

Second Regular Meeting

OF THE

District Grand Lodge of M.M.M.,

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

HELD AT

CALLE SARMIENTO 1239, BUENOS AIRES,

ON

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1912.

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P R E S E N T

D.G.M.	P. W. Bro. F. H. Chevallier-Boutell
D.D.G.M.	W. Bro. E. Danvers
D.G.S.W.	W. Bro. W. E. O. Haxell
D.G.-J.W.	W. Bro. Reg. Mold, acting
D.G.M.O.	Bro. J. Robinson, acting
D.G.S.O.	Bro. Thomas Lloyd, acting
D.G.J.O.	Bro. F. W. Brooker, acting
D.G. Chap.	Bro. W. E. Seward, acting
D.G. Treas.	Bro. John Bramwell
D.G. Sec.	W. Bro. J. J. Dowson
D.G. D.	Bro. W. Cowlshaw, acting
D.G. D.C.	Bro. C. Brée
D.G. Org.	Bro. S. S. Sharpe
D.G.I.C.	Bro. J. Thompson, acting
D.G. Tyler	W. Bro. J. A. King

Visitors.—Bro. William Hoppen.

Total Officers and Members	15
Visitors	1
Total	16

Lodge Opened.—The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 8.50 p.m.

Minutes.—The R.W. Dist. Grand Master having informed the BB. that a copy of the printed minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th August last had been posted to each individual member of the District, on the motion of W. Bro. E. Danvers, seconded by W. Bro. W. E. C. Haxell, the minutes were taken as read and duly confirmed.

Correspondence.—Communications from Grand Lodge—Re-appointment of R.W. Bro. F. H. Chevallier-Boutell as District Grand Master for the Argentine Republic, for a further period of three years. Annual Returns. Ruling re admittance of members of the Mark Degree. Report of General Board.

Ordinary correspondence.—Change of meeting place of Bahia Blanca Lodge. Dispensation granted to Rosario Lodge; change of date of meeting. Dispensation granted to Southern Cross Lodge; change of date. Copy of minutes of meeting of Eastern Division, South Africa, September 14th, 1911. Copy of minutes of meeting of Northumberland and Durham, July 26th, 1911.

Arising out of the correspondence, the R.W. Dist. G.M. called special attention to the circular from Grand Lodge, with regard to admittance of visitors to our Lodges, a copy of which circular had been sent to each Lodge in the District. The District Grand Secretary was instructed to embody this circular in the minutes for future reference. The following is the circular referred to—

Grand Secretary's Office,
Mark Masons' Hall,

London, W.C., November, 1911.

Worshipful Master,—Many letters have been received by this office complaining that Brethren, who claim to be members of the Mark Degree under other jurisdictions, have presented themselves at our Lodges, and seek admission thereto, although not in possession of a certificate from the Grand Body under whose authority they profess to have been advanced, and not wearing the clothing of the Mark Degree; and we have been asked to give a ruling as to how such cases should be dealt with.

I am directed to inform you that in addition to members under the English Constitution, all Brethren who have been advanced under the jurisdiction of any of the Masonic Grand Bodies hereinafter enumerated, must be accepted as legally advanced Mark Master Masons, and that they may properly be admitted to all Lodges of Mark Master Masons under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown—

Provided always that the following conditions be observed:—

That each intending visitor shall present his certificate or diploma signed by the Grand Secretary of his Grand Lodge or Chapter.

That he shall be in good standing, and shall pass the usual examination which is enjoined by the Book of Constitutions.

That he shall be properly clothed as a Mark Master Mason.

That he shall have been advanced under the authority of one of the following Grand Bodies:—

The Grand Chapter of Ireland,
The Grand Chapter of Scotland,
The Grand Lodge of Scotland,
The Grand Chapters in the Dominion of Canada,
The Grand Chapters in the United States of America,
The Grand Lodges of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

Should the intending visitor be unable to comply with these requisite conditions, you will be justified in refusing him admission to your Lodge.

I am, Worshipful Master, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER, P.G.W.,
Grand Secretary.

The R.W. Dist. Grand Master, referring to his re-appointment, thanked the BB. for their confidence and support, and instructed the Dist. Grand Secretary to embody the contents of Grand Secretary's letter, communicating the appointment, in the minutes of the District Grand Lodge. The letter reads as follows:—

Grand Secretary's Office,
Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street,
London, W.C., December 6th, 1911

J. J. Dowson, Esq.,
Calle Maipu 187,
Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have received the commands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and have great pleasure to inform you that His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to re-appoint J.W. Bro. Francis Hepburn Chevallier-Boutell to be District Grand Master for the Argentine Republic for a further term of three years.

If you will most kindly ask him to return his Patent I will have it endorsed and sent back as soon as possible.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER, P.G.W.,
Grand Secretary.

Investiture of Officers.—The R.W. Dist. Grand Master proceeded to invest Bro. John Bramwell with his collar of office as Dist. Grand Treasurer, congratulating him on his appointment and the District on his having accepted the position.

Apologies.—Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from the following:—W. Bros. T. H. Marston, C. C. Cox and J. H. Greene; and Bros. A. Mactavish, A. Murray Hudson, A. H. Unwin, H. C. Ehlert, W. G. Beeston, J. M. Rowbotham and M. Lowndes.

Refreshment Bag.—The bag on being passed round produced the sum of \$15 m/l, which was handed to Bro. Treasurer for refreshment expenses.

Lodge closed.—The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 9.10 p.m. and with solemn prayer.

J. J. Dowson,
Dist. Grand Secretary.

Dist. Grand Secretary's Address,
Calle Maipu 187,
Buenos Aires.

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