

Mark Master Masons

OF

Leicestershire and Rutland.



Report of Proceedings

At the Annual General Communication of the

Provincial

Grand Lodge of Mark Masters

held at Leicester, 27th April, 1914.

To be laid before the

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

AT LEICESTER,

On MONDAY, 26th APRIL, 1915.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland.

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The ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, London Road, Leicester, on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1914.

PRESENT :

The R.W. Bro. Major William Jesse Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., F.M. 21, P.G.S.O., England, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, in the chair.
W. Bro. Col. Charles Frederick Oliver, D.L., T.D., P.M. 21, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Rank in Provincial Grand Lodge.	NAME.	Lodge Rank and Number.
Senior Grand Warden	Bro. J. F. Smith	P.M. 21
Master Overseer	„ F. C. Cook	W.M. 30
Senior Overseer	„ R. E. Warren	P.M. 19
Junior Overseer	„ P. G. Hall	P.M. 491
Chaplain	„ Rev. J. W. Marsh	Chaplain 19
Treasurer	„ T. G. Charlesworth	P.M. 19
Registrar	„ H. Simpson	P.M. 19
Secretary	„ C. M. Page	P.M. 19
Senior Deacon	„ A. Hibbins	W.M. 21
Inspector of Works	„ H. J. Ford	J.W. 491
Director of Ceremonies	„ H. Howe	P.M. 194
Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies	„ T. H. Drakeford	S.W. 19
Sword Bearer	„ F. E. Wheeler	S.W. 194
Inner Guard	„ T. M. Green	S.W. 21
Seward	„ A. J. Pilsbury	J.W. 21
Steward	„ S. W. Knight	J.O. 30
Tyler	„ R. W. Maries	Tyler 19 & 194

The following Grand and Past Grand Officers and Past Provincial Grand Officers were present :—

V.W. Bro. Rev. C. T. Moore, G. Chaplain, England, P.P.S.G.W., and W. Bro. T. Staniforth, P.G. St. B., England ; S.W.'s—Bros. W. A. Spencer, J. W. Barker, Giles Eli Barton, and W. Sheen ; J.W.'s—Bros. J. Thorpe and W. H. Russell.

M.O.'s—	Bros. J. B. Waring, F. Marchant and F. C. Cook.
S.O.'s—	Bros. P. Joseph and R. H. Warren.
J.O.'s—	Bros. G. J. Rodway, W. A. Lea and B. G. Hale.
S.D.'s—	Bros. A. Hibbins and W. H. Goodwin.
J.D.'s—	Bros. J. Lee and J. L. Tricks.
I. of W.'s—	Bros. Sherard Joyce, H. J. Ford and A. P. Hanford.
Asst. D. of C.'s—	Bros. E. Orton and T. H. Drakeford.
Swd. B.—	Bro. F. Wheeler.
Standard B.—	Bro. W. Earp.
G.O.'s—	Bros. R. C. Allen and T. Gillott.
I.G.'s—	Bros. W. E. Wilson and T. M. Green.
W.M.'s—	Bros. F. Lee, T. M. Green, F. Wheeler, S. Joyce and T. H. Drakeford.
Bros.—	A. E. Armstrong, J. O'Neil, J. Sutcliffe, J. A. Denne, W. C. Rudkin, H. L. Hay, G. A. Hawthorne, A. J. Pilsbury, V. Campbell, J. T. Cooper, F. Haines, J. T. S. Nobbs, W. Ansell, J. T. Sturley, G. P. Braund, S. W. Knight, Rev. W. G. Sale, H. A. Pritchard and T. Flavell.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 5-10 o'clock p.m.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. C. F. Oliver, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Rev. C. T. Moore, G. Chaplain England, and W. Bro. T. Staniforth, P.C. Std. B. England, were saluted according to ancient custom.

The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called and the apologies sent by the absentees were accepted by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master.

The Roll of Subordinate Lodges was called and found to be represented as follows:

No.	Lodge.	No. present.
19.	Fowke 17
21.	Howe 14
30.	Knight of Malta	... 7
194.	Simon de Montfort	... 11
491.	Fidelity 11
	Total 60

The Minutes of the Meeting held at Leicester, on the 2nd day of May, 1913, having been printed and a copy sent to each subscribing Member, were taken as read, and subsequently received, adopted, confirmed and signed.

Reports were read by the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in the Province, as follows :—

Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

During the past year three regular meetings have been held and they were all well attended.

The Officers took a great interest in their work and performed their duties in an excellent manner.

On December 31st, 1913, there were 59 subscribing members. Two candidates have been advanced since that date, we have had one joining member, and lost one by death, so that the present membership numbers 61.

The financial position of the Lodge I regret to say, is not so strong as it was a year ago, the balance in hand being £3 17s. 4d. as against £10 15s. 8d. at the previous Audit.

T. H. DRAKEFORD, W.M.

Howe Lodge, No. 21.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Howe Lodge, No. 21.

During the year, seven candidates were advanced and other Brethren are anxious to come forward in the near future.

The By-laws have been observed and the Officers worked well in the performance of their various duties.

The Finances are in a good state, the last Audit shewing a balance in hand of £20.

We have 58 subscribing members and there seems every prospect of the progress and prosperity of the Lodge in the future.

T. MARSHALL GREEN, W.M.

Knight of Malta Lodge, No. 30.

I beg to present the annual report of the Knight of Malta Lodge, No. 30.

Five meetings were held during the year, at which the officers and brethren have been regular in their attendance.

No advancements have been made, and one member has resigned—the membership now being 22.

The balance in hand at the last audit was £1 16s. 11d.

FRED SELL, W.M.

Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194.

The Officers and Members of the Lodge have been regular in their attendance and the working in the Lodge has been satisfactory.

It is with regret I report the loss the Lodge has sustained by the death of W. Bro. H. Goodacre Marriott, Chaplain to the Lodge and Provincial Junior Grand Warden.

Two resignations were accepted. Four Brothers were advanced.

We have 65 subscribing members.

The Finances of the Lodge are in a satisfactory condition, the balance in hand being £6 9s. 8d.

FRANK ERNEST WHEELER, W.M.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 491.

I have pleasure in reporting a continuance of prosperity on the part of Fidelity Lodge, No. 491.

The meetings have been well attended; the officers are constant and regular, and have shown a keen interest in the discharge of their respective duties.

The Lodge is in a sound condition financially, the last audit showing a balance in hand of £21 13s. 10d.

There have been three advancements in the course of my term of office, and no resignations. The list of members is higher than it has been for many years, and I deem the prospect a particularly bright one in everyway for the W.M. Elect.

SHERARD JOYCE, W.M.

On the motion of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. Barker, the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and adopted :

Report of the Committee of General Purposes.

Your Committee again have pleasure in reporting the continued prosperity of Mark Masonry in the Province. The membership on the 31st December last was 231 against 221 for the year 1912. The increase of membership during the year has been 32, and the decrease was 12, due to deaths, resignations and exclusions, giving a net increase of 10. With regard to exclusions your Committee again express the opinion that these might to some extent be avoided if greater vigilance were used in the collection of subscriptions.

The Fowke Lodge mourns the loss of Bros. A. Laurence and Stephen Hilton. Bro. Laurence was Worshipful Master in 1895 and was a Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon of the Province. Bro. Hilton, although at one time a regular attendant at Lodge, never aspired to the chair. Both Brethren were very much esteemed.

The Howe Lodge has lost Bro. F. Griffith, who was Worshipful Master in 1884 and Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1911. His loss will be greatly felt by the Brethren.

The Simon de Montfort Lodge has lost Bro. H. Goodacre Marriott, who was Worshipful Master in 1893 and was Junior Grand Warden of the Province at the time of his decease. He was a very earnest and energetic Mason and acted for many years as Director of Ceremonies of his Lodge. He will be very much missed.

Your Committee have also to report the decease of the R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Past Grand Warden, Grand Secretary. He had held the office for 30 years and his services were highly appreciated by Grand Lodge, and your Committee desire to record its sense of the loss sustained by Mark Masonry.

The finances of the Province are in a satisfactory state, and the thanks of the Province are due to W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth, who so satisfactorily keeps the accounts. The balance in hand on the General Account amounts to £25 8s. 5d., and £8 1s. 6d. on the Euston Memorial Fund Account.

The Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on 3rd July last, when the R.W. Bro. Major William Jesse Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., P.M. 21, P.S.O. Eng., Prov. G.M., W. Bro. Col. C. F. Oliver, D.L., T.D. Deputy P.G.M., and W. Bros. the Rev. C. T. Moore, P.P.S.G.W., Grand Chaplain, and John Thorpe, P.P.J.G.W., served Stewardships. The total sum realised £3,081 12s. 4d., and the balance standing to the credit of the Mark Benevolent Fund on the 31st March 1915, was £62,492 os. 1d.

The Committee have also pleasure in reporting the election in May last, without a ballot, of the widow of the late Bro. Carl Lowenstein to an annuity.

The endowment of the Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland's Chair has now £21 to its credit and 12 votes in perpetuity.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M. Bro. Major W. J. Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., having again expressed his willingness to serve as Provincial Charity Steward at the Festival on the 1st July next, to be presided over by R.W. Bro. Col. C. W. Napier Clavering, Prov. Grand Mark Master for Northumberland and Durham, your Committee recommend his appointment, and that a sum of £5 5s. be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to his list.

Your Committee congratulate W. Bro. Col. C. F. Oliver, D.P.G.M., upon his being appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Degree.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1914.

W. J. FREER, P.G.S.O. Eng.,
Prov. Grand Master.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master referred to the loss the Order had sustained by the decease of the R.W. Bro. Matier, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. H. G. Marriott, Prov. J.W.

The Return of the Provincial Grand Registrar, having been printed and circulated, was, on the motion of R.W. Provincial Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. J. B. Waring, P.P.M.O., taken as read, received and adopted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRAR'S RETURN

Summary of Lodge Returns, December 31st, 1913.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Subscribing Members, 31st December, 1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	Subscribing Members, 31st December, 1913.
19	"Fowke"	59	6	6	59
21	"Howe"	53	7	2	58
30	"Knight of Malta"	23	—	2	21
194	"Simon de Montfort"	63	7	2	68
491	"Fidelity"	23	2	—	25
		221	22	12	231

Total increase during year .. 22

Total decrease during year ... 12

Net increase ... 10

HERBERT SIMPSON,

Prov. Grand Registrar.

The Treasurer's Accounts having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of R.W. Prov. G. Master, seconded by W. Bro. G. E. Barton, P.P.S.G.W., taken as read, received and adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth (P.G Stwd., England), P.P.J.G.W., for his services during the past year.

W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth returned thanks.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1913-14.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
To Balance	20 11 7	By One-tenth of all Fees	2 17 6
" Fees of Honour	17 8 0	" Transfer to Benevolent Fund	7 12 6
" Dues from Lodges—		" Printing Account	13 5 0
Fowke, No. 19	2 5 6	" Postage—Secretary	6 2
Howe, No. 21	3 4 3	Treasurer	1 9
Knight of Malta, No. 36	1 1 0		
Simon de Montfort, No. 34	2 10 6	" Balance	7 11
Fidelity, No. 491	1 5 0		25 8 5
" Bank Interest	0 5 6		
	<u>£49 41 7</u>		<u>£49 11 4</u>

BENEFOLENT FUND, 1913-14.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
To One-tenth of all Fees	2 17 6	By Mark Benevolent Fund per R. W. Bro. W. J. Freer	10 10 0
From General Account	7 12 6		
	<u>£10 10 0</u>		<u>£10 10 0</u>

EUSTON MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
To 86 Donations	38 4 0	By Frank Brown for Portrait	30 2 6
		" Balance	8 1 6
	<u>£38 4 0</u>		<u>£38 4 0</u>

Audited and found correct, 15th April, 1914.

W. J. FREER, P.G.S.O. Eng., Prov. G.M.
 C. F. OLIVER, D.P.G.M.
 G. E. BARTON, P.M., P.P.S.C.W.
 CHAS. H. PAGE, P.M., G. Secretary, P.G. Stwd. Eng.

T. G. CHARLESWORTH, P.M. 19, P.P.J.G.W.,
 P.G. Stwd. Eng., Treasurer.

On the motion of W. Bro. H. Howe, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. D. of C., seconded by W. Bro. J. W. Barker, P.P.G.S.W., W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. R. W. Maries was re-elected Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows :

Appointed at Leicester April 27th, 1914.

Rank in Provincial Grand Lodge.	NAME.	Lodge Rank and Number.
Senior Grand Warden	Bro. P. Joseph	P.M. 194 & 491
Junior Grand Warden	„ F. W. Marchant	P.M. 30
Master Overseer	„ W. H. Goodwin	P.M. 19
Senior Overseer	„ J. Cleaver	P.M. 194
Junior Overseer	„ J. L. Tricks	P.M. 19
Chaplain	„ Rev. J. W. Marsh	Chaplain 19
Treasurer	„ T. G. Charlesworth	P.M. 19
Registrar	„ H. A. Pritchard	No. 19
Secretary	„ C. H. Page	P.M. 19
Senior Deacon	„ A. P. Hanford	P.M. 19
Junior Deacon	„ F. E. Wheeler	W.M. 194
Inspector of Works	„ G. A. Hawthorn	M.O. 491
Director of Ceremonies	„ H. Howe	P.M. 194
Asst. D. of Ceremonies	„ T. H. Drakeford	W.M. 19
Sword Bearer	„ E. W. Knight	S.O. 30
Standard Bearer	„ E. A. Denne	J.D. 21
Organist	„ T. Gillott	Organist 21
Inner Guard	„ W. C. Rudkin	R.M. 194
Steward	„ J. T. Shirley	Sec. 491
Steward	„ G. P. Braund	I.G. 21
Steward	„ T. Flavell	S.D. 30
Steward	„ F. Haines	S.D. 194
Tyler	„ R. W. Maries	Tyler 19 & 194

The D.P.G.M. moved: "That R.W. Bro. Major William Jesse Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., P.M. 21, P.G.O. Eng., P.G.M., be appointed Charity Steward to represent this Province at the forthcoming Festival, and that the sum of Five Guineas be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds to R.W. Bro. Freer's list." W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth, P.P.G.J.W. (P.G.Stwd. England), seconded. The resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of R.W. Provincial Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. H. Howe, P.P.G.J.W., "W. Bro. C. H. Page, Prov. G. Secretary, P.G. Stwd., Eng., was appointed to represent the Provincial G.M. Lodge, upon the Committee of Freemasons' Hall."

Apologies for absence were received from R.W. Bro. the Duke of Devonshire (Prov. G.M. Derbyshire), R.W. Bro. Lord Lilford (Prov. G. M. Northants, Hunts. and Beds.), R.W. Bro. Fitzhugh (Prov. G.M. Notts.), V.W. Bro. T. H. Dorman (D.P.G.M. Northants, Hunts. and Beds.), W. Bro. J. T. Spalding (D.P.G.M. Notts.), W. Bro. C. W. Gowthorpe (P.S.W., Notts.), W. Bro. T. H. Thorpe (P.G. Secretary, Derbyshire), W. Bro. C. Eaton (P.P.G.S.W., G. Secretary, Warwickshire), W. Bro. G. B. Wilkinson (P.G. Secretary, Northants, Hunts. and Beds.), W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.J.D. Eng., W. Bros. A. Fergusson, W. A. Lea, J. T. Thorn, J. Cleaver, J. Young, W. Vial, G. D. Orchard, J. J. Sharpe, J. H. Ward and R. Adcock; and Bros. W. W. Grant, A. J. Marshall, F. H. Doughty, J. D. Johnson, A. H. Chamberlin, C. M. Sergeantson, F. V. Haskard and A. E. Hawthorn.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 6-15 o'clock p.m.