



Walter G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful Worshipful and Loving Brethren

WE

Arthur William Patrick Albert
Duke of Connaught and Strathearn
Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter
&c &c &c &c

Grand Master
of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in England

Send Greeting

KNOW YE

That by the great trust and confidence reposed in our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brother

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR FRANCIS JOHN DAVIES.

of Elmley Castle, Pershore, in the County of Worcester.

*Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George,
One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, Past Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England.*

do hereby create and appoint him

Provincial Grand Master
for
Worcestershire.

with full power and authority to make Masons and to constitute Lodges as occasion may require. Subject nevertheless to our approval. And also to do and execute all and every such other acts and things appertaining to the said Office as usually have been or ought to be done and executed by other Provincial Grand Masters. He the said Lieutenant General Sir Francis John Davies taking special care that all and every the Members of every Lodge shall constitute have been regularly made Masons and that they and the Members of all other Lodges within his Province do observe perform and keep the rules orders and regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting together also with all such rules orders regulations and instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted by us or by Our Deputy Grand Master or by any of our Successors Grand Masters or their Deputies for the time being. And we do will and require you the said Provincial Grand Master to cause at least one General Meeting or Communication to be held in every year. And that you promote on those and all other occasions whatever may be for the honor and advantage of Masonry and the benefit of the Grand Charity. And that you yearly send to us or our Successors Grand Masters an account in writing of the proceedings therein and also do forthwith transmit to us a particular statement of the Lodges you constitute under Warrants from the Grand Master and when and where holden with a List of the several Members of the said Lodges and copies of all such rules orders and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same with whatever else you shall do by virtue of these Presents. And that at the same time you remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being at London Ten Guineas sterling for every Lodge you shall constitute for the use of the Grand Lodge and other necessary purposes.

Given at London under our Hand and Seal of Masonry this 15th November A.C. 5918, A.D. 1918.

By Command of His Royal Highness the A.C. Grand Master

J. Collins, Secy

G.S.

J.F. Malley D.G.M.

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

17. Dec 1914

Dear Sirs Very Warmly

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th
Dec. as to ~~inform~~ you in reply
that I have great pleasure in
accepting the appointment of
Provincial Grand Master of
Worcestershire.

I beg that you will take the
early opportunity of expressing to

His Royal Highness the Grand
Duke my respectful gratitude
at his having been pleased to
select me for the high appointment

Yours faithfully & patriotically

(Sd) James Davis.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S
OFFICE

United Grand Lodge of England.

Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen St. London, W.C.

Dec 24th 1918

Dear Sir, Worshipful Brother,

I have the commands
of His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught
The H. W. The Grand Master to offer you the appointment of
Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire
and to ask that His Royal Highness trusts that
you may be able to accept the position.

Yours faithfully & paternally

J. Abell Smith

Grand Secretary

W.Bs.

Lt. Gen. Sir Francis J. Davis, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

O.G.D.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Wor. Bro. W. T. PAGE, P.G.D., Eng., &c.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in charge.

Wor. Bro. R. A. ERNEST PAYNE, P.P.S.G.W., &c.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.



Lynthorpe,
Bromyard Road,
Worcester.

19. Dec. 1918

Dear General Davis

I am pleased to get your letter, this morning, of the 17th, and to hear that our M.W. G.M. has appointed you to succeed our late returned Chief, Sir William Campbell.

Kindly accept my most hearty and sincere congratulations, with best wishes that you may be spared for many years & blessed with the best of health to rule over this Province.

It will give me the greatest pleasure to assist you in any way in my power, and I look forward to a continuance of the happy times & associations I always enjoyed under Sir William's ruling.

I shall be in Worcester during the Christmastide and shall be glad to meet ^{you} at any time convenient to yourself. Sincerely & fraternally Yrs. W. T. Page