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The Annual Convocation of PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER WAS held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Barnstaple, on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 1923.

Present :

M.E. Comp.	G. C. DAVIE,	..	Grand Superintendent
Ex. Comp.	F. T. W. CURTIS, P.P.G J.,	as	2nd Prov. G. Principal
"	"	T. A. BLACKLER,	.. 3rd " "
"	"	J. STOCKER, P.A.G Sojr., P.G.H	as Prov. G. Scribe E.
"	"	S. R. WILLIAMS	.. " " N.
"	"	W. H. CREWS	.. " " Treasurer
"	"	T. PHILLIPS	.. " " Registrar
"	"	W. COUSINS	.. " " Assc. Sojr.
"	"	H. J. STAMP, G. Std. B.	.. " " D. of Cers.
"	"	W. HANCOCK	.. " " Stand. Br.
Comp.	STANLEY GRIFFIN	..	Organist
"	W. A. RAMPTON	..	Janitor

and the Past Provincial Grand Officers and Representatives of Chapters whose names are recorded in the Attendance Book.

The Chapter was opened in solemn form.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent said he regretted to announce that the Provincial Grand Scribe E. was prevented from attending owing to serious illness, and Ex-Comp. Provincial Grand H. had consented to fill the office for this Convocation.

The Minutes of the Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Plymouth on the 12th day of October, 1922, having been printed and circulated were taken as read, and were confirmed.

The Acting Provincial Grand Scribe E. announced that many letters of apology for non attendance had been received from various Provincial Grand Officers and Companions whom he named.

The Report of the Provincial Grand Scribe E. was presented as follows :—

I have to report that I have received Returns from the Chapters in the Province for the year ended 31st December, 1922, as follows.

No. of Chapter.	No. of Members.	No. in Arrear.	No. of P.Z.'s.	Dues.			First Principals.	Place
				£	s.	d.		
39	28	—	12	2	11	6	T. H. Andrew ..	Exeter
70	84	9	13	3	3	6	W. N. Dolton ..	Plymouth
165	79	10	17	2	10	0	W. F. Harris ..	Plymouth
106	53	—	12	4	11	6	M. Brutton Ford ..	Exmouth
112	100	2	26	4	4	0	Ransom Pickard ..	Exeter
156	108	—	22	5	6	6	W. H. May ..	Plymouth
159	87	12	15	4	6	0	N. J. Luscombe ..	Plymouth
164	18	—	3	2	2	0	Lewis Evans ..	Sidmouth
189	160	7	16	8	13	6	W. H. Harris ..	Plymouth
202	163	14	22	5	5	0	J. Batten ..	Devonport
223	64	5	10	2	11	6	F. T. Vernon ..	Plymouth
230	103	—	14	4	1	6	W. H. C. Lewis ..	Devonport
248	49	—	8	1	17	6	T. D. Beckings ..	Brixham
251	90	7	19	4	13	0	J. C. Southcombe ..	Barnstaple
282	38	4	12	2	2	0	F. C. Powell ..	Tavistock
303	42	—	10	2	6	0	D. R. Sturdy ..	Teignmouth
328	55	3	18	1	17	6	W. Terry ..	Torquay
444	17	—	9	(3	5		J. Lansford ..	Starcross
489	42	—	11	1	17	6	W. H. Puddicombe ..	Bideford
494	29	3	12	1	8	6	B. Trevett ..	Axminster
710	43	—	10	2	8	6	J. S. Hall ..	Totnes
797	71	2	13	3	2		C. N. Ffolliott ..	Dartmouth
847	24	—	11		17	0	H. H. Langelaan ..	Honiton
954	102	10	19	4	9	0	H. W. Hedge ..	Devonport
1099	135	6	15	7	10	6	A. Delbridge ..	Devonport
1125	37	1	14	3	3	6	W. H. Norrish ..	Tiverton
1135	1	—	10	1	15	6	F. W. Twiss ..	Ilfracombe
1148	33	—	15	1	16	6	S. G. Holmes ..	Newton Abbot
1205	130	2	18	7	5	0	D. J. N. Brebner ..	E. Stonehouse
1247	87	9	14	3	8	6	J. S. M. Gilbert ..	Plymouth
1255	79	12	12	6	2	0	J. Squire ..	Plymouth
1284	28	—	7	1	9	0	W. J. Jackson ..	Topsham
1358	48	3	20	3	0	0	A. Adcock ..	Paignton
1402	63	—	17	2	12	0	W. Hutchings ..	Torquay
2025	137	6	18	5	19	6	J. Marks ..	Plymouth
2595	25	—	7	1	6	6	R. S. Hosking ..	Buckfastleigh
2649	34	—	1	2	7	6	R. D. Ormsby ..	Plymouth
2655	80	14	6	3	17	0	A. Tresise ..	St. Budeaux
3337	43	—	4	2	19	0	F. T. W. Curtis ..	Devonport
3483	42	—	4	2	6	6	T. Bradley Rowe ..	Holsworthy
	2694	147	529	134	17	6		

From these returns it will be seen that the number of Subscribing Members to the 31st December, 1922, was 2,694, this being 220 more than the previous year and shows an increase during the last five years of 1304 members.

The number of Past Z's. returned was 529.

The amount received in dues and fees was £134 17s. 6d.

The names of 120 Members were removed from the Roll through Membership having lapsed, or by death, resignation, or exclusion.

There were 257 New Members admitted by exaltation and 88 by joining.

The number of Members in arrear was 147.

Eighteen Chapters have sent in their Returns without having recorded any arrears. These are Nos. 39, 106, 156, 164, 230, 248, 303, 444, 489, 710, 847, 1135, 1284, 1402, 2595, 2649, 3337, 3483.

The number of Chapters in the Province is now 40.

HENRY STOCKER, P.G. Std. B.,

31st October, 1923.

Prov. G. Scribe E

Resolved--That the Report of the Prov. G. Scribe E be received and adopted.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Ex-Comp. W. H. Crews, presented his Report showing a balance in favour of the Provincial Grand Chapter of £140 11s. 2d.

Resolved that the Report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer be received and adopted.

Resolved:—"That 70 Guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter towards the Masonic Million Memorial Fund, and an honorarium of 25 Guineas be voted to the Prov. G. Scribe E. in recognition of the services he has rendered to the Prov G. Chapter."

It was unanimously resolved:—"That Ex-Comp. J. C. Southcombe, P.Z. Chapter 251, be the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year and that Ex Comp. G. M. Doe, P.P.G. Treasurer and F. Elliott, P.Z. 251, be the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts."

The following were declared to be Officers for the ensuing year and they were duly invested.

NAME.	NO. OF CHAPTER.	PROV. GRAND OFFICE.
Ex-Comp. JOHN STOCKER, P.A.G. Scj. (Eng.)	112 ..	2nd Prov. G. Principal
" " C. C. DAVIE,	251 ..	3rd Prov. G. Principal
" " HENRY STOCKER, P.A.G Std.B.(Eng)	112 ..	Prov G. Scribe E.
" " R. F. L. HOOKWAY,	489 ..	" " Scribe N.
" " MAJ. J. C. SOUTHCOMBE,	251 ..	" " Treasurer
" " C. R. M. CLAPP,	444 ..	" " Registrar
" " E. UNDERHILL,	156 ..	" " Dep Registrar
" " PERCY COLLIS,	303 ..	" " P. Sojourner
" " J. N. ROOSE,	1255 ..	" " 1st. Asst. Sojr.
" " C. E. TOZER,	954 ..	" " 2nd Asst. Sojr.
" " H. J. STAMP, P.A.G.Std.B.(Eng.)	2025 ..	" " Dir. of Cers
" " A. E. JENKINS,	3337 ..	" " Sword Bearer

NAME.	NO. OF CHAPTER.	PROV. GRAND OFFICE.
Ex Comp. E. G. SMITH,	189 ..	Prov. G. Dep. Swd. Br.
„ „ T. MERCER,	1125 ..	„ „ Std Bearers
„ „ W. E. BOYCE,	106 ..	
„ „ E. TUCKER,	202 ..	„ „ A.D.S. of Cers.
„ „ W. MARTIN,	105 ..	
„ „ F. T. BROKENSHERE,	248 ..	
„ „ J. LUSCOMBE,	159 ..	„ „ Organist
„ „ W. J. S. LISLE,	39 ..	
„ „ W. L. COPP,	494 ..	„ „ Asst. Scribe E.
Comp. W. A. RAMPTON	112 ..	„ „ Junior

The M.E. Grand Superintendent conferred Past Provincial Grand Rank on the following Companions:—

Ex-Comp H. F. YEO,	223 ..	Fast Prov. G. Scribe N.
„ „ St. ANDREW R. WILSON,	2649 ..	„ „ „ Scribe N.
„ „ DR. BURLAND,	1358 ..	„ „ „ Scribe N.
„ „ FRANK MAKE,	164 ..	„ „ „ Scribe N.
„ „ J. A. HENDRA,	1099 ..	„ „ „ Prin. Soj.

Resolved:—“That congratulations be tendered to Ex-Companions F. Elliott and G. M. Doe, who have accepted nominations for election as Mayors respectively of the ancient Boroughs of Barnstaple and Great Torrington.”

Resolved:—“That the best thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter be tendered to the Principals and Members of “Loyalty and Virtue” Chapter, No. 251, for the excellent arrangements they had made for the reception of Provincial Grand Chapter.”

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in solemn form,

Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire.

The Prov. G. Scribe E.'s Report and Returns from Chapters for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

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105	77	20	14	2 18 0	H. B. Serridge, jr. . .	Plymouth
106	60	—	12	3 0 0	M. B. Ford	Exmouth
112	99	—	25	4 4 0	J. H. Brown	Exeter
156	113	—	25	4 16 6	H. J. Squire	Plymouth
159	86	18	14	2 16 6	C. H. White	Plymouth
164	22	—	5	1 9 6	F. Hake	Sidmouth
189	165	19	18	7 0 0	W. H. Jago	Plymouth
202	145	3	22	4 5 0	R. A. Jinks	Devonport
223	62	2	11	3 8 6	W. J. Harris	Plymouth
230	103	—	15	5 4 0	J. S. Brokenshite ..	Devonport
248	55	—	9	3 4 0	J. D. Fockings ..	Prixham
251	96	7	22	3 19 0	C. Squire	Barnstaple
282	40	4	13	1 8 6	W. Donbow	Tavistock
303	43	1	11	1 14 0	C. B. Rayment	Teignmouth
328	57	3	16	1 16 0	W. Terry	Torquay
444	17	—	10	17 0	C. Squire	Starcross
489	44	—	11	1 2 6	T. H. Dyer	Bideford
494	26	6	12	17 0	E. M. Mayo	Axminster
710	46	7	15	1 19 6	J. S. Brock	Totnes
797	74	5	13	2 15 6	G. E. Bates	Dartmouth
847	29	7	10	1 18 6	A. Dimond	Honiton
954	106	13	20	1 15 0	W. J. Keats	Devonport
1099	131	7	16	5 0 0	W. G. Jarvis	Devonport
1125	42	—	13	2 11 6	W. A. Gunner	Tiverton
1135	42	—	10	2 6 0	F. H. Thomas	Ilfracombe
1123	39	—	13	2 1 6	F. A. Ridge	Newton Abbot
1205	128	19	17	3 16 0	C. G. French	E. Stonehouse
1277	88	14	12	2 12 6	W. H. Leddon	Plymouth
1255	73	3	11	3 17 6	W. Hill	Plymouth
1284	27	—	9	14 0	H. J. Randall, jr. . .	Topsham
1358	47	1	19	1 8 0	W. A. Gillas	Paignton
1402	59	—	16	1 11 0	T. L. Gray	Torquay
2025	143	10	17	6 11 6	F. A. May	Plymouth
2595	30	—	8	1 17 6	J. P. Cutler	Buckfastleigh
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2655	79	10	6	2 19 6	P. Finucane	St. Budeaux
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3483	47	1	4	2 8 0	H. B. Knight	Holsworthy
2745	200	538	116	17 6		

