

## Worshipful Brother Byron Frederick Butler

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1967, both Mr. Byron Butler and Mr. Aubrey Dennis were balloted for membership of the Penybont Lodge No.6743. They were both proposed by Bro. Len Evans and Bro. Peter Noel Williams. This was an 'Aberkenfig' night as they were all from that local village. Byron and Aubrey both being involved in the meat trade and both having individual shops at either end of the village.

Mr. Byron Butler's Initiation took place on April 19<sup>th</sup> 1968 with two officers knowing Byron particularly well namely the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Evan H. Davies and Bro. Len Evans as Junior Deacon.

Bro. Byron and Bro. Aubrey were both passed to the Second Degree on November 15<sup>th</sup> 1968. On this occasion the Senior Deacon was Bro. Vernon Parker. Both these Brothers were raised on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1969. Bro. Len Evans was now the senior Deacon with the Worshipful Master being W. Bro. William (Bill) Hamer.

Bro. Byron received his first appointment as a Steward in February 1973 from W. Bro. Joe Ponsford who was the Worshipful Master for that year. He progressed through the Stewards list and became Tyler in February 1975. This was the usual practice as Tyler was then part of the progression within the Lodge and would be undertaken by a Master Mason. W. Bro. Jim Goodwin was the Worshipful Master at this time.

In 1976, W. Bro. Peter. N. Williams appointed Byron as Inner Guard. In 1977, W. Bro. William (Bill) Cullimore appointed Byron as Junior Deacon. In 1978, W. Bro. Glyn G.H. Miller appointed Byron as Senior Deacon. In 1979, however, Byron was not appointed to any office as it was customary in the Penybont Lodge for the Senior Deacon to 'stand still' for one year before progressing further.

In 1980, Byron became Junior Warden when W. Bro. Tom Knipe was Worshipful Master and progressed the following year to Senior Warden, being appointed to that office by W. Bro. David R. Walters.

In February 1982, W. Bro. Byron F. Butler became the Worshipful Master of the Penybont Lodge No.6743.

Between 1984 and 1989, however, W. Bro. Byron was Lodge Treasurer.

W. Bro. Byron, however, did not confine his Masonic activities to the Penybont Lodge or indeed the Bridgend area. In 1985, he became a joining member of Hendre Lodge No.3250 and served as Chaplain and Senior Warden. He was a Founder Member of the Adare Lodge No.9250 in 1986 becoming its first Charity Steward. He received Provincial appointment in 1989 become a Provincial Steward and became a member of Provincial Stewards Lodge No.8900. In the Mark Degree, he was advanced in Dunraven Mark Lodge No.950 in 1971 and was Exalted in the Atholl Chapter No.1752 in 1988.

In 1995, he was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Registrar. He was the Trustee for the Lodge on the Bridgend Masonic Charitable Trust for many years being its Chairman for four years. He was also on the Board of Management for the Masonic housing association in Cowbridge for Geoffrey Ashe Court.

W. Bro. Byron joined Maesteg Chapter of Rose Croix No.397 in 2016.

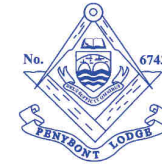
In the Province of West Wales, he is a member of Aeron Lodge No.7208. He is also a member of Loventium Mark Lodge No.1287.

He was appointed to Grand Rank in 2012 as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. Byron F. Butler has contributed to Freemasonry in a full and impressive manner over fifty years, especially now as the Senior Past Master of the Penybont Lodge No.6743.

*Researched and written by Bro. Colin Evans.*

*Compiled by W. Bro. Andrew Wood and W. Bro. Caron Jones*



### Senior Officers for the Initiation Ceremony

W. Bro.	Byron. F. Butler	Worshipful Brother in the Chair
W. Bro.	Lee Edwards	I.P.M.
W. Bro.	Caron Jones	S.W.
W. Bro.	Colin Evans	J.W.
W. Bro.	Stewart Richards	Chaplain
W. Bro.	Keith Evans	D. of C.
W. Bro..	Gordon Williams	S.D.
W. Bro.	Andrew Lawless	J.D.
W. Bro.	Kerry Edwards	Asst. D. of C.
W. Bro.	Jeff. Punter	Inner Guard
W. Bro	Michael Flanagan	Tyler