

THE  
MOSELEY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS  
No.667  
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The Moseley Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.667 was consecrated in the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute on Monday, the tenth day of September 1917. It is the fourth oldest in the Province of Worcestershire.

Much thought by a variety of eminent Freemasons went into the formation of this Lodge as is evidenced by the first Minutes in the original Minute Book.

A meeting of interested Masons was held at the Institute on Friday, May 8th. 1917 to discuss forming a new Mark Lodge at Moseley. Fifteen brethren attended and voted W.Bro. J. A. Hughes, Prov. J.G.W., (Warks) into the Chair. Consideration was given to procedure and the many details to be undertaken to establish a new Lodge. The Chairman that "the necessary steps be taken to 'found' a Mark Master Masons Lodge in this District of the Province of Worcestershire." The proposal was seconded by Bro. Thomas Mason and carried unanimously.

The choice of name lay between "Masefield" and "Arter" which had been proposed, or a more territorial one. The latter was decided upon and Moseley was adopted following the defeat of a motion in favour of "East Worcestershire Lodge of Mark Master Masons." W.Bro. Hughes was then nominated as the Worshipful Master Elect and Bro. A. C. Mason as Secretary pro tem, having already undertaken preliminary work.

At a meeting of sixteen brethren in the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham on 6th. July following it was disclosed that the Hertford Military Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.408, had offered the facilities of their Lodge to Advance candidates in order that they may become Founders of the proposed new Lodge and also, that the Master and Wardens would give their recommendation to a Petition.

The Hertford Military Lodge duly met on the 23rd. of the month at the same hotel in Temple Street and fourteen Candidates were balloted for, elected and Advanced. All of these, with one exception, Bro. Walter Green, are named in the list of the Thirtyseven Founders.



There is a very full record of the arrangements, and a report of the meeting on the 20th. August states that after the preceeding minutes and report was read " the nomination of officers was proceeded with and the brethren thus honoured unanimously decided to present to the Lodge the Collar and Jewel of the Office assigned to them. The proposed By-Laws were considered and drafted to the approval of all present.. etc. The proposed Masonic Hall at Kings Heath was brought before the notice of the meeting which unanimously decided to support the proposal. These records are a faithful account of the proceedings which led to the consecration and constitution of the Moseley Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.667 on the 10th. day of September 1917

(SIGNED ) A. C. MASON Sec. pro. tem. "

The Summons and the Programme of the Consecration, both beautifully produced, are interleaved in the Minute Book. The Summons shows the recognised design and symbols and reads ..

30, Brooke Street,  
Dudley.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By command of the Right Worshipful  
Provincial Grand Master, Lieut.Col.  
Lord Athlumney, P.G.W., I am to  
request your attendance at the Consecration  
and subsequent duties of the Lodge, on  
Monday, September 10th. 1917, at 3.45  
p.m. precisely.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
James Jones, P.G.J.G.  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Morning or Service Dress

Please reply to  
Bro. H. I. Rawson, Sec. pro. tem.  
Merton Road, Moseley.

*P.C.W*  
The Founders were marshalled into their positions and W.Bro. J. A. Hughes, Prov. J.G.W., Warks. occupied the Chair and opened the Lodge. The Summons being read, the R.W.Bro. Lt.Col. Lord Athlumney, P.G.W., Prov. G. M. of Worcestershire, entered the Lodge with other Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcs.. He took the Chair and after appointing his Officers pro. tem. proceeded to the Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge. There were present a total of eighty Brethren.

After the Patriarchal benediction was delivered the R.W.Provincial G. Master left the Chair which was then occupied by W.Bro. C. P. Perry, P.P.G.W. (Staffs), who installed W.Bro. John Albert Hughes, P.J.G.W. (Warks) as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Following the appointing and investing of the Officers and various propositions in is recorded that " The W.M. in thanking the Consec'g Off. The R.W.Bro. Lt.Col. Lord Athlumney, Prov.G.M. on behalf of the Lodge for being present to Consecrate the Lodge & his munificent gifts of BIBLE, CUSHION & WORKING TOOLS, eulogised his services to M.M'y in general and the Prov. of Worcs. in particular & presented to him a Cons'y Officers Jewel & honorary membership of the Lodge.

The W.M. also thanked V.W.Bro. W.J. Page, Dep.P.G.M., V.W.Bro. Rev. Father Down, P.G. Chap. W.Bro. J. Jones, Prov.G.Sec., W.Bro. C.D. Eaton, P.G.Sec. (Warks), D.of C., W.Bro. J. E. Rowley, P.S.G.W., & Bro. B.W.F. Whittaker, P.G.I.G., for their attendance and assistance & in presenting them in turn with a Consecrating Officers Jewel desired them to accept hon. membership of the Lodge.

The W.M. called Bro. A. C. Mason, Organist to the pedestal, thanked him for his services & strenuous work in connection with the formation of the Lodge and presented him with two Bound Volumns & a Consecrating Officers Jewel.

A very full account of this Consecration fills eight pages of the Minute Book.

The meeting of 5th, Nov. 1917 was attended by 28 members and 11 visitors. Following the usual salutations the Chaplain recited the Special War Prayer. Then a ballot was taken for five candidates for advancement. The Advancement Fee (inclusive) being two guineas and the Annual Subscription one & onehalf guineas, a Joining Member Fee was also set at one guinea. It may also be of interest that a Visitors dining fee at installation meetings was seven shillings and six pence, at ordinary regular meetings five shillings. The very neat, hard backed By-Laws printed by The Birmingham Lithographic Co. Ltd., commence with a list of Founders and Hon. Members, and then

" PREAMBLE

That this Lodge acknowledges the Supremacy of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependancies of the British Crown, hereinafter called the Grand Lodge, and declares that the Book of Constitutions shall govern any construction which may be placed on any or either of the provisions of the following

BY - LAWS

" the which then follow ;

delightful declaration. These By-Laws were approved on 5th August 1918 and signed W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M. Worcs. and on 8th August 1918, approved on behalf of the General Board, signed A. D. HANSELL, G.S.

Three candidates mentioned above were advanced that evening. Then attention was drawn to a circular respecting the Moseley Masonic Hall Co. Ltd. which was in course of formation, and a resolution was carried to invest five pounds from Lodge Funds in that company.

The Lodge was cast into mourning by the death of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. A. ~~XXXX~~ Hughes, P.P.G.W. Warks., and the Summons for the Meeting of the 4th. Mar. 1918 bears a black mourning border. That evening the Funeral March was rendered while the members stood in silent tribute to the departed Brother. W. Bro. C.P. Perry occupied the Chair and on the 3rd. & 4th. Risings made a most eloquent tribute to him mentioning that he had been chosen to fill the important position of Grand Treasurer " for which Office he had been nominated & would undoubtedly have been elected ". " W. Bro. Perry then moved the following resolution

That the Meeting of the Moseley Mark Masters Lodge No. 667 desires to record with profound sorrow and regret at the death of Wor. Bro. John Albert Hughes, P.M. & W.M. 408, P.P.G.W. (Warks), Grand Treas. nominate, Wor. Mas., in whom Mark Masonry has lost one of its brightest characters, this Lodge its distinguished and well beloved Wor. Master & the Brethren a very dear friend & brother.

Whilst deeply mourning his loss, we find consolation in the belief that his exemplary practice of the sublime precepts of the order have won for him the approving mark of the G.O.O.T.U. as fitted to form part of that spiritual edifice that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. " It was supported and carried. A further Minute reads " W. Bro. Hammond mentioned the lack of support Brethren of the Lodge were extending to the purchase of equipment for the New Masonic Hall at Kings Heath, & urged the Brethren in view of the interest which the late Wor. Bro. took in the matter, to come forward and invest their money & provide a sum which would be a credit to the Lodge. "

In closing, the hymn Peace Perfect Peace was sung.

W. Bro. W. B. Hammond, P.M. 408, P.P.G.W. (Warks), Prov. G. Sec. (Warks), S.W., M.E., was installed as Worshipful Master on Monday, Sept. 2nd. 1918 in the presence of many exalted brethren, including W. Bro. Canon C. W. Barnard, M.A., P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. (Warks).

This was the first Regular Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Institute Road, King's Heath. Up to now the meetings were held at The Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, and the Officers Intermediate Meetings were held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham.

There is a relevant minute recorded from the 4th. Intermediate Meeting held at the Imperial Hotel on 22nd. July 1918 which reads " The Sec'y was instructed to write the Prov.G.Sec'y for permission to remove the place of meeting to The Masonic Hall Institute Road, King's Heath & to acquaint the Clerk of the Peace of the removal. "

The Great War ended with the Armistice of 11th. November 1918, and in those few months of the existence of the Lodge prior to that date, two of the members had suffered, one having a son killed in action, another having a son severely wounded. The death of the only son of Bro. & Mrs. A.C. Mason led to a resolution minuted at the Intermediate Meeting of the Officers on Tuesday, Oct. 15th. 1918, " As the next Meeting of Prov. G. Mark Lodge was to be held under the Banner of the Moseley Mark Lodge No.667, it was resolved that the collection at same, should be devoted to the Worcestershire Prisoners of War Fund, subject to the sanction of the Prov. Grand Master. " This was given, and the collection donated thereto.

The eventful Meeting of the 4th. November 1918 was opened at 3.45 p.m. by W. Bro. W.B. Hammond, Master, assisted by thirty members and twenty visitors, which included W. Bro. Lt. Col. Z. Walker, D.P.G.M. (Warks.). The Lodge proceeded with the work upto and including the advancement of Bro. G.M. Hind, following which, The R't Worshipful Prov. Grand Master & the Officers of Provincial G. Lodge were then announced, to be escorted into the Lodge by all Present & Past Prov. G. Officers already attending.

The R's Wor. Prov. G. Master, Lt. Col. Lord Athlumney assumed the Chair and opened Prov. Grand Lodge. When it was closed, the work of Moseley Mark Lodge was resumed and closed in time for Supper prepared for seven o'clock.

January 6th. 1919 was the date of the next Meeting, the Lodge being opened at 6p.m. This being the first held following the Armistice the Worshipful Master called on the Chaplain to offer up The Special Thanksgiving Prayer, and then the Doxology was sung, "Glory to God in the Highest".

On the 2nd. Rising the Sec. read a letter " received from the Prov. G. Sec'y stating that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lt. Col. Lord Athlumney was compelled to resign his position as Prov. G. Master on account of his taking up residence in Ireland. " This led to the appointment of W. Bro. W. T. Page as Prov. G'd Mark Master.

Formation of a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in connection with this Lodge was proposed by the Worshipful Master that same evening and a committee of three was formed to make the necessary arrangements in order to report at the next meeting. A Minute of the Meeting of Monday, 3rd. March 1919 reads " In accordance with Notice of Motion, the W. Master moved that sanction be given to a New Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to be attached to this Lodge, & that the Committee, already appointed, be authorised to complete and forward the Petition and make arrangements for the formation and consecration. " This proposal was carried.

The Charity Box of this evening, augmented by a sum from the W.M. and made up to a total of fifteen guineas from the Charity Stewards A/c. was balloted for in three guinea shares for the forthcoming Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund to be held on the 25th. June 1919.

At an Emergency Meeting of the 5th. May 1919, the " Wor. Master announced that in connection with the formation of the proposed R.A.M. Lodge, arrangements had been made to invite those brethren desirous of becoming Founders, at Dudley on May, 15th. under the Banner of the Abraham Green Lodge of R.A.M. "

Bro. Thomas Mason, Prov. G.S.O., S.W., Master Elect was Installed at the 9th. Regular Meeting on Monday, Sept. 1st. 1919, in the presence of V.W. Bro. Wm. T. Page, P.G.O. Eng., Deputy Prov. G.M. in Charge. Correspondence was read relating to the marriage of V.W. Bro. Lord Athlumney, late Prov. G. Master, and the presentation of a suitable gift on behalf of this Lodge and the other lodges concerned, for which a letter of grateful appreciation had been received.

The Minutes of the Intermediate Meeting of the P.M's & Off's which was held the previous month contain an interesting item, it being announced by the W.M. that " W.Bro. Zauchus Walker, V.D., J.P., was to be installed as Prov. G. Mark Master of Warwickshire and W.Bro. Walker had been pleased to appoint one of the members of this Lodge, V.W.Bro. Felix Jones, P.G.Treas., as his Deputy. "

In the month of November R.W.Bro. Lt.Col. Z. Walker, accompanied by his Prov.G.W., W.Bro. W. A. Bibb, attended the Meeting on the 3rd. inst.

The Summons for that day of 1919 contains the item " To Ballot for as Candidates for Advancement, and, if elected, to advance the following Brethren ... " then follows names and details of no less than eleven Candidates, all of whom were seeking advancement with a view to becoming Founders of a new/formed under the /Lodge auspices of the M.M. Masons who belonged to the Craft Lodge of the Mystic Quest. Ten of these brethren were present and advanced that evening.

This led to a discussion at another meeting of P.M's and Off's when the W.M. raised the question of a donation of one half of the Advancement Fees to the New Mark Lodge when formed. It was decided to supply the Mark clothing & Jewel to the Candidates at a charge of two guineas each, and that they be asked to pay a subscription of one & one half guineas. Later, a portion of the Fees was donated to the New Lodge.

It was proposed at the Regular Meeting of 1st. March 1920 that £5. be taken from the Lodge Funds for the purpose of investment in five £1. shares in the Moseley Masonic Hall Co. Ltd., and a further one guinea be voted to the funds of the Worcestershire Masonic Library. This was seconded and accepted.

The Third Annual Report of the Charity Stewards presented to the Lodge on the evening of the Installation of Bro. James Lucking, P.G.R. of Mks., on 6th. Sept. 1920 is interleaved with the Minutes. Among other items, a report is given of receiving several distinguished brethren as Joining members, and of advancing no fewer than sixteen brethren into Mark Masonry. It also states that the Ark Mariners Lodge was consecrated and is already a source of additional strength to the Mark Lodge and refers to the fact that the fifty-second Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund proved a record, the sum collected being £10050- 10- 0.

THE PAST YEAR.

Following consideration at the Intermediate Meeting and in Pursuance of Notice of Motion: W.Bro. J. E. Nolley proposed " that By Law No.2 be amended to increase the Advancement Fee to two guineas and the Annual Subscription to two guineas ..... " also... Bro. H. Dawson moved an amendment " that the Advancement Fee be four guineas; Joining Fee be two guineas and Subscription be two guineas. " On a vote the amendment was supported, put to the meeting as a Motion and carried.

The endeavours of the Lodge continued in a satisfactory manner, the years however taking their toll of valued members and on 5th. September 1921, Bro. Alfred Allen, Jr. P.P.G.D. was installed as Worshipful Master of Moseley Mark Master Masons Lodge No.60 (by Dispensation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master) he being at the time Worshipful Master of the Hertford Military Lodge No.408.

An Emergency Meeting was held on 28th. Sept., i.e. twenty three days later, when a Ballot was taken for four Candidates for Advancement which proved in their favour and they were duly Obligated and admitted as Mark Master Masons.

A Deputation of several Brethren, including those newly admitted, who were desirous of forming a Mark Masons Lodge at Stechford were received immediately afterwards. They presented a Petition to be supported by the Lodge which, by a unanimous decision was signed by W.Bro. Allen and his Senior and Junior Wardens.

Civilities were exchanged and the Meeting was closed

No Summons, only a carbon copied Amended Agenda of Business, is attached with the Minutes; nor was the Meeting held by Dispensation.

At the next Meeting on 7th. November, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to R.W.Bro. Zauchus Walker to say that it was the most fervent wish of the brethren that his indisposition was only temporary. He was suffering from a severe chill. The brethren of the Royal Ark Mariners Degree who were present asked that their sympathies be also expressed in the letter. It would seem that the meeting was of short duration, there being only the essential matters, no ceremony or other business.

The remainder of the year was quiet, and on 4th. September 1922, Bro. I. W. Maund, P.P.G.St.B., S.W., M.E., was Installed as Worshipful Master in the presence of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, W.Bro. James Jones. The evening must have been somewhat overshadowed by the reading of letters of resignation from nine Brethren of the Lodge.

W.Bro. W. B. Hammond, one of the Founders occupying the Office of S.W. at the Consecration, passed to The Grand Lodge Above some days before the meeting of March following. Many were the expressions of sympathetic respect and sorrow at his demise.

The Installation Meeting of Sept. 3rd. 1923 was attended by both the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master and His Deputy, when Bro. Harry George Glaswill was Installed by Dispensation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He not having served as Master of a Craft Lodge but having duly served the Office of Warden in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The tempo of the Moseley Lodge had been moving at a seemingly steeper pace over the latter two years. There was a reduction in the average attendance at the meetings and in the intake of candidates. I cannot determine the Lodge strength through lack of records ( without checking each and every entry in the Minutes ), however on the Summons for the meeting of September 6th. 1926 a list of members was printed, the very first one. It contained thirty-one names.

Bro. E. G. Apps, P.P.G.St.B., S.W., M.E., was installed on 1st. Sept. 1924. Both the R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master and the Deputy Prov. C.M. Master again attending. The name of the latter is many times recorded as

At the meeting of January 5th. 1925 a Motion was put to the brethren " that a sum not exceeding ten guineas be taken from the Lodge Funds as a contribution to the 1925 Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys " and this was duly approved.

The Minutes of the P.M.'s and Off's Meeting held on February 5th. 1925, record that " It was decided to recommend to Provincial Grand Lodge that Saturday, Oct. 31st. was the only available date for entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge and that it was understood that our Regular Meeting due on November 2nd. be held by Dispensation on that date. "

The March Summons normally showed as an item of Business " To Ballot for a Worshipful Master ". This was absent on that for March 2nd. 1925, but a Minute of that meeting reads... " The Ballot was taken for the Wor. Master for the ensuing year and proved unanimous in favour of W.Bro. E. G. Apps. " No mention is made of the reason for the re-election of W.Bro. Apps and indeed, the Summons for the Sept. Meeting does not bear the usual INSTALLATION of Bro..... and, for Business, " The Wor. Master will appoint and invest his Officers. ", which he did, re-appointing eleven Officers out of a total of eighteen.

The 34th. Regular Meeting held by Dispensation on Saturday, October 31st. as arranged, was opened at 2.50p.m. The only business conducted by the Lodge was the reading of the Dispensation, Circular and the Minutes and their approval, then the Risings and Closing. Immediately following, the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at which a number of high ranking brethren attended from this and other Provinces. The final Lodge Minute reads " The Meeting was preceded by a Luncheon at which The Right Wor.Bro. William Thomas Page, Provincial Grand Master presided. "

The death of W.Bro. I. W. Maund, P.P.G.M.O. Founder and original J.O. of the Lodge /a was referred to in " Feeling Terms " by the Worshipful Master at the Meeting of March 1st. and the Brethren paid their respects to his memory .

W. Bro. E. G. Apps completed his two year term in Office when he Installed Bro. G. R. Bailey, P.P.G. St. B., S.W., M.E., into the Chair of Adoniram on the 6th. Sept. 1926. It is evident that the newly appointed Reg'r of Marks, Bro. John Hill, took the duties of his Office very seriously, putting a protest in writing to the P.M's and Off's " against the manner in which the Register of Marks of the Lodge had been kept... circularised the brethren twice asking for particulars of Marks but seven brethren of the Lodge had failed to reply. " It was agreed to give him every support, with the result that two months later it was decided to purchase " a proper Lodge Register. " According to the records, Bro. Hill was also accomplished in his Explanation of the Tracing Board.

During the meeting of March 7th. 1927, the Secretary read a letter from W. Bro. James Lucking tendering his resignation. He was one of the Founders and the Worshipful Master referred to the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge proposing that Bro. Lucking should be elected an Hon. Member of the Lodge. This proposal was carried unanimously.

The tenth anniversary of the consecration of the Lodge may be said to be the Meeting for the Installation of Bro. W. O. Perry, P.P.G. D.C., on 5th. Sept. 1927, although five days short of the full period. The ceremony was attended by 31 Brethren, 14 of whom were Visitors. The 10th. Charity Balance Sheet was presented in which it was recorded that 25 guineas had been sent to The Mark Benevolent Fund to make a total of £341 - 5 - 0 contributed in the ten years.

Original) The (attached) Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st. August 1927 shows an expenditure of £72 / 7 / -, with a balance being excess of income of £1/7/6. This compares with that for 17th. August 1918, expenditure £124/ 16/ 6, and an excess balance of income of £9 / 5 / 9. In the period to date forty-five candidates had been advanced into the Lodge and there had been five Joining Members.

The death of the Tyler, Bro. George Blakeney was reported with sincere regret by the W.M. at the Meeting of the 5th. March 1928. A replacement was proposed, seconded and approved on the 5th. November and on the 14th. December 1928, Bro. George Evans, Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Master Mason of the Arter Lodge No. 2654, was Advanced as a Serving Brother by special Dispensation.

On the 3rd. of the previous September, Bro. Daniel Oakley, Prov. G. D.C., S.W. M.E., was Installed as Worshipful Master by Dispensation, he being Master of Godson Lodge of M.M. Masons No. 329.

One of the first acts of the Worshipful Master at the Meeting of the 7th. January 1929 was to refer in feeling terms to the death of the late W. Bro. James Jones, who as Prov. G. S. C. and later as Deputy Prov. G. Mark Master as an Hon. Member had been a constant attender throughout the years. The Prov. Grand Master appointed Dr. Percy Austin Roden to replace him as Deputy Prov. Grand Master and he too was no stranger to this Mark Lodge.

On the 2nd. Sep. 1929 Bro. William Douglas Thomson, P.P.G. I. Wks., S.W., M.E., was Installed as Wor. Master by Dispensation, not having served as Master in a Craft Lodge. The death was reported that evening of yet another of the Founders, W. Bro. C. P. Perry, and his memory was honoured in the usual manner.

The Meeting of the 2nd. of June following was a busy one. The fourth item on the Summons read - "To ballot for, as Candidates for Advancement, and if elected, to advance the following Brethren for the purpose of forming a new Lodge at Northfield, ..... " then follows a list of eight names and Item No. 5, " Also for Advancement as a Serving Brother, Bro. John Charles Johnson..... Tyler, Royds Lodge, No. 1204, P.P.A.G. Tyler, Worcs. " All named were Advanced and the Deputy Prov. G. Master, W. Bro. Roden " paid a tribute to the Moseley Mark Lodge for the excellent work of the evening and complimented the W.M. and the Off's in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices " ✓

The Warrant was granted the same year to this St. Laurence Lodge of M.M. Masons No. 89 the seventh to be opened in the Province of Worcestershire, and according to a Minute of the meeting of Sept. 1st., the first Lodge to receive the Collarette in connection with the new Premises Fund.

At this latter Meeting in September V.W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.G.O., Master Elect was Installed as Worshipful Master by Dispensation from the R.W. Prov. G. M., as he was the reigning Master of the new Lodge of St. Laurence.

The Building, or Premises, Fund referred to above must have been of great importance as at this same Installation Meeting the Deputy Prov. G.M. presented Jewels " for the Building Fund to W. Bros. J. Hill, T. Mason and Bro. H. C. Ambler. " The Ceremony of Advancing a Candidate was also completed that evening when Bro. F. N. Fulton of Pro Patria Lodge No. 4144 was duly admitted. An Inventory of the Lodge possessions is inserted with the Minutes, signed by G. E. Evans and dated 1/9/30.

A copy of Suggested New By Laws are inserted with the Minutes of January 5th. 1931, which had later been approved by the General Board and the R.W. Prov. G. M., in which Country Members are recognised and alterations have been made to the previous By Laws in that the Subscriptions, and Joining Fee for a Brother under a Foreign Jurisdiction have been increased, also a number of items are set down which previously had been omitted. The thanks of the Lodge were " offered to the Worshipful Master for the care he had taken in the preparation of the New Bye Laws. "

A Mark Token had evidently been presented to the Museum for a letter was read at the meeting of the 2nd. March, which contained the thanks of the Grand Secretary, T. J. L. Lumley Smith for the Token.

V.W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, W.M., was well versed in the Craft as he is shown as P.M. 115 \* Master 408, 606, 629, 893, P.G.O. in the Mark Degree, and indeed was Installed as Prov. G. of Worcestershire in 1934, as well as being Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of Worcestershire.

W. Bro. John Hill, P.P.G. St. B., S.W., M.F. was Installed as Worshipful Master on the 7th. Sept. 1931 and received promotion to Prov. G.S.O. the following meeting of Pro G. Mark Lodge.

The Summons for the Meeting of January 4th. 1932 contains, for the first time, a list of Hon. Members, Officers and Subscribing Past Masters in that order, whereas, previously only the latter had been shown, and those only since November 1926. It also contains the Note " The Ark Mariners Lodge meets at 5.30p.m. " which was 1 hour prior to the time of the M.M. Lodge opening. A Minute of the Meeting contains the following " Bro. Gledall proposed Bro. Thos. Hy. Court of the Premier Lodge, Lagos, Nigeria, No 924 as a Joining member and he was admitted at the next Meeting held in March. 11/40

The next Installation on September 5th. was held to Install Bro. G. C. Freeman, P.P.G.S.B. S.W., I.E.. Sympathetic references were made during that evening to the loss sustained by the Lodge and the Province by the deaths of Bro. H. C. Ambler, M.O and W. Bro. P. A. Roden, Dep. P.G.M. and the Brethren paid their respects in the usual manner. Letters of sympathy were sent to the families of both the departed Brethren One of the senior Past Masters who was one of the Founders of the Lodge was promoted to succeed the late W. Bro. Roden as Deputy Prov. G.M., and received many congratulations from the Members. He was W. Bro. H. V. Stanton. The Worshipful Master was also promoted and invested at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Oldbury, on Monday, October 31st. to the Office of Prov. J.G.D.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Lodge on March 6th. 1933 contains the following " After the Lodge was closed the Brethren of the Moseley Mark Lodge, the Moseley Lodge of the Royal Ark Mariners and the St. Lawrence Lodge of Mark Master Masons, with their Ladies and Guests dined together. A very enjoyable evening interspersed with vocal and instrumental recitals was spent. " During the evening a collection of £4 / 8 / 9 was taken. This sum was made up to £5 / 5 / - from the Charity Fund and that amount allotted for the payment of a Stewardship at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival in the name of Mrs. G. C. Freeman.



W. Bro. F. S. Rawson, P.P.G.W. (Warks), S.W., M.E., was Installed as Worshipful Master of Sept. 4th. 1933 and the Return Form C. for the Lodge records the following -

" Contributing Members at the time of last Prov. G. Lodge	.....	27
Less - by resignations	.....	1
		26
Advanced Members	.....	5
		31
Total Contributing Members	.....	31
Financial Statement ( as brief as possible )		
	SATISFACTORY	
Donations to Masonic Charities, &c.		

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( Sgnd ) F. S. RAWSON W. M. "

The Sec. read a letter from the Prov. G. Master at the meeting in which R. W. Bro. W. T. Page expressed his regret at his inability to be present on account of ill health.. etc His death was announced on a circular dated 5th. November 1933 and the Funeral Service took place at St. John's Church, Bromyard Road, Worcester, on Wednesday, the 8th. inst. and the internment at St. John's Cemetery. Many Brethren attended to pay their last respects to the departed Deputy Prov. G. Master, Provincial G. Mark Master of Worcs. A most fitting tribute was paid to his memory by the worshipful Master of the Lodge at the opening of the Meeting of November 6th., and the business then continued as per the Agenda on the Summons. The Summons of the following Meeting bore a mourning border.

Immediately prior to his death, R.W. Bro. Page presided at the Annual Meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge held at the Masonic Hall, Kings Heath on Saturday, Oct. 28th., by the invitation of the Moseley Lodge of Master Mark Masons No.667.

The usual Monday Regular Meeting of January in 1934 happened to be the first day of the New Year and the Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd. for, I should think, obvious reasons by Dispensation. The business included the admission of a Joining Member and the Advancement of a Candidate.

The 74th. Regular Meeting of the Lodge was the Installation of Bro. J. Wheatley, P.P.A.G S.W., Master Elect, who, not having served as Master in a Craft Lodge, was installed by Dispensation " By Command of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc., etc., etc., etc. M.W. Grand Master . " The Prov. G. Master, R.W. Bro. C. D. Eaton was escorted into the Lodge, occupied the Chair and was saluted with the honours due to his rank. Later, the W.M., W. Bro. Rawson reoccupied the Chair and Installed his successor. The Address to the Master was given by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master who, later in the proceedings, presented Bro. V. W. Grosvenor with a Mark Keystone Jewel, congratulating him on his qualification and thanking him for his services to the Lodge.

In the printing of the Summons for this evening, the design was changed to having a list of Officers on the inside left fold, and a full list of Past Masters on the back. The other three remaining Summons secured in this Minute Book are printed in the same manner.

The Prov. G.M. Master was present at two of the three Meetings. The last one recorded was the 77th. Regular Meeting, held on March 4th. 1935. The business included the usual Ballots for Master and Officers and elections of various Representatives.

The Minute Book Sept. 1935 to Jan. 1954 is MISSING.

MEMBERS  
OF THE  
ROSELEY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

FOUNDERS 1917

1917	W. Bro. J. A. Hughes, Prov. G. G. W. (Warks)		
	" C. P. Perry, P. G. Stwd. (England)		
1918	" W. B. Hammond, P.P.G.W. (Warks)		
	" Felix Jones, P. G. I. G. (England)		
	" A. Fairley, Prov.G.M.O. (Warks)		
	" W. A. Bibb, Prov.G.I.G. (Warks)		
	" J. E. Rowley, Prov.S.G.W.		
1919	Bro. Thomas Mason	Bro. R. H. Peck	
1920	" J. Lucking	" J. T. Harris	
1921	" Alfred Allen, Jun.	" R. Gibbins	
1922	" I. W. Maund	" H. Groves	
	" H. L. Rawson	" C. E. Hill	
1924-25	" E. G. Apps	" G. S. S. Bowden	
	" Rev. G. Hood, M.A.	" C. W. Higgins	
1923	" H. G. Glanvill	" H. V. Stanton	
1920	" W. Harvey Gibbs	Prov.G. Asst. Sec.	
	" J. C. Staples	" B. W. F. Whittaker	
1927	" W. O. Perry	Prov. G. I. G.	
1926	" G. R. Bailey	1928 " D. Oakley	
	" A. Neal	" W. A. Elt	
	" F. H. Smith	" J. Doherty	
	" T. E. Farren	" A. C. Mason	

HON. MEMBERS.

- R.W. Bro. Lord Athlunney, P.G.W. Prov. G. Master  
 V.W. Bro. W. T. Page, P.G.O., Dep. P.G. Master  
 V.W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Down, Prov. G. Chaplain  
 1930 W. Bro. C. D. Eaton, P.G.D.  
 W. Bro. J. Jones, P.A. I. G., Prov. G. Sec.  
 W. Bro. J. E. Rowley, Prov. S. G. W.  
 + W. Bro. A. H. Constance, Prov. I. G. W.  
 + Bro. B. W. F. Whittaker, G. I. G.
- + Subscribing Members also

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ADVANCED and JOINED

Bro. S. R. Barrett	5/1/17 J.M.	Bro. C. O. Brettell	3/11/19	M.Q.
" W. H. Collier	"	" T. Warren	"	"
" J. V. Noldin	"	" J. Jackson	"	"
" P. D. Knowles	"	" F. L. Bartleet	"	"
W. Bro. J. W. Stevens,		" F. G. Stephenson	"	"
P.P.G. J. D. (Warks)	5/ 1/18 J.M.	" R. Higgins	"	"
W. Bro. V. W. Heeley	"	" F. A. Waters	"	"
Bro. H. Morgan	"	" E. G. Labdon	"	"
" A. W. Watson	4/ 3/18	" E. H. Middleton	"	"
" G. S. Rigby	"	" B. R. Cotton	"	"
" J. M. Hind	4/11/18	W. Bro. B. Bishop	5/ 1/20	
" R. A. Colley	6/ 1/19 J.M.	Bro. F. H. Smith	"	
" A. H. Franklin	"	1924 " W. D. Thomson	1/ 3/20	
" J. T. Fitzmaurice	3/ 3/19	" W. Crudgington	"	
W. Bro. J. W. Bint	5/ 5/19 J.M.	" W. H. Henman	"	
Bro. J. W. C. Corbett	"	" F. Lane	"	
" J. J. C. Martin	"	" E. W. Bradley J.M.	6/ 9/20	

J.M. - Joining Member  
 M.Q. - New Lodge of Mystic Quest M.M.M's.

14- 1/10/20  
 1/12/21

1431	Bro. J. Hill	1/11/20	
"	A. C. Huckstepp	28/ 9/21	St. L.
"	W. W. Mills	"	"
"	R. C. Lee	"	"
"	H. Caddy	"	"
"	E. Matthews	"	"
"	J. H. Dickens	"	"
"	W. G. Harpur	"	"
"	A. Holmes	"	"
"	H. A. Smith	"	"
"	W. T. Smellie	6/ 3/22	
"	G. McKinn Nelson	5/11/23	
"	W. Clayton	3/ 3/24	J.M.
"	H. Lewis	1/ 9/24	J.M.
1432	" G. C. Freeman	2/11/24	
"	F. W. Webb	5/ 1/25	
"	H. C. Ambler	2/ 3/25	
1434	" J. Wheatley	"	
1436	" W. J. Hall	1/ 3/26	
"	R. J. Jones	"	
"	H. Edwards	7/ 3/27	
1435	W Bro. F. S. Rawson	7/11/27	Re. J.M.
1435	Bro. E. D. Gledall	"	J.M.
"	T. J. Bone	"	J.M.
1438	" F. H. Crabbe	2/ 1/28	
1439	" Ed. Righton	5/ 3/28	
"	W. F. Green	5/11/28	
"	G. Evans	4/12/28	
	V.W. Bro. C.D. Eaton, P.G.O.	7/ 1/29	J.M.
	W. Bro. A. C. Millward	4/ 3/29	J.M.
	Bro. W. Brown	4/11/29	
1437	" W. V. Grosvenor	3/ 5/30	
"	R. A. Hawsom	2/ 6/30	St. L.
	W Bro. H. W. James	"	"
"	A. Pendle	"	"
"	A. B. Davis	"	"
"	L. C. Cross	"	"
	Bro. E. S. White	"	"
"	H. Rayne	"	"
"	B. T. Davis	"	"
"	J. C. Johnson	"	"
"	W. B. Lewis	5/ 1/31	
"	G. Edwards	2/ 3/31	
1441	" T. H. Court	7/ 3/32	J.M.

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The 150th. Regular Meeting of the Moseley M.M.M's Lodge was opened on Monday, 1st. March 1954 by W.Bro. J. W. Thompson, P.G.D., P.D.G.W. (Bombay), Master, at the Masonic Hall, Kings Heath. He spoke " of the passing of The Late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brig.Gen. W. H. V. Darell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., whom he had known for 30 years. It was indeed a personal loss and would be shared by many with whom he came in contact in Craft and Mark Masonry. His wonderful personality established him as a Friend and Guide at all times. He was a Great Mason. All present stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. "

The W.M. also announced that " It was his intention to extend an invitation to ~~EXTEND~~ all Members of the Moseley Lodge of M.M.Masons to bring their Ladies and visit his home, there to be received by his Wife and himself for an afternoon Garden Party during the sunny period of June or July. " His home was at No. 4, Norfolk Road, Edgbaston.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province, W.Bro. V. H. Grosvenor, LL.B., J.P., was present and referred to a rewritten Book of Constitutions, considering it " a far better job. "

Ladies Nights had been held regularly through the years usually following the Regular Meeting in June. The Worshipful Master said he did not know what arrangements were being made for one this year but, as the first Monday in June fell on the Whit Bank Holiday it would have to be held on the 14th. June by Dispensation.

The June meeting was accordingly held on that date and one of the first Minutes reads " Right W.Bro. V. W. Grosvenor, LL.B., J.P., P.G.D., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was saluted with Honours 7, To which he responded. The W. Master extended congratulations to The Prov. G. Master on his promotion to Past Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England. V.W.Bro. H. E. Clive, O.B.E., was also congratulated on his promotion to Past Grand Overseer. " The W. Master later spoke of Candidates " All present were reminded how necessary it was for the right Candidates to be introduced for the future. We need at least two Candidates next year - particularly the type who would progress through the various offices in the Lodge and so help future Masters during their year in the Chair. "

It was also reported the Grand Lodge Building Fund had been used to purchase a another building at Brock Street in the West End as the present total was inadequate to build a new home. There would be a better Lodge room and Office facilities in the new premises.

The following Meeting of the 6th. September was for the Installation of Bro. R. Barton, S.W., Master Elect. Following the reading of the Minutes of the 150th. Meeting " The Rt. Wor. Prov. G. Master said that before putting the Minutes forward as regards their accuracy he was sure the brethren would agree that they had heard an interesting recording, somewhat different to the usual set and rigid Minutes so often returned in Lodge Meetings. "

The example of a reasonably full and clear recording of what took place was copied by succeeding Secretaries for a number of years. Their efforts have rendered the writing of the Lodge History so much easier for which the writer is extremely grateful and which I hope future Secretaries will bear in mind for the benefit of later historians.

Arising from the Minutes, the brethren were advised that the new Book of Constitutions would be ready by Jan. 1955 and that a new Chant Book would soon be available, which W.Bro. W. Stanley Bloore, Prov. G. Sec. thoroughly recommended.

In the Almoner's Report, W.Bro. C. B. Robinson reported an opening balance of £74-18-6d. and that " we now have on hand £82-17-6. " A grant of £25. had been made to a Widow which the W. Master said was most satisfactory, repeating what he had said many times that he was completely in favour of dispensing Charity.

It is recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th. June 1955, held by Dispensation, which the Provincial Grand Master attended, " The Worshipful Master tendered hearty congratulations on behalf of himself and all Brethren present to R.W.Bro. V. W. Grosvenor, the Provincial Grand Master on his being honoured by H.M. The Queen as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. "

Bro. W. P. Beck, S.W., M.E., was Installed on the 5th. Sept. 1955 and the visitors included some exalted Officers from neighbouring Provinces, headed by - V.W.Bro. W. S. Burton, P.G.O., Dept. Prov. G. Master; R.W.Bro. D.G. Price, P.G.M. (Warks); W.W.Bro. S. Guice, P.G.Ov.; W.Bro. F. H. Griffiths, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C.; W.Bro. J. A. Naylor, Prov. G.S.W.; W.Bro. T. Austin, P.J.G.W. .

The Minutes having been read, confirmed & signed and Honours given to the High Ranking Brethren, " The Rt. Wor. Prov. Gd. Master then stated that at this part of the proceedings it was customary for him to hand over the Gavel to the Master of the Lodge, but at the request of the Wor. Master, who was heavily engaged in Masonic Duties in another Degree, he was pleased to agree to installing the new Master " An evening to remember for W. Bro. Beck.

On Monday, 5th. December following, Bro. J. Starkey, R. of M., read a letter from the Moseley Masonic Hall Co. Ltd., concerning the heavy cost of repairs to the property in 1955. He also took the opportunity to ask for a strict and continued observance of the Licensing Laws as a very necessary safeguard to the privilege granted to us. "

The Treasurers Report and Balance Sheet was ~~differeed~~ presented at the above meeting and passed at the following on Monday, 5th. March 1956. the Auditor being Bro. K. V. R. Heaven, S.D., who was thanked by Bro. Starkey for the invaluable assistance he had given. On that same meeting of the 5th. March, " W. Bro. F. Rawson announced the date of the Warwickshire Mark Lodge of Instruction Festival which this year he said had a particular interest for our members because the Chaplain of the Lodge, V.W. Bro. H. E. Clive, had been invited to preside over this very popular annual event, which had become an important date in Midland Mark Masonry. "

The Prov. Grand Master, attended by W. Bro. F. H. Griffiths, Prov. G.D. of C., was escorted into the Lodge to witness the Installation of Bro. S. N. A. Heaven at the Meeting of 3rd. September 1956 and was given his full honours. He took a smaller part in the ceremony than he did the previous year, only giving the Address to the new Worshipful Master. One item gave W. Bro. S. N. A. Heaven particular pleasure that evening when he proposed that a sum of 15 guineas from the Ladies Festival Funds be passed to the Almoner for his Charities.

We find two Heavens on the successive Summonses for this year of Office as Bro. K. V. R. Heaven was invested Secretary of the Lodge.

The December Meeting saw a useful addition to the Lodge membership as two Candidates were advanced. Bros. Barton Warner and Dudley Newman Sadler, M.B.E. as well as Bro. Edward James Ashfield being accepted as a Joining Serving Brother to become Tyler seven meetings later.

A copy of the Summons is missing from the Minutes of the Installation Meeting of 2nd. September 1957, when Bro. Sydney Frieder was Installed as Wor. Master.

That evening W. Bro. W. P. Beck reported on a visit to Ryon Hill " and stated that a book had been presented to the Lodge by W. Bro. Adams. " The title of the book is not mentioned but latter day Msons may be interested in Ryon Hill.

Ryon Hill was a gift to the Province of Warwickshire by W. Bro. E. J. Hardy, P.P.G.D., in 1947. This fine mansion served a useful purpose as a Masonic Home until overheads and running costs became too high which led to it being closed in May 1966 and sold shortly afterwards. In the meantime, a new Royal Masonic Home was built at Cadby, Leicester and received the inmates of Ryon Hill on its closure. This new purpose built, architect designed, medically equipped Home named Devonshire Court was officially opened by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on 2nd. Nov. 1966. Brethren would find it well worth a visit to see the excellent provision made for the comfort of elderly and infirm Freemasons and their families.

W.Bro. Sydney Frieder's year of the 165 /6 & '7th. meetings passed with one candidate being Advanced and nothing else of any moment to report. At the 168th. meeting Bro. Edgar Blow was Installed. The Deputy Prov.G.Master,V.W.Bro. S. Burton,P.G.Ov., represented the Prov. G. Master who was ill, giving a report of his very good progress after a period of recuperation in the Isle of Weight. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master was sufficiently recovered to attend the next meeting of the 1st. December 1958, when Bro. Albert Atack of Stratford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, was Advanced.

The year of 1959 progressed quietly and Bro. Eric Keith Palmer was Installed at the meeting of 7th. September. The Summons for the meeting of 7th. December 1959 and the one for the following meeting differ in paper and colour to the usual which came back into circulation for the one later meeting. The Minutes for the meeting of 7th. Dec., record that Bro. D.A.R. Thomas was proposed by Bro.K. N. V. ? Heaven ( a slip of the pen perhaps ). Bro. Thomas was Advanced, together with W.Bro. Norman Bragg,Prov.A.G.D.C., on the 7th. March 1960.

The loss of the Tyler of the Lodge was reported to the Meeting of 30th.May 1960, and the Brethren stood in silence in memory of Bro. E. J. Ashfield. This Office was filled by Bro. H. Boynton whose name is given as such in the Minutes of 5th. December 1960, although not on the Summons 'till the following Meeting but, there is no record of him being proposed, seconded and elected until the meeting of 5th. June 1961.

Referring back to the Minutes of December 1960 I quote " The Acting Secretary reported receipt of communications from the Prov. G. Secretary advising that due to ill health R.W.Bro. V. W. Grosvenor had reluctantly been compelled to resign as Prov. G. Master ..... also that V.W.Bro. W.S. Burton,Dep.Prov.G. Master had been appointed to succeed R.W.Bro. Grosvenor as Prov. G. Master. "

It is recorded for the meeting of the 6th. March 1961 " V.W.Bro. H. E. Clive, O.B.E.,P.G.Ov., reminded Brethren of the forthcoming Special Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday, March 13th. when V.W.Bro. W. S. Burton would be installed as Provincial Grand Master by the M.W. The Grand Master, The Rt.Hon. Lord Harris, M.C.,V.L., and hoped that as many Brethren as possible would support the Wor. Master by attending on this memorable occasion. "

Right W.Bro. V. W. Grosvenor,C.B.F.,P.G.Master was reported to have passed away by the Worshipful Master after opening the meeting of the 4th. September 1961, giving a tribute to him for his many services to Masonry and called upon all Brethren to show a mark of their esteem and regard.

The Installation of James Henry Bird,S.W.,Master Elect then took place, by Dispensation. V.W.Bro. F. H. Griffiths,P.G.Ov., Prov.G.D.C., tendered hearty greetings from Provincial G. Lodge.

The R.W.Prov. G. Master, R.W.Bro. W. B. Burton, attended the following Meeting on 4th. December 1961 and gave his congratulations to the Worshipful Master and his Officers, for an excellent ceremony, which was the Advancement of Bro. Thomas Clement Sainsbury of Selly Oak.

The Worshipful Master gave Notice of Motion at the meeting that at the next Regular Meeting he would propose " that the Bye Laws be altered to permit of the Installation Meeting being held on the fourth Monday in September instead of the first Monday in September as at present. "