

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE**

**OF**

**MARK MASTER MASONS**

**OF**

**DURHAM**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE 102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Held in the  
LANCASTRIAN SUITE,  
THE FED,  
LANCASTER ROAD,  
DUNSTON.**

**WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2022**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE**  
**OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM**  
**ANNUAL MEETING 2022.**

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham was held in the Lancastrian Suite, The Fed, Lancaster Road, Dunston, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 when 221 Brethren signed the attendance sheets.

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

The following Grand Officers were present:

W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.G.S.D., Dep.P.G.M.; W.Bro. R.T. Lynn P.G.J.D., Asst.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. F.A. Rankin P.G.M.O., P.Dep.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. D. Guy P.G.J.O., P.Dep.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. S.A.R. Ingram P.G.J.O., P.Asst.P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. P.P. Paterson, P.G.M.O., V.W. Bros. K. Dinning, A. Cuthbertson, A. Craven, R.N. Neville, M. Davis, K. Liddell, and G. Crossley Snr. P.G.J.O.; W.Bros. G. Clark, J. Bulmer, N.E. Heaviside, P.G.S.D.; W.Bros. L. Bell, R.S. Hodgson, I. Morrison, M. Graham Snr, F. Piggford, J.R. Bayles, D. Quickmire, K.I. Anderson, G.J. Mitchinson, J.M. Nye, J.T. Dodds, G.S. Savage, A. Gurney, J.A. Easton, K.P. Dale, G. Quinn, D. Marshall, and A. Monkhouse, P.G.J.D.; W.Bros. A. Cuthbertson, M. Cuthbertson, R.G. Snaith, M. Maddison, R.J. Hargate, R.T. Watson, G. Paylor, B. Kennedy, M. Graham Jnr., M. Rankin, L. Danby, P. Harrison, L.A. Young, K.U. Robson, M. Ross, J. Awdas, M. Daws, R. Forsyth, W.H. Carlyon, R.R. Tonner, R.F. Knight, A. Prest, M.J. Graham, L. Baker, and G. Wharton, P.A.G.D.C.; W.Bros. K.L. Robson, R.W. Emerson, J.M.B. Schoolkate, and A. Crusher P.A.G.Swd.B; W.Bros. A. Wordingham, F.A. Shaftoe, W. Norwood, L. Howarth, A.J. Clark, S. Bell, and L.J. Ayers, P.G.St.B.; W. Bro. M.J. Wilkinson, P.G.Stwd. (72)

**Distinguished Guests paraded in before the Opening (38):**

**Cumberland & Westmorland**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	Keith	Hodgson
Dep.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	Barry	Kirkbride
Asst.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	Douglas Graham	Sanderson
Prov.G.Sec.	W. Bro.	Peter John	Sacre
Prov.G.Reg.	V.W. Bro.	David Richardson	Robinson
Prov.G.D.C.	W. Bro.	Phillip	Carruthers
Dep.Prov.G.D.C.	W. Bro.	Richard John	Benn
P.G.J.O.	V.W. Bro.	Eric	Holmes

**West Yorkshire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	James	Steggles
Asst.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	John	Vause
Prov.G.D.C.	W. Bro.	Andrew John	Brown

**North & East Yorkshire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	David Robert	Clancey
Asst.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	John David	Jennings
Prov.G.Sec.	W. Bro.	Geoffrey	Nicholson
Prov.G.J.W.	W. Bro.	John Henzell	Hemy
Prov.G.Chap.	W. Bro.	Maurice	Hatton
P.A.G.D.C.	W. Bro.	David William	Kirkham

**West Lancashire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	Keith Alan	Beardmore
D.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	Geoffrey Herbert	Lee

**North Wales**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	John Stanley	Evans
Dep.P.G.M.	W. Bro.	Phillip Joseph	Edwards
Prov.G.Sec.	W. Bro.	Colin Anthony	Lemin

### **Northumberland**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	Raymond Arthur	Walton
Dep.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	Richard	Northey
Asst.P.G.M.	W. Bro	Paul Oliver	Hilditch
Dep.Prov.G.Sec.	W. Bro.	Robert George	Angus
Asst.Prov.G.Sec. (Des)	Bro.	John	Murray

### **Nottinghamshire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	Christopher Colin	Adkin
P.Dep.P.G.M.	V.W. Bro.	Geoffrey Brian	Tindall

### **East Lancashire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	John Hartley	Smith
Asst.P.G.M.	W. Bro.	Kevin Michael	Reaney
Prov.G.Sec.	W. Bro.	Andrew John	Hickson

### **Derbyshire**

P.G.M.	R.W. Bro.	Graeme	Hutchinson
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### **Lincolnshire**

Dep.P.G.M.	W. Bro.	Stephen	Roberts
Asst.P.G.M.	W. Bro.	Jacob Johannis	Geelhoed
Prov.G.D.C.	V.W. Bro.	Keith Ollerton	Robinson

### **Cheshire**

Asst.P.G.M.	W. Bro.	John David	Miller
Prov.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	Derek Joseph	Walsh

In addition, 110 Durham Brethren attended the meeting.

#### **1. Opening of Provincial Grand Lodge**

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 2-55pm.

#### **2. Representatives of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges**

The Representatives of the 22 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges paraded into Provincial Grand Lodge, forming the traditional triangle. The Representative of Rockcliffe RAM Lodge No. 362, W.Bro. J. Gollagly, addressed the Provincial Grand Master, giving their Pledge of Allegiance. The PGM acknowledged their presence, and welcomed them to join him in this Provincial Grand Lodge.

#### **3. Obituary**

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then called upon W. Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn P.G.J.D. Asst.P.G.M., to announce the Obituary. W.Bro. Lynn read the list of the 30 Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above since the previous annual meeting in 2021. He then called upon the Assistant Grand Chaplain to deliver an Obituary prayer.

#### **Welcome**

The Provincial Grand Master then welcomed the Past Rulers of the Mark Province of Durham. He then went on to welcome all the distinguished guests from other Provinces, the current and past rulers of the Craft in the Province of Durham, and the Heads of Other Orders in the Province of Durham. The brethren were then invited to show their acclamation in the usual manner.

The Provincial Grand Master then requested the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W.Bro. T.J. Sheehan, Worshipful Master of Ferryhill Lodge No. 1560 to him. W.Bro. Sheehan was so presented, and returned the Travelling Gavel to the Provincial Grand Master's care for the duration of the Annual Meeting. The Provincial Grand Master then explained that, due to the pandemic, Ferryhill Lodge 1560 had held the Travelling Gavel for nearly 3 years, and that he was looking forward to other Lodges claiming it in the coming months.

#### **4. Salutations**

Appropriate Salutations and Proclamations were conducted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Mike Davis P.G.J.O.

## 5. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham held on the ZOOM platform on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, which had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and published on the Provincial Website, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed on the motion of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Mark Julian Gilpin, and seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. John Strachan Denham.

## 6. Letters of Apology

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced receipt of many letters of apology from Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Secretaries.

Apologies were also received from the following Brethren of the Province of Durham:

V.W. Bro. Rev'd D.A. Wright	V.W. Bro. F. Richardson	V.W. Bro. J.W. Warren
W.Bro. S.S. Beattie	W. Bro. J. Kay	W.Bro. K.E.C. Howe
W.Bro. J.B. Gibson	W.Bro. W.S. Malcolm	W.Bro. L. Nevin
W.Bro. D. Youngson	W.Bro. P.A. Carter	W.Bro. G.D. Taylor
W.Bro. J. Arthur	W.Bro. P.G. Wilkie	W.Bro. L. Woodhouse
W.Bro. L.H. Stewart	W.Bro. E.T. Hall	W.Bro. B. Eltringham
W.Bro. P. Dunn	W. Bro. R.G. Scott	W.Bro. S. Pounder
W.Bro. D.J. Kay	W.Bro. R.W. Plumb	W.Bro. T. Reed
W.Bro. R. March	W.Bro. P.D. Rann	W.Bro. M.A. Jacques

## 7. Roll of Provincial Grand Officers

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that all of the Current Acting Provincial Grand Officers were present, with the exception of 4, who had all tendered apologies for good reasons.

## 8. Roll of Mark Lodges

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that all of the 40 Mark Lodges in the Province were represented at the Meeting, and that satisfactory reports had been received from each of them.

## 9. Provincial Grand Secretary's Report

The Provincial Grand Secretary's Report had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and had been published on the Provincial Website. (Copy of the Report printed below).

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.G.S.D. proposed, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R.T. Lynn P.G.J.D. seconded the proposition, that the Provincial Grand Secretary's Report be taken as read and accepted. This proposal was carried.

## 10. 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 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 the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts be received, 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.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then proposed the Provincial By-Law 12 be altered to replace the words "a firm of Auditors" with the words "Independent Examiners" for the year 2023 onwards. This proposal was seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried.

Finally, following the Notice of Motion given at last year's annual meeting, the Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed that Provincial Dues be increased from £4-50 per member to £5-00 per member for Mark Lodges, and from £5 per RAM Lodge to £20 per RAM Lodge. This proposal was also carried.

## 11. Report of Benevolent Committee

The Minutes of the Benevolent Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022, and accompanying Accounts, had been circulated via Lodge Secretaries, and had been published on the Provincial Website. Therefore, W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.G.S.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Chairman of the Benevolent Committee, read out his Report of the year 2021. He commended it to the Brethren for adoption, which was duly done. (See accompanying Report and Accounts below).

The recommendations which had been made by the Benevolent Committee, and which were contained within the Report, were thus accepted by the assembled Brethren.

### Donations:

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson, then presented a cheque for £6,000 to R.W. Bro. J. Steggle (West Yorkshire) towards the 2022 M.B.F. Festival. R.W. Bro. Steggle thanked the Provincial Grand Master, and the Mark Master Masons of Durham, for their generosity.

## **2029 Festival:**

The Provincial Grand Master then referred to the M.B.F. 2029 which is to be hosted by the Province of Durham and asked W.Bro. D.N. Hanson P.G.S.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Chairman of the Festival Committee, to give his report as to what had taken place so far. He confirmed that the 2029 Festival would be launched in early 2023, and ran through the names of those he had selected to form the Festival Committee. He also referred to the continuous giving forms on the chairs of attendees.

## **12. 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.

## **13. 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 seconded the proposition, that Torgersens Chartered Accountants, of Somerford Buildings, Norfolk Street, Sunderland be elected Auditors for the ensuing year. This proposal was carried.

## **14. Reappointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.**

The Provincial Grand Master reappointed W. Bro. David Nigel Hanson P.G.S.D. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

## **15. Reappointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Master.**

The Provincial Grand Master reappointed W.Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn P.G.J.D. as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year.

## **16. Appointment of Officers**

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded with the Investiture of Provincial Officers. (See accompanying list below). Salutations to the newly appointed officers were conducted by V.W. Bro. M. Davis, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

## **17. Provincial Grand Master's Address**

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Meeting.

At the end of his Address, the Provincial Grand Master asked the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W.Bro. T.J. Sheehan, Worshipful Master of Ferryhill Lodge No. 1560. The Provincial Grand Master then presented the Travelling Gavel to Ferryhill Lodge, charging them to hold it until such times as a Visiting Lodge was able to wrest it from them.

## **18. Collection**

A collection was taken for the Mark Benevolent Fund, which when enhanced by Gift Aid Tax relief, gave a total amount of £1,661-95.

## **19. Any other business**

The Provincial Grand Master confirmed that his co-opted member onto the Finance and General Purposes Committee was V.W. Bro. Frank Alexander Rankin P.G.M.O. He then confirmed that next year's meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Provincial Grand Secretary then thanked all Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Scribes, and the many members who had contacted him during his recent illness, and thanked them for their kind wishes. He then went on to pay tribute to the Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary who had so ably stood in for him during this time, and had taken so much of the workload off his shoulders.

## **20. Vote of Thanks**

W.Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, gave the Vote of Thanks, in which he thanked the members of the Secretariat, the members of the DC's Team, and all the volunteers who had turned up early to help, for their hard work and commitment to making the day a success.

## **21. Closing of Provincial Grand Lodge**

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 4-52pm. The Brethren joined in singing the first verse of the National Anthem.

The exit procession was formed by V.W. Bro. Mike Davis, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

*Allan Gurney,*

P.G.J.D., 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**

Brethren, I present my fourth Report to the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. As you will see from the items listed below, the return to Masonic Meetings as of September 2021 has been very full and enjoyable, with a variety of Provincial Visits arranged. The Pandemic, although in no way over, is at least now allowing us to reconvene in our Lodges, and get back to what Mark Masons do best – have fun and enjoy ourselves. I can say that the general administration of the Province has continued to the normal set deadlines, and I rely on the various Lodge Secretaries to assist me in those matters, and I look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

On a personal level, as you all know by now, the last few months have not been easy with my cancer diagnosis coming as a sudden and complete shock, and the sudden upheaval caused to my lifestyle. At this point in time, can I state that I have no plans to step down as Provincial Grand Secretary. Neither has the Provincial Grand Master asked me to do so. I was back at my desk the day after leaving hospital, and am able to do a little more each day as I get stronger. In the meantime, I will not be attending any Lodge meetings to which I cannot walk, as I am currently not allowed to drive. However, I must put on record my thanks to the many Lodge Secretaries, and ordinary Lodge members, who have contacted me by text, phone or email. These ‘conversations’ were a great source of comfort, especially during my 13 days in hospital staring at the same piece of blank, yellow painted wall!. I hope to return to full fitness by September, if not a little earlier.

#### **Lodge Visits (15).**

The Provincial Grand Master very much appreciates the support from his Team of Active Provincial Officers which has enabled him to accept invitations to make Provincial Team Visits to the following Mark Lodges:

Percy 122 (delayed Sesquicentenary); Union 124 (delayed Sesquicentenary); Dunelm 356; Auckland 596 (50 year Certificate); Ravensworth 718 (delayed Centenary); Harte 740 (Centenary); Ernest Dixon 1015; Penshaw 1055 (50 year Certificate); Elevation 1112 (50 year Certificate); St. Aidan 1145 (50 year Certificate); Cestria 1151; Durham I.M.M. 1492; St. Thomas 1511 (return of Warrant); Ferryhill 1560 (Wardens’ Night); Indaba 1936 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).

#### **Installations.**

Since September, many Lodges have held their normal Installation Meeting, at which the Provincial Grand Master was represented by a cohort of willing volunteers from amongst the Provincial Wardens and Grand Lodge Officers. I am indebted to them all for completing their Report Forms conscientiously, speedily, and to a high standard.

#### **Mark Grand Lodge Honours.**

With effect from Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Leslie Baker, St. Andrew’s Lodge 854
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Robert William Emerson, Walton Lodge 1106
Past Grand Standard Bearer	Lewis John Ayers, Harte Lodge 740

With effect from Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Most Worshipful Grand Master will be pleased to make the following appointments to Brethren from this Province:

Past Grand Junior Warden	Frank Alexander Rankin, Ambrose Crowley Lodge 1269
Past Grand Junior Overseer	George Clark, Ryton Lodge 1714
Past Grand Junior Deacon	Arthur Joseph Clark, Cestria 1151

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021)**

The Membership at the end of 2016 was 1233. Last year (2020), it had fallen to 1092. This year we have lost a net total of 62 memberships. This decrease represents a further decrease of 5.68% over the last year; and a total decrease of 16.22% over the last 5 years. If we consider that over the 5 year period, 126 Brethren have passed to the “Grand Lodge Above”, and we had 242 resignations, and we have had Covid to deal with, then clearly, ‘resignations’ are still a major issue. All resignations are followed up by contact from either the Deputy or

the Assistant P.G.M., and it is imperative that details of all intended resignations are sent to Province as soon as Lodge Secretaries are informed of them – a follow-up phone call is useless several weeks later. The one real shaft of light at the end of the tunnel is that, due to Covid, we have had hardly any new members advanced into the Order. Now that we are back to full meeting lists, these new members are now beginning to come through. It is up to you, Brethren, to ensure that it continues.

## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham

### Summary of Annual Returns of Lodges Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

No.	LODGE	Total Members Installation 2020	A	J	R	D	Ex	HM	Total Members Installation 2021
39	Eclectic	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
122	Percy	21	0	2	1	1	0	0	21
124	Union	21	0	1	0	1	1	0	20
250	Darlington	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
293	Industry	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	26
356	Dunelm	42	0	0	2	0	0	0	40
362	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	34	0	0	1	0	0	0	33
596	Auckland	22	0	0	1	1	0	0	20
605	Bede	27	0	0	2	0	0	0	25
701	Jarrow	33	0	0	0	2	3	0	28
718	Ravensworth	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
740	Harte	25	0	0	2	1	0	0	22
761	Hackworth	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	35
778	Barnard Castle	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
827	Unity	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
846	Steadfast	22	0	0	1	1	0	0	22
854	St. Andrew's	30	0	0	1	1	0	1	27
860	Bernard Gilpin	24	0	1	1	2	0	0	22
896	Clavering	28	0	0	4	0	0	0	24
925	Moseley	25	0	0	1	4	0	0	20
929	William Todd	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	25
930	Castle Eden	23	0	0	3	0	0	0	20
981	Spennymoor	25	0	0	1	2	0	0	22
1015	Ernest Dixon	18	0	0	1	1	0	0	16
1055	Penshaw	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	18
1093	St. Lawrence	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
1106	Walton	27	0	0	2	0	0	1	24
1112	Elevation	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	16
1145	St. Aidan	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	17
1151	Cestria	52	0	0	2	0	0	0	50
1269	Ambrose Crowley	35	0	1	2	0	0	0	32
1271	Sportsman's	36	2	4	2	0	0	0	40
1492	Durham L of I M	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	38
1511	St. Thomas	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
1551	Stanhope	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
1560	Ferryhill	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	25
1626	George Washington	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
1714	Ryton	31	0	0	1	0	1	0	29
1806	Chief of the Builders	74	0	0	2	1	0	0	71
1820	Provincial Stewards	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	22
1936	Indaba	22	0	0	2	0	0	0	20
		1092	2	10	39	26	6	3	1030

**NB: Lodges shown in RED, are Lodges where the Warrant is “in Abeyance”, or the Lodge has now officially closed.**

## **Obituary.**

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.

<b>R.W. Bro. Stephen Davison</b>	<b>Assistant Grand Master</b>	
<b>V.W. Bro. James Edward Harker</b>	<b>P.Prov.D.G.M.</b>	<b>Bede Lodge 605</b>
<b>W.Bro. John Connelly</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.O.</b>	<b>Ambrose Crowley Lodge 1269</b>
<b>W.Bro. David Loughrey</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.O.</b>	<b>Harte Lodge 740</b>
<b>W.Bro. James Cole</b>	<b>P.P.G.Reg.</b>	<b>William Todd Lodge 929</b>
<b>W.Bro. Sydney Harrison</b>	<b>P.P.A.G.Chap.</b>	<b>Jarrow Lodge 701</b>
<b>W.Bro. Alan William Stapleton</b>	<b>P.P.G.St.B.</b>	<b>Hackworth Lodge 761</b>
<b>W.Bro. Graeme William Telford</b>	<b>P.P.G.S.D.</b>	<b>Castle Eden Lodge 930</b>
<b>W.Bro. Charles Lindsay Johnson</b>		<b>Barnard Castle Lodge 778</b>
<b>W.Bro. John Brockett Harrison</b>		<b>Auckland Lodge 596</b>
<b>W.Bro. Joseph William White</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.W.</b>	<b>Hackworth Lodge 761</b>
<b>W.Bro. Raymond Norman Dinning</b>	<b>P.G.J.D.</b>	<b>Shipleigh Lodge 1271</b>
<b>W.Bro. John Michael Burdess</b>	<b>P.P.G.Reg.</b>	<b>Barnard Castle Lodge 778</b>
<b>W.Bro. Phillip James Etherington</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.O.</b>	<b>Steadfast Lodge 846</b>
<b>W.Bro. Maurice Edwin Cooper</b>		<b>Dunelm Lodge 356</b>
<b>W.Bro. Leonard Armstrong</b>		<b>Percy Lodge 122</b>
<b>W.Bro. Lawrence Tinkler</b>	<b>P.A.G.D.C.</b>	<b>Cestria Lodge 1151</b>
<b>W.Bro. Arthur Stonehouse</b>	<b>P.P.G.Swd.B.</b>	<b>Industry Lodge 293</b>
<b>Bro. Ronald Read Dodds</b>		<b>Spennymoor Lodge</b>
<b>W.Bro. Eric Thompson</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.W.</b>	<b>Hackworth Lodge 761</b>
<b>W.Bro. Raymond Oxley</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.O.</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Lodge 854</b>
<b>W.Bro. Raymond Armstrong</b>	<b>P.G.St.B.</b>	<b>Spennymoor Lodge 981</b>
<b>W.Bro. Thomas William Kenneth Smith</b>	<b>P.G.S.W.</b>	<b>St. Aidan Lodge 1145</b>
<b>W.Bro. Albert Williamson</b>		<b>Jarrow Lodge 701</b>
<b>W.Bro. Robert Main</b>	<b>P.P.G.M.O.</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Lodge 854</b>
<b>Bro. Roy John Tozer</b>		<b>Harte Lodge 740</b>
<b>W.Bro. Brian Michael Tweddle</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.W.</b>	<b>Harte Lodge 740</b>
<b>W.Bro. Leslie Dobson</b>	<b>P.G.St.B.</b>	<b>Eclectic Lodge 39</b>
<b>W.Bro. Ronald Clark</b>	<b>P.P.G.S.O.</b>	<b>Indaba Lodge 1936</b>
<b>W.Bro. Brian Dove</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.W.</b>	<b>Indaba Lodge 1936</b>
<b>W.Bro. William Tyers</b>	<b>P.P.G.J.W.</b>	<b>St. Aidan Lodge 1145</b>

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



### **Visits to Other Provinces (11).**

Since last August, the Provincial Grand Master accompanied by members of his Senior Team, have visited the Annual Meetings of other Provinces as listed below:

Cumberland and Westmorland; North & East Yorkshire; Cheshire; Lincolnshire; Nottinghamshire; West Yorkshire; Derbyshire; West Lancashire; Leicestershire and Rutland; East Lancashire; and North Wales.

### **Other Events.**

As well as the Sesquicentenaries, Centenaries, and presentations of several 50 year Certificates listed , above, about 35 members of the Province visited Grand Lodge in September for the combined Appointments and Promotions meeting, and it was very pleasing to see such support for the recipients.

In February the Annual Wardens' Dinner was again held at Ferryhill Masonic Chambers, and once again, was an excellent evening organised by John Dodds and John Nye.

In May, the Grand Officers' Dinner was revived at Ferryhill, and was an excellent evening run by John Nye and John Dodds, with over 60 people booked in. This was open to Grand Officers from both the Mark and RAM Degrees.

### **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. David Battensby, and also to W.Bro. Ian Heaviside who has assisted in various tasks when required. They have all executed their roles most efficiently, and I am indebted to them all.

Brethren, it will be a great relief to renew our annual pilgrimage to the Lancastrian Suite Conference Centre in June. I am sure it will again prove to be a great success, and that everyone will have a most enjoyable day. Fortunately, although it has not been a normal year, we are at least beginning to return to something like normal in terms of our meetings and other activities. So for now, Brethren, I wish you all well, and may the Great Overseer of the Universe look kindly upon us all, and grant you good health throughout the coming year.

*Allan Gurney* P.G.J.D.,

**Provincial Grand Secretary, 1st June 2022.**

# **THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DURHAM**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2021**

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 2021.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a surplus for the year of £200.

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 £31,394 at the 31st December 2021, with the Special Reserve Fund standing at £5,178.

Brethren the 2020 Centenary Fund which was established in 2015 shows a balance of £11,347, following the 4,000 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 2021**

**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 2021 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 2021 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**

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

#### **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 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**

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

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.

**Somerford Buildings  
Norfolk Street  
Sunderland  
SR1 1EE**

**Alison Henshaw FCCA  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
Torgersens  
Statutory Auditors  
and Chartered Accountants**

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

#### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Lodge Dues	2,310.50	4,306.00
Fees of Honour	300.00	810.00
Bank Interest	2.24	17.54
Centenary Income	500.00	4,825.50
Special Functions	-	1.50
Ties & Tokens	842.39	624.81
	<u>3,955.13</u>	<u>10,585.35</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Provincial Grand Lodge (Craft):		
Cost of Year Book	246.00	206.00
Centenary Expenses	4,000.00	31,645.00

Ties & Tokens		-		-
Administration Expenses:				
Printing & Stationery	265.00		276.05	
Postage & Telephone	50.00		240.00	
Sundries	293.99		168.44	
Audit	2,400.00	3,008.99	1,830.00	2,514.49
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Annual Meeting		-		(17.00)
		<u>7,254.99</u>		<u>34,348.49</u>
Deficit of Income over Expenditure		(3,299.86)		(23,763.14)
Transfer from Centenary Fund		3,500.00		26,819.50
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
Surplus for the Year		<u>200.14</u>		<u>3,056.36</u>

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM

### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Regalia	1	4.00	4.00
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		1,114.34	1,151.95
Debtors		867.00	500.00
Cash at Bank:			
Current Account		25,441.97	28,425.46
Deposit Account – Barclays		22,429.94	22,427.70
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		49,857.25	52,509.11
<b>Creditors:-</b> amounts falling due within one year		(1,938.00)	(1,290.00)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>47,919.25</u>	<u>51,219.11</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
Balance at 1 January 2021		31,193.79	28,137.43
Deficit for the Year		(3,299.86)	(23,763.14)
Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		3,500.00	26,819.50
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at 31 December 2021		31,393.93	31,193.79
<b>Special Reserve Account</b>			
Balance at 1 January 2021	2	5,178.46	5,178.46
Transfer (to)/from Income & Expenditure Account		-	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at 31 December 2021		5,178.46	5,178.46

**2020 Centenary Fund**

Balance at 1 January 2021	3	14,846.86		41,666.36	
Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account		(3,500.00)		(26,819.50)	
Balance at 31 December 2021		<u>          </u>	11,346.86	<u>          </u>	14,846.86
			<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
			<u>47,919.25</u>		<u>51,219.11</u>

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DURHAM****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b>1. Fixed Assets</b>			<b>Regalia</b>	<b>Computer</b>	<b>Total</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>£</b>
				<b>£</b>	
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021			783.84	-	783.84
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021			779.84	-	779.84
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2021			<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 ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

As we move into a period of preparation for our 2029 Festival, due to be launched in January 2023, I am pleased to report that the finances of the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund for the year to 31st December 2021 show a considerably improved position compared to the previous year. The country is slowly recovering from the pandemic and the various lockdowns and whilst 2020 was a year to remember as our Centenary Year, with grants of £1,000 to each of 64 charities and organisations supporting young people, it was a year to forget for the £48k loss in the value of our investments.

Donations by Lodges, which was formerly our primary source of income, was slightly up at £2,536 but well down on levels seen in recent years. We recognise and accept that for the next few years there will be little improvement in this position as the Festival inevitably takes precedence. A donation of £4,000 was received from the Centenary Fund at the request of the Durham Mark Executive to compensate for the loss of income after the cancellation of the annual Gala Dinner together with its associated Money Draw. Other voluntary contributions to our Fund consisted of generous donations from caring brethren, including several from the families of those who have recently departed. Again we make special mention of John Scott's widow Marion who continued John's great support by choosing to donate his funeral collection of £170 to the Benevolent Fund. With a mixture of gratitude and sadness we also thank the brethren of Shipley Lodge for the donation of their closure funds totalling £246.

Our major source of income now comes in the form of dividends on our investments which this year totalled £12,492 representing a return of over 5%. This of course is largely due to the legacy of the late R W Bro J Harold Easton and it is a timely moment to express our great appreciation for his gesture which has enabled us to continue our charitable activities in spite of falling revenues.

Our main charitable giving this year has included:

Province of Surrey £6,000

Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham £2,500 (2021 Craft Festival 9th of 9 )

Mark Benevolent Fund £10,000 (brought forward from 2020 re Centenary)

Gateshead Hospice at Home £1,000

Deptford and Millfield Community Centre ) £1,000

and several smaller grants to worthy causes.

The bulk of our investments is held in an Investment Trust designed especially for the charity sector and has provided income this year of £12,492 and a welcome gain in market value of £30,742.

Overall, our total funds have increased this year by £27,452 to £345,580 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

It is proposed to make the following donations:

The Province of West Yorkshire £6,000

The Mark Benevolent Fund £2,000 (Ukraine Appeal )

As freemasonry in general recovers from the trauma of the pandemic, the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund has continued to relieve distress, both at home and abroad, 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

## Statement of Financial Activities

### For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations and legacies	2		
Lodges		2,536.62	1,742.56
Voluntary Contributions		1,540.00	2,900.00
Centenary fund		4,000.00	30,000.00
Investment income	3	12,492.41	11,518.22
Festival Badge Sales		-	-
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<b>Total income</b>		<u>20,569.03</u>	<u>46,160.78</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	4		
Grants payable			
Five Lamps Charity		500.00	-
Gateshead Hospice At Home		1,000.00	-
Deptford and Millfield Community Centre		1,000.00	-
St. Matthew and St. Luke's Parish Church		500.00	-
Salvation Army		750.00	-
Provincial of Surrey Festival		6,000.00	-
Emergency grants		-	2,000.00
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
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham 2021 Festival		2,500.00	2,500.00
Mark Benevolent Fund – East Lancashire		-	6,000.00
Centenary grants	5	10,000.00	64,000.00
Management and administration		1,609.66	1,520.00
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total expenditure		<u>23,859.66</u>	<u>80,369.97</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		(3,290.63)	(34,209.19)
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments		30,742.84	(48,236.97)
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Net movement in funds for the year		27,452.21	(82,446.16)
Total funds at 1 January 2021		318,128.52	400,574.68
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2021		<u>345,580.73</u>	<u>318,128.52</u>

## Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2021

	Note		2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Investments	7		260,535.27	229,792.43
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	8	-	-	
Bank Balances and Cash		86,176.92	89,467.55	
		<u>86,176.92</u>	<u>89,467.55</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	9	(1,131.46)	(1,131.46)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>85,045.46</u>	<u>88,336.09</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>345,580.73</u>	<u>318,128.52</u>
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds	11		345,580.73	318,128.52
			<u>345,580.73</u>	<u>318,128.52</u>

### Provincial Officers 2022-2023 Active Officers

<b>Deputy Provincial Grand Master</b> David Nigel Hanson, P.G.S.D.	Union	No. 124
<b>Assistant Provincial Grand Master</b> Ronald Trevor Lynn, P.G.J.D.	Walton	No. 1106
<b>Provincial Grand Senior Warden</b> Russell Wayne Rumley, P.P.G.Stwd.	Bede	No. 605
<b>Provincial Grand Junior Warden</b> Gilbert Crossley Jnr.,	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
<b>Provincial Grand Master Overseer</b> Gary Walker P.P.G.Stwd.	Cestria	No. 1151
<b>Provincial Grand Senior Overseer</b> Stephen Arthur Newell	Darlington	No. 250
<b>Provincial Grand Junior Overseer</b> Brian Smith, P.P.G.S.D.	Bernard Gilpin	No. 860
<b>Provincial Grand Chaplain</b> Rev'd Philip Alan Carter	St. Andrew's	No. 854
<b>Provincial Grand Treasurer</b> Graham John Mitchinson, P.G.J.D.	Percy	No. 122
<b>Provincial Grand Registrar</b> David Battensby, P.P.G.J.O.	Cestria	No. 1151

<b>Provincial Grand Secretary</b> Allan Gurney, P.G.J.D.	Unity	No. 827
<b>Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies</b> Michael Davis, P.G.J.O.	Bede	No. 605
<b>Provincial Grand Almoner</b> Keith Liddell, P.G.J.O.	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
<b>Provincial Grand Charity Steward</b> Roy Norman Neville, P.G.J.O.	Ernest Dixon	No. 1015
<b>Provincial Grand Inspector of Works</b> Michael Douglas Hird	Hackworth	No. 761
<b>Provincial Grand Sword Bearer</b> Derek Moffitt	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
<b>Deputy Provincial Grand Chaplain</b> Canon Ronald Calderwood Black	Ambrose Crowley	No. 1269
<b>Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary</b> Graham Wharton, P.A.G.D.C.	Steadfast	No. 846
<b>Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies</b> Garry Quinn, P.G.J.D.	Ravensworth	No. 718
<b>Provincial Grand Senior Deacon</b> Bryan William Bell Paul Thomas Lightfoot Robert David Shaw	Union William Todd Ferryhill	No. 124 No. 929 No. 1560
<b>Provincial Grand Junior Deacon</b> Michael Albert Playle Swinbourne Derrick James Wild Ronald James Amar	Eclectic Percy Industry	No. 39 No. 122 No. 293
<b>Assistant Provincial Grand Chaplain</b> Rev'd. Peter William Adamson, P.P.G.J.O.	Ferryhill	No. 1560
<b>Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary</b> Ian Heaviside, P.P.G.J.O.	Bernard Gilpin	No. 860
<b>Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies</b> Sidney James Watson, P.A.G.D.C. Kenneth Urquhart Robson, P.A.G.D.C. David John Anderson Andrew David Watson	Ryton Wouldhave Tyne Dock Cestria Steadfast	No. 1714 No. 362 No. 1151 No. 846
<b>Provincial Grand Organist</b> Barry Tallentire, P.P.G.J.W.	Wouldhave Tyne Dock	No. 362
<b>Provincial Grand Standard Bearer</b> Ian Richardson	Cestria	No. 1151
<b>Assistant Provincial Grand Standard Bearer</b> Robert Michael Summerson, P.P.G.I.G.	Ravensworth	No. 718
<b>Provincial Grand Inner Guard</b> Alan Edward Mason	Castle Eden	No. 930
<b>Provincial Grand Tyler</b> John Bernard Martin Schoolkate, P.A.G.Swd.B.	Ravensworth	No. 718

**Provincial Officers**  
**Promotions 2022**

<b>Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden</b> John Strachan Denham, P.P.G.J.W.	Auckland	No. 596
<b>Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden</b> Paul O'Doherty, P.P.G.S.O. William Harold Sumner, P.P.G.S.O.	Jarrow Hackworth	No. 701 No. 761
<b>Provincial Grand Senior Overseer</b> Martyn Hayton, P.P.G.Reg.	Percy	No. 122
<b>Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer</b> Roger Lynton Stevenson, P.P.G.Reg. David Vivian Sargon, P.P.G.Swd.B. Brian Smith, P.P.G.S.D. Keith Musgrove, P.P.g.Insp.Wks.	Steadfast Bernard Gilpin Bernard Gilpin Ambrose Crowley	No. 846 No. 860 No. 860 No. 1269
<b>Past Provincial Grand Registrar</b> Mohamed El Menabawey, P.P.G.Stwd. Jeffrey Alfred Thompson, P.P.G.J.D. Christopher Raven, P.P.G.S.D. Neil Robert Syres, P.P.G.J.D. Michael Erskine, P.P.G.S.D. Kenneth George Alldred, P.P.G.S.D.	Eclectic Industry Wouldhave Tyne Dock Harte Moseley Ryton	No. 39 No. 293 No. 362 No. 740 No. 925 No. 1714
<b>Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer</b> Daniel McDermott, P.P.A.G.St.B. Ivan Jewell, P.P.G.St.B.	Industry Elevation	No. 293 No. 1112

**Provincial Officers**  
**First Appointments Past Rank 2022**

<b>Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden</b> Dr. Rakesh Bhalla Neil Andrew Marshall	Wouldhave Tyne Dock George Washington	No. 362 No. 1626
<b>Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon</b> John William Lonsdale	Walton	No. 1106