin - Worshipful Brother Eddowes;
- Treasurer- Brother Thompson;
- Secretary - Brother Newcombe;
- Senior Deacon - Brother Dolley;
- Junior Deacon - Brother Cooper (acting);
- Director of Ceremonies - BrotherAllen;
- Organist - Brother Glenton;
- Inner Guard - Brother Gough;
- Stewards - Brothers Davison, Smallman and Rose.

The meeting at which the Consecration and Installation ceremony was conducted must, one imagines, have been a splendid and long affair since immediately after the formal ceremony was completed the Brethren proceeded to establish a General Purposes Committee, to appoint Stewards to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of collecting funds for the Grand Lodge Education Fund and to consider the initiation of two new candidates (namely, Messrs Lane and Pile).

Worshipful Brother L F Allan served the Lodge as Worshipful Master for two successive years. This has occurred only once since: Worshipful Brother J W Cowell was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for two successive years from 1913 to 1915. Why Worshipful Brother L F Allan occupied the Chair of King Solomon for two successive years will never be known, but one can surmise it was because of an extended absence during his first year in the Chair. Having been installed as Worshipful Master on 7 October 1905 he did not attend any further regular meetings until 9 May 1906.

His absence appears not to have had much of an impact on the Lodge and during 1905 and 1906 membership of the Lodge swelled. In fact, in excess of thirty Candidates were initiated and similar numbers passed to the degree of Fellow Craft and/or raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. (As an aside, the minutes of meetings of the Lodge in those early years and into the early 1950s indicate that the Brethren were perhaps less rigid and formalistic in their approach to Freemasonry than is presently the case. There was clearly a greater degree of flexibility as to the nature of matters which were discussed in open Lodge and the Brethren regularly held emergency meetings. Today the holding of an “emergency meeting” is rare and may tend to indicate that there is a problem needing urgent resolution. However, it is clear that in the past emergency meetings were not necessarily a forum to resolve problems but were primarily held for the purpose of initiations, passing and raisings. This, in part, explains how a lodge could grow as exponentially as The Norwood Lodge did at various periods in its history, including in 1905/06.)

Worshipful Brother L F Allan's contribution to the Lodge and to Freemasonry in general, cannot be overstated. Already a Past Master of Tyne Lodge No. 991 EC he went on to be a founding member (the Founding Junior Warden) of Lodge Temperance No. 2557 EC in 1895. He never took the Chair at Lodge Temperance; apparently because he was sent to Pretoria during the Boer War. Shortly before becoming a founder of The Norwood Lodge he was one of the founding members of the Civil Service Lodge No. 3118 EC. He was also a Past District Grand Warden in the Transvaal and a Past Provincial Grant Assistant Director of Ceremonies in Northumberland.

In addition to being Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the first two years of its existence and again in 1921/22, Worshipful Brother L F Allan occupied various Offices within the Lodge until his resignation. He resigned for reasons that are not known in 1933. The number of motions which he proposed during his time at the Lodge indicates that he was for many years a "leading light" in the Lodge and a leader from whom many other Brethren took their cue. That he was also a man of charity is beyond doubt. On several occasions he personally made donations or offerings beyond what could be expected of any individual Brother in order to facilitate the achievement by the Lodge of its goals. He was also a member of a number of organs and committees of District Grand Lodge.

Worshipful Brother L F Allan's influence was not, however, confined to Freemasonry. He took his civic duties very seriously. He was at various times also a Major in the army, a magistrate in Pretoria and eventually, in 1923, the Mayor of Johannesburg.

Given the strength of Worshipful Brother L F Allan's character it is not surprising to find that he had differences with other Brethren from time to time. In fact he once proposed a notice of motion to permanently exclude another Brother from the Lodge. In February 1932, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, it is stated in a notice of motion proposed by Worshipful Brother L F Allan that another Brother acted in an un-Masonic manner -

- (a) In that he on the tenth day of September, 1930, did make a false accusation against me, and when called upon did not prove same to be true.
- (b) In that he on the thirteenth day of January, 1932, communicated in writing a further charge against me of unseemly un-Masonic conduct."

The motion was withdrawn after discussion, and notwithstanding subsequent threatened resignations, representations to District Grand Lodge and the like, the matter appears to have been amicably resolved between the two Brethren. While it is unsurprising that Brethren from time to time have differences of opinion, the members of The Norwood Lodge have never again, thankfully, had to deal with a formal motion of this nature.

In addition to phenomenal growth experienced by The Norwood Lodge, there are a number of other developments in its early history which warrant a mention.

A Deed of Transfer, dated 1 December 1906, reflects that the "Eastern Portion of Lot No. 336, situated on Arthur Road and Fanny Avenue, on that portion known as 'Norwood Township' on the Freehold Farm Klipfontein No. 139, District Witwatersrand" was acquired by Lewis Forsyth Allan, David Murray Lamb and Thomas Newcombe on behalf of The Norwood Lodge. The acquisition was for the sum of £95. Notably, the then Registrar of Deeds, who signed the Deed of Transfer, was none other than Jan Smuts. A transcription of such Deed is Appendix 8 hereto.

On 26 December 1906, the Brethren of the Lodge held their first meeting at the Masonic Hall in Norwood (prior meetings having been held at Hunter Street, Bellevue). To this day the Masonic Hall at which The Norwood Lodge meets is located on the corner of Arthur Road and Fanny Avenue, albeit that the buildings have undergone numerous upgrades and changes. Arthur Road and Fanny Avenue were named after the eldest son and wife, respectively, of J T Grant who was, as previously

stated, one of the original owners of Norwood Township. Something that has changed is the time at which regular meetings of the Lodge are held.

The earliest copy of the Lodge by-laws that could be traced are those dated 16 August 1907. (a transcription thereof is Appendix 6 hereto.) These by-laws indicate that regular meetings were to be held on “the first Wednesday nearest each full moon in the year”. Around this time Brethren travelled to Lodge on horseback. Travelling home after dark, and without any streetlights, Brethren travelled by the light of the moon. There are still members today who recall the hitching rail in front of the Lodge. It is not apparent exactly when this changed, but regular meetings now take place on the second Wednesday in each month.

Having acquired the stand on which The Norwood Lodge was located in 1906, the Brethren of the Lodge attended to the first extension to the building thereon in 1910. During that year the additions and alterations to the building occupied the time of the Brethren at a number of regular and emergency meetings. In particular, much time was spent discussing the overdraft facility of £150 granted by The Netherlands Bank therefore.

In 1911, the stand on which the Temple was located was expanded when the Brethren accepted an offer to acquire two adjoining stands. The terms of the acquisition were £20, cash down, and £2 per month thereafter until the total purchase price of £70 had been paid.

At the regular meeting held on 5 May 1909, Brother Machin proposed, and Bro. W Spenser seconded, the establishment of an appendant Lodge of Instruction. This proposal was approved and The Norwood Lodge of Instruction began meeting on every Monday night, excluding public holidays and the Monday immediately preceding the Regular Meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge of Instruction was clearly, in itself, a substantive endeavour, so much so that in 1920 the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge passed a motion agreeing to charge the Lodge of Instruction for the use of the Masonic Hall. The Lodge of Instruction ceased to operate in 1928 but was revived in 1933.

Every Mason will know that until such time as you are raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason you spend much of your time outside the actual Temple; your absence being a prerequisite to the conduct of business in higher degrees than the degree to which you have been admitted. It is during such times that you befriend the Tyler, explore the rooms surrounding the Temple and, in all probability, peruse “The Roll of Honour”. At The Norwood Lodge the decision to make and fix the “Roll of Honour” in the Hall adjoining the Temple was taken in 1918. The Roll of Honour for the period 1914 to 1918 reflects that 32 Brethren passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

One can only assume that the rapid growth of the Lodge and the rate at which new Candidates were being introduced led to one or more of the Brethren being embarrassed by inappropriate persons initiated into the Craft. Accordingly, in an attempt to sift through potentially “unsuitable” nominations, the Standing Committee of the Lodge formed a sub-committee known as the “Investigations Sub-Committee” in 1919. It was the task of this sub-committee to make enquiries in connection with each of the Candidates. The sub-committee comprised Worshipful Brother Lane (who, it will be recalled, was the very first initiate of the Lodge), the Senior Warden and Junior Warden by virtue of their Office, the Worshipful Master and the Secretary. Happily, the Lodge no longer has an Investigation Sub-Committee although this may indicate a decline in a number of persons considered for initiation an issue that appears to be confronting Freemasonry in general. Declining numbers also means that the Lodge no longer has a Ladies Sub-Committee or a Sports Sub-Committee as it did circa 1920.

In 1919 the Brethren first started turning the buildings owned by The Norwood Lodge to account. The minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 6 February 1919 reflect that it was decided, for a fee, to allow the “Sons of England” to use the Masonic Hall for a social and dance. (While on the subject, it is ironic to note that the Hall is presently let to a number of parties including a dance class.

At one time it was felt undesirable to allow a dance class to rent the Hall on a regular basis: On 2 September 1920, the Standing Committee decided that it would not be appropriate to “let the Hall for dancing classes”.)

On 9 October 1929, Worshipful Brother Arthur Needham was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. While The Norwood Lodge has had many members whose contribution to the Lodge and to Freemasonry in general cannot be understated, special mention must be made of Worshipful Brother A Needham. The minutes reflect he was a tireless Brother who did much to promote the Lodge and Freemasonry. He went on to be appointed as Deputy District Grand Master in 1956. (A complete list of members The Norwood Lodge who have Grand rank is Appendix 3 hereto.) Although he was a Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1929/30 he really came into his own as a Mason later—the minutes reflecting his huge contribution to the Lodge, in particular, in the 1940s and 1950s.

By 1936 it became clear that the Lodge did not need all the land which it had earlier acquired. Accordingly, at the regular meeting on 9 December 1936 a motion was put to the Brethren that the Standing-Committee be instructed to take steps for the disposal of the unoccupied portion of the Lodge property on the basis that the proceeds resulting from such disposal would be used to form a fund to be applied to the renovation of, and additions to, the Lodge premises. The motion was not passed and the Brethren elected, instead, to investigate the possibility of raising a bond against the property of the Lodge to carry the cost of alterations and renovations so as to retain the land. The Brethren spent some time investigating the possibility of raising a bond but at some point decided not to pursue this option. The excess land was sold in 1938 for £260. The purchaser was Worshipful Brother W Greer, an active member of the Lodge over a number of years and the Worshipful Master in 1924/25. Worshipful Brother W Greer undertook a building project on the land that he purchased from the Lodge over a protracted period of time. The minutes of the Standing-Committee meetings reflect that his building project was still active in 1958 at which time, in lieu of the use of Lodge electricity, Worshipful Brother W Greer made a sizeable donation to the Lodge.

Of course the above should not be read as indicating that the Lodge did not have any hitches in its formative years. For example, an anonymous complainant laid a charge of misconduct against the Lodge with the Right Worshipful District Grand Master in 1912 for reasons that are not known. Worshipful Master W C Smallman responded to such charge by way of a complete denial that, it would appear, satisfied District Grand Lodge. In 1919 the Brethren spent a considerable amount of time trying to decide on the best manner in which to handle the complaint made by one Mrs Hunter who owned a property adjoining the Lodge grounds. She complained of the destruction by fire of part of her hedge. The fire was alleged to have originated from the Lodge grounds. Notwithstanding these minor setbacks The Norwood Lodge was, by the time of the Second World War, a thriving and happy lodge.

CHAPTER 3 — GROWTH AND CONSOLIDATION

Many members of the Lodge were, as could be expected, active in the Second World War and, having regard to the magnitude of the War, one might have expected the minutes of meetings to be littered with references thereto. However, this is not the case. A reason for this may be the Masonic prohibition on the discussion of politics at lodge meetings. One can but suggest that a discussion of the War could easily slide into a discussion of a political nature.

Amongst the scant mention of the Second World War in the records of The Lodge are the following –

- A request by Brother Frank Broom, dated 23 June 1940, for an indefinite leave of absence as a result of being called to active duty;
- On 12 March 1941, the Lodge of Instruction ceased to operate on a normal basis “during the war period”;
- Mention of the fact that by October 1941 of the total of 37 members of the Lodge 9 members were in active service;
- Mention of the fact that Worshipful Brother EW Mauritzi received an award for bravery. (He was the Worshipful Master of The Lodge in 1927/28.);
- The reading of a prayer for those embroiled in the War at the instruction of the District Grand Master on 31 January 1945;
- a Mention of the fact that hostilities had ceased at the meeting date 12 September 1945.

The minutes of the meetings of the Lodge during the War years tend to demonstrate one positive thing; it would appear that Brethren who were not on active duty took it upon themselves to make sure that operative lodges were well supported. Consequently, there was a lot a visiting between lodges and at a regular meeting on 12 April 1944 a motion was put to the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge that the then Worshipful Masters of the Phoenix Lodge No. 3602 E.C. and the Woodlands Lodge No. 3668 E.C. be made honorary members of The Norwood Lodge during their terms of office, and that this privilege be granted to all future Worshipful Masters of those two lodges. To this day The Norwood Lodge and Woodlands Lodge enjoy a good relationship, with regular visits between the two lodges.

The pervasive influence of Worshipful Brother A Needham in the 1940s and 1950s is unquestionable. As Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction he did what few others could manage; he kept it active and thriving during the War. It is also no surprise that The Norwood Lodge and Woodlands Lodge formed such close ties —he was a member of both. During this period he was also the driving force behind the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter for Norwood. This Chapter still exists and holds regular quarterly meetings.

At the end of the War the Chair of King Solomon was occupied by a prominent mason from The Norwood Lodge, namely Worshipful Brother A C Jarvis; affectionately known as “Bert”. Worshipful Brother “Bert” Jarvis went on to become the District Grand secretary, an office which he occupied for a number of years. The arrival of peace proved to be very good for the Lodge. Presumably a number of men who were in active service had come into contact with Masons or were seeking some form of fraternal camaraderie. The Lodge grew rapidly. From just over 40 members during the War, the Lodge expanded to 58 members by 1946 and to 85 members by 1951. In those days it was not unusual to ballot for the initiation of up to six Candidates at a meeting of the Lodge. Interestingly, and contrary to what is permitted today, the Brethren balloted for Candidates for initiation en bloc (i.e. there was not a separate ballot for each Candidate).

It would be remiss, in a history such as this, not to mention some of the more unfortunate events that the Lodge suffered during those years. The minutes of the regular meeting of the Lodge dated 9 April 1947 refer to the passing of Worshipful Brother L F Allan, the first Worshipful Master of The

Norwood Lodge. (The minutes which reference the passing of Worshipful Brother L F Allan also state that he was responsible for the Crest of the Lodge, as to which see Appendix 1.) By 1948 the Lodge building had fallen into a state of disrepair (probably as a result of increased membership and a lack of Brethren to give attention thereto Lodge during the Second World War). Extensive repairs were required. The Lodge was also burgled in 1951. However, unlike today that problem was solved by merely changing the locks. Sadly, in 1954 the Lodge lost Worshipful Brother Lane, its first initiate, to the Grand Lodge Above.

In the larger scheme of things these unfortunate incidents failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the Brethren. Accordingly, in 1955 and in anticipation of Worshipful Brother A L Needham receiving District Grand Rank, the Brethren made a donation to the then Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution to enable that body to establish, in perpetuity, The A L Needham Bursary. Furthermore, in 1956 they sponsored the establishment of the Oaklands Lodge No. 7456 E.G. It does not come as any surprise that Worshipful Brother A L Needham was amongst the founders of Oaklands Lodge. Oaklands Lodge met, and to this day meet, at the same Masonic Hall as The Norwood Lodge (although today, as revealed below, Oaklands Lodge is a part owner thereof).

The late 1950s and early 1960s saw the beginning of a decline in Lodge membership. Such decline did not, however, adversely affect the fortunes of the Lodge which remained vibrant. At that time the quest for Masonic knowledge seemed insatiable. It was not uncommon for three or four lectures per annum be to presented at meetings of the Lodge on Masonic topics. Furthermore, the appendant Lodge of Instruction, although it was only meeting monthly, remained well attended under the leadership of Worshipful Brother J J Varrie. He was the Worshipful Master of The Norwood Lodge in 1951/2. The link between Oaklands Lodge and The Norwood Lodge was further strengthened in 1959 when a formal offer was made to grant "Oaklands a partnership in the material assets of the Norwood Lodge". It is presumed that the material assets must have excluded the building; if not it would be difficult to explain the events of 1967, which are detailed below.

The early 1960s saw two very important developments in the history of The Norwood Lodge. Worshipful Brother A L Needham passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 4 March 1962. His passing meant that The Norwood Lodge, and Freemasonry in general, had lost an inspired leader and well-loved Brother. However, on a happier note, The Norwood Lodge held its Diamond Jubilee meeting on 13 October 1963.

In the late 1960s the Brethren of both The Norwood Lodge and Oaklands Lodge decided to embark upon a major rebuilding of the Masonic Hall and Temple. To this end, at the June 1967 regular meeting of The Norwood Lodge, the Brethren agreed to formally "cede" a part of the land and buildings to Oakland Lodge. And, on 15 June 1967, the rules governing the joint venture between Norwood and Oaklands were reduced to writing. (It would appear that the "material assets" in which The Norwood Lodge granted Oaklands Lodge an interest in 1959 must have excluded the land and buildings, failing which the decision to cede part of the land and buildings would have been unnecessary. The only other explanation would be that it took some eight years to formalise what had been agreed in 1959.)

The building project which the Brethren of Norwood and Oaklands embarked upon was ambitious, and it endured for a number of years.

CHAPTER 4 — THE MODERN ERA

The year 1972 marked the beginning of a new era in the life of The Norwood Lodge. While the exact nature and extent of the building project which was embarked upon in 1967 is not clear it must have been completed by 13 May 1972 on which date a “Proving of the Stone” ceremony was held at what is described as the “New Masonic Temple”. Apart from some minor alterations (primarily to fixtures and fittings) the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge still meet in this building.

The “Proving of the Stone” ceremony was led by the then District Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Brother L G D Hinett at 4 pm on a Saturday afternoon. The District Grand Master issued a guidance note to assist the Brethren of Norwood and Oaklands (it being a joint ceremony) in the conduct of the ceremony. (See Appendix 7 hereto for a transcription of the Guidance note for such ceremony and a photograph of the Stone.)

By the late 1970s the Brethren must have realised that it was unsatisfactory to regulate as important a matter as the holding of immovable property through a “loose” joint venture arrangement between The Norwood Lodge and Oaklands Lodge. Something more formal was required. Accordingly, in 1978 a section 21 company (i.e. a charitable company) known as “Norwood Temple” was incorporated. The land and building were transferred to this company and various lodges and third parties are now granted the right to use the Masonic Hall and Temple pursuant to arrangements concluded with this company. The shares in this company have been owned by a number of Brethren on behalf various Masonic Lodges at different times. However, only the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge and Oaklands Lodge have always retained a shareholding in this company.

The 1980s were not particularly good to The Norwood Lodge. The number of members fell quite considerably and attendance at the appendant Lodge of Instruction fell to an all time low. (The Lodge of Instruction still, however, survives in this the centenary year of The Norwood Lodge.) In what may be considered its darkest hour, The Norwood Lodge faced the spectre of 11 exclusions in 1985. One should not, however, underestimate the loyalty and commitment of all of the Brethren of the Lodge. Many of the Brethren who were around the 1980s still attend Lodge meetings today. A Brother who deserves special mention in this era is Worshipful Brother Frank Shearsby. It was in no small way due to his efforts and discipline that the Lodge made it through those lean years with dignity. Worshipful Brother F Shearsby always insisted on the continuation of the aforementioned Lodge of Instruction and was ruthless in ensuring a high standard of ritual, despite the erosion of the membership. It is this installation of discipline and desire for perfection in working, passed down from Worshipful Brother F Shearsby, that still drives the Past Masters of today. It must be said that if Worshipful Brother L F Allan lead from inception into the 1920’s/30’s and Worshipful Brother A L Needham in the 1940’s/50’s, the 1970’s/80’s belong to Worshipful Brother F Shearsby.

Another example of the nature of the Brethren of the Lodge can be found in a letter addressed by Worshipful Brother George Ellison to the Brethren of Norwood Lodge on 23 October 1986. In that letter he describes having attended the raising of his son at Lodge De Montfort No 5155 E.C. in Warwickshire, England. He explains that his son was invested with the same apron with which he George Ellison was invested at Norwood in November 1968. He goes on to write that his son is a fifth-generation Mason and that the apron with which he had invested his son originally belonged to his (George Ellison’s) great grandfather. George Ellison went on to become the Worshipful Master of The Norwood Lodge in 1987/88. Although there cannot be too many fifth-generation Masons, it is fair to say that The Norwood Lodge has a proud tradition of being a “family” lodge. In fact, the 1980s saw Worshipful Brother S C Hogg been initiated, passed and raised. His raising ceremony was presided over by his father Worshipful Brother P E Hogg who took the Chair of King Solomon for this purpose. Worshipful Brother G Bradford presided as Worshipful Master at the ceremonies in which his son, Worshipful Brother C G Bradford, was initiated, passed and raised and thereafter installed in

the Chair of King Solomon. A note on some of the families that form part of the Lodge's history is contained in Appendix 2.

In 1991/92 Worshipful Brother Andy Rivers filled the Chair of King Solomon. It is fair to say that what Worshipful Brothers L F Allan, A L Needham and F Shearsby brought to the Lodge in other respects, Worshipful Brother A Rivers brought to the Lodge in its charitable endeavour. Even a cursory reading of the Lodge's minute books reveal that Worshipful Brother A Rivers has been, and is still, a tireless campaigner for the cause of charity. It follows that, in an era in which the Lodge has concentrated its efforts on charity, Worshipful Brother A Rivers has led with distinction and set a shining example, even in those years when he has not been the official Charity Steward. He always sets about fundraising with incredible gusto and energy from which other Brethren can, and should, take their cue.

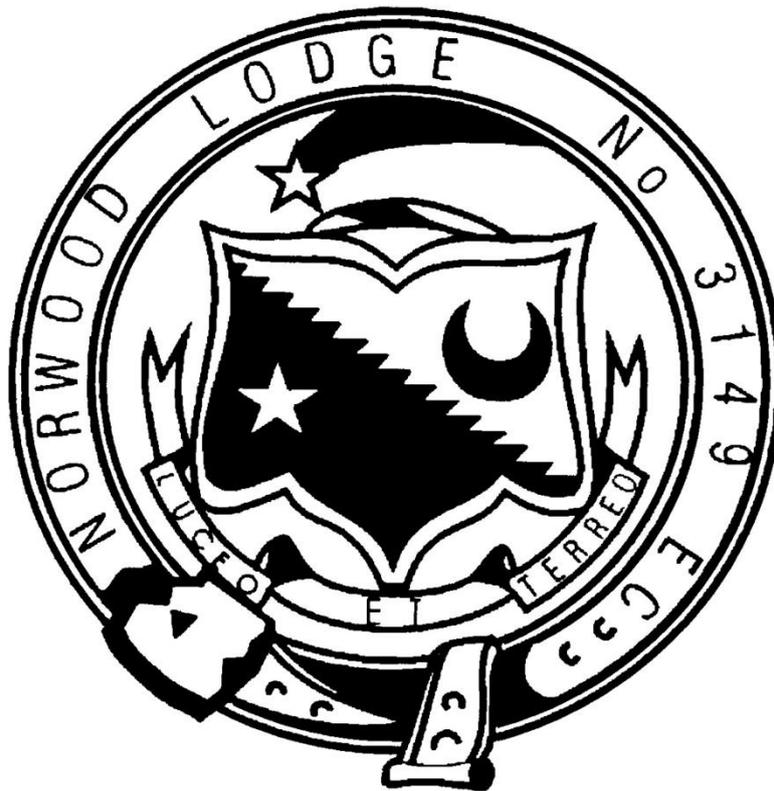
On the charitable side, some interesting facts which emerge from the minute books of The Norwood Lodge are the following:

- The Brethren of, and visitors to, the Lodge know that no Festive Board at The Norwood Lodge is complete until such time as the "Key Game" has been played. Participants are invited to purchase numbered tickets with the proceeds of the ticket sales being pooled. Half of the pooled proceeds are used for charitable purposes and the balance placed in a small safe deposit box. After all who wish to participate have purchased tickets, one number is drawn from the proverbial hat (or in the case of The Norwood Lodge a plastic jug) and the person holding a ticket with the winning number is entitled to draw a key (again from the proverbial hat containing a number of keys). If the key drawn opens the safe deposit box, the participant gets to keep the contents; if not the contents are held over for the next Festive Board and the process repeated with one less key in the selection available to be chosen. As the "kitty" in the safe deposit box grows so ticket sales increase. In this way thousands of Rands have been raised towards charity by the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge. Although it is not possible to ascertain when the Key Game was first played at the Lodge, it is somewhat of an "institution" and the minutes first refer to the fact that the Key Game was played as early as 1 September 1993.
- Is a good thing that Freemasons are not prohibited from discussing sport at Lodges (although this is arguably every bit as contentious as a discussion of a political nature). The Norwood Lodge has made particularly good mileage out of the "Durban July" in respect of which it holds an annual sweepstake and get-together. Furthermore, the minutes indicate that no event has ever before, or since, captured the imagination of the Brethren to the same extent as the Rugby World Cup held in 1995. A great deal of time and attention was devoted to turning the Rugby World Cup to charitable account.
- The Lodge has used the trusted Golf Day on numerous occasions to raise funds. (What is perhaps surprising is that no one has raised any question mark over the victory by Worshipful Brother A Rivers in the 1997 tournament that he organised!)
- Although wine tastings have historically been used to raise money by The Norwood Lodge, the last two years (i.e. 2004/5) has seen the Lodge host two very successful whisky tasting evenings. These evenings have been sufficiently enjoyed by all to ensure that are bound to happen again in the future.

It is pleasing to note by way of conclusion that the outlook for The Norwood Lodge is bright. Worshipful Master LA Epstein is very ably leading the Norwood Lodge in this the year of its centenary. Having just turned 40, and having succeeded another "young" Worshipful Master (Worshipful Brother M H Sonnekus), he has already committed a great deal of energy to the task at hand. The Norwood Lodge is, accordingly, in the happy position of already having initiated two Candidates with Worshipful Master LA Epstein at the helm and there is every prospect of at least one more Candidate being initiated later in the year.

What is more, the younger Brethren who are currently members of the Lodge (from those newly initiated to the Worshipful Master himself) are in the fortunate position of having a number of older Brethren to whom they can turn for advice and on whose Masonic wisdom they can rely. This is resoundingly demonstrated in the list of current members of The Norwood Lodge, which forms Appendix 5 hereto. No fewer than 15 members of the Lodge hold District Rank and have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to The Norwood Lodge for protracted periods of time.

Appendix 1 – The Norwood Lodge Crest



The minutes of the regular meeting of The Norwood Lodge estate dated 9 April 1947 refer to the fact that the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, namely Worshipful Brother L F Allan, was responsible for the design of the Crest of the Lodge. While no document can be found in which an explanation of the design is given, it is known to have been derived from the Allan family coat of arms. This is, perhaps, unfortunate since it is difficult to attribute a Masonic meaning to a family coat of arms. However, it may be that Worshipful Brother L F Allan's Masonic career influenced the design of his family coat of arms.

While the moon on the right hand side of the shield in the centre of the crest would traditionally be said to represent one of the lesser lights of Freemasonry and the sun on the right hand side of the Crest another of the lesser lights, this cannot be stated with any degree of certainty given the origin of the Crest. Nor can any specific Masonic meaning be attributed to the "Blazing Star" which appears above the shield in the centre of the Crest. The Blazing Star is not mentioned in Masonic ritual although, over time, it has come to represent (depending on the author of the text in question) either God/Supreme Being or the Worshipful Master or Past Master. (There is much debate as to the origins of the Blazing Star; some attribute it to the Dog Star (Horus), others to the Star of Bethlehem and so on. This is not a matter to be explored in this text.)

The interpretation of the Crest is further complicated by the Latin phrase inscribed thereon which reads "Luceo et Terreo". This phrase means "to light up (illuminate) and to terrify". However, it is thought that the Latin phrase which has been inscribed at the bottom of the Crest may be erroneous; the motto contained in the Allan family coat of arms is "Luceo non Terreo". This phrase means "to light up not to terrify". This meaning the exact opposite of the phrase which is actually inscribed on the Crest.

APPENDIX 2 - FAMILY TIES

After 100 years, it is not surprising that those Brethren who have joined The Norwood Lodge may have been related to others within the Lodge. This appears to have been a fairly strong trend within The Norwood Lodge.

With very little information available to work from, apologies are tendered in advance in respect of any family links which may exist and which have not been mentioned. Indeed if anybody has noticed such a glaring omission, this information should be forwarded to the Lodge so that any future Lodge histories can reflect the correct and complete story of “Family Ties” at The Norwood Lodge.

Furthermore, it should be noted when going through the list of Past Masters of the Lodge there are many surnames which are repeated — and while it in no way guarantees a family link, it is often the only evidence which suggests the possibility. For example, Worshipful Brother W H Allen, who was Master of The Norwood Lodge in 1908/09, was followed in 1921/22 by Worshipful Brother L F Allen. In 1934/35 Worshipful Brother R R Lammas (Snr.) went through the Chair, followed 29 years later in 1963/64 by, Worshipful Brother R R Lammas (Jnr.). We also notice that Worshipful Brother W Fargher, in 1942/43 was followed in 1955/56 by his son, Worshipful Brother T W Fargher. (Worshipful Brother W Fargher served The Norwood Lodge for more than 25 years.)

In 2004, the year before the centenary of the Lodge, Worshipful Brother John R Scott passed to the Grand Lodge above. He had been the treasurer of The Norwood Lodge for many years prior to his passing and certainly kept the finances of the Lodge in a healthy and well managed state. Worshipful Brother J R Scott occupied the Chair in 1978/79, his father in 1948/49.

The name that is most repeated in the Past Master’s listing is that of Hogg. The lineage at The Norwood Lodge started with Worshipful Brother C E Hogg who was Master of the Lodge in 1959/60, followed in 1966/67 by Worshipful Brother P E Hogg. In 1995/96 Worshipful Brother S C Hogg took the Chair for the first time. In 1998/99 his brother Worshipful Brother R A Hogg, then installed Worshipful Brother Shaun Hogg for his second term as Worshipful Master of The Norwood Lodge. Worshipful Brother Edgar Hogg, brother of Worshipful Brother Peter Hogg was also a member of the Lodge.

In 2001/02 Worshipful Brother G Bradford installed his son Craig into the chair of King Solomon. Worshipful Brother Glenn had been in the chair in 1986/87, and then again in 1992/93. Another father/son grouping in the Lodge was Brother PJH Steenekamp, late father of Brother P J Steenekamp.

Worshipful Brother Hugh Sutherland’s brother Ian was also a member of The Norwood Lodge before relocating to the United Kingdom. (See the Appendix headed “Appreciation” for some further information in Worshipful Brother Hugh Sutherland.)

The family lineage of the Lodge was not always by blood relations — but often by marriage. In this sense Worshipful Brother N R Vaubell (Worshipful Master in 1983/84) was the brother in-law of Worshipful Brother W A MacKenzie, whose father, Worshipful Brother Jack was also a member of the Lodge. Our millennium Master Worshipful Brother George Kuys (2000/01) is also the father in-law of Worshipful Brother Clive Freeman (2002/03). Worshipful Brother Clive’s uncle, Worshipful Brother Brian Freeman, was a Past Master in the Lodge before emigrating. Worshipful Brother C T Cronje is likewise the son in-law of Worshipful Brother J L M Driver.

The in-law lineage is prevalent in this the centenary year of The Norwood Lodge. Our Centenary Master Worshipful Brother Lance Epstein’s brother in-law, Brother David Taylor is a member of the

Lodge, while his nephew, Brother Graydon Epstein was initiated into the Lodge during the centenary year.

With this strong commitment to family as a strand which runs through The Norwood Lodge, it is most likely that the list of members joined by family relations and the bond of the brotherhood of Masonry will continue forward into the next hundred years of the Lodge.

APPENDIX 3 - SCHEDULE OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELD GRAND RANK

Name	Grand Rank
W. Bro. A L Needham	PGD (Eng)
W. Bro. AC Jarvis	PGStdBr (Eng)
W. Bro. E J Goodwin	PAGDC (Eng)
W. Bro. J J Varrie	PAGDC (Eng)
W. Bro. F Shearsby	AGDC (Eng)

APPENDIX 4 - SCHEDULE OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

W. Bro. L F Allan P.D.G.W P.P.A.G.D.C.(Northumberland)	1905-06
W. Bro. L F Allan P.D.G.W P.P.A.G.D.C.(Northumberland)	1906-07
W. Bro. D M Lamb P.D.G.Std.Br.	1907-08
W. Bro. W H. Allen P.D.A.G.D.C.	1909-09
W. Bro. WC Smallman P. D.G.Std. Br.	1909-10
W. Bro. A Lane P. D.G.W.	1910-11
W. Bro. H W Dolley	1911-12
W. Bro. W W Ward P.D.G. Std. Br.	1912-13
W. Bro. J W Cowell P.D.G.D	1913-14
W. Bro. J W Cowell P.D.G.D	1914-15
W. Bro. G W Nash	1915-16
W. Bro. W S Tyler. P. D.G.Std.Br.	1916-17
W. Bro. J G Ince P.D.G.D	1917-18
W. Bro. F J Smith	1918-19
W. Bro. S Davey	1919-20
W. Bro. J Burnett P.D.G.D	1920-21
W. Bro. L F Allen P.D.G.W	1921-22
W. Bro. P Parnell	1922-23
W. Bro. T H Billing	1923-24
W. Bro. W Greer P. D. G. D	1924-25
W. Bro. F Shaul	1925-26
W. Bro. W H Pound P.D.G.W	1926-27
W. Bro. E W Mauritzi P.D.A.G.D.C.	1927-28
W. Bro. R S Graves	1928-29
W. Bro. A L Needham P. Dep. D.G.M. P.G.D (Eng.)	1929-30
W. Bro. B R Spencer P.D.A.G.D.C.	1930-31
W. Bro. E M Lacy P.D.A.G.D.C. P.D.G.Std.Br. (Natal)	1931-32
W. Bro. G Moffat	1932-33
W. Bro. AW Walker (Snr)	1933-34
W. Bro. R R Lamma (Snr) .P.D.G.W	1934-35
W. Bro. C Nelson P.D.G.W	1935-36
W. Bro. G B Milford	1936-37
W. Bro. B R Spencer P.D.A.G.D.C.	1937-38
W. Bro. L L Lloyd P.D.G.Purs	1938-39
W. Bro. J Grant P.D.G.D	1939-40
W. Bro. C Nelson P.D.G.W	1940-41
W. Bro. T H Lee P.D.G.D	1941-42
W. Bro. W Fargher P.D.G.Steward P.D.G.T.(Eastern Div.)	1942-43
W. Bro. P E Berkley	1943-44
W. Bro. A C Jarvis P.D.G.Sec. P.G.Std.Br.(Eng)	1944-45
W. Bro. J W Tyndall P.D.J.G.W	1945-46
W. Bro. F P Bloem	1946-47
W. Bro. H J Ellis P.D.A.G.D.C.	1947-48
W. Bro. W J Scott	1948-49
W. Bro. C H Crabble P.D.G.Purs	1949-50
W. Bro. E J Goodwin P.D.S.G.W P.A.G.D.C.(Eng)	1950-51
W. Bro. J J Varrie P.D.S.G.W. P.A.G.D.C. (Eng)	1951-52
W. Bro. A V Pickthall P.D.G.Std.Br.	1952-53
W. Bro. L A W Clift	1953-54
W. Bro. F Shearsby P.D.J.G.W. A.G.D.C.(Eng)	1954-55
W. Bro. T W Fargher P.D.J.G.W	1955-56

W. Bro. T H Varah P.D.A.G.D.C.	1956-57
W. Bro. S A Garrett P.D.J.G.W	1957-58
W. Bro. W D Dickinson P.D.G.D	1958-59
W. Bro. P E Hogg	1959-60
W. Bro. R G Southern P.D.G.Std. Br.	1960-61
W. Bro. C F R Moore P.D.J.G.W	1961-62
W. Bro. W Machin P.D.S.G.W	1962-63
W. Bro. R R Lammas (Jnr) P.D.G.Std.Br.	1963-64
W. Bro. R M Clarke P.D.A.G.Std.Br.	1964-65
W. Bro. D S Eccles P.D.A.G.D.C.	1965-66
W. Bro. P E Hogg P.D.A.G.D.C.	1966-67
W. Bro. J L M Driver P.D.J.G.W.	1967-68
W. Bro. N J Pinker P.D.J.G.W. P.D.S.W. (W. Cape)	1968-69
W. Bro. W J England P.D.A.G.D.C.	1969-70
W. Bro. F K Muller P.D.G.Steward	1970-71
W. Bro. C Duvenage P.D.G.D.C.	1971-72
W. Bro. V B MacDoughall P.D.S.G.W	1972-73
W. Bro. D A Wybrow P.D.J.G.W	1973-74
W. Bro. D T Mahony P.D.J.G.W.	1974-75
W. Bro. D B Ceronio P.D.G Std. Br.	1975-76
W. Bro. S J van der Merwe	1976-77
W. Bro. P R van Niekerk P.D.G.Purs	1977-78
W. Bro. J R Scott P.D.J.G.W	1978-79
W. Bro. A J Pienaar	1979-80
W. Bro. V A Taylor P.D.A.G.D.C.	1980-81
W. Bro. C Duvenage P.D.G.D.C.	1981-82
W. Bro. H A B Sutherland P.D.S.G.W	1982-83
W. Bro. N R Vaubell P.D.A.G.D.C.	1983-84
W. Bro. F W Marlton P.D.S.G.W	1984-85
W. Bro. S W Beer P.D.A.G.D.C.	1985-86
W. Bro. G. Bradford P.D.J.G.W	1986-87
W. Bro. G J R Ellison P.D.J.G.D	1987-88
W. Bro. C T Cronje P.D.J.G.D	1988-89
W. Bro. W A MacKenzie P.D.A.G.D.C.	1989-90
W. Bro. A Rivers P.D.J.G.W	1990-91
W. Bro. R J Stark P.D.A.G.D.C	1991-92
W. Bro. G Bradford P.D.J.G.W	1992-93
W. Bro. D Salmon	1993-94
W. Bro. A Rivers P.D.J.G.W	1994-95
W. Bro. S C Hogg P.D.A.G.D.C.	1995-96
W. Bro. D A Wybrow P.D.J.G.W	1996-97
W. Bro. R M Anderson P.D.J.G.W	1997-98
W. Bro. RA Hogg	1998-99
W. Bro. S C Hogg P.D.A.G.D.C.	1999-00
W. Bro. G D S Kuys P.D.A.G.D.C.	2000-01
W. Bro. C G Bradford	2001-02
W. Bro. C A Freeman	2002-03
W. Bro. R J Woodward	2003-04
W. Bro. M H Sonnekus	2004-05
W. Bro. L A Epstein	2005-06

APPENDIX 5 - SCHEDULE OF CURRENT MEMBERS

The following are the Brethren of the Lodge as at 31 January 2006:

RM	Anderson	GDS	Kuys
P	Atteridge	VB	Macdougall
M	Baker	W	Machin
SW	Beer	RA	Masefield
A	Bladen	DJ	Moore
CG	Bradford	PL	Muller
G	Bradford	SJ	Petersen
AJ	Cameron	NJ	Pinker
CT	Cronje	W	Pirgl
LJM	Driver	A	Rivers
GRJ	Ellison	NES	Shapley
GR	Epstein	R	Slatter
LA	Epstein	MH	Sonnekus
CA	Freeman	G	Soskin
AM	Furber	RJ	Stark
GW	Galloti	P	Steenekamp
H	Haralambous	KR	Stumke
SC	Hogg	HAB	Sutherland
RA	Hogg	DW	Taylor
LJ	Ingram	KJ	Trudgeon
AC	Jarvis	TE	Wallace
B	Kirby	RJ	Woodward
RF	Klaiber		

**APPENDIX 6 - FIRST BY-LAWS ON RECORD OF
THE NORWOOD LODGE NO. 3149 E.C. DATED 16 AUGUST 1907**

1. The lodge shall meet at the Masonic Temple, Norwood, district Johannesburg, Transvaal Colony, South Africa, on the first Wednesday nearest each full moon in the year.
2. The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in September, and the Worshipful Master elected shall be duly installed at the regular meeting in October of each year, when the Tyler will be elected by show of hands.
3. The Treasurer shall receive all amounts due to and discharge all duly passed accounts due by the Lodge. He shall deposit all moneys received to the credit of the Lodge in one of the local banks, which bank shall be determined by the Standing Committee, and shall pay the accounts by cheque signed by the W.M, or in his absence, one of the Wardens, and countersigned by the Secretary and himself.
4. The Secretary shall send notice of meeting of the Lodge to every member at least ten clear days before each meeting by post, and for this purpose each member shall furnish him with his postal address. The accidental omission of a member's name or non-delivery of the summons shall not, however, invalidate the proceeding of any meeting.
5. A committee styled the Standing Committee of the Lodge, which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, the Past Masters, the Treasurer the Secretary, and three Brethren appointed by the Lodge in September, shall be formed each year. This committee shall investigate the qualifications of all proposed candidates, and they may also deal with any matters specially referred to them by the Lodge. Of this Committee three shall form quorum.
6. The furniture, jewels, and other property of the Lodge shall be vested in three trustees in trust for all the members, and shall be insured in the Treasurer's name against loss and damage by fire.
7. The fees to the Lodge shall be as follows:

Initiation, Passing & Raising including the current year's subscription	£18 18 0
(This amount may be paid as follows :	
On Initiation. £8 8s. ;Passing. £6 6s. ; Raising. £4 4s.	
Affiliation (including Grand Lodge Certificate)	£3 3 0
Joining	£2 2 0
(To this will be added the amount of the annual subscription or pro-rata share according to date of joining)	
Annual Subscription	£2 2 0
Fees of Honour to District Grand Lodge Building Fund	
Worshipful Master, per annum	£2 2 0
Senior Warden	£1 1 0
Junior Warden	£ 1 1 0
8. All fees and subscription are payable annually in advance, and any brother in arrears over one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge after due notice in accordance with Rule 210, Book of Constitutions.
9. The election of candidates for initiation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules No. 183 to a candidate or joining member, two black balls shall exclude.

10. Any member desirous of withdrawing from the Lodge must tender his resignation in writing, or in open Lodge, which shall be duly recorded, and on payment of arrears, if any, he shall be entitled to a certificate (under Rule 213 of the Book of Constitutions) of the payments of all dues, and stating the circumstances under which he left the Lodge.
11. The method of electing a brother an honorary member of this Lodge is as follows: The brother shall be duly proposed and seconded as an honorary member at a regular meeting of the Lodge; at the next regular meeting the proposition shall be put to the vote by a show of hands, and if the brethren are unanimously in favour of the proposition the brother shall be duly elected, but if there be one dissentient voice the proposition shall, in respect to the feelings of the nominee, be declared to be abandoned.
12. Honorary Members are exempted from the payment of Lodge dues, and cannot, as such vote or be elected.
13. No sum exceeding £5 5s shall be expended out of the funds of the Lodge for other than ordinary purpose without the sanction of the Lodge by resolution of which notice has appeared on the summons, except in cases of emergency, when such expenditure may be authorised by the Worshipful Master, subject to confirmation by the Lodge.
14. At the regular meeting in September two auditors shall be appointed by the Lodge to examine the Treasurer's books. They shall prepare a report thereon showing the financial position of the Lodge, with a list of all outstanding arrears of subscription and a full inventory of the Lodge property.
15. The standing Committee shall determine the method and amount of payment by member for banquets and refreshments.
16. No motion to add to, or amend the foregoing By-Laws or any of them shall be made without first giving notice of such motion in writing, or in open Lodge, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons for the next Lodge meeting, when the motion may be considered, and if approved entered in the minutes, but shall not become effective until confirmed at a subsequent Lodge meeting, and finally approved by the M.W. Grand Master.
17. In all respects the member of this Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the United Grand Lodge of England, as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

These By-Laws were unanimously passed at a meeting of the Lodge held for the purpose at Norwood on the 21st day of June, 1905.

L. Forsyth Allan, Major. W.M
W.H. Allen, Secretary.

Approved: Chas, Aburrow
District Grand Master

Johannesburg, 16th August, 1907.

Confirmed by the W.M. Grand Master
W.M. Lake, Asst. G. Secy.
9th Sept., 1907.

APPENDIX 7 - PROVING OF THE STONE

ANTIEN T AND HONOURABLE FRATERNIY OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE TRANSVAAL E C

NORWOOD LODGE No 3149

OAKLANDS LODGE No 7456

CEREMONY
Of
“PROVING OF THE STONE”

of the

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

At
NORWOOD, JOHANNESBURG, TRANSVAAL

On
SATURDAY, 13th MAY 1972
At 4 pm

By

R W BRO L G D HINETT
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

(Issued by the District Grand Master for the Guidance of Brethren
participating in the Ceremony)

APPENDIX 8 - DEED OF TRANSFER

DEED OF TRANSFER

No.6201/1906.

By Virtue of a Power of Attorney.

Know all men whom it may concern:

THAT WILLIAM ROBERT KENNERLEY appeared before me, Registrar of Deeds of the Transvaal, the Appearer, being duly authorised thereto by a Power of Substitution dated the 8th day August, 1906, drawn up at Johannesburg and granted to him by JAMES ROSE he being duly authorised thereto by a Power of Attorney in his favour by JAMES CHRISTIE, which Power of Attorney was drawn up at Johannesburg and dated the 26th day of May, 1906, which said Power of Attorney and Substitution have this day been exhibited to me.

And the said Appearer declared that his said Principal the said JAMES CHRISTIE had truly and legally sold, and that he, the said Appearer, in his capacity as Attorney aforesaid, did, by these Presents, Code and Transfer, in full and free property, to and on behalf of LEWIS FORSYTH ALLAN, DAVID MURRAY LAMB and THOMAS NEWCOMBE in their capacity as trustees of the Norwood lodge No.3149 of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of free and Accepted Masons of England, their successors or assigns, certain Eastern portion of Lot No. 336 situate on Arthur Road and Fanny Avenue on that portion known as

“NORWOOD TOWNSHIP”

of the freehold farm “Klipfontein” no. 139, district Witwatersrand (formerly No. 342 district Heidelberg) transferred to Appearer’s Principal by Deed of transfer No. 6175/1904 dated the 22nd day of July, 1904, measuring thirty four square roods and one hundred square feet, as will more fully appear from the annexed diagram framed by Surveyor Walter H. Greathead in July, 1906.

Subject to the following special conditions :-

- (1) That no coloured people other than servants will be allowed to occupy the property hereby transferred.
- (2) That no canteens, shops or slaughter poles will be allowed thereon and
- (3) That no bricks may be made thereon without the consent of the original transferors, Cecil Schulz, John Tucker grant and Alexander Algernon Osborn, but such consent shall not be used for building to be erected thereon.

And further subject to such conditions as are mentioned and referred to in the aforesaid Deeds of Transfer.

Wherefore the Appearer, renouncing all Right and Title his said Principal heretofore had to the premises, on behalf as aforesaid, did in consequence also acknowledge the said

JAMES CHRISTIE

To be entirely dispossessed of, and disentitled to, the same, and that by virtue of these Presents, the said Trustees of the Norwood Lodge No. 3149 of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of free and Accepted Masons of England their Successors, or Assigns, now are and henceforth shall be entitled thereto, conformably to local custom, moreover promising to free and warrant the Property thus sold and transferred, as also to clear it from all encumbrances and hypothecations, according to the Laws respecting the Purchase and Sale of Landed Property-Government, however, reserving its right - and

finally, acknowledging his said Principal to have been satisfactorily paid the whole of the Purchase Money, amounting to a sum of

NINETY-FIVE POUNDS stg

In witness whereof I, the said Registrar together with the Appearer, q.q. have subscribed to these Presents and have caused the Seal of office to be affixed thereto.

Thus done and Executed, at the office of the Registrar of Deeds, in Pretoria, Transvaal, on the 24th day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

W.R. KENNERLY

q.q. his Principal.

In my presence :

J Smuts

Registrar of Deeds.

Registered in the Register of Norwood kept at Pretoria, Book 1, Page 338, on the above date.

Certified a true copy of original, filed record in this Office, under provision of Section 54(4) Townships Amendment Act, 1908.

Sgd. J Duncan

Acting Registrar.

Deeds office,

Pretoria.

1 Dec, 1908

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Appendix 10 – Appreciation

I would like to thank the following persons, in no particular order, for the assistance and other input which they have provided in the writing of this history -

- All of the Brethren of The Norwood Lodge. Without detracting from my general thanks to all of the Brethren of the Lodge, I believe it is fitting to mention specifically
 - the current Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother LA Epstein, for his support, friendship and for introducing me to Freemasonry;
 - for Worshipful Brother G Bradford and his son Worshipful Brother C Bradford for preparing Appendix 2 — Family Ties;
- Mrs Fern Rowles for assisting so diligently, and on short notice, in tracing those records which pertain to The Norwood Lodge with are in the possession of The District Grand Lodge of South Africa North;
- All past and present Secretaries and Treasurers of The Norwood Lodge. I do not believe anybody who has read 100 years worth of minutes and financial statements could even begin to realise the massive effort demanded by your respective Offices. In this regard special mention must be made of Worshipful Brother H Sutherland who has just stepped down as Secretary after having fulfilled this function for 12 years;
 - Furthermore, I cannot resist singling out the efforts of-Worshipful Brother EJ Goodwin. Not only did he serve as Worshipful Master in 1950/51 (when membership of the Lodge was at its highest) and receive District Grand Rank, he also served as Secretary for a number of years including a protracted period during which he was the Secretary of all of the
 - Lodges then using the Norwood Masonic Hall (i.e. The Norwood Lodge, Edenvale Lodge and Oakands Lodge); and Worshipful Brother R J Woodward. He was of great assistance to me in compiling this history and in his capacity as chairman of the centenary committee, making the centenary of the lodge a great success.

It goes without saying that I am solely responsible for any mistakes contained in this history.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude and profound love to my wife and soul mate, Marihanda. She has, at no small cost to herself, always been very supportive of my Masonic endeavours.

So mote it be.

Brother K J Trudgeon