

## *County Masonic Lodge No. 381*

Issued to brethren in the 1st, or ROYAL REGIMENT OF FOOT later The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), 8 September 1762.

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) is undoubtedly the Regiment of the British Army with the longest record of continuous service, as indicated by the nick-name (Pontious Pilate's Bodyguard) (PG)

Volume 1 of the extant Grand Lodge Registers record 23 brethren registered 8 September, 1762 including James Campbell, Master; William McCullough and Duncan Campbell, Wardens.

A further 5 brethren registered up to 24 July, 1765

Five brethren marked "Excluded" at various times including one "Excluded for High Crimes."

Second series Vol. 2 of the G.L. Register shows:-

**Warrant No. 381** – blank

Other Warrants, Nos. 11 and 74, was issued to this Regiment.

Only one record of officers has come to hand, that for 1762 when J. Campbell is noted as Master and W. McCullough and D. Campbell as wardens. Ref. H. 17. p. 86.

### **Lodge No. 381, 1762.**

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At this period, as throughout the whole of the eighteenth century, the Grand Lodges of Great Britain had a very loose grip on their subordinate lodges. Such duties as communicating with the Grand Lodges, paying their dues and registering their members were in those early years systematically neglected by lodges situated at a distance from the Grand Lodge. A lodge might take out a warrant and never have the least communication with the parent Grand Lodge thereafter, continuing to work quite regularly without giving a sign of life to the governing body. Nor was it possible for the Grand Lodges to make any great effort to impose discipline in the case of Military Lodges, as they were moved about the world so much that the Grand Lodges were never sure of their exact whereabouts.

Lodge No. 381 I.C. seems to have been one of the subordinate lodges of this kind, for almost nothing is known of its doings, and to-day there remains no record of it other than the names of twenty-eight of its members registered between September, 1762 and July, 1765. Its warrant, however, does not appear to have been cancelled until some time between 1807 and 1813, though it is probable that the lodge ceased to work shortly before the end of the eighteenth century.

For many years it has been believed that Lodge No. 381 might have been an "Officers' Lodge", as it was working in the same battalion as Lodge No. 11 and at the same time. But it is now quite certain that this was not the case, as none of the twenty-eight surviving names of its members appear in any of the Army Lists between 1752 and 1871.

Consequently it is likely that this lodge was started at a time when there was a large number of enthusiastic masons among the other ranks of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Foot, and when it was believed that they could work within the one unit two lodges at the same time. A reduction in the number of masons in this battalion, or a diminution of their Masonic ardour, towards the end of the eighteenth century probably rendered it impossible to work both lodges together. The junior of the two must therefore have been allowed to lapse into extinction.

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Extracts from MILITARY LODGES OF THE ROYAL SCOTS by T.R. Henderson (Lieut. The Royal Scots, 1934) – See also Warrant No. 11

Ref. RS

Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro. F.C. Crossle – c. 1889

In pencil – “According to Downes 1804 list [Wt. No. 381] was in the First Battn. Royal Regt. of Foot. Does not appear in the lists of cancelled Lodges of June, 1807 nor Dec. 1813; does not appear in the list of Irish Lodges of June, 1814, neither did the Lodge pay any dues according to the Annual Reports between 1804 to 1813: So that it cannot have flourished.”

Struck off Returns of Officers, 1814.

From the Minutes of the G.L. Board of G.P.

#### **Lodge 381**

31 October, 1904 - Read a Memorial from Bros. Williams, Hughes, Shekleton and nine others for a Warrant to establish a Lodge in Holywood, Co. Down to be called “County”. Recommended by Lodges 168, 146, 254, and the D.P.G.M. of Down. Recommended.

G.L.M. 1 December, 1904 – Confirmed.

(A) Reissued to William G. Williams (Lodge 88), Edwin Hughes (Lodge 7) and Richard A. Shekleton (Lodge 10) to form ‘County Lodge’ in HOLYWOOD, Co. Down, 3 December 1904.

Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro. F.C. Crossle – c. 1889

Warrant issued 3 Dec. 1904 to William E. Williams; Edwin Hughes and Richard A. Shekleton.

Series four Vol. 15, marked Vol. 4, of the extant Grand Lodge Registers shows:-

**Warrant No. 381** to Holywood, Co. Down as “County Lodge” 3 December, 1904

William E. Williams, Merchant, (88); Edwin Hughes, DL., (7) and Richard A. Shekleton, MD., (10) registered along with eight others from various lodges 3 December, 1904.

No indication as to Master or Wardens.

A total of 95 brethren registered up to 19 November, 1923. In most cases the dates when the issue of certificates is shown, together with the occupation of the brother.

From the Minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down:-

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge and P.G.L. Officers was held at the McCammon Memorial Masonic Hall, Holywood, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1905, at 4.30 o’clock.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree and afterwards lowered to the Second Degree and subsequently still further called down to the First Degree.

The following Grand Officers were in attendance:-

M.W.M. Bro. Sir James Creed Merideth, LL.D.,	D.G.M. presiding
R.W. Bro. The Lord Bishop of Down,	G. Chaplain & acting D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. Chetwood Crawley, LL.D.,	acting S.G.W.
R.W. Bro. W.M. Ballersby, JP.,	acting J.G.W.
W. Bro. H.E. Flavelle,	D.G. Secretary
W. Bro. Wm. Spence, CE.,	acting Grand Sd. Br.
W. Bro. John Orr,	acting Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Stevenson McCullogh,	acting Grand I.G.
R.W. Bro. The Lord Bishop of Ossory,	acting Grand Chaplain

The following Provincial Grand Lodge officers were present:-

R.W. Bro. Francis C. Crossle, MB.,	D.P.G.M.
V.W. Bro. Herbert Allison,	P.S.G.W.
V.W. Bro. Stevenson McCulloch,	P.J.G.W.
V.W. Bro. J. Hunter Barrett,	P.G. Secretary
W. Bro. The Ven. Archdeacon H. Brown,	P.G. Chaplain
W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Wright,	P.G. Chaplain
W. Bro. R.E. Glenny, DD.,	P.G. Chaplain
W. Bro. John Orr,	P.G. Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. James S. Briggs,	P.G. Sd. Br.
W. Bro. J.W. Bassett, CE.,	P.G. Supr. of Works
W. Bro. George Elliott,	P.G. Inspector
W. Bro. J.D. Williamson,	Rep. B.G.P. of G.L.
W. Bro. Wm. Sedgwick McLean,	Rep. B.G.P. of G.L.
W. Bro. Thomas H. Keown,	Rep. B.G.P. of G.L.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from R.W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. J.L.D. Mears; V.W. Bro. John McCandless; V.W. Bro. John Martin; W. Bro. Arthur Donnelly; W. Bro. James Williams; W. Bro. Edwd. Parkinson; W. Bro. Alex. Dickson and V.W. Bro. Ed. Kirkpatrick.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down had been specially summoned to dedicate the new McCammon Memorial Masonic Hall erected by the Holywood Brethren in memory of our late Bro. Thomas A. McCammon, D.G.M. of Down, and at the same time to Constitute the County Masonic **Lodge No. 381**

The Ceremony of Dedication of the new Hall and Constitution of the new Lodge was performed by the Acting Grand Master (R.W. Bro. Sir Jas. Creed Merideth) assisted by the Grand Officers according to ancient Masonic custom and Ritual, after which he installed the W.M. of County Masonic Lodge No. 381 who installing his own officers.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony Bro. Sir James Creed Merideth delivered a most appropriate address to those assembled in which he referred in feeling terms to our deceased Brother to whose memory that the Hall had been erected and equipped in a manner second to none in Ireland for its size.

The Lodge was then raised to the Second Degree and subsequently to the Third Degree upon which it was closed Peace, Love and Harmony prevailing.

The Grand Lodge Officers, Provincial Grand Officers and a large number of brethren were subsequently entertained to a banquet in the Town Hall by the Brethren of the County Masonic Lodge No. 381.

#### New Masonic Hall at Holywood

On the 12th inst. a very interesting Masonic ceremony took place at Holywood, the occasion being the opening of the M'Cammon Memorial Masonic Hall, and the constitution of the County Masonic **Lodge No. 381**. The new hall, which is a very handsome structure, situated in Sullivan Place, close to the Town Hall, has been raised as a memorial of the late lamented Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Down. Right Worshipful Br. Thomas A. M'Cammon, who, up to the date of his death, took a prominent part in Freemasonry in this country.

The erection of the building was entrusted to Messrs J. & R. Thompson, under the superintendence of Br. Godfrey W. Ferguson, P.M., and the way in which the work has been carried out has given the greatest satisfaction. It is built of red brick and white stone, with a square tower roofed with a copper dome. The interior of the hall is beautifully fitted throughout with solid oak, the floor of the entrance hall being of white mosaic. The furnishing was carried out by Messrs J.C. Mayre & Co., Royal Avenue, Belfast, to complete satisfaction of the committee. The arrangements for the heating and ventilation of the hall have received special attention, and are on the most approved system. The chairs of the different office-bearers have been specially made, and presented by the following gentlemen, who occupy them, for the first time in Lodge 381:-

Br. W.E. Williames, W.M.; Br. W.H. Phillips, jun., P.M.; Br. Edwin Hughes, S.W., and the Senior Deacon's chair has been kindly presented by Br. Adam Coates, P.M. of Lodge 254.

The opening ceremony was performed in the presence of a large and influential gathering of Masonic brethren by Right Worshipful Br. Sir James Creed Meradith, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, who was assisted by the following Grand officers:- R.W. Br. W.J. Chetwode-Crawley, LL.D., Grand Treasurer; R.W. Br. Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Down, Grand Chaplain; R.W. Br. W.M. Battersby, JP., P.S.G.D.; W. Br. William Spence, CE., Grand Superintendent of Works; W. Br. Henry E. Flavill, D.G.S.; and the following Provincial Grand officers of Down - R.W. Br. Francis C. Crossle, MB., D.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. Herbert Allison, P.S.G.W.; V.W. Bro. Stevenson McCulloch, P.J.G.W.; V.W. Bro. James Hunter Barrett, P.G. Sec.; W. Br. Ven. Archdeacon Brown, P.G. Chap.; W. Br. Wm. Wright, P.G. Chap.; W. Br. John W. Bassett, CE. P.G. Superintendent of Works; W. Br. John Orr, P.G.D.C.; W. Br. James S. Briggs, P.G.S.B.; W. Br. J.D. Williamson, MD., W. Br. Colonel R.H. Wallace, CB., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Br. Sedgwick McLean, JP.; V.W. Br. Jonathan Jefferson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Br. William Blakely, P.S.G.D.; W. Br. George Elliott, P.S.I.; and R.W. Br. Lord Bishop of Ossory, D.G.M. of South-Eastern Counties.

There were also present at the ceremony the following:- R.W. Br. R.J. Hilton, JP., D.G.M., Antrim; V.W. Br. Wm. Rankin, P.G. Sec. Antrim; V.W. Br. Godfrey Murray, P.P.S.G.W., Antrim; W.V. Br. J.H. Stirling, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Br. J. Pim Thompson, P.G.I.; W. Br. Rev. S.S. Holmes, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Br. Rev. H.R. Coote, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Br. T.R. Scanlan, P.P.G. Chap.; R.W. Br. James Malcolm, DL., Lurgan; W. Br. Thos. H. Keown; W. Br. Colonel James

M'Calmont, MP.; Br. Colonel R.G. Sharman-Crawford, DL.; V.W. Br. James Young, P.S.G.W.; Br. Thomas H. Torrens, JP.; Br. R.W.D. Montgomery; Br. Hugh C. Kelly; Br. Captain Fred. Crawford; Br. W.J. Jackson, JP.; Br. Dr. H.L. M'Kissack; Br. M.R. Linden; Br. Arthur Charley; Br. Henry Herdman; Br. W. Hartley Patterson, CE.; Br. John Robson; Br. Fred. M'Cullough, CE.; Br. R.W. Hancock; Br. Adam Coates; Br. Dr. James Moore; Br. Thomas Ireland; Br. Wm. Hume; Br. J.F. Perry; Br. J.R. Torrens; Br. J.O. Rogers; Br. R.E. Herdman, JP; Br. Captain H.L. King; Br. C.H. Bowen; Br. J.C. Meredith; Br. Norman Charley; Br. E.S. Purdon; Br. R.M. Patterson; Br. Wm. M'Calmont; Br. Samuel Thompson; Br. Charles L. M'Kean; Br. William Robinson; Br. Thomas Dunlop; Br. Andrew M'Cowatt; Br. H.L. Nicholson, and Br. James G. Macafee.

In the course of the opening ceremony, which was conducted according to ancient Masonic ritual, and was most impressive and instructive, the Deputy Grand Master made a touching and eloquent reference to the late Br. Thomas A. M'Cammond, who had done so much to further the interests of the Masonic Order, and whose loss was still so keenly felt. Br. Wm. Hill officiated at the organ.

The following were the founders of the County Masonic Lodge, 381:- Br. W.E. Williams, W.M.; Br. Edwin Hughes, S.W.; Br. R.A. Shekleton, J.W.; Br. W.H. Phillips, jun., P.M., treasurer; Br. James H. Barrett, P.M., secretary; Br. Daniel Dixon, S.D.; Br. Samuel Stephens, J.D.; Br. John W. Lemon, I.G.; Br. R.E. M'Lean, P.M.; Br. W.L. Garrett, P.M.; Br. T.V.P. M'Cammon, P.M.; and Br. James S. Reade.

After the ceremony the brethren were entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Shekleton, Mrs. M'Lean, and Mrs. M'Cammon. The tables presented a charming appearance, being decorated with beautiful plants kindly lent by Mrs. Dunlop.

The chair was occupied by Br. W.E. Williams, W.M. of County Masonic Lodge 381.

The catering was in the hands of Mr. F.W. Henry, and, needless to say, gave every satisfaction.

During the evening musical items were contributed by the following, the accompaniment being efficiently supplied by Br. Wm. Hill:- Br. J.O. Rogers, Br. R.M. Patterson, Br. J.M. Spiller, Br. Wm. Hill, Br. Colonel R.H. Wallace, CB.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and responded to by the following:- Sir James Creed Meredith, Dr. Crossle, the Lord Bishop of Ossory, Colonel R.G. Sharman-Crawford, Colonel James M'Calmont, MP., Rev. Wm. Wright, Messrs R.J. Hilton, JP., James Malcolm, DL., Edwin Hughes, JP., and Godfrey Ferguson, CE.

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Twenty-two members served in the 1914-18 War and Bros. Lieut. J.G.M. Dunlop, R.D.F., Col. T.V.P. M'Cammon, R.I.R., Lieut. J. Neill, R.I.R. and Lieut. M. Ross, R.I.R. made the supreme sacrifice.

Series five Vol. 19 shown as Vol. 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Registers shows:-

**Warrant No. 381** to Holywood, Co. Down as "County Lodge"

Register commences with the registration of John H.R. Orr, Captain in Army, registered as a F.C. 31 March, 1924, resigned 1928

A total of 73 brethren registered up to 15 May, 1950. In most cases the dates when the issue of certificates is shown, together with the occupation and occasionally naval or military rank of the brother.

Series six Vol. 22 of the extant Grand Lodge Registers shows:-

**Warrant No. 381** to Holywood as "County Lodge"

Register commences with the registration of Gordon D. Cairns, Manager, registered 19 May, 1952

A total of 59 brethren registered up to 21 February, 1983. In most cases the dates when the issue of certificates is shown, together with the occupation of the brother.

From 1984 the registration of members is held, in alphabetical order, in a computerised register by Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, 17 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2. The Registration of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary of Lodges are held in separate Registers, the first Volume covering the period 1983 to 1994 inclusive and the second Volume covering from 1995 to date.

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