

OGMORE



LODGE No.1752

The Ogmores Lodge History 1878 – 2007

The Ogmores Lodge No.1752 was consecrated on the 2nd.July 1878 at the Masonic Hall, Adare Street, Bridgend.

There were two meetings prior to this date, the first being held at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend on the 22nd.May, 1878, the second at the same address on the 22nd.June 1878.

It is obvious that there must have been several meetings before these dates as the Most Worshipful The Grand Master His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, granted the Warrant on the 24th.day of April 1878.

The first Worshipful Master was John Sim Wooley, who was initiated in St.Teilo Lodge No.695, which is no longer in existence.

He was a member of the Indefatigable Lodge No.237 in Swansea in 1863, and was its Master in 1877.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1878, and according to the records he was a Commercial Traveller and performed ceremonies in Lodges which he visited.

He was nominated as Worshipful Master of The Ogmores Lodge at a meeting held on 22nd.May 1878, together with the following founder members:-

Bro. Oliver J.Brook Senior Warden
Bro. George PenningtonJunior Warden
Bro.William PodmoreTreasurer.
Bro.John HemmingSecretary.
Bro.John HowellSenior Deacon.
Bro.John BennettJunior Deacon.
Bro.Capt. M.T.TozerDirector of Ceremonies.
Bro.I.H.ThomasInner Guard.
Bro.Capt. T W., HallSteward.
Bro.W. H. ThomasSteward.
Bro.R.BurnellTyler.

The above names are recorded in the Ogmores Lodge Record Book of Members, which is still currently being used, and is illustrated below.

Before proceeding further, I feel it is worth noting that the Lodge was in being in the town of Bridgend in 1765 – 1774. Hereunder is an extract from **Lanes Masonic Records 1717 – 1794**.

“Bridgend Lodge 1765 – 1774 No.33

No return of Members was sent to by Bridgend Lodge after 1774 and evidently after that year the Lodge collapsed.

An attempt appears to have been made in 1777 to revive the Lodge, and on 25th.October 1777, a new Warrant was granted to our well beloved brethren th W.Bro.Richard Price, the W.Bro.David Jones, his Senior Warden, and W.Bro.Jenkin Williams, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the sign of the Bear or any other place in the town of Bridgend, Glamorgan, on the first day in every calendar month.

Richard Price’s name at the head of the list to Grand Lodge for 1765. There is no record that the Lodge was constituted, although a Warrant was issued for the purpose. Neither is there any reference in the Minutes of Grand Lodge respecting the issuing of this particular Warrant nor of the usual fee having been paid. Further proof of the non-existence of the Lodge appears to be furnished from the fact its number does not appear in the first known list of the Ancient Lodges published in 1791, nor any subsequent list until after the formation of Glamorgan Lodge in 1808.

Yet it is quite clear that a Warrant was issued in 1777. The parchment is still in existence and is the one under which Glamorgan Lodge still holds its meetings.

Richard Price was born at Tynton in the parish of Llangeinor on the 23rd.February, 1723, and died in London on 19th.April, 1791. Philosopher and apostle of liberty, F.R.S., D.D., LL.D, Founder of Life Insurance, father of old age pension, prophet of League of Nations, honoured by Congress U.S.A. etc, etc”

In this Province we have to day two Lodges which were originally “Antient Lodges – Glamorgan Lodge No.36 Cardiff, which now works under the Warrant issued to Bridgend in 1765; No.33. The other being Loyal Cambrian Lodge No. 110. Merthyr Tydfil.

The Bridgend Lodge was erased from the books of Grand Lodge in 1774.

The Consecration

The consecration of the Ogmores Lodge No.1752 took place on Tuesday, 2nd.July, 1878, at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, at twelve noon.

The Lodge was opened in due form by W.Bro.W.T.Canton, Prov.G.Treasurer of Indefatigable Lodge No.237, assisted by officers and members of his Lodge.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Marmaduke Tennant and officers being announced entered the Lodge and took up their respective places. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in the customary manner.

W.Bro. Mathew Wayne Morgan of the Merlin Lodge, Prov.G.Supt.Works, on behalf of the petitioners requested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the Ogmores Lodge No.1752.

The acting Provincial Grand Registrar read the Warrant of Constitution; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master consecrated the Lodge according to the antient custom in a solemn and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master designate was then introduced to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the benefit of Installation as the first Master of Ogmores Lodge.

The ceremony was duly carried out and the officers previously enumerated were invested.

Twelve gentlemen were then proposed as candidates.

Between 1876 and 1900 a period of 24years, there are only 160 members recorded in the register, and in the Millennium year of 1900, in July 1900, Bro.James Pratt McGual was installed into the Chair of King Solomon.

It is interesting to note that the Installation took place in the month of July, where currently the traditional month is now October.

Bro.James Pratt McGual was the 139th.member, and was Initiated on 2nd.February 1896, Passed 23rd.March 1896 and Raised 28th.December 1896. His Grand Lodge Certificate Number 1079 was presented to him on 26th.April 1897.

The Bridgend Masonic Hall – Wyndham Street, Bridgend.

At the Regular Lodge held on the 26th.October, 1885, W.Bro.John Blandy Jenkins proposed and Bro.L. Beha seconded a Masonic Hall be built for the Ogmores Lodge, and a committee be formed of the following brethren: John Blandy Jenkins, L.Beha, J.W.Pritchard, J.Herdman, J.C.Coath, C.E.Perry, S.Collier, E.Price, W.R.Randall, E.Thomas.

No further reference is recorded about this project until 9th.April, 1886, when a sub committee was formed to negotiate terms on which the Ogmores Club premises could be acquired and adapted for a Lodge room.

Again, no record was made in connection with this until 28th.June, 1886, when the proposal to acquire the premises was dropped.

However a scheme was launched to raise funds to build a hall. At this stage there was a £100.00 available in Lodge funds and members had promised to take shares to the value of £300. Some plans had by this time been prepared which included three sets of offices, the estimated cost of the erection of the building being £800. It was hoped the offices would bring in an income of £36 per annum plus £4 from the Lodge. It was suggested that capital for the building could be raised either by forming a limited company or issuing debentures; alternatively, obtaining a mortgage advance.

The minutes of the Lodge held on 25th.October, 1886, record the following:

Bro.Boles reported that he had seen Lord Dunraven with reference to a site for the Masonic Hall and that his Lordship expressed his willingness to grant a site near the National Provincial Bank, free of charge during his lifetime, at the same time making the suggestion that shops should be built under the Lodge room. However, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master called attention to the terms of His Lordship's offer, viz. that the gift of the site was for his lifetime, and suggested some provision should be made by the Lodge for the future, and proposed insurance on His Lordship's life to provide for payment of ground rent after his death.

However a hitch occurred in connection with the raising of funds: the committee recommended the capital required being £2000. should be raised by issuing 400 shares at £5 each which were issued exclusively to members of the Lodge.

From the minutes concerning the building over the next twelve months, it appears they were a turbulent nature, which resulted in instructions being given to wind up the company, which had been formed. Bro.Randall was instructed accordingly on the 25th.June, 1888.

Nothing further happened until March, 1890, a new building committee raised its head through Bro.Vaughan and, In April 1890, the company, which was still at this stage in existence, was wound up and the monies subscribed by the shareholders were returned.

On 6th.January, 1891, a new building committee was formed, and at the February Lodge progress was reported; from this point progress was rapid. The committee were empowered to raise the money to erect a building; the sum of £100 was voted from the Lodge funds for a start; how the remainder of the capital required was to be obtained is not recorded. The first indication emerges with a printed account headed "Ogmores Lodge (New Hall) Building Account". Which is attached to the minutes and was approved at a meeting held on 24th.July, 1893; the details are as follows:

Ogmores Lodge (New Hall) Building Account

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions..	722	10.	0.
Donations	235.	0.	0.
Balance to Bank	282.	5.	0.
	1,239.	15.	0.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Contract.....	1,153.	17.	7.
W.Miland Furniture...	20.	2.	3.
Buckley & Co. Ironmongers....	44.	8.	0.
R.Lett, Painting & Graining....	2.	6.	6.
Costs of Case.....	7.	1.	0.
Bank Charges Inc. Stamp security overdraft...11.	11.	19.	8.
	1,239.	15.	0.

Liabilities

Contractor	12.	10.	0.
Boundary Wall.....	9.	9.	0.
D.McLellan, Green			
Bays ect.	3.	18.	3.

Assets

Masonic Hall			
& Offices.....	1,200.	0.	0.
Furniture.....	70.	0.	0.
Drill Hall, drains...	5.	7.	0.

Thomsan &
 Shackle Ltd.
 Organ: 13. 10. 0.
 Advertising..... 1. 2 . 6.
 D.Griffiths, Blinds.. 17. 0.
 Cleaning..... 1. 0. 0.
 Architects
 Commission34. 10. 0.
 Subscription to be
 Repaid. 722. 0. 0.
 Interest at 5% 52 . 2. 2.
 Postage,
 Stationary etc. ... 1. 10. 0.
 Balance..... 431. 18. 1.

Rent and local
 Board Office..... 7. 10. 0.
 Ground Rent..... 1. 10. 0.

1,284. 7. 0.

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It would appear the capital was raised by members making repayable contributions to the value of £722 @ 5% interest per annum; further an appeal was made on the 14th.June, 1892, when Bro.Boles made a gift of £50. It was suggested obtaining a mortgage advance on the security of the building to raise any deficiency.

According to the minutes of the Regular Lodge held on 22nd.June, 1891, it was resolved that the details of laying the memorial stone of the Masonic Hall be left to the committee.

On Tuesday, 28th.July, 1891, Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro.Marmaduke Tennant; after the business was concluded and Officers appointed, the Lodge was adjourned. The Brethren were formed in procession and, headed by the Tondu Brass Band, proceeded to the site of the new Masonic Hall in Adare Street, where the Deputy Provincial Grand Master laid the memorial stone assisted by officers of Provincial Grand Lodge according to the ancient custom.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was presented with a silver trowel and an ivory mallet to mark the historical event. This trowel was returned to the Ogmores Lodge by Bro.Neville Walsh and was presented to the Lodge by W.Bro. Edgar Abrahams of the Avan Lodge No.833 on 16th.November, 1958. It is now on display in the new Temple at Coychurch Road, Bridgend, which was built in place of the Adare Street Temple, which was demolished to make way for the new town development in 1968.

Daughter Lodges of the Ogmores Lodge No.1752

Llynfi Lodge No.2965
 Llangeinor Lodge No.4194
 St.Qentins Lodge No.4778

The Ogmores Lodge Centenary 1978

From the conception of the Lodge in 1878 to its centenary in 1978 there have been 894 members, and the Centenary Master was W.Bro.Jack Reeves P.Pr.J.G.W., Who was Initiated 23rd.November 1964, Passed on 22nd.February 1965 and Raised on 24th.May 1965.

W. Bro.Jack was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon in October 1977 and celebrated the Centenary on the 3rd.July 1978; a copy of the summons is below:

The Past Treasure of some 21 years of the Ogmores Lodge, W.Bro. Colin E.Mogg, P.Pro.J.G.W. was appointed by the R.W.Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro.Hywel Davies as a P.A.G.D.C. in 2006, W.Bro.Colin was also the Provincial Grand Registrar.

I would like to mention that over the past and present years of the Ogmores Lodge, we have been lead by some very hard working Masons; and without offending any of them, by forgetting to mention their names, I would mention one Brother, who served as Secretary in both the old Temple in Adare Street and the New Temple at Coychurch Road, Bridgend, until his passing to the Grand Lodge above, that is the late W.Bro. Alfred J.Worts, P.Pr.J.G.W.

W.Bro. Alf was one of the negotiators of the sale of the old Temple and, the building of the new Temple, of which we have occupied over the past 21 years.

In tribute to all the hard working Masters of the Ogmores Lodge, present and past, I include their names on the following Roll of Honour, and thank them all for allowing both the Brethren and myself since 1878 to the present date in being members of the Ogmores Lodge No.1752

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
J.S.Wooley	1878-1879	H.Woodward	1916	Dd.H.Jones	1952	I.B.Meadows	1988
J.Hemming	1880	C.Green	1917	R.B.Whittingham	1953	P.R.Edwards	1989
J.P.Hitching	1881	C.J.Cunningham	1918	G.H.Scurlock	1954	R.H.Morgan	1990
C.Walker	1882	H.C.Sloman	1919	H.D.Weaver	1955	K.J.Shelley	1991
W.Jenkins	1883	L.O.Lloyd	1920	W.T.Farley	1956	H.Lloyd	1992
J.B.Jenkins	1884-1885	E.W.Davies	1921	I.A.Sherer	1957	G.R.Clark	1993
L.Peha	1886	J.R.Thomas	1922	D.L.Price	1958	P.J.Thomas	1994
J.W.Prichard	1887	E.Thomas	1923	R.L.Edwards	1959	P.C.Saunders	1995
J.C.Coath	1888	J.H.Tapp	1924	R.D.Llewellyn	1960	P.R.Thomas	1996
T.B.Boucher	1889	J.S.Jones	1925	P.F.Arnold	1961	J.N.E.Davies	1997
F.J.C.Boles	1890	R.Horrocks	1926	D.J.Price	1962	A.J.Hampson MBE	1998
E.T.David	1891	D.I.L.Powell	1927	H.C.Scurlock	1963	T.J.Evans	1999
D.McLellan	1892	R.G.Kyte	1928	J.P.Ladbrooke	1964	P.A.Aubrey	*2000
R.Scale	1893	R.H.Hulland	1929	E.Chinnock	1965	N.J.Davies	2001
G.E.Perry	1894	S.T.Treharne	1930	A.J.Warts	1966	J.W.Reed	2002
W.Francis	1895	C.E.Jones	1931	C.E.Jenkins	1967	J.W.Reed	2003
W.Jones	1896	T.Davies	1932	R.G.Groom	1968	J.N.E.Davies	2004
R.G.Pugh	1897	W.W.Jones	1933	M.A.Jubb	1969	L.O.Evans	2005
G.W.Hill	1898	H.O.Hughes	1934	S.B.Roberts	1970	L.R.Barr	2006
M.Davies	1899	H.Marsdon	1935	G.A.V.Rees	1971		
J.P.McGaul	*1900	E.O.Hughes	1936	L.J.Howell	1972		
T.C.D.Cooper	1901	L.J.Williams	1937	C.W.Shickle	1973		
F.W.Lawrence	1902	W.J.Eaton	1938	H.W.Miller	1974		
J.W.Jones	1903	J.Loosmore	1939	C.Pumphries	1975		
I.John	1904	E.T.Owen	1940	A.Elliot	1976		
J.Mathias	1905	J.E.Story	1941	J.Reeves	1977		
W.Bradshore	1906	W.Morgan-Richards	1942	F.Marsh	1978		
A.Mark	1907	F.E.Hewitt	1943	W.E.Capper	1979		
J.S.Roberts	1908	P.Piaggi	1944	J.A.Gibbs	1980		
A.G.Evans	1909	R.H.Thomas	1945	J.K.Waldin	1981		
T.D.Schofield	1910	L.C.Simons	1946	D.G.Richards	1982		
J.McGregor	1911	J.Jones	1947	W.E.Jones	1983		
T.D.Bevan	1912	S.E.Schofield	1948	K.R.Roberts	1984		
A.Mark	1913	M.Guile	1949	C.C.Jones	1985		
A.G.Evans	1914	R.Hughes	1950	J.N.Cocks	1986		
J.C.Bird	1915	W.R.Charles	1951	K.F.Picton	1987		