

VISIT OF THE
PRINCE & PRINCESS OF WALES
TO WORCESTERSHIRE,

AND THE PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS
TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,
BY THE FREEMASONS OF THE PROVINCE,

AT SHRUB HILL RAILWAY STATION, WORCESTER,

DECEMBER 20, 1884.



TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,
ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES

K. G., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

Most Worshipful Grand Master.

WE, the Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Brethren of the Craft in the Province of Worcestershire, desire most respectfully to express our feelings of loyalty and regard towards your Royal Highness as well as to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to bid both your Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome to the Province of Worcester.

WE are deeply sensible of the benefits derived by our Ancient Craft during the period that your Royal Highness as Most Worshipful Grand Master, has ruled over the Grand Lodge of England, and of the unceasing interest which your Royal Highness takes in the progress and prosperity of the Masonic Fraternity.

WE regard, with the greatest pride and satisfaction, the numerous instances in which your Royal Highness has connected the Ceremonies and Historical Associations of the Craft, with the erection of Buildings, and the Foundation of Institutions destined to promote the worship of the Most High, the relief of the sick and injured, and the study of the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

WE trust that Masonry, based as it is upon Religious Truth, and upon the principles of Loyalty and universal Charity, may long continue to flourish within these Realms, and that the Brethren of the Craft may do their utmost to prove themselves worthy of their Ancient Order, and of the long line of Royal Patrons, of which your Royal Highness is so illustrious an example.

Signed, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Worcestershire,

EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE,
Provincial Grand Master.

AUGUSTUS FREDK. GODSON,
Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

GEORGE W. GROSVENOR,
Prov. Senior Grand Warden.

W. B. WILLIAMSON,
Prov. Junior Grand Warden

HENRY WILSON, *Prov. G. Registrar.*

GEORGE TAYLOR, *Prov. G. Secretary.*

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Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
and Brethren.

→ We receive with great pleasure your fraternal Address of Welcome to your County, and the PRINCESS OF WALES joins with me in thanking you most sincerely for the sentiments of loyalty, and of devotion to the Throne and the Institutions of the Country, which it contains.

AS GRAND MASTER of the Craft in England, it has always been my object to promote, as far as lies in my power, everything that can contribute to the prosperity and extension of our Order, being convinced that its continued success is mainly due to the fact, which you so justly notice, that it is founded on the principles of religion, loyalty, and of universal and enlightened charity.