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**RECORDS OF THE MASONIC LODGE OF ST TUDNO,
LLANDUDNO**

DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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Records of the Masonic Lodge of St Tudno, Llandudno

This collection was originally stored in the vault of the Nat West Bank, Mostyn Street, where it was damaged by floodwater in 1993. Although it was freeze-dried and conserved at the time, some volumes nevertheless show evidence of water damage, some have pages still glued together, and others are partly illegible, the ink having washed off the page. It was subsequently transferred to Llandudno Museum, where it remained uncatalogued until 2006, when it was passed to the care of the Archive.

The St Tudno Lodge was the first Masonic Lodge created in Llandudno. Its members include many of the famous names in Llandudno local history, men who were key figures in the creation and development of the Victorian resort.

The collection is prefaced by the following statement:

'On Thursday 10th June 1993 at approx. 4.00pm, 5 inches of rain fell in 3 hours in Llandudno.

One of the worst thunderstorms recorded in the country.

The devastation was felt by many, their homes, offices and shops being flooded in parts up to 4-5 feet in depth --- because of all this flood water the vaults of the National Westminster Bank being below road level in Mostyn Street, Llandudno were engulfed and our Deed Boxes being in their strong room for safe keeping were completely submerged. However, at the expense of the Bank all contents, which consisted of all the old records of the Lodge, were freeze dried and fumigated, this helped considerably, but as you can note many of the pages in the Minute Books have stuck together and are quite difficult to read and some of course impossible to decipher.

I trust and hope that this sort of disaster will not happen again but do hope that future Secretaries will have as much fun looking back through these Minutes Books at past generations of Masonic Brethren as I have had.

'PROSPER THE ART'

*Arwyn Morgan Jones, PPrADGC.
Secretary'*

See also CP 259 for photographs in the collection. A copy of the history of the Lodge which was compiled for its centenary in 1958 can be found in the Local History files and in the reference library of the Archive.

CX262/1

MINUTE BOOKS

CX262/1/1	1858-1883	MINUTE BOOK Includes inventory of Lodge property. [Damaged by water]
CX262/1/2	1883-1895	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water, some pages adhering]
CX262/1/3	1896-1905	MINUTE BOOK [Slightly mis-shapen by damp]
CX262/1/4	1905-1914	MINUTE BOOK Presented by Bro. Geo. H Harding, Sec. [Damaged by water]

CX262/1/5	1914-1919	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water]
CX262/1/6	1919-1923	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water; some pages adhering]
CX262/1/7	1923-1926	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water]
CX262/1/8	1926-1930	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water]
CX262/1/9	1930-1935	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water]
CX262/1/10	1935-1940	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water; few pages illegible] <u>Enclosed:</u> ACCOUNTS (1934)
CX262/1/11	1940-1944	MINUTE BOOK [Damaged by water: some pages illegible]

CX262/1/12	1944-1948	MINUTE BOOK <u>Enclosed:</u> NOTE on the effect of the 1939-1945 War on members of St Tudno's Lodge, compiled in accordance with the request of the Board of General Purposes.
CX262/1/13	1948-1952	MINUTE BOOK [Badly damaged by water, much illegible]
CX262/1/14	1952-1959	MINUTE BOOK
CX262/1/15	1959-1963	MINUTE BOOK
CX262/1/16	1963-1967	MINUTE BOOK
CX262/1/17	1918-1930	MINUTE BOOK: Lodge of Instruction [Spine missing]
CX262/1/18	1943-1948	MINUTE BOOK: Lodge of Instruction.
CX262/2		DECLARATION BOOK
CX262/2/1	1858-1919	DECLARATION BOOK [Damaged by water]

CX262/3**FINANCIAL RECORDS**

CX262/3/1

1858-1888

CASH BOOK

CX262/3/2

1884-1886

BUNDLE:
receipts for meals, insurance policies etc.

CX262/3/3

1915-1918

BUNDLE OF RECEIPTS:
United Grand Lodge of England to James
Porter and St Tudno Lodge.

[3 items]

CX262/3/4

1917, 1919-
1926BUNDLE:
Statements of accounts.

[13 items]

CX262/4**BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS**

CX262/4/1

1858 Oct

BY-LAW BOOK
of the Lodge of St Tudno.

[Original mss.]

CX262/4/2

n.d.

BY-LAWS
of the Lodge of St Tudno.[In a bound book, presented by Bro. J C
Fourdrinier, 1867-8]

CX262/4/3	1859-1957	BY-LAWS [11 copies with mss additions of amendments and revisions. One version of 1868 includes a history of the Lodge and other items]
CX262/4/4	1926	BOOKLET: Ritual for the Ceremony of Advancement and Opening and Closing a Lodge of Mark Masons.
CX262/4/5	1938	BY-LAWS of the St David's Lodge of Mark Master Masons. [2 copies]
CX262/4/6	[c.1964]	BY-LAWS of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales. [5 copies]
CX262/4/7	n.d.	LEAFLET: 'Broad Hints' by . W Bro. R J Sadler: a list of masonic customs, matters of etiquette and regulations. [2 copies]
CX262/5		REGISTERS
CX262/5/1	1889-1923	REGISTER OF MEMBERS Giving dates of joining, names, ages, professions and addresses. [Early entries sometimes give name only]

CX262/6**SIGNATURE BOOKS**

CX262/6/1 1898-1919 SIGNATURE BOOK
giving names of officers, masters, members
and visitors to meetings.

CX262/6/2 1919-1936 SIGNATURE BOOK

CX262/6/3 1936-1948 SIGNATURE BOOK
[Water damaged]

CX262/6/4 1948-1959 SIGNATURE BOOK

CX262/6/5 1959-1971 SIGNATURE BOOK

CX262/6/6 1971-1983 SIGNATURE BOOK

CX262/7**PROPOSALS**

CX262/7/1 1918-1920 PROPOSAL FORM COUNTERFOILS

CX262/7/2 [1926]-1929 PROPOSAL FORM COUNTERFOILS
[Many not completed]

CX262/7/3	1928	BUNDLE OF PROPOSAL FORMS with note of candidates that they apply to.
CX262/7/4	1940-1944	PROPOSAL FORM COUNTERFOILS
CX262/7/5	1945-1949	PROPOSAL FORM COUNTERFOILS
CX262/7/6	1949-1951	PROPOSAL FORM COUNTERFOILS
CX262/8		SUMMONSES & AGENDAS
CX262/8/1	1918-1924	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/2	1921-1924	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/3	1922-1923	BUNDLE: spare summonses.
CX262/8/4	1924-1925	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/5	1929 March 25	SUMMONS to attend an emergency meeting of the Lodges of St Tudno and St Hilary.

CX262/8/6	1932-1935	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/7	1936-1945	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge. [1 fragmentary]
CX262/8/8	1946-1952	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/9	1953-1971	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge.
CX262/8/10	1975-1980	BUNDLE: summonses to attend meetings of the Lodge. [5 items, 2 duplicates]
CX262/8/11	1931 March 23	AGENDA: meeting of St David's Lodge of Mark Master Masons.
CX262/8/12	1927 Feb 3	SUMMONS: to attend a meeting of the St Trillo Lodge.
CX262/8/13	1926 June 15	SUMMONS: to attend a meeting of the Gabriel Goodman

Lodge.

[?Used as a specimen by St Tudno's Lodge.
Damaged by water.]

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| CX262/8/14 | 1960 May 28 | AGENDA:
meeting of the Great Orme Lodge. |
| CX262/8/15 | 1976 Aug | NOTICE:
annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at the Arccadia Theatre, Llandudno on 9 Oct 1976. Includes list of officers for 1976/77 and promotions in 1976. |
| CX262/9 | | CORRESPONDENCE
See also CX262/16/1 for bundle including original correspondence 1859-1860. |
| CX262/9/1 | 1920 March 17 | CIRCULAR LETTER:
S Chantrey, Bryniau, Llandudno to members, enclosing a list of subscriptions to Masonic Charities for 1919. |
| CX262/9/2 | 1921 March 27 | LETTER:
W Price Smith, Prov. G. L. Sec., York House, Bangor to W. Bro. Brocklehurst, acknowledging receipt of 1920 dues and responding to an enquiry about regulations for rejoining members. |
| CX262/9/3 | 1922-1923 | BUNDLE:
correspondence between S Salzedo and Bro. Brocklehurst re the Lodge's request to SS to step down from office on the grounds that he spends much of the year away from Llandudno. |

CX262/9/4	1923 Jan 29	<p>CIRCULAR LETTER: W T Brocklehurst to St Tudno's Lodge members, inviting them to meet W. Bro. G J V Rankin on 15 Feb at the Freemasons' Hall, Upper Mostyn St. W. Bro. Rankin is described as 'the Senior Member of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and is recognised... as one of the foremost exponents of Craft Ritual...'</p> <p>[2 copies]</p>
CX262/9/5	1925	<p>BUNDLE: correspondence re an agreement to sublet the Freemasons' Hall to the newly formed St Hilary's Lodge.</p> <p>[4 items]</p>
CX262/9/6	1925 Aug 6	<p>LETTER: Herbert Boase, timber & builders' merchant, Back Madoc St., Llandudno to Mr Brocklehurst, enquiring whether he may become a Freemason as he will be living in Craig-y-Don shortly.</p> <p>[Very faded]</p>
CX262/9/7	1926	<p>BUNDLE: correspondence and notices re the duties of the dinner steward.</p> <p>[5 items]</p>
CX262/9/8	1926 Feb 19 - Mar 18	<p>BUNDLE: correspondence between Miss Amy Hollins, Pyebirch Manor, Eccleshall, Staffs. and the Secretary of the Lodge of St Tudno, re masonic articles belonging to her late</p>

father, Daintry Hollins, which she wishes to donate to the Lodge.

[3 items]

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| CX262/9/9 | 1926 Aug 30 | COPY LETTER:
Secretary of [the Lodge of St Tudno] to Owen J Jones, Bryncuhelen, Llanerchymedd, agreeing that Rev R W Lloyd-Jones, now curate of Amlwch, may join St Eleth Lodge as he no longer resides in Llandudno. |
| CX262/9/10 | 1926 Sept 24 | CIRCULAR LETTER:
P. G. Secretary to Lodge Secretaries, reminding them that the wearing of masonic regalia in public is strongly deprecated, even at funerals. |
| CX262/9/11 | 1926 Nov 17 | COPY LETTER:
___ to Arthur Hewitt, architect, re a resolution at the previous evening's meeting to carry out alterations as soon as possible and to ask AH to proceed with them.

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| CX262/9/12 | 1926 Nov 30 -
Dec 18 | BUNDLE:
correspondence re the Masonic Calendar.

[3 items] |
| CX262/9/13 | 1926 Dec 23-26 | BUNDLE:
correspondence re brethren whose subscriptions are overdue.

[5 items] |

CX262/9/14	1926 Dec 28 - 1927 Jan 24	BUNDLE: correspondence between Bro. Brocklehurst, Secretary [St Tudno's Lodge] and John Holman, Laurieston, Francis Ave., Colwyn Bay [Sec. St Trillo's Lodge] re exchange visits. [2 items]
CX262/9/15	1927 Jan 21	LETTER: S Chantrey, Treasurer, Lodge of St Tudno to Bro. Brocklehurst, supporting his proposal for 'compounding for dinners'. <u>Enclosed:</u> CIRCULAR re the above.
CX262/9/16	n.d.	CIRCULAR LETTER: W T Brocklehurst to the Lodge re the revival of the 'compounding' system of prepayment for Lodge dinners. [2 copies]
CX262/9/17	1927 Jan 27	LETTER: J Hallmark, 36 Mostyn St., to Bro. Brocklehurst re Norman Pollard, an assistant master at Tan-y-Bryn School, who wishes to become an initiate.
CX262/9/18	1927 Feb 25	COPY LETTER: ___ to Bro. Phillips re Rowland John Ford, who would like to become a mason and join a temperance lodge. [2nd page missing]
CX262/9/19	1927 Mar 2-3	BUNDLE: correspondence from Charles E Breese, P.

G. Secretary, Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales to Wor. Bro. W T Brocklehurst, Secretary St Tudno's Lodge, 15 St Mary's Rd., Llandudno, acknowledging receipt of annual return of quarterly dues.

[2 items]

- CX262/9/20 1927 Mar 5 COPY LETTER:
[?W T Brocklehurst] to Charles E Breese replying with information about the status of certain [St Tudno's Lodge] masons.
- CX262/9/21 1928 March LETTER:
[H L Watkin Williams Wynn], Wynnstay, Ruabon to [W. Bro. F W Williams], asking him to thank the Lodge for supporting him at the R M Benevolent Institution Festival, at which £91,000 was raised, £21,000 of which was raised in Wales.
- CX262/9/22 1928 April 17 LETTER:
[H L Watkin Williams Wynn], Wynnstay, Ruabon to Bro. Chantrey thanking him for sending 'the key' which commemorates the opening of the Masonic Lodge in Llandudno. Refers to the R M B[enevolent] I[institution] Festival as something to be proud of. Regrets to hear of the death of Owen Rowland.
- CX262/9/23 1928 June 20 -
July 3 BUNDLE:
correspondence from Charles Breese, P. G. Secretary, Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales, High St., Porthmadog to Wor. Bro. G H Thorp, Secretary St Tudno Lodge, 12 St Mary's Rd., Llandudno, re a grant of £100 to Mrs Brocklehurst from the Board of Benevolence.

[3 items]

CX262/9/24	1931-1932	<p>BUNDLE: correspondence between Dr R W Richards of Wellington, New Zealand and St Tudno's Lodge, Llandudno. RWR says he was a former member of the Lodge who emigrated to New Zealand in [1923]. There had been a great financial slump there, with the result that he and his family had fallen on very hard times. He hopes that the Lodge might be able to assist. After requesting further information, which is duly provided, the Lodge reply that they are unable to help as the Lodge itself is in debt due to the many calls that have been made upon its funds recently.</p>
CX262/9/25	1938	<p>FILE: correspondence, most of which relates to historical or biographical enquiries about past brethren.</p>
CX262/9/26	1948 July 12	<p>LETTER: Crossley Colley, Prov. G. Secretary, Bryn Eithin, Morfa Drive, Conway to Wor. Bro. E H Fleet, 5 Gloddaeth St., Llandudno, enclosing copy of by-laws duly approved, and requesting an amended copy for transmission to Grand Lodge.</p>
CX262/9/27	1976 July	<p>CIRCULAR LETTER: Kenneth G Williams, Province of North Wales Association for Masonic Study, 38 Weaverton Drive, Rhyl to Secretaries etc, re a meeting at Melyd Hall, Meliden and a lecture by W. Bro. Cyril R Williams on the subject of 'The Formative Years of Speculative Freemasonry'.</p>

CX262/9/28	1976 Sept 22	<p>LETTER: Ken Leighton-Jones, Sec. N. Wales Lodge of Installed Masters, 4 Bro Nantcyll, Pant Glas, Garn Dolbenmaen to W. Bro. Whittaker re a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, at which a lecture will be given by W Bro. Roy A Wells on the subject of 'Why the Royal Arch'.</p>
CX262/9/29	1978	<p>BUNDLE: papers re a proposed Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, for which St Tudno's Lodge would act as sponsors.</p>
CX262/10		CENTENARY
CX262/10/1	1957-1958	<p>FILE: papers re the celebration of the Lodge's Centenary in 1958.</p>
CX262/10/2	1958 Dec 20	<p>BOOKLET: 'An Epitome of the History of the Lodge of St Tudno, 1858-1958' by W. Bro. Dr Arthur Maddock Jones and W. Bro. Thomas Henry Whittaker.</p> <p>[3 copies]</p>
CX262/10/3	1958	<p>DRAFT COPY of CX262/10/2 with mss. additions.</p>
CX262/10/4	1958 Dec 20	<p>INVITATION CARD to the Centenary Banquet at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno.</p> <p>[Blank]</p>

CX262/10/5	1958 Dec 20	ADMITTANCE CARD to the Centenary Banquet at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno. [Blank]
CX262/10/6	1958 Nov 20	TABLE PLAN of the banquet at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, following the installation of the Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Kenyon, by the Earl of Scarborough.
CX262/10/7	1958 Dec 20	MENU AND TOASTS of Centenary Celebration Banquet held at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno.
CX262/11		SPECIAL MEETINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS
CX262/11/1	1867 Oct 25	REPORT on the consecration, dedication and opening of the Masonic Hall, Llandudno by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn Bart., M.P. Includes list of many of those present, description of the architecture of the Hall and verbatim report of speeches.
CX262/11/2	1926 Oct 26	CIRCULAR INVITATION to 'Ladies Night', held at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno.
CX262/11/3	1935 June 19	ORDER OF SERVICE for a commemoration of the Jubilee of the Province as a separate Province, held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, for the

Provincial Grand Lodge.

CX262/11/4	1935 June 19	MENU AND TOASTS for the Jubilee Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the St George's Hotel, Llandudno.
CX262/11/5	1946 Nov 16	MENU AND TOASTS for the installation ceremony of W. Bro. Harold Victor Edwin May at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno. <u>Enclosed:</u> SUMMONS AND AGENDA for the above.
CX262/11/6	1958 Nov 20	ORDER OF PROCEDURE for the installation at Rt. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Kenyon as Provincial Grand Master Designate, at the Pier Pavilion, Llandudno.
CX262/11/7	n.d.	CIRCULAR NOTICE re a 'Ladies Night' that is intended to be held in the coming November. Wives, sisters, daughters or fiancées of Lodge members will be invited. [2 copies]
CX262/12		CERTIFICATES
CX262/12/1	1882-1905	BUNDLE: certificates of appointment of George Latimer Woodley as Grand Steward, P. G. Director of Ceremonies, 3rd Prov. G. Principal and Junior Grand Warden.

[4 items]

- CX262/12/2 1903 Oct 6 CERTIFICATE
that Samuel Chantrey is a member of the
Lodge called Conovium Chapter.
- CX262/12/3 1905 Feb 6 CERTIFICATE
of admission of Denbigh Cooper to the
Third Degree in the Lodge of St Tudno on
11 May [1904].

CX262/13

LEGAL RECORDS

- CX262/13/1 1915 Feb 20 AGREEMENT FOR LEASE
1. Robert Woodley of 17 Tulse Hill,
Brixton, London.
 2. William Tyrer Brocklehurst of Perthi, St
Mary's Rd., Llandudno, journalist, Thomas
Otto Morgan of Arfryn, Conway, chief
clerk in the County Court offices and
Arthur Hewitt of Llandudno, architect,
Master and Wardens of the Freemasons'
Lodge of St Tudno.
- AGREEMENT FOR LEASE of the
Masonic Hall, Mostyn St., Llanduno for a
term of 10 years.
- Rent: £30 per annum for 5 years and £35
p.a. thereafter.
- CX262/13/2 1916 BUNDLE:
papers re Entertainments Tax, as it affected
Masonic Lodges.

[6 items]

CX262/14**PRINTED MATERIAL & MUSIC**

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| CX262/14/1 | 1855 | BOOK:
'Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons' by William Henry White, as Grand Secretary. |
| CX262/14/2 | 1920 | BOOK:
'Lodge and Chapter Music', 5th ed.

Publisher: A Lewis, 13 Paternoster Row, London E.C. |
| CX262/14/3 | n.d. | MUSIC SHEET
for the opening and closing odes at St Tudno Lodge.

[Damaged condition] |
| CX262/14/4 | n.d. | BOOKLET:
'St Tudno: His Life and Times', a sermon delivered at St Tudno's Church by the late Dean Pryce of Bangor.

[Incomplete after p.16] |

CX262/15**NATIONAL MASONIC CAUSES**

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| CX262/15/1 | 1920 March-Aug | BUNDLE:
correspondence, circulars and accounts re the Masonic Million Memorial Fund, including details of local donations. |
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CX262/15/2	[c.1925]	NOTICE: proposed erection of the Masonic Peace Memorial Building in Great Queen St., London. [Glued in half by water damage]
CX262/15/3	1927 July 14	NOTICE re ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Masonic Peace Memorial Building at the Royal Albert Hall, by Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Most Worshipful Grand Master.
CX262/16		MISCELLANEOUS
CX262/16/1	1859-[1930s]	BUNDLE: papers including a draft manuscript of the history of the Lodge of St Tudno; original correspondence of T C Roden re purchasing Tracing Boards (1859) and original correspondence of __ Prichard of the Queen's Hotel re becoming a mason (1860). Also notes by G A Humphreys replying to an enquiry about the biography of early Llandudno masons.
CX262/16/2	1911 Oct 11	NOTE: at the previous meeting of the Lodge of St Tudno, it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Arthur Hewitt for his work in restoring the tracing boards.
CX262/16/3	1912 Nov 13	NOTE: the Lodge of Instruction presented two deacon's chairs and a kneeling stool.

CX262/16/4	1913-1914	MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY of the Province of North Wales.
CX262/16/5	1922	MASONIC CALENDAR of the Province of North Wales.
CX262/16/6	[1940]	BUNDLE: newspaper cuttings reporting upon the funeral of Mr Reginlad Storer Chamberlain, JP, of Plas Brith. RSC had come to Llandudno in 1870 to join the solitor's practice of W H Reece. Also included in the bundle is a letter from H G Farrant, Cambridge to H W Sheldon, Llandudno, replying that his grandfather W H Reece had died when he was about 10 and that he has no more information to give.
CX262/16/7	n.d.	NOTE re initiation dates of G L Travis and 'WJB'.
CX262/16/8	n.d.	DISPENSATION FORM in which Herbert Lloyd Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Rt. Worshipful P. G. M. for N. Wales authorises activities for which a dispensation is required. [Blank]

CP259 1958 Photographs of the Freemasons' Lodge
of St Tudno, Llandudno

[N.B. Original printer's blocks of these
images transferred to Conwy Museums
Service]

CP259/1 1958 W. Bro. Harold Travers, Centenary
Worshipful Master

CP259/2 1958 Past Masters of and in the Lodge of St
Tudno.

[4 copies]

CP259/3 1958 Officers of St Tudno's Lodge.

[3 copies]

