

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF
MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
DURHAM**

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 101st ANNUAL MEETING**

Held online via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, 23rd June 2021.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM
2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

The 101st 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, 23rd June 2021. However, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, it had to be cancelled, and was replaced by a Virtual Meeting, held on ZOOM, on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 3pm.

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

The following Grand Officers were registered to be 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.; V.W.Bro. S.A.R. Ingram P.G.J.O., P.A.P.G.M.; W.Bro M.J. Wilkinson, G.Stwd.; V.W.Bros. K. Dinning, K. Liddell, A. Craven, J.W. Warren, and R.N. Neville, P.G.J.O.; W.Bros. J. Bulmer, G. Clark, N.E. Heaviside, J.L. Kay, and G. Crossley Snr. P.G.S.D.; W.Bros. M. Davis, D. Quickmire, G.J. Mitchinson, G.S. Savage, J.T. Dodds, G. Quinn, K.I. Anderson, C.W.G. Ansell, J.R. Bayles, K.P. Dale, J.A. Easton, R.S. Hodgson, L. Nevin, F. Piggford, G. Whiteman, M. Graham Snr. and J.M. Nye, P.G.J.D.; W.Bros. G. Wharton, L. Tinkler, R.F. Knight, G.D. Taylor, J. Awdas, W.H. Carlyon, L. Danby, M.J. Graham, R.J. Hargate, R.M. Henderson, B. Kennedy, R. Layton, I.H. Morrison, G. Paylor, M. Rankin, R.G. Snaith, R.R. Tonner, R.T. Watson, L. Woodhouse, A.L. Young, and K.U. Robson, P.A.G.D.C.; W.Bros K.L. Robson, J.B.M. Schoolkate, A. Crusher, J.A. Dixon, K. Pitchford, and P.A. Carter, P.A.G.Swd.B.; W.Bros. T.R. Bradley, A.J. Clark, R. Hope, L. Howarth, D. Marshall, G. Tilley, and A.T. Best, P.G.St.B.; W.Bro. A. Gurney P.G.Stwd. (68)

Distinguished Guests: (41)

The Province was honoured with the attendance of the Assistant Grand Master, R.W. Brother Stephen Davison, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ryan A. Williams. We were further honoured by the attendance of nine Provincial Grand Masters, and one District Grand Master. These R.W. Brothers were supported by a total of 29 members of their Provincial/District Executive and Past Rulers.

R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson, P.G.M. Cumberland & Westmorland
R.W.Bro. James Steggles, P.G.M. West Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, D.G.M. Spain
R.W.Bro. David Robert Clancey, P.G.M. North & East Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. Alexander Sillars McLaren, P.G.M. East Lancashire
R.W.Bro. Michael Richard Heenan, P.G.M. Staffordshire & Shropshire
R.W.Bro. Phillip John Mann, P.G.M. Leicestershire & Rutland
R.W.Bro. Kenneth Martin Blackburn, P.G.M. Isle of Man
R.W.Bro. Stephen Charles Hallberg, P.G.M. Lincolnshire
R.W.Bro. Raymond Arthur Walton, P.G.M. Northumberland

In addition, 92 Durham Brethren tuned in to the meeting. Apologies were received from numerous other Worshipful Brethren and Brethren.

1. The Provincial Grand Master declared the meeting 'Open' at 3pm.
2. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the letter of Dispensation permitting the meeting to be held virtually via the ZOOM platform.
3. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the members of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner who were in attendance.
4. Due to technical problems, the Chaplain was unable to conduct the Obituary for Brethren who had died during the preceding 12 months (Full list included below in the Provincial grand Secretary's Report).
5. The Provincial Grand Master welcomed the Assistant Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, our Past Provincial Rulers, all our Distinguished Guests, and the Heads of Other Order to the meeting.
6. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham held via ZOOM on Wednesday, 29th July 2020, 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 Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson, and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R.T. Lynn. This proposal was carried.

7. The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that he had received numerous letters of Apology.

8. The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that all Provincial Grand Officers were present with the exception of 3, who had all submitted their apologies.

9. The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that all Mark Lodges in the Province were represented at the meeting.

10. 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, and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R.T. Lynn. (Copy of the Report printed below). This proposal was carried.

11. 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 Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson then proposed, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R.T. Lynn, 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.

12. 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 D.P.G.L.M.B.F. on Wednesday, 2nd June 2021, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson, 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 P.G.L.M.B.F. and all the Lodge Benevolent Representatives for their efforts and hard work during the year.

13. 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, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and seconded by W.Bro. R.T. Lynn, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

14. Election of Auditors.

W.Bro. A. Gurney, the Provincial Grand Secretary, proposed, and W.Bro. G. Wharton, the Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, seconded the proposition that Torgersens, Chartered Accountants, of Somerford Buildings, Norfolk Street, Sunderland, be elected Auditors for the ensuing year. This proposal was carried.

15. The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the appointment of W.Bro. David Nigel Hanson, P.A.G.D.C. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

16. The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the appointment of W.Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn P.A.G.D.C. as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

17. Appointment of Officers.

a) The Provincial Grand Master then confirmed that, although no investiture was to take place at a Virtual Meeting, the Appointments to Active Provincial Grand Rank were effective as of the 23rd June 2021. (See accompanying list below). The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the names of those appointed.

b) The Provincial Grand Master then confirmed that, although no investiture was to take place at a Virtual Meeting, the Promotions within Provincial Grand Lodge were effective as of the 23rd June 2021. (See accompanying list below). The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the names of those promoted.

c) The Provincial Grand Master then congratulated those appointed to Active Rank, and those appointed to R.A.M.Prov.G.R. in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner in March 2021. The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the names of those concerned.

18. The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Meeting.

19. The Assistant Grand Master then addressed the meeting. He then asked the Provincial Grand Secretary to bring us up to date with current developments and initiatives.

20. The Provincial Grand Master announced that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham would be held at the Lancastrian Suite, Dunston, on Wednesday, 22nd June 2022.

21. Any Other Business:

The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that he had no other business to bring before Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn, gave a Vote of Thanks to the secretariat team for arranging the meeting.

22. The Provincial Grand Master then declared the meeting 'Closed' at 4-06pm.

Allan Gurney, P.G.Stwd.

Provincial Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of DURHAM

***R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson
Provincial Grand Master***

**Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary to the
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, 23rd June 2021, but which will be held virtually on the Zoom platform.**

Brethren, I present my third Report to the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. As you will see from the items listed below, the last year has been very disappointing due to the various suspensions of Masonic activities. The Pandemic has now raged for well over a year, and we have all missed our Masonry. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. By June, a great many of us will have had both vaccinations, and an even greater number will have had at least one vaccination. Small steps, Brethren, but ones which will lead to a brighter dawn down the line. 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 rely 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 (4).

The Provincial Grand Master appreciates the support from his Active Team of Provincial Officers which has enabled him to accept invitations to Virtual Provincial Visits to the following Mark Lodges: Percy 122 (Sesquicentenary); Union 124 (Sesquicentenary); Ravensworth 718 (Centenary); Ambrose Crowley 1269.

Lodge of Instruction.

The Annual Festival of the Durham Mark Lodge of Instruction was unable to be held due to the Suspension of Masonic Activities.

Installations.

In the brief interval between suspensions in September, 1 Installation was held, at which the Provincial Grand Master was not represented as the maximum number permitted at the meeting was 6 persons.

Mark Grand Lodge Honours.

With effect from Tuesday, 8th June 2021, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Grand Steward (re-appointment)	Michael James Wilkinson, Hackworth Lodge 761
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	William Henry Carlyon, Ravensworth Lodge 718
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Jeff Awdas, St. Andrew's Lodge 854
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Sidney James Watson, Ryton Lodge 1714

With effect from Tuesday, 7th September 2021, the Most Worshipful Grand Master will be pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Past Grand Junior Overseer	Michael Davis, Bede Lodge 605
Past Grand Senior Deacon	David Nigel Hanson, Union Lodge 124
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Ian Hunter Morrison, Percy Lodge 122
Past Grand Junior Deacon	John Rowland, Union Lodge 124
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Allan Gurney, Unity Lodge 827
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Allan Monkhouse, Unity Lodge 827
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Donald Marshall, Steadfast Lodge 846
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Ronald Trevor Lynn, Walton Lodge 1106

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.

Membership (all figures are taken as at 31st December 2020)

The Membership at the end of 2016 was 1233. Last year (2019), it had fallen to 1136. This year we have lost a net total of 18 memberships. This decrease represents a further decrease of 1.58% over the last year; and a total decrease of 9.33% over the last 4 years. If we consider that over the 4 year period, 100 Brethren have passed to the “Grand Lodge Above”, and we had 203 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 2020**

No.	LODGE	Total Members Installations 2019	A	J	R	D	Ex	HM	Total Members Installations 2020
39	Eclectic	23	2	2	0	1	2	0	24
122	Percy	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
124	Union	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	21
250	Darlington	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
293	Industry	25	1	6	0	0	5	0	27
356	Dunelm	44	0	1	1	2	0	0	42
362	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	40	0	1	3	1	3	0	34
596	Auckland	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
605	Bede	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	27
701	Jarrow	31	1	3	2	0	0	0	33
718	Ravensworth	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	20
740	Harte	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	25
761	Hackworth	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	36
778	Barnard Castle	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
827	Unity	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
846	Steadfast	23	0	1	1	1	0	0	22
854	St. Andrew’s	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
860	Bernard Gilpin	21	2	1	0	0	0	0	24
896	Clavering	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
925	Moseley	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	25
929	William Todd	28	1	0	0	3	0	0	26
930	Castle Eden	26	0	2	2	2	1	0	23
981	Spennymoor	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	25
1015	Ernest Dixon	21	0	0	0	2	1	0	18
1055	Penshaw	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
1093	St. Lawrence	16	0	0	4	0	0	0	12
1106	Walton	28	1	0	1	1	0	0	27
1112	Elevation	22	0	0	1	3	0	0	18
1145	St. Aidan	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	19
1151	Cestria	53	3	0	1	3	0	0	52
1269	Ambrose Crowley	38	0	0	1	1	1	0	35
1271	Sportsman’s	14	0	31	9	0	0	0	36
1274	Staindrop	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
1339	Hebburn	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
1492	Durham L of I M	45	0	0	4	2	0	0	39
1511	St. Thomas	17	0	0	3	0	0	1	13
1551	Stanhope	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
1560	Ferryhill	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	26
1626	George Washington	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	13
1714	Ryton	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	31
1806	Chief of the Builders	72	1	3	2	0	0	0	74
1820	Provincial Stewards	26	0	0	2	1	0	0	23
1936	Indaba	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	22
		1136	16	53	43	30	13	1	1118

NB: Lodges shown in RED, are Lodges where the Warrant is “in Abeyance”.

Obituary (21).

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.

W.Bro. Ralph Howard Davidson	P.Prov.G.Reg.	Barnard Castle Lodge 778
W.Bro. Ian Craig Campbell	P.Prov.A.G,D.C.	St. Aidan Lodge 1145
Bro. Michael Cockerton		Cestria Lodge 1151
W.Bro. George Edgar	P.Prov.G.J.W.	Spennymoor Lodge 981
Bro. Alexander King		Hackworth Lodge 761
Bro. Norman Cooke		Ambrose Crowley Lodge 1269
W.Bro. John McCarthy	P.Prov.G.S.W.	Elevation Lodge 1112
Bro. Robert William Chisholm		William Todd Lodge 929
Bro. Raymond Harrison		St. Andrew's Lodge 854
W.Bro. David Benson	P.Prov.G.S.O.	Moseley Lodge 925
W.Bro. John William Scott	P.G.St.B.	Spennymoor Lodge 981
W.Bro. Robert Henry Greenman	P.Prov.G.S.D.	Ernest Dixon Lodge 1015
W.Bro. Peter Wiegold	P.Prov.G.J.W.	Auckland Lodge 596
Bro. Thomas Browlee		Jarrow Lodge 701
Bro. John David Bell		Ambrose Crowley Lodge 1269
W.Bro. Charles William Suttie	P.Prov.G.J.O.	Bernard Gilpin Lodge 860
W.Bro. John Brian Mitchinson	P.G.S.D.	Eclectic Lodge 39
W.Bro. Allan Sharpe Wilkinson	P.Prov.G.S.O.	Moseley Lodge 925
W.Bro. Frederick Lonergan Crawford	P.Prov.G.J.W.	Industry Lodge 293
Bro. James Franklin Bird		Moseley Lodge 925
W.Bro. George Martin	P.P.G.J.W.	Castle Eden 930

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

Visits to Other Provinces (1).

Since last June, due to the suspension of meetings, the Province has not been able to visit any Annual Meetings of other Provinces. However, the Provincial Grand Master will be 'zooming in' to the Worcestershire Annual Meeting on 12th June.

Other Events.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, and the subsequent suspension of Masonic Activities, I have to report that the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers have not attended any significant events in the past 12 months. However, it is worth recording that the Province 'celebrated' its Centenary; Percy Lodge 122 and Union Lodge 124 'celebrated' their Sesquicentenary; and Ravensworth Lodge 718 'celebrated' its Centenary.

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 very difficult 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. They have all executed their roles most efficiently, and I am indebted to them all.

Brethren at this point, I would normally hope that our annual pilgrimage to the Lancastrian Suite 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, 10th June 2021.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DURHAM
TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

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 2020.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a surplus for the year of £3,056.

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 £31,194 at the 31st December 2020, with the Special Reserve Fund standing at £5,178. Brethren the 2020 Centenary Fund which was established in 2015 shows a balance of £14,847, following the £30,000 donation made to the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund. All surplus funds continue to be invested in an Investment Account with our Bankers.

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

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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 2020 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Lodge's affairs as at 31 December 2020 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities including fraud is detailed below:

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit with regards to fraud are to design tailored and specific audit procedures to enable us to gather sufficient audit evidence. These tests are proportionate and appropriate to the Lodge in terms of assessed risk level and the nature of the entity's activities. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with those charged with governance.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements which applied to the Lodge, which we deemed to be the Lodge's Constitution and Bye-laws and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting reporting by Charities and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2015.)
- We obtained an understanding of how the Lodge had complied with these regulations by reviewing their treatment of transactions, reviewing minutes of meetings and discussing compliance with members.
- The risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error was assessed, and we deemed the entity to be low risk. The Lodge's Treasurer, who is deemed to have sufficient knowledge, works closely with the members who approve all transactions. We considered how fraud may occur within the financial statements and identified that the receipt of lodge dues and income from ties and tokens were susceptible to fraud or error. We designed our audit work to test the controls in place regarding the processing of these transactions and how these controls are capable of preventing or detecting fraud or error.
- Our audit procedures gathered evidence to support the claims of the members whilst maintaining professional scepticism to allow us to draw our own conclusion on the matter.

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.

Use of our report

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.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019
	£		£
Income			
Lodge Dues	4,306.00		4,519.60
Fees of Honour	810.00		990.00
Bank Interest	17.54		44.64
Centenary Income	4,825.50		24,472.00
Special Functions	1.50		0.45
Ties & Tokens	624.81		-
	<u>10,585.35</u>		<u>30,026.69</u>
 Expenditure			
Provincial Grand Lodge (Craft):			
Cost of Year Book	206.00		750.00
Centenary Expenses	31,645.00		-
Ties & Tokens	-		583.76
Administration Expenses:			
Printing & Stationery	276.05	408.67	
Postage & Telephone	240.00	51.61	
Sundries	168.44	226.16	
Audit	1,830.00	2,514.49	1,740.00
	<u>2,514.49</u>	<u>1,740.00</u>	2,426.44
 Annual Meeting	 (17.00)		 3,282.69
	<u>34,348.49</u>		<u>7,042.89</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure	 (23,763.14)		 22,983.80
 Transfer (to)/from Centenary Fund	 26,819.50		 (24,472.00)
	<u>3,056.36</u>		<u>(1,488.20)</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	 <u>3,056.36</u>		 <u>(1,488.20)</u>

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Regalia	1	4.00	4.00
Current Assets			
Stock	1,151.95	550.00	
Debtors	500.00	500.00	
Cash at Bank:			
Current Account	28,425.46	52,769.89	
Deposit Account – Barclays	22,427.70	52,505.11	76,230.05
	—————	52,509.11	—————
		76,234.05	
Creditors:- amounts falling due within one year		(1,290.00)	(1,251.80)
		—————	—————
Total Net Assets		<u>51,219.11</u>	<u>74,982.25</u>
 Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2020	28,137.43	29,625.63	
Surplus for the Year	(23,763.14)	22,983.80	
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account	26,819.50	(24,472.00)	
	—————	31,193.79	—————
Balance at 31 December 2020		31,193.79	28,137.43
 Special Reserve Account			
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Balance at 1 January 2020	5,178.46	5,178.46	
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account	-	-	
	—————	5,178.46	—————
Balance at 31 December 2020		5,178.46	5,178.46
 2020 Centenary Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2020	3 41,666.36	17,194.36	
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account	(26,819.50)	24,472.00	
Balance at 31 December 2020	—————	14,846.86	41,666.36
		—————	—————
		<u>51,219.11</u>	<u>74,982.25</u>

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1.	Fixed Assets	Regalia £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	783.84	-	783.84
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	779.84	-	779.84
	Net Book Value			
	At 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2020	<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. This fund will be transferred to the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund.

4. **Related Party**

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

5. **Other Matters**

Covid-19

Covid-19 has had an impact on the income and expenditure account this year as Centenary events and the annual AGM were cancelled due to lockdown restrictions. The AGM was held via Zoom to discuss the financial statements for the prior year.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM
BENEVOLENT FUND
REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020

I am pleased to report that in spite of living with the financial and social implications of a pandemic, the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund has risen to the occasion and celebrated the centenary of our Mark Province in style. A magnificent donation of £30,000 from the Centenary Fund, under the chairmanship of V W Bro Frank Rankin, assisted the Benevolent Fund in donating £1,000 to each of the good causes nominated by our 64 Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. This project, inspired by the wish of the Provincial Grand Master to benefit young people, was completed early in the year in the hope that it could be celebrated at our Centenary Dinner but sadly this event has fallen victim to lockdown restrictions. However, a glance at the names of the beneficiaries, listed in the January 2021 Newsletter, together with the knowledge that £1,000 would make a real difference to each of them, should fill our members with pride in the fact that we have marked our centenary well.

Our other fundraising activity has been unavoidably depleted this year but a 4% return on our investments was reasonable in the circumstances. The income from Lodge donations suffered a dramatic fall but was saved by a £1,442 donation from Staindrop Lodge in the form of a final distribution of assets and we thank its former members for remembering the Benevolent Fund. We must also mention and thank the organisers of the Money Draw for their wonderful contribution of £2,700, the Durham Masonic Caravan and Camping Club for donating £200 and we cannot let the occasion pass without acknowledging a further £200 from the John and Marion Scott raffles. John's stated aim was always that his raffles should benefit the Benevolent Fund and his passing late in the year will be a great loss to the festive board fun at future Provincial Deputation visits.

Our main charitable giving this year has included the following:

Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancs	£6,000
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham	
- 2021 Craft Festival (8 th of 9)	£2,500
Centenary Grants	£64,000
Heel and Toe	£1,000

And many smaller grants to worthy causes including the distribution of PPE to local hospices sourced from a Mark Master Mason in Kent at no cost to our Fund.

The bulk of our investments are held in an Investment Trust designed especially for the charity sector and have provided income this year of £11,216 and an unrealised loss in market value of £48,236. Overall, our total funds have decreased in this eventful year by £82,446 to £318,218 at 31st December 2020.

It is proposed to make the following donations:

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey	£6,000
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham	£2,500
- 2021 Craft Festival (9 th of 9)	
Mark Benevolent Fund	£10,000
(Brought forward from 2020)	

In many respects this has been a difficult year but the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund has continued to relieve distress and 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 Hanson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Chairman

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income			
Donations and legacies	2		
Lodges		1,742.56	1,600.00
Voluntary Contributions		2,900.00	7,335.49
Centenary fund		30,000.00	-
Investment income	3	11,518.22	14,347.97
Festival Badge Sales		-	30.00
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Total income		<u>46,160.78</u>	<u>23,313.46</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Grants payable	4		
Emergency grants		2,000.00	1,300.00
Northumberland Mark Benevolent fund		119.97	-
Silver Tree Primary School		500.00	-
Heel and Toe		1,000.00	-
Building self belief		500.00	-
Enter CIC		500.00	-
S. Roundsmith		500.00	-
St Benedict's Hospice		730.00	-
St Johns Ambulance		500.00	600.00
Integrating Children		-	1,000.00
Shaw Trust		-	500.00
Useful Vision		-	1,000.00
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham 2021 Festival		2,500.00	2,500.00
Mark Benevolent Fund – East Lancashire		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
Dipton War Memorials		-	250.00
Bishop Auckland Hospital Mural		-	500.00
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
Centenary grants	5	64,000.00	-
Management and administration		1,520.00	1,400.00
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Total expenditure		<u>80,369.97</u>	<u>21,600.00</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(34,209.19)	1,713.46
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments		(48,236.97)	39,621.66
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Net movement in funds for the year		<u>(82,446.16)</u>	<u>41,335.12</u>
Total funds at 1 January 2020		400,574.68	359,239.56
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		<u>318,128.52</u>	<u>400,574.68</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note		2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets				
Investments	7		229,792.43	278,029.40
Current Assets				
Debtors	8	-	-	-
Bank Balances and Cash		89,467.55	123,676.74	
		<u>89,467.55</u>	<u>123,676.74</u>	
Current Liabilities	9	(1,131.46)	(1,131.46)	
Net Current Assets			<u>88,336.09</u>	<u>122,545.28</u>
Net Assets			<u>318,128.52</u>	<u>400,574.68</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds	11		<u>318,128.52</u>	<u>400,574.68</u>
			<u>318,128.52</u>	<u>400,574.68</u>

Provincial Officers 2021-2022
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.G.J.O.	Cestria	No. 1151
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Rodney Kerr	Stanhope	No. 1551
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain Phillip Alan Carter, P.A.G.Swd.B.	St. Andrew's	No. 854
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary Graham Wharton, P.A.G.D.C.	Steadfast	No. 846
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Garry Quinn, P.G.J.D.	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

Lewis Curry

Thomas Reed

Industry

Jarrow

Shipley

No. 293

No. 701

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.A.G.D.C.

Kenneth Urquhart Robson, P.A.G.D.C.

David John Anderson, Prov.A.G.D.C.

Andrew David Watson

Ryton

Wouldhave Tyne Dock

Cestria

Steadfast

No. 1714

No. 362

No. 1151

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

Stan Hunter

Stephen James Blain

Gary Walker

Bede

Hackworth

Spennymoor

Cestria

No. 605

No. 761

No. 981

No. 1151

Provincial Grand Tyler

John Bernard Martin Schoolkate, P.A.G.Swd.B.

Ravensworth

No. 718

Provincial Officers 2021-2022

Promotions

Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden

Laurence Curry, P.P.G.J.W.	Bede	No. 605
David John Brydon, P.P.G.J.W.	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
Thomas William Kenneth Smith, P.P.G.J.W.	St. Aidan	No. 1145

Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden

Gary Metcalfe, P.P.G.S.O.	Dunelm	No. 356
Gordon Hall Finch, P.P.G.J.O.	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	No. 362
Andrew Jolly, P.P.G.M.O.	Auckland	No. 596
Derek William Cornforth, P.P.G.M.O.	Harte	No. 740
Keith Haddon, P.P.G.M.O.	Unity	No. 827
Basil Raine, P.P.G.S.O.	Steadfast	No. 846
John Robert MacDonald, P.P.G.J.O.	St. Andrew's	No. 854
Peter James Bambrough, P.P.G.S.O.	Spennymoor	No. 981
Brian Stuart Hall, P.P.G.M.O.	Walton	No. 1106
George Ernest Bull, P.P.G.S.O.	Ferryhill	No. 1560

Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer

Thomas Neil Hugill, P.P.G.S.O.	Darlington	No. 250
John Johnston Stevenson, P.P.G.I.Wks.	Industry	No. 293
Neil Kevin Garrett, P.P.G.J.O.	Moseley	No. 925

Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer

John Marshall, P.P.G.Reg.	Hackworth	No. 761
Brian Lancaster, P.P.G.Reg.	Ryton	No. 1714

Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer

Frederick John Francis Rooney, P.P.G.Reg.	Eclectic	No. 39
Michael McTavy, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	No. 362
David Kyle, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Jarrow	No. 701
Gregory Chaytors, P.P.G.I.Wks.	Barnard Castle	No. 778
Dennis Bartholomew, P.P.G.I.Wks.	Castle Eden	No. 930
Philip Nicholas Stephenson, P.P.G.Reg.	St. Lawrence	No. 1093
Philip John Appleby, P.P.G.Reg.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
Aubrey Thomas Best, P.P.G.Reg.	Stanhope	No. 1551

Past Provincial Grand Registrar

Philip Quinn, P.P.G.S.D.	Eclectic	No. 39
David Pattinson, P.P.G.J.D.	Industry	No. 293
Joseph William Pearson Dodson, P.P.G.Stwd.	Dunelm	No. 356
Frank Wood, P.P.G.Swd.B.	Dunelm	No. 356
Stephen Winn, P.P.G.J.D.	Auckland	No. 596
Trevor Thompson, P.P.G.S.D.	Bede	No. 605
Ian Phipps, P.P.G.J.D.	Jarrow	No. 701
John Michael Burdess, P.P.G.Stwd.	Barnard Castel	No. 778
Christopher Thomas Houfe, P.P.G.S.D.	Steadfast	No. 846
William James Bell, P.P.G.Stwd.	St. Andrew's	No. 854
Colin George Richardson, P.P.G.Stwd.	Moseley	No. 925
Ian Atkinson, P.P.G.S.D.	Elevation	No. 1112
Edward Yeoman, P.P.G.S.D.	St. Aidan	No. 1145
Alan Coxon, P.P.G.S.D.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
Joseph William Gray, P.P.G.I.G.	Ryton	No. 1714

Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon

Keith Thompson, P.P.G.I.G.	Stanhope	No. 1551
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..... **R.W.Bro. Prof. D.K. Wilson, Provincial Grand Master**

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