

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Lancashire**  
**Treasurer's Report on Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

**Income**

Total income was £15,305, an increase of £276 from the 2015 total of £15,029. Annual dues increased by £383 but there was a reduction of £135 in Fees of Honour.

**Expenditure**

Overall expenditure at £11,369 showed a welcome decrease of £1,178 from the relatively high expenditure of £12,547 in the previous year. The cost of the Annual Provincial Meeting at Southport increased by £663 but there were significant savings on other expenses including Office costs and the Craft Year books.

**Surplus**

The overall surplus for the year was satisfactory at £3,937 an increase of £1,455 from the previous year's figure of £2,482

**Accumulated Fund**

The balance of the Accumulated Fund remains healthy and at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 was £42,326 compared with £36,789 the previous year. The Province remains in a strong financial situation

**Provincial Social Fund ( formerly Fun Day Committee Funds)**

Income from the earlier Whisky Raffle amounted to £1,179 (2016 - £2,583). The cost of the Christmas Party was £1,398 (2016 - £1,501). No donations were made. As a consequence the value of the fund decreased from £5,744 to £5,448.

**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., P.A.G.D.C.  
Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Dues for 2018-19**

I have now been Provincial Treasurer for six years and previously, in each of those years, I have been able to announce that there would be no increase in Provincial Dues, and I am delighted to be able to continue my policy for a further year. Provincial dues therefore will continue to be £4.00p per member for Mark Lodges and £3.20 for Royal Ark Mariner Lodges.

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Provincial Grand Treasurer.