INTRODUCTION

In writing this history all known data has been reviewed. Only important and the unusual events are recorded and few names are mentioned. To list all those who could be named would take several volumes. Also, most Masonic titles have been omitted due to the time and effort required to ensure accuracy.

Over the years, many of the members have provided leadership in all walks of life such as government, industry, education, religion, medicine, and justice. Many of these also served faithfully as Lodge officers.

At the same time countless others were not able to devote time and effort to these offices but served the Lodge well by other means. A few of these are mentioned.

Preparing this history has been a time consuming task that could not be rushed. Previously, two short histories were written by I.M. Wellington, circa 1890, and by Edgar W. Pickford in 1922. The compiler is grateful to these authors as their work has been most helpful in preparing this record where early details of No. 29 are mentioned.

There are no actual records of the early years of our Lodge but we are fortunate in still having the minute books from 1855 to date. Although these minutes only give the basic account of what occurred, it allows one to get a feel of the times.

The compiler has had no training in journalism so please excuse any errors or omissions - they were not intentional.

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to my Father "Who lived by the Square"

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