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Minutes and other records of the Kingswood
Lodge, No 2278, of Freemasons, 1889-1990,
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KINGSWOOD MASONIC LODGE No.2278

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[The Kingswood Lodge was constituted under a warrant dated 25 August, 1888 and consecrated on 4 February 1889 at the Plough Inn, Elstree, at which time worshipful Brother Rawson Kelly was appointed first master of the Lodge. The Lodge probably took its name from the name of the private house, "Kingswood", of the head of a London firm for which a number of the original petitioners for the creation of the new Lodge worked.]

Meetings of the Lodge were held at the Plough Inn, Elstree, until 1891 when the venue was transferred to the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. In December 1916 it was decided to move the meetings to the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, and subsequently in 1924 a Masonic Hall containing a commodious temple and dining room was added to the hotel.

A Royal Arch Chapter of the Kingswood Lodge was consecrated in 1915. Daughter Lodges to the Kingswood Lodge are the Brookmans Park Lodge no. 7655 (consecrated 1959), the Rosewood Lodge no. 8796 (1977) and the Queens Oak Lodge no. 9262 (1988).

The first by-laws of the Lodge provided for the creation and maintenance of a Benevolent Fund supporting masonic charities. The Lodge is also a patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and vice-patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Hospital.]

D/EWn/1	Minute book	Feb 1889-Jul 1908
D/EWn/2	Minute book	Aug 1908-Oct 1934
D/EWn/3	Minute book	May 1935-Sep 1949
D/EWn/4	Minute book	Oct 1949-Sep 1968
D/EWn/5	Minute book	Oct 1968-Jul 1989

[The following are copies of the papers circulated to members of the Lodge summoning them to the next meeting]

D/EWn/6	Summons and agenda papers	1 vol	Jan 1889-Oct 1899
D/EWn/7	Summons and agenda papers	1 vol	May 1900-Sep 1910
D/EWn/8	Summons and agenda papers	1 vol	May 1911-May 1935

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D/EWn/9	Summons and agenda papers	1 vol	Jun 1935-Oct 1961
D/EWn/10	Summons and agenda papers for meeting to dedicate the Kingswood Lodge Banner on 3 September 1988 (4 copies)		1 Aug 1988
D/EWn/11	Summons and agenda papers for centenary meeting of the Lodge on 4 February 1989 (3 copies)		nd [1989]
	[Signature books contain the signatures of those who were present at each meeting]		
D/EWn/12	Signature book		Feb 1889-Sep 1915
D/EWn/13	Signature book		May 1916-May 1932
D/EWn/14	Signature book		Jun 1932-May 1950
D/EWn/15	Signature book		Jun 1950-May 1970
D/EWn/16	Signature book		Jun 1970-Jul 1989
	[Declaration books contain details of those applying for Lodge membership]		
D/EWn/17	Declaration book		Mar 1889-Jul 1938
D/EWn/18	Declaration book		Jun 1939-Mar 1984
D/EWn/19/1-8	Membership lists 1970-1972 and 1975 [Heavily annotated and amended]	8 items	1970 - 1975
D/EWn/20	Lodge Charities Association: Cash book		Jan 1941-Jun 1973
D/EWn/21	Lodge Charities Association: account book, 1947-1974, and corresponding bank deposit book, 1962-1970		Jun 1947-Nov 1974

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| D/EWn/22 | Lodge Charities Association: account book, 1980-1986, and corresponding bank deposit book, 1984-1986 | Sep 1980-Jun 1986 |
| D/EWn/23/1-2 | Lodge Charities Association: account book, 1986-1990, and correspondence concerning pledges to charities supported by the Lodge, 1989-1990 | Jun 1986-Jul 1990 |
| | | 1 vol and 1 bdl |
| | [D/EWn/23/2 was found inside D/EWn/23/1] | |
| D/EWn/24 | Lodge Charities Association: miscellaneous financial papers, balance sheets, and bank statements | 1970 - c1989
1 bdl |
| D/EWn/25/1-2 | Photographic copy of the Lodge Warrant, annotated as cancelled in 1946, and associated correspondence | 1941
1 item and 1 bdl |
| D/EWn/26/1-2 | Two group photographs of a freemasons gathering | nd [c1901] |
| D/EWn/27 | Photograph of unidentified couple, taken at the Cafe Royal, London | nd [20th cent] |
| D/EWn/28 | Correspondence and papers concerning preparations for the Lodge's centenary celebrations in 1989 [Includes copy of H Wharton-Wells' <i>A Short Paper on the Three Royal Masonic Institutions and the Royal Masonic Hospitals</i> , 1937] | 1937, 1984-1989
1 file |
| D/EWn/29 | Souvenir booklet for the Lodge's Jubilee celebration on 4 February 1939 [Includes a brief history of the Lodge] | Feb 1939 |
| D/EWn/30 | Souvenir booklet for the Lodge's centenary celebration on 4 February 1989 [Includes a brief history of the Lodge and a roll of members, past and present] | nd [1989] |
| D/EWn/31/1-2 | Centenary Dinner brochure and centenary history of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 | 1986
2 items |

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D/EWn/32/1-2	Membership certificate of John Evans Casey of the Lodge, 1904, with covering letter, 1987	13 Sep 1904, 8 Jul 1987 2 items
D/EWn/33/1-3	Souvenir leaflet of the 117th Informal Gathering of Freemasons, 1970, with membership certificate of David Michael Nunn of the Lodge as a Mason, 1952, and Arch Mason, 1954	28 Oct 1952, 19 Nov 1954, 27 Mar 1970 3 items