

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER  
MASONS OF WARWICKSHIRE.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration Committee.

REPORT.



THE M.W. BROTHER THE  
**MARQUESS OF HERTFORD,**  
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

ON the 19th of May last the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, Lord Lieutenant of the County, completed 25 years as Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Degree of Freemasonry in Warwickshire.

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The Brethren of the Mark Degree had been looking forward to the auspicious event with considerable pleasure, and under the able guidance of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Wor. Bro. Wright Wilson) and the energetic co-operation of the Provincial Grand Secretary (Wor. Bro. Charlie D. Eaton), with the assistance of a Committee of Representatives of the Mark Lodges, special preparation was made to celebrate the occasion in a memorable manner. A subscription list was opened for the purchase of a piece of Plate suitably engraved, and it was the intention of Wor. Bro. Wright Wilson and Mrs. Wilson to invite the Brethren with their Ladies to a Garden Party at "Cottesbrook," Acocks Green, where the presentation could be made amongst charming surroundings.

Unfortunately, owing to the illness of the Marquess, this arrangement had to be abandoned, and, as the matter was deemed urgent, a meeting of the Committee was held on the 18th May, a congratulatory letter drawn up, engrossed on Vellum and signed by all those present, and despatched so as to greet his Lordship on the anniversary of his becoming the Head of the Province (May 19th). The purchase of a massive silver Rose Bowl, engraved with his Lordship's Crest and the Emblem of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was decided upon, and a deputation, consisting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the two Wardens of the Province (Wor. Bro. J. Headon Boocock and Wor. Bro. F. J. Penn), and the Provincial Grand Secretary, was

appointed to make the presentation, which, at the request of Lord Hertford, was done privately at Ragley, on May 26th, in the presence of the members of his family. The Marquess greatly admired the Rose Bowl, which was considered by himself and family a very charming specimen of Messrs. Elkington's art. His Lordship evidently keenly appreciated the handsome presentation and the good wishes of the Brethren. He remarked that he should greatly prize this very handsome present as a token of their regard. It was a matter of very sincere gratification to him that in Warwickshire the Mark Degree had so greatly prospered, and he had been particularly pleased that during the last two years he had been privileged to consecrate two new Lodges in the Province—one at Coventry, the "Seymour" Mark Masters Lodge, and the "Temperance" Mark Masters Lodge, in the City of Birmingham.

Herewith is appended a Photograph of the Rose Bowl, the terms of the Address, and a copy of the very appreciative letter since received from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master by the Deputy, issued at his Lordship's special request.

Below is a Summary of the Accounts.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions	71 15 6	By Elkington Plate	64 8 6
		„ Morton Letter	1 1 0
		„ Printing	1 14 8
		„ Postages	1 8 4
		„ Balance	3 3 0
	<u>£71 15 6</u>		<u>£71 15 6</u>



"To the Most Hon. the  
MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, P.C., C.B., Etc.,

"PAST GRAND MASTER;

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

"We, the undersigned, representatives of the Mark Master  
"Masons of the Province of Warwickshire, desire to express  
"our sincere congratulations on the completion of 25 years of  
"your rule as Provincial Grand Master, with our loyal and  
"fraternal greetings, on the anniversary of your Installation.

"We pray that the G.O.O.T.U. may be pleased to restore  
"you to complete health, that you may long continue to rule  
"over a happy, united and prosperous Province."

"WRIGHT WILSON.

"J. HEADON BOOCOCK.

"F. J. PENN.

"FELIX JONES.

"HOWARD J. COLLINS.

"JABEZ ATTWOOD.

"GEO. H. SMITH.

"J. S. PRITCHETT.

"WALTER T. OWEN.

"GEO. D. WILLMOTT.

"JOHN A. HUGHES.

"E. H. JONES.

"CHARLIE D. EATON."

"19TH MAY, 1911."



Bugley Hall,  
Alcester.

27/5/11

Dear Bro Wignat Wilson:

I find it very difficult to find words  
in which to express to you and my Brethren of the  
Mark Degree in this Province my feeling of great  
gratitude for your most kind and cordial address  
on the occasion of my having completed 25 years  
as P & G Master of the Province, and also for the truly  
magnificent present accompanying the former address.  
Pray believe & express to the Brethren that I feel their  
kindness very much. During this long period of 25 years  
I have met with nothing but kindness & cordial co-operation  
not only from you my excellent Deputy, but also from  
my Brethren in the Province. It has been a course of  
qualification to me that Mark Masonry has progressed in the Province  
so that we have now eight lodges all well attended, & in  
which the work is right well done; for this latter, we  
have to thank the Great Lodge of Jurisdiction under the

Rugley Hall,  
Alcester.

Under guidance of our excellent Preceptor and I & Secy  
Mr B. C. & Estlin who has worked so hard for the cause.  
I can assure you that the magnificent silver bowl  
which you have given me will always be one of my most  
valued possessions & will be kept as an heirloom in my  
family as a proud memento of the cordial & happy  
relations that have existed between the ~~Worcester~~ Worcester  
Worshippers & their I & Secy.

Believe me yours very sincerely & fraternally

Herbert

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The Most Hon. and Most Worshipful Brother,  
**THE MARQUESS OF HERTFORD,**  
Provincial Grand Mark Master  
(Warwickshire) 1886-1912.