

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

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*REPORTS to be presented at the Annual Meeting  
on Friday, May 2nd, 1913.*

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**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 221 against 212 for the year 1911. The increase of Membership during the year has been 24, and the decrease was 15 due to deaths, resignations and exclusions, giving a net increase of 9. 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 Committee deplore the decease of the Right Hon. The Earl of Euston (Pro Grand Master) the P.V. Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland for the past 18 years. He always took the greatest interest in Mark Masonry and in the welfare and prosperity of the province, an able and zealous Mark Master Mason, who was ever devoted to the cause of Charity, and was the greatest benefactor to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Acting on the instructions of Provincial Grand Lodge, steps have been taken to perpetuate his memory by placing his Portrait in the Lodge Room at Freemasons' Hall, and a Fund has been raised to endow in perpetuity the Chair of the Provincial Grand Master.

The Portrait has been very ably and artistically executed by Bro. Frank Brown, and will be unveiled at the Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on the 2nd of May next.

Your Committee hope that those Brethren who have not already done so will at once send their contributions to the Prov. Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. T. G. Charlesworth.

The Earl of Euston has been succeeded by R.W. Brother Major William Jesse Freer, D.L., V.D., F.S.A., who had been Deputy Provincial Grand Master for 17 years. He was formally installed on the 4th November last by R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. and Secretary of Grand Mark Lodge, assisted by several Grand Officers and in the presence of many distinguished Mark Master Masons of this and other Provinces.

The Ceremony will be long remembered by the Brethren present, and it is hoped that the G.O.O.T.U. will give the R. W. Prov. Grand Master health and strength to preside over the Province for many years to come. R. W. Bro. Major Freer has been succeeded by the W. Bro. Colonel Charles Frederick Oliver as Deputy-Provincial Grand Master.

Your Committee are glad to Report that the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Stradbroke, late Deputy Grand Master, has been restored to health after his serious illness, and on the 4th March was installed as Pro Grand Master by the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, Past Grand Master of England, and now Grand Master of Ireland, in the presence of a large number of Brethren; Rt. W. Bro. Richard Loveland Loveland, K.C. has been appointed Deputy Grand Master.

The Fowke Lodge mourns the loss of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Earl Ferrers, who was advanced on the 17th. October, 1870, and Bro. William Yates; and the Simon de Montfort Lodge Bros. John Spurway and Orson Wright. Both were old and respected Members of the Simon De Montfort Lodge, and Bro. Spurway latterly owing to advanced age was unable to take any active interest in 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 amounts to £20 11s. 7d.

The Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on the 3rd July last, when the R. W. Bro. Major Wm. Jesse Freer, P.S.O. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master, W. Bros. the Rev. C. T. Moore, P.P.S.G.W., W. H. Russell, Prov. J. W., and Bro. F. Lee, J.W., Lodge 30, served Stewardships.

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 2nd July next to be presided over by R.W. Bro. Robert Lock, Prov. Grand Mark Master of South Wales, your Committee recommend his appointment, and that a sum of £10 10s. od. be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to his list.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1913,

WM. J. FREER,

Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland

## PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRAR'S RETURN.

Summary of Lodge Returns, December 31st, 1912.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Subscribing Members, 31st December, 1911.	Increase.	Decrease.	Subscribing Members, 31st December, 1912.
19	"Fowke" ... ..	61	4	6	59
21	"Howe" ... ..	44	11	2	53
30	"Knight of Mars" ... ..	25	3	—	23
194	"Simon de Montfort" ... ..	65	4	6	63
491	"Fidelity" ... ..	22	2	1	23
	Totals ... ..	212	24	15	221

Total Increase during year ... 24

Total Decrease during year ... 15

Net Increase ... 9

H. A. MARSHALL,

Prov. Grand Registrar.

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1912-13.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance	... 31 3 9	By Masonic Hall Rent	... 6 0 0
" Fees of Honour	... 13 14 6	" One-tenth of all Fees	... 2 10 6
" Dues from Lodges—		Transfer to Benevolent Fund	... 7 19 6
Fowke, No. 19	... 3 15 6	Wreath, &c., Lord Euston	... 1 3 0
Howe, No. 21	... 7 0 6	Secretary's and Treasurer's Postage	... 0 15 2
Knight of Malta, No. 30	... 7 4 6	Cheque Book...	... 0 2 6
Simon de Montfort, No. 194	... 3 7 5	Printing Account	... 18 16 0
Fidelity, No. 491	... 1 4 0	" Balance	... 20 11 7
" Bank Interest	... 0 6 3		
	<u>£57 18 3</u>		<u>£57 18 3</u>

**BENEVOLENT FUND, 1912-13.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To one-tenth of Fees	... 2 10 6	By Mark Benevolent Fund..	... 10 10 0
From General Account	... 7 19 6		
	<u>£10 10 0</u>		<u>£10 10 0</u>

Audited and found correct, 15th April 1913,

- W. J. FREER, Prov. G.M., F.G.S.J. Eng.
- C. F. OLIVER, D.P.G.M.
- G. E. BARTON, P.S.C.W.
- W. H. RUSSELL, F.G.J.W.
- A. P. HANFORD, W.M., No. 19.
- JNO. H. WARD, W.M. 1917
- CHAS. H. PAGE, Prov. G. Secy. at P.G. Stv.J. Eng.

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