



Antient Degree of Mark Master Masons

OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND THE COLONIES

AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

Province of Devon.

AT A MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 18th day of September, 1907.

THERE WERE PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. Major GEORGE SYDNEY STRODE	STRODE,	} on the Throne
	Provincial Grand Master.	
W. Bro. MATTHEW FORTESCUE,	Deputy Prov. Grand Master.	
„ JAMES GRIFFIN,	LIEUT.-COL., D.V.	... S.W.
„ F. B. WESTHARE,	P.P., S.W., P.G.D. England	... as J.W.
„ FRED SAYSON	...	... M.O.
„ T. J. GREEN	....	... S.O.
Bro. REV. RICHARD HOCKING	...	Chaplain
W. Bro. C. R. M. CLAPP	...	Treasurer
„ WM. FOWELL,	Captain, R.M.L.I.	... Secretary
„ WM. ELIOT-THOMAS	...	... J.D.
„ THOMAS REYNOLDS,	Major, Devon Regt.	... D.C.
„ J. E. CALKIN	...	... Sword Bearer
„ J. J. GERRY	...	... Standard Bearer
Bro. W. J. CORNELIUS	...	... O.
W. Bro. H. G. BARRETT	...	Asst. Secretary
„ WM. HARVEY	...	... I.G.
„ H. Y. B. LOPES	...	} Stewards
„ E. A. ALFORD	...	
„ EDWIN TROUT	...	
„ JAMES GIDLEY	...	
		... Tyler

ALSO

A large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, whose names appear in the Attendance Book.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 2.15 p.m.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Officers were saluted according to ancient custom.

The Roll of the Lodges was called ; the undermentioned were not represented :

- " Fortescue," No. 9.
- " Fortitude," No. 66.
- " St. Peter," No. 187.
- " North Devon Union," No. 540.

The Roll of the present Provincial Grand Officers was called.

The following were unable to be present, and apologies were received from them :

W. Bro. E. J. STROUD, Major, R.M.L.I.	...	J.W.
„ W. H. BROCK	...	S.D.
„ M. L. JOHNS	...	l. of Works
„ JOHN STEED	...	Steward

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Public Hall, Paignton, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July, 1906, were read and confirmed.

Letters of regret and apology from a number of Brethren for non-attendance were read.

The Provincial Grand Secretary presented his report as follows :

All the Lodges in the Province have sent in their Returns and paid their Dues.

The Officers appointed at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Paignton, on the 18th July, 1906, have paid their Fees of Honour and assumed their rank.

During the year there have been 52 Advancements, and 6 Joining Members, the total of Subscribing Members being 661, against 639 last year—a gain of 22.

54 Brethren were returned "in arrear," an increase of 2 over the previous year. One Lodge returned 16 of this number.

42 Brethren have been struck off the strength of the Province.
By death, 6; resigned, 22; in arrears, 14.

The following Return shows the number of Subscribing Members, the Gain and Loss, and the amount of Dues paid by each Lodge.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge.	No. of Mem- bers.	Amount of Dues Paid.			New Members.		In Arrear.	Loss		
						Joining	Advanced		Death	Resigned	In Arrear.
			£	s.	d.						
9	Fortescue	21	1	1	0	...	...	3	...	...	1
15	St. George	46	2	15	0	...	...	1	...	4	...
16	Friendship	49	2	11	9	...	3	...	...	...	1
23	Russell	30	1	10	9	...	1	4	1	2	2
35	Sincerity	28	1	15	0	1	...	5	1	...	...
48	Brunswick	29	1	11	0	...	1	1	...	...	3
50	Temple	20	1	0	0	...	3	...	...	3	...
64	St. Aubyn	46	2	9	0	...	2	6	1	1	2
66	Fortitude	11	0	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	1
76	Charity	27	1	9	6	...	6	1	...	...	...
91	Fidelity Huyshe	29	1	14	6	1	2	16	...	2	...
96	Metham	41	2	5	3	...	4	5	1	1	2
100	Hawton	19	1	0	6	...	...	...	...	2	...
169	Elliott	48	2	14	3	...	4	3	1	1	...
187	St. Peter	22	1	3	9	...	2	1	...	...	1
215	Devon	29	1	10	6	...	1	1	...	...	...
316	Benevolent	17	0	19	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
329	Jordan	27	1	9	0	...	...	...	1	2	...
372	De la Pole	22	1	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
383	St. George	33	1	18	0	1	6	4	...	1	1
438	Duncombe	18	1	1	0	...	5	1	...	1	...
540	N. Devon Union	29	1	11	0	...	...	...	...	2	...
586	Torbay	18	1	7	0	2	8	...	...	...	...
		661	36	17	9	6	52	54	6	22	14

In moving the adoption of the Report, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Province had sustained by the death of the late W. Bro. J. B. GOVER, P.P.G.J.W.

He also intimated that in consequence of the delay in rendering Returns to the P.G. Secretary, he had to pass over four Lodges for Provincial Honours, and he hoped that in the future, Worshipful Masters and Secretaries would forward these documents as early as possible after the 31st December in each year.

The proposition was seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. C. R. M. CLAPP, read his Report, showing a balance in hand of £44 1s. 0d.

Resolved—"That the Report be received and adopted."

The Committee of General Purposes recommended that the following sums be voted from the Funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge:

Mark Benevolent Fund	...	£21	0	0
Fortescue Annuity Fund	...	5	5	0
Devon Educational Fund	...	5	5	0
Devon Aged Widows Fund	...	5	5	0
Publishers Masonic Directory		1	1	0

Resolved—"That the Report be received and adopted."

Reports of a favourable character were made by Worshipful Masters and Representatives, as to the increasing improvement and interest in Mark Masonry in their various Lodges.

It was unanimously resolved—"That W. Bro. H. W. HEDGE, P.M., of Lodge "St. Aubyn," No. 64, be the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing, and that W. Bros. ALLSFORD and CORNISH be the Auditors."

The following brethren were elected to form the Committee of General Purposes, in addition to those named in By-Law V.

W. Bro. F. B. WESTLAKE, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D. (ENG.)

„ J. GRIFFIN, Lt-Col. (D.V.), P.P.G.S.W., P.G.STD. (ENG.)

„ WM. ALLSFORD, P.P.G.O.

„ JOHN STOCKER, P.P.G.S.W.

The notice of motion for alteration of By-Law No. V. was withdrawn, in consequence of the absence, through illness, of the proposer, W. Bro. DANIEL CROSS, P.M., P.P.G.TREAS.

The following Officers were appointed and invested:

Name.	No. of Lodge.	Office.
W. Bro. M. FORTESCUE	215 ...	D.P.C.M.
„ JNO. TAYLOR	319 ...	S.W.
„ HENRY YARDE BULLER LOPES	96 ...	J.W.
„ ROBERT CHASE	438 ...	M.O.
„ E. A. ALFORD	64 ...	S.O.
„ WM. GRIST	379 ...	J.O.
Bro. Rev. RICHD. HOCKING	383 ...	Chaplain
W. Bro. H. W. HEDGE	64 ...	Treasurer
„ DAVID HOWE	169 ...	Registrar
„ Captain W. POWELL, R.N.L.I.	169 ...	Secretary
„ JOSEPH MUMFORD	76 ...	S.D.
„ THOS. GEO. BAYLEY CROCKER	96 ...	J.D.
„ JAMES HILL	23 ...	I. of Works
„ Major T. BRYNOLDS, Devon Regt.	169 ...	D.C.
„ EDWIN TROUT	76 ...	A.D.C.
„ W. G. BEAUMONT	438 ...	Swd. Bearer
„ EDWARD PERRY	383 ...	Std. Bearer
Bro. GEORGE HELE	35 ...	O.
W. Bro. JAMES DAY	91 ...	Asst. Sec.
„ JOHN STEED	91 ...	I.G.
„ P. T. PEARCE	64 ...	} Stewards
„ WALLACE MACKAY	15 ...	
„ WM. SAMBALLS	16 ...	
„ WM. HOPPER	35 ...	
„ JAMES GIDLEY	383 ...	Tyler

V.W. Bro. JOHN TAYLOR, J.P., P.G.S.W., P.G.O. (ENG.), cordially invited the R.W. Provincial Grand Master to hold the next Annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Torquay.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master stated that it was time steps were taken with regard to celebrating the Jubilee of this Provincial Grand Lodge; and after a discussion in which several Brethren took part, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee consisting of the Committee of General Purposes, together with a Representative from all the Lodges in the Province, be appointed to consider, and report to the P.G. Master, the best manner in which this most auspicious event should be commemorated.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master welcomed in a hearty manner and thanked the distinguished visitors from Cornwall who had honoured P.G. Lodge by their presence, and expressed a hope that on similar future occasions Brethren from the sister Province would attend in increased numbers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form with the accustomed prayer.

Prior to this Meeting the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge attached to the "St. George" Lodge, No 353, of Mark Master Masons, was consecrated by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by his Provincial Grand Officers and other distinguished Royal Ark Mariners from this and other parts of the Province.

W. POWELL, P.M.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

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W. BROOK, R. M. CLAPP, Provincial Grand Treasurer, in account with
Provincial Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons, Devonshire.

1906-7.	£	s.	d.	1906.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	..	43	7	10	Sept. 14.	Fortescue Annuity Fund	... 5 5 0
Fees of Honour	..	14	17	0		Devon Masonic Educatnl. Fund	5 5 0
Lodge Dues	..	35	9			Aged Widows Annuity Fund	5 5 0
Dispensations	..	0	0	0		Mark Benevolent Fund	21 0 0
By-Laws	..	0	2	0		Besley and Dalgleish, grant to Directory	1 1 0
Registration Fees of Amended By-Laws	..	0	4	0		Expenses P.G.D. Ceremonies	0 10 6
						Bro. J. GIDLEY, Tyler	0 14 9
						Paignton Hall Co.	2 2 0
						F. Mabin, Printing	6 2 3
						W. J. Cornelius, Jewels	1 1 0
						Expenses, P.G. Secretary	3 6 0
						Expenses, P.G. Treasurer	0 4 3
						Balance at N.P. Bank, Exeter	44 1 10
							<u>£95 18 7</u>

Audited and found correct
 September 12th, 1907.

W. R. LISLE, F.M. 15, P.F.G.M., P.G.STD. (ENG).
 T. H. SEYMOUR, P.M. 15, P.P.G.T.