

Another emergent meeting was held on the 16th April when the following resolution was adopted :

"Our next regular meeting happening to fall on His Majesty's birthday, it is resolved that Monday evening, the 21st instant, be substituted in lieu thereof, members to assemble at 6 p.m., when it is proposed to pass the Entered Apprentices, Bros. George and Thomas G. Ridout, to the Degree of Fellow-craft Masons."

At the regular held on the 21st April, 1823, the sum of £7. 5s. per annum was awarded to the Secretary for his services, commencing from the 27th December, 1822. Bro. John Beikie asked permission to present a sword to the lodge for the use of the Tyler, which was granted.

On the 18th June, the W.M. read the regulations for the government of private lodges, as contained in the Book of Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in conformity with the By-laws, arrangements were made for the proper celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June. At the latter meeting, Bro. Thomas Ridout, Senior Warden, was appointed to represent the lodge at the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 8th July, 1823, when he was to present to the Grand Lodge a copy of the By-laws of the lodge. A postscript in the minutes states : "Brethren to assemble to dinner in this room at 6 this evening."

At the July meeting, Bro. Ridout, the Senior Warden, reported "That this lodge had been by him duly represented in Grand Lodge, that the copy of the By-laws had been presented and re-