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## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire



**R.W.Bro. Graham David Seeman.**  
*Provincial Grand Master*

**V.W.Bro. Michael Frederick Sanders, P.G.J.O.**  
*Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF BERKSHIRE**  
**Minutes of the Annual Communication held as a Virtual Business Meeting via**  
**Zoom**  
**on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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 the Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro John Herbert Prizeman, the Grand Secretary R.W.Bro Ryan A Williams, the Past Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro Peter James Sands and other brethren.. All the Mark Lodges in the Province were represented, together with guests, making a total of 89 Brethren.

The Presiding Officer R.W.Bro Richard John Olliver G.M.R.A.C. declared the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting open at 19.30hrs.

The Presiding Officer called upon W.Bro Huw Hopkin P.G.Stwd, the Provincial Grand Secretary, to read the Letter of Permission from Grand Lodge granting permission to hold the meeting in the form of a Virtual Business Meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed the Deputy Grand Master, who responded with suitable words expressing his pleasure at being present. The Grand Secretary was also welcomed and responded in like manner.

Following a proposition by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Paul Ackland-Snow, seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. Steve Talbot, the circulated minutes of the Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire, held on Thursday 12th September 2019, were accepted and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary's Report, having been circulated, was adopted on a proposition of the Provincial Grand Master Overseer, W.Bro. Kevin Dodd and seconded by the Provincial Grand Senior Overseer, W.Bro. Brian Cook.

The Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro Hugh E .Ranscombe P.G.A.D.C. submitted his Annual Report, which having been circulated was approved after a proposition from the Provincial Grand Senior Warden W.Bro Paul Ackland-Snow and seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden W.Bro Steve Talbot.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro Graham Seeman P.G.J.O. then read the Obituary Roll. The P.G.M. delivered a moving eulogy to R.W.Bro. Alan Fredrick Brunning Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province who was called to higher service on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master offered prayer after which the brethren observed a moment of silent reflection in memory of those departed

The Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W.Bro. Paul Wilding, P.G.J.D. 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., seconded by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Jim Payen P.G.St.B.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Jim Payen P.G.St.B., submitted the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019 which, having been circulated, were proposed for adoption by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, seconded by

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF BERKSHIRE**  
**APPOINTMENTS Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Senior Warden	W.Bro. J.R.(Bob) Watson
Junior Warden	W.Bro. R.M.(Dick) Haydon
Master Overseer	W.Bro. Raymond J Head
Senior Overseer	W.Bro. Frank E Hames <b>(in Obit)</b>
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
Registrar	W.Bro. Richard J Mackrow
Secretary	W.Bro A.Huw Hopkin, P.G.J.D.
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. J.(Jim) E.F.Dance P.Prov.G.J.O..
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. T (Tim) P.Spriggs
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Colin A 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.J. Chase
Standard Bearer	W.Bro. M.(Mike) Hennessy
Inner Guard	W.Bro. J.G.(Iain) Marnock
Steward	W.Bro. T.F.Brian McCormack
Steward	W.Bro. Frank Paul
Steward	W.Bro. Gary D.Mitchell
Steward	W.Bro. Robert Marchbanks
Tyler	W.Bro. Trevor Raymond

### **Promotions in Past Ranks**

Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. David T. Barber
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. Victor Bickers
Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden	W.Bro. E.(Ed) G. George
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W.Bro. Michael R. Curphey
Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	W.Bro. A.(Adie) S. Lovell
Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	W.Bro. K.(Ken) R. Demmen
Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	W.Bro. Michael C. Williams
Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	W.Bro. Simon Gillas
Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	W.Bro. Martin L. Kerby
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W.Bro. Barry P.J. Cramer
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W.Bro. A.(Andy) J. Cathcart
Past Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	W.Bro. Brian S. Willmot
Past Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	W.Bro. J.(Seamus) F. McEnaney
Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	W.Bro. Brian Bernstein
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro. Ian L Blundell
Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	W.Bro S(Steve) Adamek

### **First Appointments to Past Rank**

Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W.Bro. Gary A.Brodie
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W.Bro. Roger I. Cooper
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W.Bro. Ivor C. Shrago
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W.Bro. John.T.Cooley
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W.Bro. Paul Lyden

the Provincial Grand Junior Warden and adopted. The Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed no increase in fees for 2021-22.

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 Examiners for the year were elected in the persons of W.Bro's. David Arnold, P.P.G.Swd.B. and John Kirkpatrick. having been proposed by W.Bro. Huw Hopkin, P.G.Stwd, the Provincial Grand Secretary and seconded by W.Bro. Elwyn Hopkin, Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Mark Benevolent Association of donations to the Provinces of East Lancashire, toward the 2021 MBF Festival and Surrey for the 2022 Festival, of £1,100 each, together with the sum of £1,100 to the Berkshire Craft 2023 Festival.

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 confirmed the appointed of his Officers together with Promotions in Past Rank all as detailed within the Paper of Business.

The Provincial Grand Master then welcomed the newly advanced Brethren of the year and confirmed that the occasions exclusive gift would be sent to those who were present on the call.

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

On an invitation from the Provincial Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master addressed the meeting.

At the conclusion of the Deputy Grand Masters address the Grand Secretary hosted a lively Question and Answer session which was well participated and received especially those in relation to the current measures aimed at minimising the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the ability to conduct masonic activity and assist brethren where required.

With the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge unable to take place this year in its normal format the invitations of last year were renewed with Valentia Lodge of MMM No. 263 and Pangbourne Lodge of MMM No.1094 both reaffirming their invitation to hold the next annual meeting on Thursday 9th September 2021 under their respective banners. These was gratefully accepted.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that apologies had been received from Brethren of the Province unable to be present, all of whom sent their good wishes for a successful meeting.

The Presiding Officer R.W.Bro Richard Olliver G.M.R.A.C. the Provincial Grand Master declared the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge closed at 20.40hrs.

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

## PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

It is with much pleasure that I present my second report as the Provincial Grand Secretary covering the year 2020-21.

In my report last year, I made mention that the efforts of the Covid 19 Pandemic had resulted in a General Suspension of Masonic Activity for some 4 Months. At that time, I don't think many would have believed just how long that period of Suspension was to last.

However, a small matter of not being able to meet face to face was not to deter the enthusiasm of the Mark Men of Berkshire. The administration of lodge business continued unabated via the Virtual Business Meeting concept which appeared to lose none of its appeal as the months passed. The numbers attending remained high and the support of the active Provincial Officers never wavered. Lodges continued to hold social 'gatherings' via the same platforms to keep in touch with their fellow members. The Tuesday Night province wide call introduced in 2019 proved to be a master stroke which allowed all the brethren to stay connected whilst at the same time providing a platform from which information could easily be disseminated and the questions or concerns of the brethren addressed. Like all good ideas it continued to evolve over time and we are indebted to W.Bro Henry Wade who introduced the 'potted life history' slot whereby we all learnt more about the lives and adventures of our fellow Mark Men. I thank all those brethren who exposed their past histories good, bad or indifferent for the entertainment and enlightenment of the rest..... I think it fair to say that during this period of nonphysical meetings we have in a bazaar way got to know each other better and on a deeper level.

During the year I have continued to host the by-weekly Secretaries, Scribes & DC'S zoom call with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies W.Bro Steve Berkshire P.G.J.D. This concept again allowed us to keep our lodge secretaries and DC's updated with all the information, guidelines and procedures emanating from Mark Masons Hall and the Government as the pandemic rolled through its various phases. Again I would like to record my thanks to all the lodge Secretaries & Scribes who have had to keep pace with all the changes and the vastly increased paperwork involved.

Whilst masonic ritual was not permitted within the Virtual Business Meeting concept the enthusiasm of the brethren to learn and practice their ceremonial was permitted via the Virtual Lodge of Instruction sanctioned by Mark Masons Hall together with the slide presentation package which greatly assisted with the teaching of the required perambulations. Again your progressive thinking in promoting this concept and the enthusiasm of W.Bros Dick Haydon and Brian McCormack in bring it to fruition are to be commended. This initiative is likely to continue alongside the conventional face to face Lodge of Instruction for the foreseeable future.

You oversaw the seventh Provincial RAM Assembly held as a Virtual Business Meeting on 2nd December 2020 under the auspices of the Berkshire Installed Commanders Lodge of No.1330 It was well supported with 46 members attending and the whole evening went off extremely well. The team visits became virtual as well. The Cranley Mark Lodge No.1616 VBM in October 2020, was also well supported as was the virtual visit to Charles Wilkinson Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.1657 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

### BRETHREN WHO RECEIVED GRAND HONOURS ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

W.Bro. Guy Barlow	Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Dr.Neil Colman	Past Grand Standard Bearer

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### Promotions

W.Bro. John Nixon	Past Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro A Huw Hopkin	Past Grand Junior Deacon

### BRETHREN WHO RECEIVED ROYAL ARK MARINER GRAND RANK ON 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

W.Bro. Simon R Jeffery

In spite of being unable to hold physical meetings we have still been able to attract a few joining members into our province, and have also kept in close touch with those brethren whose advancement into this wonderful degree has been delayed. Retention of our members and memberships has been remarkable but inevitably the overall number of members is down as brethren continue to be called to higher service by the Great Overseer of the Universe. As we look forward with hope of brighter prospects lodges are planning their advancement ceremonies around the required first meeting back Installation/proclamation of Worshipful Masters. At which time our member numbers should have recovered to the pre-covid levels. I feel sure that this will not lead to complacency and your aim of giving every Master Mason the opportunity of becoming a Mark Man will continue.

Whilst the announcement of your retirement proved a shock to the Province, I know it came as something of a relief to yourself as it became progressively more difficult to keep it secret especially as your chosen announcement date drew ever nearer. All the members of the province have benefited greatly from the manner in which you have conducted your duties as a member of the Provincial Executive, which commenced with a 5-year tenure as Provincial Grand Secretary before becoming Deputy Provincial Grand Master and culminating in being our Provincial Grand Master for the last 8 years, a roll in which your leadership has been exceptional. You have lead from the front in such a manner that your infectious enthusiasm cannot fail but to encourage others, who willingly follow. Your initiatives during the Covid pandemic were far sighted and often implemented well ahead of others with whom you were pleased to share your thoughts and ideas. The province has remained happy and in good heart throughout your period in charge. You leave it now vibrant and connected well equipped to meet the challenges that resumption will inevitably provide, and we now put our support and faith in your successor R.W Bro Graham Seaman to carrying that challenge forward. As for yourself we can only wonder who may benefit next from your undoubted talents.

The initiative of meeting incoming active officers over dinner prior to their investiture was this year hosted by our Provincial Grand Master designate and continued to be a well-attended and enjoyable event, which moved this year to Calcot Golf Club, due to catering having not re-commenced at the usual venue. The atmosphere throughout the night was excellent and gave your successor the opportunity to encourage the incoming officers to be proactive in their support of the Province and above all to enjoy their Mark Masonry and their year in office.

With the Investiture meeting of Grand Lodge in June unable to take place it will now be incorporated within the Promotion meeting due to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. However, the appointment of Guy Barlow. to P.A.G.D.C. and Dr Neil Coleman to P.G.St.B still became effective from June and the promotion of John Nixon and myself to P.G.J.D. effective from 7<sup>th</sup> September. At the RAM Investiture in December 2020 Simon Jeffery was promoted to RAM Grand Rank for his many years of support to the Order locally

The Travelling Keystone had proved a great success but the pandemic ceased its journey around the province and it is currently lodged at Porchester Mark who received it on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It is planned that its journey will recommence on the same schedule in March 2022 circumstances so permitting

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank my Deputy, W.Bro Elwyn Hopkin for his assistance and wise council, an my predecessor VW Bro Mike

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE										
Statistics										
Based on Returns 1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021										
Mark Lodges										
Lodge No.	Members 1 Sep 2020	GAINS 2020-21			LOSSES 2020-21					Members 31 Aug 2021
		Advanced	Joined	Total	Died	Resigned	Honorary	Excluded	Total	
27	32			0	1				1	31
235	15			0					0	15
257	42	1		1			2		2	41
519	16			0					0	16
623	36			0			2		2	34
1094	17			0		1		1	2	15
1162	26			0	2				2	24
1207	21			0	1				1	20
1330	81		3	3	3	2			5	79
1342	25			0					0	25
1398	25			0	1				1	24
1430	15			0					0	15
1555	29			0					0	29
1568	23			0					0	23
1616	28		2	2					0	30
1627	15			0	1	1			2	13
1631	45			0	2	2			4	41
1657	28			0		1	1		2	26
1868	22			0	2	1			3	19
Memberships	541	1	5	6	13	8	5	1	27	520
Members	443	1	2	3	9	5	5	1	20	426
Royal Ark Mariner Lodges										
Lodge No.	Members 1 Sep 2020	GAINS 2020-21			LOSSES 2020-21					Members 31 Aug 2021
		Elevated	Joined	Total	Died	Resigned	Honorary	Excluded	Total	
27	22			0					0	22
235	13			0					0	13
257	32			0					0	32
519	15			0					0	15
1162	25			0	1				1	24
1330	49			0	3	1			4	45
1398	20			0	2	2			4	16
1555	26			0	2				2	24
1568	12			0					0	12
Memberships	214	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	11	203
Members	157	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	7	150



Sanders P.G.J.O. for his continued support and to congratulate him on his appointment to Deputy Provincial Grand Master

So, as we again take tentative steps forward to some form of normal and head towards 2022 let us continue with the primary objective of making our order accessible and, above all, ensure those who have accessed it, continue to enjoy their Mark Masonry. The Province remains in good heart and ready to face the new challenges ahead and I'm sure we can look forward to another happy and successful year under the guidance of our new Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro Graham Seeman.

*A. Huw Hopkin*

A. Huw Hopkin P.G.J.D  
Provincial Grand Secretary

### PROVINCIAL GRAND ALMONER'S REPORT

Since our last (online) Provincial Meeting, it is with deep regret that I report the passing of **ELEVEN** brethren of the Mark Province of Berkshire. With restrictions on attendance at their funerals due to the Covid pandemic, many of them did not get the send-off they deserved. Fortunately, a number of the funerals were streamed online and it is hoped that memorial services will be organised in the months to come.

All the Brethren will be sadly missed and I hope they will forgive me for naming two who made a particular contribution to BerksMark. W. Bro. Frank Hames and W. Bro. Ian Johnson were an inspiration to us all and, along with the other departed brethren, will be sadly missed and long-remembered.

The Berkshire Mark Benevolent Association has been able to support several Brethren in their unexpected hour of need and help provide respite care to support a Mark Man and his family.

BeMBA was able to draw on its reserves and support a Province-wide charity (the Thames Valley Air Ambulance) with much-needed equipment for the treatment of Cardiac Arrests (cardiac arrests are now the biggest single cause of the air ambulance being called out, overtaking those for traffic accidents).

Thanks must go to the Lodges and Brethren who have continued to provide support to BeMBA during these difficult times and it is hoped that the return to regular meetings will help us build up reserves.

Finally, a particular thank-you to 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.



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# **Berkshire Mark Benevolent Society Accounts Report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

Going into 2020 we looked forward to continuing to promote, support and embed the BeMBA 'Triangle of Care' initiative in our Province. During 2019 we sought opportunities to support local Charities and our own Brethren. The Covid-19 crisis had an impact on all aspects of our work, inot least fund-raising, and continues to overshadow so many things; I am sure that BeMBA and all Masonic charitable bodies will continue to see calls for their assistance. During 2020 we were therefore very conservative in our donations; I can report that in 2021 we have been able to disburse funds to a wider range of causes.

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 £3,154.99 (2019: £13,595.15).

Our Expenditure was £1,000 to Blood Bikes, 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, PJGD

*Paul Wilding*

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

## **Province of Grand Lodge of W.M. of Berkshire Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020**

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				2019		
	2020			2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>						
Annual Dues		115.00			2,960.00	
Fees of Members		1,050.00			1,070.00	
Year Book		700.00			570.00	
Tax		10.00			3,500	
Net Income from members		0.00			6,437.00	
Services, other and sundries		19.70			159.25	
			2,084.70			11,726.25
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Provincial Lodge	0.00				4,175.00	
Prov Grand Lodge	0.00	0.00			3,002.17	2,727.17
POW Reception	4,500.00				4,170.00	
Expenses of Grand Lodge		0.00			0.00	
Year Book		175.00			751.30	
Prov, Edm & Secretaries		128.00			420.77	
Travel & Transport Expenses		32.90			471.55	
Brother's Bursar	204.00				908.00	
Director's Bursar	220.00				0.00	
Worshipful Masters		100.00			10.00	
Worshipful Masters' Clubs		0.00			1,200.00	
Team Conference Fee		120.00			0.00	
Worshipful of the U.K.		0.00			250.00	
Relief of 2019 Provincial Lodge Dining		28.00				
Relief of 2019 Provincial Lodge Dining		39.00			0.00	
Transfer to Prov Projects Fund (Prov Fund)		0.00			134.85	
			1,422.00			12,265.35
			342.63			521.51
Surplus/Deficit						
<b>BENEVOLENT FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>						
	2020			2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>						
US & UK Notes and Surplus from POW Reception		855.20			867.75	
Interest		2.72			1.65	870.70
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Donations BeMBA		1,000.00			867.75	
Transfer from Prov BeMBA		0.00	1,200.00		0.00	870.70
Surplus/Deficit			342.63			11.89
<b>BALANCE SHEET as at 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>						
	2020			2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Goodwill, Members' Shares and Investments			855.55			779.81
Loans			0.00			294.57
Trade Debt			20,670.00			20,500.00
			70,725.40			21,392.40
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Capital & Reserves		1,000.00			4,199.00	
Debt		1,000.00			100.00	4,849.00
Debt		16,675.40				17,287.40
<b>Reconciled by:</b>						
GENERAL FUND						
Brings Forward		11,415.70			11,727.20	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		342.63			521.51	
Accounting Adjustments		0.00				
Carried Forward			11,906.10			12,265.35
<b>PROV. PROJECTS FUND</b>						
Brings Forward		5,410.00			0.00	
Transfer from Prov. for the year		2,000.00			0.00	
Transfer from Province of Berkshire		0.00			2,470.00	
Carried Forward			7,410.00			2,470.00
<b>BENEVOLENT FUND</b>						
Brings Forward		16,101.00			150.15	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		342.63			11.89	
Carried Forward			16,443.63			151.04

We confirm that our operations for the period ended 31 December 2020 for the Province of Grand Lodge of Berkshire Mark Masons of the above are in accordance with the laws and records.

W Bro Paul Wilding, PJGD  
21/01/2021

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26/1/21  
John K. Edwards  
21/01/2021

## PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

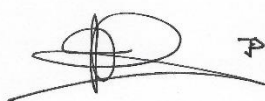
It is with pleasure that I present my 2nd report as Provincial Treasurer for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

It goes without saying that 2020 was an unusual year, when we commenced the year things seemed normal and as such we held the PGMs reception in January, this event generated a surplus of £855, this was enhanced with money held in the Provincial Benevolent Fund, enabling the Province to donate £1,200 to BeMBA. During March the Covid lockdown was announced and Masonry in all forms was suspended. As a result of the suspension and when it became apparent that the pandemic was going to last much longer than we all thought, thus effecting our annual Provincial meeting, the Provincial Executive decided that it would not be appropriate to charge any Lodge dues for this year, thus our income was reduced by almost £2800 on previous years. At the same time our expenditure was also greatly reduced, that said a surplus of £542 was realised, this will be carried forward and added to the Provincial General Fund.

Most other expense items were in-line with expectations – we pay for the ongoing website hosting and of course for the administration of the Province. This year we incurred a new expense, that of a Zoom subscription. This subscription has enabled the Province to stay in touch with our members throughout the Pandemic. This is without doubt a worthwhile investment for the wellbeing of our members and the Province, as this has been used to host our regular weekly get-togethers and many Lodge virtual business meetings.

The Bonus Ball generated a surplus of £2,085 even though the costs for the new Provincial website and our new Provincial Banner were deducted, even then, because of the Pandemic this surplus was much reduced on previous years. We now hold almost £7,500 in the Provincial Projects Fund – The Executive will consider on how this money is spent during the early part of 2021.

Lastly, I'd like to end by expressing my thanks to the Examiners W.Bro John Kirkpatrick and W.Bro David Arnold for their assistance and advice in auditing the accounts.



W. Bro James (Jim) Payen PGJD  
Provincial Grand Treasurer

### BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

31/07/21

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations	£1,665.00		£9,291.67	
Covenants, etc	£200.00		£210.00	
Festival Jewel Sales	£0.00		£1,500.00	
Provincial Grand Lodge Collection	£0.00		£1,065.32	
Transfer from Festival 2017	£0.00		£0.00	
PGM's Reception	£903.70		£800.00	
Transfer from PGL	£365.00		£666.89	
Investment Interest - Rali of Chest/Barclays	£21.29		£61.27	
	<u>£3,154.99</u>	<u>£3,154.99</u>	<u>£13,595.15</u>	<u>£13,595.15</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Donations/Grants				
Community Grants	£1,000.00		£15,200.00	
Gaining Licence	£0.00		£0.00	
Bro A Assistance	£0.00		£0.00	
Festival Jewel Sales	£0.00		£1,500.00	
Festival Donations	£0.00		£2,000.00	
Holiday Respite	£0.00		£0.00	
Widows Easter Vouchers (inc postage)	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,375.00	£20,075.00
Administration				
Secretary (including printing)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£1,000.00</u>	<u>£1,000.00</u>	<u>£20,075.00</u>	<u>£20,075.00</u>
<b>INCOME Less (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>£2,154.99</u>		<u>(£6,479.85)</u>


#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
<b>General Reserve</b>		
Balance 01.01.2020	£70,977.31	£27,457.16
Plus Income less (Expenditure)	<u>£2,154.99</u>	<u>(£6,479.85)</u>
Balance 31.12.2020	<u>£73,132.30</u>	<u>£20,977.31</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Barclays Current Account	£11,198.40	£9,214.70
Barclays Business Account	£9,587.49	£9,579.99
Relief Chest	£2,346.41	£2,182.62
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£23,132.30</u>	<u>£20,977.31</u>
	<u>£73,132.30</u>	<u>£73,132.30</u>



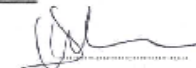
W. Bro Paul Wilding  
Treasurer

Date: 01/08/21



W. Bro D. Medley  
Examiner

Date: 01/08/21



W. Bro D. Wilcher  
Examiner

Date: 01/08/21





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