

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE



GRAND LODGE OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Right Wor. Bro. GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Westfield, Metchley Lane,
Barborne,
Birmingham,

6th October, 1922.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By Command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I hereby give you notice that the next Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Public Hall, Evesham, on Saturday, the 21st day of October next, at 2.5 p.m., and hereby summon you, and such Brethren of your Lodge as are members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be then and there present, that your Lodge may be duly represented.

The attendance of Brethren of this and other Provinces, being Master Masons, is cordially invited. In order to obtain entrance, the Admission Slip must be properly signed.

Yours faithfully,

M. A. Ernest Payne, P.A.D.C. Eng.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

BUSINESS to be transacted at the Meeting is stated on the Agenda subjoined.
DRESS - Black Morning Coats, Dark Trousers, and White Gloves, or Uniform.

A LUNCHEON will be served in the Masonic Hall, Evesham, at 1.15 p.m., at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside.

The Ticket price 5/- each, excluding Wine, must be applied for on enclosed form not later than Friday, October 13th. There will be no banquet after the Meeting.

TEA and LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided after P.G. Lodge Meeting by the Brethren of the "Abbot Lichfield" Lodge, No. 3308, in the Town Hall.

* Provincial Grand Officers unable to attend are requested to forward their JEWELS, and Provincial Grand Stewards their CLOTHING and JEWELS, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

*A Craft Lodge will be opened in three degrees by the Master and Officers of the
" Abbot Lichfield " Lodge, No. 3308, at 2.20 p.m.*

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers will enter the Lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in due form at 2.45 p.m.

Business :

- To read the Summons convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
- To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at King's Heath on the 23rd of October, 1921.
- To confirm the Minutes of Especial Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge holden at Worcester on the 29th of January, 1922.
- To receive apologies for absence.
- To receive the Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of Masonry in the Province.
- To receive a brief statement from the Master of each Lodge in the Province concerning the work of his Lodge during the past year and any facts of interest relating thereto.
- To receive the Audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and if approved to adopt the same.
- To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- To receive the report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund.
- To receive the report of the Charity Committee enclosed herewith.
- To propose that the nomination of Candidates to receive Out Education from the R.M.I. for Girls and the authority to give the necessary undertaking required by the Rules be vested in the Worcester Masonic Charities Organisation.
- To elect the Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organisation.
- To receive the report of the Library and Museum Committee enclosed herewith.
- To receive report *re* permanent Memorial to Brethren who served in the War.
- To receive report concerning the Masonic Million Memorial Scheme.
- To make a collection for a charitable purpose.
- To call the muster roll of the Lodges.
- At the request of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to consider the proposal now before Grand Lodge to make such alterations in Rule 11 as will empower the M. W. Grand Master to hold the September Meeting of Grand Lodge in such place as may from time to time be determined by the Grand Master.
- To nominate a candidate for election to the Board of General Purposes (B.C. 255b.).
- To elect a representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint one Member of the General Committee under By-law No. 6.
- To elect two Brethren to serve on General Committee under By-law No. 6.
- To receive Fees of Honour from Provincial Grand Officers.
- The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint and invest his Officers.
- The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint place for holding the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.
- To transact any other business that may arise for the good of the Order in general or of this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular.
- To close Provincial Grand Lodge.

*It is particularly requested that you fill up the enclosed form and forward it with remittance
not later than Friday, October 13th.*

*Seats will be numbered, and reserved for those only who make this application, as
the accommodation is limited.*

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1921-1922.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|---|-------------|----------|----------|
| Fees of Honour | 36 | 4 | 6 | Tying Fees | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| Lodge Dues | 177 | 12 | 0 | Rent to September 29th, 1922 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Sale of Calendars—Arrears | 19 | 1 | 0 | Associated Province Subscription | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Advertisement in Calendars—Arrears | 1 | 1 | 0 | Museum and Library Fund | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Hope and Charity Lodge re Stone Laying Ceremony, Whittall Chapel | 15 | 0 | 0 | Insurance of Museum Contents | 2 | 11 | 6 |
| Registration Fees | 9 | 3 | 0 | Transferred to Reserve Fund | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Dispensations | 9 | 3 | 0 | Printing and Stationery | 43 | 10 | 3 |
| Sale of Bye-laws | 9 | 3 | 0 | Postages and Sundries | 6 | 12 | 1 |
| | | | | Expenses of Charity Organization | 18 | 2 | 9 |
| | | | | Dispensations from Grand Lodge | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | Grant to Provincial War Memorial Fund | 39 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | Transferred to Benevolent Fund | 93 | 8 | 1 |
| | <u>£258</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>6</u> | | <u>£258</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>6</u> |

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|---|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Balance from last year | 95 | 8 | 7 | Paid to Moseley Convalescent Home | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| Collection at P.G.L. | 21 | 13 | 5 | Grant to Widow, Lodge 498 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Bank Interest to June 30th, 1922 | 2 | 8 | 0 | Do. do. 560 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Transferred from Management Fund | 53 | 8 | 1 | Do. do. 560 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | <u>£213</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> | Balance at Bank | 150 | 12 | 9 |
| | | | | | <u>£213</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>9</u> |

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RESERVE FUND.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------------|----------|----------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Balance from last year | 42 | 18 | 1 | Cash in Bank | 59 | 3 | 5 |
| Transferred from Management Fund | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Dividend on War Loan | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 5 | 4 | | | | |
| | <u>£59</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>5</u> | | <u>£59</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Also invested in War Loan | 95 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

MASONIC MILLION MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Balance from last year | 80 | 11 | 2 | Paid Grand Lodge | 90 | 2 | 0 |
| Donation from W. Bro. H. P. HOYLE ('Page' Lodge) | 10 | 10 | 0 | Do. | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Bank Interest | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| | <u>£92</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> | | <u>£92</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1921-1922—continued.

PROVINCIAL WAR RECORD AND MEMORIAL FUND—COMPLETE STATEMENT.

| | | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|--|------|----|----|--|-----|----|----|------------|
| By Donations of £10 10s. od. each from the following Lodges (21): Harmonic, Worcester, Hope and Charity, Royal Standard, Semper Fidelis, Vernon, Perseverance, Royds, Lechmere Volunteer, Masefield, Godson, St. Laurence, Stechford, Abbot Lichfield, Page, Avon, Wyche, Campbell, St. Marys, Kings Norton, and St. Werstans | | 220 | 10 | 0 | To Paid Costs of Memorial | 253 | 15 | 0 | |
| „ Donation of £5 5s. od. each from 4 Lodges: St. Michaels, Arter, Mystic Quest, and Kings Heath | | 21 | 0 | 0 | „ Design | 3 | 13 | 6 | |
| „ Pro Patria Lodge | | 3 | 3 | 0 | „ Oak Frame | 4 | 17 | 0 | |
| „ Bank Interest | | 1 | 18 | 7 | „ Photos | 9 | 4 | 8 | |
| „ Grant from P.G.L. | | 39 | 3 | 4 | „ Honorarium and Assistance—Bro. Raeband | 2 | 13 | 3 | |
| | | | | | „ Secretary's Postages, &c. | 7 | 19 | 0 | |
| | | | | | „ Fixing Memorial | 3 | 12 | 6 | |
| | | £285 | 14 | 11 | | | | | £285 14 11 |

Audited and found correct and Securities produced.

C. D. EATON, P. G. Std. Br. Eng.
THOS. MASON, P.P.S.G.W.

E. T. GOODMAN,
Prov. G. Treasurer.

WAR RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT.

| | | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------|--|------|----|----|----------------------------------|-----|----|----|-----------|
| Balance from last year | | 171 | 17 | 7 | By Grants in Relief | 55 | 12 | 10 | |
| Interest: | | | | | Balance as per Pass Book | 182 | 8 | 1 | |
| War Loan— | | | | | | | | | |
| December, 1921 | | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| June, 1922 | | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | 50 | | | | | |
| War Bonds— | | | | | | | | | |
| October, 1921 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| April, 1922 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Interest— | | | | | | | | | |
| December, 1921 | | 2 | 5 | 1 | | | | | |
| June, 1922 | | 1 | 18 | 7 | | | | | |
| | | | | 4 | | | | | |
| | | £238 | 0 | 11 | | | | | £238 0 11 |

Audited and found correct and Securities produced.

T. MASON, P.P.G.W.

R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C. ENG.,

September 2nd, 1922.

Provincial Grand Secretary.

| | | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|--|------|----|----|---------------------------------------|-----|---|----|------------|
| Bank Credit Balances: | | | | | Investments, at cost: | | | | |
| Benevolent Account | | 150 | 12 | 9 | Prov. Grand Lodge 5% War Loan | 95 | 0 | 0 | |
| Reserve Account | | 59 | 3 | 5 | War Relief Fund 5% War Loan | 950 | 0 | 0 | |
| War Relief Fund | | 182 | 8 | 1 | Do. do. 4% War Bonds | 300 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | £392 | 4 | 3 | | | | | £1,345 0 0 |

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

ANNUAL MEETING

HOLDEN AT THE PARISH HALL, HIGH STREET, KING'S HEATH, ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 22ND, 1921.

Present—

The Right Worshipful Brother General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.C.D. Eng.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER IN THE CHAIR; and

The Worshipful Brother William Thomas Page, P.C.D. Eng.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

supported by Grand Lodge Officers, Visitors, and a large number of Officers (Present and Past)
and Brethren of Worcestershire.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer.

The Summons convening the Meeting was taken as read.

The Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting, held at Kidderminster on October 23rd, 1920, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Apologies were announced from the Provincial Grand Masters of Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire and from a number of other distinguished Brethren.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master expressed his great pleasure at being present, and stated that owing to strikes which took place in September, 1919, and October, 1920, this was the first annual Meeting at which he had been able to preside since his Installation. He extended a very cordial welcome to V.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon C. W. BARNARD, P.G. Chap. Eng., D.P. Grand Master of Warwickshire; and to W. Bro. Geo. S. KENT, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P. Grand Master of Staffordshire.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master announced that W. Bro. S. S. SOMERS, P.P.G.W., had alone been nominated in Grand Lodge for the Office of Grand Treasurer next year, and extended to him very hearty congratulations.

The Provincial Grand Secretary (W. Bro. R. A. ERNEST PAYNE) read his report on the state of Masonry in the Province as follows:—

The returns from the various Lodges, dated December 1919, shewed that there were 1354 subscribing Brethren in the Province. During the year ending December 1920 this number was decreased by 77 deaths and resignations, and increased by 167 Initiations and Joining Members, which brought the number to 1444.

The number returned by the Masters to-day is 1500.

In these returns, due allowance must be made for a number of Brethren whose names appear as members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

On Friday the 7th of January, 1921, the Pro Patria Lodge No. 4144 was duly consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Institute Road, King's Heath, by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master,

General Sir FRANCIS DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D., who appointed the following Brethren as Consecrating Officers to assist him :

| | | |
|--|----|--------|
| W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, Prov. S.G.W. | as | S.W. |
| „ C. J. HOLDER, Prov. J.G.W. | „ | J.W. |
| Bro. Rev. A. J. STOCKHAM, Prov. G. Chap. | „ | Chap. |
| W. Bro. R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, Prov. G. Sec. | „ | Sec. |
| „ G. R. GRIFFIN, Prov. G.D.C. | „ | D.C. |
| „ W. E. MEGGESON, Prov. G.A.D.C. | „ | A.D.C. |
| „ G. W. BLANDFORD, Prov. G. Org. | „ | Org. |
| „ E. A. C. PHIPPS, Prov. G. Purs. | „ | I.G. |

At the close of the Ceremony W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, D.P. Grand Master, took the Chair and installed W. Bro. W. B. HAMMOND as the first Master according to antient custom.

The Founders of the Lodge numbered 16.

Prior to the Consecration ceremony a luncheon took place, presided over by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master.

On Saturday, July 23rd, 1921, an especial Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was holden in the Chantry attached to the Parish Church of S. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster. At the request of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon L. B. SLADEN, and in the unavoidable absence of the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, laid the Foundation Stone of the Whittall Chapel (the gift of Rt. W. Bro. MATTHEW J. WHITTALL, a native of Kidderminster and now Director of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A.), assisted by the Rt. Rev. and Very Worshipful Prother the Lord Bishop of Worcester, P.G. Chap., and Officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, with full Masonic Ceremonial.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Chair appointed W. Bro. GEORGE WM. GROSVENOR, P.P.G.W., to act as D. Prov. Grand Master for the occasion.

The W. Masters made brief statements concerning the work of their Lodges during the past year.

The audited accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer (W. Bro. F. T. GOODMAN) were received and adopted.

No nomination having been received for the Office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. F. T. GOODMAN was duly re-elected to the Office.

The Prov. Grand Secretary presented the accounts of the War Relief Fund, which were received and adopted.

The printed Report of the Charity Committee was taken as read, received and adopted.

On the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, W. Bro. PERRY was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organisation.

The printed Report of the Library and Museum Committee was taken as read, received and adopted.

W. Bro. C. D. EATON gave a report concerning the permanent Memorial to Brethren who served in the War, stating that the total cost would be about £300. The printed accounts shewed that £99 16s. 11d. had been received up to September 28th, from the Lodges mentioned therein, but it was anticipated that when all donations had been paid in a sum not exceeding £60 would still be required.

It was hoped that the work would be completed by the end of December, and that the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master would be able to perform the unveiling ceremony.

On the proposition of W. Bro. C. D. EATON, seconded by W. Bro. JAMES JONES, P.G.St.Br. Eng., a sum not exceeding £60 was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to make up any shortage in the subscriptions from the Lodges for the purpose.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer gave his report upon the Masonic Million Memorial Fund as follows :

The Pro Patria Lodge has qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge.

Fourteen other Lodges have promised support, averaging five guineas per Member or thereabouts.

Two Lodges have appointed collectors, but have given no information of the result yet.

Four Lodges have the matter still under consideration.

Three Lodges have not yet replied.

Three Lodges are not supporting the scheme.

In addition to the amounts appearing in the audited accounts, the following sums have been sent direct to Grand Lodge :—from Stability, £304 10s. 0d. ; Perseverance, £72 9s. 0d. ; Royds, £53 os. 6d. ; and from Lechmere, £72.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master considered the position as revealed by the report somewhat unsatisfactory, and on his request W. Bro. C. D. EATON (acting Prov. G.I.W.) made a very lucid statement upon the subject, explaining in detail the inadequacy of the accommodation in the present ' Home of English Freemasonry ' in Great Queen Street, London, and also the necessary conditions to be fulfilled in order that a Lodge may qualify as a ' Hall Stone ' Lodge.

A collection was made which amounted to £22 13s. 5d. This was ordered to be made up to Thirty Guineas and given to the Convalescent Hospital for Children at Mosley Hall.

The muster roll was called and declared as follows :—

| | | | | | |
|------|------------------|----|------|-----------------|----|
| 252 | Harmonic | 21 | 2724 | S. Laurence | 12 |
| 280 | Worcester | 5 | 3185 | Stechford | 13 |
| 377 | Hope and Charity | 12 | 3308 | Abbot Richfield | 4 |
| 498 | Royal Standard | 13 | 3378 | Page | 4 |
| 529 | Semper Fidelis | 5 | 3561 | Arden | 12 |
| 560 | Vernon | 13 | 3558 | Wyche | 3 |
| 564 | Stability | 7 | 3642 | Campbell | 16 |
| 573 | Perseverance | 16 | 3863 | King's Heath | 26 |
| 1097 | S. Michael's | 5 | 3873 | Mystic Quest | 8 |
| 1204 | Royds | 6 | 3879 | S. Mary's | 3 |
| 1874 | Lechmere | 2 | 4001 | King's Norton | 10 |
| 2034 | Masefield | 2 | 4004 | S. Werstan | 4 |
| 2385 | Godson | 6 | 4144 | Pro Patria | 5 |
| 2654 | Arter | 14 | | | |

Members of Lodges in the Province 279

Visitors 8

287

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master announced that it was unnecessary to nominate a Candidate for Election to the Board of General Purposes, as W. Bro. GEO. C. KENT, D.P. Grand Master of Staffordshire, at present represented this Province, and all being well would hold the Office until 1923. He took the opportunity of thanking W. Bro. KENT for his services, and again said how very pleased Provincial Grand Lodge was that Bro. KENT was able to be present.

W. Bro. KENT thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the kind welcome accorded to him by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, and also expressed his appreciation of the fact that before the Election, W. Bro. PAYNE withdrew his name, although he had been nominated by both Worcestershire and Warwickshire. W. Bro. KENT said that in the Province of Staffordshire, on his suggestion, many Lodges had the transactions of Grand Lodge read out in full to the great interest and advantage of the Brethren, and he thought that it might also be worth the consideration of Worcestershire.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master thanked W. Bro. KENT for mentioning the practice, and he strongly recommended that it should be adopted in Worcestershire.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master appointed W. Bro. T. MASON to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

On the proposition of W. Bro. R. A. COLLEY, seconded by W. Bro. JAMES JONES, W. Bros. C. D. EATON and W. J. HILL were again elected to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer reported that all Fees of Honour had been received.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the year 1921-1922 as follows:—

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| Prov. Gd. Senior Warden | V. W. Bro. Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Worcester | 4004 |
| " " Junior Warden | W. Bro. J. CAMPBELL | 3378 |
| " " Chaplain | " Rev. H. T. SCULTBEE | 560 |
| " " Treasurer | " F. T. GOODMAN | 573 |
| " " Registrar | " H. WILSON | 4001 |
| " " Secretary | " R. A. ERNEST EVANS | 3643 |
| " " Director of Ceremonies | " I. A. TAYLOR | 252 |
| " " Senior Deacon | " I. W. MAUND | 2034 & 3873 |
| " " Junior Deacon | " A. E. COVERDALE | 280 |
| " " Superintendent of Works | " A. R. V. DAVISS | 3873 |
| " " Assistant Director of Ceremonies | " C. V. HIGGINS | 498 |
| " " Sword Bearer | " J. E. DOUGHTY | 1204 |
| " " Standard Bearer | " L. J. WILKINSON | 3638 |
| " " Standard Bearer | " W. H. CHAPMAN | 573 |
| " " Organist | " G. W. BLANDFORD | 529 |
| " " Assistant Secretary | " L. ASHLEY | 1097 |
| " " Pursuivant | " C. BRADEN ALLEN | 3643 |
| " " Assistant Pursuivant | " G. W. BRICE | 2654 & 3863 |
| " " Stewards | Bros. A. NEAL, W. O. PERRY, C. L. TERRY, A. WARNER, J. A. SLATER, E. W. ELTON | 3863 |
| " " Tyler | Bro. O. Scott | 564 |
| " " Assistant Tyler | " J. RADBAND | 280 |

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master conferred Past Rank as follows:—

| | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|
| Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden | W. Bro. W. J. HILL (P.P.G. Reg.) | 529 & 3638 |
| " " " " Deacon | " W. E. HUNT (P.P.A.G.P.) | 498 |
| " " " " Standard Bearer .. | " T. J. MARYON | 1874 |

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master announced that he would hold the next Annual Meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge under the Banner of the Abbot Lichfield Lodge No. 3308 at Evesham, the exact date to be fixed later.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master expressed his thanks to the King's Heath Lodge for the excellent arrangements made by them for this Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. JOSEPH A. OLDBURY, P.P.S.G.W. and Charity Secretary of Warwickshire, thanked the Brethren of Worcestershire for the support given by them to the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire when he occupied the Chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February 1921. He felt sure the Warwickshire Brethren would reciprocate by supporting the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire in 1925.

Nothing further being advanced for the good of the Order in General or this Province in particular, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer in due form.

ESPECIAL MEETING

Holden at the MASONIC HALL, St. Nicholas Street, WORCESTER,
on Saturday, 29th January, 1922.

Present—

The Right Worshipful Brother GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.,
P.G.D. Eng., Provincial Grand Master in the Chair.

Supported by Grand Lodge Officers, Visitors, and a large number of Officers (Present and Past)
and Brethren of Worcestershire.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. in due form with solemn prayer.

Apologies were announced from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Provincial Grand Masters and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Staffordshire and Warwickshire; and from other distinguished Brethren.

The Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master expressed his great regret that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was prevented from attending owing to indisposition. On the Proposition of W. Bro. T. MASON, seconded by W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, it was resolved that a telegram should be sent to the D.P.G. Master conveying the sympathy of P.G. Lodge, and sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master announced that a telegram had been received from W. Bro. C. D. EATON stating that owing to an accident he could not possibly arrive in time for the Meeting.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master gave a most eloquent and impressive address upon the object of the Meeting, which was to unveil a War Memorial and Record to those Brethren of the Province who had been engaged in General Service in His Majesty's Forces during the Great War. He made special reference to those who had given their lives for their King and Country, thereby adding to the honour of the whole Craft.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master then unveiled the Memorial containing the names of 277 Brethren, 12 of whom—recorded in the centre panel—had made the supreme sacrifice. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. T. BOULTBEE, offered a prayer of dedication.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the War Memorial Committee for their labours in carrying out the work. The Provincial Grand Secretary asked permission to testify to the great indebtedness of the Committee to W. Bro. C. D. EATON for the large amount of careful and painstaking work performed personally by him in obtaining full particulars of the service of every Brother on the list, and also in arranging for the execution of the work. Bro. PAYNE said that every Brother present would deeply regret the mishap which had prevented W. Bro. EATON from being present on this very special occasion.

W. Bro. F. D. KENTCLIFF (Acting D.P.G.M. for the occasion) seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

It was announced that arrangements had been made for every Lodge in the Province to be supplied with an excellent photograph of the Memorial, which could be framed and set up in the various Lodge Rooms.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master expressed the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Sub-Committee—W. Bros. GETTINGS and W. J. HILL—for the excellent arrangements made by them for the reception and seating of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks to the three Worcester Lodges for their kindness in assenting to the Memorial being fixed in their Lodge Room, which was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary said that he felt sure that the Brethren would not like to disperse without according to the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master a hearty vote of thanks for coming to preside to-day, and also an enthusiastic welcome; and though they regretted that his official duties prevented him from being more often in the Province, they would like to express their pride in the great work he was performing for his King and Country. The proposition was seconded and carried by acclamation.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master thanked the Brethren, and expressed the hope that in a year or two he would be better able to pay visits to individual Lodges throughout the Province.

Nothing further being advanced for the good of the Order in general or this Province in particular, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer in due form.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charities Organization.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE to be
presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge on October 21st, 1922.

Your Committee herewith present their 42nd Annual Report.

THEY have to announce that the Subscriptions and Donations this year have been £1,951 18s. 0d., as against a record total of £2,527 6s. 0d. last year. There are 143 new Subscribers, as against 147 last year; there are at the moment 672 Subscribers to the Organization.

There has been again no issue of Votes for Election to either of our Institutions this year, thus making it difficult to obtain reliable information of the voting strength of the Province; it is certain, however, that it has considerably increased. The position in relation to the Western Province Masonic Charity Association remains as before; that is, we are indebted to the Western Association for 9,552 votes on the School side, and have to our credit 4,080 votes for the Benevolent Institution.

The Province has two male and ten female Annuitants receiving the benefits of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. One of the female Annuitants has deceased during the year, and a candidate, being a widow of a deceased Brother late of the Royal Standard Lodge No. 498, has been admitted to benefits.

We have four elected Girls in the Schools, and two are receiving out-education by nomination.

We have four Boys in the School at Bushey, and a further three Boys are receiving out-education. Two, having attained the age of sixteen years, have been discharged.

At the last Meeting of the Organization, the widow of a deceased Brother, late of the Worcester Lodge No. 289, was accepted as a candidate for the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

During the year, Provincial Grand Lodge has granted £10 10s. 0d. to the widow of a deceased Brother of the Vernon Lodge; also a grant of £10 10s. 0d. to the widow of another Brother of the Vernon Lodge; also £10 10s. 0d. to the widow of a Brother of the Royal Standard Lodge.

Your Committee desire as much publicity as possible to be given to the announcement that the Rt. Wor. Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D. Eng., Provincial Grand Master, is taking the chair at the Festival of the R.M. Institution for Boys in 1925, and invite the Brethren to use every effort to make that year a record worthy of the Province.

The Province was represented at the Benevolent Festival in February last
by the following Stewards:

| | | | |
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| Lodge 280 | Mrs. B. FRANKLIN | Lodge 3638 | THE WYCHE LODGE |
| " 573 | Bro. S. S. SOMERS | " 3643 | Bro. J. B. DANIELS |
| " " | " S. HILL | " 3863 | " R. A. COLLEY |
| " " | " J. BOYD | " " | " E. E. COLLEY |
| " " | " F. E. GROVE | " " | " E. LARKHAM |
| " " | " E. W. HOLLIS | " " | " T. BISHOP |
| " 2654 | " H. H. WRIGHT | " " | " ALFRED THOMPSON |
| " " | " G. H. WORKMAN | " " | " G. SPARROW |
| " " | " J. CLULEE | " " | " S. C. GOOPE |
| " " | Mrs. E. G. APPS | " " | " F. E. DAVIES |
| " " | " W. H. GIBBS | " " | " THE KING'S HEATH R.M. CHAPTER |
| " " | " F. C. H. FOSTER | " 3873 | Bro. J. C. HIND |
| " " | " A. KIRBY | " " | " W. H. MATTERS |
| " 2724 | Bro. H. JAMES | " " | " I. W. MANN |
| " " | " F. C. JAMES | " " | " A. E. BENNETT |
| " " | " H. H. KNIGHT | " " | " THE MYSTIC QUEST LODGE |
| " " | " E. S. FOTHERGILL | " 4001 | Bro. J. W. FRAME |
| " " | " D. RUSSELL | " " | " S. GLOVER |
| " " | " E. MOSS | " " | " J. JUCKES |
| " " | " H. G. WRIGHT | " " | " F. MOUNTFORD |
| " " | ST. LAURENCE LODGE | " " | " M. A. HENDRY |
| " 3185 | Bro. W. H. BUTTERFIELD | " " | " P. BROTHERTON |
| " " | " G. H. FOSTON | " " | " C. H. BROWN |
| " " | " R. C. LEE | " " | " A. V. PARKER |
| " " | " H. H. HOLLAND | " " | " H. G. WITHERS |
| " " | " N. G. VAN-HAGEN | " 4144 | " C. D. EATON |
| " " | " J. E. WINTERS OTOM | " " | " J. T. HARRIS |
| " 3378 | THE PAGE LODGE | | |

With a combined total of £708 15s. 0d.

At the Festival of the Girls' Institution in May last:

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| Lodge 280 | Bro. C. F. GETTINGS | Lodge 1874 | Bro. A. E. OSBORN |
| " 498 | " S. F. COOKE | " " | " C. W. TOZER |
| " " | " P. C. KELLY | " " | " E. J. G. BELTON |
| " " | " W. HILL | " 2654 | " CHARLES P. PERRY |
| " " | " F. E. DUESBURY | " 3378 | Mrs. L. A. LAVENDER |
| " " | " C. E. HIGGINS | " 3643 | Bro. T. TAYLOR |
| " 573 | " W. H. CHAPMAN | " " | " G. F. WOODFIELD |
| " " | " S. S. SOMERS | " " | " F. E. WALWYN |
| " " | " J. LITTLE | " " | " S. R. CHITHAM |
| " " | " S. HILL | " 3863 | " J. LUCKING |
| " " | " A. E. PRIEST | " " | " T. J. FOSTER |
| " " | THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE | " " | " G. MCKIN NELSON |
| " 1874 | Bro. C. D. EATON | " 4001 | " E. GLOVER |
| " " | " W. E. MEGGISON | | |

With a combined total of £299 5s. 0d.

At the Festival of the Boys' Institution in June last by:

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| Lodge 280 | Master R. R. ROGERSON (Lewis) | Lodge 3185 | Bro. S. HARRIS |
| " 377 | Bro. R. E. GROVE | " " | " I. WATERFIELD |
| " " | " J. C. HOLCROFT | " " | " W. W. MILLS |
| " 498 | " P. J. HILL | " 3308 | Master N. C. BILLINGHAM (Lewis) |
| " 573 | " S. S. SOMERS | " " | " G. P. FOSTER (Lewis) |
| " " | " A. E. PRIEST | " 3373 | Bro. R. G. FRENCH-DAVIS |
| " 2034 | " F. LANE | " 3863 | " I. J. FOSTER |
| " " | " W. T. PROCTOR | " 3873 | " F. H. SMITH |
| " " | " G. F. MARSHALL | " " | " J. T. BURNETT |
| " 2654 | " W. A. CHURCH | " " | Mrs. F. H. SMITH |
| " " | " J. BURGESS | " " | " J. T. BURNETT |
| " " | " A. KIRBY | " " | THE MYSTIC QUART LODGE |
| " " | Mrs. J. F. KINCHIN | " 4144 | THE PRO PARIA LODGE |

With a combined total of £283 10s 6d.

Your Committee desire to express their thanks to all the Patrons who have assisted in obtaining the excellent result; also to the Ladies for their interest and support.

How '200' to the Organisation
 CHARLES B. BRIDGEMAN, B.V.C.C. & Co. B.V.C.C. & Co.

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Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charities Organization.

Statement of Accounts, 1921-22.

Presented by W. Bro. Charles Perry.

| RECEIPTS | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------|-------|----|----|---|----|----|
| One Boy's Stewardship, omitted last year, paid this | | | 10 | 10 | 0 | | 0 |
| Balance in hand | | 126 | 15 | 10 | | | |
| Bank Interest: £2 os. 9d. 49 1s. 0d. | | | 11 | 1 | 9 | | |
| Lodge 252 'Harmonic' | | 56 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| " 280 'Worcester' | | 71 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| " 377 'Hope and Charity' | | 44 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| " 498 'Royal Standard' | | 63 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| " 529 'Semper Fidelis' | | 70 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| " 560 'Vernon' | | 18 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| " 504 'Stability' | | 2 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| " 573 'Perseverance' | | 16 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| " 1097 'St. Michaels' | | 26 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| " 1204 'Royds' | | 27 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| " 1874 'Lechmere Volunteer' | | 59 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| " 2034 'Masefield' | | 43 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| " 2385 'Godson' | arrears | 25 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| " 2654 'Arter' | | 31 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " 2724 'St. Lawrence' | | 134 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| " 3185 'Stechford' | | 178 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " 3308 'Abbot Lichfield' | | 94 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " 3378 'Page' | | 53 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| " 3569 'Avon' | | 86 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| " 3638 'Wyche' | | 16 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| " 3643 'Campbell' | | 38 | 17 | 0 | | | |
| " 3863 'King's Heath' | | 70 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| " R.A. Chapter 3863 'King's Heath' | | 128 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| " 3873 'Mystic Quest' | | 10 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " 3879 'St. Marys' | | 134 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| " 4001 'Kings Norton' | | 21 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| " 4004 'St. Werstans' (sent direct) | | 152 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| " 4144 'Pro Patria' | | 47 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | | 1951 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| | | £2100 | | | 5 | 7 | |

| EXPENDITURE | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
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| R.M. Institution for Boys (Aug. 21, 1922) | | | 708 | 15 | 0 | | 0 |
| R.M. Benevolent Institution | | | 299 | 5 | 0 | | 0 |
| R.M. Institution for Girls | | | 283 | 10 | 0 | | 0 |
| R.M. Institution for Boys | | | | | | 1291 | 10 |
| Cheque Book | | | | | | 698 | 5 |
| No. 2 Deposit Account | | | | | | 99 | 15 |
| Balance in hand | | | | | | | 7 |

Audited and found correct.
 CHARLES P. PERRY, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.Treas.,
 Hon. Sec. to the Organization.

Audited and found correct.
 ALFRED ALLEN, P.P.G.W., P.M. 2654.
 ARTHUR W. WATSON, P.P.G.D., P.M. 2034, 3873.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

REPORT

OF

LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

THE Committee have pleasure in presenting their TENTH ANNUAL REPORT to Provincial Grand Lodge.

During the past Year 183 objects of Interest and Value have been added to the Museum, which has been visited by a large number of Brethren.

Amongst the visitors was Wor. Bro. Packard of Brockton and of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A., who has kindly presented to the Library and Museum a copy of the Medal struck in Commemoration of the first Grand Master of Massachusetts, WOR. BRO. HENRY PRICE, and designated the "HENRY PRICE MEDAL." This medal is recognised as a token of honour and is bestowed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, upon such Brethren, within or without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who have rendered distinguished service to the Craft.

The Committee gratefully appreciate the valuable assistance given by the many Lodges and Masonic bodies in the renewal of subscriptions, and the kindness of the following Brethren and others from whom gifts have been received during the year:

| Wor. Bro. PACKARD of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts | "Henry Price" Medal. |
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| " " W. T. PAGE | Books, &c. |
| " " C. D. EATON | Calendars, Books, Jewels. |
| " " A. C. MASON | Sundry Bye-Laws, &c. |
| " " J. WILKINSON | Token. |
| " " J. CAMPBELL | Souvenirs of American Lodges. |
| " " A. J. NURTON | Calendars. |
| " " E. HODGKINS (Canada) | Souvenir. |
| " " E. J. PAXTER | Masonic Print. |
| " " J. RAUBAND | Book. |
| " " H. B. DDMAN | Jewel. |
| " " W. D. T. BOULTBEE | Loan of French Apron. |
| " " Miss M. FORBES | Books. |

The Committee record with sympathy and regret the loss sustained by the death of Wor. Bro. COL. W. E. WILLIAMS, P.P.S.G.W., who had been Treasurer for 10 years, and who was always keenly interested in the work, etc., of this Committee.

Signed on behalf of the General Committee,

W. T. PAGE, P.G.D. Eng., etc., D.P.G.M.
A. C. MASON, P.P.G.W., Hon. Librarian.
JOHN CAMPBELL, P.P.G.W., Hon. Secretary.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

The Right Worshipful Brother GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D.
Provincial Grand Master.

Worshipful Brother WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.D.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

WESTFIELD, METCHLEY LANE,
HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM,

5th October, 1922.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am desired by the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER to inform you that the Consecration of the "Dudley Castle Lodge" will take place at the Temple, High Street, Dudley, on Monday, October 23rd, at 3 o'clock.

The Ceremony will be performed by the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, assisted by Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The attendance of Officers (Past and Present) of Provincial Grand Lodge is requested. Subscribing Master Masons are invited to attend.

Dark morning dress or uniform. Full Masonic Clothing.

Craft and R.A. Jewels only to be worn, and on the left breast.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.A.D.C. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

A cold luncheon will be provided at the Dudley Arms Hotel at 1.15 p.m., at which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will preside.

Tickets, price 5/- each (exclusive of Wine) may be obtained from W. Bro. J. HITT GRAFFITHS, P.P.G.STD.B., High Street, Quarry Bank, Staffs., if application is made on enclosed form accompanied by remittance on or before Monday, 16th October.

ADMISSION SLIP.

Admit Bro. Lodge No.
Provincial Rank Lodge Rank

CONSECRATION DUDLEY CASTLE LODGE, OCTOBER 23rd, 1922.

That this Provincial Grand Lodge unanimously approves of the proposed alteration of the Book of Constitutions as contained in the agenda for the quarterly Communication on the 6th. inst. viz. "that the M.W. Grand Master be empowered by alteration in rule 11 of the Book of Constitutions to authorise the holding of the September Communication of Grand Lodge either in London or in any Provincial Centre, when satisfied that such would be for the convenience of the Brethren and the well being of the Craft", and earnestly hopes that at the deferred consideration of the matter by Grand Lodge on December 6th. no effort will be spared to carry the same into effect together with the consequential amendments to the B. of C.



HEAD QUARTERS

13th October, 1922.

Dear Payne.

Please see enclosed letter from Eaton and my reply. If you agree, will you communicate with Eaton and also with Payne. Looking forward very much to meeting you all next week.

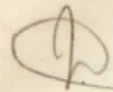
T.W. Page, Esq.,
Ironyard Road,
Worcester.

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13th October, 1922.

Dear W. Brother Eaton,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday I am sending a copy of the Resolution to Brother Page as I never move in any matter without carrying him with me, and have asked him to write to you. The only suggestion I will make on the wording of the Resolution is that you should leave out the word "unanimously". I certainly think that if the motion is put that it will be carried unanimously, but there is always the possibility of somebody voting against the thing merely because it is assumed that it will be unanimous. I think the more usual form is to put the motion and then if it is carried unanimously it is stated so on the record and on the covering letter to the Grand Lodge.



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Birmingham.

Telephone No. 1306 Central.



Council Chambers,
109, Colmore Row,
Birmingham.
Oct. 12, 1922.

Dear Sir Frances Davies,

I enclose copy of a resolution I intend proposing
at Provl. Grand Lodge on the 29th Inst. and I shall be glad
to know that it meets with your approval.

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd) Charles D. Eaton,

Genl. Sir Francil. Davies, KCB., etc.,

Prov. G. Master Worce.



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