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Newport Salop
April 29, 1882

Dear Bro Maxfield

Allow me to have
the pleasure of offering
my congratulations
to you on the Appointment,
so well merited by you,
to Grand Lodge Office
I know how great
satisfaction it will
give in Worcestershire
and here we shall
in the "Audley" feel
a certain amount
of reflected honour
as we have the

pleasure of having
you as a student
as well as the gratification
of enrolling you among
our honorary members

I hope you are well
and may long enjoy
your accumulated
dignities in Masonry

Believe me

Yours of high respects

J. B. Bodentzen

V. W. B. W. Masfield

P. Baskallow of
course most anxious
to have
visit from you

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Dear Masfeld

What do you think of
the letter on other side? — The
supreme grand Council would
not be likely to acknowledge
the cross pattée as the seal of
perfection. —

I have received your
list of dues, and have sent
out the circulars —
I enclose letter recd.
from Bro. Vigné.

Yours truly & fraternally

W. Bristow

Shrewsbury, May 29. 1866.

W. Masfeld Esq.



Copy.


61. Arthur Road
Holloway N.

May 28. 1866

Dear Sir & Brothers

I have often before time
asked the question you put to me
but never could get a satisfactory
reply, hence I have been left to form
my own theory which is this:—

The "Seal of Perfection" in
masonry is by some said to be
Solomon's the 5 points  by
others the double triangle  Now
the first undoubtedly belongs to
Craft masonry, and the second to
the Royal Arch — The Jewel or
symbol of the lodge of perfection
14° is a pair of compasses extended
on an arc of 90 degrees with

a Sun in the centre, This by
substituting the + passion cross
for the Sun is the Royal Cross (?
Seal, or as we may say
Christianity for Sun worship -
Not being able to obtain information
from our recognized authorities
I go to the origin of the device, -
the Red Cross Knights of the
Crusades - and adopt as the
Seal of perfection alluded to,
the Cross Patee  borne by the
Knight Templar on his mantle -
Seals with this device, costing I
think 2 Guineas and to be had.

I am Dear Sir & Brother
Yours paternally
J. Horr, 30

Brother Bristol 18.

Old Bank, Malvern,

Nov. 16. 1881.

Dear Depy Prot. of? Master

I enclose you a copy of an extract of a letter I have to-day addressed to the
Measure of the ^{Lodge of Stabians} P. G. Having perused it

will you kindly send it to the acting P. G.

Secy; The Prot. Grand Master will be glad

to receive any comments either of you may

wish to make on the subject referred to

which may be sent either direct to him or

thro' me Hoping you are in better health

I am Yours faithfully & fraternally

W. W. Brown

W. Mansfield Esq

P. G. Secy

Copy of the original

Nov 16 -

Dear Sir & Co

Dear Sir & Co

The account & balance to be due
to the Ld of Stabilities, which you sent
me last month, being for a period
not authorized by your Ld. I could not
determine the question of its payment, but
refrain from writing to you until I had
had the opportunity of consulting the
Com, and this account & error would last
month. I have now pointed out to you and
through you to your Ld that the Ld do hold
its meeting at Newbury, on the invitation
of your Ld. and you should as its Wm. as
its representative, be so far a hearty welcome
you accordingly received the Ld while
your own was in London which remained
open until the business was over, when your
own Office closed - Good for a host to
change his guests with expenses of putting up

The great chamber is to say the least
unusual and some incongruous
The Bell ringing expenses may be any way
as of Impulse is welcomed to the do. but
that may need no self explanation &
I could I think more conduct
I went itself in fact away - I was
choir & organist at St. Thomas's church
may have been justly supposed "but it is
entirely a question for the employees" - the
meeting of friends I have called the
attention of your committee to,
tho' one of your objects is being no expense
to be covered by the donors ~~of the~~ & the
other about me was called to the bylaw with
much that the festival will be arranged by
the W. Stewards that no expense should fall
upon the G. G. funds - you speak of items
of the ^{as} what has been actually found
it is quite true that in 1874 such expenses
were paid to the extent of 7.16 0 to your
do. but they have not been paid to any

then do. some expenses 1876 to
Sunday 3. 20 for the use of special
rooms (Mechanics Institute) and in 1878
the expenses of meeting at Worth held
independently ~~away~~ ^{away} from the Lodge
there) on special occasion of the
Installation of the Bro. G. M. - no such
expenses were paid in 1879 at that time
more in 1880 at that - ~~expenses~~ the
item of printing ~~of a~~ ^{reference to} ~~document~~
which was incurred through a misunder-
standing of the regulations & which it was
the object of my communication before
mentioned to set right - with respect
to the book it must be born in mind
that the sum raised & the benevolent fund
were properly placed to the credit of the
general^{al} and thus G. & L. had the
opportunity of spending up to 1879
788. 4. 2 on general expenses of conducting
the business, now that we are endeavoring
to properly fulfill our obligation by

Supporting the grandstands for
Benevolent purposes, we have
very little to spend in this way
and it will only be by personal and
collection of a sacrifice that we
shall be able to do with the small
amount available for expenses.

I trust stability will be the way
to with stand the claims and that
it will be a happier one than
in necessity.

Yours truly
J. W. Brown
J. W. Brown

W. H. Jones
J. W. Brown

(Copy)

Bill to Stability 1844

Sept 14	to chair 1 against of St Thomas for services and	2	10	-
	Belonging for singing from 12 noon to 6 pm	1	12	0
	to St Thomas & 18 South following			
	comfort from third ^v laying it at St Thomas & delaying it at			
	third meeting & red clothing			
	board platform for night's rest of 15 hrs chair at request			
	Jan 21 st born 1 woman employed & hired 3 rd Thomas	1	16	4
	John of Am ⁿ organ	1	1	0
	to 2 nd W. printed 1/2 doz ch services in two colors		15	-
	to 7 th 1/2 printed 1/2 doz Pro Leach on large embossed cards to name of the 1/2 doz		10	
	to 1 st 1/2 printed 1/2 doz for 1/2 doz	2	0	6
			10	10

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Providence Works,
Worcester

20th July 1882

Worshipful Sir

I duly received the
two cheques for 10 pounds each
from Bro Westbury on Friday
afternoon. When he called
I was engaged and I was
unable to see him again until
this morning.



Our interview was
very hurried and I did not
know exactly what the left; ~~what~~
which gives the cheques were
for. The matter is now alright
and I have very great pleasure
in warmly thanking you for
10 pounds from "Harmonie Lodge"
and 10 pounds from "Royal Standard"
Lodge, both amounts to be entered
in list of the W. M. for the time
being on those Lodges so that their
votes may be held in perpetuity

by the Loaves. Both amounts
are also to be placed to the
Credit of Male Annuitants.

With very kind regards,
and wishes for your health,
believe me to be

Yours obediently,
Fraternally

W. Williams No 529

W. Masfield Secy. F. P. M. W.

I acknowledged these
Cheques to Bro. Corbett and
Higgs yesterday

Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen St., London, W.C.

19th Augt 1884

Dear Sir & Pro

In answer to yours
of the 15th Instant, in
reference to the Compendary
of the Harmonic Lodge
No 252 Dudley, I beg to
hand you a ^{copy} like written
Pro Briston, your Provincial
Grand Secretary, in Dec. 1880
in answer to an enquiry by
him, on the same subject,
which will fully explain
the position of the Lodge (252)

Yours faithfully
H. G. Budd.

W. Pro W. Masfield
Dudley 9 St. B H. G. Sec.
I.O.

F. W. Hall
8 Dec/80

My dear Bro Brewster

Bro Burt & I have gone very carefully into the matter of the approaching claim of the Harmonic Co; No 252 Dudley for a Centenary Warrant and we find that the case stands thus -

The Lodge was founded in the year 1784 - and apparently continued to work more or less until 1800 - but from that date up to 1813 - there is not a single entry or word in Grand Lodge Books respecting it. In the latter year however it seems to have been revived, having been given a number and place on the Roll of the Union of the 2 Grand Lodges - From 1813 to 1827 it continued to make no Returns but in 1827 the fd Secy accepted 13 year fees from 3 Brothers which may be considered as sufficient to keep the Lodge alive.

From 1827 to the present time Returns have been regularly received from the Lodge.

From the above it will be seen that the weak link in the chain is from 1800 to 1813 - and

with

with every desire to assist the Lodge
and to further its wishes I fear
that the entire absence of entries
in our books - together with the
fact that the Lodge possesses no
minutes for that period, must
be considered as fatal to its claim
to continued existence from 1784
and that it will have to make
a fresh departure from 1843.

I may add that several
of the hedges have been refused
Centenary Warrants on similar
grounds.

I return your statements
as requested, and regretting that
I am unable to help you in
the matter.

Believe me

Yours fraternally

Shadwell H. Foster
F.S.

Bro W Brewster

Secy No: 252

+ Ofice Worcesterhire

Spowick
26 July 1867

My dear Mansfield,

I have just seen the
very Jewel you wanted for the
 P^r M. W. J. R. T, which has been
 produced here by Mrs Harkley,
 of Conduit Street, London, &
 can be procured of him at the
 following prices. I must first
 state he has introduced an
 improvement, which is a Crown
 chasial, with Stars, over the top
 of the cross, these Stars are either
 real stones or shams as the buyer

pleases to order, the form is now
something thus -



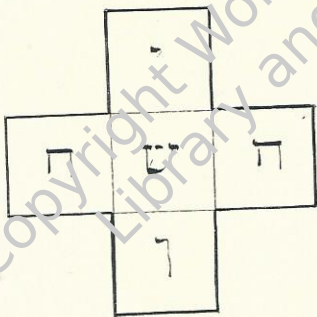
Silver gilt false stones	3. 10
Gold (22 car.) with diamonds	14. 14.
Gold (22 car.) with paste stones	16. 11.

We are here united tomorrow, to
consecrate the Victoria A + Chap.
and to install Philips P.G.C.
of Suffolk, the former came
of this family yesterday.

Yours most truly,
Chas. J. Vignier

I shall be at Cap Philipps
23 Belgrave Road
London

until Monday morning



Lack Hill

Worcester

January 20th 1882

Dear Sir & Brother,

The "Benefvolent Institution
for Aged Freemasons" has
been so badly supported by
this Province; for many years
past; as to cause some
apprehension that Mr Caswell,
who will be put forward by
this Province at the next
Meeting as a Candidate for
its relief; should be rejected.

It is; therefore; very important
that every effort should be
made to raise a substantial
sum to send up by the
Stewards in February. Circulars
as per enclosed have been
sent to W. Ms, W's, Secs, Treasors,
throughout the Province and

Bro Taylor is assiduously
at work, visiting Lodges
especially; and the result
so far is satisfactory.

Can you Worshipful
obtain a Vote from the
'Alms Fund of Royal
Standard Lodge 498.
Royal Standard Chapter 498
or Harmonic Chapter 252?

I am sure you will
cordially approve of the
effort that is being made
in this Cause, with
a view to secure the
Election of Widow Bewsee
and, to increase the Voting
Power of Worcestershire in
this great Cause.

Wishing you health and
much happiness throughout
this new year believe
me to be

Worshipful Sir
Yours faithfully and obediently
P. H. Williams T. 1759.

W. Masford of D. P. G. M.

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Lark Hill, Worcester
Dec 19th 1881.

Dear Mr. Brooker,

I have been asked by Bro Geo Taylor P.G.S. to act as a Steward for this Province at the Festival, in February next, of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and I have consented to do so. Having carefully considered the position of our Province, in relation to the three Masonic Charities, I am surprised; almost startled; at the discrepancy between the aid given to the Institution for Boys and Girls and that given to the Institution for Aged Brethren & Widows of Freemasons.

It appears that during the past 7 years this Province has sent up contributions as follows:

To the Benevolent Institution for the Aged	£ 42.0.0
... Girls School	544.7.0
... Boys	654.13.0
Total	£ 1281.0.0

Showing that of the total amount subscribed during 7 years only 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent has gone to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. This item of £42.0.0 was taken up by Bro Geo Taylor in 1849, and stands as the only contribution made for, at least 4 years. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent for the Aged and 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent for the Young! Is this as it should be?

Is it possible that the Brethren are aware of the position of our Province with regard to Aged Freemasons in distress? It is almost certain that they are not; and that the case has only to be fairly laid before them in order to elicit prompt and substantial sympathy.

At the next Election; in May; Mrs Caswell, Widow
of Bro Caswell, an old P.M. of Lodge 377 will be a
Candidate for and if her Election is the secured
the Province must now do something to show its
Sympathy with, and its Claims upon the Institution.

It is hoped that the Province will, at the February
Festival, send up at least 100 guineas, and if that is
done, Widow Caswell's Cause of distress will be
most materially improved. I enclose a Printed Notice
of the Festival to which is attached a Ticket for your
Signature. I sincerely hope that you will see your
Way to become a life Governor, or a life Subscriber,
and that I may hear from you to that effect in due Course.

I also enclose a Collection Card on the Cover of
which you will see what Work the Institution has done and
is still doing. At this Season of the Year Heart and
Hearts are alike ready to respond to any appeal
made on behalf of the poor. Much more readily

will Hearts and Hands respond to an appeal made
on behalf of Poor aged Brethren whose only hope
of support in this life is the Charity of the Fraternity.
I earnestly hope you will lay this subject freely
before all who are likely to help us and that your efforts
may be amply rewarded.

Yours
Dear Sir Brethren

Fraternally Yours
G. H. Williamson P. M. 529

8. J. In May Aug 17. 1867
Important
\$25
\$11
No 127

I am not aware of a
circular having been issued
by the sub Grand Sec^y on the subject
but I know that in 1833. The
Wm of St Michaels Lodge (No 211)
addressed me enquiring relative to the
franchise, and Bro White's answer
stated that the subject was thoroughly
investigated by the G. of Reconciliation
in 1813 at the Union in 1813 and it
was resolved that the W. M's light
should not be extinguished, and that
the introduction of a lantern or any
other light was improper. This must
be acknowledged to be the Law

3 Freemasons' Hall, London W.C.

15th Octr 1875

Dear Sir and Brother

In my opinion the wearing
a five pointed Star jewel by a M M is
improper, his rank is distinguished by
his apron and he is entitled to no other distinction.

Jewels were originally worn
in a Lodge as the badge of office which a
Brother held. Unfortunately vanity now
prevails the Craft and the members of it,
seem to be in a constant contest with
multiplying their decorations. Of course
Masonic Jewellers are glad to profit by the
general greed for jewels

Yours truly & fraternally

W. Masfield Esq
28 St. Martin's Lane
W.C.

John Harvey

Esq.

2
Freemasons' Hall, London W.C.

21 January 1879

Dear Sir & Brother,

You are quite right
with regard to what you
remember of the working
of the Lodge of Emulation
- or rather the Emulation
Lodge of Improvement.

On the L. being opened
in the 5th the L. M. called
upon all who are not J.
M. to retire, On their
having done so he declares
it to be a duly constituted
Board of L. M.

Yours fraternally
John Harvey

Bro: W. Basefield &
D. P. G. Master