



Provincial Grand Lodge Of Devonshire Report Of The Provincial Grand Treasurer - Year Ended 31st December 2009

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the year ended 31st December 2009.

As was anticipated the year proved to be challenging and a deficit of £1,356 resulted. This compares with a deficit of £3,102 in 2008.

It is pleasing to note that Lodge Dues, which are accounted for on a received basis, held up well and credit and thanks must go to the Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers for their help in paying their Lodge Dues on a timely basis.

Other income consists mainly of investment income and cost contributions from other Orders. Investment income in 2009 was higher than expected but bank interest virtually disappeared, partly because of pressure on cash flow but mainly because of the poor rate offered by the bank.

Expenditure in the year remained at a similar level overall to 2008.

Key points are:

- The impact of the higher energy costs was felt with an increase in lighting and heating of just over 40%
- Office equipment was replaced at a cost of £2,300 and written off in full in the year
- One Newsletter was produced, in February 2009, which included information and reports for the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in April 2009. This was the first time this publication was produced in this format and the cost was £5,417. It is intended that this will continue as an annual publication as it ensures that every member is kept informed. In 2008 a Newsletter was produced which was shared with the Festival at a cost of £2,166
- The stock of Provincial Ties was replenished in the year at a cost of £3,284.

At the end of the year we still had a stock of £2,711, which is included in the balance sheet

- 2008 included the cost of the Freemason's Companion Booklets at £4,184, which was not repeated in 2009

No change has been made to the value of the Provincial Office, which is included in the balance sheet at £195,000. This is well in excess of its cost.

Investments are included in the balance sheet at valuation. During the year the investments, which are independently managed, increased in value by £5,218 to £55,089.

Cash resources have reduced from £16,469 at the end of 2008 to £8,862 at the end of 2009. With the increase in the dues that took effect on 1st July 2009, continuing cost control and sale of ties it is expected that this trend will reverse in the current year.

Net assets at the end of the year still show a healthy position at £254,546. This is £3,862 more than at the end of last year, due to the increase in the valuation of the investments of £5,218 less the deficit for the year of £1,356.

I would like to thank all Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers for their support and also the Provincial Office team of W. Bro. David Lyne, Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Chris Yard, Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary and Angela Pulman, office administrator, for their help during the year. Thanks also to the Account Examiners, W. Bros. John Shepherd and Cliff Nightingale.

Peter Bartlett FCA
Provincial Grand Treasurer
February 2010

St. Margaret's Lodge Helps The Heroes



St. Margaret's Lodge No. 6128 Topsham recently held their Ladies Night Festival in the Officers Mess, at the Commando Training Centre, Lympstone. W. Bro. Bob Fletcher, the current Worshipful Master was until recently a serving Royal Marine and thus was able to secure this impressive venue.

The night was the culmination in what has been a very busy year for St. Margaret's Lodge. Bob and his wife Morven decided at the beginning of the Lodge year that "Help for Heroes" would be the main focus of the Lodge's charitable giving.

The night started with a bang, as once the guests assembled on the terrace of the Mess they were treated to "Mess Beatings" by the Corps of Drums.

St. Margaret's has in its ranks quite a number of former Royal Marine Drum Majors & Buglers who very much enjoyed the display, as did the W. M. - a former Parade Adjutant!

After the evening meal a cheque for £2,000 was presented on behalf of the Lodge to Bro. Martin Lambert-Gorwyn, area organiser for "Help for Heroes". Once the evening had finished however, and the proceeds of the raffle had been taken into consideration, the cheque was re-written to read £3,000 - a truly amazing figure!

APPLICATION FORM for Provincial Grand Lodge Lunch

Closing date for application 3rd April

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