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Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.



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FOREWORD.

ORIGIN

The scheme originated from a widely expressed desire to erect a permanent, dignified, and suitable Memorial to perpetuate the memory of the Brethren of the Province of Warwickshire who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. It was thought that the most suitable form this Memorial could take would be the building of a Masonic Temple in the City of Birmingham, the cost thereof to be defrayed by the voluntary subscriptions of the Brethren of the Province as an expression of their deep gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for the conclusion of Peace.

OBJECT

To provide for all time a home for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and other Masonic bodies, which should be owned and used by them, and managed by Representatives elected by all the Masonic bodies in the Province.

THE NECESSITY

Because the existing Masonic Rooms in New Street, Birmingham, are now the property of a non-Masonic body, and the Brethren will be compelled to give up occupation thereof very shortly. Further, the present accommodation for meetings of a Masonic character in Birmingham is totally inadequate, and many Lodges, Chapters, etc., have to be held in rooms which are unsuitable for Masonic purposes.

SITE

The proposed site for the suggested new Masonic Temple is freehold and centrally and conveniently situated. It has a frontage of 116 feet to Broad Street, and is within easy walking distance of both Railway Stations and all Omnibus and Tram Termini. It will eventually be within the Civic Centre of Birmingham. The old buildings on the side of Broad Street opposite the Site have already been demolished, and the land is being converted into ornamental open spaces, upon which the Hall of Memory and other Civic Buildings are to be erected.

**THE
BUILDING**

The site having been secured, the Temple Committee proceeded to institute an Architectural Competition for designs for the proposed building. On the recommendation of the Royal Society of British Architects they appointed as Assessor Sir Banister Fletcher, F.R.I.B.A., a celebrated and experienced Architect and a prominent Freemason. The competition was restricted to Architects who were Subscribing Members of a Lodge in the Province of Warwickshire. Nineteen complete sets of designs were sent in, and the Assessor awarded the first prize to the design and plans of Wor. Bro. Rupert Savage, F.R.I.B.A., P.M. Howe Lodge, No. 587, and by the conditions of the Competition he will be employed as Architect for the erection of the building. Wor. Bro. Savage's estimate of the cost of the building is £72,371, and the Assessor is of opinion that the building can be erected for a sum within that estimate.

MANAGEMENT.

It is proposed that the management of the Temple, when erected, shall be controlled by a Committee, consisting of Representatives from Provincial Grand Lodge and all Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies in the Province. This Committee will appoint all necessary Sub-Committees.

As regards the accommodation of the suites and the convenience and comfort of the Brethren, attention is called to the comparison with the New Street Rooms shown on Pages 12 and 13.

APPEAL

It is estimated that a sum of £100,000 will be required for the Erection and Equipment of the Temple, and a further sum of £50,000 as an Endowment Fund, the income from which will assist in the future maintenance and upkeep of the building. In the accounts of the Estimated Income and Expenditure no provision has been made for the payment of any interest on borrowed money, or of anything in the nature of a dividend. It is suggested that all contributions shall be in the nature of free gifts or donations. In order to make a complete success, and to raise the required sum of £150,000, every Lodge, Chapter, and other Masonic Body, and every individual Freemason in the Province must do the utmost in his and their power by precept and example. It is hoped that every Lodge, Chapter, and Masonic Body will give the

greatest amount available from its invested funds. It is further desired that every Freemason in the Province will give an immediate donation and promise a sum in accordance with his means, payable by monthly, quarterly, or annual instalments of such an amount as will redeem his promise in five years. If every Brother gives according to his ability, the Province will possess a Masonic Home of which Freemasons will have reason to be proud, and which will be an inspiration and an example for all time.

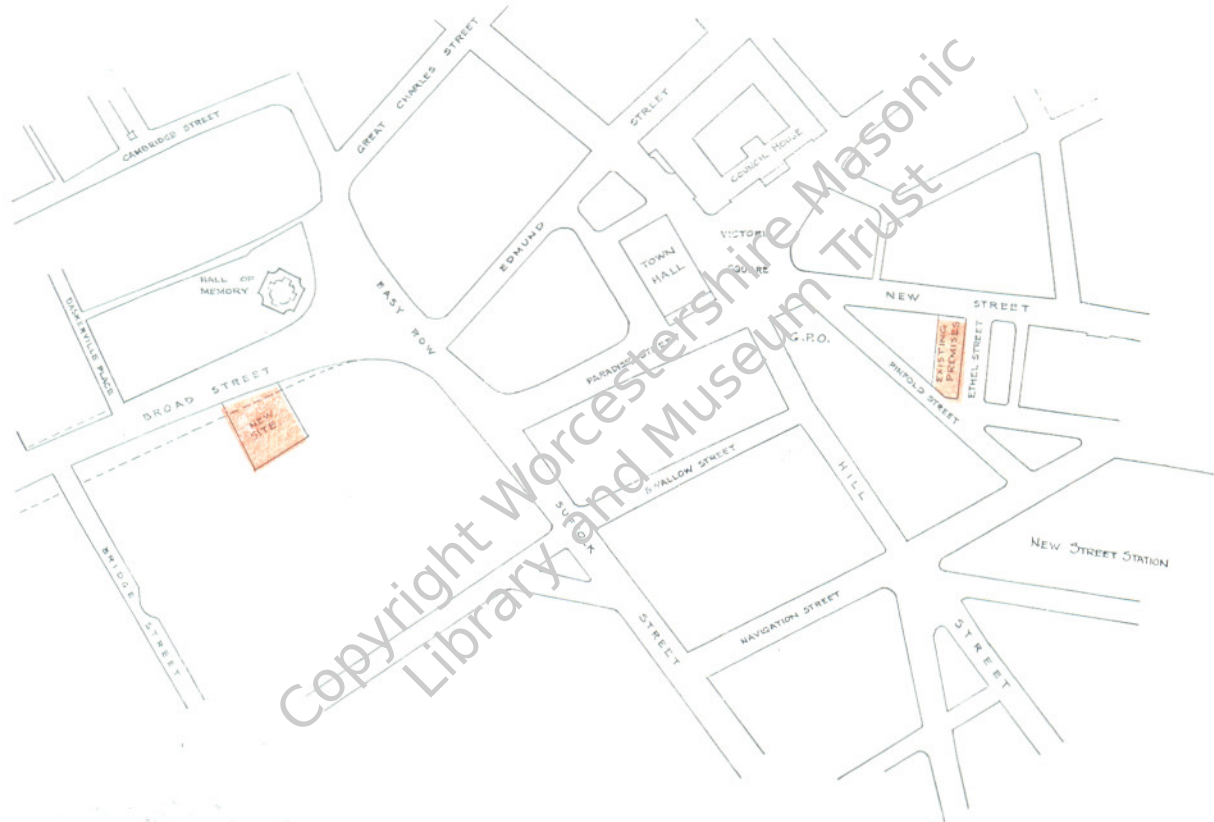
N.B.—The Temple Committee have not found it practicable to devise any one scheme of collection of contributions, suitable for adoption by all the Lodges in the Province, owing to different circumstances attaching to each individual Lodge. Each Lodge is therefore left to make arrangements most suitable to its own members, in order to raise the largest sum possible.

The present generation of Freemasons are being asked to erect and equip the Temple ; but it is felt that Freemasons of the future should also make their contribution to swell the Endowment Fund, as they themselves will also enjoy the full benefit of the building. With this object in view the Committee most strongly urge that, by way of contribution to the Endowment Fund, each Lodge should undertake

- (a) To contribute £3 5s. 6d. from each Initiate's Fee (such fee to be increased by that amount when necessary), and
- (b) To obtain an Annual Subscription of at least £1 1s. 6d. from each Initiate for a period of five years from his initiation.

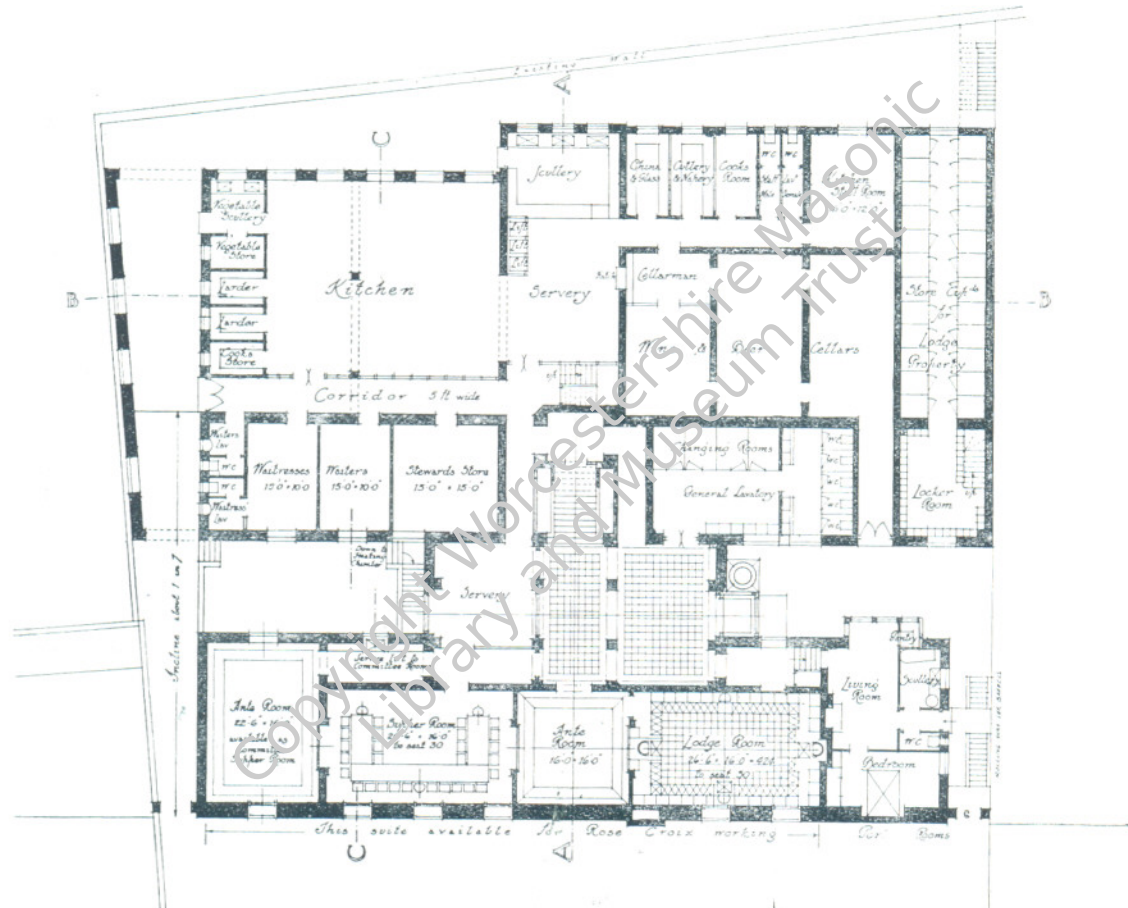
These Initiates' Contributions would not be dealt with as income or revenue.

POSITION OF THE SITE.

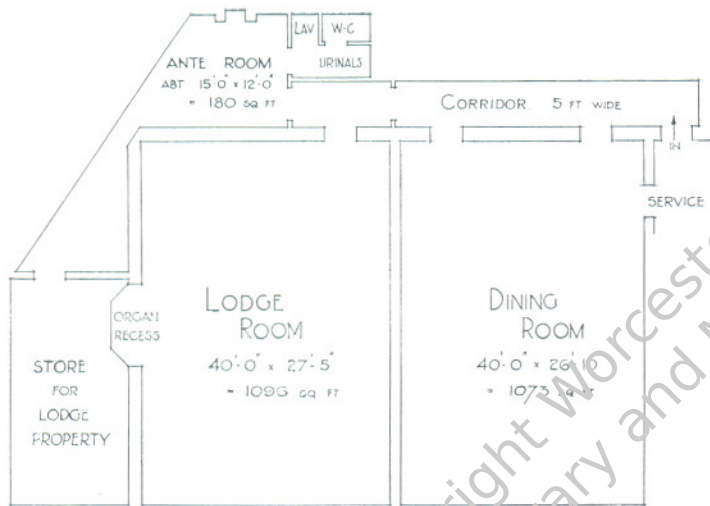




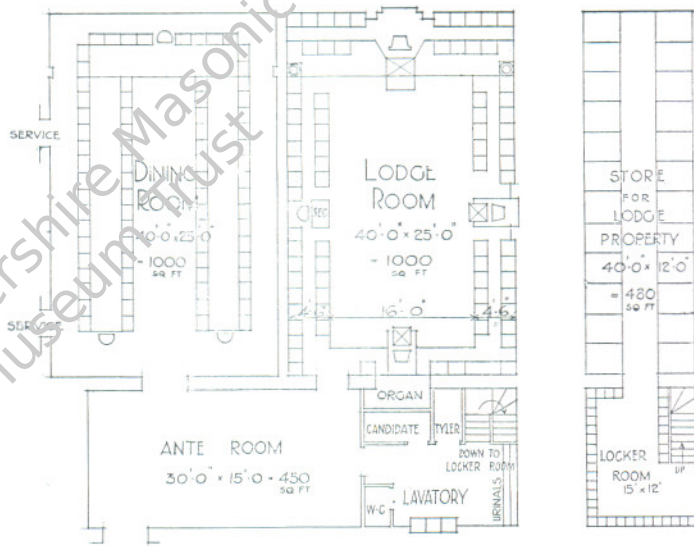
Elevation of the Selected Design.



Lower Ground Floor Plan



**Present Lodge Room,
 Masonic Hall, New Street.**



**Proposed Suite of Lodge Rooms to seat 80.
 Proposed New Temple.**

Scale 0 5 10 20 30 40 50 feet

Comparison of Rooms at New Street Birmingham, with the Suite in the New Temple to accommodate Eighty Brethren.

On the opposite page are shown plans of the existing Rooms at New Street, Birmingham, and of the second largest Suite in the proposed New Masonic Temple to accommodate 80 Brethren. These plans are drawn to the same scale, and show the Rooms in both Suites to be of the same length, and the Rooms at New Street to be slightly wider. In addition, the plans show that the total accommodation provided in the proposed Temple is far superior to the existing accommodation in the New Street Rooms.

The spacing and accommodation in the other Suites in the proposed Temple are arranged on the same basis.

As stated by the Architect in his description on page 16 the accepted design can be modified in matters of detail as the Committee require. Any suggestions forthcoming will receive the careful consideration of the Committee.

Extract from Sir Banister Fletcher's (The Assessor) Report to the
Committee before the Sealed Letters were opened.

SIR BANISTER FLETCHER, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I.,
Architect & Chartered Surveyor.

1, KING'S BENCH WALK,
LONDON, E.C. 4,
20th September, 1923.

To:—

THE COMMITTEE OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED IN BIRMINGHAM FOR THE PROVINCE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

Gentlemen,

I beg to state that the Drawings sent in by the Competitors were received at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, when my Assistant attended and numbered each set of designs, 19 in all as received, together with the envelopes containing the names of the Competitors which of course remained unopened.

I have made repeated and detailed examinations of each set of Designs, and have only come to a conclusion after considerable thought, and by comparing very carefully the good and bad features in each scheme.

I award, subject to the Conditions of Competition, the First Premium to Design No. 3, the Second Premium to Design No. 5, and the Third Premium to Design No. 1, and I beg to state that I have awarded the Premiums without discussing the plans with any Member of the Temple Committee.

The Author of Design No 3, to whom I award the First Premium of £500, has been most successful in fulfilling the conditions and requirements, and has produced a straightforward and skillfully arranged plan.

The Front Elevation is extremely simple and distinctly original, somewhat reminiscent of an Egyptian Pylon, with plainly treated wings, flat pilasters, and a dignified central entrance. It presents a very reposeful appearance, quite in harmony with the purpose of the building, and I feel confident that it would make an extremely satisfactory facade of which Warwickshire Masons would have reason to be proud. The Back Elevation has been well handled and possesses considerable merit.

I have read the Report submitted with this Design, and think the remarks with regard to the Railway Tunnel, Heating, Ventilation, etc., are well considered, and that the work could be carried out within a reasonable margin of the total of £72,371. Many of the remaining Designs shew considerable merit, and the Temple Committee is to be congratulated on the response to its invitation for competitive designs. All of these have defects of some kind; some are too large and wasteful or extravagant in character, or in having improper lighting; others have bad service accommodation to the Dining Rooms, an inconvenient Kitchen arrangement, improper linking up of Lodge Rooms with Ante Rooms and Dining Rooms, absence of simplicity in planning, or other various minor defects, some of which indicate a want of knowledge of the requirements which are necessary for the efficient and economic working of a Lodge. The problem was a difficult one, but after a careful and prolonged examination of all the Drawings, I feel perfectly confident that I am thoroughly justified in the awards which I have made in this Competition.

(Signed) BANISTER FLETCHER.

The Architect's Description of The Proposed New Building.

The accepted Design contains all the accommodation required by the Conditions of Competition, but will be modified in matters of detail as the Committee require.

Generally speaking the building is divided into two parts, united by the central Entrance Hall.

The front block facing Broad Street contains all Rooms requiring good light and outlook, such as Offices, Committee Rooms, Common Room, and Library, while the Lodge Rooms are located in the rear block to secure quietness and privacy.

There will be four complete suites of Lodge Rooms to accommodate 30, 50, 80, and 150, respectively. Each suite is complete in itself, and comprises an Ante Room, Lodge Room and Dining Room, with Lavatory, Locker Room, and Property Store attached. These suites are conveniently planned to secure privacy and comfort, all the Rooms being approached from the Ante Room, so that once inside the outer door, the Members of each Lodge will be able to pass from room to room without leaving their own section of the premises.

The Principal Entrance is in the centre of the main facade, and opens into a roomy Entrance Hall, 40ft. x 20ft., lighted from both ends. The Main Staircase is directly facing the Entrance, and will be one of the decorative features of the building. A Passenger Lift is provided on one side of the Hall, but this will be little needed, as none of the rooms used by members will be more than one storey up or down. A Porter's Box is on the opposite side, giving him a full view of everyone entering or leaving the building. On the right hand side of the

Entrance Hall is arranged a suite of Offices for Steward, Clerk, and Provincial Grand Secretary, all entered from a Waiting Lobby with Telephone Room adjacent. Tentatively the Masonic Library and Museum is planned on this floor but a suitable and larger position is available on the second floor of front block, where it could be reached by the lift direct from the Main Entrance Hall. The Walls will be lined with Bookshelves and Show Cases.

On the left of Entrance is the Common Room, 30ft. x 16ft., communicating with an adjoining Committee Room, which would be available as an extension of the Common Room for the greater part of the day. Here Members can meet and smoke, or partake of refreshment whilst waiting for their Masonic Meetings.

On the further side of the Entrance Hall are two doorways (one on either side of the Main Staircase) leading to two Lodge Suites; that on the left for 50 persons, and that on the right for 80. The Lodge Suite for 50 has an Ante Room 20ft. x 15ft., with Lavatory, Locker Room, and Property Store adjoining. The Lodge Room is 33ft. x 20ft., and the Dining Room is the same size.

The Lodge Suite for 80 persons has an Ante Room 30ft. x 15ft. with Lavatory adjoining, and Locker Room and Property Store below, approached by a private stair. This Lodge Room is 40ft. x 25ft. (with Organ Recess), and the Dining Room is the same size. The Servedy is placed midway between the two Dining Rooms, and communicates with Kitchen in Lower Ground Floor by Stairs and Lifts.

Ascending the Main Staircase we come to the Upper Hall, which will serve as the Ante Room to the Principal Suite. On the left hand side of this Hall is the Porch to the Temple and, adjoining same, the Cloak Room, with Stairs leading down to the Lavatory and up to the Locker Room and Property Store. The Temple, which will be the principal feature of the New Building, is 52ft. 6in. long, 33ft. wide, and 20ft. high, and is planned to seat 150. There is a large Organ Loft, with Organist's Bench and Key Board in a recess behind the S.W.'s Chair. This will be a well proportioned room, decorated with an Order of Attached Columns, and a richly Coffered Ceiling.

On the right hand side of the Upper Hall is the entrance to the Banquet Room, which is approached through a large Crush Room which is partitioned off by movable screens, and may be utilised on entertaining nights. The Banquet Room is 51ft. long, 33ft. wide, and 20 ft. high, and has a range of large French Windows opening on to a Terrace, which would prove a pleasant adjunct in fine weather. There is an ample Service Room communicating by Stairs and Lifts with Kitchens in Lower Ground Floor. A small Staircase leads to a Music Gallery arranged above the Servery.

The remaining space on this floor is occupied by a Ladies' Cloak Room (for use on Guest Nights), a suite of three Committee Rooms (communicating by Sliding Doors), which might be occasionally used for reception purposes, and two small Rooms, one for Provincial Officers Robing and the other to be reserved for the Provincial Grand Master.

The Lower Ground Floor is divided into two parts, the front for use of Members and the rear for Kitchens, Cellarage, etc. The portion used by Members will be served by the principal

Staircase and Lift, and would be in all respects equal in appearance to the upper floors. The Lower Hall will be well lighted and decorated, and will give access to the small suite of Lodge Rooms (30). This suite will consist of Ante Room, Lodge Room, and Dining Room. There is also a fourth room which may be used as a Supper Room for Committees, Lodges of Instruction, and like purposes. The planning of this suite will be rearranged and the rooms enlarged to suit the requirements of Rose Croix Working. On this floor, adjoining the principal Staircase, is also a general Lavatory, with a number of Changing Rooms for Members desiring to dress without going home.

Kitchens, etc.—The remaining part of the Lower Ground Floor is occupied by Kitchens and Wine Cellars. The approach to these will be by a sloping Passage from Gateway in Broad Street (on the left hand side of building), wide enough to admit Tradesmens' Vehicles. This leads to a covered yard which will serve many useful purposes. The entrance from this Passage to Kitchen Department will be by a Corridor 5ft. wide, leading to the Service Stairs and to the Serveries on upper floor. On the right of this Corridor (on entering) are Rooms for Waiters and Waitresses, with Lavatories attached, and General Store for the Steward. On the left hand side of Corridor is the main Kitchen, 33ft. x 28ft., with Larders, Stores, and Vegetable Scullery attached. The Kitchen being entirely separated from the main building, and provided with modern ventilation, removes smell of cooking. The Kitchen adjoins a spacious Servery which communicates with the Serveries on the upper floor by Service Lifts and Staircase. On these floors are also provided adequate accommodation for Wine and Beer Cellars, and Rooms for Staff and Sundry Stores. Wines, etc., would be sent by the Lifts as required to the separate Dining Rooms in each Lodge Suite.

Porter's Rooms.—A suite of Living Rooms for the Resident Porter is provided, conveniently placed at the Western Entrance on Lower Ground Floor.

A Basement is provided of ample dimensions to receive Heating and Hot Water Boilers and Ventilation Plant.

External Appearance.—Externally the Building will present a plain and rather severe facade to Broad Street, but this is a matter of deliberate choice on my part, as I desire to impart an air of reserve and dignity which shall distinguish it from its future neighbours, and convey some impression of the antiquity and seriousness of the Order.

The Interior.—The ultimate form and scope of the Decorative Work of the Interior Design as shown on the Competition Drawings is naturally largely suggestive, and will receive much further study and consideration. Generally speaking the effect aimed at will be low relief and quiet colouring. It is particularly desired to avoid the profusion of ornament commonly associated with places of public entertainment. Within these limits, however, the Interior will be adequately furnished and decorated, the principal effort being concentrated on the Temple itself. All the Lodge Rooms have been carefully planned to secure comfortable seating space for the numbers specified, in addition to leaving floor space for working the Ceremonies. The spacing in Lodge Rooms for Seating is 1ft. 9in. centres and 3ft. back to back of rows. The spacing of

Dining Tables is likewise 1ft. 9in. centres. Technical details such as Lighting, Warming, and Ventilation will receive adequate consideration.

Equipment.—The important items of Furniture and Equipment are matters for future consideration and, like the decorative work, will be materially influenced by the funds available.

(Signed) RUPERT SAVAGE, F.R.I.B.A.

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Estimated Annual Income.

There are 50 Craft Lodges now meeting in Birmingham, viz.:-

New Street	18	Grand Hotel	2
Severn Street	16	New ones	2
Imperial Hotel	12		
		Total	50

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
with a Membership of 3,326. Taking an estimated figure of 2,500 at 25/- per capita would give	3,125	0	0			
There are 17 Chapters now meeting in Birmingham with a membership of 704. Taking an estimated figure of 600 at 12/6 per capita would give	375	0	0			
There are 14 Mark and Ark Mariners Lodges meeting in Birmingham, with a membership of 456. Taking an estimated figure of 320 at 12/6 per capita would give	200	0	0			
There are eight other Degrees meeting in Birmingham, with a membership estimated at 160, at 12/6 per capita would give	100	0	0			
	3,800	0	0			
Interest at 4 per cent. from investment of £50,000 Endowment Fund	2,000	0	0			
Less Tax at 4/6 in the £	450	0	0			
	1,550	0	0			
Profit from Catering after allowing for Wages of Kitchen Staff		1,000	0	0		
Provincial Grand Lodge, Annual Rent, say		120	0	0		
	£6,470	0	0			

Estimated Annual Management Expenses

	£	s.	d.
Rates and Taxes	2,250	0	0
Water Rate, Lighting, Heating, and Power	950	0	0
Maintenance and Repairs of Building	750	0	0
Insurance £100,000 at 4 per cent., all in	200	0	0
Wages of Steward and Staff, excluding Kitchen Staff	1,191	0	0
Stationery, Bank Charges, Newspapers, and Sundries	£350	0	0
Telephone, Postages, Renewals (Kitchen, Table Goods, etc.)	450	0	0

		800	0
Contingencies	200	0	0
Surplus Income over Expenditure	129	0	0

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