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Provincial Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nottinghamshire.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the ALBERT HALL INSTITUTE, NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday, 19th December, 1929.

PRESENT—

Provincial Grand Master:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G. (Past Grand Warden).

Deputy Provincial Grand Master:

THE VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER THE REV. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A., T.D. (Past Grand Chaplain).

And the following officers of PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE appointed 11th December, 1928.

Table with 3 columns: Officer Name, Name, Lodge No. and number. Lists various Masonic officers and their lodge affiliations.

There were also present:—

P.A.G.C.:

W. Bro. Rev. W. S. Hildesley.

A.G.D.C.:

W. Bro. C. W. Gowthorpe.

P.A.G.D.C.:

W. Bro. Jos. Cook, G. G. Bonser, T. Roberts, F. H. Starling, W. J. Furse and J. B. Wilson (Pr.G. Sec. Warwick).

P.Dep.G.S.B.

W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams, M.C. (Sec. R.M.B.I.).

P.Pr.G.W's.:

W. Bro. Sir A. E. Blake, J. T. Perry, H. Newbould, A. G. Mellors, W. Phillips, C. W. Tooley, E. G. Loverseed, F. T. Rushmer, T. Fisher, C. Hemsley, G. Marriott, J. A. Burrow, A. J. Payne, H. Tompkins, W. Shepherd, H. S. James and J. Garner (S. Ward).

P.Pr.G.C's.:

W. Bros. The Revs. C. Hillis, D. Jenks, J. E. Dalimore and C. D. Hart.

P.Pr.G.T's.:

W. Bros. A. Mather, G. Hill and W. Arlmore.

P.Pr.G.F's.:

W. Bros. G. T. Simpson and W. N. Park.

P.P.G.D.C's.:

W. Bros. A. Russell, J. Aldworth, E. H. George, J. C. Haller and F. W. Marsh.

P.Pr.G.D's.:

W. Bros. W. H. Drury, J. Bell, G. H. Blatherwick, J. G. Redgate, F. Rayner, J. S. Chelwhite, C. Lima, S. H. Newton, L. E. Button, F. H. Bacon, H. Jones, W. A. Marriott, E. D. Jackson, J. Lewin, A. Watts, W. Davis, H. J. Winkley, W. J. A. Hill, G. E. Butcher, R. A. Page, H. S. Ryde, L. C. B. Appleby, F. B. Sharp, B. Newbould, C. M. H. Thompson, C. E. Howitt, L. Jaques and B. Taylor.

P.Pr.G.S. of W's.:

W. Bros. F. M. Royle, J. A. Simons, W. Burn, A. E. Roe, J. Holroyd.

P.Pr.G.D.D.C's.:

W. Bros. T. Pattinson, A. E. Beal, W. K. Clarke, J. C. Coleman, J. T. Derrick and W. S. Ellis.

P.Pr.G.A.D.C's.:

W. Bros. W. James, A. E. Bishop, A. R. Tweedie, O. Lyon, G. W. Hart, G. W. Harris, L. Jones, A. E. Martin, W. T. Smith, J. W. Foster, J. C. Wilson, W. Massey, J. H. Clarke, H. F. N. Hine, H. Smith, R. W. Rainbow and F. H. Whetton.

P.Pr.G.Swd.B's.:

W. Bros. E. J. Laws, R. F. Hubble and F. W. Barnes.

P.Pr.G.Std.B's.:

W. Bros. J. W. P. Chambers, J. Keetley, H. Brewer, J. Stewart, H. Smith, W. H. May, J. W. Shaw and J. Dixon.

P.Pr.G.O's.:

W. Bros. G. Ryde, F. W. Christall and C. B. Doncaster.

P.Pr.G.P's. :

W. Bros. C. J. Hofton and S. H. Plattin.

P.Pr.G.A.P.

W. Bro. A. A. Hindley.

W.M's. :

W. Bros. H. Harris 47, T. A. M. Hill 402, F. W. Fraser 411, S. W. Pennington 939, E. R. Burton 1405, H. B. Fletcher 1434, G. E. Mellors 1435, W. H. Lester 1493, G. Walker 1661, R. B. Spencer 1794, F. W. Taylor 1802, E. G. Goldie 1852, H. T. Johnstone 1909, W. Boot 2302, J. Aked 2412, S. T. Rigley 2553, H. V. Hancock 2594, J. W. Morley 2890, C. A. Taylor 3106, F. Alcock 3219, E. L. Kent 3414, H. C. Prince 3416, Rev. H. Gorse 3441, F. Steel 3550, H. G. Maule 3570, W. A. Royce 3648, F. Spencer 3658, A. Marston 3734, W. Smith 3852, F. Stevenson 3916, F. G. Skerritt 3941, W. Hall 3943, E. A. Carver 3956, C. Marshall 3998, G. E. Goodall 4014, P. Price 4068, G. L. Morris 4316, J. E. Richards 4415, F. W. Coe 4467, P. B. Rushton 4753, A. F. Dearn 4907 and W. F. Hardy 4933.

P.M's. :

W. Bros. H. G. Clarke 47, Dr. G. Cole 402, G. Whetton, G. H. Wilshee, T. H. Flamwell and J. G. Rawson 939, H. Cox, A. Grey and F. B. Clarke 1405, R. G. Law and G. Meakin 1434, N. Barratt and W. Hill 1435, H. W. Smith, A. J. Wilson and J. E. Miller 1493, W. P. Woolfitt, H. Lamb, W. W. Ford and J. T. Harrison 1661, A. B. Gibson 1794, C. H. Lees and H. Morgan 1802, E. J. Mays, J. Wilson, H. F. Holloway and J. G. Poole 1909, F. C. Hull 2017, E. A. Chapman, E. J. Allson and E. Williamson 2302, W. Collins 2412, H. Oscroft, A. C. Cooke and A. S. Rigley 2553, T. A. Scotton 2594, J. H. Cooper and W. A. Phillips 2890, T. Griffiths and J. W. Freckleton 3106, A. R. Stevens and W. E. Sands 3219, C. D. Stevenson, F. W. Topham, W. Buxton and W. Warburton 3300, A. E. Sisling, C. W. Buckland and A. Stevens 3414, W. H. Warsop 3416, H. Brown, H. W. Mace and R. Bruce 3441, H. S. Freestone 3498, E. H. Jackson and W. P. Bryan 3550, W. E. Phillipps, A. G. Phillipps, J. H. Dunford and P. C. G. Bunn 3570, A. S. Banwell and E. G. Fellows 3595, E. E. Maule 3648, W. W. Warren 3658, C. R. Vickers 3734, E. W. Turpin, F. C. Bush and G. Burlinson 3852, C. Mitchell 3943, F. G. Harvey, H. Lowater, T. W. Smith and W. P. Woodston 3956, G. F. Godson and W. B. Sutherland 3998, C. J. Percival and J. J. Bowler 4014, W. Stokes Jr., 4068, A. Hall and E. J. Harris 4316, S. E. Baynes-Smith 4467.

Wardens :

Bros. T. Roberts Jr. 47, G. H. Fisher 939, W. E. White and E. Wragg 1405, L. Kirk 1434, C. R. Bavin and H. Preston 1435, T. A. Lacy 1661, W. J. Taylor 1852, F. V. Laws 2017, R. H. Ross and C. E. Faulconbridge 2302, J. T. Hodgson and J. J. Merrill 2412, A. R. Cuckson 2553, H. H. Hayes and F. L. Jones 2594, C. H. Newham 2890, R. E. Purdue 3300, S. J. Furse and F. Cook, 3414, C. M. Barton and A. E. Williamson 3416, H. J. Higgs 3441, G. A. Hancock 3498, G. Pycroft 3570, W. H. Carter 3648, H. W. Davis 3658, J. W. Haines 3734, W. E. Bramley 3852, S. S. Williams and A. L. Forster 3916, F. Forman and A. Impey 3943, H. Swithenbank 3956, T. Clough 3998, Rev. J. Millett 4014, T. Bowman 4068, P. W. Hobson and W. Bralesford 4316, H. Creasey and R. H. Mason 4415, S. Richmond 4907 and J. Irving 4933.

And 87 Master Masons signed the attendance book.

The Lodge was opened in due form at 3.10 p.m.

The Right Worshipful Bro. His Grace the Duke of Portland, P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master, was saluted in antient form with 7.

The Very Worshipful Bro. The Rev. H. T. Hayman, P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was saluted with 5.

Wor. Bros. Major Cecil Adams, P.D.G.Swd.B., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., F. E. Whitty, Rev. W. S. Hildesley, G. G. Bonser, F. H. Starling, T. Roberts, C. W. Gowthorpe and W. J. Furse, Officers and Past Officers of GL. were saluted with 3.

The roll of Pr.G.L. Officers was called. Four absentees had sent apologies.

The roll of W.Ms. of Lodges in the Province was called, all Lodges being represented.

The minutes of the last Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Nottingham on Tuesday, 11th December, 1928, having been circulated to every member of P.G.L., were taken as read and confirmed, on the proposition of W. Bro. W. J. Board, seconded by W. Bro. T. Roberts.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows :—

Brethren,

I should like to remind you that when we met a year ago, it was on the day that the Prince of Wales arrived back in England after his hurried journey home, during a time of national anxiety due to the very serious illness of His Majesty. I am sure we reverently and humbly thank the Great Architect of the Universe that His Majesty's health is so far re-established that the Prince is able to arrange to return to Africa to complete his work there, and we trust he will have an enjoyable time and return safe and well.

I am glad to be able to report that good progress is being made with the construction of the new Temple, and that the architect still holds to his original estimate, namely, that the whole structure will be completed within fifteen months from now, and I am sure you will also be pleased to hear that in addition to two lodge rooms and dining rooms, the plans include provision for a small lodge or chapter room with dining accommodation for forty persons.

The list of Provincial officers who have passed away during the past year is, happily, by no means as lengthy as has often been the case, but amongst those we have lost are several that it will indeed be difficult to replace.

Brother Walter Cowern—an old Cliftonian—was held in the highest esteem. Besides being the original founder of three lodges, namely The Rushcliffe, The Installed Masters and The Pax Magna, he was also very active in extending freemasonry in the collateral branches of our order. His honesty of purpose and charm of manner endeared him to everyone, and I well remember the very hearty reception you gave him when I appointed him Past Senior Warden a year ago.

Brother Percy Kettley was another brother who will be widely missed. An excellent expounder of the ritual, he was perfectly at home in any office, including Director of Ceremonies and Secretary—widely different although those duties are. He was a fine elocutionist, and his recitations were a most welcome feature of our after proceedings.

Brother J. T. Shardlow, of Worksop, had borne the heat and burden of the day, and was most highly esteemed. For many years he took the deepest interest in the work of the Benevolent and Educational Committee of which he was Vice-Chairman in 1927.

Probably owing to his very retiring disposition Brother J. W. Windley was not as widely known as others I have mentioned. A staunch churchman and an ardent mason, he lived an exemplary life, which unhappily closed just before the issue of this year's Calendar which contains his portrait.

The Reverend Brother, Canon F. J. Adams, who passed away so recently as the 9th day of this month, has left a gap both in the diocese of Derby and in Notts. Masonry.

After curacies at Holbrook, and Derby (St. Thomas), he became Vicar of the latter Parish in 1890.

In 1905 he was appointed Vicar of St. Michael's, Sutton-in-Ashfield, where he built the new nave and put in the East stained glass window amongst other good work.

He was appointed Rural Dean of Mansfield in 1909, and in the following year became Vicar of St. Peter's, Mansfield, where he remained till 1918.

From 1923 to 1927 he was actively engaged in organising the scheme for the division of the Southwell Diocese, on the completion of which he was appointed as the first Secretary of the new Board of Finance, of the Diocese of Derby, an appointment he held until his death.

He was a man of great activity, and of wonderful organising ability, and had a most attractive and engaging personality.

The Bishop of Derby described him a few days ago as a perfect Rural Dean.

And now brethren I'm glad to turn to a happier subject, and to congratulate heartily the Edwinstowe Lodge on having qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge, which means that its members have averaged ten guineas each to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

We now have two Hall-stone Lodges, and it is significant that one—the Hayman—is called after my highly esteemed Deputy, and the other after a former seat of his labours. A couple of months ago I had the pleasure of forwarding to him and his good wife your hearty congratulations upon the attainment of their Golden Wedding. Since then he has attained his 76th birthday, and we are delighted to have him with us to-day looking as well—and very nearly as young—as ever.

The period of service of the representative of our group on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge will terminate next June, and it becomes necessary to nominate a candidate to succeed him.

I am pleased to say that our neighbours in Derbyshire, who for some years have generously saved their right to this appointment, are now prepared with an excellent representative, and you will shortly be called upon to nominate our good friend, Worshipful Brother Brigadier General Walthall for that office.

It has pleased the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, to appoint two of our brethren to office in Grand Lodge, Brother C. W. Gowthorpe being made Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Brother W. J. Furse Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We especially appreciate these appointments, as they have been earned by good and faithful service, and if the Director of Ceremonies will conduct them to the dais at the close of my address, I shall be pleased to present them with their clothing.

And now, brethren, I have just one reminder to give you, namely, that in 1932 I am hoping to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to which we are enormously indebted for the substantial sums they are allowing each year to aged brethren and widows of free-masons of this province. It is up to each one of us to do his best to support this wonderful Institution, and I rely upon you to exert your utmost endeavours towards that end.

I should like to say how pleased I was to participate in the foundation of the new London Nottingham Lodge of which Brother The Honourable G. Monckton Arundell P.G.W., is the first master. He would have been here with us to-day but he is away on business of Grand Lodge in Edinburgh.

I am sure we all wish this new lodge the best of good fortune in the future. Its originator was Brother Sutherland, who also did most of the spade work in the preliminary proceedings and I shall to-day have the pleasure of appointing him to past rank in Provincial Grand Lodge.

And now, may I conclude my remarks by wishing you one and all a very joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master presented Grand Lodge clothing to W. Bros. C. W. Goytherpe and W. J. Furse on their appointments as A.G.F.C. and P.A.G.D.C. respectively.

W. Bro. G. G. Bonser proposed the nomination, as a candidate for election to the Board of General Purposes, 1930, of W. Bro. Brig-General E. G. W. D. Walthall, C.M.G., D.S.O., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire. "As you are all aware," Bro. Bonser said, "the governing body of the Craft is Grand Lodge. But Grand Lodge is composed of thousands of members and it is impossible for such a large body to legislate. The policy is to elect a Board of General Purposes, and this Board corresponds to the Cabinet in the Government. It is composed of the most distinguished brethren, who devote their time and talents to the detail work of the Craft. We are delighted to have the opportunity of nominating W. Bro. Brig-General Walthall to represent this Province along with the five other Provinces which constitute the Group.

Bro. F. B. Whitty seconded the proposition, and it was carried with acclamation.

On the proposition of Bro. A. E. Roe, seconded by Bro. A. G. Mellors, the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and approved, and he was complimented upon his excellent work. "One thing we recommend," said Bro. Roe, "and that is that any surplus funds over and above current requirements should be either invested or placed on deposit with a view to getting a better rate of interest. Another remark he should like to make, and that is with regard to the building scheme. In the present accounts you will see that a payment has been made to the Nottinghamshire Masonic Hall Co. of £20,000, in addition to the sum of £3,000 previously handed over, making £23,000 in all. Included in the amount

handed over is close upon £5,000 in capitation fees. Therefore only £18,000 of the £20,000 originally promised by the brethren has been paid in. I am requested to ask that the monies outstanding be paid in without delay.

The reports of the General Purposes Committee and of the Benevolent and Educational Committee were approved, on the proposition of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Bro. the Rev. W. S. Hildesley.

The reports of the Masters of the Province and that of the Prov. Grand Secretary were presented. The latter is attached hereto.

The R. Wor. Prov. Grand Master nominated W. Bros the Rev. E. St. J. Morse, J. Harrop White, and A. G. Mellors to represent Prov. Grand Lodge on the General Purposes Committee, and W. Bro. T. Roberts as representative on the Benevolent and Educational Committee.

W. Bro. C. Lynn, P.Pr.G.D. having been recommended by the Committee of General Purposes, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the nomination of the Prov. Grand Master, seconded by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master directed Bro. T. Roberts to take the Senior Warden's chair, Bro. F. H. Starling to take the Junior Warden's chair, and Bro. C. W. Gowthorpe to act as Pursuivant.

The retiring Prov. Grand Officers were ranged up in the North, and thanked by the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master for their services.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

OFFICERS 1929-30.

Senior Warden ...	Bro. Rev. W. S. Hildesley, P.Pr.G.Ch. ...	Lodge No.	1434	etc.
Junior Warden ...	Rev. J. E. Dallimore, P.Pr.G.Ch. ...	"	3734	3216
Chaplain	Rev. J. B. Fraser, P.Pr.G.Ch.	"	"	2998
Chaplain	Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, M.M.	"	"	402
Treasurer	C. Lymn, P.Pr.G.D.	"	"	3106 etc.
Registrar	E. W. Turpin, P.M.	"	"	3852
Secretary	F. B. Whitty, P.Pr.G.Sec.	"	"	2017 etc.
Director of Cers.	F. W. Barnes, P.Pr.G.Swd.B.	"	"	411
Senior Deacon ...	J. Keetley, P.Pr.G.Std.B.	"	"	47
Senior Deacon ...	C. J. Hofton, P.Pr.G.Purs.	"	3416	3916
Senior Deacon ...	H. Cox, P.M.	"	"	1405
Junior Deacon ...	R. E. Abbott, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	3441
Junior Deacon ...	R. D. Walker, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	3498
Junior Deacon ...	T. F. Revell, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	2890
Supt. of Works ...	F. Plumb, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	1435
Dep. Dir. of Cers.	E. E. Barks, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	2594
Asst. Dir. of Cers.	C. E. Jarvis, P.Pr.G.Swd.	"	"	4316
Asst. Dir. of Cers.	W. R. King, P.M.	"	"	3550
Asst. Dir. of Cers.	C. J. Perival, P.M.	"	"	4014
Asst. Dir. of Cers.	W. P. Woomitt, P.M.	"	"	1661
Sword Bearer ...	H. W. Smith, P.M.	"	"	1493
Stand Bearer ...	G. M. Willshee, P.M.	"	"	939
Stand Bearer ...	C. H. Bearder, P.M.	"	"	2017
Organist	J. W. Gray, M.M.	"	3570	3998
Asst. Secretary ...	H. B. E. Stevens, P.Pr.G.A.Sec. ...	"	"	3414
Pursuivant	E. A. Chapman, P.M.	"	"	2302
Asst. Pursuivant	W. Walters, M.M.	"	939	1802
Steward	A. B. Gibson, P.M.	"	"	1794
Steward	W. Collins, P.M.	"	"	2412
Steward	T. Griffiths, P.M.	"	"	3106
Steward	J. D. Stevenson, P.M.	"	"	3300
Steward	V. Boot, P.M.	"	"	4415
Steward	C. Buckley, P.M. 3055.	"	"	4467
Tyler	H. Walker, P.Pr.G.T.	"	"	

PAST RANK.

P.Pr.G.S.W.	Bro. S. H. Newton, P.Pr.G.D.	"	"	3570	3998
P.Pr.G.S.D.	E. E. Mawle, P.M.	"	"	3648	1852
P.Pr.G.S.D.	J. W. Sterland, P.M.	"	"	"	1802
P.Pr.G.S.D.	G. Whetton, P.M.	"	"	"	939
P.Pr.G.J.D.	F. G. Harvey, P.M.	"	"	3570	3956
P.Pr.G.J.D.	W. B. Sutherland, P.M.	"	"	"	3998

The Prov. Grand Secretary announced that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had sanctioned, and the Prov. Grand Master had given thereto his approval that Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, should henceforward be saluted in due form.

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, were accordingly saluted with 3.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said: I would like to remind the brethren of what the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master pointed out just now, that he hopes to go up in 1932 to preside at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We in this Province have been drawing £1,500 a year from the funds of that wonderful institution, so it goes without saying we shall make a tremendous attempt to do well in 1932. I particularly wish to urge that brethren will qualify themselves as Stewards, at any rate as far as possible, and that we shall have a record number of ladies who will go up as stewardesses. I am permitted by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master to say that the Duchess of Portland will lead the ladies on that occasion (applause). It is a fact—and we were reminded of it at the consecration of the London-Nottinghamshire Lodge recently by the Grand Secretary—that in 1909, when our Prov. Grand Master presided at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we had a record subscription list for the number of lodges we then had, the Duchess of Portland presided in one of the rooms at the dinner. That has been without precedent. I haven't the slightest doubt the Duchess will do the same in 1932, so get your wives and daughters and sisters to rally round her on that occasion. There is another thing I want to mention. After the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge last year a number of brethren said they would like to give various articles of furniture for the new Temple when it was completed. A good many things were promised. There will be a list put up somewhere in our Prov. Grand Lodge premises setting forth the things required, and stating that the names of the donors will be recorded on a little plate and attached to each of the articles of furniture given. The important thing is that brethren shall see their way to present some articles of furniture because it will be a very great help indeed, and save a good deal of money to Prov. Grand Lodge when the new premises are opened.

There being no further business the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master closed Provincial Grand Lodge in due form at 4.45 p.m., after which the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Table shewing the state of Freemasonry in the Province for the year 1928-9

No.	Lodge.	On Books 30th June, 1928.	Initiated.	Joined.	Resigned.	Died.	Excluded.	On Books 30th June 1929	Increase.	Decrease.	P.Ms.	Members.	In arrears to P.G. Lodgee.	Donations to Charities			
														R.M.I.B.	R.M.I.G.	R.M.B.I.	Notts. B. & E. Fund
47	Newstead	100	1	2	2	...	1	100	...	...	27	73	6	...	...	...	26
402	Royal Sussex	36	...	...	1	2	...	33	...	3	16	17	...	...	...	...	16
411	Commercial	47	1	1	...	...	...	49	2	...	21	28	1	...	...	...	10½
939	Pelham	94	5	...	...	...	1	97	3	...	23	74	12	83	...	...	21
1405	Southwell	78	3	...	...	2	1	78	...	...	16	62	1	...	...	...	21½
1434	Nottinghamshire	59	1	4	...	1	1	62	3	...	25	37	3	...	118½	10½	10½
1435	Annesley	68	1	...	1	1	1	66	...	2	16	50	8	...	21	...	16
1493	Robin Hood	78	5	...	3	1	1	78	...	...	18	60	4	...	...	...	10½
1661	Newton	78	2	1	...	1	...	80	2	...	20	60	6	10½	...	...	10½
1794	De Vere	54	3	2	1	...	2	56	2	...	21	35	1	...	...	...	26
1802	Vernon	74	7	2	3	1	...	79	5	...	21	58	...	...	...	...	...
1852	Forest	86	3	1	1	...	...	89	3	...	36	53	...	...	...	...	...
1909	Carnarvon	63	1	1	...	...	2	63	...	...	19	44	...	...	...	...	26
2017	Duke of Portland	47	1	...	1	2	1	44	...	3	18	26	2	...	...	...	10½
2302	St. Mary's	85	2	...	1	1	...	85	...	...	24	61	12	...	...	...	16
2412	Ashfield	84	2	...	3	...	4	79	...	5	18	57	...	...	...	...	21
2553	Rufford	67	1	3	...	1	...	70	3	...	20	56	...	...	...	...	25
2594	Old Priory	65	2	...	...	2	...	65	...	...	17	48	...	...	...	...	16
2890	Welbeck	92	4	...	2	1	1	92	...	...	26	66	5	...	...	...	16
3106	Thoresby	64	2	2	1	...	...	67	3	...	21	46	2	...	...	...	21
3219	Castle	68	2	...	2	...	1	67	...	1	21	46	...	10½	...	...	...
3300	Pinner	71	2	1	3	1	...	70	...	1	15	55	...	...	...	...	10½
3414	Hayman	55	...	1	...	1	...	55	...	...	19	36	3	...	...	...	16
3416	Bentnck	68	3	...	1	...	...	70	2	...	18	52	3	...	...	...	10½
3441	Magnus	33	1	...	1	...	...	33	...	...	15	18	...	...	...	...	17
3498	Dame Agnes Mellers	42	3	1	2	1	...	43	1	...	16	27	3	...	...	...	15½
3550	M. of Titchfield	59	1	...	1	...	2	57	...	2	17	40	1	...	...	...	5
3570	Duchess of Portland	84	1	1	...	1	...	84	1	...	20	65	3	...	...	...	21
3595	Notts. I. Masters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3648	Broxtowe	58	1	...	1	...	...	58	...	...	24	34	...	...	...	...	...
3658	Rushcliffe	81	5	...	...	...	...	87	6	...	16	71	4	...	...	...	...
3734	Hemlock Stone	69	3	...	2	...	...	70	1	...	16	54	2	10½	...	...	10½
3852	Le Willows	60	3	1	...	...	...	63	3	...	12	51	...	...	236	...	10½
3916	Pax Magna	66	2	2	4	1	...	65	...	1	18	47	...	...	...	...	10½
3941	Nottm. Rotary	44	3	1	1	...	...	47	3	...	15	32	...	79	...	...	21
3943	West Bideford	60	2	...	...	...	...	62	2	...	13	49	...	...	...	...	11½
3956	Sherwood	55	6	...	2	...	2	57	2	...	11	46	1	...	...	...	21
3998	Edwinstowe	61	2	...	4	...	...	59	...	2	13	46	4	...	...	...	10½
4014	Byron	64	3	...	...	1	...	66	2	...	14	52	...	...	...	...	10½
4068	United Service	50	3	...	1	1	1	50	...	...	21	29	1	10½	10½	21	16
4316	St. Giles	66	1	...	...	...	...	67	1	...	15	52	3	...	...	...	10½
4415	Nottm. Munia	52	2	...	1	...	...	53	1	...	15	38	...	...	...	...	10½
4467	St. Peter Fratres	47	2	...	1	1	...	47	...	...	10	37	...	...	...	...	...
4743	Clifton	27	4	...	...	...	...	31	4	...	10	21	1	...	...	...	10½
4907	Porchester	34	7	...	...	...	...	41	7	...	2	39	...	...	...	...	10½
4933	Trent	28	4	2	1	...	...	33	5	...	5	28	...	...	...	...	10½
		2821	114	29	49	25	22	2868	67	20	794	2074	84	204	150	267½	600*

Notts. B. and E. Fund.—Donations not included in the above are, Notts. Masonic Golfing Association £156, Notts. Masonic Bowling Association £120, Wingfield R. C. Chapter £3, Bassetlaw Mark Lodge £6.

The small contributions to the three great charities afford evidence that the lodges throughout the province are conserving their support for the 1932 festival of the R. M. B. I.

It will be noticed that this year the Le Willows Lodge holds pride of place.

The support given to our excellent B. and E. fund is a happy feature in the year's work.

Prior to the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the Officers of Grand Lodge and the present and incoming Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge lunched together at the Victoria Hotel. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by Very Wor. Bro. the Rev. H. T. Hayman, M.A. (Deputy Provincial Grand Master), W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams, P.D.G.Swd.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., W. Bro. J. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., etc.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master proposed the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured, and then the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., this toast also being most cordially received.

"Before proceeding further with the toast list" the R.W. Prov. Grand Master said, "I desire to read a letter received from W. Bro. W. F. Bromley, P.A.G.D.C. :—

(The letter dated 19th December, 1929, stated that it was written on the 55th anniversary of W. Bro. Bromley's initiation in the Royal Sussex Lodge. He desired to send hearty fraternal greetings to all his brethren in the province and to thank them for the courtesy and consideration they had at all times extended to him so that never for one moment had he had reason to regret joining the ranks of Freemasonry).

"This letter," proceeded the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, "is written from the Grosvenor Nursing Home, Forest Road, and I am sure I shall be only following your wishes in saying we welcome the kind letter we have received from him, and we trust the state of his health will soon improve so that he may leave the nursing home he is now in.

There is another matter I should like to refer to, and that is the presence here, as our honoured and very welcome guest to-day, of W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I assure you, my brother, we most cordially welcome you, and we are very much honoured by your presence. In due course I shall call upon my Deputy Provincial Grand Master to propose a toast, but before doing so I desire on your behalf and certainly on my own behalf, to congratulate him in his presence—I have already done so by letter—on the achievement of the jubilee of his wedding (applause). I congratulate him and assure him not only of our respect, but more than that, of our sincere affection, and trust that for many years to come he will fill the responsible position which he now occupies. And I thank him very much indeed for all the personal assistance he has given me, and the kindness and affection which he has shown me (applause). I am sure you would not like me to omit to give you the chance of drinking his very good health, and I will now ask you to do so."

The toast was honoured with much enthusiasm.

The Very Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said : " I must first of all thank you most sincerely, Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, for your kind reference to my golden wedding. I can assure you this golden wedding has brought out more sentiments of affection and goodwill than I could possibly have believed anybody had towards another individual. Therefore I am very thankful we have been able to have a golden wedding. I thank you for your kind reference to it, and for what you have said about myself. Now I have the pleasure of proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities. You know very well, brethren, that our Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master is hoping to go up to preside at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1932, and we are all hoping to accompany him on that occasion. I am very glad that we have with us to-day W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams, the secretary of that splendid institution. When our Prov. Grand Master went up to preside at its festival in 1909 we created a record for the amount of money we took up, having regard to the number of our Lodges and the number of our Stewards; whether we shall create a record in 1932 is another matter. We have 46 Lodges at the present time, and I do hope we shall have a large number of ladies who will go up as Stewardesses, or at any rate qualify as such. It would be a fine thing if we could make a record in that respect. This is not a time for long speeches, and I therefore give you the toast of " Our Masonic Charities, " and especially the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and I couple with it the name of W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams.

W. Bro. Major Cecil Adams, in responding, said : Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, there are many things I have to thank you for, and I must first say how much I appreciate the words you used regarding myself a few moments ago. Then the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed the toast so very heartily that I must thank him; and you brethren I must thank for the reception you have given to it. I can't believe that in these days Masonry in this country would be what it is without these great charitable institutions. The work which they do takes a real load off the provinces and off the lodges. We are doing work in helping these old people and their sons and daughters which really could not be done without institutions such as these. We are able to give these old people up to £68 a year each, and when you realise we have on our books nearly 1900 of them you will see what a tremendous sum is being spent in these annuities. As a matter of fact that sum is just over £100,000 every year, and as only about 25 per cent. of that comes to us from guaranteed income you will appreciate what a large sum we have to come to the Craft for every year. Three-fourths of the £100,000 comes to us by purely voluntary donations. And it is when the brethren

undertake to support our institution at the annual festival that we are able to get the funds we need. In this Province of Nottinghamshire we are helping quite a number of old people who have been recommended by your Lodges. There are now eight brethren and 18 widows receiving annuities, and we are paying them just over £1,500 every year. We want to carry on the good work of the institution. We don't want to find that the necessary funds are not forthcoming, and have to say to these old people, "There is not enough to go round; you must wait until next year," or to say "We haven't enough money to pay the £68 and we shall have to reduce the amount of the annuity. Brethren, £68 a year is not too much for anyone. I am glad to be able to express to you, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, our gratitude for your decision to take the chair at our festival in 1932. My Committee, having in view possibly the great achievement of the Province in 1909, were most enthusiastic and very grateful when they heard of this decision, and we are looking forward to a record result on that occasion. I am glad your Deputy Prov. Grand Master made the suggestion he did about ladies as stewards. Some of you may like to bring Lewises as stewards. The other day I had the name of a Lewis given to me as steward when he was only two days old! I don't suppose your Province will bring many stewards of that age, but Lewises we shall always welcome. May I again express my grateful thanks for the reception you have given to the toast, and wish you all the compliments of the season.

The V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master said: I have a most important toast to propose which I know will be received with the greatest possible heartiness and goodwill, and that is the health of our Provincial Grand Master (applause). I think it is known to most of you that on the 7th of this month he completed 50 years as Duke of Portland. On that occasion I ventured to send on your behalf, and also on my own a letter to our Prov. Grand Master congratulating him most heartily on that very happy event. And I was able to say—and I was only speaking what every brother knows to be an absolute fact—that from the very beginning he has acted up to the responsibilities of his office in a marvellous degree. And that fact has had its effect upon this city and upon the county of Nottingham so that they are thankful that he occupies the position he does, and has occupied it for so many years; and all that time he has realised and understood and acted up to the great responsibilities of that high office (applause). Now I hope I didn't go beyond what every brother feels in his inmost heart in trying to make him understand my own feelings for him. I went into the neighbourhood five years after he came to Welbeck and I know from experience what we thought about him there and I know what you think about him all through this county and especially what we Masons think of

him in this Province. I told him all that, and he replied that he and the Duchess—who I had said had helped him all through so splendidly—were touched by, and thankful for, the goodwill and all the expressions of kindness which I was able to give him on behalf of the brethren of our Province. I ask you to drink to his health with the greatest possible heartiness.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was enthusiastically cheered, said: I am really and truly more touched than I can say by the kind manner in which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master has proposed to you my health. I am still more touched, if that were possible, by the kind allusion which he has made to my dear wife. When I look back over the very considerable period which has passed since I first came to live in Nottinghamshire I, of course, observe very many changes in almost everything in life. Some of those changes I am glad to think for the mass of the people have been advantageous changes; on the other hand perhaps some of these changes have not been quite so advantageous. I myself during those 50 years have in every way experience a great deal of change. But there is, I am glad to think, one thing, in which I certainly have not changed, in fact I may say I have increased, and that is in my interest in Masonry, and in everything that appertains to it. And the most important thing which I think appertains to it is the goodwill and benevolence which we desire to show not only to our brother Masons, but also to our fellow men, poor and rich alike. Our Deputy Prov. Grand Master has been so good as to refer to the fact that in 1932, if we are still alive, I am to have the great honour once again of presiding at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London, and W. Bro. Major Adams has referred to the fact that on the last occasion I presided at that festival a record subscription was announced. I trust that every brother in this Province, the ladies and the Lewises—I don't think we can bring a Lewis up much younger than the one mentioned by Bro. Adams—will do their best so that we may make a great success of the festival. I have received many kind messages of congratulation on attaining my jubilee. I received more than a hundred telegrams that day and I did my best to answer them all, I was very deeply and sincerely touched by the good feelings they all expressed. I always like to look upon the humorous side as well as upon the serious side of things, and I must tell you that one of the telegrams touched me deeply in regard to the way it was worded. It said "Many, many happy returns of the day." I sent a reply expressing thanks for the message and ventured to sign myself "good old Methuselah" (laughter and applause).

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Apologies for absence were received from:—

R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Hon. G. Monckton-Arundell, D.S.O., O.B.E., P.G.W.

R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. C. F. Oliver, T.D., P.G.D., Pr.G.M. Leicester and Rutland.

R.W. Bro. Sir Colville Smith, C.V.O., G.S.

W. Bro. T. Kitwood, J.P., P.G.D., Deputy Prov.G.M., Lincs.

W. Bro. R. P. F. W. Simpson, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., Cambridge.

W. Bro. Brig. General E. C. Walthall, C.M.G., D.S.O., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., Derby.

W. Bro. G. F. Wilkinson, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., Northants and Hants.

W. Bro. Rev. E. St. J. Morse, M.A., P.A.G.Ch.

W. Bro. J. Russell Frears, J.P., P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland.

W. Bro. R. C. Minton, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Secy., Lincs.

W. Bro. W. F. Bromley, P.A.G.D.C.

W. Bro. J. Harrop White, P.A.G.D.C.

W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.A.G.D.C.

W. Bro. C. Butler, P.G.Std.B.

W. Bro. Captain B. A. Mallinder, Prov.G.Sec., Derby.

Commander E. B. Ophant, R.N., Pr.G.Sec., Derby.

P.Pr.G.'s.

W. Bros. A. Aldam, J. G. Spindle, G. A. Robinson, E. P. Bartlett, W. J. Abel, H. W. Heppenstall, E. H. Spalding, R. A. M. Webster, E. Horton, W. Stokes, Dr. G. S. O'Rourke and J. A. Chisholm.

P.Pr.G.C's.

W. Bros. W. H. Harding and C. D. Gordon.

Pr.G.Tr. :

W. Bro. A. McCulloch.

P.Pr.G.Tr. :

W. Bros. C. G. Budden and H. P. Job.

P.Pr.G.R's. :

W. Bros. H. S. Shacklock, J. W. Hind and W. Gamble.

P.Pr.G.D.C's. :

W. Bros. J. Ashworth, A. C. Huthwaite, W. P. Buckland and C. H. Lawton.

Pr.G.D.

W. Bro. T. Thompson.

P.Pr.G.D. :

W. Bros. T. A. Watford, H. R. Telford, F. Whitt, E. F. Brooks, T. W. Ward, T. A. Hill, F. Bradley, J. Hussey, W. H. Clarke, R. S. Earp, J. N. Derbyshire, J. R. Lee, A. Mather, A. Lane, C. W. Long, A. Briggs, J. T. Richards, E. H. Hewlett, W. J. Kent, J. Terry, W. Hollingworth, A. A. Kidson, C. T. Smith, F. Spencer, T. P. Myers and R. J. Dexter.

Pr.G.S. of W's. :

W. Bro. H. A. Bennett.

P.Pr.G.S. of W's. :

W. Bros. A. C. Vallance, H. C. Sheldon and R. J. Milner.

P.Pr.G.D.D.C's.

W. Bros. G. A. Lacy, W. H. Knapp, E. Soar, R. Bavin, J. W. Harding and H. E. Branston.

P.Pr.G.A.D.C's. :

W. Bros. W. J. Hodgson, J. Rawson, E. Voce, F. T. Ward, R. I. Derry and R. P. Keyworth.

P.Pr.G.Swd.B. :

W. Bros. J. W. Marchant, W. H. Perry, H. H. Price and A. Goodall,

P.Pr.G.Std.B. :

W. Bros. J. King, J. Bramley and E. E. Cave.

P.Pr.G.O's.

W. Bros. C. E. Pinder, J. C. Gisborne, and Bros. A. E. Richards and C. Doncaster.

P.A.G.Sec. :

W. Bro. A. C. Howard.

P.Pr.G.P's. :

W. Bros. M. Stone and A. Stone.

Pr.G.A.P. :

W. Bro. A. A. Aiken.

P.Pr.G.A.P. :

W. Bro. J. E. Harding.

W.M's. :

W. Bro. H. G. Chapman 3498.

P.M's. :

W. Bros. G. Cole 402, R. Edwards 1434, F. W. Shaw 1435, H. H. Brewer 1794, J. W. Sterland 1802, F. W. Stanley and J. Strachan 2412, C. A. Hemsley 3498, W. B. Cooke, B. Martin and T. C. Thorpe 3658, B. C. Whitty 3916, W. Stokes, Jr., 4068.

Wardens :

Bros. G. T. Branston 3441, G. Birch 3498, W. Thompson 3648, E. Lee 3852.