

District Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of England and Wales, etc.

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AT THE REGULAR HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION

HELD IN

UHL'S BUILDINGS, PETRIE'S BIGHT, BRISBANE,

ON

FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1910,

THERE WERE PRESENT:

- Right Worshipful EDWARD HARRY COURTENAY LUCK,
F.R.G.S., &c., &c., District Grand Master, in the Chair.
- Wor. Hon. CHARLES GEORGE HOLMES A COURT,
Deputy District Grand Master
- Wor. ROBERT HARRIS MILLS, P. Dis. G.W.,
as District G. Senior Warden
- Wor. ALBERT HECTOR HUNT, P. Dis. G.W.,
as District Grand Junior Warden
- Wor. REGINALD VICTOR PINCH, District Grand Secretary,
P. Dis. G.W.
- Wor. ALFRED JOHN STEPHENSON, District Grand Master Overseer
- Wor. THOMAS CROWLEY MOXLEY, P. Dis. G.D.,
as District Grand Senior Overseer
- Wor. ALEXANDER CORRIE, Master St. George Lodge 108,
as District Grand Junior Overseer
- Wor. HERBERT CHARLES REEVE, ... District G. Registrar
- Bro. EZEKIEL HENRY LARTER, S.W., Toowong Lodge 520,
as District Grand Senior Deacon
- Bro. JOHN HENRY PHIPPS, S.O. Courtenay Luck Lodge 526,
as District Grand Junior Deacon
- Wor. WILLIAM BRADSHAW HARDCASTLE, P. Dis. G. Stwd.,
as District Grand Inner Guard
- Bro. CHRISTOPHER HE District Grand Tyler
- G.
V. ... S.
- Bro. Rev. EDWARD OERTON Toowong Lodge, No. 520
- Bro. THOMAS BINNIE Trinity Lodge, No. 572

Opening.

District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 8.5 p.m.

Roll Call.

The Roll of the Lodges in the District was called, the following being represented :—

- St. George, No. 103—Master, Three Past Masters, Master Overseer
 Toowong, No. 520—Master, Three Past Masters, Senior Warden
 Courtenay Luck, No. 526—Three Past Masters and Senior Overseer

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Half-yearly Communication held on Friday, 27th August, 1909, were read and confirmed.

Dispensations.

The District Grand Secretary reported the following Dispensations granted during the half-year to the Trinity Lodge, No. 572 :—

To hold a meeting at Geraldton

To hold a meeting at Chillagoe

To hold a meeting at Nelson

And to Victory Lodge to wear Mark Clothing and ball.

Report of District Grand Committee.

The following report of the Dis. G. Committee was read by the Dis. G. Secretary, and on the motion of Wor. H. C. Reeve, Dis. G. Registrar, seconded by Wor. A. H. Hunt, P. Dis. G.W., was received and entered on the Minutes :—

REPORT OF DISTRICT GRAND COMMITTEE TO DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Committee met on 17th December and 18th February, when the inward and outward correspondence was read and reviewed.

The Committee are pleased to learn from the R.W. Dis. G. Master that he has granted a provisional warrant for a new Lodge at Chillagoe. This was successfully consecrated by Wor. W. H. J. Mayers, P. Dis. G. Overseer, on the 9th November, and the petition was signed by 18 members. This now makes 14 Lodges on the Roll, being an increase of two during the past year.

The Committee are also pleased to report that the Denison Lodge, which had held no meetings for some four years, but which was visited by the Dis. G. Secretary in June of last year, has again resumed work. The installation meeting was held on 5th December, when Wor. James Kemp was placed in the chair. All returns from this Lodge, and dues for the past five years, have been forwarded, and everything brought up-to-date.

The number of certificates applied for during the half-year is 62, distributed amongst the Lodges as under :—

Toowong	No. 520	..	..	..	2
Charters Towers	.. 51	..	..	..	8
Courtenay Luck	.. 526	..	..	..	1
Bundaberg	.. 539	..	..	..	3
Townsville	.. 554	..	..	..	10
Denison	.. 564	..	..	..	4
Trinity	.. 572	..	..	..	32
Victory	.. 593	..	..	..	2
Total					62

The total registered during the year was 75, and the large number registered in the Trinity Lodge has been due to the formation of the new Lodges at Geraldton and Chillagoe, as the whole of the foundation members of these Lodges were members of the Trinity Lodge.

Annual returns have been received up to the end of 1909 from 260, 520, 521, 564, 572, 589 and 593. Those still to come are from 103, 522, 526, 539, and the Davids and Chillagoe Lodges.

From the returns to hand, the numerical strength of the Lodges is found to be as follows :—

Name.	Dec. 1908.	Adv.	Joind	Resd.	Died.	Excl'd.	147A.	Remg. 1909.	Nett Result	
									Gain.	Loss.
St. George	17	—	—	no return	—	—	—	17	—	—
Comet	35	—	—	—	1	—	—	34	—	1
Toowong	18	6	—	1	—	—	—	23	5	—
Charters Towers ..	63	6	3	5	1	—	4	62	—	1
Courtenay Luck ..	17	—	—	no returns	—	—	—	17	—	—
Bundaberg	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	—	—
Townsville	19	8	3	—	1	—	—	29	10	—
Denison	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	18	4	—
Trinity	17	26	6	29	—	—	—	19	2	—
Stannite	19	2	—	2	—	—	—	13	—	—
Victory	20	—	—	return	complete.	—	—	20	—	—
Davids	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	16	16	—
Chillagoe	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	18	18	—
	283	52	40	37	2	1	4	336	55	2

Being a nett gain of 53 during the year, as far as is known at present.

At the Committee meeting on 18th February, the Dis. G. Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure to 31st December, 1909, and balance sheet for the year, duly audited, was presented to the Committee, and a copy has been forwarded to every member of Dis. G. Lodge. It will be seen that the finances of Dis. G. Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition.

By order of the Committee,

REGINALD V. PINES, P. DIS. G.W.

District Grand Secretary.

Wor. E. C. Reeve moved, and Wor. A. H. Hunt seconded that the report be adopted. Several Brethren expressed satisfaction at the contents of the report, and the motion was carried.

District Grand Treasurer's Balance Sheet.

In the absence of the Dis. G. Treasurer, the Dis. G. Secretary moved, that as every member of Dis. G. Lodge had received a copy of the Statement and Balance Sheet (see pp. 7 and 8) it be taken as read. Carried.

He then moved that it be adopted, and after Brethren had commented favourably on the financial condition of Dis. G. Lodge, the motion was carried.

The District Grand Secretary also read a supplementary statement to date, as under :

Balance at 31st Dec. as per Balance Sheet		£96 11 3
Receipts since—From Lodges	£55 19 0	
Fees of Honor	13 13 0	69 12 0
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		£166 3 3
Out of which there was to be sent to Grand Lodge		49 11 6
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Leaving Balance at credit of Dis. Grand Lodge		£116 11 9
The amount at credit of Dis. Grand Lodge at this time last year (1909) was ..		98 13 11
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Being a Balance in favor of this year of		£17 17 10

Correspondence.

The correspondence for the half-year was laid on the table, the following letter from Wor. W. H. J. Mayers, *re* consecration of Chillagoe Lodge being read in full :—

Cairns.

To the Right Worshipful District Grand Master
of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c.
in Queensland.

In pursuance of the commission tendered to me by you for the purpose of consecrating and constituting the new Lodge at Chillagoe, I have the honor to report that I proceeded to Chillagoe on Monday, 24th November last, and fulfilled the pleasing duty on the following day and attached copy of the record of the proceedings herewith.

I was the recipient of the most cordial hospitality from the Brethren of Chillagoe, and received valuable assistance from the visitors. The services rendered by Wor. J. A. Fraser, Substitute Dis. G. Master of the Scottish Constitution, I can never hope to repay.

Permit me to convey to you an expression of my deep appreciation of the great trust reposed in me by yourself, and to subscribe myself,

Right Worshipful District Grand Master,

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

W. H. J. MAYERS, P. Dis. G.O.

It was proposed by the Wor. Deputy Dis. G. Master (Wor. C. G. Holmes a'Court), seconded by Wor. A. H. Hunt, P. Dis. G.W., and supported by Wor. R. H. Mills, P. Dis. G.W., that the thanks of District Grand Lodge be tendered to Wor. Bro. Mayers, and that he be also asked to convey to Wor. J. A. Fraser, Substitute Dis. G. Master of the Scottish Constitution in North Queensland, a special expression of thanks for his kind assistance on that occasion.—Carried unanimously.

Apologies.

The following apologies were received and ordered to be recorded :—

Master, Wardens and Overseers of Comet Lodge, No. 260.	
Wor. F. J. Arnold,	Dis. G. Treasurer
Wor. W. M. Bonar	P. Dis. G. Warden
Bros. T. J. Rothwell and T. A. Graham... .. .	P. Dis. G. Stewards
Bro. H. N. Thorburn, Senior Overseer Bundaberg Lodge, No. 539	

Election of Dis. G. Treasurer.

Wor. F. J. Arnold, the retiring Dis. G. Treasurer, was again nominated for the position, and a ballot being taken, he was duly elected.

Appointment of Officers.

The District Grand Secretary then read the following list of Brethren appointed by the R.W. Dis. G.M., to office in District Grand Lodge for the year :—

Dis. G. S.W.	...	William Henry Johnson Mayers, P.M., Trinity, 572
" J.W.	...	*Alfred John Stephenson, M., Toowong, 520
" M.O.	...	*Alexander Corrie, M., St. George, 505
" S.O.	...	Hermann Horn, M., Townsville, 554
" J.O.	...	George Edmondstone Mackwell, M., Davids, P.W.
" Chaplain	...	*Rev. Edward Oerton Toowong, 520
" Treas.	...	Frederick John Arnold (elected), M., Courtenay Luck, 526
" Reg.	...	*Herbert Charles Reeve, P.M., Toowong, 520
" Sec.	...	*Reginald Victor Pines, P.M., St. George, 103
" S.D.	...	Lordine Alfred Fraser, M., Chillagoe, P.W.
" J.D.	...	Samuel Murden, S.W., Comet, 260
" I. of W.	...	David James Brownhill, S.W., Townsville, 554
" D.C.	...	Ezekiel Henry Larter, S.W., Toowong, 520
" Asst. D.C.	...	Herbert Hall, Sec., Charters Towers, 521
" Sw. Br.	...	Hubert George Ladbrook, S.W., Davids, P.W.
" Std. Br.	...	William George Hulbert, S.W., Chillagoe, P.W.
" Orgt.	...	Joseph Tuffley, Orgt., Townsville, 554
" Asst. Sec.	...	Job Clark, J.W., Charters Towers, 521
" I.G.	...	Thomas Clines, S.W., Victory, 593
" Stwds.	...	Frederick William Avenell, J.W., Bundaberg, 539
		William Henry Montgomerie, J.W., Townsville, 554
		Michael Lieper Cochrane, J.W., Trinity, 572
		Thomas Seymour Rowbotham, S.O., Courtenay Luck, 526
" Tyler	...	*Christopher Heike

*These Brethren being present were invested by the R.W. Dis-Grand Master with the collar and jewel of the office.

Fees.

Wor. H. C. Reeve, Dis. G. Registrar, moved, and Wor. W. B. Hardcastle, P. Dis. G. Steward, seconded, that the fee for the Dis. G. Tyler be the same as last year, 21/- per meeting.—Carried.

Election of District Grand Committee.

The following Brethren were nominated as members of District Grand Committee for the year, and there being no other nominations they were declared duly elected:—

Wor. Alexander Corrie, Wor. Robert Harris Mills, and Bro. Robert Disher Neilson, of St. George Lodge, No. 103; Wor. William Bradshaw Hardcastle, Toowong, No. 520; Wor. Albert Hector Hunt and Wor. Thomas Crowley Moxley, Courtenay Luck, No. 673.

Auditors.

Wor. R. H. Mills, P. Dis. G.W., proposed, and Wor. T. C. Moxley, P. Dis. G.D., seconded that Brothers H. J. Diadams and F. Daniel be Auditors, and they were duly elected at a fee of 10s. 6d. each.

Dis. G. Secretary's Honorarium.

Wor. H. C. Reeve, Dis. G. Registrar, proposed, and Wor. A. H. Hunt, P. Dis. G.W., seconded, that the Honorarium of the Dis. G. Secretary be £21. The proposition was supported by Wor. A. J. Stephenson, Dis. J.G.W., and Wor. R. H. Mills, P. Dis. G.W., and carried unanimously.

Joint Fund of Masonic Relief.

Wor. R. V. Pines, Dis. G. Secretary, proposed, and Wor. C. G. Holmes a'Court seconded that the sum of £5 5s. be donated to the Joint Board of Masonic relief. The R.W. Dis. G. Master and Wor. Alexander Corrie, Bro. G.M.O., referred to the splendid work done by the Board in relieving cases of a small character in a speedy manner, and the motion was carried.

Closing.

There being no further business, Dis. G. Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer at 9.5 p.m.

H. COURTENAY LUCK,

District Grand Master.

REGINALD V. PINES, P. DIS. G.W.,

Dis. G. Secretary,

86 Queen Street,

Brisbane.

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BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grand Lodge (dues to be forwarded) ..	29 7 0	By Fees of Honor outstanding ..	23 6 6
" Profit and Loss Account ..	172 15 9	" Dues owing—Mark ..	4 13 0
		" R.A.M. ..	
		Stock on Hand—Typewriter ..	8 0 0
		Regalia and Box ..	60 0 0
		Books of Constitution ..	1 14 6
		Cash in Q.N. Bank ..	46 11 3
		" G.S. Bank ..	50 0 0
	£202 2 9		£202 2 9

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.		Cr.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Printing and Stationery ..	12 13 6	By Balance ..	153 12 1
" Exchange, Petty Cash, and Sundries ..	11 1 6	" Fees of Honor ..	18 18 0
" Furniture and Regalia Account (Depreciation) ..	3 12 6	" Regalia shops ..	22 17 6
" Rent ..	1 18 6	" Annual Dinner ..	23 19 6
" Dis. G. Secretary, Tyler and Auditors ..	18 18 0	" Books of Constitution ..	0 17 10
" Travelling Expenses ..	5 0 8	" Dispensation ..	5 5 0
" Contingency Account ..	1 11 6	" Provisional Warrants ..	4 4 0
" Donation ..	2 2 0		
" Balance ..	172 15 9		
	£229 13 11		£229 13 11

F. J. ARNOLD, *District Grand Treasurer.*
 We have this day examined the Books and Vouchers of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Queensland, and compared them with this Balance Sheet, and declare the same to be correct.

REGINALD V. PINES, P. Dis. G. S. Dis. Grand Secretary.
 H. J. DIDDAMS, P. Dis. G. I. of W. } Auditors.
 FRANK DANIEL, P. Dis. G. I. G. }

BUSBY, 8th February, 1910.