

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DURHAM

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

R W Provincial Grand Master and Brethren

I am pleased to present and submit for adoption the Audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham for the Year Ended 31st December 2019.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a deficit for the year of £1,488.

As always, the principle items of income continue to be Lodge Dues and Fees of Honour.

Expenditure continues to be monitored regularly.

As mentioned in previous Reports to you, increases in expenditure are planned over the next few years as we continue to replace or refurbish Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Regalia and Furniture as required.

Brethren, once again we are indebted to the Provincial Grand Master and his Provincial Grand Officers who, in carrying out their duties continue to finance their attendance on official deputations to Lodges both within and beyond the Province during the year. The cost to Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, would be considerable if that were not the case, and we are grateful to those Brethren for their continued support and generosity.

So far as the Balance Sheet is concerned, the Accumulated Fund shows a balance of £28,137 at the 31st December 2019, with the Special Reserve Fund standing at £5,178. Brethren the 2020 Centenary Fund which was established in 2015 shows a balance of £41,666 thanks mainly to generous contributions from Lodges and Individual members. All surplus funds continue to be invested in an Investment Account with our Bankers.

In accordance with the 'Notice of Motion' given at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 26th June 2019, I propose that with effect from 1st January 2021 the Mark Annual Dues per member be increased from £3.50 to £4.50, and the Royal Ark Mariner Dues per Lodge be increased from £5.00 to £10.00.

I give 'Notice of Motion' that at the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, I will propose that the level of Provincial Dues be reviewed.

In conclusion R W Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, I would like to record my thanks to the Lodges who continue to forward dues so promptly, the Provincial Grand Secretary, his Deputy, and Assistant, for their most valuable assistance and cooperation during the year.

R W Provincial Grand Master and Brethren I submit this Report and the Statement of Accounts for adoption.

W Bro Graham J Mitchinson

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