

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

OF

MARK MASTER MASONS

OF

DURHAM

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 100th ANNUAL MEETING

Held online via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY 2020

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM
2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

The 100th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham was due to be held in the Lancastrian Suite, Lancaster Road, Dunston, on Wednesday, 24th June 2020. However, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, it had to be cancelled, and was replaced by a Virtual Meeting, held on ZOOM, on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at 7pm.

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson presided.

The following Grand Officers were present:

W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; W.Bro. R.T. Lynn P.A.G.D.C., A.P.G.M.; V.W.Bro. F.A. Rankin P.G.M.O., P.D.P.G.M.; V.W Bro. D. Guy P.G.J.O., P.D.P.G.M.; W.Bro M.J. Wilkinson, G.Stwd.; V.W.Bro. P.P.Paterson, P.G.M.O.; V.W.Bros. K. Dinning, J.W.Warren, K. Liddell, and R.N. Neville, P.G.J.O.; W Bros. J. Bulmer, and G. Crossley Snr. P.G.S.D.; W.Bros. M. Davis, D. Quickmire, G.J. Mitchinson, G.S. Savage, J.T. Dodds, and J.M. Nye, P.G.J.D.; W.Bros. G. Wharton, L. Tinkler, J. Arthur, R.F. Knight, P. Harrison, G.D. Taylor, and K.U. Robson, P.A.G.D.C.; W.Bros K.L. Robson, J.B.M. Schoolkate, and P.A. Carter, PAGSwdB; W.Bro A. Monkhouse, P.G.StB.; W.Bros G. Quinn and A. Gurney P.G.Stwd. (31)

Distinguished Guests: (2)

Northumberland

PGM	R.W.Bro	Gordon Craigs	P.G.M. (G.M.R.A.C.)
APGM (PGM Designate)	W.Bro.	Raymond Walton	P.A.G.D.C.

In addition, 46 Durham Brethren tuned in to the meeting. Apologies were received from 10 other Worshipful Brethren and Brethren.

1. The Provincial Grand Master declared the meeting ‘Open’ at 7pm.

2. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the letter of Exemption from the Notice of General Suspension issued on 17th March 2020, and the subsequent letter received following the lifting of the suspension on July 17th.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed the other Heads of Order to the meeting. He then welcomed R.W. Bro Gordon Craigs (PGM for Northumberland). He congratulated R.W.Bro. Craigs on his tenure of the Office, which is due to end in September, and thanked him for the friendship and rapport between the 2 Provinces. He then announced, and congratulated R.W. Bro. Craigs on his future appointment as APGM in the Craft in the Province of Northumberland.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham held at Dunston on Wednesday, 26th June 2019, which had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and published on the Provincial Website, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed on the proposal of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. M.J. Gilpin, and seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. J.S. Denham.

4. Provincial Grand Secretary’s Report

The Provincial Grand Secretary’s Report, which had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and had been published on the Provincial Website, was taken as read, confirmed, and adopted on the proposal of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.A.G.D.C., and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R.T. Lynn P.A.G.D.C. (Copy of the Report printed below).

5. Election of Treasurer

There being only one nomination received for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Master declared W.Bro. Graham John Mitchinson P.G.J.D., Past Master of Percy Lodge No. 122, duly elected. W.Bro. Mitchinson had been proposed by W.Bro. D.N. Hanson Dep.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C., and seconded by W.Bro. R.T. Lynn Asst.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C.

6. Provincial Grand Treasurer’s Report

The Provincial Grand Treasurer’s Report had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and had been published on the Provincial Website. (Copy of the Report, and the accompanying financial statements printed below). The Provincial Grand Treasurer went to great lengths to remind Brethren that, at the 2019 Annual Meeting, he had given Notice of Motion to increase annual subscription rates. Accordingly, his Report contained a Proposal to increase the subscription rate for members of MARK Lodges by £1 per head (from £3-50 to £4-50 per Lodge member), and to increase the subscription rate for RAM LODGES from £5 per Lodge, to £10 per Lodge. He made it very clear that by accepting his Report, the members would be voting

through the proposed increases effective from 1st January 2021. The Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. G. Wharton P.A.G.D.C. then proposed, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. D. Quickmire P.G.J.D. seconded the proposition, that the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts be received, and adopted, and that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the Treasurer and to the Auditors for their services. This proposal was carried, thereby voting through the proposed increases in subscriptions.

7. Election of Auditors

The Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. G. Wharton P.A.G.D.C. proposed, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. D. Quickmire P.G.J.D. seconded the proposition, that Torgersens (formerly: UHY Torgersens) Chartered Accountants, of Somerford Buildings, Norfolk Street, Sunderland be elected Auditors for the ensuing year. This proposal was carried.

8. Report of Benevolent Committee

As the Report and accompanying Accounts had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and had been published on the Provincial Website, and as it had earlier been approved for submission to Provincial Grand Lodge by the committee of the DPGLMBF on 21st July 2020, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Chairman of the Benevolent Committee, commended his Report to the Brethren. (See accompanying Report and Accounts below).

The Provincial Grand Master thanked the members of the Committee of the Durham PGLMBF, and all the Lodge Benevolent Representatives for their efforts and hard work during the year.

9. Appointment of Officers

The Provincial Grand Master then confirmed that, although no investiture was to take place at a Virtual Meeting, the Appointments and Promotions listed below were effective as of the 24th June 2000. (See accompanying list below).

10. PGM's nominations to serve on the Durham PGLMBF

The Provincial Grand Master announced that he had invited V.W.Bro Stuart Andrew Raymond Ingram P.Asst.P.G.M., P.G.J.O., and V.W.Bro. Keith Liddell P.G.J.O. to serve on the above committee for 2020-2021, and that they had both accepted.

11. Provincial Grand Master's Address

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Meeting. He reported that 28 Brethren had departed to the Grand Lodge Above since our last Annual Meeting, and requested a few moments of reflection in memory of them. He congratulated the 5 newly appointed members of Grand Lodge, and the 3 Brethren receiving promotions in September. He then went on to thank the Provincial Grand Secretary and his team for their hard work during the difficult times of the pandemic. Finally, he commented on the opportunity to celebrate our Centenary in June, which had to be cancelled – pointing out that the past is history, the future is a mystery, and the here and now is a gift, which is why it is called the present - which we should cherish. In summary, we stand at the dawn of a new century for the Mark Province of Durham. We must learn the lessons of the past, apply them to the present, so that whatever the future might hold for us, we can be better prepared to meet it, and shape it to how we want the future to be. This can be our vision, and making it a reality should be our mission.

12. Any other business

- a) The Provincial Grand Secretary read out a list of Apologies he had received.
- b) On behalf of the Provincial Caravan Club, W.Bro. M.D. Ormiston 'virtually' presented a cheque for £200 to the Provincial Grand Master for the benefit of the Durham PGLMBF.

13. Closing of Provincial Grand Lodge

The Provincial Grand Master then declared the meeting 'Closed' at 7-23pm.

Allan Gurney, P.G.Stwd.

Provincial Grand Secretary

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of DURHAM

R. W. Bro. Prof. D K Wilson ***Provincial Grand Master***

Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary to Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham which was due to be held at the Lancastrian Suite, Lancaster Road, Dunston, Gateshead NE11 9JR on Wednesday, 24th June 2020.

Brethren, I present my second Report to the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. As you will see from the items listed below, the last year has been extremely busy and enjoyable, but ultimately very disappointing. It began in a euphoria of excitement, exuberance, and anticipation of the celebration of our Centenary Year. There was a great energy about the Province. There was great energy being expended in organising the Centenary Dinner, and planning for the Centenary Meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham on 24th June 2020. Alas, it was not to be. Towards the end of 2019, we began to hear news of the Corona Virus emanating from China (or Covid 19 as it soon became known). Very soon it was evident that it was more than a mere 'disease of flu', and by the middle of March 2020, all Masonic meetings had been suspended for 4 months – something that had never happened in over 300 years of Freemasonry. Brethren, as I write this report, our Centenary events are all postponed. I hope we will be able to hold them at some time in the future, but I cannot begin to give you any idea as to when that might be. At this point in time, all I can say is that the general administration of the Province continues to the normal set deadlines, and I am relying on the various Lodge Secretaries to assist me in those matters. I look forward to seeing you all in the future – let us hope, sooner rather than later. Until then, stay safe, and I wish you all well.

Lodge Visits (16).

The Provincial Grand Master appreciates the support from his Active Team of Provincial Officers which has enabled him to accept Provincial Deputation Visits to the following Mark Lodges, all of which were visited before the suspension of Masonic activities: Eclectic 39; Union 124; Darlington 250: Wouldhave Tyne Dock 362; Jarrow 701; Hackworth 761; Unity 827; Moseley 925; Castle Eden 930; Ernest Dixon 1015; Walton 1106; St Aidan 1145; Cestria 1151; Durham Lodge of Installed Mark Masters 1492; Ferryhill 1560; and Indaba 1936.

Lodge of Instruction.

The Annual Festival of the Durham Mark Lodge of Instruction was held at Shiney Row on Tuesday, 29th October 2019, where V.W.Bro. Paul Philip Paterson P.G.M.O. attended as President of the Festival.

50 Year Certificates.

During the last year, one Certificate celebrating 50 years' membership of the Order was presented to:

W.Bro. Francis Maxwell Sanderson, Stanhope Mark Lodge No. 1551.

A second presentation was due to be made, but had to be cancelled due to the suspension of meetings:

W.Bro. Derek Strickland Mills, Penshaw Mark Lodge No. 1055.

Installations.

The Provincial Grand Master was represented at all the Mark Lodge Installation Meetings and the reports of those representing indicated that the Ceremonies were, as usual, of a high standard, and well conducted in the majority of cases. Thanks are extended to all those Brethren who represented the Provincial Grand Master so ably, and to the Lodges for the courteous and friendly manner in which his Representatives were received.

Membership.

The Membership at the end of 2016 was 1233. At the end of 2018, it had fallen to 1182. This year we have lost a net total of 46 memberships. This decrease represents a further decrease of 3.89% over the last year; and a total decrease of 7.89% over the last 3 years. If we consider that over the 3 year period, 70 Brethren have passed to the "Grand Lodge Above", and we had 160 resignations, then clearly, 'resignations' is still a major issue. All resignations are followed up by contact from either the Deputy or the Assistant PGM, and it is imperative that details of all resignations are sent to Province as soon as Lodge Secretaries are informed of them – a follow-up phone call is useless several weeks later.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham
Summary of Annual Returns of Lodges Year Ended 31st December 2019

No.	LODGE	Total Members Installations 2018	A	J	R	D	Ex	HM	Total Members Installations 2019
39	Eclectic	24	0	0	1	0	0	0	23
122	Percy	24	1	0	4	0	0	0	21
124	Union	22	2	0	3	0	0	0	21
250	Darlington	16	0	2	2	0	2	0	14
293	Industry	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
356	Dunelm	45	1	1	2	1	0	0	44
362	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	41	2	0	2	1	0	0	40
596	Auckland	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
605	Bede	27	0	2	1	1	0	1	26
701	Jarrow	34	0	1	2	0	0	2	31
718	Ravensworth	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	21
740	Harte	22	2	0	0	1	0	0	23
761	Hackworth	39	1	2	1	1	2	1	37
778	Barnard Castle	22	2	0	1	0	0	1	22
827	Unity	21	0	0	3	0	0	0	18
846	Steadfast	25	0	0	1	1	0	0	23
854	St. Andrew's	31	1	0	1	0	1	0	30
860	Bernard Gilpin	19	0	4	2	0	0	0	21
896	Clavering	33	0	0	4	1	0	0	28
925	Moseley	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
929	William Todd	30	1	0	1	1	1	0	28
930	Castle Eden	31	1	0	2	0	3	1	26
981	Spennymoor	26	0	0	0	0	2	0	24
1015	Ernest Dixon	22	1	0	1	1	0	0	21
1055	Penshaw	19	0	0	1	1	0	0	17
1093	St. Lawrence	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	16
1106	Walton	31	1	0	2	1	1	0	28
1112	Elevation	24	0	2	1	3	0	0	22
1145	St. Aidan	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
1151	Cestria	51	3	1	2	0	1	0	52
1269	Ambrose Crowley	36	1	3	1	1	0	0	38
1271	Shipley	22	0	0	4	0	4	0	14
1274	Staindrop	13	0	0	1	0	1	0	11
1339	Hebburn	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
1492	Durham L of I M	47	0	5	7	0	0	0	45
1511	St. Thomas	19	0	1	1	1	1	0	17
1551	Stanhope	30	1	0	2	0	0	1	28
1560	Ferryhill	26	1	1	0	1	0	0	27
1626	George Washington	17	1	0	2	1	0	0	15
1714	Ryton	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	32
1806	Chief of the Builders	67	2	6	2	1	0	0	72
1820	Provincial Stewards	25	0	3	1	0	1	0	26
1936	Indaba	26	1	0	2	1	0	0	24
		1182	32	34	65	20	20	7	1136

Obituary (25).

The Province has suffered the loss of many Mark Brethren, whose names are recorded below. We acknowledge the service they gave to the Order in general, and to this Province in particular.

Bro. Alan George Nichols		Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge 362
W. Bro. Frank Bilton	P.Prov.G.Stwd.	Dunelm Lodge 356
W. Bro. Clifford Graham Jellicoe	P.G.Stwd.	Staindrop Lodge 1274
Bro. John Geoffrey Hutchinson		Dunelm Lodge 356
W. Bro. Charles Wilding	P.Prov.G.M.O.	Castle Eden Lodge 930
W. Bro. Albert Henry Norman	P.Prov.G.J.O.	Hebburn Lodge 1339
Bro. Derrick Redden		Castle Eden Lodge 930
Bro. Philip Cranmer Dobb		Ryton Lodge 1714
W. Bro. Victor McAvoy	P.Prov.G.J..O.	Ernest Dixon Lodge 1015
W. Bro. Dennis Jones	P.Prov.G.J.D.	Clavering Lodge 896
Bro. Peter Dixon		Hackworth Lodge 761
W. Bro. Peter Smith Usher	P.A.G.D.C.	Cestria Lodge 1151
W. Bro. James William Barkess	P.Prov.G.J.D.	Stanhope Lodge 1551
Bro. Christopher Beard		Ravensworth Lodge 718
Bro. John Ashley Lee		William Todd Lodge 929
W. Bro. John Nicholson	P.Prov.G.S.W.	Ernest Dixon Lodge 1015
W. Bro. Alan Simpson	P.Prov.G.J.W.	George Washington Lodge 1626
W. Bro. William John Coward	P.Prov.G.J.W.	Harte Lodge 740
W. Bro. Neil Anderson	P.A.G.D.C.	William Todd Lodge 929
W. Bro. Ian MacDonald	P.Prov.G.Reg.	Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge 1820
W. Bro. John Anthony Atkinson	P.Prov.G.J.W.	Steadfast Lodge 846
W. Bro. Gordon Fletcher	P.A.G.D.C.	Ferryhill Lodge 1560
R. W. Bro. Joseph Alan Armstrong	P.G.J.W.	Elevation Lodge 1112
Bro. James Watling Douthwaite		St. Aidan Lodge 1145
W. Bro. Peter Derek Jones		Ryton Lodge 1714
W. Bro. Sidney Pattison	P.A.G.D.C.	Shipleigh 1271
W. Bro. Ronald Stobbart	P.Prov.G.St.B.	Jarrow 701
W. Bro. Philip Terry Errington		Ferryhill 1560
W. Bro. Joseph Randle Oliver	P.Prov.G.S.W.	Union 124
V. W. Bro. Alan Hall	P.G.J.O.	George Washington 1626

“THEY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS, AND THEIR GOOD WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM. THANKS BE TO GOD, THEY HAVE MARKED WELL.”

Mark Grand Lodge Honours.

With effect from Tuesday, 9th June 2020, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Grand Steward	Michael James Wilkinson, Hackworth 761
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Michael Graham Jnr., Jarrow 701
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Graham Wharton, Steadfast 846
Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer	Phillip Alan Carter, St Andrew's 854
Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer	John Bernard Martin Schoolkate, Ravensworth 718

With effect from Tuesday, 8th September 2020, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Past Grand Junior Overseer	Gilbert Crossley Snr., Ernest Dixon 1015
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Kenneth Peter Dale, Percy 122
Past Grand Junior Deacon	William Sinclair Malcolm, Wouldhave Tyne Dock 362

Congratulations are extended to all the above, with the wish that they have good health to enjoy their preferment, and the determination to continue to work hard for the betterment of the Order

Visits to Other Provinces (2).

Since last June, due to the suspension of meetings, the Province has been represented at very few Annual Meetings of other Provinces. They were:

Northumberland; Staffordshire & Shropshire.

Other Events.

As mentioned earlier in my Report, most events connected to the Centenary of the Province have had to be postponed due to the Corona Virus.

Earlier in the year, however, on Monday 18th November, the Provincial Grand Master and his Active Officers were able to spend a very enjoyable evening in the company of the members of Jarrow Lodge 701, and the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro Stephen Davison, as the Lodge celebrated its own Centenary.

Several weeks later, on Friday 3rd January, the Warrant of Shipley Lodge 1271 was re-activated in a unique Ceremony performed by the Provincial Grand Master and his Active Officers, which was witnessed by more than 100 Mark Brethren, with 99 attendees at the Festive Board. The re-activated Lodge, it is hoped, will eventually be re-named 'Sportsmans Lodge of Mark Master Masons 1271',

Conclusion.

Brethren, I present my report for your information and consideration. My grateful thanks go to all the hard working Lodge Secretaries for their help and assistance during the last 12 months, and I am sure they will continue the good work in their Lodges.

My particular thanks go to my Deputy Provincial Secretary W..Bro. Graham Wharton, my Assistant Provincial Secretary, W. Bro. Doug Quickmire, the Provincial Registrar, W. Bro. Malcolm Ormiston, and the Assistants to the Secretariat, W. Bro. Fred Beales, W. Bro. Ian Heaviside, and W. Bro. David Battensby, who has now been made Provincial Grand Inspector of Works and is responsible for the running, maintenance and upkeep of the Provincial website. They have all executed their roles most efficiently, and I am indebted to them all.

In mentioning the website, it is worth pointing out that more and more official documents will be posted there, as well as the Provincial Diary.

Brethren at this point, I would normally hope that our annual pilgrimage to the Lancastrian Conference Centre is a success, and that everyone has a most enjoyable day. Unfortunately, it has not been a normal year! So for now, Brethren, I wish you all well, and may the Great Overseer of the Universe enable us all to meet again soon.

Allan Gurney P.G.Stwd.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

16th June 2020.

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

Graham Mitchinson

PGJD, PPrGSwdB, ProvGTreasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise of income and expenditure account, balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and FRS 102 Section 1A, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the members as a body, in accordance with the Lodge's constitution and by-laws. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members and the members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Lodge's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the lodge in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the lodge's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the lodge and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the members' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small entities regime; or
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

Responsibilities of members

The members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the members are responsible for assessing the lodge's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the lodge's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Date:

**STEPHEN TORGERSEN BSc FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
UHY Torgersens
Statutory Auditors
and Chartered Accountants**

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	Amended
		£	2018
			£
Fixed Assets			
Regalia	1	4.00	4.00
Current Assets			
Stock		550.00	-
Debtors		500.00	526.00
Cash at Bank:			
Current Account		52,769.89	29,102.93
Deposit Account – Barclays		22,410.16	22,365.52
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		76,234.05	51,998.45
Creditors:- amounts falling due within one year		(1,251.80)	-
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Total Net Assets		<u>74,982.25</u>	<u>51,998.45</u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2019		29,625.63	28,346.16
Surplus for the Year		22,983.80	7,410.47
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account		(24,472.00)	(6,131.00)
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Balance at 31 December 2019		28,137.43	29,625.63
Special Reserve Account	2		
Balance at 1 January 2019		5,178.46	5,178.46
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account		-	-
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Balance at 31 December 2019		5,178.46	5,178.46
2020 Centenary Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2019	3	17,194.36	11,063.36
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account		24,472.00	6,131.00
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Balance at 31 December 2019		41,666.36	17,194.36
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		<u>74,982.25</u>	<u>51,998.45</u>

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. Fixed Assets	Regalia	Computer	Total
	£	Equipment	£
		£	
Cost			
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	783.84	-	783.84
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	779.84	-	779.84
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019	<u>4.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4.00</u>

2. Special Reserve Account

The special reserve account is a provision towards the cost of any future installation of a Provincial Grand Master.

3. 2020 Centenary Fund

The Centenary fund is a reserve created to celebrate the Centenary in 2020.

4. Related Party

There are no related parties or related party transactions during the year.

**THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM
BENEVOLENT FUND**

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2019

This has been a busy year for our Benevolent Fund with total expenditure of £21,600 of which £20,200 was in the form of charitable grants. Income was slightly down on last year due to Lodge donations being mostly directed towards the separately administered Centenary Fund. The return on our stock market investments of 5.8% is now our most important source of income and it is pleasing to note that the appreciation in value of those investments totalled £39,600 compared to a loss of £36,600 in the previous year.

The dominant feature of our other fund raising activity was again the Gala Dinner when the Co-ordinating Committee organise a most enjoyable evening which consistently produces a donation of £3,500 to the Benevolent Fund. We thank them and all those who regularly attend for their magnificent support. As ever, we also give special thanks to Jim Stubbings for his regalia sales income; John and Marion Scott whose basket raffles have become a significant part of our income and all those brethren who so generously donate privately and through the Gift Aid envelopes distributed at the Annual General Meetings.

Our main charitable giving this year has included the following:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent	£6,000
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham	
2021 Craft Festival (7 th of 9)	£2,500
Integrating Children	£1,000
Useful Vision	£1,000
Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincoln	
for flood relief	£2,000

And many smaller grants to worthy causes.

The bulk of our investments are held in an Investment Trust designed especially for the charity sector and have provided income this year of £13,896 and an unrealised gain in market value of £39,622.

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 (8 th 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. N. Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

W Bro David N Hanson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Chairman

Durham Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income			
Donations and legacies	2		
Lodges		1,600.00	2,100.00
Voluntary Contributions		7,335.49	8,381.46
Investment income	3	14,347.97	13,574.47
Festival Badge Sales		30.00	60.00
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Total income		23,313.46	24,115.93
Expenditure on charitable activities 4			
Grants payable			
Emergency grants		1,300.00	2,000.00
Single Homeless Action Initiative in Durham-		1,000.00	
Shildon Alive		-	1,000.00
St John Ambulance		600.00	600.00
RAF Air Cadets		-	250.00
Integrating Children		1,000.00	-
Shaw Trust		500.00	-
Useful Vision		1,000.00	-
Mark Benevolent Fund – Festival badges		-	250.00
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham 2021 Festival		2,500.00	2,500.00
Mark Benevolent Fund – Sussex		-	6,000.00
J. Shovlin – Cambodia Trip		500.00	-
M. Proud - Gymnastics		500.00	-
Mark Benevolent Fund – Kent		6,000.00	-
Province of Lincoln – Flood Relief		2,000.00	-
N. E. War Memorials		500.00	-
Springwell Village Primary School – Rainbow Room		-	1,000.00
Dipton War Memorials		250.00	-
Bishop Auckland Hospital Mural		500.00	-
Blaydon Youth Community FC		-	1,000.00
Gateshead Pedheugh Community FC		500.00	-
St. John Cadet Patryk Pawlowski		300.00	-
W. Yorks Festival Cycle Challenge		500.00	-
St. Matthews and St. Luks Christmas Journey		500.00	-
Alice Bentley – Zambia Scout Trip		500.00	-
Dawdon Community Centre		750.00	-
Management and administration		1,400.00	1,370.00
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Total expenditure		21,600.00	16,970.00
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,713.46	7,145.93
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments		39,621.66	(36,605.87)
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Net movement in funds for the year		41,335.12	(29,459.94)
Total funds at 1 January 2019		359,239.56	88,699.50
Fund balances carried forward		<hr/>	<hr/>
at 31 December 2019		400,574.68	359,239.56

Durham Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investments	6	278,029.40	238,407.74
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	-	-
Bank Balances and Cash		123,676.74	121,963.28
		<u>123,676.74</u>	<u>121,963.28</u>
Current Liabilities	8	(1,131.46)	(1,131.46)
Net Current Assets		<u>122,545.28</u>	<u>120,831.82</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>400,574.68</u></u>	<u><u>359,239.56</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds	10	400,574.68	359,239.56
		<u>400,574.68</u>	<u>359,239.56</u>

Provincial Officers 2020-2021
Active Officers

Deputy Provincial Grand Master David Nigel Hanson, P.A.G.D.C.	Union	No. 124
Assistant Provincial Grand Master Ronald Trevor Lynn P.A.G.D.C.	Walton	No. 1106
Provincial Grand Senior Warden Mark Julian Gilpin, P.P.G.M.O.	Cestria	No. 1151
Provincial Grand Junior Warden John Strachan Denham, P.P.G.M.O.	Auckland	No. 596
Provincial Grand Master Overseer James Jordan	Ryton	No. 1714
Provincial Grand Senior Overseer Steven Paul Swansbury	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
Provincial Grand Junior Overseer Gordon William Foster	William Todd	No. 929
Provincial Grand Chaplain Keith Dinning, P.G.J.O.	Ferryhill	No. 1560
Provincial Grand Treasurer Graham John Mitchinson, P.G.J.D.	Percy	No. 122
Provincial Grand Registrar Malcolm Donald Ormiston, P.P.G.J.O.	Ryton	No. 1714
Provincial Grand Secretary Allan Gurney, P.G.Stwd.	Unity	No. 827
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Michael Davis, P.G.J.D.	Bede	No. 605
Provincial Grand Almoner Keith Liddell, P.G.J.O.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
Provincial Grand Charity Steward Roy Norman Neville, P.G.J.O.	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
Provincial Grand Inspector of Works David Battensby, P.P.A.G.St.B.	Cestria	No. 1151
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Rodney Kerr	Stanhope	No. 1551
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain Phillip Alan Carter, P.P.G.J.W.	St. Andrew's	No. 854
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary Graham Wharton, P.P.G.J.O.	Steadfast	No. 846
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Garry Quinn, P.G.Stwd.	Ravensworth	No. 718
Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Brian Smith, P.P.G.J.D.	Bernard Gilpin	No. 860
Raymond William Plumb, P.P.G.J.D.	St. Aidan	No. 1145
Kenneth Meldrum Thompson, P.P.G.J.D.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269

Provincial Grand Junior Deacon		
Ronnie Michael March	Industry	No. 293
Lewis Curry	Jarrow	No. 701
Thomas Reed	Shipleigh	No. 1271
Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain		
Rev'd. Peter William Adamson, P.P.G.J.O.	Ferryhill	No. 1560
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary		
Douglas Quickmire, P.G.J.D.	Walton	No. 1106
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies		
Sidney James Watson, P.P.G.S.O.	Ryton	No. 1714
Kenneth Urquhart Robson, P.A.G.D.C.	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	No. 362
David John Anderson, Prov.A.G.D.C.	Cestria	No. 1151
Andrew David Watson	Steadfast	No. 846
Provincial Grand Organist		
Barry Tallentire, P.P.G.J.W.	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	No. 362
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer		
Mark William Grieves Smith	Union	No. 124
Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer		
Daniel McDermott, P.P.G.I.G.	Industry	No. 293
Provincial Grand Inner Guard		
Robert Michael Summerson	Ravensworth	No. 718
Provincial Grand Stewards		
Russell Wayne Rumley	Bede	No. 605
Stan Hunter	Hackworth	No. 761
Stephen James Blain	Spennymoor	No. 981
Gary Walker	Cestria	No. 1151
Provincial Grand Tyler		
John Bernard Martin Schoolkate, P.P.G.J.W.	Ravensworth	No. 718

Provincial Officers 2020-2021

Promotions

Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden		
Robert John Donmall, P.P.G.J.W.	Penshaw	No. 1055
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden		
Michael Robson, P.P.G.J.O.	Dunelm	No. 356
David John McLean Lawson, P.P.G.Reg.	Bede	No. 605
Lewis John Ayers, P.P.G.J.O.	Harte	No. 740
Graham Wharton, P.P.G.J.O.	Steadfast	No. 846
Bruce Walter Dickson, P.P.G.J.D.	Clavering	No. 896
Charles Stewart MacLeod, P.P.G.J.O.	Moseley	No. 925
John Howarth, P.P.G.J.O.	St. Aidan	No. 1145
Alan Crusher, P.A.G.Swd.B., P.P.G.J.W. (West Yorkshire)	Cestria	No. 1151
Kenneth Dobbin, P.P.G.S.O.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
Philip Dunn, P.P.G.J.O.	Hebburn	No. 1339
Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer		
Anthony Hopkinson Bird, P.P.G.S.O.	Steadfast	No. 846
Martin George Murray, P.P.G.J.O.	Union	No. 124
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer		
David Dorward, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
Norman Dunn, P.P.G.Swd.B.	St. Lawrence	No. 1093
Graham Bainbridge, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Shipleigh	No. 1271

Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer

David Whitfield, P.P.G.Reg.	Percy	No.	122
David Campbell, P.P.G.Stwd.	Auckland	No.	596
Thomas Stubbs, P.P.G.Stwd.	Barnard Castle	No.	778
Phillip James Etherington, P.P.G.Reg.	Steadfast	No.	846
Stephen Jackson, P.P.G.I.Wks.	St. Andrew's	No.	854
Ian Heaviside, P.P.G.Stwd.	Bernard Gilpin	No.	860
Charles William Suttie, P.P.G.Reg.	Bernard Gilpin	No.	860
David Battensby, P.P.A.G.St.B.	Cestria	No.	1151
Ian Edward Ogden, P.P.G.Reg.	St. Thomas	No.	1511
John Andrew Dobrianski, P.P.G.Reg.	Stanhope	No.	1551

Past Provincial Grand Registrar

Darren Bethell, P.P.G.J.D.	Eclectic	No.	39
Ronald William Davison, P.P.G.J.D.	Auckland	No.	596
James Irvine Carney, P.P.A.G.D.C.	Jarrow	No.	701
John Brass, P.P.G.S.D.	Barnard Castle	No.	778
Dennis Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.	Unity	No.	827
Robert Malcolm Dash, P.P.G.J.D.	Ernest Dixon	No.	1015
Robert William Grimley, P.P.G.S.D.	Walton	No.	1106
Thomas Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.	Ryton	No.	1714

Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

Ronald Stobbart, P.P.G.Std.B.	Jarrow	No.	701
Terence John Sheehan, P.P.G.I.G.	Ferryhill	No.	1560

Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon

Ross Patrick Rielly, P.P.G.J.D.	William Todd	No.	929
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Provincial Officers 2020-2021**First Appointments Past Rank****Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden**

Richard George Scott	Ernest Dixon	No.	1015
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Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon

Michael John Crabtree	Dunelm	No.	356
Ian Malcolm Hewetson	Harte	No.	740

Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon

Alan Mace	Elevation	No.	1112
David Charles Thompson	Ferryhill	No.	1560

..... **R.W.Bro. Prof. D.K. Wilson**
Provincial Grand Master

..... **W.Bro. Allan Gurney**
Provincial Grand Secretary