



Lodge Tullibardine in the East No. 1118

Lodge Tullibardine in the East No. 1118 was granted a Charter on 1 May 1913 and consecrated on 14 July 1913 in Kuala Lumpur. The Lodge was the 1118th Lodge registered under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and named after the Marquis of Tullibardine, Bro. John George, who was then the 80th Grand Master Mason. Bro. John George was also the 8th Duke of Atholl. Brethren who have an interest in the occult and an affinity for numbers will note the occurrence of the number '8'! The Duchy of Tullibardine and Atholl has produced many distinguished masons, three of whom have worn the purple of our fraternity as Grand Master Masons.

The petition to form a Scottish Lodge in the Federated Malay State of Selangor was moved by a number of Scottish brethren comprising primarily of planters, soldiers, miners and civil servants. With the exception of the War period between 1942-46, when the Lodge was in abeyance, the Lodge has been continuously served by dedicated and distinguished masons. The first Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge was Bro. W. Littlefield. The first Malaysian and 50th Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge was Bro. Rama Krishna Panikkar who was installed into the Chair of King Solomon in 1967, fifty years after the founding of the Lodge. Since 1980, the Lodge has been ruled by Malaysian Masters. Today, Lodge Tullibardine enjoys a fraternal membership of 237, with nearly 100 resident and outstation members and the rest overseas.

During its formative years before the Second World War, the Lodge had its own premises at Venning Road, Kuala Lumpur. During the period of the War, this property at Venning Road was damaged and looted, and all the Tullibardine Masonic records up to that date, including all its furniture and jewels, were destroyed.

Fortunately for the Lodge and the fraternity, a number of Tullibardine brethren who were incarcerated in Changi Prison by the Japanese, painstakingly recreated some of the records on Masonic membership. It is believed too, that the current Tullibardine Ritual was written from memory by these same brethren, with some amendments, to replace the original that had been destroyed with other records. This reconstructed Ritual is quite unique in Scottish Freemasonry, particularly the dramatic Third Degree working which is highly regarded as visually instructive.

After the War, the property in Venning Road was acquired by the Government of Selangor and the original temple torn down. The site today is a place of worship: the Malaysian National Mosque and Mausoleum. The original 'Keystone' or 'Cornerstone' of the Tullibardine temple has, however, survived to this day and is positioned outside the present Dewan Freemason at 213, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.

Lodge Tullibardine together with Lodge Scotia No. 1003 and Lodge Malaya No. 1146 petitioned for the formation of the District Grand Lodge of the Middle East. The District Grand Lodge was constituted in 1916 and the first District Grand Master was Bro. Eric Macfadyen, the third Right Worshipful Master of Tullibardine.

Lodge Tullibardine was also the principal sponsor of Lodge Kilwinning in the East No. 1606, the second Scottish Lodge in Kuala Lumpur. Tullibardine and Kilwinning enjoy a unique relationship in that they hold joint meetings once a year, alternately at each other's regular meeting in February. The visiting Lodge performs its ritual working during the regular meeting of the host Lodge.

The Lodge is today 84 years old and will celebrate its Centenary in the new millennium in 2012. It enjoys a strong reputation within the fraternity for its zeal for Masonic knowledge and its dedication to the pursuit of the ideals of Freemasonry, namely, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



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Of Antient Free and Accepted Masons Under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland

Date of Charter : 1st May 1913 ● Date of Consecration : 14th July 1913 ● Date of Rededication : 22nd April 1989



*Presented by Mrs. Annie Jones
(daughter-in-law of Bro. F.W.J. Jones)
of Guildford, U.K.*



**Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh, 24th November, 1994.
Festival of St. Andrew: harmony following the
installation of Grand Master Mason.**

*From L-R: Bro. Gopalakrishnan Nair, WDG Secretary, PM;
Bro. Dunstan Fernandez, WDG Bible-Bearer, PM;
Bro. John Ramage, W.Proxy DGM, PM.*



RWM Bro. Sharanjit Singh and the Office Bearers for the year 1996/97.