



Week 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Brethren, week 11 would have seen of course the 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Province, where we would have witnessed the splendour and grandeur of the finest that Worcestershire Freemasons can offer. Sadly of course, this meeting cannot be held in person due to the restrictions, and so we set out below a virtual address from our PGM.

We congratulate those receiving appointments and promotions as of today - the Acting officers are listed below, and a full list of all appointments is contained within the report from our Provincial Grand Secretary.

You will also find enclosed a report from our Provincial Grand Secretary and an important announcement from Dr Staples regarding our exit strategy from suspension.

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

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## Provincial Grand Lodge – 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

The address of the  
Provincial Grand Master

RWBro Robert  
Christopher Vaughan



Click here to view the Provincial Grand Master's annual address, held by video for the very first time.

Watch as the PGM talks about the highs and challenges of the year, our charity work and our future masonic engagements.



**Provincial Grand Master - RWBro Robert Christopher Vaughan**  
**Deputy Provincial Grand Master - VWBro Stephen J. Wyer PGSwdB**



### Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

WBro P. V. Firminger **PSGD**      WBro J. H. Crowther **PJGD**      WBro M. J. Dykes **JGD**

Warm and sincere congratulations to the following brethren who are receiving their appointments as Acting Provincial Grand Officers:

SW	W.Bro. S.N. Middleditch	4846	Asst. Registrar	W.Bro. B.S.Rothero, PPrGSwdB	6324
JW	W.Bro. M.A. Gunton	5743	Asst. Secretary	Bro. J.E. Humphreys, PPrSGD	9819
Chaplain	W.Bro. Rev. J.T. Parker, <b>PAGChap</b>	8653	Asst. Dir of Cer.	W.Bro. D.M.J. Barnett	1204
Treasurer	W.Bro. A.T. Robertson, <b>PAGDC</b>	9658	Asst. Dir of Cer.	W.Bro. E. Holder	1874
Registrar	W.Bro. P.M. Goalby, PPrGReg	5947	Asst. Dir of Cer.	W.Bro. B. Bengé	3378
Secretary	W.Bro. I.T. Sharratt, PPrSGW	5947	Asst. Dir of Cer.	W.Bro. E.J. Thompson	7691
Director of Cer.	W.Bro. P.J. Broughton, <b>PAGDC</b>	3378	Organist	W.Bro. D.J. Lane, PPrGSwdB	2654
Sword Bearer	W.Bro. E.L. Kimpton	498	Standard Bearer	W.Bro. M.J. Creighan	4935
Supt of Works	W.Bro. D.W. Owen, PPrJGW	5846	Standard Bearer	W.Bro. N.H.D. Farrington	6082
Deputy DC	W.Bro. P.S. Webber, PPrGReg	3378	Pursuivant	W.Bro. P.L. Simner	560
Deputy DC	W.Bro. A.C. Bolton, PPrGReg	8430	Steward	W.Bro. J.A. Fleck	280
Almoner	W.Bro. C.M. Gwynn, TD, <b>PJGD</b>	1874	Steward	W.Bro. R.E.M. Leese	2724
Charity Steward	W.Bro. D.L. Dey, PProvSGW	3378	Steward	W.Bro. F.P.S. Abram	3378
Mentor	W.Bro. C.J. Overall, PPrGReg	8586	Steward	W.Bro. G.J. Thomas	6896
Orator	W.Bro. K.J. Parkes, <b>PAGDC</b>	5035	Steward	W.Bro. N.C. Wainwright	7691
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. J.L. Moore	3185	Steward	W.Bro. S.P. Rogers	8653
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. G.W. Baraczewski	5665	Tyler	W.Bro. S. Warner, PPrGReg	6414
Senior Deacon	W.Bro. M.J. Smallman	7458			
Junior Deacon	W.Bro. M.I. Sproston	5581			
Junior Deacon	W.Bro. C. Bywater	5743			
Junior Deacon	W.Bro. I. Trennan	6595			

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# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE



## COMMENTARY ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

The accounts show an operating deficit for the year of £1,813 as compared to a £1,876 surplus for the previous year.

Total income at £44,942 is some £1,800 less than last year. The principal reasons being a drop in our investment income as forecast at last year's Annual Meeting and reduced income from membership dues. Total expenditure for the year at £46,755 shows an increase of around £1,850 compared to the previous year. Savings on office expenses have been offset by increased expenditure on the Annual Meeting. After being at the University for so many years we had to move because of unavailability and the result has been a significant increase in costs, in excess of budget, for the year. Steps are in hand to find a new location for 2021 which have to take into account that the venue at Droitwich is no longer operating and the university has announced large increases in its room hire and catering costs.

Provincial Grand Lodge faces the same difficulties and uncertainties as other organisations in these CV-19 times but taking into account its foreseeable income and revenue commitments, as well as the uncertainties we face as individual members, I do not propose any change in annual dues at this stage.

In conclusion I would like to thank the staff and volunteers at Provincial Grand office for their assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries who give freely of their time and support Province by the timely remittance of Returns and Funds.

WBro Alan Robertson FCA, **PAGDC**  
Provincial Grand Treasurer



Please click on the logo to view the first edition of 'The First Rising' – the new member newsletter from UGLE.

**It contains amongst other items, the latest on our exit from suspension repeated in part below.**

1. As soon as government guidance changes to allow groups of ten or more people from different households to meet indoors, it is expected that a lifting of the suspension of Masonic activity will be announced. The resumption of meetings will take place fourteen days after the announcement or on the date, if later, on which the government guidance becomes effective.
2. Lodges and Chapters will be permitted to meet with no more present than the government's prescribed maximum.
3. It is likely that shielding policies for vulnerable members will remain in force, and such members are strongly advised to follow the advice of their doctors and not attend until it is felt safe for them to do so.

From the desk of .....

**The Provincial Grand Secretary**



Now that I have a little more time on my hands, I have decided to try and include a little something for the secretaries in this Square News newsletter. Whilst we all have our own quirky way of "doing things", a little more insight and assistance can never go amiss. It is intended to give you relevant information and guidance on the ruling and governing of your lodge, and for me to update you on any related news and events. I would also welcome ideas of what additional information and articles you would like to have included.

One idea I have is to have section on the Provincial website or Google Drive just for secretaries which would include all of the online downloadable forms for your use.

I have made up a draft form and final proof of a Secretaries Handbook giving secretaries lots of tips and procedures that the secretary may come across during his term of office without wading through the BoC. I will have this printed by the time we return to normal (if there will be ever such a thing) and I will distribute it to all those who attend the forthcoming seminar in the Autumn. (date to be advised).

For your DC, when we return, hopefully soon, I have put a link below for the latest Toast list effective from the 3rd June 2020 and the full list of Appointments and Promotions.

Please click [HERE](#) for the full letter, and on the links below to view and download.

[TOAST LIST June 3rd 2020](#)

[APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS](#)



Stay safe !  
Sincerely and fraternally

WBro Iain Sharratt PPrSGW  
Provincial Grand Secretary

## Additional Provincial Appointments

Archivist	W.Bro.M. Lawrence
IN/OUT Reach Officer	W.Bro.S.L. Jinks
Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works	W.Bro.W.N.W. Gaskin
Communications Officer	W.Bro.J. Swift
Deputy Communications Officer	W.Bro.P.S. Webber
Assistant Provincial Communications Officer	W.Bro.I. Crowder
Assistant Provincial Communications Officer	Bro. J. Fennell
Membership Officer	Bro.N. Thomas
"Worcestershire Source" & "Square News" Editor	W.Bro.A.J. Philpott
Podcast Editor	W.Bro.B.J. Swain
Provincial Social Media Officer	W.Bro.A.E. Baillie
Provincial Social Media Officer	W.Bro.M.S. Lodge
Webmaster	W.Bro.D. Emery
Assistant Webmaster	W.Bro.C.J. Phillips
Year Book Editor	W.Bro.W.F.G. Tucker
Year Book Editor	W.Bro.P.M. Goalby