

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE

GRAND LODGE OF

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

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

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Masonic Hall, Worcester.

1st October, 1929.

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 Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley Road, Birmingham, under the Banner of the "St. Laurence" Lodge, No. 2724, on Saturday, the 19th day of October next, at 2.45 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,

William Somers, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

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

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

A **LUNCHEON** will be served at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, at 1.15 p.m., at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Tickets, price 10/- each, including V.I.N., must be applied for on the enclosed Form not later than Monday, October 14th.

TEA and **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS** will be provided after Prov. Grand Lodge Meeting by the Brethren of the "St. Laurence" Lodge.

* **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, c/o of W. Bro. H. V. STANTON, Ivy Lodge, Hagley Road, Stourbridge.**

N.B.—Arrangements have been made for Parking of Cars under Police supervision.

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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 Dudley on the 20th of October, 1928.
3. To announce apologies for absence.
4. To receive the Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of Masonry in the Province.
5. The Master of each Lodge in the Province to give a brief statement 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 Wilkin Memorial Fund.
10. To receive the report of the Charity Committee, enclosed herewith.
11. To elect the Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization.
12. To receive the report of the Library and Museum Committee, enclosed herewith.
13. To make a collection for a charitable purpose.
14. To elect three representatives on the Associate Provinces Committee.
15. To elect a representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
16. To elect a representative to fill casual vacancy, should one arise, on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institutions.
17. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint one member to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
18. To elect two Brethren to serve on the 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 Monday, October 14th. 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 1928-9.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

Income.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Fees of Honour	45	13	6	By Balance from last year	22	17	0
" Dispensations, etc.	6	0	6	" Calendars	65	1	3
" Calendars	90	14	11	" Tylers' Fees	1	10	0
" Lodge Dues	220	9	0	" Rent	4	0	0
" Balance carried forward to next year ..	24	13	1	" Associated Provinces (Subscription)	1	1	0
				" Library and Museum	2	0	0
				" Insurance	12	8	6
				" Printing and Stationery	55	0	8
				" Postages and Sundries	22	15	11
				" Expenses of Charity Organisation	13	1	0
				" Alterations and Extensions, Library and Museum	11	1	9
				" Bank Charges	5	14	5
				" Reserve Fund Transfer	16	0	0
	<u>£387</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£387</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

Income.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Collection at Provincial Grand Lodge ..	28	19	0	By Balance from last year	146	19	4
" Bank Interest	2	5	5	" Dudley Dispensary and Dudley Nursing Home	42	0	0
" Balance carried forward to next year ..	238	14	11	Worcestershire Joint Committee, Order of St. John and British Red Cross Society	21	0	0
				" Grant, Lodge No. 252 (Daughter)	10	0	0
				" " " 252 (Widow)	20	0	0
				" " " 3569 (Brother)	5	0	0
				" " " 1874 do.	5	0	0
				" " " 2654 (Widow)	20	0	0
	<u>£269</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£269</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RESERVE FUND.

Income.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	163	7	2	By Balance carried forward	181	13	9
" War Loan Interest	5	0	0	(NOTE.—Invested:			
" Bank Interest	3	7	7	£100 5% War Loan)			
" Management Account Transfer	10	0	0				
	<u>£181</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£181</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

WAR RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT.

Income.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	425	15	0	By Purchase of £400 5% War Loan	405	16	0
" War Loan Interest	20	15	4	" Grant, Lodge No. 1874 (Brother)	100	0	0
" Bank Interest	4	16	5	" Cash at Bank	183	2	5
" Interest on Loan to Library and Museum Committee	37	11	8	(NOTE.—Invested:			
" Loan repaid (3rd Instalment)	200	0	0	£615 8s. 8d. 5% War Loan;			
				£500 Loan to Library and Museum Committee.)			
	<u>£688</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£688</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>

SUMMARY OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS.

Bank Balances:—	£	s.	d.	Investments:—	£	s.	d.
Management Account (debit)	24	13	1	Reserve Fund:			
Benevolent Account (debit)	238	14	11	£100 5% War Loan (cost)	95	0	0
Reserve Fund Account (credit)	181	13	9	War Relief Fund:			
War Relief Fund Account (credit)	183	2	5	£615 8s. 8d. 5% War Loan (cost)	560	18	0
				Loan to Library and Museum Committee	500	0	0

Examined and found correct and securities inspected.

September 14th, 1929.

THOMAS MASON, P.P.G.W.
W. J. HILL, P.P.G.W.

H. V. STANTON,
Prov. G. Treasurer.

Acting Provincial Grand Secretary's Report,
For the Year 1928 -29.

I have the honour to report that the number of subscribing Brethren in the Province at December 31st 1927 was 1905.

During the year 1928 we lost in membership by deaths and resignations, 85, and gained by Initiations and Joining Members 157, making a total at December 31st 1928 of 1977 subscribing Brethren, an increase of 72. From this total has to be deducted the number of Brethren who are members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

The number of Lodges in the Province is now 33, the Northfield Lodge, No. 5056, the Thistle Lodge, No. 5061 and the Lodge of St. Oswald, No. 5094, having been consecrated in November, 1927, April and February last respectively, by the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Wor. Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Ceremonies in the Lodges during the year consisted of the usual Installations, 83 Initiations, 83 Passings, 94 Raisings and the Lectures and Explanations of the Tracing Boards were given on 48 occasions.

The visitation to the various Lodges by the Provincial Grand Officers during the year has again given great satisfaction both to the Lodges and the Provincial Officers, who have reported very favourably on the working of the Degrees and the progress of Masonry in the Province generally,

The Province records its appreciation of the honour of P.G.Std. B conferred upon W. Bro. C. B. Shuttleworth, P.M. 280, P.P.G.W., by the M.W. Grand Master at the Grand Festival in April last.

The year has been marked by the loss of several Prov. G. Officers and many letters of sympathy with the Province have been received from all parts of the country.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

HOLDEN AT THE TOWN HALL, DUDLEY, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 1928.

Present :

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER IN THE CHAIR; and

The Worshipful Brother W. T. Page, F.G.D.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER;

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 King's Head on the 15th day of October, 1927, were confirmed.

Apologies were announced from the Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, and Herefordshire; from the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, and Herefordshire; the Assistant Grand Secretary (W. Bro. SIDNEY WHITE); the Provincial Grand Secretaries of Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, and Gloucestershire; and a number of distinguished Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read his report, as follows:—

"I have the honour to report that the number of subscribing Brethren in the Province, at December 31st, 1926, was 1828. During the year 1927 we lost in membership, by deaths and resignations, 78, and gained, by Initiations and Joining Members, 155; making a total, at December 31st, 1927, of 1905 subscribing Brethren: an increase of 77. From this total has to be deducted the number of Brethren who are members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

"The number of Lodges in the Province is now 35; the 'Mosaic' Lodge, No. 5028, and the 'Francis Davies' Lodge, No. 5035, having been consecrated in September last by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

"The number of Lodges in the Province having reached 35, the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master was empowered to confer one additional Past Honour, and after the Consecration of

the 'Francis Davies' Lodge he conferred the rank of P.P.G.W. on W. Bro. C. H. AVERILL, P.P.G.D., P.M. of the 'Masefield' Lodge, No. 2034.

"The ceremonies in the Lodges during the year consisted of 35 Installations, 105 Initiations, 83 Passings, 77 Raisings, and the Lectures and Explanations of the Tracing Boards were given on 38 occasions.

"The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master deputed his Provincial Grand Officers to visit each Lodge as his representative during the year, and from the reports received the visitation has given the greatest satisfaction to the Lodges as well as to the Provincial Officers. The work in the Lodges, both as regards the working of the Degrees and the response made to appeals, has been most satisfactory.

"In conclusion, I have to report that the M.W. the Grand Master conferred the rank of P.A.G.D.C. on the Provincial Grand Secretary at the Grand Festival in May last."

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master expressed his pleasure to hear so satisfactory a report on the state of Masonry in the Province, and in very kind terms referred to the honour conferred upon the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. WILLIAM SOMERS. He then, on behalf of the Province, presented W. Bro. SOMERS with his Grand Lodge Clothing.

The W. Masters made brief statements concerning the work of their Lodges; the number of Brethren in attendance being declared as follows:—

252	Harmonic	2	3562	Avon	11
280	Worcester	8	3628	Wyche	7
377	Hope and Charity	22	3043	Campbell	13
498	Royal Standard	32	3863	Kings Heath	20
529	Semper Fidelis	11	3873	Mystic Quest	4
560	Vernon	13	3879	St. Mary's	7
564	Stability	15	4001	Kings Norton	10
573	Perseverance	18	4004	St. Werstan's	4
1097	St. Michael	11	4144	Pro Patria	11
1204	Peace	14	4437	Dudley Castle	32
1874	Lechmere Volunteer	12	4495	Bordesley	6
2034	Masefield	17	4565	Fort Royal	6
2385	Godson	15	4621	St. Edburgha	12
2634	Arden	9	4846	St. Nicolas	12
2724	St. Laurence	19	4935	Bon Accord	7
3185	Sturford	16	5028	Mosaic	10
3308	Abbot Lichfield	14	5035	Francis Davies	9
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	Members of Lodges in Province	471			
	Visitors	8			
	TOTAL	479			

The audited accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (W. Bro. H. V. STANTON) were received and adopted; and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his services.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that no nomination under By-Law No. 7 had been received for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master declared W. Bro. HARRY VINCENT STANTON duly re-elected.

The Report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund was received and adopted.

The Report of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund, presented by W. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.A.G.D.C., was received and adopted. The Grand Secretary (V.W. Bro. Sir P. COLVILLE SMITH, M.A., C.V.O.), presented the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master with a special Collector's Jewel.

The Report of the Charity Committee was taken as read, and was received and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes.

W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, P.Asst.G.Std.Br., P.P.G.W., was re-elected Non. Secretary of the Charity Organisation. The thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were accorded to him for his excellent work.

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

A collection was then taken for charitable purposes—amounting to £28 19s., and the Provincial Grand Treasurer was requested to make this sum up to forty guineas—and given to the Dudley Dispensary and Badley Nursing Home.

W. Bro. C. F. MONK, Provincial Grand Treasurer (Warwickshire), was nominated as a candidate for election on the Board of General Purposes.

W. Bro. A. ALLEN, P.P.G.W., was re-elected as representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

W. Bro. GLOVER, P.M. 4001, P.P.G.P., was elected as representative to fill any casual vacancy should one arise on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institutions.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master appointed W. Bro. T. MASON, P.P.G.W., as his representative on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

W. Bro. R. A. E. PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W., and W. Bro. W. J. HILL, P.P.G.W., were elected to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all Fees of Honour had been paid.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers for the year 1928-9, as follows :—

Prov Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. G. E. MORRIS	252 & 5028
" Junior Grand Warden	" " T. H. WINTLE	529
" Grand Chaplain	Bro. Rev. W. J. NORTH	498
" Grand Treasurer	W. Bro. H. V. STANTON	498 & 4437
" Grand Registrar	" " R. AKERS	3643
" Grand Secretary	" " W. SOMERS	498, 573 & 4437
" Grand Director of Ceremonies	" " E. W. BECK	3308
" Senior Grand Deacon	" " NELSON JONES	401
" Senior Grand Deacon	" " W. O. PERRY	564
" Junior Grand Deacon	" " A. PETTIFER	3569
" Junior Grand Deacon	" " D. V. SIDAWAY	252
" Grand Superintendent of Works	" " F. J. BARNES	564
" Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	" " D. OAKLEY	498 & 4437
" Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	" " T. HILTON	377
" Grand Sword Bearer	" " H. W. MANSFIELD	3378
" Grand Standard Bearer	" " JARVIS JONES	1874
" Grand Standard Bearer	" " I. H. GALLIMORE	280
" Grand Organist	Bro. P. H. DUCKLER	252
" Assistant Grand Secretary	W. Bro. W. JONES	573
" Grand Pursuivant	" " S. CHRISTIAN	4437
" Assistant Grand Pursuivant	" " R. GILBIN	4144
" Grand Steward	" " J. H. YORKE	252
" Grand Steward	" " J. CARTWRIGHT	252
" Grand Steward	" " D. M. CHAPMAN	498
" Grand Steward	" " N. WARR	498
" Grand Steward	" " W. CHILTON	4437
" Grand Steward	" " T. CHILTON	4437
" Grand Tyler	Bro. OTHO SCOTT	564

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

Past Prov. Senior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. G. E. HARTMAN	3308
" " Senior Grand Deacon	" " A. V. TERRY	4495
" " Grand Standard Bearer	" " W. H. STONE	560
" " Grand Standard Bearer	" " C. G. PARTRIDGE	1097
" " Grand Standard Bearer	" " R. R. FLEEMAN	4621

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the W. Masters and Brethren of the Dudley Lodges for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The W. Master of the "Harmonic" Lodge, on behalf of the three Dudley Lodges, suitably replied.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master accepted the invitation of the "St. Laurence" Lodge, No. 272, to hold the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of that Lodge.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master referred to the admirable work done by the "Order of St. John and British Red Cross Society," of which he was chairman of the Worcestershire Joint Committee. It was resolved that a donation of Twenty Guineas be given from Provincial Grand Lodge Funds, and that it be suggested to the W. Masters of the several Lodges in the Province to devote the contents of the alms box once a year to this deserving cause.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master extended a cordial welcome to the visiting Brethren ; and W. Bro. Dr. J. F. G. PIETERSEN, D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire, responded on their behalf, and congratulated the Province on the excellent attendance at the Meeting.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

Province of Worcestershire.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR 1928-9.

ATTACHED I have pleasure in placing before the members of the Province a list of promises and payments to the Fund up to July 1st, 1929.

From this it will be seen that while £10,140 has been promised, upwards of £9,173 has actually been paid in.

This result must be most gratifying to the Subscribers and Lodge Delegates who have so loyally supported the appeal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the appreciation of which is expressed by the following letter to the Provincial Grand Secretary:—

“13th December, 1928.

“Dear Sir and W. Brother,

“The total payment to the above Fund from the Province of Worcestershire is now £8,539 10s. 5d., and it is with much pleasure that I certify the Province to have completed its qualification as a

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which entitles the Province to have its name recorded in the new Masonic Peace Memorial Building.

“I am desired by the Special Committee to thank and congratulate the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and all the members of your Province whose donations to the above Fund have assisted in the effort to attain this distinguished position.

“The inspiring example set by the Province of Worcestershire in loyal and consistent support to the Grand Master's Appeal has been appreciated very cordially, and the Committee is assured that the Worcestershire Brethren always will regard with deep satisfaction the worthy part taken by the Province in this great scheme.

“The personal interest and help of R.W. Bro. General Sir Francis Davies has been noted with gratification, and I am also to express the Committee's sincere thanks to W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.A.G.D.C., and to yourself for valuable services rendered in the task of collecting this considerable list of subscriptions.

“Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) “P. COLVILLE SMITH, G. Sec.”

W. Bro. W. Somers,
Provincial Grand Secretary for Worcestershire,
Masonic Hall, Worcester.

Unfortunately, there are a few Lodges which are considerably behind with the collection of the amounts promised by individual members, and as many of these promises were originally made seven years ago, I hope a special effort will be made to clear them up during the present session. I feel sure that this can be done if collectors will bring the matter to the notice of the Brethren concerned.

On June 5th the Worshipful Masters of the Northfield Lodge, No. 5056 (W. Bro. T. W. JAMES) and the Lodge of St. Oswald, No. 5094 (W. Bro. F. S. RAWSON) attended Grand Lodge for the purpose of receiving, at the hands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. F. H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, the coveted Hall Stone Collarette and Jewel, bringing the number of Lodges in the Province entitled to that distinction to fourteen. I earnestly hope to see the number still further increased.

In concluding this—which will be my final—report, I would again like to express my grateful thanks for the encouragement, courtesy, and support I have always received from the Special Collectors, Worshipful Masters, and Secretaries of Lodges, without whose enthusiasm and help this gratifying result and honourable position could not have been attained.

CHARLIE D. EATON, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.,

Representative.

September 21st, 1929.

W. Bro. W. Somers,
Provincial Grand Secretary for Worcestershire,
Masonic Hall, Worcester.

Province of Worcestershire.

MASONIC MILLION MEMORIAL FUND.

Return from Grand Lodge, July 1st, 1929.

	PROMISED.			PAID.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Grand Lodge ..	105	0	0	105	0	0
Provincial Grand Lodge—Interest	2	4	3	2	4	3
252 Harmonic	280	7	0	206	17	0
280 Worcester	134	8	0	131	5	0
377 Hope and Charity	275	4	6	179	5	6
498 Royal Standard	277	4	10	170	2	0
529 Semper Fidelis	276	19	0	230	0	0
560 Vernon	199	10	0	105	0	0
564 Stability H.	477	15	0	277	15	0
573 Perseverance H.	745	10	0	713	10	0
1097 St. Michaels	16	16	0	15	13	0
1204 Royds	209	11	6	182	12	0
1874 Lechmere Volunteer H.	750	0	0	740	5	0
2034 Masefield	189	0	0	171	10	0
2385 Godson H.	600	0	0	579	12	0
2654 Arter H.	600	0	0	600	0	0
2724 St. Laurence H.	91	1	0	88	1	0
3185 Stechford	107	9	0	103	19	6
3308 Abbot Lichfield	114	2	0	113	1	0
3378 Page	260	1	0	272	18	5
3569 Avon	80	0	0	80	7	0
3638 Wyche	56	12	8	66	12	8
3643 Campbell	200	5	0	176	8	0
3863 Kings Heath	173	2	0	168	16	6
3873 Mystic Quest H.	529	4	0	593	5	0
3879 St. Mary's	15	15	0	15	15	0
4001 Kings Norton	221	11	0	198	5	0
4004 St. Werstan	10	10	0	10	10	0
4144 Pro Patria H.	347	11	0	348	12	0
4437 Dudley Castle	174	16	0	134	8	0
4495 Bordesley H.	300	5	0	305	11	0
4564 Fort Royal	68	15	6	68	15	6
4621 St. Edburgha P.H.S.	456	15	0	332	13	8
4846 St. Nicolas H.	157	10	0	157	10	0
4935 Bell Accord H.	136	10	0	136	10	0
5004 Mosaic H.	157	10	0	157	10	0
5035 Francis Davies P.H.S.	131	5	0	—	—	—
5076 Northfield H.	160	0	0	91	7	0
5061 Thistle	—	—	—	—	—	—
5094 St. Oswald's H.	115	10	0	136	10	0
529 R.A.C. (see 529 Lodge)	—	—	—	5	5	0
3308 R.A.C. (see 3308 Lodge)	5	5	0	5	5	0
3863 R.A.C. (see 3863 Lodge)	2	2	0	2	2	0
1874 R.A.C. (see 1874 Lodge)	—	—	—	10	10	0
4144 Lodge (see 1874 Lodge)	—	—	—	21	0	0
TOTALS ..	£10140	16	9	£9173	11	0

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

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee has pleasure in presenting its seventeenth report to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

On November 17th, 1928, at a Meeting of the Library and Museum Representatives of all the Lodges in the Province, it was agreed to support the proposed scheme for removing the Library and Museum to a more commodious room on another floor adjoining the present building. This scheme has since been completed, the Library has been removed to the new room together with the "Shackles" Collection, and the original collection; new show-cases and bookcases have been acquired. The whole of the valuable exhibits are now more fully displayed.

Your Committee would remind each subscribing body that it is entitled to appoint a Representative on this Committee, who, it is suggested, should be elected at the same Meeting as the W.M. and his name at once forwarded to the Secretary.

Accompanying the Report is a complete list to date of subscriptions to the "Shackles" Fund, and your Committee desires to thank those Masonic bodies whose generous support has enabled them to repay £600 of the loans borrowed for the purchase of the Collection, and to express the hope that those Lodges which have not so far given their full support to the scheme will be able to do so in the immediate future and enable your Committee to clear off the remaining £630 of indebtedness.

Your Committee would add that during the year the number of visitors to the Museum has decidedly increased over that of the corresponding period of a year ago.

The Secretary will at any time be pleased to arrange for visits of Brethren and friends who are desirous of seeing the Museum.

Your Committee gratefully acknowledges and wishes to express its special thanks to the following Brethren for the gifts they have made to the Museum during the past year:—

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| A.Q.C. Various Parts, Jewels, Papers, Athlumney Lodge Token (Mark) | W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M. |
| Mark Masons Clothing, Mark Jewel, Books, Blank Certificate, Translation, and Summons, Abbey Lodge 176, I.O.W.; Warrant Photograph, Collection of Papers, Old Ritual, Continental Firing Glass, Photograph of Address to W. Bro. J. Jones, P.D.P.G.M.M. | W. Bro. C. D. EATON. |

R.A. Clothing, Mark Tokens, Six Old Lodge Chairs	W. Bro. D. OAKLEY.
Mark Steward's Badge, Summons Grand Masters' Lodge, Copper Token	W. Bro. W. SOMERS.
Photograph of two pierced Masonic Jewels..	W. Bro. G. W. WARING.
Silver Snuff Box (Masonic Emblems on lid)..	Purchased.
Great Priory Collarette and Jewel, of late Emt. Knt. H. H. Hughes	Mrs. D. MASON.
Mark Jewel, Pamphlets, Pedestal and Base..	Bro. W. LITTLER.
Glass Goblet with Masonic Emblems.....	W. Bro. A. E. DUESBURY.
Luncheon Menu, S.S. <i>Carinthia</i> , August 18, 1928.....	Bro. A. E. LOOKER.
Book, History Royal Somerset and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, A. W. Oxford	W. Bro. R. H. King.
Blue Firing Glass, 573	Perseverance Lodge.
Jewels, P.G. Officer's Clothing, Craft and R.A. Certificates	Bro. E. DAVES.
Moorish Coin 1265, Old Ritual, Calendars, Gold Pendants, Constitutions and By-Laws	W. Bro. R. J. TAYLOR.
Song	Bro. J. G. WINTER.
Ritual	W. Bro. E. S. FORNERGILL.
Centenary Souvenir	Harmonic Lodge.
By-Laws and Constitutions, Letter, Account Catalogue, Books, Constitutions, Records, Letters, Rituals, of the late W. Bro. J. Jones	W. Bro. Col. J. A. C. GIBBS.
Songs	Miss Jones.
Bronze Medal, Republic Lodge, No. 690, A.L. 5869.	Lodge of Amity.
Jewel	W. Bro. F. COOK.
Masonic Silk Handkerchief	W. Bro. A. BANNISTER.
By-Laws, Newspaper Cuttings, Records (various)	Bro. J. D. MURRAY.
Text Book of Freemasonry, 1874	W. Bro. M. SMITH.
Firing Glass, Lodge 468	Bro. G. F. MARSHALL.
Steward's Jewel, R.M.B.I., 1928	W. Bro. W. G. WILLIAMS.
Jewel	W. Bro. J. E. WALL.
Two Irish R.A. Jewels	W. Bro. S. W. CULLEY (No. 36, Glam.).
Chin. Jug	W. Bro. NEVILLE CROWE.
The Pin, Square and Compasses, Cameo	Bro. W. J. CRAVEN.
	W. Bro. F. J. UNDERWOOD.

Attached is a statement of accounts for the past year ; and the Committee desires once more to express its very sincere thanks to W. Bro. W. T. PAGE for the manner in which he has kept and presented the accounts ; and to all Masonic bodies in the Province for their generous financial assistance.

Signed on behalf of the General Committee,

CHARLIE D. EATON,

Chairman.

R. HARRY KING,

Hon. Secretary.

Province of Worcestershire.

LIBRARY & MUSEUM—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1928-9.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 30/6/28 ..	87	2	7	Jewels, Books, &c.	76	15	0
Contributions	97	2	6	Printing	5	14	6
Loan, Catalogue Reserve Fund	50	0	0	Furniture, Cases, &c... ..	174	10	12
Bank Interest		15	3	Custodian	25	0	0
				Sundries	2	0	0
				Cash in Bank, 30/6/29 ..	8	19	11
	£235	0	4		£235	0	4

NEW CATALOGUE RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	
Cash in Bank, 30/6/28 ..	140	15	9	Loan to General Fund ..	50	0	0	
Bank Interest		2	13	10	Cash in Bank, 30/6/29 ..	93	9	7
	£143	9	7		£143	9	7	

SHACKLES COLLECTION FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 30/6/28 ..	30	17	0	Interest on Loans	44	1	8
Contributions, &c.	272	16	0	Part Repayment of Loan—3rd			
Bank Interest		14	0	Instalment	200	0	0
				Cheque Book		5	0
				Cash in Bank, 30/6/29 ..	60	0	8
	£304	7	4		£304	7	4

Audited and found correct.—July 17th, 1929.

W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M.,
Hon. Treasurer.

T. H. WINTLE, Prov. J.G.W., P.M. 529,
R. HARRY KING, P.M. 564,
Auditors.

Donations and Subscriptions to the "Shackles" Collection Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Provincial Grand Lodge	105	0	0
Provincial Grand Chapter	15	15	0
Provincial Mark Lodge	10	10	0
Provincial Grand Priory	10	10	0
Lechmere Hughes Chapter	5	5	0
Arter Chapter	8	8	0
Page Chapter	5	5	0
Lechmere Mark Lodge	10	10	0
Soc. Ros. I.A.	10	10	0
St. Dunstan's Rx. Chapter	5	5	0
St. Nicolas Rx. Chapter	5	5	0
Harmonic Lodge	24	3	0
Worcester Lodge	22	7	0
Hope and Charity Lodge	22	1	0
Royal Standard Lodge	52	10	0
Semper Fidelis Lodge	20	1	0
Vernon Lodge	25	4	0
Stability Lodge	22	1	0
Perseverance Lodge	28	7	0
St. Michaels Lodge	1	1	0
Royds Lodge	25	4	0
Lechmere Volunteer Lodge	52	10	0
Masefield Lodge	24	3	0
Godson Lodge	23	2	0
Arter Lodge	50	0	0
St. Lawrence Lodge	22	1	0
Stechford Lodge	7	7	0
Abbot Lichfield Lodge	22	1	0
Page Lodge	31	10	0
Avon Lodge	23	2	0
Wyche Lodge	22	1	0
Campbell Lodge	22	1	0
Kings Heath Lodge	22	1	0
Mystic Quest Lodge	10	10	0
St. Mary's Lodge	5	5	0
Kings Norton Lodge	26	5	0
St. Winstan Lodge	15	15	0
Pro Patria Lodge	52	10	0
Dudley Castle Lodge	52	10	0
Nordesley Lodge	17	17	0
Fort Royal Lodge	22	1	0
St. Edburgh Lodge	7	7	0
St. Nicolas Lodge	9	9	0
Lodge of Bon Accord	3	3	0
Mosaic Lodge	—	—	—
Francis Davies Lodge	—	—	—
Northfield Lodge	—	—	—
Lodge of St. Oswald	—	—	—
Thistle Lodge	—	—	—
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Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

To be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, held under the Banner of the "St. Laurence" Lodge, No. 2724, on Saturday, October 19th, 1929.

Your Committee herewith present their Forty-ninth Annual Report.

THEY have to announce that the Subscriptions and Donations this year have been £2,240 6s. 6d. from the 976 Subscribers to the Organization tantine, as against £2,214 19s. 6d. from 858 last year. The balance of £362 8s. 9d. shewn in the Statement of Accounts includes £168 os. 0d. drawn in the last Ballot held over for next year's festivals.

This year the Province supported the Boys' Institution, and the sum of £1,391 5s. 0d. was sent up to the 131st Annual Festival, held on June 12th, 1929. The Festival was supported by 8 Dining Stewards, 66 Non-Dining Stewards, 3 Lady Dining Stewards, and 8 Lady Non-Dining Stewards.

The amount of £288 15s. 0d. was sent up to the Benevolent Institution, and the Annual Festival was supported by 20 Non-Dining Stewards.

The sum of £378 was sent up to the Girls' Institution, and the Annual Festival supported by 2 Dining Stewards, 23 Non-Dining Stewards, and 4 Lady Stewards.

The Province now has 4 Male Annuitants and 9 Female Annuitants receiving benefits from the R.M. Benevolent Institution. These 13 Annuitants are receiving £760 per annum.

There are 3 Boys in the Senior School of the R.M. Institution for Boys, and 2 in the Junior School who were elected during the last year; and 3 on out-education awaiting vacancies in the Junior School.

The Boy G. S. N. HUGHES is still at St. Mary's Hospital, and has received grants for the past year from the Institution to the amount of £100.

The new Junior School at Bushey has been opened and 400 new boys admitted, including the 2 from our Province.

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There are at present 11 Girls from the Province receiving the benefits from the R.M. Institution for Girls: 5 of these are in the Schools at Clapham and Weybridge, 1 is on out-education awaiting admission, and the remaining 5 are receiving grants for permanent out-education and maintenance, 2 of whom are receiving special grants for extended education.

Since the last report the Province has given relief of £10 to a daughter of a late Brother of the "Harmonic" Lodge; £20 to a Brother's widow late of the "Arter" Lodge; £20 to a Brother's widow late of the "Harmonic" Lodge; £5 to a Brother late of "Lechmere Volunteer" Lodge; and £5 to a Brother late of "Avon" Lodge.

The Committee record their deep regret at the loss the Province has sustained by the death of W. Bro. CHARLES P. PERRY, P.Asst.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W., which occurred on the 14th of August, and express their grateful appreciation of his services as Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization since 1920.

The Committee wish to thank those Ladies and Brethren for their kind assistance, by their donations, to the Masonic Institutions.

ALFRED W. LLEN, P.Asst.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W.
Hon. Asst. Secretary to the Organization.

This year the Province reported the following Institution and the sum of £1,500.00 was sent up to the 1928 Annual Festival. The Festival was supported by 8 Dining Stewards, 24 Non-Dining Stewards, and 8 Lady Non-Dining Stewards.

The amount of £200.00 was sent up to the Benevolent Institution and the Annual Festival was supported by 20 Non-Dining Stewards.

The sum of £278 was sent up to the Girls' Institution and the Annual Festival supported by 2 Dining Stewards, 24 Non-Dining Stewards, and 4 Lady Stewards.

The Province now has 4 Male Annuitants and 9 Female Annuitants receiving benefits from the R.M. Benevolent Institution. There are 13 Annuitants and 1,700 per annum.

There are 3 boys in the Senior School of the R.M. Institution, 1 boy and 2 in the Junior School who were elected during the last year; and 3 on out-education in other vacations in the Junior School.

The boy G. S. N. Lucas is still at St. Mary's Hospital, and has received grants for the last year from the Institution to the amount of £100.

The new Junior School at Boreley has been opened and 400 new boys admitted, including 2 from our Province.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1928-9.

Presented by W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, P.Asst.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W., Hon. Asst. Secretary.

Receipts.	£		s.		d.		Expenditure.	£		s.		d.		
	To	By	19	28	0	0		288	378	15	0	0	0	0
To Balance in Bank	53	19	0	0	By Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	..	..	288	15	0	0	
" Bank Interest	18	3	3	3	" Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	..	..	378	0	0	0	
" Lodge 252 Harmonic					" Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	..	..	139	1	5	0	
" " 280 Worcester	75	12	0	0	" Balance ..	..	..	362	8	9	9	
" " 377 Hop's and Charity	69	6	0	0								
" " 498 Royal Standard	160	13	0	0								
" " 529 Semper Parvulus	80	17	0	0								
" " 560 Vernon	67	4	0	0								
" " 564 Stability	84	7	0	0								
" " 573 Perseverance	97	12	0	0								
" " 1097 St. Michael	40	8	6	6								
" " 1204 Royds	28	7	0	0								
" " 1874 Lechmere Volunteer	52	10	0	0								
" " 2034 Masfield	42	0	0	0								
" " 2385 Godson	76	3	0	0								
" " 2654 Arter	10	7	0	0								
" " 2724 St. Laurence	93	9	0	0								
" " 3185 Stechford	136	16	0	0								
" " 3308 Abbot Lichfield	19	19	0	0								
" " 3378 Page	79	16	0	0								
" " 3569 Avon	38	17	0	0								
" " 3638 Wyche	43	1	0	0								
" " 3643 Campbell	113	8	0	0								
" " 3863 Kings Heath	69	6	0	0								
" " 3873 Mystic Quest	45	3	0	0								
" " 3879 St. Marys	46	4	0	0								
" " 4001 Kings Norton	60	18	0	0								
" " 4004 St. Werstan	18	18	0	0								
" " 4144 Pro Patria	50	8	0	0								
" " 4437 Dudley Castle	37	16	0	0								
" " 4495 Bordesley	33	12	0	0								
" " 4565 Fort Royal	59	17	0	0								
" " 4621 St. Edburgha	118	13	0	0								
" " 4816 St. Nicolas	48	6	0	0								
" " 4935 Bon Accord	152	5	0	0								
" " 5094 St. Oswald	10	10	0	0								
			2348			6 6								
			£2420			8 9								

Audited and found correct.

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JAMES MITCHELL, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 318: } Auditors.
ERNEST G. APPS, P.P.G.W., P.M. 2654 }

August 1st, 1929.