

Beikie was elected W. M., and his installation took place on the 27th of the same month, when the following brethren were installed by him : Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald, S.W. ; Bro. George Ridout, J.W. ; Bro. B. Turquand, Secretary ; Bro. T. G. Ridout, Treasurer ; Bro. F. T. Billings, S.D., and Bro. J. G. Chewett, J.D.

On January the 16th, 1826, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. G. Ridout, as Treasurer, and the subscription fund for refreshments was reduced from 10s. to 5s. per quarter. A committee was appointed "to enquire into and make arrangements respecting the rent of this lodge." On motion of Bro. George Hillier, it was resolved :

"That the Ark at present used for the purpose of this lodge, being insufficiently adapted for same, the Treasurer be requested to obtain such a one as may contain the whole of the requisite furniture."

At the February meeting a jewel was ordered for W. Bro. George Hillier, P.M. It was also resolved :

"That the lodge being fully sensible of the great benefits and advantages it has derived from the superintending, care and exertions of its late Worshipful Master, Bro. George Hillier, its best and warmest thanks are hereby offered to him, and that the same be inserted on its minutes as a lasting testimonial of the high respect and regard in which he is held by every member of the lodge."

The March meeting was postponed "owing to the unavoidable absence of many of the members on public duty and otherwise." At the meeting of April, 1826, the W.M. read a letter from Bro. Rev. George Oliver, of England, the Masonic writer, and this was followed by the recitation of the "obligation and part of the narrative