

The Lambton Jewel
Presented to John George Lambton
Provincial Grand Master of Durham 1818-1840



The jewel was '*Presented to the Earl of Durham, Provincial Grand Master, by His Grateful Brethren, 21st January 1834*' and was inscribed as such.

The jewel is described as;

' a splendid Masonic Jewel, oval shaped, bordered with flowers in various tints of Gold, of exquisite workmanship, and in the centre on a blue enamel background, is placed the square and compasses, with a star of five points in brilliants'

The Provincial Grand Master's acceptance speech can be viewed from the following pages.



John George Lambton

MEDAL

Duke of Sussex, and the reverse is inscribed -
"Celsiss. Princeps. Aug. Fred. Susseviæ Dux Julius
apud. Anglos. Sodal. Archit. Curio. Max. Prov.
Dunelm. adit. A.D. 1822. Æ. GRÆ. ARCHIT. 5826."

The G.M. wishing to mark his public approbation of the
zeal and attention which Bro. Lorraine, Dep^t P.G.M.
evinced in the cause of Masonry, was pleased to confer
upon him the distinction of a Blue Apron, with a
seat in T. L. and with the rank of Past Warden.

HOSPITALITY

OF

P. G. M.

In 1834, the P.G.M. with a munificent hospitality,
invited the whole of the Province to dinner at Lambton Castle,
where they were received with that urbanity & fraternal kindness
so characteristic of him. The Brethren eagerly availed
themselves of this occasion to present him with a splendid
Masonic Jewel. - oval-shaped, bordered with flowers in
various tints of Gold of exquisite workmanship; and in the centre,
on a blue enamel ground, is placed the square and compasses,
with a star of five points in brilliants. It bears the following
inscription: -

PRESENTATION

"Presented to the Earl of Durham, Provincial
Grand Master, by his grateful brethren, 21ST JANUARY 1834."

In accepting the above he said: -

SPEECH

"Brethren, - I receive this splendid proof of your esteem
and regard with feelings of the deepest gratitude.

I understand it to be the result of a voluntary, unsolicited
subscription - of so small an amount, individually as to
include all classes, and so universally adopted as to

SPEECH

BY

P. G. M.

emanate from men of all opinions and principles.

This is indeed a proud testimonial — an ample reward for all those past services which you have honoured by your unanimous commendation; and an incitement, if any were wanted, to the most unremitting exertions for the future.

You do me no more than justice when you state that I have zealously discharged the important duties of P. G. M. It is now nearly 16 years since I was appointed by our illustrious G. M. the Duke of Sussex; and I have the satisfaction of knowing that, during my presidency, Masonry has not fallen from its 'high estate' in this province.

I have ever felt it my duty to support and encourage its principles and practices; because it powerfully develops all social & benevolent affections — because it mitigates without, and annihilates within, the virulence of political & theological controversy — because it affords the only neutral ground on which all ranks and all classes can meet in perfect equality, and associate without degradation or mortification, whether for the purposes of moral instruction, or of social intercourse.

Such being my conviction of the inestimable benefits which Society derives from Masonry, it cannot be a matter of surprise that I have availed myself of the advantages which my station affords in order to promote the interests of our excellent institution. In the pursuit of this object, I have been enlightened by your example — encouraged by your kindness and affection — and supported by your active and steady cooperation.

If to these claims on my gratitude is added the event of history

The whole amount of obligation is such that I fear no actions of mine will enable me to repay it; of this you may rest assured, that the connexion which subsists between us, is as gratifying to my pride as it is dear to my heart."

DEPUTY
G. M.
OF ENGLAND.

In the same year he was appointed Deputy G. M. of England, which important office he felt it his duty to resign on being appointed Ambassador to the Court of Russia 1735. John Laycock.

SUCCESSION
OF
P. G. M.'S

The Book of Constitutions 1756 mentions:- Joseph Laycock, Esq. as having been appointed P. G. M. by the Earl of Crawford, in 1734. This appointment would rather appear to have been for the purpose of constituting a Lodge at Swalwell, as he is unknown in any other part of the county: his name appears as S. W. of the Swalwell Lodge in 1734. This Lodge appears to have elected a P. G. M. annually, from amongst its members, but as such appointment rests exclusively with the G. M. of England, it may fairly be assumed that

* MEMBERS
OF
PALATINE LODGE

- 1787 William H. Lambton Esq. M.P. was the first regularly appointed P. G. M.
- * 1799 Sir Ralph Milbankes Bart.
- 1816 Sir Ralph Noel Bart.
- * 1818 John Lambton The first Earl of Durham.
- 1842 Sir Hedworth Williamson Bart. P. G. W.
- * 1845 John Bowes.
- 1847 John Fawcett.

Adapted by Bro T F Gittins, from The History Archives of Palatine Lodge No. 97,
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Read more about the life and times of John George Lambton at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Lambton,_1st_Earl_of_Durham