

Rt. Wor. Prov. G. Master.



Provincial Grand Lodge of
Mark Master Masons
Worcestershire

The Right Wor. Bro. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.O.
Provincial Grand Master.

The Wor. Bro. Dr. PERCY AUSTIN RODEN, P.F.G.O.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden under the Banner of Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, at the Masonic Hall, Worcester on Saturday, 2nd November 1929, at 3.0 o'clock.

All present and past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, together with the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend (in full Dress Mark Clothing) the duties of the said Provincial Grand Lodge.

All Mark Master Masons are invited to attend.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Ivy Lodge, Hagley Road, Stourbridge.
12th October, 1929. Telephone: 435.

Provincial Grand Officers unable to attend are specially requested to forward their Jewels to the Provincial Grand Secretary before the 31st Oct., 1929, failing which they will be subject to a fine of Two Guineas By-Law IV.

A Luncheon will be provided at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, at 1.30 o'clock.
Tickets 7/6 each, inclusive.

Brethren intending to be present at the Luncheon must please communicate with Wor. Bro. A. J. Castle,
121, Bath Road, Worcester, on or before 28th October, 1929.

MORNING DRESS AND WHITE GLOVES.

Ample accommodation will be provided for Cars in the Territorial Drill Hall Yard, Silver Street, (near Masonic Hall).
An attendant will be available.

Business

1. The Brethren of the various Lodges will assemble in the Lodge Room at 3 p.m.
2. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will enter in procession.
3. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.15 p.m. precisely.
4. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Officers, present and past of the Grand Lodge of England, will be saluted.
5. The Circular convening the Meeting will be read.
6. The Minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge will be read for confirmation.
7. Apologies for absence will be announced.
8. Communications (if any) will be read.
9. The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called.**
10. The Secretary will report on the state of Mark and Ark Masonry in the Province.
11. The W.M. and W.C.N. of each Lodge will give a brief statement concerning the work of his Lodge during the past twelve months, and announce the number of brethren present supporting him. (Brethren will rise for one Lodge only).
12. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will present the Statement of his Accounts.
13. A Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year will be elected.
14. Auditors for the ensuing year will be elected (Bye-Law VI).
15. Two Members on the Committee of General Purposes will be elected (Bye-Law VI).
16. A collection for charitable purposes will be made.
17. The names of the Brethren who served as Stewards at the Mark Benevolent Festival in June last will be announced.
18. The fees of honour from Provincial Grand Officers will be received.
19. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will appoint and invest his Officers.
20. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will appoint place for holding next Provincial Grand Lodge.
21. Any other business not requiring notice will be considered.
22. The provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.
23. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.

**EXTRACT FROM BYE-LAW IV.—"Every Provincial Grand Mark Officer not attending at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and not sending a valid excuse in writing for his non-attendance shall be fined five shillings."



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Provincial Officers, 1929-30.

SENIOR WARDEN	Bro. C. W. HIGGINS (330)
JUNIOR WARDEN	G. E. WILLIAMSON (59)
MASTER OVERSEER	...	...	...	„ W. H. CHAPMAN (733)
SENIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	„ E. H. PARKES (590)
JUNIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	„ C. R. BAILEY (667)
CHAPLAIN	...	...	...	Rev. S. G. LAVERY (733)
TREASURER (To be elected)	...	...	...	„
REGISTRAR	...	...	...	„ G. H. BISCOE (59)
SECRETARY	...	...	...	„ H. V. STANTON (330)
DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	„ W. J. H. HUNTER (747)
SENIOR DEACON	...	...	...	„ J. MAINWARING (330)
JUNIOR DEACON	...	...	...	„ F. W. BAGNALL (733)
INSPECTOR OF WORKS	...	...	...	„ H. A. SMITH (747)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	„ A. E. SHINTON (590)
SWORD BEARER	...	...	...	„ G. C. FREEMAN (667)
STANDARD BEARER	...	...	...	„ H. W. MANSFIELD (59)
„	„	...	...	„ O. M. WELLER (590)
ORGANIST	...	...	...	„ E. PARKES (733)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	...	...	...	„ D. OAKLEY (330)
INNER GUARD	...	...	...	„ W. L. BROWN (733)
STEWARD	...	...	...	„ G. J. LEEK (59)
„	...	...	...	„ H. C. AMBLER (667)
TYLER	...	...	...	„ OTHO SCOTT (733)

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Worcestershire.

Dr. TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1928-9.

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<p>To Balance brought forward ... £ s. d. 10 15 11</p> <p>" Fees of Honour ... 17 17 0</p> <p>" Dispensations ... 15 0</p> <p>" Dues as under, viz. :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lechmere Lodge, No. 59 ... 2 14 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Godson Lodge, No. 330 ... 3 4 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Athlumney Lodge, No. 590 ... 3 7 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Moseley Lodge, No. 667 ... 1 14 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Perseverance Lodge, No. 733 ... 2 2 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stechford Lodge, No. 747 ... 2 4 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ark R.A.M., No. 59, Nil ...</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Abraham Green, R.A.M., No. 330 ... 15 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Athlumney R.A.M., No. 590, Nil ...</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Moseley, R.A.M., No. 667 ... 1 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stechford, R.A.M., No. 747 ... 18 6</p> <p>" Bank Interest ... 17 1 6</p>	<p>By Transfer to Alms Account ... £ s. d. 4 5 0</p> <p>" Subscription to Library and Museum ... 2 2 0</p> <p>" Printing, Stationery, etc. ... 9 10 6</p> <p>" Prov. G. Tyler ... 1 5 6</p> <p>" Postages ... 1 13 2</p> <p>" Wreath ... 1 1 0</p> <p>" Alteration of Collar (D.P.G.M.) ... 1 12 6</p> <p>" Balance in hand ... 25 2 10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">£46 12 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">£46 12 6</p>

ALMS ACCOUNT.

<p>To Alms collected at Provincial Grand Lodge ... £ s. d. 6 5 0</p> <p>" Transfer from General Account ... 4 5 0</p>	<p>By Halesowen Cottage Hospital ... £ s. d. 5 5 0</p> <p>" Halesowen Nursing Fund ... 5 5 0</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">£10 10 0</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">£10 10 0</p>

Examined and found correct,

C. W. HIGGINS, P.M., 330, P.P.G. Regr.
Prov. Grand Treasurer.

W. J. BRIDGWATER, P.M., 330, P.P.G.W.
ERNEST DAVIES, P.M., 330, P.P.G.W.
September 28th, 1929.

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OBITUARY.

W. Bro. James Jones, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.P.G.M.

V. W. Bro. William Somers, P.G.Treasr., Prov. S.G.W.

W. Bro. C. P. Perry, P.G.Stwd.

W. Bro. Rev. G. E. Lythgoe, P.P.G.Chap.

Bro. W. T. Smellie, Prov. G.Std.B.

W. Bro. Percy Gibbs, P.P.G.W.

13. Prov. G. Treasurer. Nomination from Stechford Lodge of
W. Bro. Egerton West, P.M., P.P.G.Ov.

14. Auditors. Two Stechford Brethren will probably be
nominated.

15. Election of two Members on the Committee of General Purposes.
Present Members:-

W. Bro. J. S. Morris.

W. Bro. C. H. Cook.

20. Place for next Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting.

Invitation expected from Stechford Lodge.

21. Thanks to entertaining Lodge.

For Roll of Prov. G. Officers.



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Provincial Officers, 1928-9

SENIOR WARDEN	Bro. WILLIAM SOMERS (733)	Deceased
JUNIOR WARDEN	...	...	...	G. H. FOSTON (747)	
MASTER OVERSEER	...	...	...	" D. M. CHAPMAN (330)	
SENIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	" F. J. UNDERWOOD (59)	
JUNIOR OVERSEER	...	...	...	" W. O. PERRY (667)	
CHAPLAIN	...	...	...	Rev. S. G. LAVERY (733)	
TREASURER (To be elected)	...	...	...	" C. W. HIGGINS (330)	
REGISTRAR	...	...	...	" W. CHILTON (733)	
SECRETARY	...	...	...	" H. V. STANTON (330)	
DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	" D. OAKLEY (330)	
SENIOR DEACON	...	...	...	" A. L. H. CUTLER (330)	
JUNIOR DEACON	...	...	...	" W. H. BRISCOE (590)	<i>apology</i>
INSPECTOR OF WORKS	...	...	...	" R. J. HILLIAR (59)	
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES	...	...	...	" W. VICKERS, (590)	
SWORD BEARER	...	...	...	" H. H. HOLLAND (747)	
STANDARD BEARER	...	...	...	" W. T. SMELLIE (667)	Deceased.
" "	...	...	...	" G. HOLDER (59)	
ORGANIST	...	...	...	" P. H. BUCKLER (330)	<i>apology.</i>
INNER GUARD	" S. O. DARBY (590)	
STEWARD	" A. HOLMES (747)	
" "	" F. HOLLYHOKE (733)	
TYLER	" OTHO SCOTT (733)	

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Dr. TREASURERS CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1927-8.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	37	5	7				By Transfer to Alms Account	5	3	0
" Fees of Honour	14	3	6				" Donation to Shackles Collection Purchase Fund	10	10	0
" Dispersations	10	0	0				" Subscription to Library and Museum	2	2	0
" Dues as under, viz. :—							" Subscription to Wor. Bro. Jones Testimonial Fund	26	5	0
Lechmere Lodge, No. 59	2	14	0				" Printing, Stationery, &c.	7	19	9
Godson Lodge, No. 330	3	6	6				" Prov. G. Tyler	1	4	0
Athlumney Lodge, No. 590	1	10	0				" Postages	1	13	3
Moseley Lodge, No. 667	1	11	6				" Wreath	1	1	0
Perseverance Lodge, No. 733	2	1	6				" Balance in hand	10	15	11
Stechford Lodge, No. 747	2	7	9							
Ark R.A.M., No. 59	7	6	6							
Abraham Green, R.A.M., No. 330	10	0	0							
Athlumney, R.A.M., No. 590 Nil										
Moseley, R.A.M., No. 667										
Stechford, R.A.M., No. 747										
" Bank Interest	14	8	0							
	66	13	11							
								66	13	11
ALMS ACCOUNT.							By Dudley Guest Hospital donors			
To Alms collected at Provincial Grand Lodge	5	7	0					5	5	0
" Transfer from General Account	5	3	0				" Frenasons' Hospital Samaritan Fund	5	5	0
								10	10	0
	£10 10 0							£10 10 0		

Examined and found correct.

C. W. HIGGINS, P.M. 330, P.P.G.Regtr.

Prov. Grand Treasurer.

W. J. BRIDGWATER, P.M. 330, P.P.G.W.

ERNEST DAVIES, P.M. 330, P.G.J.W.

September 28th, 1928.

Report for the year 1928-29.

Mark Masonry in the Province has declined slightly during the past year, from the returns furnished by the various Lodges there are 19 new Members, against which we have lost 13 by resignation and 12 by death, a net decrease of 6.

In the Royal Ark Mariner Degree there have been 28 new Members, whilst we have lost 3 by resignation and 7 by death, a net increase of 18.

The total number of subscribing Members is now given as 225 Mark Brethren and 174 Royal Ark Mariners. Due allowance, however, must be made in these figures for Brethren who are subscribing Members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

The financial position of each Lodge is reported as satisfactory.

The Province mourns the loss by death of several distinguished Brethren, W. Bro. James Jones, P.A.G.D.C. P.D.P.G.M., V. Bro. William Somers, P.G.Treasr., Prov. S.G.W., W. Bro. C. P. Perry, P.G.Stwd., Rev. G. E. Lythgoe, P.P.G.Chap. and Bro. W. T. Smellie, Prov.G.Std.B. W. Bro. Percy Gibbs, P.G.W.

Congratulations are extended to Bro. James Luffing on his appointment by the M. Wor. Grand Master to the rank of G.J.D.

The Mark Benevolent Fund was again well supported, 14 Brethren and 2 Ladies qualifying as Stewards with a total contribution of £126.0.0.

The Province records its appreciation of the work done by W. Bro. Ernest G. Apps, Acting S. W. during the illness of V. W. Bro. William Somers, and W. Bro. G. H. Foston, Prov. J.G.W., who have regularly visited the Lodges during the past year.

The opportunity is taken of again thanking the Wor. Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries of the various Lodges for their valuable assistance in carrying on the work of the Province.

J.H. Stanton

Prov. G. Secretary.

Lodges in the Province.

MARK.	Lechmere,	No. 59
	Godson,	" 330
	Athlumney,	" 590
	Moseley,	" 667
	Perseverance,	" 733
	Stechford,	" 747

R. A. M.	Ark,	No, 59
	Abraham Green,	" 330
	Athlumney	" 590
	Moseley,	" 667
	Stechford,	" 733

VISITORS. Mark.

R.A.M.

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