

Members of her Family and a letter was ordered to be sent to Miss Webster notifying the resolution and to be signed by the Master.

Sir S. Ernest  
Palmer, Bart  
J. P.

The Clerk reported that M<sup>r</sup>. S. Ernest Palmer J. P. another Honorary Freeman of the Company had had the dignity of a Baronetcy conferred upon him by His Majesty and on the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford a hearty vote of congratulation was passed with him on the honour conferred upon him which it was felt his services for Music generally so richly deserved and a letter of congratulation was directed to be written to Sir Ernest Palmer and be signed by the Master.

Lieut. Geoffrey  
Hawkes

The clerk reported that Lieutenant Geoffrey Hawkes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who was apprenticed to Past Master W. P. Fuller had been seriously wounded and gassed at Ypres on the 19<sup>th</sup> December last but was now better. Past Master Fuller said that he had written to Lieutenant Hawkes and also to his Father.

Second Lieut.  
F. G. Truscott

It was stated that Second Lieutenant Francis George Truscott of the Cyclists Company, the Son of the Senior Warden, Lieutenant Alexander Denis Burnett

Lieut. A. D.  
Burnett Brown

Brown of the 1<sup>st</sup> Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry (T.F.) a Son of the Junior Warden and Staff Captain Alfred Ernest Cart de Lafontaine of the East Yorkshire Regiment

Capt. A. E. C.  
de Lafontaine

a Son of Ex-Sheriff de Lafontaine, had all gained the Military Cross and it was further stated, as an interesting coincidence, that both Second Lieutenant F. G. Truscott and Lieutenant A. D. Burnett Brown had come of age while in the Trenches.

The parents of the three gallant Officers were congratulated and on the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Master it was resolved that congratulatory letters to be signed by the Master be written to all of them.

Bandsmen V.C.s  
Piper Daniel  
Laidlaw

The Master reported that Piper Daniel Laidlaw of the 7<sup>th</sup> Kings Own Scottish Borderers had been awarded the V.C. for conspicuous bravery near Loos on September