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1st May, 1956.

Bro. H.G.E. Jenkins,  
5, Bevere House,  
Bevere,  
WORCESTER.

Dear Bro. Librarian,

With regard to the 2 firing glasses which I have left in your charge, I meant to hand you a copy of a letter I addressed to the Grand Librarian at Great Queen Street and a copy of his reply, which will serve as a record as to how these glasses got into the Museum and brief details of their origin.

I now attach copies of those letters for your records.

With fraternal regards,  
Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.



THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,  
LONDON, W.C. 2.

18th October, 1955.

Phone Holborn 3633.

Dear Brother St. George,

On my return to Freemasons' Hall yesterday at the end of a brief holiday I was interested to find awaiting me your letter of October 12th and the two firing glasses referred to therein, which I note you propose to present to the Worcestershire Provincial Masonic Museum.

In the Grand Lodge Museum we have nothing precisely similar; nor have we at the present time on the staff of the Library and Museum anyone possessed of experience in the identification and valuation of masonic glass. Accordingly it is not possible for me to give you any indication of the value of either of these two pieces.

From the nature of their ornamentation both pieces are obviously of Continental origin, and if I myself had been the fortunate finder I might well have been tempted to pay the price you did in Copenhagen.

As you have had the benefit of advice from the Assistant Grand Secretary of the National Lodge of Denmark I would not dream of dissenting from the views which he has expressed to you after inspecting these glasses.

The glasses in question are being returned in a separate package addressed to you at Magnet House, Birmingham, the antique dealer's receipted account is enclosed herewith.

In due course please notify me of the safe arrival of the glasses.

Yours fraternally,

Ivor Grantham.  
Librarian and Curator.

W. Bro. R. G. St. George,  
6, Widney Lane,  
Solihull,  
Nr. Birmingham.



W. Bro. W. Ivor Grantham, O. B. E. , L. L. B. ,  
P. Dep. G. Swd. Br. ,  
Grand Librarian,  
Freemasons' Hall,  
Gt. Queen Street,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

12th October, 1955.

Dear Bro. Librarian,

During a short holiday in the early part of July last, I was browsing round an antique shop in Copenhagen and spotted some Masonic firing glasses. There were five all told and I selected two which appealed to me.

It is my intention to present them to the Worcester Provincial Museum, but before doing so would greatly appreciate your opinion as to their age, origin and, perhaps, worth, etc. I paid 315 Kr. for them (approximately £15.15. 0d).

The day before, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Carl Kaiser, Asst. Grand Secretary of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark. I, therefore, visited him again and asked his opinion on these glasses. The darker coloured one he immediately pronounced to be Belgian and put its age at a little over one hundred years, the other he thought was Bohemian and made about 1880.

I wish I could have accompanied the glasses when I should have had the pleasure of meeting you, but pressure of business precludes that, so they must be posted. I enclose the receipted bill in case the dealer's name should interest you.

With fraternal regards and thanks in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. ST. GEORGE.

P/S: Would you be good enough to return the glasses to my business address, which is:-

Magnet House,  
160, Newhall Street,  
Birmingham, 3.