

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE



GRAND LODGE OF

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

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

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Masonic Hall,
Worcester.
21st September, 1926.

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 Town Hall, Stourbridge, under the Banner of "Stability" Lodge, No. 564, on Saturday, the 9th 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.P.G.W.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

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

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

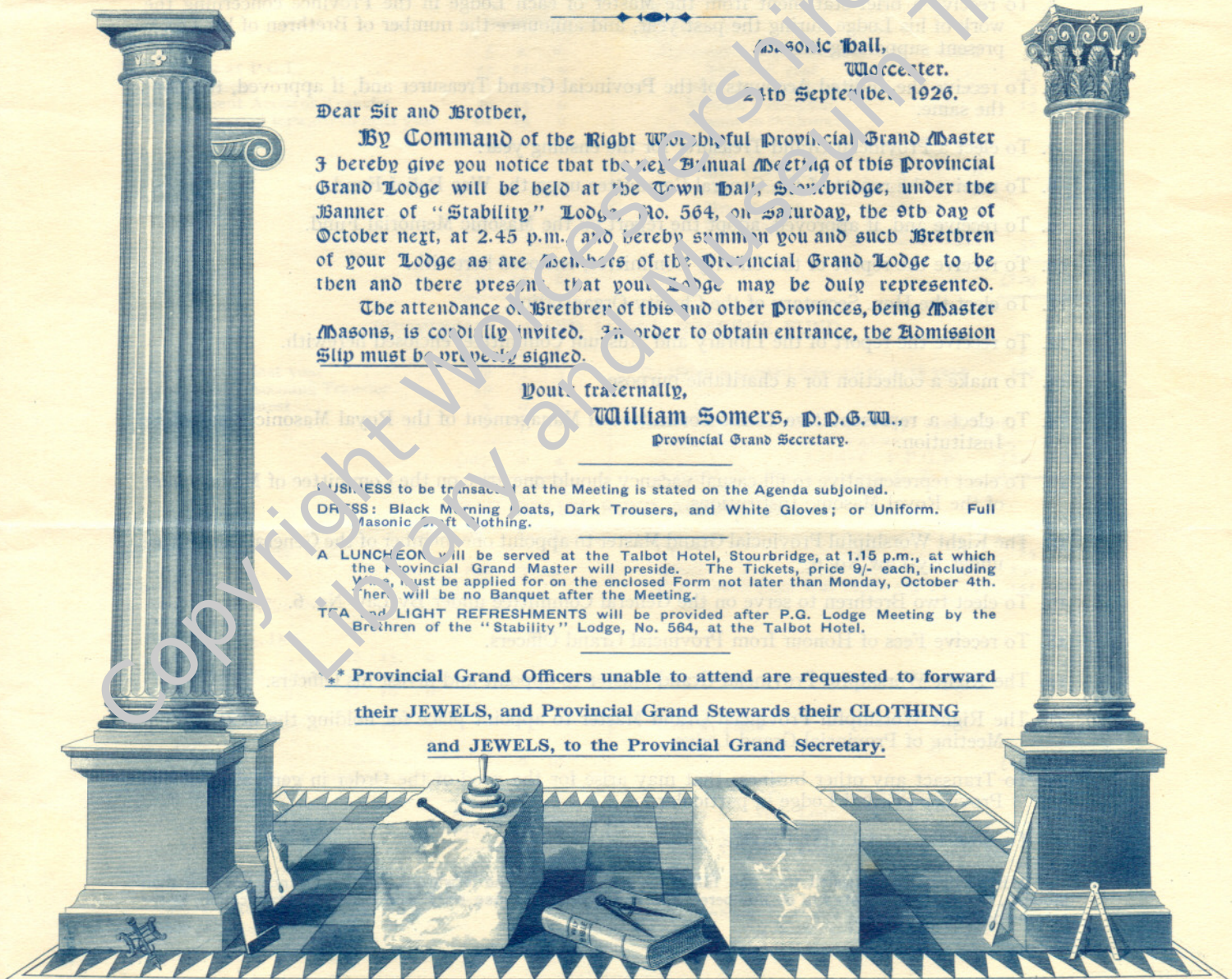
A LUNCHEON will be served at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, at 1.15 p.m., at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Tickets, price 9/- each, including Wine, must be applied for on the enclosed Form not later than Monday, October 4th. There will be no Banquet after the Meeting.

TEA and LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided after P.G. Lodge Meeting by the Brethren of the "Stability" Lodge, No. 564, at the Talbot Hotel.

* Provincial Grand Officers unable to attend are requested to forward

their JEWELS, and Provincial Grand Stewards their CLOTHING

and JEWELS, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.



A Craft Lodge will be opened in three degrees by the Master and Officers of the "Stability" Lodge,
No. 564, at 2.20 p.m.

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

Business :

1. To read the Summons convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at King's Heath on the 17th of October, 1925.
3. To receive apologies for absence.
4. To receive the Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of Masonry in the Province.
5. To receive a brief statement from the Master of each Lodge in the Province concerning the work of his Lodge during the past year, and announce the number of Brethren of his Lodge present supporting him.
6. To receive the audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and, if approved, to adopt the same.
7. To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To receive the report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund.
9. To receive and, if approved, adopt the report on the Masonic Memorial Fund.
10. To 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 a representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
15. To elect representative to fill a casual vacancy should one arise on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institutions.
16. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint one member of the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
17. To elect two Brethren to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
18. To receive Fees of Honour from Provincial Grand Officers.
19. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint and invest his Officers.
20. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint place for holding the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.
21. To Transact any other business that may arise for the good of the Order in general or of this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular.
22. 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 4th. 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 1925-6.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

Revenue	£	s.	d.	Expenditure	£	s.	d.
To Fees of Honour	39	18	0	By Calendars	54	12	2
„ Dispensations	12	18	0	„ Tying Fees	6	6	0
„ Calendars	73	3	4	„ Rent	20	0	0
„ Lodge Dues	202	2	6	„ Associated Provinces (Subscription)	1	1	0
„ Sundries	0	7	6	„ Library and Museum Fund	20	0	0
				„ Insurance	3	9	0
				„ Printing and Stationery	5	8	7
				„ Postages and Sundries	25	3	9
				„ Expenses of Charity Organization	4	5	0
				„ Grand Lodge Dispensation	9	9	0
				„ Presentation	30	10	0
				„ Banner Repairs	12	10	0
				„ Safe, including cost of moving	29	0	0
				„ Benevolent Account Transfer	9	1	9
				„ Reserve Fund Transfer	1	0	0
	£328	9	4		£328	9	4

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

To Collection at P.G.L.	23	11	0	By Balance due to Bank brought forward	45	15	6
„ Bank Interest	4	11	7	„ Mosley Convalescent Home	15	15	0
„ Management Account Transfer	39	14	9	„ Women's Hospital	15	15	0
„ Balance carried forward to next year	61	13	2	„ Grants to Widows			
				„ Mrs. Assinder	10	10	0
				„ Mrs. Thompson	10	10	0
				„ Mrs. Crawford	5	5	0
				„ Mrs. Felton	10	10	0
				„ Mrs. Cannon	10	10	0
				„ Bro. Harvey (573)	5	0	0
						52	5
						0	0
	£129	10	6		£129	10	6

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RESERVE FUND.

To Balance from last year	109	15	3	By Balance carried forward to next year	127	2	4
„ Management Account Transfer	10	0	0				
„ War Loan Interest	5	0	0				
„ Bank Interest	2	7	1				
	£127	2	4				

Examined and found correct.—Sept 22nd, 1926.
 (Signed) R. A. ERNEST PAYNE,
 P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W. £127 2 4
 ARTHUR W. WATSON, *Prov. G. Treas.*

WAR RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT.

Cash Balance as per P.G.L. Summons, 1925	128	3	6	Grant	25	0	0
Interest:				Grant	250	0	0
War Bonds 4%, October, 1925	6	0	0	Purchase of £150 War Stock 5%	151	12	3
War Loan 5%, December, 1925	28	15	0				
War Loan 5%, June, 1926	32	10	0				
Bank—December, 1925	1	11	7				
June, 1926	0	9	3	Cash in Bank	71	3	5
						£497	15
Sold by order of the Committee—4% War Bonds, £300	300	6	4			8	
	£497	15	8				

Securities
 £1,000 5% War Loan, cost £950
 £150 5% War Loan, „ £153 9s. 9d.
 £150 5% War Loan, „ £151 12s. 3d.

Audited and found correct and Securities inspected.
 THOMAS MASON, P.P.G.S.W. }
 W. J. HILL, P.P.G.S.W. } *Auditors.*
 September 18th, 1926.

R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.
Treasurer, War Relief Fund.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE.

To be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge at Stourbridge, under the Banner of the "Stability"
Lodge, No. 564, on Saturday, October 9th, 1926.

Your Committee herewith present their Forty-sixth Annual Report.

THEY have to announce that the Subscriptions and Donations this year have been £1,393 18s. *od.* The balance due and owing to the R.M.I. Boys at the last statement has been liquidated; £771 15s. *od.* has been paid to the R.M. Benevolent Institution; £84 *cs.* *od.* to the R.M.I. Girls; and £36 15s. *od.* to the R.M.I. Boys. There are, at the moment, 770 Subscribers to the Organisation.

The Province has one Male Annuitant receiving £54 0s. *od.* per annum from the R.M. Benevolent Institution. A Brother, late of the "Vernon" Lodge, No. 560, has been admitted to benefits at the last election. There are ten Female Annuitants; one has deceased since the last report, and one has been admitted to benefits at the last election from the "Lechmore" Lodge, No. 1874. The total receipts of these twelve annuitants cost the Institution £95 0s. *od.* per annum.

We have eight boys receiving benefits from the R.M.I. Boys. Two boys have been discharged, having reached the age of sixteen since the last report; one boy from "Royal Standard" Lodge, No. 498, is now admitted to benefits. The cost to the Institution for educating our boys last year was £611 6s. 7*d.*

We have thirteen girls receiving benefits from the R.M.I. Girls. One has been discharged at the age limit since the last report, and one admitted from the "Arter" Lodge, No. 2654, at the last election. The cost to the Institution for educating our girls last year was £970.

From this it will be seen that the total benefits we have received during the past year have been:

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	£692	0	0
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	611	6	7
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	970	0	0
	£2,273	6	7
Whilst our contributions to Charities last year were	£1,393	18	0

Since the last Report, the Province has made relief grants of Ten Guineas to a Brother late of "Harmonic" Lodge, No. 252. Under By-Law 5, a Brother late of the "Perseverance" Lodge has been granted Five Pounds from the Benevolent Funds of Provincial Grand Lodge.

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

Lodge No. 377	Bro. H. W. CHESHIRE	Lodge No. 2724	Bro. H. M. CLIMLAND
"	ALEX. HAMILTON	"	T. E. JONES
"	E. W. WETHERHEAD	"	E. WHELOCK
"	J. E. ANDREWS	"	A. CLAYFIELD
"	H. C. W. MILLS	Lodge No. 3185	W. B. RANDALL
"	A. W. HITCHIN	"	W. H. SMITH
"	L. B. BAILEY	"	S. D. TOMLIN
"	A. COLE	"	E. F. WEST
Lodge No. 498	DAN OAKLEY	"	F. H. WHITE
"	A. E. CARDER	Lodge No. 3378	P. J. ROBERTS
"	A. E. DUESBURY	Lodge No. 3569	J. G. RUSHER
Lodge No. 564	H. CARTWRIGHT	"	W. FEARNSIDE
Lodge No. 1097	J. E. BANFIELD	Lodge No. 3643	H. E. SHELDON
"	A. L. MILLER	Lodge No. 3863	G. ROGERS
"	A. C. BAILEY	Lodge No. 4001	ERNEST GLOVER
Lodge No. 1874	HARRY MOORE	"	Dr. J. L. BROWN
"	CECIL CARISS	"	E. H. KENDRICK
"	F. BAKER	"	R. J. DAWSON
"	F. W. WEBB	Lodge No. 4495	STANLEY H. SMITH
Lodge No. 2654	ALFRED ALLEN	"	GEO. H. SMITH
"	E. RIGHTON	"	A. C. WILLIAMS
"	G. HOWE	Lodge No. 4621	T. H. BAINES
Lodge No. 2724	G. H. TOMLIN	"	ED. MATTHEWS

Also the following Ladies and Lewises :

Lodge No. 252	Miss MARY LLOYD	Lodge No. 2654	Mrs. W. G. BIRT
"	Miss NANCY DAVIS	"	Mrs. A. J. MORRIS
Lodge No. 529	Mrs. FLORENCE MARY STOKES	Lodge No. 3184	Mrs. A. E. INWOOD
Lodge No. 564	Master R. J. GRIFFIN	"	Mrs. G. E. H. WEST
"	Mrs. J. MANWARING	Lodge No. 3378	Master JOHN D'ARCY HALFORD
Lodge No. 2654	Mrs. F. KINCHIN	Lodge No. 4001	Miss UNA JUCKES

With a combined total of £771 15s. od.

At the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held in May last :

Lodge No. 560	Bro. C. D. EATON	Lodge No. 4495	Bro. F. W. SMITH
Lodge No. 1204	" J. PRATT	Lodge No. 3643	" W. S. BURTON
Lodge No. 1874	" CECIL CARISS	"	" A. E. PARKER
Lodge No. 2724	" J. J. HARRIS	"	Mrs. A. E. PARKER

With a combined total of £84 os. od.

At the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held in June last:

Lodge No. 2034 Bro. W. J. BROOKE
Lodge No. 2724 „ H. KNIGHT HALL

Lodge No. 3308 Master J. E. W. TESTAR
Lodge No. 4001 Mrs. BANKES

With a combined total of £36 15s. od.

The Hon. Secretary wishes to place on record his very sincere and grateful thanks to Wm. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, P.P.G.W., Assistant Secretary, for taking on the whole of the work of the Organization during his long indisposition; the Committee are fortunate in having a Brother who so willingly and cheerfully carried on. Every detail was carefully observed, and the audit shows how correctly the work has been done. The Hon. Secretary found everything easy and quite in order on taking up his duties again.

The Committee wish to thank those Ladies and Brethren for their kind assistance by their donations to the Masonic Institution through the Organisation.

On behalf of the Committee

CHARLES P. PERRY,
Hon. Secretary.

September 9th, 1926.

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SADNEY HILL, F.P.G.D.C.
FRANK G. VINES, Prov. G.W.
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Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1925-6.

Presented by Wor. Bro. CHARLES P. PERRY, Hon. Secretary to the Organization, August 12th, 1926.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last A/c					192	4	6				
.. Cash in hand					488	5	0				
.. Stewards' Fees, R.M.I.B.					33	11	0				
.. Bank Interest					3	16	9				
.. Lodge 252 "Harmonic"	56	14	0								
.. " 280 "Worcester"	45	3	0								
.. " 377 "Hope & Charity"	67	4	0								
.. " 498 "Royal Standard"	46	4	0								
.. " 529 "Semper Fidelis"	63	11	0								
.. " 560 "Vernon"	63	0	0								
.. " 564 "Stability"	58	16	0								
.. " 573 "Perseverance"	33	12	0								
.. " 1097 "St. Michael's"	36	4	6								
.. " 1204 "Royds"	26	5	0								
.. " 1874 "Lechmere Volunteer"	52	10	0								
.. " 2034 "Masefield"	21	0	0								
.. " 2385 "Godson"	6	6	0								
.. " 2654 "Arter"	111	6	0								
.. " 2724 "St. Laurence"	42	0	0								
.. " 3185 "Stechford"	110	5	0								
.. " 3308 "Abbot Lichfield"	25	4	0								
.. " 3378 "Page"	72	9	0								
.. " 3569 "Avon"	56	3	6								
.. " 3638 "Wyche"	6	6	0								
.. " 3643 "Campbell"	61	19	0								
.. " 3863 "King's Heath"	50	0	0								
.. " 3873 "Mystic Quest"	55	3	0								
.. " 3879 "St. Mary's"								
.. " 4001 "King's Norton"	75	12	0								
.. " 4004 "St. Werstan's"	13	13	0								
.. " 4144 "Pro Patria"	27	0	0								
.. " 4437 "Dudley Castle"	32	11	0								
.. " 4495 "Bordesley"	45	3	0								
.. " 4565 "Fort Royal"	12	12	0								
.. " 4621 "St. Edburgha"	25	4	0								
					1,393	18	0				
					£2,111	15	3				
									£2,111	15	3

Examined and found correct.

ERNEST G. APPS, Prov. J.G.W. }
 SYDNEY HILL, P.P.G.D.C. } Auditors.

August 12th, 1926.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

ANNUAL MEETING

HOLDEN AT THE KING'S HEATH INSTITUTE, HIGH STREET, KING'S HEATH, ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH, 1925

Present—

The Right Worshipful Brother General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.I. Eng.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER IN THE CHAIR; and
The Worshipful Brother William Thomas Page, P.C.D. Eng.
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 Worcester on the 18th of October, 1924, were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, held at St. Agnes' Church, Moseley, on the 15th of August, 1925, were confirmed.

Apologies were announced from the Provincial Grand Masters of Shropshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight; from the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Staffordshire, S. Wales (E.D.); from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; the Grand Secretary (Sir Philip Colville Smith, M.A., C.V.O.); the Provincial Grand Secretaries of Warwickshire, Shropshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight; the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and a number of distinguished Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read his report, as follows:

The returns from the various Lodges, dated December 31st, 1923, shewed the membership to be 1,682. During the year there were 85 deaths and resignations and 157 new members, bringing the total to 1,754 at December, 1924. Allowance must be made for a number of Brethren whose names appear as members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master (accompanied by the Provincial Grand Secretary and many other Worcestershire Brethren) attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, held in Birmingham on October 30th, when the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire (Col. W. F. WYLEY) accorded to him a most cordial welcome, and pledged the Brethren of Warwickshire to give their utmost support to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Festival to be held in 1925 under the presidency of our Provincial Grand Master.

Rt. W. Bro. Sir FRANCIS DAVIES expressed his sincere thanks to the Warwickshire Brethren, and alluded in kindly terms to the specially fraternal relations which exist between the two sister provinces.

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

252	Harmonic	11	3185	Stechford	13
280	Worcester	3	3308	Abbot Lichfield	9
377	Hope and Charity	18	3378	Page	8
498	Royal Standard	8	3569	Avon	11
529	Semper Fidelis	6	3638	Wyche	7
560	Vernon	6	3643	Campbell	16
564	Stability	17	3863	King's Heath	12
573	Perseverance	16	3873	Mystic Quest	8
1097	S. Michael	6	3879	S. Mary's	2
1204	Royds	4	4001	King's Norton	14
1874	Lechmere Volunteer	11	4004	S. Werston's	5
2034	Masefield	19	4144	Pro Patria	11
2385	Godson	12	4437	Dudley Castle	7
2654	Arter	26	4495	Bordesley	6
2724	S. Laurence	19	4565	Fort Royal	1
			4611	S. Edburgha	7
	Members of Lodges in Province	319			
	Visitors	6			
	TOTAL	325			

The audited accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (W. Bro. A. W. WATSON) 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 he had received no nomination for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer ; W. Bro. A. W. WATSON was thereupon duly re-elected.

The report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The report of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund was taken as read, and was received and adopted. The Rt. W. Grand Master referred to the splendid work done by the Provincial Representative, W. Bro. C. L. EATON, P. G. S. D. BR. ENG., and congratulated both him and the Province on the magnificent response made to his appeal. He intimated that a meeting of the Masters and Collectors would shortly be held at Worcester to discuss the possibility of increasing the amount already promised to such a sum as would entitle this Province to have its name inscribed permanently on the walls of the new Temple. The Rt. W. Grand Master later announced that a Brother who wished to remain anonymous would contribute £500 towards that object.

A letter was read, as follows, from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:—

GT. QUEEN STREET,
KINGSWAY, LONDON,
15th July, 1925.

Dear Bro. PAYNE,

At the Quarterly Court of Subscribers, held on the 10th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

"That the hearty thanks of the Court be tendered to General Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, for the eminent services he rendered by his Presidency at the 127th Anniversary Festival, when a collection of £69,766 5s. 6d. at the hands of 3,758 Stewards was announced, since increased to £70,407 8s. 6d and 3,843 Stewards."

"That cordial congratulations and best thanks be conveyed to the Brethren of the Chairman's Province of Worcestershire, who supported their chief at the hands of 713 Stewards, with a collection for the Province of £12,294 1s. 0d."

I shall be glad if you would kindly convey these resolutions to the Brethren of your Province at the first available opportunity.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PERCY G. MALLORY,

Secretary, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the report, took the opportunity of expressing his sincere personal thanks to the Brethren of the Province for their generosity in supporting him at the Boys' Festival with such a splendid contribution. To W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization (A.G. STD. BR. ENG.), and to W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, P.P.G.W., he tendered a special vote of thanks for their indefatigable labours in achieving such a magnificent result, which was most gratifying, especially for so small a Province. The grand total for the Festival, however, could not have been reached but for the handsome assistance received from the Provinces of Warwickshire and South Wales (Eastern Division).

The Rt. W. Grand Master extended a very hearty welcome to Rt. W. Bro. Col. W. F. WYLEY, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and asked him to accept and convey to the Brethren of his Province the very sincere thanks of Worcestershire.

It was a matter of great regret that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of S. Wales (E.D.), W. Bro. Sir DAVID W. EVANS, I.P.M. 4004, was unable to be present owing to severe illness. The Provincial Grand Secretary was requested to write to him, conveying the sympathy and best wishes of this Provincial Grand Lodge for his speedy recovery, coupled with most sincere thanks for the substantial support given by South Wales (E.D.) at the recent Festival.

Col. W. F. WYLEY, V.D., D.L., Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, briefly replied to the remarks of the Provincial Grand Master, and said it would always be a pleasure for Warwickshire to assist its sister Province whenever possible for they never forget the help given to him when he presided at the Benevolent Institution a few years ago.

W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, ASST.G.STD.BR.ENG., P.P.G.W., was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization. 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. W. Bro. T. MASON, P.P.G.W., drew particular attention to that part of the report making special mention of the presentation to the Museum by W. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.G.STD.BR.ENG., P.P.G.W., of the unique collection of 49 Centenary Jewels issued prior to the standard pattern in 1867. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, P.G.D.ENG.) spoke of this as the most important gift made to the Museum since its establishment, and the Province would wish to associate with this resolution their grateful thanks for this generous gift.

A collection was then taken for charitable purposes—amounting to £23 11s. 0d., and the Provincial Grand Treasurer was requested to make this sum up to Thirty Guineas—and given in equal amounts to the Moseley Convalescent Home for Children, Alcester Road, Moseley, and the Women's Hospital, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

W. Bro. C. A. ROBERTS, C.B.E., P.P.G.W. (Bucks.), P.M. "Herschel" Lodge, 1894, was nominated as representative on the Board of General Purposes for Group 7.

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.ENG., 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 Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master referred to the resignation from this Committee of W. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.G.STD.BR.ENG., and it was resolved to record his most valuable services for so many years as a member of this Committee.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. R. A. E. PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C.ENG., reported that all Fees of Honour had been paid.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master said that before appointing his officers he had an announcement to make which would, he knew, be received with the greatest regret throughout the Province: namely, the resignation as Provincial Grand Secretary of W. Bro. R. A. E. PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C.ENG., who was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary and Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization in April, 1915. He, personally, owed a great deal to W. Bro. PAYNE for his great assistance, and he asked him to accept from the Brethren of his Province a gift of a silver tray, suitably inscribed.

W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also spoke in feeling terms of the work given to the Province for so many years by W. Bro. PAYNE.

W. Bro. PAYNE, in accepting the gift, said that the presentation had taken him completely by surprise. He thanked the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for their extremely kind words, and the Brethren of the Province for their very handsome gift.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers for the year 1925-6, as follows:

Prov. Gd. Senior Warden	W. Bro. A. GROVE	564
" " Junior Warden	" E. G. APPS	2654
" " Chaplain	" Rev. Canon NEWLAND ..	564
" " Treasurer	" A. W. WATSON ..	2034 & 3879
" " Registrar	" J. T. BURNETT	3873
" " Secretary	" W. SOMERS ..	498, 573 & 4437
" " Director of Ceremonies	Very W. Bro. S. S. SOMERS	573
" " Senior Deacon	W. Bro. W. G. THOMAS	4495
" " Senior Deacon	" E. H. PARKES	2385
" " Junior Deacon	" H. B. DONE.....	4001 & 4144
" " Junior Deacon	" A. E. PRIEST	573
" " Superintendent of Works	" E. C. MORRIS	4001
" " Deputy Director of Ceremonies	" H. MOORE	1874
" " Assistant Director of Ceremonies	" H. B. EMERSON	3569
" " Sword Bearer	" G. E. ASHURST	4437
" " Standard Bearer	" E. P. VALE	560
" " Standard Bearer	" H. W. BROWN	377
" " Organist	" A. L. H. CUTLER	252
" " Assistant Secretary	" J. A. CRABTREE	2724
" " Pursuivant	" F. W. CORFIELD	529
" " Assistant Pursuivant	" H. RICHARDSON	3308
" " Stewards	Bros. A. T. RYBERG, G. H. WORK- MAN, E. W. APPS, C. F. MORRIS, P. H. DART, F. W. EVANS	2654
" " Tyler	Bro. OTHO SCOTT	
" " Assistant Tyler	" J. C. JOHNSON	

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

Past Prov. Gd. Senior Warden	W. Bro. R. E. GROVE	377
" " " Senior Deacon.....	" " A. H. LUNT	564
" " " Senior Deacon.....	" " J. S. CHEATLE	2654
" " " Standard Bearer.....	" " H. A. GREEN.....	197

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

The W. Master of the " Arter " Lodge suitably replied.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master accepted the invitation of the " Stability " Lodge No. 564, to hold the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Stourbridge, under their banner.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.



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REPORT ON MASONIC MILLION MEMORIAL FUND.

AT the date of my last Report, the amount promised by the Lodges in the Province amounted to £7,142 3s. 4d., of which £4,460 12s. 5d. had been paid into the Grand Lodge Fund; and at the Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on October 17th, 1925, a member of "St. Laurence" Lodge, No. 2724, who desired to remain anonymous, paid in a donation of £200, increasing the total to £7,642 3s. 4d.

One of the conditions of the Fund is that "Every Province or District whose total list, including its own donation, amounts to an average of Two Hundred and Fifty Guineas per Lodge shall have its name recorded in the building."

To comply with this condition, Worcestershire, with thirty-one Lodges, required a total sum of £8,137 10s. 0d.; and as the amount promised was within £500 of this sum, the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master called a meeting of the Wor. Masters and Collectors to consider the position. The meeting was held at Worcester on December 5th, 1925, Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, P.G.M., occupying the chair; and it was unanimously resolved, after considerable discussion, that an effort should be made to secure the additional amount, and provisional promises were made by the Collectors present which assured success.

I am pleased to report that on August 25th last I had received a total amount in promises of £8,335 4s. 10d., of which Grand Lodge certified £4,930 11s. 11d. as having been received at Headquarters. Since that date a further £115 has been promised. I have endeavoured to bring these figures up to date, but for want of replies from several of the Lodges am unable to do so.

I am, however, perfectly confident that ultimately the qualifying amount will be forthcoming in the Province, but would remind the Collectors that owing to the length of time allowed and the many unforeseen events which occur over a period of five years, a certain proportion is almost certain to remain uncollected, and if we are to secure the desired position of a "Recorded Provincial Grand Lodge" we cannot afford to slacken in our efforts to secure additional promises until success is assured.

I would wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation of the efforts made by the Masters and Collectors of the Lodges in the Province; without their hearty co-operation my task would have been impossible.

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

Provincial Representative.

September 18th, 1926.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

*Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their Fourteenth Annual Report to
Provincial Grand Lodge.*

DURING the past year many objects of interest have been added to the Museum, and your Committee are particularly grateful to the W.M. and Brethren of the "Harmonic" Lodge, No. 252, for the handsome gift of a mahogany show case, in which will be displayed several pieces of china and glass ware which hitherto have been kept in cases unsuitable for inspection. They also gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the kindness of the following Brethren, from whom gifts have been received during the year:

Jewels, Books, Photographs, &c.	Wor. Bro. W. T. PAGE
Photograph, Jewel, Medals, &c.	" " C. D. EATON
Calendars	" " F. D. RATCLIFFE
Jewel	" " J. E. WALL
Jewels	" " W. SOMERS
Book	Mr. G. WEBSTER FORBES
Apron, R.A. Emblem, Jewel, and two old Mark Key- stones	Bro. LITTLER
Apron	Wor. Bro. D. OAKLEY
Clothing and Jewels of late Bro. R. FENWICK, deposited on trust by the "Stechford" Lodge, No. 3185	
Jewel and Chain	Wor. Bro. H. F. FENTON
Apron and Sash, Apron and Collar, Books	" " J. S. MORRIS
One P.P.G.S.B. Jewel (Warwick), about 1840	" " H. BLADON
Two Walrus Tusks engraved with Masonic emblems	Bro. ERNEST DAVIES
Case containing G.L. Clothing and R.A. Clothing, also Craft Apron; being Clothing of late Bro. WM. MASEFIELD	Wor. Bro. W. HANSON

The President (Rt. Wor. Bro. Gen. Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D., Provincial Grand Master), the Vice-President, Chairman and Committee invited the representatives of the various Masonic bodies in the Province (accompanied by a lady) to visit the Museum and Library on Saturday, July 24th, 1926; a reception being held after the meeting and the members of the party afterwards partaking of tea. This gathering, the first of its kind to be held, was a great success, and it is hoped to make it an annual gathering. At that meeting the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President	The Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master
Vice-President	Wor. Bro. J. CAMPBELL
Chairman and Hon. Treasurer	" " W. T. PAGE
Vice-Chairman	" " C. D. EATON
Hon. Librarian	Bro. F. J. UNDEFWOOD
Hon. Secretary	Wor. Bro. W. SOMERS

Members of Committee, in addition to P.G.L. Executive Committee: Wor. Bros.
A. ALLEN, C. B. SHUTTLEWORTH, and C. H. COOK

Attached is a Statement of Accounts, and once again the Committee express their great indebtedness to the Hon. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. W. T. PAGE, for the way he has prepared their accounts and to the Masonic bodies in the Province for their financial assistance.

Signed on behalf of the General Committee.

CHARLIE D. EATON,
Chairman.

WILLIAM SOMERS,
Hon. Secretary.

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LIBRARY & MUSEUM—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1925-6.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in Bank, 30/6/25	29	15 9	Books, &c.	18	15 2
Contributions, &c.	72	10 0	Printing	2	8 6
Bank Interest	0	8 10	Postages, &c.	1	18 2
			Engraving	2	8 0
			Furniture, Repairs, &c. ..	4	10 0
			Custodian's Salary	12	0 0
			Catalogue Reserve Fund ..	25	0 0
			Balance, 30/6/26	35	14 9
	<u>£102</u>	<u>14 7</u>		<u>£102</u>	<u>14 7</u>

NEW CATALOGUE RESERVE FUND.

Cash in Bank, 30/6/25	£	s. d.	Cash in Bank, 30/6/26	£	s. d.
From General Fund, 25/6/26 ..	23	0 0		86	12 1
Bank Interest	1	7 0			
	<u>£86</u>	<u>12 1</u>		<u>£86</u>	<u>12 1</u>

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

Audited and found correct.—20th July, 1926.

CUTHBERT H. COOK, P.P.G.W.

WILLIAM SOMERS, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.