

CANUTE CANARIES VISIT ALBERT LUCKING LODGE

At our November Installation Meeting, immediately prior to the Festive Board, I was standing alongside two visitors who were discussing the Canute Viking Night.

In the course of the conversation, one of them mentioned that his son was being initiated into Albert Lucking Lodge "towards the end of January". I enquired if this Lodge sang the "Entered Apprentices Song", mentioning, naturally, that Canute did so, and that this song was usually accompanied with a parodied version of a further song, which was relative to his occupation in life. The visiting brother said he had never heard the song, but thought what a sensational idea it was, and that he would very much like something similar for his son's initiation.

At our January meeting, Bro. Edgar Easlea informed me that he had received a letter from a brother, requesting the services of the Canute Chior to sing at his son's initiation. Somehow the wires got crossed and it was not until the day before the chiors outside debut was due, that it was brought up at the Lodge of Instruction. It was then discussed, and after much arm-twisting by W. Bro. Angus Grant and Bro. Bob Hyde, it was decided that we must put on a show, and a number of "volunteers were press-ganged into giving their support. That night I sat up until 4 a.m. composing the ditty, and thus the great day dawned.

Afterwards we were all congratulated, and one of our brethren, who was answering nature's call in that convenient room, overheard a member of Albert Lucking Lodge saying that in many years it was the best meeting he had attended. For my own part, I thought the lads did us proud, and we were in far better voice than ever before. I think possibly we all felt we were "singing for our supper". As ambassadors of Canute Lodge we were, I consider extremely successful, and should any of our members be in the company of a brother from Albert Lucking Lodge, I feel sure that this will be confirmed.

Brethren reading this should note that we are not generally available for Masonics, but Recording Agents should note that we are willing to discuss cutting a disc for "Top of the Pops".

J.B.

A total of nine brethren from Canute attended the Albert Lucking Lodge, and as the initiate is a member of the Metropolitan Police Force, we came out in view of the Festive Board in the appropriate uniform jackets and helmets and sang a policeman's song, which was greeted with suitable raucous applause. This was followed immediately with the "Entered Apprentices Song", which was also very well received. The evening proceeded and at the given time we again stood up and rendered the "Masonic Visitors Song". (Let me quickly add that 'rendered' in this instance does not mean 'to tear apart'). This particular song was very warmly appreciated.