

**Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire held at  
The Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham on Saturday, the Eighth day of June 2019,  
under the Banners of Eaton Lodge MMM No 977 and St Egwin Lodge MMM No 1135**

The following Active Provincial Grand Officers were noted:

VW Bro J A King	Deputy Provincial Grand Master	
W Bro J W Whiteley	Assistant Provincial Grand Master	
W Bro R M Bennett	Provincial Grand Senior Warden	
W Bro M J Winfield	Provincial Grand Junior Warden	
W Bro D A Stean	Provincial Grand Master Overseer	
W Bro D Collett	Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	
W Bro A R Payne	Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	
W Bro Rev J T Parker	Provincial Grand Chaplain	
W Bro S E Humberstone	Provincial Grand Treasurer	
<i>W Bro R Stanton</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Registrar</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro A C Hutt	Provincial Grand Secretary	
W Bro R J Green	Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	
W Bro C M Gwynn	Provincial Grand Almoner	
W Bro M J Gage	Provincial Grand Charity Steward	
<i>W Bro P J Lennon</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Inspector of Works</i>	<i>(Obiit)</i>
W Bro P L Wong	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	
W Bro J Hughes	Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain	
W Bro S W S Southgate	Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	
W Bro S J Cameron	Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	
W Bro M Rochelle	Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	
W Bro H Carlton	Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	
<i>W Bro M P Wilcox</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Junior Deacon</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro P G Ibbotson	Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	
<i>W Bro P G Whitefield</i>	<i>Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro N J E Crabbe	Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	
W Bro D W Owen	Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	
Bro A Sinton	Provincial Grand Organist	
W Bro C R Hopes	Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	
<i>W Bro R C Field</i>	<i>Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro D W Owen	Provincial Grand Inner Guard	
W Bro T R Barnes	Provincial Grand Steward	
W Bro A Clift	Provincial Grand Steward	
W Bro L W Brown	Provincial Grand Steward	
<i>W Bro G M Watkins</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Steward</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro S P Warner	Provincial Grand Tyler	

The visiting Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge Room in Processional order at 10:35hrs

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Eric John Rymer, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V W Bro John Anthony King and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Jeffrey William Whiteley, entered the Lodge escorted by the Active Provincial Officers present.

A Deputation of Royal Ark Mariners was received at 10:40hrs.

The Opening Hymn was sung and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 10.45hrs.

Under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro R J Green:

The Provincial Grand Master was saluted and he suitably responded.

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Right Worshipful Brethren were saluted and suitably responded.

The Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Chaplain to read the names of those (twelve) Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge above. The Brethren stood in silent tribute to departed merit. (*A list of names is attached*)

The Provincial Grand Master introduced each Distinguished Guest by name (including 11 visiting Provincial Grand Masters) and welcomed them warmly; the Brethren of Worcestershire greeted the visitors with acclaim. (*A list of Distinguished Guests is attached*).

The Minutes of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were put to the Meeting duly proposed by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden and approved by the brethren. The Provincial Grand Master declared he would sign them later.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported on attendance of Provincial Officers with appropriate apologies from those unavoidably absent.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges were well represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that a number of other apologies had been received and these would be recorded.

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

On behalf of the Provincial Grand Registrar the Provincial Grand Secretary reported that there was nothing to add to his report that had been circulated.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his accounts, which were adopted by the Meeting having been proposed by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden and seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer confirmed no increase in the Provincial Annual dues for either Mark or 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 Senior Warden proposed that W Bro M J Broadhurst and W Bro A C Taylor be elected auditors for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Junior Warden seconded the proposal which was approved by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Charity Steward reported that he had nothing to add to his previously circulated report other than to thank the Brethren for their continued support and generosity.

The Provincial Grand Master obligated, appointed and invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Jeffrey William Whiteley, **PGSD**.

The Provincial Grand Master obligated, appointed and invested as Assistant Provincial Grand Master W Bro Paul Alan Yarnell, **PAGDC**.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follows and invested those present:

W Bro R J Philips	Provincial Grand Senior Warden	
W Bro T G Still	Provincial Grand Junior Warden	
W Bro D J Hughes	Provincial Grand Master Overseer	
W Bro H Carlton	Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	
W Bro C R Hopes	Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	
W Bro Rev J T Parker	Provincial Grand Chaplain	
W Bro S E Humberstone	Provincial Grand Treasurer	
<i>W Bro R Stanton</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Registrar</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro A C Hutt	Provincial Grand Secretary	
W Bro R J Green	Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	
W Bro C M Gwynn	Provincial Grand Almoner	
W Bro M J Gage	Provincial Grand Charity Steward	
W Bro M H Rochelle	Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	
W Bro A Duke	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	
W Bro T R Barnes	Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain	
W Bro S W S Southgate	Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	
W Bro S J Cameron	Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	
<i>W Bro R C Field</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Senior Deacon</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro M Wainwright	Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	
W Bro M J Creighan	Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	
W Bro D J Bateman	Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	
W Bro A J Baker	Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain	
W Bro N J E Crabbe	Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	
W Bro D W Owen	Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	
Bro A Sinton	Provincial Grand Organist	
W Bro B R Chadd	Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	
W Bro K H Green	Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer	
W Bro J A Davies	Provincial Grand Inner Guard	
W Bro L W Brown	Provincial Grand Steward	
<i>W Bro G M Watkins</i>	<i>Provincial Grand Steward</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>
W Bro P A Hill	Provincial Grand Steward	
W Bro J W Evans	Provincial Grand Steward	
W Bro S P Warner	Provincial Grand Tyler	

#### **Past Ranks:**

Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden	W Bro J C B Pedley, <i>PPrGSW(Warks)</i>
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	VW Bro J W Sharpley, <b>PGJO</b> (Rule 78)
<i>Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden</i>	<i>VW Bro P J Orton, PGJO (Rule 78) - (Apology)</i>

#### **Promotions:**

Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W Bro W B Mitchell, <i>PPrGSO</i>
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W Bro C Haywood <i>PPrGSO</i>
<i>Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden</i>	<i>W Bro B J Nutt, PPrGJW(Warks) - (Apology)</i>
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W Bro G E Bradley, <i>PPrGReg</i>

Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W Bro K T Hill, <i>PPrGInspWks</i>	
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W Bro T G Woolley, <i>PPrGSD</i>	
Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	W Bro D J Bell, <i>PPrGSwdB</i>	
<i>Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer</i>	<i>W Bro M R G Painter, PPrGJD</i>	<i>(Apology)</i>

*(The following Brethren were invested with **Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank** at the Regular Meeting of the Worcestershire Installed Commanders Lodge No 1409 held at Worcester on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019:*

<i>W Bro C R Hopes</i>	<i>Ark Lodge of RAM No 59</i>
<i>W Bro G Vale</i>	<i>Moseley Lodge of RAM No 667</i>
<i>W Bro M J Creighan</i>	<i>Stechford Lodge of RAM No 747</i>
<i>W Bro P A Hill</i>	<i>St Egwin Lodge of RAM No 1135</i>
<i>W Bro R A F Willsher</i>	<i>All Saints KH Lodge of RAM No 1462</i>
<i>W Bro R S Gale, ProvRAMGR (Warks)</i>	<i>Centenary Lodge of RAM No 1623</i>
<i>W Bro D K Kingscott</i>	<i>Centenary Lodge of RAM No 1623</i>

The Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called on the Brethren of Worcestershire to rise and salute the newly appointed Provincial Grand Officers, after which the Provincial Grand Senior Warden rose and called the newly appointed Officers to order and gave thanks for the salutation.

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

Since the last Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 19 brethren had been Advanced into the Mark Province of Worcestershire (as attached list). Of these 9 were in attendance and each was presented with a specially commissioned token by the Provincial Grand Master. *(A list of names is attached)*

A collection for charitable purposes was taken in the Lodge Room and supplemented in the Festive Board through the gift of a cake by V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen (Province of London).

On behalf of the Masters, Principal Officers and Brethren of the St. Egwin Lodge No 1135 and the Mosaic Lodge No 1136 of Mark Master Masons an invitation was given for the Provincial Grand Master to hold the next Annual Meeting under their banners. The Provincial Grand Master thanked them for their kind invitation and appointed the time and place of the next annual Meeting as Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had no further business to bring before Provincial Grand Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed at 12:35hrs. in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Eric John Rymer, the closing hymn was sung, followed by the first verse of the National Anthem and under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro Richard John Green, a column was formed to escort the Provincial Grand Master and Distinguished Guests from the Lodge Room.

Signed: Provincial Grand Master.....

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