

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

R.W.Bro. Alan F Brunning
Provincial Grand Master 2002-2007
3rd August 1932 – 22nd August 2020
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R.W.Bro. Richard John Olliver, G.M.R.A.C.
Provincial Grand Master

V.W.Bro. Graham David Seeman, P.G.J.O.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Virtual Provincial Business Meeting
Thursday, 10th September 2020 at 7.30pm

All attending to be logged in by 7:15pm

W.Bro. A. Huw Hopkin, P.G.Stwd
Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

PAPER OF BUSINESS

Your attendance is requested at a Virtual Business Meeting of this Province to be held on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7:30pm in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled to have been held on the same day arising from the Covid-19 Pandemic.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will declare the meeting open.
2. To read the letter giving permission to hold a Provincial Virtual Business Meeting.
3. The Minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge of MMM of Berkshire, held on Thursday 12th September 2019 having been circulated, will be submitted for confirmation.
4. The Provincial Grand Secretary will submit his report.
5. The Provincial Grand Almoner will submit his report.
6. The Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain will read the Obituary Roll and offer Prayer.
7. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward will submit his report.
8. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will present his report and the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019, which if approved, will be submitted for adoption.
9. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will propose the level of dues for 2021-2022.
10. To elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer for 2020-2021.
11. To elect the Examiners for the ensuing year.
12. To announce donations as approved at the Annual General Meeting of BeMBA.
13. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will re-appoint V.W.Bro. Graham David Seeman, P.G.J.O. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
14. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will confirm the appointment and promotions of Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
15. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will address Provincial Grand Lodge.
16. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will receive an invitation for the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge in 2021.
17. Any other regular business for the benefit of Provincial Grand Lodge will be discharged.
18. The Provincial Grand Master will declare the meeting closed.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Minutes of the Annual Communication held at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham on Thursday 12th September 2019

There were present: the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Richard John Olliver, G.M.R.A.C. and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Graham David Seeman, P.G.J.O. They were accompanied by 7 Provincial Grand Masters, 3 Past Provincial Grand Masters, 14 Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, 13 Provincial Grand Secretaries and 41 other Honoured Guests. All the Mark Lodges in the Province were represented, together with guests, making a total of 191 Brethren.

The Past Provincial Grand Masters of Berkshire and the other Right Worshipful Brethren followed by the Provincial Grand Master and the active Provincial Officers of the year entered the Temple in procession at 4.45pm. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened.

The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven and he expressed his thanks.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was saluted with five by the Brethren of the Province and he also returned thanks.

The visiting Provincial Grand Masters and other R.W. Brethren were saluted with seven. R.W.Bro. Archie Torrance, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, thanked the Brethren on their behalf.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master received the Travelling Keystone from the Master of the Caduceus Lodge of MMM No. 1631, W.Bro. Rod Bancroft. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presented the Travelling Keystone to W.Bro. Gerry Preston, Prov.G.J.D. and the Brethren of the Wilder Lodge of MMM No. 1868 and advised them that they should deliver it to The Berkshire & Oxfordshire Lodge of Installed Mark Masters No.1330 at their meeting on the 25th October 2019.

The Provincial Grand Master individually welcomed the Honoured Guests who were greeted with acclaim by the Brethren.

Following a proposition by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Guy Barlow, seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. Neil Coleman, the circulated minutes of the Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire, held on Thursday 13th September 2018, were accepted and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that, with the exception of one brother who had tendered acceptable apologies, all Provincial Officers were present. The Provincial Grand Secretary called the Roll of Mark Lodges in the Province; all were found to be well represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary's Report, having been circulated, was adopted on a proposition of the Provincial Grand Master Overseer, W.Bro. Bob Watson and seconded by the Provincial Grand Senior Overseer, W.Bro. Richard Haydon.

The Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro. Hugh E.Ranscombe P.A.G.D.C. submitted his Annual Report, which having been circulated was approved after a proposition from the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Guy Barlow and seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden W.Bro. Neil Coleman.

The Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W.Bro. Jim Payen, P.G.Std.B. submitted his Annual Report and Accounts which, having been circulated, were approved after a proposition by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Graham Seeman, P.G.J.O. and seconded by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, V.W.Bro. Digby Woods, P.G.J.O.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then read the Obituary Roll while the Brethren stood to order in memory of those departed. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered prayer after which the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended" was sung.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Ian B. Johnson, P.G.J.D., submitted the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018 which, having been circulated, were proposed for adoption by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Guy Barlow, seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. Neil Coleman, and adopted. The Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed no increase in fees for 2018-19.

The Provincial Grand Master, having received only one nomination, declared W.Bro. James E. Payen, P.G.Std.B., elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Master then thanked the W.Bro. Ian B Johnson for his past services to the Province as Provincial Grand Treasurer and presented him with a token of appreciation from the brethren.

The Examiners for the year were elected in the persons of W.Bro's. David Arnold, P.P.G.Swd.B. and Peter Murcott, P.P.G.Stwd. having been proposed by V.W.Bro. Michael F Sanders, P.G.J.O., the Provincial Grand Secretary and seconded by W.Bro. Huw Hopkin, P.G.Stwd., Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the re-appointment of V.W.Bro. Graham David Seeman, P.G.J.O., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and expressed his thanks and appreciation of his services in the past year.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his Officers who were subsequently saluted with three. The newly appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Paul Ackland-Snow thanked the Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master then made a presentation to nine newly advanced Brethren of the year who were in attendance.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Brethren; a copy of his address is attached to these minutes.

Invitations were received from Valentia Lodge of MMM No. 623 and Pangbourne Lodge of MMM No.1094 to hold the annual meeting on Thursday 10th September 2020 under their banners. These were gratefully accepted.

The newly appointed Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. A Huw Hopkin, P.G.Std.B., reported that apologies had been received from Brethren of the Province and invited guests from other Provinces, all of whom sent their good wishes for a successful meeting. He also reminded the Provincial Grand Master that another of his Provincial Grand Officers had today retired from office and maybe some consideration should be made. After some thought the Provincial Grand Master requested that V.W.Bro. Michael F Sanders, P.G.J.O. be conducted to his immediate presence. The Provincial Grand Master then gave heartfelt thanks to V.W.Bro. Mike for his sterling tenure as Provincial Grand Secretary and presented him with a Ships Decanter and 6 port glasses suitably engraved with the Provincial logo. V.W.Bro. Mike suitably responded.

The Alms were then collected during which the hymn, "Jerusalem" was sung. The Provincial Grand Master announced that the proceeds from the Alms collection would be donated to the Berkshire Mark Benevolent Association (BeMBA).

The Provincial Grand Master closed Provincial Grand Lodge at 7.15 pm.

The National Anthem was sung.

The Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brethren, honoured guests and Provincial Grand Officers retired from the Temple.

W.Bro. A Huw Hopkin, P.G.Stwd
Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Provincial Grand Secretary Report

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

It is with much pleasure that I present my inaugural report as your Provincial Grand Secretary for the year 2019-20.

The year was overtaken by the efforts of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the General Suspension of Masonic Activity for some 4 Months. However, casting our memories back to more 'normal times' the year commenced with the usual enjoyable visits to other Provinces where you were again ably supported by Brethren of your Province. Further afield in February a visit was made to Spain, where a party of 11 had a thoroughly enjoyable and fun packed time. In March you led a deputation of Berkshire Mark Men, most accompanied by their Ladies, to Bucharest in Romania to consecrate a new Mark Lodge, The Emanoil Gojdu Lodge No. 2021. The warmth of the welcome and continued hospitality received from our Romanian brethren assured an enjoyable time was had by all. The year's activity was then brought to a sudden redirection by the pandemic. They say that out of adversity comes change, and out of this pandemic has come the brethren's ability to use Zoom..... a platform most had not heard of, let alone used, but are now fully conversant with. These video link platforms have allowed us a further way of keeping in touch with our Mark brethren, be it at Lodge level or by your weekly Province wide call. Personally, the bi-weekly Secretaries and DC's Zoom call has been invaluable in disseminating the information from Grand Lodge and sharing ideas and best practice as events unfolded. Indeed, you have pushed the boundaries even further by delivering the Introduction to Mark Masonry presentation via Zoom to Craft and Royal Arch Masons. I feel sure that these innovations in keeping our members involved have greatly assisted in your retention objectives.

I know I am repeating my predecessor as once again the support you have received from this year's Provincial Officers has been outstanding, all be it curtailed by the current circumstances. The majority of Lodge Installation meetings did take place and all were attended by either yourself, your Deputy or a representative, and were greatly enhanced by the large number of active officers also in attendance

You oversaw the sixth Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly held on 13th November 2019 under the auspices of the Jersey Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 257 in Windsor. It was well supported with 46 members attending and the whole evening went off extremely well. A team visit to Valentia Lodge of MMM No. 623 in February 2020, was also well supported. Unfortunately, the planned visit to Friendship and Care Lodge of MMM No. 1555, fell on the day of suspension and was therefore abandoned.

The initiative of meeting incoming active officers over dinner at the Goring and Streatley Golf Club prior to their investiture continued to be a well-attended and an enjoyable event, once again the sunshine enhancing the now obligatory group photograph on the First Tee. The atmosphere throughout the night was excellent and gave you the chance to encourage the incoming officers to be proactive in their support of you and the Province and above all to enjoy their year in office.

Your Reception Dinner in January proved its usual success with the brethren and their Ladies and is now firmly fixed in the social calendar.

Attendance at the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication in March proved ever popular with a solid core of Berkshire Mark men attending. The Trattoria Verdi Restaurant our

normal after proceedings venue encountered some form of problem on the night and allocated us to one of its sister restaurants just down the road. This added distance had quite an effect on those who dined at the Connaught Rooms and joining us latter through the heavy rain.....namely our Provincial Grand Master ...who looked like he had come through 'the deluge'.

With both the Investiture and Promotion meetings of Grand Lodge falling victim to the pandemic no physical conferring of Grand Rank was able to take place. However, the appointment of W.Bro. Bernard Greenwold to P.A.G.D.C. and the Grand Lodge appointment of W.Bro. Nigel Willows to P.G.J.O. became effective from 9th June and the promotion of W.Bro. David Wiltcher and W.Bro. Jim Payen to P,G.J.D. effective from 8th September. At the Royal Ark Mariner Investiture in December 2019 W.Bro. David Lambton was promoted to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank for his many years of support to the Order locally.

The Provincial Executive began this year in the normal way, attending the annual meetings of 7 other Provinces, before the pandemic brought everything to an abrupt halt. The initiative of inviting other active officers of the year to join you at other Provincial meetings continues to flourish. You have been well supported at many of the Provincial meetings, and a significant number of your officers attended both the Middlesex and Warwickshire Provincial meetings.

The Travelling Keystone continued in its journey around the Province via 4 lodges until the pandemic caused it to become lodged at Porchester Lodge of MMM No. 27 on 12th February. On each occasion it was accompanied by a goodly number of lodge members, thereby fulfilling the aim of the Keystone to generate visiting between Lodges. As and when our meetings get back underway in a meaningful manner the Travelling Keystone can once again continue on its travels.

As previously the emphasis on Recruitment, Retention and Reinvigoration continues with success. In these unprecedented times where we have 13 brethren waiting to be Advanced and 4 to be Elevated, but for the pandemic, our membership of both orders would have remained fairly steady. Whilst this is in current circumstances welcome it should not lead to complacency and your aim of giving every Master Mason the opportunity of becoming a Mark Master Mason remains.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank my predecessor V.W.Bro Mike Sanders, P.G.J.O., for the excellent manner in which he conducted the handover of the Secretarial files and information and for his willingness to point me in the right direction when requested. Also, to my Deputy, W.Bro. Elwyn Hopkin for his assistance and wise council.

Finally, Provincial Grand Master, this last year has been somewhat different, but your leadership has seen us embracing new methods of communication and has ensured the Province, as a whole, has remained vibrant and connected. So, as we take tentative steps forward to some form of normal and head into 2021 let us continue with the primary objective of making our order accessible and, above all, ensure those who have accessed it, continue enjoying their Mark Masonry. The Province remains in good heart and ready to face the new challenges ahead and I am sure we can look forward to another happy and successful year under your guidance.

A. Huw Hopkin

A Huw Hopkin P.G.Stwd.
Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Provincial Grand Almoners Report

In common with other Provinces, we have had a number of Mark Men who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above during the year (see below). The restrictions at funerals have made it difficult to give them the send-off they deserved but I am pleased to report that their families were well-supported and it is hoped that memorial services can be held in the near future. I can but hope that the achievements of Mark Men such as Roger McGuire, will encourage us all to live out our lives with dedication and enthusiasm.

Following on from last year's report, the Province achieved its aim of providing a new bike to SERV OBN (the Blood Bike Group for Berkshire and neighbouring Provinces).



The bike is used regularly to deliver blood, transplant organs, medication, human donor milk and Covid-19 samples and has been an invaluable asset to the Service, replacing an increasingly unreliable old bike.

The Province continues to remember our Lodge Widows through regular Newsletters, and it is rewarding that so many of them take the time to reply and keep us updated with their news. The sending of this year's gift vouchers was delayed due to the limitations on spending them, but it is hoped that these will be sent out with the Summer Newsletter, particularly as the vouchers can now be spent online.

The restrictions on Lodge Meetings has reduced the donations into our Mark Benevolent Fund but we are able to draw on our reserves and help those in need, calling on local Craft support where appropriate.

Finally, can I particularly thank all the Lodge Almoners, Secretaries and Scribes for the regular contact they make both with their own members and the Province generally, so that support can be given on a timely basis.

W. Bro. Hugh Ranscombe, P.A.G.D.C.
Provincial Grand Almoner

Subscribing Members of the Province called to Higher Service

W.Bro. Douglas G Frankland	Wantage	1207	24 September 2019
Bro. Stephen D Harvey	Linden Acre	1568	09 November 2019
W.Bro. Robert J Gibson	Conrad Costin	1430	14 November 2019
W.Bro. Richard G Routledge	Cranley	1616	18 November 2019
W.Bro. Roy E Stone	Linden Acre	1568	07 December 2019
W.Bro. Kenneth C Harvey	Erlegh	1627	25 January 2020
W.Bro. Jeremy J Sims	Leopold	235	31 January 2020
W.Bro. Alan Raffaelli	Pangbourne	1094	10 March 2020
W.Bro. Edward E McTeague	Wallingford	1162	19 March 2020
W.Bro. Paul J Green	Windsor Castle	519	23 March 2020
Bro. David K Angus	Linden Acre	1568	23 March 2020
W.Bro. Roger G McGuire	Porchester	27	14 May 2020
W.Bro. Graham D Foulis-Brown	Caduceus	1631	26 June 2020
R.W.Bro. Alan F Brunning	B & O Installed Masters	1330	22 nd August 2020

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Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Report to 31st December 2019

Going into 2019 we had a stated intention of giving significant support to Charities that do fantastic work in and around our community whilst still supporting our Brethren, as we continued to rebuild our funds following the 2017 Festival. During 2019 we continued promoting, supporting and embedding the BeMBA 'Triangle of Care' initiative in our Province. We sought opportunities to support local Charities and our own Brethren. A continued regret is the lack of our own Brethren seeking help from the Respite Care scheme, which is available to all our members and their families — this is a fantastic scheme that is rarely called upon for help! Of course, as I write in July 2020, the Covid-19 crisis overshadows so many things; I am sure that BeMBA and all Masonic charitable bodies will continue to see calls on their assistance.

To recap, the BeMBA Triangle of Care aims to support:



- Fraternal - Helping Berkshire Mark Masons and their dependants in time of need
- Community - Support of Charities In the Mark Province of Berkshire
- National – Increasing the support of the MBF through Festival donations

Our income for the year was £13,595.15

Our Expenditure this year was £20,075.00 made up as follows:

Administration	£0.00
Community Grants	£15,200.00
Festival Donations	£2,000.00
Festival Jewel Sales	£1,500.00
Widows Easter	£1,375.00
Vouchers	
Total	£20,075.00

The major grant made in 2019 was £11,500 towards a new Yamaha FRJI 300A motorcycle for Bloodbikes, as part of our continued support of that amazing organisation. We also supported Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus.

We hope that through the generous support of Berkshire Mark Masons BeMBA can continue to make a difference within the Province, the wider community and to Mark Masonry in general.

W Bro Paul Wilding, P.J.G.D.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

INCOME	2019		2018		
	Donations	£9,291.67		£3,063.10	
Covenants, etc	£210.00		£63.00		
Festival Jewel Sales	£1,500.00		£1,600.00		
Provincial Grand Lodge Collect	£1,065.32		£1,439.47		
Transfer from Festival 2017	£0.00		£11,978.82		
PGM's Reception	£800.00		£0.00		
Transfer from PGL	£666.89		£880.70		
Investment Interest	£61.27		£47.31		
		£13,595.15	£13,595.15	£19,072.40	£19,072.40
EXPENDITURE					
Donations/Grants					
Community Grants	£15,200.00		£400.00		
Gaming Licence	£0.00		£60.00		
Bro A Assistance	£0.00		£500.00		
Festival Jewel Sales	£1,500.00		£1,600.00		
Festival Donations	£2,000.00		£2,000.00		
Holiday Respite	£0.00		£0.00		
Widows Easter Vouchers	£1,375.00	£20,075.00	£2,025.00	£6,585.00	
Administration					
Secretary	£0.00		£0.00		
		£20,075.00	£20,075.00		
				£6,585.00	£6,585.00
INCOME Less (EXPENDITURE)			(£6,479.85)		£12,487.40

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	2019		2018	
General Reserve				
Balance 01.01.2019		£27,457.16		£14,969.76
Plus Income less (Expenditure)		(£6,479.85)		£12,487.40
Balance 31.12.2019		<u>£20,977.31</u>		<u>£27,457.16</u>
Represented by				
Barclays Current Account	£9,214.70		£4,317.03	
Barclays Business Account	£9,579.99		£19,545.41	
Relief Chest	£2,182.62		£3,594.72	
Cash	£0.00	£20,977.31	£0.00	£27,457.16
		<u>£20,977.31</u>		<u>£27,457.16</u>
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W.Bro Paul Wilding	W.Bro D Medley		W. Bro D Wilcher	
Treasurer	Examiner		Examiner	
Date.....	Date.....		Date.....	

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report

It is with pleasure that I present my 1st report as Provincial Treasurer for the year ending 31st December 2019.

Firstly, I'd like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to my predecessor W. Bro. Ian Johnson for all his help and assistance in the handover of the accounts and also during the accounts audit. Also, my thanks to the Examiners W.Bro. Peter Murcott and W.Bro. David Arnold for their assistance and advice.

The Bonus Ball has been incredibly successful, more so than the Executive ever imagined it would be, raising an incredible £6,487.00 in 2019. The money raised has been used to fund a new Provincial website, that will go live in 2020, and to purchase a new Mark Provincial Banner. Both these items are significant investments for your Province, the Website alone cost £1500 in 2019 and £3000 in total. Due to the success of Bonus Ball the Executive has been able to make these investments without any increase in annual dues, a fact I am sure you are all very pleased about. It also goes to show that many of us enjoy a little flutter!

The inclusion of the Bonus Ball Money in the general accounts has been a cause for concern as this inclusion, had it remained in the General Fund, would make it appear that the Province had made a profit of over £5000.

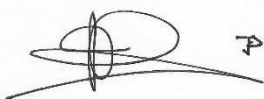
Therefore, following consultation with the Examiners and detailed discussions with the Provincial Executive we have decided that we will move the surplus created by the Bonus Ball initiative from 2019 and 2018, a total of £5410.00, into a separate and ring-fenced fund to be called the Provincial Projects Fund. We believe that this will enable you to easily distinguish what are Provincial Funds and what are Bonus Ball Funds.

The Provincial Projects Fund will be used for the benefit of the Province and enable the Executive to give support where needed whether that be a large purchase or other deserving causes. The move of this money means that for 2019 there is a loss of £321.61 shown on the accounts.

In respect of the other income and expenditure – this was in line with our expectation, in fact excluding both the income and expenditure of Bonus Ball there would have been small surplus (£121.39, not shown in the accounts). Given that the Province has more than adequate reserves this is a very acceptable position to be in and is very much down to the hard work and financial planning of my predecessor.

We hold £461 in the Benevolent Fund – we will look to pass this money to BeMBA where it can be used for Charitable Purposes during the next financial year.

Lastly, I am sad to announce that W. Bro. Peter Murcott, one of the Examiners, has decided that this will be his last year as an auditor. Peter, on behalf of the Province thank you for your valuable contribution to the Province over many years. It is and was very much appreciated, you will be missed.



W. Bro. James (Jim) Payen, P.G.J.D.
Provincial Grand Treasurer

Provincial Grand Lodge of MMM of Berkshire
Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2019

GENERAL FUND							
	2019		2018				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME							
Annual Dues		2,960.00				2,983.00	
Fees of Honour		1,260.00				1,290.00	
Year books		570.00				570.00	
Ties		310.00				340.00	
Net fundraising from members		6,487.00				1,943.00	
Sundries, tokens and donations		159.75				214.48	
			11,746.75				7,340.48
EXPENDITURE							
Prov Grand Lodge Fees and contributions	5,275.00				5,148.00		
Prov Grand Lodge Costs	8,002.17	2,727.17			7,364.12	2,216.12	
PGM's Reception Fees	4,178.00				4,189.50		
(surplus to Ben Fund) Costs	4,178.00	0.00			4,189.50	0.00	
Year books		751.00				637.00	
Post, Print & Secretarial		430.77				453.75	
Ritual & Regalia & Folders		431.55				56.00	
Other expenses including recruitment		333.00				176.00	
Website annual costs		39.99				47.49	
Website development costs		1,500.00				1,500.00	
Mark section of The Link		250.00				125.00	
Ties less stock carried forward		194.88				274.40	
Transfer to Prov Projects Fund (Bonus Ball)		5,410.00					
				12,068.36			5,485.76
Surplus/(Deficit)				- 321.61			1,854.72
BENEVOLENT FUND							
			2019			2018	
			£			£	
INCOME							
Donations/Raffles Incl. surplus from PGM Reception	868.70					880.70	
Interest	11.68		880.38		14.16	894.86	
EXPENDITURE							
Donations BeMBA/ (2017 Festival)	868.70					880.70	
Transfer Relief Chest-BeMBA	0.00		868.70		0.00	880.70	
Surplus/(Deficit)			11.68			14.16	
			£			£	
ASSETS							
Stocks:members ties and tokens etc.				778.62			1,072.05
Debtors				304.50			389.50
Cash at Bank				20,850.34			13,225.84
				21,933.46			14,687.39
LIABILITIES							
Creditors and accruals	4,066.00					1,833.00	
Deferred income	580.00		4,646.00		667.00	2,500.00	
			17,287.46			12,187.39	
Represented by:							
GENERAL FUND							
Brought forward		11,737.26				9,882.54	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		-321.61				1,854.72	
Carried forward			11,415.65				11,737.26
PROV. PROJECTS FUND							
Brought Forward		-					
Transfer from Provincial General fund		5,410.00				-	
Carried forward			5,410.00				-
BENEVOLENT FUND							
Brought forward		450.13				435.97	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		11.68				14.16	
Carried forward			461.81				450.13
			17,287.46				12,187.39
We confirm that in our opinion the above accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 for the Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons of Berkshire are in accordance with the books and records.							
						Peter W Murcott	
						Independent Examiner	
James E. Payen							
Treasurer							
						David Arnold	
Dated	2020				Independent Examiner	

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Annual Statistics

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE										
Statistics										
Based on Returns 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020										
Mark Lodges										
Lodge No.	Members 1 Sep 2019	GAINS 2019-20			LOSSES 2019-20					Members 31 Aug 2020
		Advanced	Joined	Total	Died	Resigned	Honorary	Excluded	Total	
27	33			0	1				1	32
235	16	1		1	1	1			2	15
257	44	1		1		3			3	42
519	16	1		1	1				1	16
623	33	2	1	3					0	36
1094	19			0	1				1	18
1162	30			0	1	3			4	26
1207	24	1		1	1	3			4	21
1330	86			0	2	3			5	81
1342	25	3		3		3			3	25
1398	28			0					0	28
1430	17			0	1	1			2	15
1555	30			0		1			1	29
1568	27			0	3	1			4	23
1616	27	2		2	1				1	28
1627	16	1		1	1	1			2	15
1631	44	1	1	2	1				1	45
1657	28		1	1					0	29
1868	23			0					0	23
Memberships	566	13	3	16	15	20	0	0	35	547
Members	466	13	3	16	14	20	0	0	34	448
Royal Ark Mariner Lodges										
Lodge No.	Members 1 Sep 2019	GAINS 2019-20			LOSSES 2019-20					Members 31 Aug 2020
		Elevated	Joined	Total	Died	Resigned	Honorary	Excluded	Total	
27	21	2		2	1				1	22
235	13			0					0	13
257	33	1		1		2			2	32
519	15			0					0	15
1162	24	1	1	2	1				1	25
1330	54			0	2				2	52
1398	21			0					0	21
1555	26	2		2		2			2	26
1568	14			0	2				2	12
Memberships	221	6	1	7	6	4	0	0	10	218
Members	161	6	1	7	5	4	0	0	9	159

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

Active Officers

Senior Warden	W.Bro. J R (Bob) Watson
Junior Warden	W.Bro. Richard M Haydon
Master Overseer	W.Bro. Raymond J Head
Senior Overseer	W.Bro. Frank E Hames
Junior Overseer	W.Bro. David Arnold
Chaplain	V.W.Bro. Digby R Woods, P.G.J.O.
Treasurer (to be elected)	W.Bro. J (Jim) E Payen, P.G.J.D.
Registrar	W.Bro. Richard J Mackrow
Secretary	W.Bro. A Huw Hopkin, P.G.Stwd
Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. S (Steve) J Berkshire, P.G.J.D.
Almoner	W.Bro. Hugh E Ranscombe, P.A.G.D.C.
Charity Steward	W.Bro. Paul A Wilding, P.G.J.D.
Inspector of Works	W.Bro. Colin A Wills
Sword Bearer	W.Bro. Ian A Spence
Deputy Chaplain	W.Bro. Peter W Hughes, P.G.J.D.
Deputy Secretary	W.Bro. L Elwyn Hopkin
Deputy Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. M (Mike) J Warner
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Colin M Gilbey
Junior Deacon	W.Bro. L (Les) M Canham
Assistant Almoner	W.Bro. Howard H Martin
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. Paul J Tomlinson
Organist	W.Bro. Brian W Chase
Standard Bearer	W.Bro. M (Mike) D Hennessy
Inner Guard	W.Bro. J G (Iain) Marnock
Steward	W.Bro. T F Brian McCormack
Steward	W.Bro. F (Frank) I Paul
Steward	W.Bro. Gary D Mitchell
Steward	W.Bro. R (Bob) Marchbanks
Tyler	W.Bro. Trevor V Raymond

Promotions in Past Rank

Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden	W.Bro. T (Tim) T Weller
Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden	W.Bro. G (Geoff) H Webb
Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden	W.Bro. Julian C Pacey
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. David Lambton
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. D (Don) A Cox
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. Terence H T Wilkinson
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W.Bro. Howard H Martin
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W.Bro. K (Ken) E Beard
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W.Bro. Clive E R Hammond
Past Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	W.Bro. Peter Boden
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro. John H Burgon
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Timothy C Weekes
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Alan F Fone
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Brian W King
Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	W.Bro. Andrew W Bernstein

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First Appointments to Past Provincial Grand Rank

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. Richard I Wilkins
Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. Henry Wade

Brethren who received Grand Honours on Tuesday 9th June 2020

Past Grand Junior Overseer (via Grand Lodge)	W.Bro. Nigel A Willows
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	W.Bro. Bernard Greenwold

Re-Appointments

R.W.Bro. Richard J Olliver, G.M.R.A.C.	General Board
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Brethren who received Grand Honours on 8th September 2020

Past Grand Junior Deacon	W.Bro. J (Jim) E Payen
Past Grand Junior Deacon	W.Bro. David Wiltcher

Brethren who received Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank on Tuesday 10th December 2019

W.Bro. David Lambton
W.Bro. John K Palmer (via Province of London)