

**Minutes of the 137th Annual Meeting of the
Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire
held Virtually at a Zoom Meeting held on
Saturday, the Twelfth day of June 2021**

Active Provincial Grand Officers were in attendance as follows :-

V.W Bro J W Whiteley	Deputy Provincial Grand Master
W Bro P A Yarnell	Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W Bro J F P Mulligan	Provincial Grand Senior Warden
W Bro S J Cameron	Provincial Grand Junior Warden
W Bro T R Barnes	Provincial Grand Master Overseer
W Bro M.J. Pickett	Provincial Grand Senior Overseer
W Bro M C Cummings	Provincial Grand Junior Overseer
W Bro Rev J T Parker	Provincial Grand Chaplain
W Bro S E Humberstone	Provincial Grand Treasurer
W Bro R Stanton	Provincial Grand Registrar
W Bro A C Hutt	Provincial Grand Secretary
W Bro R J Green	Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro Dr C M Gwynn	Provincial Grand Almoner
W Bro M J Winfield	Provincial Grand Charity Steward
W Bro J W Pritchard	Provincial Grand Inspector of Works
W Bro G Vale	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro A W Moody	Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain
W Bro S W S Southgate	Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary
W Bro D W Owen	Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro B R Chadd	Provincial Grand Senior Deacon
W Bro M S Lodge	Provincial Grand Senior Deacon
W Bro W E Roberts	Provincial Grand Junior Deacon
<i>W Bro P J Rowlands</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Junior Deacon (Apology)</i>
W Bro J A Davies	Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain
W Bro H Carlton	Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary
<i>W Bro L W Brown</i>	<i>Provincial Assistant Grand D.C. (Apology)</i>
Bro A Sinton	Provincial Grand Organist
W Bro K H Green	Provincial Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro M A King	Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro J W Taitt	Provincial Grand Inner Guard
W Bro P A Hill	Provincial Grand Steward
W Bro J W Evans	Provincial Grand Steward
W Bro P A Ratcliffe	Provincial Grand Steward
<i>W Bro C M Hampson</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Steward (Apology)</i>
<i>W Bro S P Warner</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Tyler (Apology)</i>
W Bro D J Hughes	Provincial Information Officer
W Bro N J E Crabbe	Provincial IT Officer and Webmaster
<i>W Bro S Walker</i>	<i>Provincial Membership Officer (Apology)</i>
V.W.Bro. B P Scoffield	Provincial Grand Officer Liaison Officer

In addition there were 75 other Members of the Province present together with 78 Guests representing 25 Provinces and 12 other Orders. A further 38 Members/guests had registered to attend but were not present and therefore taken as apologies.

Those attending initially entered various break-out rooms and then transferred to the meeting at 10:58hrs. The Provincial D.C. advised all attending of the various protocols to be observed and that the meeting would be recorded. He then explained how the anonymous voting system would work, including visitors who were invited to part also by registering as a non-voting visitor.

W.Bro. Cliff Slade represented a deputation of Royal Ark Mariners and was welcomed by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro Eric John Rymer, who then declared the meeting open at 11:10hrs. after welcoming a number of distinguished guests, including :-

- M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith, *Pro.G.M.*
- M.W.Bro. Richard Wallis, *.P.Pro.G.M.*
- R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams. *P.G.J.W., G.Sec.*

and 11 Provincial Grand Masters.

The Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the benefit of prayer and then requested the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Letter of Permission from Grand Lodge, allowing this Virtual Business Meeting to proceed.

The Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Chaplain to present the Obituary for those 17 Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge above since our last annual meeting, during which their names were displayed on the screen with a background Ave Verum sound track. The Obituary ended with a short prayer.

The previously circulated Minutes of the 136th Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held virtually on Saturday 12th September 2020 were adopted by the Meeting having been proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master declared that he would sign them later.

The previously circulated, amended Provincial By-laws were adopted by the Meeting having been proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master declared that he would sign them later.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that there was nothing to add to his report that had been circulated previously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that the Provincial Grand Registrar was in attendance and that there was nothing to add to his report, which had been circulated previously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that the Provincial Grand Charity Steward was in attendance and that there was nothing to add to his report, which had been circulated previously.

The report of the Provincial Grand Charity was adopted by the Meeting having been proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer confirmed that he had nothing further to add to his Report and Annual Accounts, which had been circulated previously. These were adopted by the Meeting having been proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer confirmed that there would be no increase (currently £3.75 per member per year) in the Provincial Annual dues for both Mark and Royal Ark Mariner members.

The Provincial Grand Master advised the Meeting that he had received only one nomination for the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer, he therefore declared W. Bro. S.E. Humberstone, duly re-elected.

The Provincial Grand Master thanked the auditors for their work. He invited a proposition and W.Bros. M J Broadhurst and W. Timmins were elected auditors for the ensuing year having been proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master individually re-appointed as :-

Deputy Provincial Grand Master : V.W Bro J W Whiteley, *P.G.J.O.*
Assistant Provincial Grand Master : W Bro P A Yarnell, *P.A.G.D.C.*

Provincial Grand Senior Warden : W Bro J F P Mulligan, *Prov.G.S.W.*
Provincial Grand Junior Warden : W Bro S J Cameron, *Prov.G.J.W.*

Provincial Grand Master Overseer : W Bro T R Barnes, *Prov.G.M.O.*
Provincial Grand Senior Overseer : W Bro M.J. Pickett, *Prov.G.S.O.*
Provincial Grand Junior Overseer : W Bro M C Cummings, *Prov.G.J.O.*

He then explained that because of the incidence of Covid he had decided to re-appoint his active Officers for a further year in Office and invited the Provincial Grand Secretary to read their names, which at the same time were scrolled down the screen.

The Provincial Grand Master then explained that likewise because of the incidence of Covid first appointments and promotions would this year be to Past rank only. The Provincial Grand Secretary read their names, which likewise were scrolled down the screen at the same time.

The Provincial Grand Master had appointed several Brethren to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank on 18th May 2021 and their names were similarly read out and displayed.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Eric John Rymer, addressed the Meeting (copy attached).

The Provincial Grand Master then invited the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith to address the meeting, afterwards thanking him for his encouragement.

The Provincial Grand Master then invited the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, *P.G.J.W.* to address the meeting, afterwards thanking him for his guidance through the pandemic and advice for the future.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that the next Annual Meeting would be at 11:00hrs. in Kings Heath on Saturday 11th June 2022 under the banners of St. Egwin Lodge No. 1135 and Mosaic Lodge No. 1136.

The Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Chaplain for a final prayer and then declared the meeting closed at 12:32hrs.

The list of distinguished guests was scrolled down the screen to the sound of Elgar's Op 39 (Pomp and Circumstance) and ended with a picture of the Worcestershire Sauce factory.

Signed: Provincial Grand Master.....

Signed: Provincial Grand Secretary..... Date.....

ATTENDEES

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Registered to Attend – presumed apology

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APOLOGIES

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OBITUARY

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Address by the Provincial Grand Master

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Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary

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Report of the Provincial Grand Registrar

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Report of the Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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Report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer

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