

## **Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Lancashire**

### **Treasurer's Report on Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

#### **Income**

Total income was £14,757 a reduction of £895 from the 2014 total of £15,652. The principal decreases were £535 in reduced honour fees and £255 in reduced Building Society Interest. Capitation fees were £158 lower than the previous year.

#### **Expenditure**

Overall expenditure at £10,558 showed a significant decrease of £2387, from the previous year's figure of £12,945, however £1,505 was a one-off reduction in the cost of the meeting at Southport in May 2015. The full cost of the meeting was £5,636 of which half £2,818 was allocated to the Provincial Annual Meeting and the other half in relation to the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master was charged to the Provision for Special Provincial Meetings which is specifically for that purpose. The cost of the Annual Meeting is expected to revert to previous levels in the current year. A further saving of £1,500 was made because there was no need to add to the provision this year as it is currently adequate to absorb any possible costs in the mid-term.

On the other hand office expenses increased from £2,121 to £3,448 a difference of £1,327 which was occasioned by the move to a dedicated separate office.

#### **Surplus**

The overall surplus for the year was £4,199 an increase of £1,492 from the previous year's figure of £2,707.

#### **Accumulated Fund**

The balance of the Accumulated Fund at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 was £34,308 compared with £30,109 the previous year.

#### **Fun Day Committee Funds**

Income from the Whisky Raffle amounted to £2,741 (2014 - £3,541). The cost of the Fun Day was £1,480 (2014 - £1,657) and of the Christmas Party £1,681 (2014 - £1,485). Other donations were £1,000 (2014 - £575). As a consequence the value of the fund reduced from £6,081 to £4,661.

#### **Audit**

The accounts have again been audited by Worshipful Brothers David Chestnutt and Peter Taaffe and I thank them for their continued and valuable work.

**I therefore submit the accounts for acceptance and confirmation.**

John Dutchman-Smith F.C.A.  
Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2016