

UNITED GRAND LODGE

OF

Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England

Quarterly Communication

Holden at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London
on Wednesday, the 8th day of June 2016

Present:

MW Bro P.G. Lowndes Pro Grand Master
RW Bro J. Spence Deputy Grand Master
RW Bro D.P.L. Hodgetts, *LVO* Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey and Alderney
RW Bro A.H. Ryan District Grand Master for Gibraltar
RW Bro R. Merritt Provincial Grand Master for Dorset
RW Bro G. Ives Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire
RW Bro N.E. Heaviside Provincial Grand Master for Durham
RW Bro N.J. Thompson, *DL* Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland
RW Bro D.V. Hagger Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland
RW Bro D.F. Macey Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire
RW Bro M.J. Wilks Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight
RW Bro A.J. Vaughan Provincial Grand Master for Bristol
RW Bro C.A.S. Hadler Provincial Grand Master for Somerset
RW Bro M.W. Bayes .. Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire
RW Bro G.G. Dearing Provincial Grand Master for East Kent
RW Bro P.A. Taylor Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire
RW Bro M.G. Peters Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire
RW Bro G. Robertson Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire
RW Bro Sir David Trippier, *RD, DL* Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire
RW Bro Dr A.I. Stewart, *TD* Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire
RW Bro the Rev D.J. Bowen Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire
RW Bro I. Kingsbury Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire
RW Bro I.J. Yeldham Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk
RW Bro R.C. Vaughan Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire
RW Bro G. Jones, *OBE* Provincial Grand Master for South Wales
RW Bro P.J. Gower Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire
RW Bro D.S. Pratt Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire, West Riding
RW Bro J. Gillyon Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire, North and East Ridings
RW Bro S.D. Hookey Provincial Grand Master for West Wales

RW Bro J.J. Craigs	Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland
RW Bro J.A. Harrison	Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire
RW Bro D.H.T. Henderson-Ross	Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire
RW Bro J.R.G. Hilditch	Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire
RW Bro P.S.A. Bullock	Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire
RW Bro S.M. Blank	Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire
RW Bro P.G. Marshall	Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire
RW Bro M.D. Estaugh	Provincial Grand Master for West Kent
RW Bro R.L. Bass	Provincial Grand Master for Essex
RW Bro S.N. Allen	Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk
RW Bro W.C.M. Dastur	Provincial Grand Master for Cambridgeshire
RW Bro A.P. Henderson	Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire
RW Bro I.M. Chandler	Provincial Grand Master for Surrey
RW Bro Sir Stuart Hampson, <i>DL</i>	Senior Grand Warden
RW Bro the Rev D.J.R.H. Railton	Junior Grand Warden
RW Bro A.C. Wilson, <i>PSGW</i>	President, Board of General Purposes
VW Bro the Rev Canon M. Wilson	Grand Chaplain
RW Bro the Rt Hon Sir John Chadwick, <i>ED</i> , <i>PSGW</i>	Grand Registrar
VW Bro J.H. Newman, <i>GStwd</i>	Deputy President, Masonic Charitable Foundation
RW Bro O.A.W. Lodge, <i>TD</i> , <i>PJGW</i>	Grand Director of Ceremonies
VW Bro C.P.T. Brown	Grand Sword Bearer
VW Bro J.C. Pagella	Grand Superintendent of Works
RW Bro Q.C.T. Humberstone, <i>PJGW</i>	Grand Treasurer
W Bro the Rev T.J.N. L'Estrange	Deputy Grand Chaplain
VW Bro J.M. Long, <i>TD</i> , <i>PGSwdB</i>	Deputy President, Board of General Purposes
W Bro J.A.F. Thom, <i>QC</i>	Deputy Grand Registrar
VW Bro G.F. Redman, <i>PGSwdB</i>	Deputy Grand Secretary
VW Bro J.M. Hamill, <i>PGSwdB</i>	Deputy Grand Chancellor
W Bro M.J.P. Horlock	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro M.A.J. Gurney	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro Dr D.R. Staples	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.W. Mitchell	Deputy Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro R.C. Bruce	Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro D.A. Graeme	Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro V.J. Driver	Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro Capt S.S.S. Judah, <i>MBE</i>	Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro R.G.S. Wright	Senior Grand Deacon
W Bro J.C. Reid	Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro J. Boyington, <i>CBE</i>	Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro A.C. Howlett-Bolton	Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro C.E. Lord, <i>OBE</i>	Junior Grand Deacon
W Bro the Rev N.R. Gallagher	Assistant Grand Chaplain
W Bro J.A.L. Berry	Assistant Grand Registrar
W Bro A.G. Rayner	Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro S.E.R. Christie	Assistant Grand Secretary
W Bro J.E. Ashford	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W Bro J.C. Cooper	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro P.F. Crockett	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro O.W. Davison	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro G.W. Gonthier	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro B.L.T. McCormack	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.R. Montgomery	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro R.F.A. Pemberton	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W Bro Cdr D. Hilton, <i>RN, MBE</i>	Assistant Grand Sword Bearer
W Bro N.J. Vaughan	Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works
W Bro J.E. Burnapp	Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro D.N. Hanson	Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro Dr S.K. Archer	Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro C.W. Bradley	Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro S.N. Graham	Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W Bro A.D.M. Warham	Deputy Grand Organist
W Bro Dr S.J. Borwick	Grand Pursuivant
W Bro A.R. Austin	Assistant Grand Pursuivant
W Bro A.J. Ross	Assistant Grand Pursuivant
W Bro P.F. Wynter Bee	Grand Steward
W Bro P.D.E. Gibbs	Grand Steward
W Bro C.M.D. Thomson	Grand Steward
W Bro F.J.C. Luard	Grand Steward
W Bro A.P.L. Fermor, PAGDC	Grand Steward
W Bro T. Dedezade	Grand Steward
W Bro S.R. Forman	Grand Steward
W Bro D. Nunn, PSGD	Grand Steward
W Bro S.V. Devalia	Grand Steward
W Bro J.W.P. Campbell, PAGSuptWks	Grand Steward
W Bro M.C. Frangos, PGStB	Grand Steward
VW Bro G.C. Higgs, PGSwdB	Grand Steward
W Bro C.G. Wynterbee-Robey	Grand Steward
W Bro N.O. Clavel	Grand Steward
W Bro M. Brooks, PJGD	Grand Tyler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

RW Bro D.K. Williamson	Past Assistant Grand Master
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A large number of Past Grand Officers, qualified Past Grand Stewards, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many private Lodges.

VISITORS

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

Bro Charles I.R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont MW Grand Master Mason

SWEDISH ORDER OF FREEMASONS - GRAND LODGE OF SWEDEN

MW Bro Anders Strömberg Grand Master

GRAND LODGE ALPINA OF SWITZERLAND

W Bro Colin Mills Representative of UGLE

NORWEGIAN ORDER OF FREEMASONS - GRAND LODGE OF NORWAY

VW Bro Harald Øien Grand Secretary

UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY

MW Bro Christoph Bosbach Grand Master

RW Bro Einar Tiefenbach Assistant Grand Master for Foreign Affairs

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH FREEMASONS IN GERMANY

MW Bro Michael A. Cooper Past Grand Master

RW Bro John Mackinnon Past Deputy Grand Master

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

RW Bro Bharat V. Epur Past Deputy Grand Master

RW Bro Sathiyamurthy Thirugnanamurthy Grand Chaplain

GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN

MW Bro Oscar de Alfonso Ortega Grand Master

RW Bro Ferrán Bello Hernaiz Grand Charity Steward

GRAND LODGE OF ESTONIA

MW Bro Anti Oidsalu Grand Master

MW Bro Arne Kaasik Past Grand Master

A number of Master Masons not qualified to attend as Wardens.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer at 11.30 a.m.

THE GRAND LODGE WAS CALLED OFF

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 9 March 2016 were taken as read and confirmed.

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, the second item is to consider the Minutes of the Annual Investiture. Unfortunately, there are two typographical errors, they show Grand Lodge as having been opened at noon rather than 4 pm, and RW Bro Ian Yeldham as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey rather than Suffolk.

The Minutes, subject to the correction of the items mentioned above, were confirmed.

INVESTITURE OF GRAND SECRETARY

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, before we come to the next item on the paper of business I have a very pleasant item to introduce into our proceedings.

Most of you will know that the MW The Grand Master has appointed Brigadier Willie Shackell as Grand Secretary with effect from today, and it will give me great pleasure now to invest him in that office on behalf of the MW The Grand Master.

[RW Bro W.E. Shackell, CBE, PJGW was conducted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and invested as Grand Secretary by the MW Pro Grand Master to loud applause]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

On the Motion of the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (RW Bro A.C. WILSON, PSGW), seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (VW Bro J.M. LONG, TD, PGSwdB), the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England

RULE 110

1. Rule 110 of the Book of Constitutions currently provides:

110. Should a Prince of the Blood Royal honour any private Lodge by accepting the office of Master, he may appoint a Deputy Master, qualified in compliance with the provisions of Rule 105, who shall be regularly installed, and be entitled, when in office, to all the privileges of Master, and, after he has served his period of office, to those of a Past Master.

2. In the early part of the last century, HRH The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, the then Grand Master, was permanent Master of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2 and Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, which were at that time the only two Lodges formally recognised as enjoying Time Immemorial status. In 1967, Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, the third of the three surviving Lodges which had come together in 1717 to form the premier Grand Lodge, was permitted to surrender its Warrant and thus regain the Time Immemorial status it had lost in 1722 by accepting a Warrant from the premier Grand Lodge.

3. It has been suggested that, with the approach of the Tercentenary of the Grand Lodge, it would be appropriate for the present Grand Master to follow the example of the Duke of Connaught and accept the permanent Mastership of the three Time Immemorial Lodges. To facilitate his so doing, it is recommended, following advice from the Grand Registrar, that the Rule be amended by the addition of a further sentence to the Rule. Notice of Motion to amend the Book of Constitutions accordingly appears at item 10 of the Paper of Business.

ANNUAL DUES

4. 2017 The Board recommends, in accordance with Rule 269, Book of Constitutions, that the annual dues (including VAT) payable to Grand Lodge in respect of each member of every Lodge for the year 2017 shall be:

	£
In a Lodge in England and Wales that is unattached	60.00
In a Lodge in a Metropolitan Area or a Province	38.00
In a Lodge in a District	10.50
In a Lodge abroad not in a District	16.00

5. A Resolution to this effect appears at item 6(A) of the Paper of Business.

FEES

6. 2017 The Board recommends, in accordance with Rule 270, Book of Constitutions, that the fees (exclusive of VAT) payable for registration, certificates and dispensations should be increased in line with inflation to:

(a) the Registration of	£
1. A Grand Officer, present and past, on first appointment	116.00
2. A Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Master or a Metropolitan Grand Inspector (under Rule 60)	66.00
3. A Deputy or Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master (under Rule 66)	66.00
4. A holder of Overseas Grand Rank (under Rule 93)	27.00
5. A Mason, inclusive of Grand Lodge Certificate (initiation, or joining from a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge)	
In a Lodge in England and Wales that is unattached	65.00
In a Lodge in a Metropolitan Area or a Province	58.00
In a Lodge in a District	36.00
In a Lodge abroad not under a District	48.00
(b) the replacement or amendment of a Grand Lodge Certificate	65.00
(c) a Certificate for a Serving Brother	36.00
(d) a Dispensation by the Grand Master	34.00
a Dispensation by the Grand Master 'nunc pro tunc'	68.00

7. A Resolution to put this into effect appears at item 6(B) of the Paper of Business.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE GRAND CHARITY

8. Under Rule 271 of the Book of Constitutions Grand Lodge must fix each year the annual contribution that is payable to the Grand Charity. The Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation have requested that for 2017 the annual contribution remain at £17.00 in respect of each member of a Lodge in a Metropolitan Area or a Province, or in England and Wales that is unattached. A Resolution to put this into effect appears at item 9 of the Paper of Business.

9. On 1 April 2016 the Masonic Charitable Foundation came into existence, to take over in due course the functions of the four main Masonic Charities. Although the Grand Charity remains a constituent part of the new Charity it is considered more appropriate that the annual contribution should for the future be directed to the new parent charity, which will enjoy greater flexibility in the distribution of its funds. Notice of Motion to amend the Book of Constitutions accordingly appears at item 10 of the Paper of Business.

PRESTONIAN LECTURES

(I) 2015

Wherever dispersed - the Travelling Mason

10. The Lecturer, W Bro Prof R. Burt, has informed the Board that in addition to the five official deliveries to Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398 (Montreal and Halifax); Shepherd's Bush Lodge, No. 1828 (London); Warwickshire Installed Masters Lodge, No. 4538 (Warwickshire); Torbay Masters Lodge, No. 8227 (Devonshire); and Worthing Lodge of Installed Masters, No. 9860 (Sussex), the Lecture was also delivered on twenty-two other occasions throughout the Constitution. The Board desires to express its thanks to Bro Burt for the considerable time and effort he has spent in this connection.

(II) 2016

*Foundations: new light on the formation
and early years of the Grand Lodge of England*

11. The Prestonian Lecturer for 2016 is W Bro Dr R.A. Berman.

12. Three official Prestonian Lectures for 2016 have been or will be given under the auspices of:

Zetland and Hong Kong Lodge, No. 7665 (London)
Bristol Installed Masters Lodge, No. 8168 (Bristol)
Temple of Athene Lodge, No. 9541 (Middlesex)

(iii) 2017

13. The Board has submitted a nomination to the Trustees of the Prestonian Fund and they have appointed RW Bro Dr J.W. Daniel, PSGW as Prestonian Lecturer for 2017. Bro Daniel states that the title of his Lecture will be: *The Grand Design*.

14. Arrangements for the delivery of the Lectures to selected Lodges will be considered by the Board in November and applications are now invited from Lodges. Applications should be made to the Grand Secretary, through Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Secretaries.

15. The Board desires to emphasise the importance of these, the only Lectures held under the authority of the Grand Lodge. It is, therefore, hoped that applications for the privilege of having one of these official Lectures will be made only by Lodges which are prepared to afford facilities for all Freemasons in their area, as well as their own members, to participate and thus ensure an attendance worthy of the occasion.

AMALGAMATIONS

16. The Board has received reports that the following Lodges have resolved to surrender their Warrants:

- (a) Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 3453 and Sinceritas Lodge, No. 4934 in order to amalgamate with Lodge of Sincerity, No. 428 (Cheshire);
- (b) Comet Lodge, No. 7710, in order to amalgamate with Oakfield Lodge, No. 7011 (Surrey); and
- (c) Norman Arches Lodge, No. 7761, in order to amalgamate with Borlase Lodge, No. 6216 (Buckinghamshire).

17. The Board accordingly recommends that the Lodges be removed from the register in order to effect the amalgamations. A Resolution to this effect appears at item 7 of the Paper of Business.

The Board of General Purposes regrets to record the death of the following Present and Past Grand Officers reported up to 10 May 2016:

- RW Bro Rt Hon Lord Barnard, *TD*, PProvGM, Durham
- RW Bro L. Smit, PDistGM, South Africa, *ED*
- VW Bro G.T.R. Read, PGSwdB
- VW Bro C.M. Walmsley, PGSwdB
- VW Bro Dr J.A.Q. Blukoo-Allotey, PGSwdB

Death of Grand Officers (*continued*)

W Bro M.W. Collard, PSGD
W Bro A.R. Malcolm, PSGD
W Bro C.S. Barnett, PSGD
W Bro Dr G.H.L. Bullmore, PJGD
W Bro P.E.C. Ray, PJGD
W Bro W.L. Watters, PJGD
W Bro N.L. Smart, PJGD
W Bro R.C. Fewster, PJGD
W Bro R.J.L. Butterworth, PJGD
W Bro D.A. Pilgrim, PJGD
W Bro F.A. Starkey, PJGD
W Bro J.W. Clarkson, PJGD
W Bro P.H. Erlen, PJGD
W Bro C. Bowater, PJGD
W Bro Cdr F.G. Davey, RN, PJGD
W Bro J. Hewitt, PJGD
W Bro Dr C. VanDyck, PJGD
W Bro P.M.W. Knowles, PAGDC
W Bro A.H. Moody, PAGDC
W Bro F.J.W. Hodgson, PAGDC
W Bro J.H.T. Alston, PAGDC
W Bro S.M. Townley, PAGDC
W Bro Dr H.I. Scoins, PAGDC
W Bro H. Tucker, PAGDC
W Bro J. Craigs, PAGDC
W Bro H.C. Norcott, PAGDC
W Bro D. Hall, PAGDC
W Bro A.V. Preston, PAGDC
W Bro T.P. Jewell, PAGDC
W Bro H. Van Greunen, PAGDC
W Bro M.K. Sanders, PAGDC
W Bro J. Matthey, PAGDC
W Bro N.B. Rolfe, PAGDC
W Bro Dr R.J. Howland, PAGDC
W Bro M.E. Cheeseman, PAGDC
W Bro T.H. Alderman, PAGDC

Death of Grand Officers (*continued*)

W Bro I.B. Gorman, PAGDC
 W Bro D. Hewitson, PAGSwdB
 W Bro B.J. Davies, PAGESuptWks
 W Bro H.E. Milburn, PAGESuptWks
 W Bro K.H.A. Witchell, PGStB
 W Bro T.A. Coggan, PGStB
 W Bro A.W.R. Elkington, PGStB
 W Bro K.E. Kleingeld, PGStB
 W Bro A.J. Stammer, PGStB
 W Bro V.J. Gardner, PGStB
 W Bro R.G. Howard, PGStB
 W Bro A.B. Milne, PGStB
 W Bro S.D. Patel, PGStB
 W Bro L.J. Dixon, PAGESStB
 W Bro W.R. Conolly, PAGESStB
 W Bro S.E. Eng, PAGESStB
 W Bro G. Roberts, PGPurs
 W Bro J.W. Adcock, PAGESPurs

ERASURE OF LODGES

18. The Board has received a report that thirty-seven Lodges have closed and have surrendered their Warrants. The Lodges are:

Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645 (East Lancashire)
 Renaissance Lodge, No. 1219 (East Lancashire)
 St James' Abercorn Lodge, No. 1579 (London)
 Vincent Lodge, No. 3031 (London)
 Ribblesdale Lodge, No. 3393 (East Lancashire)
 Facta non Verba Lodge, No. 3409 (London)
 Marble Craft Lodge, No. 3522 (London)
 Crescent Lodge of Good Intent Lodge, No. 4524 (East Lancashire)
 Sunnyhurst Lodge, No. 4631 (East Lancashire)
 Justice Lodge, No. 4632 (East Lancashire)
 Collagen Lodge, No. 4733 (London)
 Madrigal Lodge, No. 5039 (East Lancashire)
 Vis Unita Lodge, No. 5041 (East Lancashire)

Bromsgrove Lodge, No. 5414 (Worcestershire)
 Yale Lodge, No. 5636 (North Wales)
 Ormerod Lodge, No. 5713 (East Lancashire)
 Tylney Lodge, No. 5856 (Essex)
 Lodge of Accord, No. 6195 (London)
 Bright Morning Star Lodge, No. 6245 (Surrey)
 Lodge of Thanksgiving, No. 6256 (Cheshire)
 Huntroyd Lodge, No. 6385 (East Lancashire)
 Lodge of Futurity, No. 6455 (Worcestershire)
 Lodge of St Andrew, Great Ilford, No. 6515 (Essex)
 Fairway Lodge, No. 6693 (East Lancashire)
 Fairfield Lodge, No. 7224 (East Lancashire)
 Golden Hind Lodge, No. 7325 (London)
 Dene Head Lodge, No. 7594 (East Lancashire)
 Lodge of Unanimity, No. 7721 (Surrey)
 Farfield Lodge, No. 8112 (North Wales)
 Lodge of Saint Jude, No. 8138 (Surrey)
 University of Aston Lodge, No. 8305 (Warwickshire)
 Huncoat Lodge, No. 8542 (East Lancashire)
 True and Faithful Lodge, No. 8562 (London)
 Lodge of Enterprise, No. 8757 (South Wales)
 Lodge of Good Heart, No. 8890 (West Kent)
 Erddig Lodge, No. 8933 (North Wales)
 Debdale Lodge, No. 9400 (East Lancashire)

19. Over recent years, the Lodges have found themselves no longer viable. The Board is satisfied that further efforts to save them would be to no avail and therefore has no alternative but to recommend that they be erased. A Resolution to this effect appears at item 5 of the Paper of Business.

EXPULSIONS

20. As required by Rule 277 (a) (i) (B), Book of Constitutions, the Appendix shows Brethren recently expelled from the Craft.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON
 10 May 2016

(signed) A.C. WILSON
 President

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES: MW Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I move that the Report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted and entered in the Minutes.

The Motion was seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT and was agreed to.

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, the Board's Report lists the names of those Grand Officers whose deaths were reported up to 10 May.

They include RW Bro the Rt Hon Lord Barnard, TD, Past Provincial Grand Master for Durham and, at the age of 104, W Bro Dr George Bullmore, PJGD who was a subscribing member of the Craft for 84 years.

The Brethren stood in silence.

GRAND LODGE ACCOUNTS FOR 2015

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES: MW Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I now present the report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015. These show an operating surplus of £850,000 compared to £1.1 million in the previous year. The decrease is mainly accounted for by additional expenditure on Regent Street Disease of some £400,000. This expenditure, which is borne by our investment income, will fluctuate each year due to its nature. The investment income showed an increase of some £200,000 largely from the rental income and reflects the success of our policies in improving the property portfolio. It continues to be our policy to use the net investment income to pay for one-off projects such as Regent Street Disease without impacting dues.

Under operating expenditure you will have noticed the increase in expenditure on ADELPHI 2 which was £600,000 compared to £200,000 in the year before. Any modern and efficient membership organisation is dependent on its electronic systems and we are no exception. After more than 10 years ADELPHI 1 was becoming obsolete and no longer supported, hence the need for a new system. When it is complete I anticipate that it will have cost some £1 million and, like its predecessor, last over ten years. This compares favourably to the cost of nearly £2 million on ADELPHI 1. An immediate benefit from ADELPHI 2 has been the ability to send out the Grand Lodge Papers of Business and the accounts electronically, which has produced an annual saving in excess of £60,000.

Below the line, this year's accounts include the benefit of some £13 million from a revaluation of the investments and investment properties.

The President's Report and notes to the accounts give further explanation of our results and balance sheet, which I shall not repeat.

Lastly I would like to thank on your and the Board's behalf all of the Grand Lodge staff for their continued hard work and support that they gave in 2015.

If any Brother has any question the Grand Treasurer and I will do our best to answer them.

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Oh, come on Brethren. *(Laughter)*

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES: MW Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I move that the Report and Accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31 December 2015 be received and adopted.

The Motion was seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT and was agreed to.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE AUDITORS

On the proposition of RW Bro D.P.L. HODGETTS, *LVO*, Provincial Grand Master for Guernsey and Alderney, seconded by RW Bro R.L. BASS, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Crowe Clark Whitehill, LLP, were re-elected auditors to Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE GRAND LODGE

On the Motion of the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT, the following resolutions were adopted.

(A) ANNUAL DUES 2017

“That in pursuance of Rule 269, Book of Constitutions, Annual Dues (inclusive of VAT) for the Year 2017 shall be payable by every Lodge in respect of each member as follows:

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2. A Deputy or Assistant Metropolitan Grand Master or a Metropolitan Grand Inspector (under Rule 60)	66.00
3. A Deputy or Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master (under Rule 66)	66.00
4. A holder of Overseas Grand Rank (under Rule 93)	27.00
5. A Mason, inclusive of Grand Lodge Certificate (initiation, or joining from a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge)	
(i) in a Lodge in England and Wales that is unattached	65.00
(ii) in a Lodge in a Metropolitan Area or a Province	58.00
(iii) in a Lodge in a District	36.00
(iv) in a Lodge abroad not under a District	48.00
(b) the replacement or amendment of a Grand Lodge Certificate	65.00
(c) a Certificate for a Serving Brother	36.00
(d) a Dispensation by the Grand Master	34.00
a Dispensation by the Grand Master ‘nunc pro tunc’	68.00”

RESOLUTION FOR THE GRAND LODGE

AMALGAMATIONS

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES moved the removal from the register of the Grand Lodge of the following Lodges:

Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 3453 (Cheshire); Sinceritas Lodge, No. 4934 (Cheshire); Comet Lodge, No. 7710 (Surrey) and Norman Arches Lodge, No. 7761 (Buckinghamshire).

The Motion was seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT and was agreed to.

RESOLUTION FOR THE GRAND LODGE

ERASURE OF LODGES

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES moved the erasure from the register of the Grand Lodge the following Lodges:

Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645 (East Lancashire); Renaissance Lodge, No. 1219 (East Lancashire); St James' Abercorn Lodge, No. 1579 (London); Vincent Lodge, No. 3031 (London); Ribblesdale Lodge, No. 3393 (East Lancashire); Facta non Verba Lodge, No. 3409 (London); Marble Craft Lodge, No. 3522 (London); Crescent Lodge of Good Intent Lodge, No. 4524 (East Lancashire); Sunnyhurst Lodge, No. 4631 (East Lancashire); Justice Lodge, No. 4632 (East Lancashire); Collagen Lodge, No. 4733 (London); Madrigal Lodge, No. 5039 (East Lancashire); Vis Unita Lodge, No. 5041 (East Lancashire); Bromsgrove Lodge, No. 5414 (Worcestershire); Yale Lodge, No. 5636 (North Wales); Ormerod Lodge, No. 5713 (East Lancashire); Tylney Lodge, No. 5856 (Essex); Lodge of Accord, No. 6195 (London); Bright Morning Star Lodge, No. 6245 (Surrey); Lodge of Thanksgiving, No. 6256 (Cheshire); Huntroyd Lodge, No. 6385 (East Lancashire); Lodge of Futurity, No. 6455 (Worcestershire); Lodge of St Andrew, Great Ilford, No. 6515 (Essex); Fairway Lodge, No. 6693 (East Lancashire); Fairfield Lodge, No. 7224 (East Lancashire); Golden Hind Lodge, No. 7325 (London); Dene Head Lodge, No. 7594 (East Lancashire); Lodge of Unanimity, No. 7721 (Surrey); Farfield Lodge, No. 8112 (North Wales); Lodge of Saint Jude, No. 8138 (Surrey); University of Aston Lodge, No. 8305 (Warwickshire); Huncoat Lodge, No. 8542 (East Lancashire); True and Faithful Lodge, No. 8562 (London); Lodge of Enterprise, No. 8757 (South Wales); Lodge of Good Heart, No. 8890 (West Kent); Erddig Lodge, No. 8933 (North Wales); and Debdale Lodge, No. 9400 (East Lancashire) be erased from the register of the Grand Lodge.

The Motion was seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT and was agreed to.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE GRAND CHARITY 2017

On the Motion of the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, seconded by the DEPUTY PRESIDENT, the following resolution was adopted.

“That in pursuance of Rule 271, Book of Constitutions, there shall be payable to the Grand Charity in respect of every member of a Lodge in a Metropolitan Area or a Province, or in England and Wales that is unattached, for the year 2017 a contribution of not less than £17.

(No payment is due in respect of members of Lodges overseas)”

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES: MW Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I give notice that at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, I will move the amendments to the Book of Constitutions and the related resolution standing in my name at item 10 of the Paper of Business:

- (a) That Rule 110 be amended by the addition of the following sentence:
Should the Grand Master, being a Prince of the Blood Royal, so honour any private Lodge which has been declared under Rule 60(a) to be an unattached Lodge subject to his direct jurisdiction he shall be entitled to assume the Mastership of such Lodge without taking the formal obligation of Master Elect.
- (b) That Rules 270B(a) and 271 be amended by substituting for the words “the Grand Charity” the words “The Masonic Charitable Foundation”.
- (c) That any payment to be made to the Grand Charity in accordance with any resolution passed in accordance with Rule 271 shall from 1 January 2017 be made instead to the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am delighted to say that today we are to receive a presentation from Prof Derek Alderson, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons and I now invite RW Bro the Rt Hon Lord Ribeiro, *Kt, CBE, PJGW*, past President of the Royal College of Surgeons to introduce him.

LORD RIBEIRO: MW Pro Grand Master and Brethren, it is my very great pleasure and privilege to be able to introduce Prof Derek Alderson, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Professor Emeritus of Surgery for the University of Birmingham where he headed up a department of nine surgeons with a specialist interest in oesophageal, gastric and pancreatic surgery. He is also a visiting professor to the University of Newcastle, Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Surgery, and Chairman of the Academic Research Board of the Royal College of Surgeons.

It is important today to remind Brethren of the contribution they have made since the Earl of Scarbrough in 1966 launched the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary appeal for what he termed ‘the betterment of human health and happiness’. Since then, over four and a half million pounds in grants have been made to the Royal College of Surgeons. These grants support between two and three Freemasons’ Surgical Research Fellows to undertake their research over a period of a year. It is the single greatest and largest grant that the College receives from any source in support of surgical research.

In 2013, the Royal Arch Bi-Centenary appeal raised two and a half million pounds, and with this huge injection of money we have combined the two funds into one: The Freemasons' Fund for Surgical Research, and we hope that by this endeavour we can increase the number of Fellows that we support to undertake this research.

There is little doubt that in the last fifty years research by surgeons has done more than anything else to improve and reduce the risk of surgery. It has reduced deaths and disease and improved the quality of life for patients.

Prof Alderson will explain how much of this has been achieved and it is my pleasure to hand the platform over to him.

PROF DEREK ALDERSON: Lord Ribeiro, thank you very much for those kind introductory words.

Brethren, it is a great privilege and it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to address you today.

I often speak to large audiences of surgeons, perhaps two or three thousand. I never feel intimidated. I have to tell you that I feel slightly uneasy in your presence today.

(Laughter)

The relationship between Freemasonry and the Royal College of Surgeons began some fifty years ago in 1966. The Earl of Scarborough, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, launched a charitable appeal in February of that year to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of Grand Lodge. He proposed that every English Freemason should give £1 towards "the betterment of human health and happiness." The purpose of the appeal was to establish a charitable fund with the income being made available to the Royal College of Surgeons for research. The appeal was enthusiastically embraced by Freemasonry and resulted in the establishment of the 250th Anniversary Fund for 'research into the science of surgery.'

By 1995, sufficient funds had been accrued, through the very careful stewardship of its Masonic Trustees, to combine that money with other charitable sources to initiate the Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Research Fellowship award scheme. These funds provide salary and the costs of undertaking research for young surgeons in training for one year in the expectation that this will strengthen any further application for funding from other sources. The fiftieth Freemasons' Research Fellowship will be awarded in 2016.

Over the last twenty years, surgery has expanded enormously so some short explanation of what happens to somebody who currently tries to get one of these awards, and a few pen pictures of some of the individuals who have been recipients of Freemasons' awards, seems appropriate.

The awards are considered by trainee surgeons as highly prestigious and are highly competitive. The success rate is only about one in five. Applicants are required to make a full submission of the research proposal and give an indication of why they have chosen to do a particular piece of research at a specific institution. In addition, the nature of the supervision must be explicit and it must be clear how the research fits into each individual's career aspiration. After clearing that hurdle, the application is sent out to three experts in that field to see whether or not it is worthy. For those who have not given up by that point, they are called for interview at the College where they must present their proposed research to a new panel of judges, who make a final decision to determine who is lucky!

Competition remains intense.

By 2013, it had become apparent that due to the increased cost of doing research, and the explosion in surgical research activity, the scheme was unsustainable. At this point, the generosity of Royal Arch Masons with their Bi-Centenary appeal provided a new source of funding by raising more than two and a half million pounds. This created a new combined fund (The Freemasons' Fund for Surgical Research), so that three individual surgeons can be supported by Freemasons each year.

What about the research done by recipients of awards over the last twenty years? A few illustrative examples:

The very first recipient of a Freemasons' Research Fellowship was a trainee neurosurgeon, Peter Hutchinson. At that time, he wished to put tiny tubes into the brains of people during their brain surgery to find out what happens to the human brain during surgery. These tiny devices, called micro-dialysis catheters, sample the fluids in and around the brain and it was hoped that analysis of these fluids might tell us, not only about what happens to the brain during surgery, but what causes damage and therefore what strategies the surgeon might adopt to minimise this damage. Fast forward twenty years and we discover Peter Hutchinson, Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Cambridge. This early work laid the foundation for understanding what happens in major head injuries. It has radically changed the way in which head injuries are looked after in neurosurgical centres, not just in Britain, but across Europe and elsewhere in the world. Peter Hutchinson leads one of the world's largest trials to investigate how to treat head injuries better, stemming from work done as the recipient of a research award made twenty years ago.

Surgical research is, like many things, a long game and certainly a marathon, not a sprint.

In 2003, one of the Freemasons' Research fellows that year was a young head and neck surgeon called Richard Shaw. He had the idea that he might be able to find bits of DNA shed from tumours in the circulation of patients with cancer. He was interested in cancer in the mouth and he thought he would look to see if this was the case and what it might mean in terms of patient survival. It is now clear that both in

this cancer and many other cancers, we can find evidence of material that has come from tumours free in the circulation. We also now know that for many cancers, this finding confers a poor outcome and this has led to an enormous amount of research on how we might prevent this or develop treatments to get rid of it. Richard Shaw is now Professor of Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Liverpool, a consultant surgeon in Aintree Hospital and the national lead for surgical cancer research.

In the last couple of years, more and more women have decided, quite rightly, to pursue surgical careers. Nowadays, about one in four award holders is female and two of the most exciting research projects that you have supported in the last few years are being done by female surgeons. Ming He at Imperial College in London, and Michelle Griffin at University College, London, both work in the field of tissue engineering. Tissue engineering is about the creation of bio-materials (things that are compatible with the human body) that can be fabricated and made to perfectly resemble a human structure such as a bone, or even a complex organ such as a kidney, by what is called 3D printing. Stem cells (cells that can be transformed into any type of cell in your body) can be placed into this artificial structure and made to work in a desired way, for instance to grow and develop the properties of bone. Ming is working on the creation of an artificial kidney and Michelle on the creation of a composite bone and cartilage replacement for parts of the face for people who have become disfigured.

This may sound like Star Trek. This may seem like craziness and something for the distant future, but it is much closer to reality than many people think. Some people in this room, are likely to benefit from tissue-engineered parts in their lifetime. For those of you of perhaps advanced years I guarantee your children and your grandchildren will benefit from this type of surgery.

(Laughter)

In the last twenty years since the Research Fellowship scheme started, we have seen enormous advances in transplantation, cancer surgery, and, in recent years and very importantly, in military surgery where the United Kingdom is recognised as world leading in surgical management of military trauma. The Freemasons' Fund for Surgical research has supported a number of research fellows in all these areas recently. Over the next ten to twenty years, we will see the increasing use of robotics in surgery, minimally invasive techniques, completely novel technologies as well as the tissue engineering alluded to. The Royal College of Surgeons, as a charity, will continue to depend on donations, legacies, and gifts from organisations including Freemasonry.

The association between Freemasonry and the Royal College has been long and friendly. I hope that it continues for many years and I thank you for your time and attention this morning.

(Loud and prolonged applause)

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I can hear that you enjoyed that. Professor, you probably know that Freemasonry supports a huge number of charities in a fairly major way, but I don't think I would be contradicted if I said that we are probably prouder of our support for your organisation than probably any other and you have indicated that some of us might even benefit from it, which is better still. You are an extremely busy man and I am really very, very grateful for your coming along today to talk to us about it, and very interesting it was.

Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I have to announce that the MW The Grand Master has made the following appointments:

W Bro Ian Michael Chandler, PAGDC, as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in succession to RW Bro Eric Stuart-Bamford, who retired on 24 May. Bro Chandler was installed the next day.

W Bro Christopher Lintern Moore, PSGD, as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, in succession to RW Bro Kenneth Thomas, who retired on 31 May. Bro Moore will be installed on 13 June.

Brethren, appointments to past Grand Rank are usually made at the Annual Investiture in April. However, the Grand Master has on this occasion chosen to appoint Bro Charles Ian Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, the MW Grand Master Mason of Scotland, to the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

[Bro Charles Ian Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont was conducted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and invested by The MW The Pro Grand Master to loud applause]

WELCOME

MW PRO GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I would like on your behalf to welcome some distinguished Brethren from other Grand Lodges who are with us today.

From the Grand Lodge of Scotland as you have already seen, we have, the MW Grand Master Mason, Bro Charles Ian Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, and it really was a great pleasure to Invest him;

from the Swedish Order of Freemasons – Grand Lodge of Sweden, the Grand Master, MW Bro Anders Strömberg;

from the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, our Representative at that Grand Lodge, W Bro Colin Mills;

from the Norwegian Order of Freemasons – Grand Lodge of Norway, the Grand Secretary, VW Bro Harald Øien;

from the United Grand Lodges of Germany, the Grand Master, MW Bro Christoph Bosbach; he is accompanied by the Assistant Grand Master for Foreign Affairs, RW Bro Einar Tiefenbach; and from the Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany, MW Bro Michael Cooper, Past Grand Master and RW Bro John Mackinnon, Past Deputy Grand Master;

from the Grand Lodge of India, RW Bro Bharat Epur, Past Deputy Grand Master; he is accompanied by the Grand Chaplain, RW Bro Sathiyamurthy Thirugnanamurthy;

from the Grand Lodge of Spain, the Grand Master, MW Bro Oscar de Alfonso Ortega; he is accompanied by the Grand Charity Steward, RW Bro Ferrán Bello Hernaiz; and

from the Grand Lodge of Estonia, the Grand Master, MW Bro Anti Oidsalu; he is accompanied by MW Bro Arne Kaasik, Past Grand Master.

From our own Constitution, we have, from Gibraltar, the District Grand Master, RW Bro Alfred Ryan; he is accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master, VW Bro Maurice Key, and ten other Brethren;

from Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, the Past Deputy District Grand Master, W Bro Jeffrey P. Morgan, PDepGSwdB;

from Hong Kong and the Far East, the Past District Senior Grand Warden, W Bro Herbert H.K. Tsoi, PAGDC; he is accompanied by the District Grand Orator, W Bro Robert W. Bull, PAGDC; and

from South America, Southern Division, the Deputy District Grand Master; W Bro W. Philip Thompson, PSGD, he is accompanied by W Bro Ernesto A Marcer.

I have had no notice of any other distinguished visitors from overseas. However, I extend on your behalf a very warm welcome to all Brethren who have travelled a long distance to be with us today.

PRO GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren, those of you with keen eyesight will have noticed that I am wearing a new breast jewel. It is based on the Arms of the Grand Lodge and has been approved by the Grand Master as a permanent jewel to commemorate the Tercentenary of Grand Lodge. It will go on sale in time for the start of the 300th year on the 24th of this month, and those entitled to wear it are those Master Masons and above who at any time between then and the end of 2017 will have been members of a Lodge in this Constitution. I hope that Grand Officers – who normally wear no breast jewels other than the Royal Arch jewel – will wear it throughout that period, and will not feel obliged to stop wearing it once we reach 2018. I think it is a particularly attractive jewel and I am sure that many, if not most, members of the English Craft

will want to wear it. Those of you with even keener eyesight – and you will have to be very keen – may have noticed that I am also wearing a new tie. At a distance it looks very similar to the Craft tie introduced fifteen years ago, but it incorporates the new version of the square and compasses which has been adopted as our new logo in the run-up to the Tercentenary. While the old Craft tie may continue to be worn, it will go “off-sale” from 24 June – so if anyone offers to sell you an “old” tie brand-new after that date, you will know how to react.

Brethren, as many of you know 2017 will see a large number of special events to celebrate the Tercentenary. There are one-hundred and six events planned so far, of which four have already taken place. Not the least of these events relate to the sixty-two paving stones that will be laid outside the front of this building to commemorate the sixty-two Victoria Crosses awarded to Masons in the First World War, and also the formal re-opening of the Masonic Memorial Garden at the National Arboretum.

Brethren, during May I was lucky enough to attend two splendid Festivals. The first was for the Samaritan Fund and was held at Old Trafford by the Province of Cheshire, and the second was for the Grand Charity and was held in Norwich by the Province of Norfolk. Cheshire raised just over £3 million and Norfolk just over £2 million. Both are remarkable results and very much on par with each other bearing in mind the relative sizes of the Provinces. Our congratulations go to both.

(Applause)

It never ceases to amaze me how good our members are at fund raising. Every year the four Charity Festivals raise getting on for £10 million and over and above that there are the Provincial Charities as well as the individual Lodge Charities. That, of course, doesn't include the Freemasons' Fund for Surgical Research (formerly the 250th Anniversary Fund) which provides the funding for all the marvellous work carried out by the Royal College of Surgeons about which we have been well informed today. Indeed there are several other exceptional Masonic Charities, but time doesn't permit me to mention them all today. Suffice it to say that the Central Masonic Charities gave over £4.8 million to three hundred and ninety-three non-Masonic Charities last year and I have little doubt that the Provinces and Lodges added considerably to this figure.

Not only are our members good at fund raising, but, just as importantly, they have a huge amount of fun in the process. It is astonishing the diverse ways they find of raising money, and the underlying theme is that each project should be enjoyed by all concerned, whether raising or giving the money.

I mention the enjoyment created by these events as surely that must be the aim of all of us at all of our meetings. I think we have come a long way since the time that I was initiated forty-four years ago. I enjoyed my early meetings, but possibly despite some of the more elderly members rather than because of them. In those

days it was nearly a capital offence to smile in Lodge, but now, more often than not, some amusing incident occurs and it is allowed to be seen as such and not frowned upon. I am not for one moment suggesting that we try to turn our meetings into a pantomime, but I am most certainly suggesting that there is no harm in being seen to enjoy ourselves.

Those of you who were at the Annual Investiture meetings may have noticed how many members from our Districts attended to receive their new ranks. It seemed to me to be rather more than usual. They were, rightly, greeted with significant applause. Naturally I didn't know all the Brethren concerned, but I do know many of their Districts and I know the pride they have in being members of the United Grand Lodge of England; and they do us proud, Brethren. I have often thought that if a Lodge in this country has lost its way, it could do a lot worse than to get some members to visit some of our Districts, particularly, dare I say in West Africa and the Caribbean, where I have had experience, but many other places as well, to see how much enjoyment can be derived from their meetings.

We can probably all cite instances when a more senior member of a Lodge is less than sympathetic to a newer member who has, perhaps, had a few lapses during the ritual. In my view, exactly the opposite reaction has the right effect and encouragement is what is required and this will almost certainly give him the confidence to improve, thereby increasing his enjoyment of our proceedings. I am in absolutely no doubt, Brethren, that, if we encourage and congratulate, rather than routinely castigate our new members we will go a long way to retaining them as members and finally turn around our drop in numbers, which, incidentally, is already happening in some Provinces and Districts.

Brethren, I think I should probably warn you that I have developed a liking for visiting Lodges and Chapters unannounced. Whether the Lodge or Chapter has enjoyed it, I don't know, but they have been kind enough to say that they have. A Chapter that I went to in West Wales recently, performed an excellent installation ceremony and I heard at least three pieces of ritual that I had not come across before and all were delivered without hesitation – I should, of course add that I had no idea whether or not it was correct! (*Laughter*) Brethren it all seemed to me that they – yes you've guessed it – thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Two last things, Brethren. First, we have the television cameras running today, and one or two things have been filmed here and elsewhere in order to give a representative picture of Freemasonry and the filming of which should not be seen as precedents to be followed by individual Lodges in future. Secondly, we are coming to the end of the current Masonic season. Enjoy the summer break; and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Thank you, Brethren.

(*Applause*)

GRAND LODGE WAS CALLED OFF

At the close of the proceedings, the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

GRAND LODGE WAS CALLED ON

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

The meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

RECORDED ATTENDANCE AT THE GRAND LODGE

Grand Officers (including Present Grand Stewards)	526
Masters, Wardens and Past Masters	528
Master Masons not qualified as Wardens	62
Visitors	14
Total	<u>1130</u>

*APPENDIX***EXPULSIONS FROM THE CRAFT**

The following list shows Brethren expelled from the Craft with the Lodges (Chapters) of which once a member.

Name	Lodges (Chapters)
19 February 2016	
Terence John Cottam	L6958
Leslie John Errington	L4988
Geoffrey Harold Arthur Fincher	L104 L5497 L6277 (C2368)
Roger William Gilbertson	L4228 L6730
Stephen Winter Gill	L7218
Trevor Jenkins	L4259 L7428 (C949)
Victor Eric Kelly	L3901 L4991 L7673 (C879) (C2514)
Ernest Wayne Pulman	L7982 L8364 (C7982)
Donald Oliver Smith	L4228 L7111
Elfryn James Williams	L6952
18 April 2016	
Zakir Ahmed	L2669
Robert Lund	L7427

LIST OF NEW LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY
THE MW THE GRAND MASTER SHOWING THE DATES FROM WHICH
THEIR WARRANTS BECAME EFFECTIVE

DATE OF WARRANT/ NO. AND NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	AREA
<i>9 March 2016</i>		
9925 Cornucopia Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards of Derbyshire		Derbyshire
9926 Buckinghamshire Motorcycle Lodge		Buckinghamshire

