

KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST
Annual General Meeting on 19th September 2015 at the
Masonic Centre, Canterbury.

Members present:

W.Bro. P.Hagger Assistant Provincial Grand Master	W.Bro. D.Alexander Provincial Grand Secretary
W.Bro. A.Denne (Chairman)	V.W.Bro. R.Wade (Vice Chairman)
W.Bro. A.Eldridge	W.Bro. R.O'Brien
W.Bro. C.Boxer	W.Bro. A.Pratt
W.Bro. D.C. Anning (Treasurer)	W.Bro. E.Baker (Facilities Manager)
W.Bro. A.P.W.Periton (Curator and Librarian)	W.Bro. J.H.A.Andrews (Secretary)
W.Bro. M.Bassant (Chairman Association of Patrons)	Mrs. S.Blatter Deputy Curator
W.Bro. J.Flower	W.Bro. T Tanner

Together with 69 Lodge Representatives and Museum Stewards and their ladies.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 11.03 a.m. welcoming all present and in particular the members of the Executive and thanked all for their continued support of the Library & Museum.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. M.Estaugh the Provincial Grand Master Designate for West Kent, Mr. C.Bowen the curatorial advisor to the Trust and 22 Lodge Representatives.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 20th September 2014.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been posted on the Provincial website. W.Bro. C.Manuel of the Lodge of St. Mark No. 6969 proposed and W.Bro. G.Page of the Manor of Gillingham Lodge No. 3983 seconded they should be taken as read and adopted. This was put to the meeting and carried.

3. Statement by the Chairman.

This has been another year of consolidation; I am pleased to report that the visitors' numbers continue to increase. This is most encouraging, we welcome many overseas visitors and it is interesting to note we have welcomed visitors from over 50 countries. Despite this being a year of consolidation it has been a busy year. Two of the most important matters have been the change of charitable status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation [CIO] and the preparation for the re-accreditation of the museum. Applications for both these matters are now in the hands of the relevant regulatory bodies. Good news has been received in the last few days from the Charity Commission that we should expect to receive registration as a CIO within weeks. With regard to the re-accreditation application we are waiting for news from Arts Council England. This will take a few more months yet as they are very short staffed. My Thanks to W.Bros. William Daniels and Charles Boxer for their assistance and guidance with these applications. During this past year every effort has been made to publicise and raise the profile of the museum, in this respect co-operation with the Canterbury Museum Group, other museum groups, Visit Kent, Visit Canterbury and also the media has lead to some excellent articles and publicity. I am grateful to W.Bro. Robin Evans our marketing manager for his input and achieving success in this area. Trustee W.Bro. Tony Eldridge in conjunction with W.Bro. Robin is in the process of producing a web site for the museum and it is hoped that this will be up and running shortly. The Arthur Crick Trust has given great financial support to the museum and we are most grateful to the Trustees of that Trust this year for their most generous support for the production of a guide book to the museum. Trustee W.Bro. R.O'Brien compiled and arranged the publication of this excellent guide book, sales of which are making a valuable contribution to the museum funds. I urge every representative to buy copies for distribution to their members. I understand that some Lodges are now presenting copies to their candidates at their initiation. Speaking of valuable contributions to museum funds we are most grateful to W.Bro. Brian Blake, who through his regalia scheme, is making significant financial contributions to the museum funds. On behalf of the Trustees I thank the members of the Management Committee who have given up their valuable time to support the museum this year. Our Treasurer W.Bro. David Anning has kept our finances in good order, W.Bro. John Andrews our Secretary continues efficiently to deal with the numerous secretarial duties, W.Bro. Eddie Baker, our former

Operations Manager, has now become our Facilities Manager, and has played a major role in keeping the museum open, during the year he has handed over the organisation of the volunteers to W.Bro. Jim Flower. We are extremely grateful to W.Bro. Eddie for many years of unstinting service he has given to the museum. As many of you will be aware W.Bro. Tony Periton, our Curator and Librarian, has not been well, and I am delighted to see him here today to give his report, and we wish you well for a speedy recovery from your illness. W.Bro. Tony has completed a busy year which has included the organisation of a Temporary exhibition to mark the centenary of the commencement of the First World War. He is in the process of organising the next exhibition which is a joint exhibition with the Canterbury Cathedral entitled Masonry in Canterbury Cathedral. This promises to be a most interesting exhibition particularly as Canterbury Cathedral will be supplying most of the material and artefacts on show. We are indebted to Mrs. Heather Newton, head of stone conservation at the Cathedral for her help and co-operation with this project. The exhibition will be opened on Saturday 31st October. We have been extremely fortunate to have W.Bro. Terry Tanner join the team this year and take up the mantle of assistant curator, we are grateful to him for stepping in to look after curatorial duties while W.Bro. Tony has been unavailable. We are now in the fourth year of the Association of Patrons and I thank W.Bro. Mark Bassant and his team for their stewardship of the association. In the coming year W.Bro. Mark will be promoting membership of the association to lodges and encouraging them to subscribe through their benevolent funds. The Trustees are most grateful to Mrs. Sue Rodgers for organising and running the shop. Sue's enthusiasm has rejuvenated the shop and the results speak for themselves. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank Mrs. Sarah Blatter, our deputy curator, W.Bro. Jeff Davis our assistant Librarian for their assistance during the year, and our thanks also to W.Bros Tony Taylor, David Forester, Mark Wibley and Alan Brown for their work on the building and the I.T. systems. We have two stalwart who attend the library each week to carry out the cataloguing and sorting the Church collection and on behalf of the Trustees I sincerely thank Mrs. Sue Ransom and Mrs. Sandra Bailey for their diligent work, they have almost completed the mammoth project and their support and assistance is much appreciated. We have already plans for their next project. I am pleased to report that W.Bro. Paddy Langdown, with his usual enthusiasm, has continued to produce the latest list of lecturers and is currently engaged in arranging the Cornwallis lectures and essay competition for the next few years. I now come to the mainstay of the museum, the volunteers; I would like to thank the many volunteers and stewards who give up their valuable time to help man the museum throughout the year and the support they have given to W.Bro. Jim Flower in his new role. They are truly the backbone of the museum, without their support the museum could not function and would not be open almost every day of the year. It ensure the success of the museum we are always in need of more volunteers, we would of course be pleased to welcome wives and partners. Finally I sincerely thank my co-trustees for their support and assistance during the year, I am particularly grateful to V.W.Bro. Roland Wade and W.Bro. Mark Estaugh for their liaison with the Province of West Kent. The Museum is a great asset to both East and West Kent and the envy of many other provinces. It is now recognised as a leading local museum. The Trustees realise there are challenges ahead, it is our duty to see that it is maintained to a high standard and develops further. Please mention the attributes of the museum to your Lodges, encourage visits, encourage lodge mentors to bring new members on visits, ensure prospective new members are aware of the museum, ensure membership of the Association of Patrons and of course we need one new volunteer from each lodge to assist with the manning of the museum. I thank you all for your support.

4. To Approve the Accounts.

The Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 having been distributed, the Treasurer, W.Bro. David Anning gave his report:-

I have much pleasure in giving my financial report of the KML&MT for the year ended 31st March 2015. This year I decided that instead of just the two main accounting pages I would enclose a copy of the full set. [See Appendix A] The reason being that certain notes should be brought to your attention.

On the opening page I felt more prominence should be given to our intent-

PRESERVES the PAST

ENGAGES the PRESENT

SECURES the FUTURE

Whilst the Charity Commissioners are taking their time in agreeing our revised Deed, the Trustees listed are those that appear on the current Deed, but a new set of Trustees actually run the KML&MT daily namely. -

Tony Denne (Chairman)
Charles Boxer
Tony Eldridge
Roger O'Brien
Tony Pratt
Dr. John Andrews Secretary
With Roland Wade as (Vice Chairman)

In the Financial Review, which you would not normally see, is our grateful thanks to The Arthur Crick Trust for the generous gift of funding the cost of 4,146 copies of The Kent Museum of Freemasonry souvenir guidebook at a cost of £12,315.00. For those of you that have not yet purchased one. They are for sale by our Shop Manager (Mrs Sue Rodgers) outside at a token price of £5-00 immediately after this meeting and before lunch together with other interesting Masonic items.

Thanks are also due to the family of the late Brian Kenneth Stevens for the kind gift of making and funding the New Library & Museum Entrance Arch. We had also a £650-00 Anonymous Donor towards this Arch for which we give many thanks, and a legacy from W Bro Derek Link of West Kent of £1,000.

Funding wise we are in a very good position.

We have £15,750 in the General Account and £14,000 in the Capital Fund.

This has been helped by the continued support of the Province of East Kent and the Patrons which have contributed £9,830 this year, and a total over the last 4 financial years of £30,800.

This year we must also thank W Bro Brian Blake of the East Kent Regalia Scheme for donating his profits for the last financial year to the Kent Masonic Library and Museum Trust

David C Anning
Hon Treasurer KML&MT

19th September 2015

The Treasurer invited questions from the floor: there were none.

W.Bro. B.Bulivant of the St. Lawrence Lodge No. 3350 proposed the adoption of the published accounts together with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer. This was seconded by W.Bro. R.Mutter of the Fraternitas Lodge No. 6046 and approved by the meeting.

5a. To elect the Treasurer.

On the proposition of W.Bro. K.Chatfield of the Manor of Chatham Lodge No. 8391, seconded by W.Bro. S.Mills of the Downs Lodge No. 6855, W.Bro. D.C. Anning was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

5b. To elect the Auditors.

The Trustees, being satisfied with the Auditors, JAD Audit Ltd. and wishing to continue with them for the ensuing year, W.Bro. B.Meeres of the Watch and Ward Lodge No. 8809 proposed they be re-elected, this was seconded by W.Bro. N.Drakely of the St. John's Thanet Lodge No. 2753 and passed by the meeting.

6. Reports from members of the Management Committee.

The Facilities Manager, W.Bro. E.Baker, presented his report.
Brother Chairman. Ladies, Brethren

Jim Flower and I would like to thank the Library and Museum volunteer day attendants and key holders for continuing to give their time and support to ensure that the museum is open to visitors most days of the year. As you will be aware visitor numbers have increased again this year, the total for the year September 2014-September 2015 is 7,729. We now record visitors in four categories - non-UK. Non-Masons (subdivided into male and female) and Masons. Some figures are quite surprising 2493 non-UK, 1,469 non-Masons (male), 2,713 non-Masons (female) and 1,054 Masons. The donations in the box for the year have increased by £70 making a total £1,205.

We have had three inspections this year -

Fire Officer's Inspection - a small fire proof wall has been fitted and there are now new arrangements for the lock and bolts to the fire escape door and gate.

Health and Safety - we passed with flying colours except for a few small details which we are in the process of addressing.

Security - again we did well and only had to have two new CCTV cameras to cover blind spots.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Trustees and assure them of my continuing support.

Lastly I would like to thank the Officers of Library and Museum and key holders for the help they have given me in carrying out my duties.

Thank you all.

The Chairman thanked W.Bro. Baker for all he does on behalf of the Museum and said he had been involved with the museum for over 20 years, a remarkable record.

The Librarian and Curator, W.Bro. A.Periton, delivered his report. At the last AGM it was reported that an exhibition recognizing the beginning of the WW1 conflict had been launched. This year I can report that the exhibition has been a success shown by so many complimentary comments. It has indeed generated a great deal of interest and enjoyment as indicated by the comments made by visitors from all nations to the stewards. As we promised the exhibitions are temporary and are to be replaced regularly so I can announce that a new temporary exhibition is now in the making entitled "Masonry in Canterbury Cathedral" which is due to be launched at the end of October, so watch this space for details!

Earlier in the summer we received a delivery of the museum Guide Books. W.Bro Roger O'Brien compiled it in collaboration with Scala Arts & Heritage Publishers Ltd. with all the publishing costs generously donated by the Arthur Crick Trust, to all of whom we give very grateful thanks. I would therefore urge all library & museum reps to take and sell some these Guide Books to their lodges, particularly as each sale of £5 is profit for the museum.

Unfortunately there have been several lodges who have had to surrender their warrants and to help we have accepted some of their regalia such as their banners.

As some of you will know I have been unable to be at the museum for several months but I am grateful to W.Bro Terry Tanner who has taken on my duties during that time. One of the drawbacks of all museums is the lack of storage and ours is no different. This year we have been able to secure some off-site storage in which to place the larger objects which are less sensitive to changeable atmospheric conditions. For this we are grateful to W.Bro Mark Bassant for offering this facility and I am also grateful to W.Bro Terry for organizing and implementing the re-location of these objects.

I can report that due to the sterling and unstinting efforts of Sandra Bailey and Sue Ransom the cataloguing of the Church Collection in the blue rolling storage shelving in the library is now complete and the task of cataloguing the remaining boxed documents is now under way.

At next year's AGM I hope to point out our latest exhibition and also announce a new one to celebrate 300 years of Freemasonry. Please, therefore, keep your lodge members informed of all that is happening in the museum and encourage them to visit, individually or as a lodge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the support I have received from the Trustees and every member of the museum and library team during the last year.

The Chairman thanked W.Bro. Periton for his report and his valuable input into the Museum and library, and said how delighted we are to see him here.

The Marketing Officer, W.Bro. R.Evans, being unable to be present W.Bro. Tony Eldridge delivered the marketing report on his behalf.

Main points of presentation prepared by Robin Evans & Tony Eldridge

Ladies, Gentlemen & Brethren – apologies from Robin Evans our Marketing Manager – who is at a family wedding today. I have Robin's Report – to which I have added my own notes and commentary – as the Trustee ultimately responsible for this area – and pleased to be able to deliver it on behalf of us BOTH.

Ladies, Gentlemen & Brethren – we have had another successful year in marketing the Museum and engaging with our audiences far and wide...

Over the past 12 months we are pleased to report that:

- The Square magazine published a full page article on our Great War exhibition.
- We continue to reap rewards from our close working relationship with the tourism teams at “Visit Canterbury & Visit Kent” – incorporating the “Big Day Out AND Big Weekend” schemes:
 - I represented the Museum at 'Visit Kent' in the Cathedral Lodge in July. This was attended by a lot of the local businesses and community 'partners'. The day being sponsored by one of the 'partners', the Family Holiday Association who are very committed to the Big Day Out/Big Weekend scheme – and to helping kids and families in Kent, who “may never get a break or holiday” without their assistance. Kinship Foster Carers were also represented. They are a self-help network, formed to arrange short or longer term support for families and care for a child who cannot be cared for by their parent(s) to go to live with a relative or a family friend.
- Being SEEN to be in Partnership with others in the Community is IMPORTANT – and worthy of the Museum wanting to connect with the public at large – and with the Ethos of Freemasonry of course. On behalf of the Museum, I have put in an application to the Cornwallis Charity for some financial support for some of our partners. It will be a way in which we can use our charity outreach to illustrate our support for the Big Weekend and Visit Kent initiatives – and for our partners in the scheme. There are many calls on the new Cornwallis Charity but if any of our applications succeed, the trustees will be pleased.
- So – the Kent Big Weekend in March was another worthwhile exercise in raising our profile (which is what it is all about) as a mainstream visitor attraction in both the City and the County.
- Our social media presence continues to grow, with our open Facebook page now having in excess of 475 followers across 7 continents with whom we regularly engage.
- TripAdvisor – Brethren & Ladies....we've now been upgraded to “Recommended” as a result of the excellent reviews we continue to receive, especially in respect of the friendliness & helpfulness of our Stewards. Thank you all Volunteers – all those who “MEET & GREET” – I know those who were able to attend the “thank you” party and Guidebook Launch in MARCH know that their work is much valued! The well-received new Guidebook is also part of our image and our profile of course. We have a 4 Star rating on TripAdvisor – with more than 80% of those commenting, marking us as either Excellent or Very Good! In the past 12 months we have received positive reviews (many from Ladies) from across the UK as well as from Europe, Australia, Canada and South America!

- All of these elements – the “data & numbers”, as well as a “visitor /user survey”, were fed into the Charles Boxer led Reaccreditation documentation. Having the STAMP of ACCREDITATION is important to our profile and our reputation. Accreditation is the UK standard for museums and galleries – meaning that we are formally recognised – with other top museums and galleries – as being able to meet – and maintain good practice and high standards of management. It encourages public confidence in museums as organisations that manage collections for the benefit of society. Accreditation demonstrates that OUR museum has met a national standard – it raises awareness and understanding of museums which strengthens applications for public and private funding and gives investors and all stakeholders confidence in the organisation.

- WEBSITES: As part of the NEW Province of East Kent website our pages were updated.

- BUT going forward Brethren – Our OWN dedicated and stand-alone Museum & Library website will soon be going live **and in fact, I'm pleased to announce Ladies, Gentlemen & Brethren ... that the new website has in fact NOW JUST gone live!** I was tasked by Chairman Tony Denne to create a new Museum Website, separate from Province, and I and Robin Evans have been working with website professional Bro Warren Muckell on this project – AND our own Web address is: kentmuseumoffreemasonry.org.uk

- So please take a look after this meeting Ladies & Brethren...and give us any feedback?

- ON a lighter note, Hiram The Hippo (our equivalent of a “friendship gavel”) has been travelling far across the County and getting his shirt signed as a memento in the process. He has just arrived – thank you to the “two Brothers taxi service” who organised it – from W Bro Nick Waller’s Installation – as Master of De Shurland Lodge Sheerness – correct Brethren? AND HERE HE IS. Thank you for anything YOU do to RAISE OUR PROFILE Ladies & Brethren – working together to show how proud we are of our world-class Museum and wonderful Library – all helps!

FINALLY Ladies & Brethren – back to social media marketing – to TripAdvisor AND Facebook – and to a Review posted just **last week** on TripAdvisor...:



The Kent Library & Museum of Freemasonry

32 Reviews

“Interesting little stop.”

10 September 2015

Teddy B (19 Reviews)
Canterbury, United Kingdom

A very interesting delve into a topic that is often presented in a negative way. Just off the end of the High Street with well displayed items, stories and friendly guides/helpers. The museum was relaxed with any easy flow around the exhibits. The text was clearly presented and related to the objects. Well worth the free entry fee.

To one last month:

“Petit mais superbe”

Reviewed 2 August 2015

Google Translation

Un petit musée consacré à la Franc-Maçonnerie du Kent situé en la ville de Canterbury. Pas de très grande taille, mais superbe et possédant des magnifiques objets dont des verres gravés de toute beauté. De plus l'accueil est très convivial. A recommandé sans restriction à celles et ceux intéressé par le sujet. dernier point positif, la gratuité ainsi que le tout petit shop..

Visited July 2015

Traveller rating: 5 stars

"Small but beautiful"
2 Aug 2015 A TripAdvisor Member

A small museum dedicated to Freemasonry Kent located at the city of Canterbury. Not very tall, but beautiful and with beautiful objects of engraved glass beautiful. Also the reception is very friendly. Recommended without restriction to those interested in the subject. last positive, free and the small shop ..

This review is the subjective opinion of a TripAdvisor member and not of TripAdvisor LLC

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NEW



- and to one just yesterday:

Recent Reviews

★ Review

 **Tom Maxwell** reviewed Kent Museum of Freemasonry – 5★
5 mins · 🌐

Probably the best Masonic collection in the UK outside of Gt. Queen Street, If you are interested in masonic artifacts and jewels try and go there, manned by friendly, knowledgeable brethren who give their time voluntarily.



Kent Museum of Freemasonry
Tourist attraction

478 Likes
5 talking about this

Thank you all for being here this morning and for your kind attention...



Museum Marketing Report – AGM 2015 – RE / TE 19.09.15

The chairman thanked W.Bro. Eldridge for his report and for raising the profile of the Museum in many areas.

The Chairman of the Association of Patrons, W.Bro. M.Bassant, delivered his report. We are now in the fourth year of the Association of Patrons, so far between Patrons and Associate Patrons we have over 240 members and have raised so far in excess of £30,800, which is a testament to everyone present and everyone in the Lodges and Chapters. Please convey our thanks to your members for their ongoing support in helping to achieve that amount. When a Lodge or Chapter joins as an associate patron they have the right to display on their summons the wording “Associate Patron of the Kent Library and Museum Trust”. This shows that that Lodge or Chapter is supporting the Kent Library and Museum. If you

know your Lodge or Chapter is an associate patron, please encourage your secretary to put this on their summons. If they are unsure where it should go, contact Mark Bassant or Malcolm Cheeseman for advice. Wear your lapel pin with pride, and show where ever you visit that you support the Kent Library and Museum Trust. Please remind you Lodges and Chapters that the Patronage fee does not have to come out of the General fund, it can come out of the benevolent account, as we are a registered charity. You are going to notice a difference in Regaling and the Museum representative's newsletter, the newsletter will come out each October, December, March and June. What we are looking for in the Regaling is to go to the membership and tell them what the Library and Museum, and the Association of Patrons are doing and to give them an insight into things that could be happening in the future. The Library and Museum representatives' newsletter is a tool that will enable you to go back to your Lodges and Chapters and communicate with your members. It will help you when you stand up in your Lodges to give a report, please be excited about it, if you are excited your members will be excited. We try to send your copy of Regaling or the newsletter by e-mail, so if you change your e-mail address please let Malcolm Cheeseman know or you may miss a copy. Last year's annual dinner was a tremendous success we actually sold out and had a waiting list. This year the dinner will be held on Saturday 5th December. This year there will not be a speaker; we will be having a little light entertainment. We are finalizing the idea of a Life Patronage; further details will be in Regaling and the newsletter. Lastly I want to thank you for all the support that you have given not only me but also the Association of Patrons. I must also thank Malcolm Cheeseman, Wayne Spring, Peter Rhodes, David Anning and Michael Balkwell, they have all put a tremendous effort in to make the association of Patrons work, for not only me, not only the Trustees, not only for you, but for the members of the Provinces of East and West Kent.

The Chairman thanked W.Bro. Mark for his report and for his and his team's stewardship of this important role in the museum.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees thanked all the members of the management committee for their support and valuable input in managing the day to day running of the museum.

7. Representative's Points.

No questions had been submitted by the Representatives.

The Chairman invited W.Bro. Peter Hagger the Assistant Provincial Grand Master to address the meeting.

W.Bro. Hagger said there is a huge amount of work that goes on during the year most of which we are probably unaware of, but on behalf of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, who cannot be with us today, he sends his warmest good wishes for all of that work and for all of the work that will continue in the future. We have had some super reports from those involved with the management and the running of the library and museum. There are a few points I would like to make, firstly we are very much looking forward to the investiture of W.Bro. M.Estaugh as the Provincial Grand Master of West Kent on 20th October, and we look forward to hopefully more support from West Kent in the future. The Provincial Executive are delighted with the amount of work that is done here, this is probably one of the most outstanding Masonic museums and libraries outside of London. We as an executive are very proud of that position. It would not happen without the constant help of the Trustees, the management team, the library and museum representatives and more importantly the volunteers. We have at present between 60 and 70 volunteers who give up their time so freely and we are so grateful to you all for dedicating that time. To the Library and museum representatives, we would like to mention to you that we do consider that, although it is not a lodge office, it is a particularly important position within the lodges in East Kent. We hope that you look upon that position with enthusiasm and that you will in future continue to report back to your members to advertise this library and museum. Finally if I could just mention the patronage, ideally we would like to see the library and museum becoming totally self supporting and we are very much heading in that direction. We have at present about 240 members in that we have a combination of £75 contributions from Lodges and Chapters and an individual patronage of £25, we have 184 Lodges and 68 Chapters and about 6,300 members in East Kent, just imaging the impact that would have on this library and museum if we were to receive a little more support by way of individual patronage. Please go back to your members and try to drum up some additional support by way of individual patronage. Finally on behalf of the Provincial Executives of both East and West Kent thank you so much for your support today, we wish you well and look forward to a happy future.

The Chairman thanked W.Bro. Hagger.

Any Other Business.

W.Bro. John Reuter said on behalf of the President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, V.W.Bro. James Newman, his Board of Trustees and the executive he would like to present to the museum a copy of the first edition of a book on the history of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he had written, and which covers the period from when the Institution was started in the 1830s to the present day. There are only two that have been given out, one to Great Queen Street and this one today. The Chairman thanked W.Bro. Reuter.

The Chairman called on W.Bro. J.Flower.

W.Bro. Flower said his job at the museum is to organize the rota and the recruitment of volunteers. In order to keep the museum open most days of the year we need 70 volunteers, which I am pleased to say we have so that every day is now covered. However every month there are, due to holidays or sickness, times when we need to call on other people. What I am trying to do is build up a bank of occasional stewards who would be prepared to come in at most once a month to cover for those people that are off. At the moment we rely on stewards doing an extra shift. To make things more comfortable if we had another 10 stewards it would make life so much easier. If you know of anybody who would be prepared to do a day please contact W.Bro. Jim Flower.

The Chairman thanked for all the hard work

The Secretary announced the next Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday 17th September 2016.

The Secretary asked that he be informed of any change in the Lodge Library and Museum Representative, or any change of the Representative's address, telephone number and especially e-mail address.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.03

Luncheon was taken at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, under the presidency of the Chairman W.Bro. Anthony Denne.

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KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

Trustees report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2015

*Preserves the Past,
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Kent Masonic Library & Museum Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2015

Registered Charity No. 1018784

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Objectives and Activities

The Library & Museum Trust was formed in order to preserve and exhibit the traditions of Masonry in Kent and across the world. The exhibits held by the museum are all kindly donated by members and their families.

The Trustees of the Charity are:

Geoffrey Gordon Dearing (Chairman)
Roger William Odd
Roger Howard Waltham
Peter David Williams
Peter John Rodd
Peter Charles Hagger

The Library and Museum is located on a site owned by the Masonic Province of East Kent on a rent-free basis, although the museum is responsible for its own share of service charges and repairs.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the charity has continued to carry out its objectives. The income received has been sufficient to meet these commitments.

Financial Review

A reserve fund has been maintained by the Charity in respect of Capital Improvements.

The assets of this fund are held separately from the general funds of the Charity.

The Trustees wish to record their thanks to The Arthur Crick Trust for the generous gift of funding the cost of 4,146 copies of The Kent Museum of Freemasonry souvenir guidebook at a cost of £12,315.00

The Trustees would also like to thank the family of the late Brian Kenneth Stevens for the kind gift of making and funding the New Library & Museum Entrance Arch.

No restriction is placed upon the general funds of the Charity.

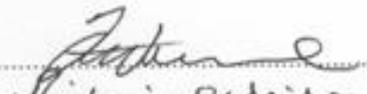
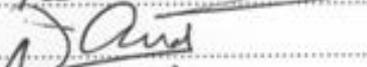
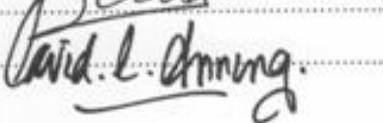
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the net movement in funds of the Charity in that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that a Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with recommended practice. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 14th August 2015 by:

	Chairman
	Vice Chairman
	Secretary
	Treasurer

KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

Library and Museum Capital Improvement Fund

For The Year Ended 31st March 2015

	2014		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward		14,888.19		12,540.25
Income				
Legacy (W. Bro Derek Link PPGSwd B)		0.00		1,000.00
In Memory of W. Bro Brian Kenneth Stevens		0.00		1,600.00
Anonymous Donor		0.00		650.00
		<u>14,888.19</u>		<u>15,790.25</u>
Expenditure				
Refurbishment Costs to date:-				
General		-3,158.86		0.00
New Library & Museum Entrance Arch		0.00		-1,600.00
Balance Carried Forward		<u>£11,729.33</u>		<u>£14,190.25</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

Assets		
Balance at Bank - Lloyds TSB Current Account	11,729.33	14,190.25
	<u>£11,729.33</u>	<u>£14,190.25</u>

KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

Income And Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2015

	2014		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward		6,839.67		9,919.17
Income				
Voluntary				
Donations & Collection Box	1,280.55		1,255.00	
Cornwallis Lectures	1,290.00		875.00	
Other Lectures	375.00		75.00	
Association of Patrons	8,119.00		9,829.41	
Profit from Shop	687.63		826.31	
East Kent Regalia Scheme	0.00		1,200.00	
Museum Guide Books	0.00		370.00	
Province of East Kent	<u>8,000.00</u>	19,752.18	<u>7,750.00</u>	22,180.72
Investment				
Interest		<u>1.23</u>		<u>0.11</u>
		<u>26,593.08</u>		<u>32,100.00</u>
Expenditure				
General Rates	1,342.35		1,373.70	
Water Rates	493.19		156.09	
Insurance	2,174.69		1,185.23	
Electricity	1,444.14		1,753.50	
Gas	1,570.02		964.62	
General Cleaning	1,107.42		1,103.46	
Repairs & Renewals	1,096.16		341.51	
Computer Maintenance & Costs	2,538.64		3,773.24	
Security & CCTV Maintenance & Costs	1,150.13		1,318.22	
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance & Costs	330.48		210.00	
Telephone	1,182.50		1,455.10	
Printing, Stationery & Photocopying	219.14		190.25	
Postage	178.04		154.50	
Subscriptions	685.00		528.30	
General Expenses	82.52		110.00	
Museum Exhibition Costs	100.00		296.94	
Legal & Professional Fees	360.00		360.00	
Patrons Expenses	336.25		408.29	
Profit on AGM Luncheon	-43.00		-14.50	
Loss on Patrons Dinner	9.00		98.93	
Meeters & Greeters Social Event	0.00		504.85	
Promotional Costs (Kent Big Weekend)	197.24		0.00	
AGM Expenses	<u>120.00</u>	-16,673.91	<u>80.00</u>	-16,352.23
Balance Carried Forward		<u>£9,919.17</u>		<u>£15,747.77</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

Assets			
Balance at Bank - Lloyds TSB Current Account	11,881.70		17,248.55
Cash in Hand	196.79		184.75
Nationwide Building Society	50.07		50.18
Stock of Shop	3,081.71		3,205.00
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	<u>2,195.38</u>		<u>593.96</u>
	17,205.65		21,282.44
Less: Sundry Creditors		-7,286.48	-5,534.67
		<u>£9,919.17</u>	<u>£15,747.77</u>

KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

Independent auditors' report to the members of KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of Kent Masonic Library and Museum Trust for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise income and expenditure account and balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with appropriate legislation. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the trustees report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the trust has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding remuneration and transactions with the trust is not disclosed.

We read the trustees report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

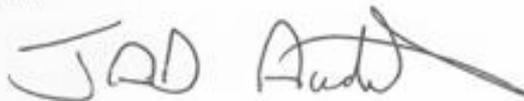
Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with legislation.



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