

Extract from the Archives

The following is the first entry in the Minute Book titled in Green Ink
'This is the First Proper Minute Book of the Lodge'

Lodge of Instruction No 587

Held at the Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham on Friday April 8th 1870

Present

Bro J. Pursale 74.1163	Bro De Groot 1180
Bro J. Beresford 925.1163	Bro James Hubbin 739
Bro J. Wood 74.1163	Bro Edward Apps 567
Bro E. Worrall 925	

Bro N. Heeley Tyler

The Lodge was opened in due form Bro Pursale acting as Worshipful Master, Bro Beresford SW, Bro Wood JW. The W.M then remarked on the desirability of a proper Lodge of Instruction / as also a Chapter of Instruction / in so important a province as Warwickshire, and that this feeling was shared by a large number of the Brethren including many Past Masters and Principals of Chapter. The long interim which had taken place without recognised instruction was a circumstance much to be regretted, he therefore hoped the Brethren would support this the General Lodge of Instruction not only by their membership, but by their regular and punctual attendance as by that means we should attain that uniformity of working so necessary in our ceremonies. He then referred with pleasure to the interest the Prov Grand Master and the D P G Master had taken in the matter who strongly recommended it to the attention of the Brethren.

Bro Worrall Sec (pro tem) then read the Bye Laws as passed at a preliminary meeting, and approved by the Pro Grd Master and his deputy, the same were unanimously adopted.

The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd & 3rd degrees

The Lodge was closed in the 3rd & 2nd degrees, nothing further offering and business being ended the Lodge was closed according to antient form and in perfect harmony.

Footnote: Of course, this was not the very first time the Lol had met as also in the Archives is an exercise book titled 'The Story of The General Lodge of Instruction No. 587 From 1854 to 1928. (Handwritten in ink it is 53 pages long)

Reproduced from the Minute Book by WBro Terry J Wood LGR



General Lodge of Instruction No. 587

Working under the sanction of the Howe Lodge No. 587 and 'recognised' by the
Committee of The Emulation Lodge of Improvement No. 256, London.
Membership No. 30

104th Annual Festival

Festival President

*Very Worshipful Brother David J Shakeshaft PGSwdB
Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire*

Senior Preceptor

Worshipful Brother John R Emms, PSGD, PAsstPGM

Assistant Preceptors

*Worshipful Brother Michael D Hogarth, PAGDC, PProvSGW
Worshipful Brother Jasvinder Saimbi, PProvSGD
Worshipful Brother Richard Pinner*

Dear Sir and Brother

You are Invited to attend the 2026 General Lodge of Instruction No. 587
Annual Festival to be held at Severn Street Masonic Hall, 60 Severn Street,
Birmingham, B1 1QG

WBro Terry J Wood LGR

Secretary

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CEREMONIAL WORK TO BE DEMONSTRATED

First Degree or Ceremony of Initiation

Officers for the Evening

Worshipful Master - (Open & Close)	Bro Paramjit Thaper
Worshipful Master – (Ceremony)	WBro Gerald Johnson
Charge	WBro Erick León Henneberg
Senior Warden	Bro Alek Šapić
Junior Warden	Bro Navi Thaper
Senior Deacon	Bro James Pagett
Junior Deacon	Bro Paul Geddes
Inner Guard	Bro Daniel Kearns
Candidate	Bro Dean Pagett
Director of Ceremonies	WBro Ravinder Singh
Tyler	WBro John Davis
Guest Organist	Bro James Gullick
Explanation of 1st Degree Working Tools	Bro James Pagett
Secretary	WBro Terry Wood
Treasurer	WBro Jasvinder Saimbi

Dining 8:15pm – Festive Board Menu

Starter: Chicken & Brandy Pate (Vegan – Tomato & Basil Soup)

Main: Gammon Ham and Parsley Sauce with Chips & Peas or Nut Roast with Chips & Veg (Vegan)

Dessert: Lemon Meringue Pie or Cheddar & Stilton with Crackers

Coffee & Mints Dining Fee £29.00 incl. wine at table.

Cash Bar for Pre Dinner Drinks

Please complete separate booking form should you wish to attend.

Payment by BACS preferred to General Lodge of Instruction No 587

Metro Bank **Account Number: 48818099 Sort Code 23-05-80**

Treasurer

WBro Jasvinder Saimbi

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The 2026 General Lodge of Instruction No. 587

Annual Festival will be held on

Thursday 14th May 2026 at 5:30pm

Festival Programme

1. To Open the Lodge at 5:45pm
2. To receive a brief history of the General Lodge of Instruction
3. To approve and confirm the minutes of the 103rd General Lodge of Instruction No 587 Annual Festival held on Thursday 15th May 2025
4. To receive a demonstration of the First Degree or Ceremony of Initiation
5. To receive an Explanation of the First Degree Working Tools
6. To collect Alms (deferred to the Festive Board)
7. To close the Lodge

Grand Officers Undress Regalia. Provincial or Black Tie. No Gloves

Doors open at 5:00pm

5:30pm Brethren to be seated in the Lodge. Festival starts at 5:45pm prompt

The General Lodge of Instruction No 587 meets at the Severn Street Masonic Hall (external rehearsal rooms), 60 Severn Street, Birmingham, B1 1QG, every Thursday evening at 6:45pm except during the months of June, July and August.

Members learn the Craft Rituals, discuss etiquette, procedure, protocols and hone their Masonic learning. Laughter is common, gentle mischief is tolerated and mistakes are allowed. The theory is that members take the office that they are likely to occupy the following year, thus enabling them to be fully prepared for the year ahead.

Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, or Past Master, being a subscribing member to a Regular Lodge are eligible for Membership and may join any meeting.

If you wish to join or renew your subscription for the 2026/2027 season, please see or email the Secretary.

Terms of Admission

Weekly Fee £1.00 – Annual Subscription [pro rata] £10.00 per annum

A brother who has been an active member may, on becoming a Past Master, become a Life Member on payment of £15.00. All fees are payable in Advance.