

Phoenix 9319

*A phoenix obtains new life by **arising from the ashes of its predecessor**. Some legends say it dies in a show of flames and combustion, others that it simply dies and decomposes before being born again. The phoenix bird symbolizes **immortality, resurrection and life after death**, and in ancient Greek and Egyptian mythology it is associated with the sun god.*

Phoenix Lodge was consecrated on Tuesday 23rd May 1989 by R.W.Bro, Stanley Barrington PGM assisted by V.W. Bro. Kevin Chawner DPGM and W.Bro. John T. Betson APGM (**see attached Summons and Menu – copyright Worcester Masonic Library and Museum**) It was founded at a time of difficulty for the Lodge rooms at Wretham Road, Handsworth as a large Lodge had decided to move out to Wednesbury Masonic Hall and the financial viability of rooms was seriously under question hence the choice of Lodge name.

The thirty-six founders included R.W.Bro S. A. Lates the then Grand Superintendent for the Masonic Province of Warwickshire and 14 Grand Lodge Officers and its aim was for the brethren to continue to enjoy their Masonry during the “close season” and have good company and enjoy fine dining. The Consecration Festive board comprised six courses followed by coffee and mints. Today the Lodge’s only remaining founding member is W.Bro. Clifford W. Hadley Past APGM (Warks).

The ravages of the passage of time have led to a reduced membership and the COVID pandemic suspensions and lockdowns have prevented the Lodge from recruiting more members and inviting visitors to come and enjoy their masonry during the summer months.

In the summer of 2022 the lodge is once again being given new life as it has established strong links with Concordia Lodge 5131 and will be performing at least one if not two second or third degree ceremonies in June and July on their behalf.

Phoenix is unique as it is the only Summer Lodge in the Province of Staffordshire as it only meets four times a year on the **third Tuesday** in May (Installation), June, July and September (Ladies to Dine). Also as its Installation is held shortly after the Provincial AGM it is one of the first Lodges a new Acting Provincial Officer can attend after being appointed - he does not have to wait until September.

A warm welcome is assured and the provision of excellent ritual and festive board is high on the Lodge’s agenda and we look forward to seeing old and making new friends.

Contact the secretary W.Bro. Jim Cairns PPrJGW on 07931 162475 or email jim@jamescairns.f9.co.uk for a summons.

Family Tree

Noah's Ark Lodge 347 (Tipton, Staffs)

Date of Warrant 1815



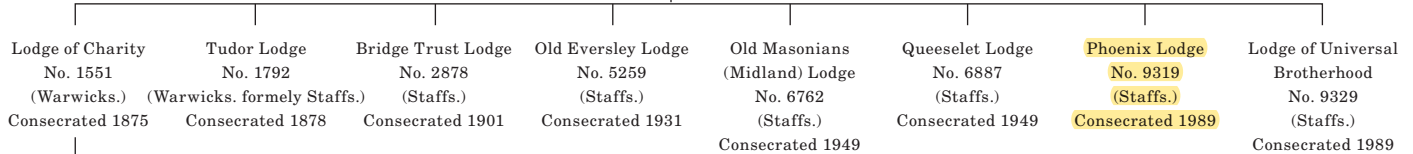
St. Peters Lodge No. 607 (Wolverhampton, Staffs) now 419

Consecrated 1834



St. James Lodge No. 707 (Staffs) now 482

Consecrated 1842



Yenton Lodge

No. 3484

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1911

Lodge of Faith & Hope

No. 4772

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1925

Lodge of Assembly

No. 5747

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1938

Edgbaston Lodge

No. 5980

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1945



Lodge of Felicity

No. 4166

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1920

Lodge of
St. Barnabas

No. 5050

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1928



Thorhill Lodge

No. 7137

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1952

Lodge of
Preserverance

No. 4622

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1924



Lodge of Perception

No. 8492

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1973

St. Peters Lodge

No. 4334

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1954



Lodge of Stability

No. 8667

(Warwicks.)

Consecrated 1975