

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE

GRAND LODGE OF

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The Wor. Bro. **W. T. PAGE**, P.G.D.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Westfield, Metchley Lane,
Barnards

31st October, 1925.

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 King's Heath Institute, High Street, King's Heath, under the Banner of "Arter" Lodge, No. 2654, on Saturday, the 17th day of October next, at 2.15 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 fraternally,

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

BUENES to be transacted at the Meeting is stated on the Agenda subjoined.

DRESSES: Black Morning Coats, Dark Trousers, and White Gloves; or Uniform. Full Masonic Craft Clothing.

LUNCHEON will be served at the Masonic Hall, Institute Road, King's Heath, at 1.15 p.m., at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Tickets, price 10/- each, including Wine, must be applied for on the enclosed Form not later than Friday, October 9th. There will be no Banquet after the Meeting.

TEA and NIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided after P.G. Lodge Meeting by the Brethren of the "Arter" Lodge, No. 2654, at the Masonic Hall.

CARS may be parked on the vacant site adjacent to the Baths in Institute Road, opposite the Masonic Hall. An Attendant will be in charge.

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 "Arter" Lodge,
No. 2654, 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:

1. To read the Summons convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at Worcester on the 13th of October 1924.
3. To receive apologies for absence.
4. To receive the Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of Masonry in the Province.
5. 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 announce the number of Brethren of his Lodge present supporting him.
6. To receive the audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and, if approved, to adopt the same.
7. To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To receive the report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund.
9. To receive and, if approved, adopt the report on the Masonic Memorial Fund.
10. To read letter from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
11. To receive the report of the Charity Committee, enclosed herewith.
12. To elect the Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organisation.
13. To receive the report of the Library and Museum Committee, enclosed herewith.
14. To make a collection for a charitable purpose.
15. To nominate a candidate for election to the Board of General Purposes (B.C. 255b).
16. To elect a representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
17. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint one member of the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
18. To elect two Brethren to serve on General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
19. To receive Fees of Honour from Provincial Grand Officers.
20. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint and invest his Officers.
21. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint place for holding the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.
22. To transact any other business that may arise for the good of the Order in general or of this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular.
23. 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 9th. 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 1924-5.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Fees of Honour	45	13	6
Dispensations	3	15	0
Calendars	35	4	10
Lodge Dues	194	19	0
Sundries	3	2	10

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	£	s.	d.
Calendars	47	7	8
Tyling Fees	4	12	6
Rent	20	0	0
Associated Provinces (Subscription)	1	1	0
Library and Museum Fund	30	0	0
Insurance	2	1	6
Printing and Stationery	4	12	8
Postages and Sundries	9		11
Expenses of Charity Organisation ..	2	0	11
Typewriter	4	11	6
Grand Lodge—Dispensation	5	5	0
Reserve Fund	10	0	0
Benevolent Fund	63	1	6

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BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	191	12	4
Collection at P.G.L.	25	5	0
Bank Interest	4	5	8
Transferred from Management Account	63	16	6
Balance due to Bank	45	15	6

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	£	s.	d.
Grant to Widow, Lodge 560	10	10	0
Do., Lodge 560	10	10	0
Grant for Boy's Education, Lodge ..	15	15	0
Royal Albert Orphanage	15	15	0
Worcester Infirmary	15	15	0
Donation to M.I. for Boys	262	10	0

£330 15 0

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	92	10	6
Transferred from Management Account	10	0	0
Dividend on War Loan	5	0	0
Interest, Bank	2	4	0

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	£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank	109	15	3

ARTHUR W. WATSON,

Provincial Grand Treasurer.

£109 15 3

WAR RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	213	7	7
Interest:			
War Loan 5 per cent.—			
December, 1924	2	0	0
June, 1925	5	0	0
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War Bonds, 4 per cent.—			
October, 1924	6	0	0
April, 1925	6	0	0
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	£	s.	d.
By Purchase, £150 War Loan 5 per cent.			
cost	153	9	9

Cash in Bank 128 3 6

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	£	s.	d.
Bank Balances:			
Benevolent (debit)	45	15	6
Reserve (credit)	109	15	3
War Relief (credit)	128	3	6

	£	s.	d.
Investments, at cost:			
Provincial Grand Lodge—			
5 per cent. War Loan	95	0	0
War Relief Fund:			
5 per cent. War Loan	950	0	0
4 per cent. War Bonds	300	0	0
5 per cent. War Loan	153	9	9

£1,498 9 9

Audited and found correct and securities inspected.
 THOMAS MASON, P.P.G.S.W. } Auditors.
 W. J. HILL, P.P.G.S.W. }

19th September, 1925.

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

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

ANNUAL MEETING

HOLDEN AT THE PUBLIC HALL, WORCESTER, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 1924.

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; and

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

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

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

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held at Kidderminster on the 20th October, 1923, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

Apologies were announced from the Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire, Shropshire, Hereford, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and Gloucester; from the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, and Hampshire; from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; the Provincial Grand Secretaries of Warwickshire, Sussex, Gloucester, Hampshire, and Shropshire; from the Grand Secretary of England; and a number of other distinguished Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read his report, as follows:

The returns from the various Lodges, dated December 31st, 1922, shewed the membership to be 1,502. During the year there were 85 deaths and resignations, and 165 new members, bringing the total to 1,682 at December, 1923. Allowance must be made for a number of Brethren whose names appear as members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

On the 8th of November, 1923, the "Fort Royal" Lodge, No. 4565, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, by the W. Bro. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who appointed the following Brethren as Consecrating Officers to assist him:

W. Bro. F. T. GOODMAN, Prov. G.S.W.	Senior Warden
" " H. CHUMBLEY, Prov. G.J.W.	Junior Warden
" " Rev. R. A. NORRIS, P.P.G. Chap.	Chaplain
" " R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.Sec.	Secretary
" " F. S. RAWSON, Prov. G.D.C.	Director of Ceremonies
" " G. C. LING, P.P.Asst.D.C. ...	Asst. Director of Ceremonies
" " A. M. SLATTER, Prov. G.Org.	Organist
" " ROBT. A. COLLEY, Prov. G.Purs.	Inner Guard

At the close of the Ceremony W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M., installed the Rt. W. Bro. General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D., as the first Master. The Founders of the Lodge numbered 24. Prior to the Ceremony a luncheon took place, presided over by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master.

The number of Lodges in the Province having reached 30 the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master was pleased to exercise the power conferred under Rule 88, B.C., to appoint two extra Prov. G. Deacons and a Deputy Prov. Director of Ceremonies. He therefore appointed

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| W. Bro. J. W. SHIELDS (3643) | | Senior Prov. G.D. |
| " " JOHN COX (560) | | Junior Prov. G.D. |
| " " J. T. BURGESS (2654) | | Dep. P.C.D.C. |

On March 14th, 1924, the Centenary Meeting of the Lodge of Hope and Charity, No. 377, was held at Kidderminster. The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master (accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens and Secretary) participated in the interesting Ceremony, and delivered to the Master (W. Bro. J. H. THURFIELD) the Centenary Warrant bearing the date March 14th, 1924.

At the Grand Festival in April, 1924, the rank of P.C. Standard Bearer was conferred upon W. Bro. F. D. RATCLIFF, P.M. 560, P.P.S.G.W.; and the rank of P.A.C.D.C. was also conferred upon him at the Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter in May.

The Brethren in all Degrees in the Province are delighted that these well-deserved honours have been bestowed upon Bro. RATCLIFF in recognition of eighteen years' excellent and hard, though unostentatious, work in the preparation of the Masonic Calendar of Worcestershire.

The Province records with great sorrow and regret the death of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. THOMAS ELLERSHAW, P.M. 724, after a very painful illness. He was elected at the last Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge at Kidderminster on October 20th, 1923.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by a number of Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, attended the funeral to pay the last sad tribute of respect.

On the 14th of June, 1924, the "St. Edburgha" Lodge, No. 4621, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, General Sir FRANCIS J. 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:

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| W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. | |
| " " F. T. GOODMAN, Prov. G.S.W. | Senior Warden |
| " " H. CHUMBLEY, Prov. G.J.W. | Junior Warden |
| " " Rev. H. GATHORNE CRABTREE, Prov. G. Chap. | Chaplain |
| " " R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C.Eng., P.P.G.W.,
Prov. G. Sec. | } Secretary |
| " " F. S. RAWSON, Prov. G.D.C. | Director of Ceremonies |
| " " J. T. BURGESS, Prov. Dep. D.C. | Asst. Director of Ceremonies |
| " " A. M. SLATTER, Prov. G.Org. | Organist |
| " " R. A. COLLEY, Prov. G.P. | Inner Guard |

At the close of the Ceremony the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, installed W. Bro. J. C. Gilbett, P.M. 3185, as the first Master. The Founders of the Lodge

numbered 20. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Stechford. Prior to the Consecration a luncheon took place, presided over by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master.

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

The audited accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer *pro tem.* (W. Bro. R. A. ERNEST PAYNE) were received and adopted. On the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master a vote of thanks was given to Bro. PAYNE for his services in this connection.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that he had received a letter from the "St. Mary's" Lodge nominating W. Bro. A. W. WATSON, P.P.G.D., P.M. 2034 and 3879, and also a letter from the "Masefield" Lodge desiring to support the same, and that he had received no other nomination. The Provincial Grand Master then declared Bro. WATSON duly elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year under By-Law 7.

The Provincial Grand Secretary presented the Report and Accounts of the General Committee on the War Relief Fund, as stated on the back of the Summons, which were received and adopted.

It was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the General Committee that the existing Grand Lodge By-Law No. 11 be deleted and the following new By-Law No. 11 be substituted and entered on the Minutes:

The Charity Organisation of the Province shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of:

The General Committee of the Province;

A Charity Steward and one other representative from each Lodge, who shall both be elected annually at the Regular Meeting for the election of the Master;

The Hon. Secretary of the Organisation, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge; and

Any Subscribing Member of a Lodge in the Province who is a Patron, Vice-Patron, or Vice-President of either of the three Masonic Institutions.

The names of the Charity Stewards and elected Representatives must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary by the Secretary of each Lodge within seven days of the date of election.

This Committee shall be empowered to hold Meetings, frame Rules, grant relief from the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund in a sum or sums not exceeding £20 to any necessitous case which may arise, and generally to conduct the Charity business of the Province.

In cases of emergency, immediate relief not exceeding £5 may be given by the Hon. Secretary, subject to the approval of the Provincial Grand Master, or, in his absence, of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; but any such emergency grants must be reported at the next Meeting of this Charity Committee, specifying the special circumstances and amounts given.

This Committee shall present to Provincial Grand Lodge an Annual Statement of Accounts and Report of its proceedings, setting out the number and names of Candidates elected to the several Masonic Institutions, the number of votes expended on such elections, a statement of votes lent or borrowed, and particulars of the amounts that have been granted from the Benevolent Fund of the Province.

Such Statement of Accounts and Report, when approved and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be entered on the Minutes thereof.

The Charity Steward of each Lodge shall, during the month of October in each year, send to the Hon. Secretary of the Committee a full return of the number of votes held by his Lodge, together with the names of the holders.

this Festival, and stated that it had been arranged to hold a meeting of the W. Masters and Collectors of the Lodges in the Province at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, November 15th, for the purpose of discussing the subject, and that W. Bro. SIDNEY A. WHITE (the Asst. Grand Secretary) would be present to give any information or explanation. The Provincial Grand Master had promised to preside at that Meeting. Whatever might be the views of individual Brethren on the scheme, he hoped each Lodge would be represented at that Meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Brethren of the Page Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for this Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master accepted the invitation from the Arter Lodge, No. 2654, to hold the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at King's Heath under their Banner.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.



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MINUTES.

ESPECIAL MEETING

OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

HELD IN ST. AGNES' CHURCH, MOSELEY (by special permission of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Birmingham) ON SATURDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1925, on the occasion of laying the Corner Stone of St. Agnes' Hall.

Present—

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES,	K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D.
The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE,	P.G.D.
W. Bro. C. P. PERRY	Acting Provincial S.G. Warden.
" " PERCY G. WHITE	Provincial J.G. Warden.
" Bros. Revs. A. J. STOCKHAM and G. F. HOUGH	Acting Provincial G. Chaplains.
" Bro. J. E. GROSVENOR	Acting Provincial G. Treasurer.
" " R. A. ERNEST PAYNE	Provincial G. Secretary.
V.W. Bro. S. S. SOMERS	Provincial G.D.C.
W. Bro. J. Y. ROBINSON	Provincial S.D.
" " ERNEST PARKES	Provincial J.E.
" " S. B. GIBBS	Provincial J.D.
" " J. ARROWSMITH	Provincial Supt. Wks.
" " R. HARRIS	Provincial J.D.C.
" " F. S. RAWSON	Provincial J.D.C.
" " F. H. SMITH	Provincial Swd. Br.
" " J. A. WEBB	Provincial Std. Br.
" " T. W. NORTH	Acting Provincial Org.
" " ERNEST GLOVER	Provincial Purs.
" " O. SCOTT	Provincial Tyler.

and Officers Present and Past of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, Visitors, and a large number of Brethren of this and other Provinces.

After prayer had been offered, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Brethren walked in procession, headed by the Vicar and Choir of St. Agnes' Church, in accordance with the Order of Procedure to the site of the New Hall in Billesley Lane, where a number of people had assembled to witness the Ceremony.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. A. H. GOING, requested the Provincial Grand Master to lay the Foundation Stone, and referred to the fact that the Corner Stone of St. Agnes' Church was laid by the then Provincial Grand Master, Sir EDmund A. H. LECHMERE, Bart., M.P., on the 3rd day of October, 1883.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master addressed the assembly; and after the Acting Provincial Grand Treasurer had deposited medals containing coins and papers in the recess prepared, the Provincial Grand Master laid the Foundation Stone with full Masonic ceremonial.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the inscription on the Stone, as follows:

Ad majorem Dei gloriam.

This Stone was laid, at the request of

Rev. C. A. H. GOING, M.A., Vicar of St. Agnes' Church, Moseley,

by General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D. Eng.

at a Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, on Saturday, 15th August, 1925.

An anthem was sung during the ceremony by the Church Choir.

The trowel was presented to the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master by the architect, Mr. EDWIN REYNOLDS; the setting maul by the builder, Mr. C. BRYANT.

After the Patriarchal Benediction, the National Anthem was sung, and the procession reformed and the Brethren returned to St. Agnes' Church.

The four Lewises—E. L. TERRY, H. G. EVANS, N. P. PILLER, and G. BENDALL—who had carried the V.S.L. in the procession, were admitted and conducted to the Pedestal. The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master addressed them in an impressive manner, and presented each with a copy of the V.S.L., the gift of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lewises retired.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The Acting Provincial Grand Organist gave an organ recital in the Church while the Brethren assembled.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charities Organization.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

To be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge on October 17th, 1925.

Your Committee herewith present their Forty-fifth Annual Report.

THE 127th Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. Boys, under the presidency of the Rt. V. Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.G.F. Eng. has passed and gone. To many it is but a matter of history, but to those Brethren of Worcestershire who were present on that memorable occasion it will for many years remain as a red letter day in the history of the Province. No stone was left unturned, no effort was spared, and sacrifices were made to make this one "Ideal" of the Province success worthy of the traditions of which we are proud and of the affection we bear to our Chief, General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, who occupied the chair.

The result is beyond all comment: The Lodges, Chapters and every degree of Freemasonry in this Province considered it a privilege to assist in placing the funds for this Festival on a pedestal worthy of praise and commendation.

Your Committee wish to tender their sincere thanks to all those Brethren and also the Ladies for their support by contributing to the success of the Festival; they are fully conscious of the whole-hearted interest, the strenuous and arduous work so willingly given by every Charity Steward of the respective Lodges and Chapters, and realize that without their sympathy and activity the result would have been anything but satisfactory. To them your Committee wish more especially to tender their hearty and sincere thanks, and congratulate them on the signal success they achieved. Your Committee also realize the great support given to the Festival by Colonel Wyley, Provincial Grand Master of the Sister Province of Warwickshire, by 28 Stewards subscribing £3,762 17s. 0d. They further wish to acknowledge the great assistance given by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division), who, with 83 Stewards, subscribed £5,187 7s. 6d. We have the privilege of numbering the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that Province (W. Bro. Sir DAVID W. EVANS, P.G.D.) as a Past Master of St. Werstan's Lodge, 4004, of this Province. To both these Provinces your Committee desire to express their warm and appreciative thanks for their generous support.

On taking the chair at the banquet, General Sir FRANCIS DAVIES was supported on his right by the Rt. Hon. The LORD AMPHILL, Master of the Pro. Grand Master of England, and on his left by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. W. T. JAGE, P.C.D., Prov. Grand Suptd., and immediately facing him some two hundred Brethren from his own Province.

The amount of the list was of great interest, as announced by the Secretary of the Boys' Institution, but the climax was reached when it was announced that Worcestershire had, with 713 Stewards, subscribed the sum of £12,294 1s. 0d. (*pro rata*) for the year, working out at £8 4s. 0d. per member, giving credit to the fact that many Brethren belonged to more than one Lodge in this Province. The full total received from all sources announced at the Festival was £6,607 5s. 6d. Later in the evening it was found that this amount contributed had created a record of the three Festivals.

General Sir FRANCIS and Lady DAVIES held a garden party at their ancestral home, Elmley Castle, on May 9th, when nearly three hundred Brethren and their ladies were entertained. The Committee wish to thank General Sir FRANCIS and Lady DAVIES for their kindness, and place on record the success attending the invitation.

At the meeting of the Organisation on September 20th, 1924, the matter of votes in debit and credit with the Western Provinces Association was considered, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to write to the Secretary of the

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charities Organisation.

Western Provinces Association conveying the desire of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organisation that votes owing either way, both for the Schools side and the Benevolent Institution, should be cancelled. The matter has been dealt with and the votes now are all cancelled by mutual agreement.

There are 734 Subscribers this year to the Masonic Charity Organisation, as against 693 last year.

The Province has one male Annuitant receiving £52 10s. od. per annum from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A further application has been made for a Brother late of the Vernon Lodge, 560, a candidate for annuity. There are 10 female Annuitants in the Province, each receiving £56 per annum. One, from Stability Lodge, 564, died last June; this lady had been an Annuitant for twenty-three years, and had received from the Institution £891 prior to her death. The total receipts of these 11 Annuitants for this Province cost the Institution £612 10s. od. per annum.

We have 12 girls receiving benefits from the R.M.I. for Girls: 3 are in the Schools at Gophum, 1 is receiving education under Law 104B, 4 are receiving out education under Law 85, 4 are awaiting admission into the Schools and are receiving out education grants. Application has been made for benefits for a further girl from Lodge 263; she, having been accepted, will be admitted to the benefits of out education in October next without ballot. Two girls from Lodges 2034 and 280 respectively have been discharged since the last report owing to their time at the School being expired.

We have 6 boys in the School at Bushey, 3 other boys are receiving out education and awaiting admission to the School, 1 other has been accepted as a candidate for election and will receive out education as and from September 1st, 1925; making a total of 10 boys receiving benefits from the R.M. Boys' Institution. The boy G. S. N. HUGHES, now 18 years of age (Lodge 2385), is still retained by the School receiving higher education.

Since the last report the Province has made relief grants of Ten Guineas each to two ladies under By-Law 6; both the ladies are widows of Brethren late of Vernon Lodge 560. The Province has paid one quarter's school fee of £15 15s. od. for G. R. BLACK; this boy's name has gone forward as a candidate for the benefits of R.M.I. Boys' School. He has since been accepted and will receive those benefits on and from September 1st, 1925.

At the meeting of the Masonic Charity Organisation on January 17th last the Hon. Secretary asked for help in his work. W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, P.P.S.C. W. was unanimously appointed Assistant Secretary; further, an Executive Committee was appointed, comprising W. Bros. C. D. FAYON, W. J. HILL, T. MASON, and A. W. WATSON.

The Province was not represented at the Benevolent Institution this year.

The Province was represented at the Girls' Festival last May by Bro. H. MOORE, Lodge 1874.

The Province was represented at the Boys' Festival last June as under:

Provincial Grand Lodge	King's Heath R.A. Chapter, No. 3863
Provincial Grand Chapter	Lechmere Mark M. Lodge, No. 59.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge	Godson Mark M. Lodge, No. 330.
Provincial Priory	Moseley Mark M. Lodge, No. 667.
Dudley R.A. Chapter, No. 252	Stechford Mark M. Lodge, No. 747
St. Wulstan R.A. Chapter, No. 280	Abraham Green R.A.M. Lodge, No. 330
Hope and Charity R.A. Chapter, No. 377	Richard de Vernon Preceptory, No. 52
Royal Standard R.A. Chapter, No. 498	St. Amand Preceptory, No. 68
Semper Fidelis R. A. Chapter, No. 529	Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 212
Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 573	St. Nicholas Chapter S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M., No. 198
Lechmere Hughes R.A. Chapter, No. 1874	Temple Chapter S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M., No. 223
Arter R.A. Chapter, No. 2654	Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 498
Abbot Lichfield R.A. Chapter, No. 3308	Semper Fidelis Lodge of Instruction, No. 529
Page R.A. Chapter, No. 3378	St. Laurence Lodge of Instruction, No. 2724
Campbell R.A. Chapter, No. 3643	

THE PROVINCE.

General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.M.G., &c., Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, P.G.D. :—List and 3 Stewards, £278 5s. od.

W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.D. :—List, £246 15s. od.

W. Bro. CHARLES P. PERRY, Hon. Secretary :—List and 20 Stewards, £316 1s. od.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
252 Harmonic Lodge—A. B. MARTIN, C.S. : Lodge donation and 14 Stewards ..	491	8	0	3185 Stechford Lodge—J. MITCHELL, C.S. : Lodge donation and 28 Stewards ..	525	0	0
280 Worcester Lodge—C. F. GETTINGS, C.S. : Lodge donation and 17 Stewards ..	446	5	0	3308 Abbot Lichfield Lodge—J. W. BAGGITT, C.S. : Lodge donation and 25 Stewards ..	455	5	0
377 Hope and Charity Lodge—R. E. GROVE, Senior C.S. : Lodge donation and 47 Stewards ..	563	0	0	3378 Page Lodge—C. J. HOLLIDAY, C.S. : Lodge donation and 12 Stewards ..	472	10	0
498 Royal Standard Lodge—J. P. GRIF-FIFTHS, C.S. : Lodge donation and 18 Stewards ..	456	15	0	3569 Avon Lodge—W. FEARNSIDE, C.S. : Lodge donation and 12 Stewards ..	226	15	0
529 Semper Fidelis Lodge—C. EDWARDS, C.S. : Lodge donation and 12 Stewards ..	454	13	0	3638 Wyche Lodge—T. F. CULLEY, C.S. : Lodge donation and 20 Stewards ..	288	4	6
560 Vernon Lodge—F. VALE, C.S. : Lodge donation and 18 Stewards ..	375	10	0	3643 Campoell Lodge—J. W. SHIELDS, C.S. : Lodge donation and 34 Stewards ..	510	10	0
564 Stability Lodge—A. H. LUNT, C.S. : Lodge donation and 17 Stewards ..	568	1	0	3803 King's Heath Lodge—S. N. PURCHASE, C.S. : 14 Stewards ..	246	15	0
573 Perseverance Lodge—S. HILL, C.S. : Lodge donation and 25 Stewards ..	346	10	0	3873 Mystic Quest Lodge—I. W. MAUND, C.S. : Lodge donation and 43 Stewards ..	630	0	0
1097 St. Michael's Lodge—W. BALDWIN, C.S. : 14 Stewards ..	205	16	0	3879 St. Mary's Lodge—F. W. BRADBURY, C.S. : 17 Stewards ..	189	0	0
1204 Royds Lodge—A. E. BAYLIS, C.S. : Lodge donation and 5 Stewards ..	248	12	0	4001 King's Norton Lodge—ALFRED ALLEN, C.S. : Lodge donation and 26 Stewards ..	388	10	0
1874 Lechmere Volunteer Lodge—G. F. BENNETT, C.S. : Lodge donation and 29 Stewards ..	372	15	0	4004 St. Werstan's Lodge—D. J. SHEDDEN, C.S. : 8 Stewards ..	89	5	0
2034 Masefield Lodge—A. W. WATSON, C.S. : 32 Stewards ..	178	0	0	4144 Pro Patria Lodge—G. R. BAILEY, C.S. : Lodge donation and 20 Stewards ..	319	15	0
2385 Godson Lodge—W. F. ALLSOP, C.S. : 33 Stewards ..	315	0	0	4437 Dudley Castle Lodge—G. E. ASHURST, C.S. : Lodge donation and 8 Stewards ..	199	10	0
2654 Arden Lodge—ALFRED ALLEN, C.S. : Lodge donation and 20 Stewards ..	708	15	0	4495 Bordesley Lodge—F. NEASOM, C.S. : Lodge donation and 19 Stewards ..	220	10	0
2777 St. Laurence Lodge—E. R. GELL, C.S. : Lodge donation and 19 Stewards ..	262	10	0	4565 Fort Royal Lodge—F. A. W. HOW, C.S. : Lodge donation and 7 Stewards ..	185	9	0
				4621 St. Edburgha Lodge—T. H. BAINES, C.S. : 12 Stewards ..	126	0	0

With a combined total of £12,135 9s. 6d.

Your Committee wish again to express their cordial and sincere thanks to those Brethren and Ladies who responded so generously to the appeal, and especially to the Lodge Charity Stewards for their strenuous work and assistance so cheerfully given.

On behalf of the Committee,

FRANCIS J. DAVIES, P.G.M.

September 19th, 1925.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charities Organization.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1924-5

on August 15th, 1925.

Presented by W. Bro. Charles. P. Perry, Hon. Secretary of the Organisation.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance				3,016	13	6
By Bank Interest, &c., less sundry expenses				79	2	6
By Lodge 252 Harmonic ..	324	9	0			
" " 280 Worcester ..	237	6	0			
" " 377 Hope & Charity	455	18	0			
" " 498 Royal Standard	350	14	0			
" " 529 Semper Fidelis	210	10	0			
" " 560 Vernon ..	176	0	0			
" " 564 Stability ..	521	17	0			
" " 573 Perseverance ..	261	9	0			
" " 1097 St. Michael's ..	85	11	6			
" " 1204 Royds ..	148	15	0			
" " 1874 Lechmere						
Volunteer	383	5	0			
" " 2034 Masefield ..	256	4	0			
" " 2385 Godson ..	166	19	0			
" " 2654 Arter ..	509	5	0			
" " 2724 St. Laurence ..	201	12	0			
" " 3185 Stechford ..	525	0	0			
" " 3308 Abbot Lichfield	327	12	0			
" " 3378 Page ..	275	2	0			
" " 3569 Avon ..	173	4	0			
" " 3638 Wyche ..	165	7	6			
" " 3643 Campbell ..	286	17	0			
" " 3863 King's Heath ..	158	11	0			
" " 3873 Mystic Quest ..	465	3	0			
" " 3879 St. Mary's ..	147	5	0			
" " 4001 King's Norton	279	6	0			
" " 4004 St. Werstan's ..	55	13	0			
" " 4144 Pro Patria ..	241	10	0			
" " 4437 Dudley Castle	111	6	0			
" " 4495 Bordesley ..	120	15	0			
" " 4565 Fort Royal ..	146	0	0			
" " 4621 St. Edburgha ..	12	0	0			
" " 1874 Lechmere						
Hughes R.A.C.	5	8	0			
By List of Gen. Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES ..	278	5	0			
By List of W. T. PAGE ..	141	15	0			
By List of CHAS. P. PERRY ..	309	15	0			
By Steward's Fees ..	8,564	5	0			
	85	1	0			
	<u>£12,745</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>			
				<u>£12,745</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

AN ACCOUNT WITH THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To List of the Province	12,125	9	6			
By Cash paid to Institute						
last year	36	15	0			
" Do., as above	11,054	9	6			
				<u>11,091</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
By Amount due to Institution:						
Cash in Bank	192	4	6			
Cheques in hand	488	5	0			
Outstanding contributions	353	15	6			
				<u>1,034</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£12,125</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>			
				<u>£12,125</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

Examined and found correct, 20th August, 1925.

SYDNEY HILL, P.M. 573, C.S., P.P.G.D.C.
I. W. MAUND, P.M. 2034, C.S. 3873, P.P.G.D.C. } Auditors.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

REPORT

OF LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE have pleasure in presenting their THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT to Provincial Grand Lodge.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee can again record that the Masonic Collection in their charge has been further enriched by many interesting and valuable presentations during the past year. They desire to express the hope that the generous example set by many Brethren will stimulate others throughout the Province in supporting, by similar gifts, by visiting the Museum and making use of the Library, books from which may be had on loan either by personal application or by letter through Lodge Secretaries; thus aiding in the advancement of Masonic knowledge inculcated in every Brother.

The Committee desire gratefully to acknowledge the support of the following Brethren, from whom gifts have been received during the year:

Wor. Bro. W. T. PAGE	Books and Jewels.
" " C. D. EATON	Jewels, Books, Calendars, Certificates, Apron.
" " R. A. E. PAYNE	Apron.
" " A. F. CALVERT	Engravings
" " J. LUCKING	Jewel.
" " D. OAKLEY	Ring Glasses.
" " H. VALE	Ring Glasses.
" " J. H. GALLIMORE	Lodge Summons and Paper.
" " C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH	Book and Picture.
" " S. CRISPIN	Jewel.
" " J. MORRIS	Jewel.
" " P. H. PECK	Aprons.
" " J. GILLAM	Books.
" " N. HARRIS	Book.
" " W. LITTLER	Working Tools.
" " F. J. UNDERWOOD	Jewel and Books.

Also from the following Lodges:

Semper Fidelis	Books.
Emulative Lodge of Improvement	Book.

Special mention must here be made of the presentation to the Museum by W. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.G.S.D.B.R.ENG., P.P.G.W., of the collection of 49 Jewels issued by various Lodges to celebrate their Centenaries prior to the establishment by Grand Lodge of a standard pattern in 1867. This unique collection is the fruit of many years patient research and will ever remain to bear witness to the zealous services rendered to this Library and Museum by our present Vice-Chairman. It is the most important gift to the Museum since its establishment.

Your Committee record with deep sympathy and regret the death of W. Bro. A. C. MASON, P.P.G.W., who for eight years acted as the Hon. Librarian, in which capacity he rendered very valuable services to the Library. They also have to regret the loss by death of Bro. J. RADBAND, Custodian of the Library and Museum for many years.

Province of Worcestershire.

Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

REPORT ON MASONIC MILLION MEMORIAL FUND.

I HAVE the pleasure to report for the information of the Provincial Grand Lodge that at the Festival of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund held at Olympia on Saturday, August 8th, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARNE, K.G., the Province was represented by upwards of one hundred Dining Stewards, with a contribution paid or promised of £7,005 13s. 3d. Since that date further amounts have been promised, increasing the total to £7,142 3s. 4d., as shewn in the list of contributing Lodges herewith.

Whilst the amount must be a source of very great satisfaction to the Provincial Grand Master and the Province generally—more especially in view of the recent claims upon the Brethren for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—it is to me a matter of deep regret that the name of any Lodge should be absent from the list of contributors and should have been unrepresented amongst the Stewards of this unique Festival.

There are still upwards of £100,000 required to complete the amount asked for by our Royal Grand Master, and I would strongly urge that the Masters should be asked again to place the scheme before the Brethren of their respective Lodges, and the Province of Worcester be enabled to say that every Lodge has joined in the common sacrifice we have been called upon to make for the successful completion of the project.

I would remind the Brethren that although the Festival is now an event of the past it is still possible for Lodges to secure the coveted distinction of the Had Stone Collar and Jewel or a Brother to qualify for the Commemorative Jewel by a contribution of £10 10s. 0d.; towards which amount any previous payment will be credited and the balance may be paid over a period of five years.

I should not like to close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the various Lodge Collectors for the most enthusiastic support they have given to my efforts to uphold the reputation of the Province and to the individual Brethren for their splendid example of generosity and self-sacrifice.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLIE D. EATON, P.G.STD.B.,

Provincial Representative.

August 31st, 1925.

Province of Worcestershire.

Masonic Million Memorial Fund—List of Subscribing Lodges.

No.	LODGE	No. of Members	STEWARDS		PROMISED					
			D.	N.D.	£	s.	d.			
Provincial Grand Master ..	—	..	—	..	I	—	..	15	15	0
Page, Wm. Thos.	—	..	A.	..	I	—	..	3	5	0
Provincial Grand Lodge ..	—	..	—	..	—	—	..	167	4	3
252 Harmonic	80	..	—	..	I	—	..	205	17	0
280 Worcester	49	..	—	..	—	—	..	103	10	0
377 Hope and Charity ..	83	..	—	..	4	I	..	266	5	0
498 Royal Standard	66	..	—	..	6	—	..	251	2	0
529 Semper Fidelis	98	..	—	..	2	—	..	149	18	0
560 Vernon	59	..	—	..	5	4	..	130	10	0
564 Stability	46	..	H.	..	5	5	..	467	5	0
573 Perseverance	72	..	P.H.	..	19	2	..	745	10	0
1097 St. Michael's	41	..	—	..	—	—	..	15	15	0
1204 Roys	58	..	—	..	4	—	..	196	7	0
1874 Lechmere Volunteer	92	..	P.H.	..	14	5	..	750	0	0
2034 Masefield	84	..	—	..	I	—	..	169	1	0
2385 Godson	54	..	P.H.	..	2	19	..	562	13	0
2654 Arter	64	..	P.H.	..	8	17	..	609	0	0
2724 St. Laurence	55	..	—	..	2	18	..	420	0	0
3185 Stechford	64	..	—	..	2	—	..	87	3	0
3308 Abbot Lichfield	69	..	—	..	—	—	..	75	12	0
3378 Page	68	..	—	..	3	2	..	206	16	5
3569 Avon	52	..	—	..	—	—	..	21	0	0
3638 Wyche	49	..	—	..	—	—	..	66	12	8
3643 Campbell	57	..	—	..	I	2	..	86	2	0
3863 King's Heath	62	..	—	..	2	I	..	128	2	0
3873 Mystic Quest	68	..	—	..	6	9	..	280	7	0
3879 St. Mary's	22	..	—	..	—	I	..	15	15	0
4001 King's Norton	34	..	—	..	2	2	..	205	16	0
4004 St. Werstan's	23	..	—	..	—	—	..	5	5	0
4144 Pro Patria	36	..	H.	..	8	2	..	321	6	0
4237 Dudley Castle	38	..	—	..	I	—	..	151	4	0
4403 Bordesley	27	..	P.H.	..	9	5	..	288	15	0
4565 Fort Royal	27	..	—	..	—	—	..	—	—	—
4621 St. Edburgha	20	..	—	..	I	—	..	15	15	0
529 R.A. Chapter	—	..	—	..	—	—	..	5	5	0
					110	96		£7,142	3	4

A.—Subscribed. Also see 280, 529, 3378.

H.—Qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge.

P.H.—Promised to qualify as a Hall Stone Lodge.