

Overall, our total funds have increased this year by £41,335 to £400,575 at 31st December, 2019.

It is proposed to make the following donations:

The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire £6,000

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham

2021 Craft Festival (8th of 9) £2,500

Mark Benevolent Fund £10,000

and to further to mark our Centenary year in 2020 a total sum of £64,000 to allow every Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in the Province to make a donation of £1,000 to a charity, group or organisation of their choice, for the benefit of young people, which will be partially offset by a contribution from the Centenary Fund of £30,000.

In these difficult times the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund continues to relieve distress and to support the local community and we thank all our Benevolent Representatives, Almoners, Liaison Officers and Caring Committee members for their assistance and guidance in our work.

Brethren, I commend this Report to you.

W Bro David N Hanson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Chairman