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The following is a list of stated meetings only. When the day of a regular meeting falls on a Sunday, or a holiday, the meetings are entered a day earlier, but it should be understood that such meetings may, optionally, be held a day later. Names in heavy type indicate installation meetings.

DATE.	SEPTEMBER.	OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER.	DATE.
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10	10
11	Perak Jubilee	Napier	11
12	Zetland Elliot	Zetland	Zetland	12
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14	Elliot	Elliot	14
15	15
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**LODGES AND BODIES MEETING IN THE DISTRICT.
UNDER GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.**

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

<i>Dist. G.M.</i> —F. M. Elliot	<i>Secretary</i> —H. Carpmael
<i>Deputy Dist. G.M.</i> —W. F. Nutt	
<i>P.D.B.G.P.</i> —A. W. Bean	<i>P.D.B. of B.</i> —F. Apps
ZETLAND, No. 508, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —W. J. Garcia	<i>Secretary</i> —T. O. Mayhew
ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —W. C. Phipps	„ G. B. Serle
ROYAL PRINCE OF WALES, No. 1555, Penang	
<i>Master</i> —A. J. Plumb	„ A. S. Wilson
PERAK JUBILEE, No. 2225, Taiping	
<i>Master</i> —A. J. King	„ C. Ross McLeod
READ, No. 2337, Kuala Lumpur	
<i>Master</i> —S. Morgan	„ A. C. Hayton
ST. MICHAEL, No. 2933, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —F. G. Bourne	„ W. Craig
EASTERN GATE, No. 2970, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —C. Baugh	„ R. A. Page
KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh	
<i>Master</i> —C. R. P. Laughnan	„ A. Fleming
KLANG, No. 3369, Klang	
<i>Master</i> —C. Hammond Smith	„ W. Ansley-Young
NAPIER, No. 3418, Teluk Anson	
<i>Master</i> —R. G. Bayley	„ J. T. Pickering
NEGRI SEMBILAN, No. 3552, Seremban	
<i>Master</i> —G. H. Harrop	„ J. R. Delmege
ELLIOT, No. 3557, Malacca	
<i>Master</i> —T. W. Main	„ C. V. Beilby.
MAKEPEACE, No. 3674, Kuala Lumpur	
<i>Master</i> —J. Graham	„ P. de Vaux Butler
KEDAH, No. 3830, Sungei Patani	
<i>Master</i> —F. B. Sewell	„ W. J. Smith

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

<i>G. Superintendent</i> —F. M. Elliot	<i>Scribe E.</i> —H. Carpmael
DALHOUSIE, No. 508, Singapore	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —F. G. Bourne	„ W. J. Garcia
ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —B. Ball	„ W. C. Phipps

Supreme Grand Chapter of England—(Contd.)

VICTORIA, JUBILEE, No. 1555, Penang

Principal Z.—A. S. Wilson*Scribe W.*—J. C. Pattison

PERAK, No. 2225, Taiping

Principal Z.—E. Wallace

,, R. Cox

SELANGOR, No. 2337, Kuala Lumpur

Principal Z.—H. Redfearn Shaw

,, F. A. Punter

KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh

Principal Z.—

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND.

EDALJEE KHORY LODGE, Singapore

W.M.M.—R. W. Meredith*Secretary*—H. Rickard

BATU BERTANDA, Kuala Lumpur

W.M.M.—

,, J. Graham

GOTTLIEB LODGE, Penang

W.M.M.—J. C. Pattison

,, A. S. Wilson

PERAK LODGE, Taiping

W.M.M.—E. Wallace

,, W. Stuart

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE A. & A. R. FOR ENGLAND.

MOUNT CALVARY IN THE EAST ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, Singapore

M.W.S.—C. Henly*Recorder*—B. Ball*M.W.S.*—(elect) F. Y. Blair.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Thursday, the 16th May, 1918, and opened in due form at 9-30 p.m., the following Brethren being present:—

Officers.

Rt. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot	- D.G. Master.
Wor. Bro. W. F. Nutt	- D.D.G. Master.
„ E. J. Cadman	- as D.S.G. Warden.
„ B. Ball	- D.J.G. Warden.
„ The Rev. A. J. Amery	- D.G. Chaplain.
„ J. R. Brooke	- D.G. Treasurer.
„ W. Craig	- D.G. Registrar.
„ A. W. Bean	- Pres. B.G. Purposes.
„ H. Carpmael	- D.G. Secretary.
„ F. Apps	- Pres. D.B. Benevolence.
„ R. Charter	- as D.G. Sen. Deacon.
„ C. Henly	- as D.G. Jun. Deacon.
„ F. Fletcher	- D.G. Supt. of Works.
„ T. O. Máyhew	- D.G. Dir. of Cerms.
„ C. Hammond Smith	- as D.A.G. Dir. of Cerms.
„ J. G. Barrett	- D.G. Sword Bearer.
„ C. L. Chapman	- D.G. Standard Bearer.
„ D. C. van L. Boomkamp	- D.G. Organist.
„ F. G. Bourne	- D.G. Assist. Secretary.
„ J. R. Delmege	- D.G. Pursuivant.
„ P. H. King Harman	- D.G. Steward.
Bro. N. Blumenthal	- as D.G. Steward.
„ C. Baugh	- D.G. Tyler.

Members.

W. J. Garcia, W.M.; W. E. Hunt, P.M., No. 508; W. C. Phipps, W.M.; G. B. Serle, S.W.; H. G. Wightwick, J.W.; F. Younger Blair, P.M.; H. W. Lobb, P.M.; A. W. Still, P.M., No. 1152; A. J. King, W.M., No. 2225; Sidney Morgan, W.M., No. 2337; G. Coombes, W.M., No. 2970; C. Laughman, W.M., No. 3212; T. A. Manchip, P.M., No. 3418; G. Harrop, W.M.; W. A. Taylor, P.M., No. 3552; B. Wolde, P.M., No. 3557; F. A. Punter, P.M., No. 3674.

Visitors.

Bros. A. E. Laver, W. R. Smedley, J. Le Count, No. 508; H. E. Simmonds, E. Gill, T. Key, H. Pragnell, H. J. Carley, J. R. Palmer, R. J. Page, No. 2970; F. W. Jarman, No. 2337; H. Rickard, No. 1555; J. Duncan Roberts, No. 1152; G. M. Magill, No. 2225; A. E. Heming, P.M., No. 3557; D. B. Teale, No. 3552; W. Stuart, No. 2970; and A. Carson, No. 31, S.C.

The Summons and the Agenda (Appendix A) were read.

The minutes of the regular meeting held at Penang, on Friday, November 9th, 1917, having been printed and circulated, were read and confirmed.

The call of the Roll of the Lodges in the District were responded to as follows:—

- Lodge Zetland in the East, No. 508—14 members.
- Lodge St. George, No. 1152—9 members.
- Lodge Royal Prince of Wales, No. 1555—2 members.
- Lodge Perak Jubilee, No. 2225—4 members.
- Lodge Read, No. 2337—4 members.
- Lodge St. Michael, No. 2933—1 member.
- Lodge Eastern Gate, No. 2970—11 members.
- Lodge Kinta, No. 3212—1 member.
- Lodge Klang, No. 3669—4 members.
- Lodge Napier, No. 3418—1 member.
- Lodge Negri Sembilan, No. 3552—4 members.
- Lodge Elliot, No. 3557—2 members.
- Lodge Makepeace, No. 3674—1 member.

The accounts of the District Grand Treasurer were taken as read, and on a proposal by Wor. Bro. A. J. King, W.M., No. 2225 seconded by Wor. Bro. J. G. Barrett, P.M., No. 2970, were accepted and passed (Appendix B).

The President of the Board of General Purposes read his report (Appendix C), and on proposal by Wor. Bro. F. W. Nutt, D.D.G. Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. A. J. King, W.M. No. 2225, the report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The President of the Board of Benevolence read his report (Appendix D), and on a proposal by Wor. Bro. W. A. Garcia, W.M. 508 seconded by Wor. Bro. F. A. Punter, W.M. No. 3674, it was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

No report of the Library Committee was received.

The election of District Grand Treasurer resulted unanimously in favour of Wor. Bro. J. R. Brooke.

The Right Wor. The District Grand Master appointed his officers for 1918—1919 as follows:—

<i>D.D.G.M.</i>	-	-	Wor. Bro. W. F. Nutt, No. 2337.
<i>D.S.G.W.</i>	-	-	„ C. J. W. Burt, No. 508.
<i>D.J.G.W.</i>	-	-	„ H. Redfearn Shaw, No. 2337.
<i>D.G. Chaplain</i>	-	-	„ Rev. A. J. Amery, No. 508.
„	-	-	Bro. Rev. Keppel Garnier, No. 1555.
<i>D.G. Treasurer</i>	-	Wor. Bro.	J. R. Brooke, No. 508.
<i>D.G. Registrar</i>	-	„	W. Craig, No. 508.
<i>Pres. D.B. of G.P.</i>	-	„	W. Craig, No. 508, No. 2933.
<i>D.G. Secretary</i>	-	„	H. Carpmael, No. 508.
<i>D.S.G.D.</i>	-	-	„ R. Charter, No. 2337.
<i>D.J.G.D.</i>	-	-	„ F. B. Sewell, No. 3212.
<i>D.G. Supt. of W.</i>	-	„	H. B. Dudley, No. 3369.
<i>D.G. Dir. of Cer.</i>	-	„	T. O. Mayhew, No. 508.
<i>Asst.</i>	„	-	„ C. L. Chapman, No. 3369.
<i>D.G. Sword Bearer</i>	-	„	J. R. Delmege, No. 3552.
<i>D.G. Std. Bearer</i>	-	„	A. E. Heming, No. 3557.
<i>D.G. Organist</i>	-	„	F. A. Punter, No. 3674.
<i>D. Asst. G. Secy.</i>	-	„	F. G. Bourne, No. 2970.
<i>D.G. Pursuivant</i>	-	„	A. S. Wilson, No. 1555.
<i>Asst.</i>	„	-	„ G. Coombes, No. 2970.
<i>D.G. Steward</i>	-	„	H. R. W. Lobb, No. 1152.
„	-	„	A. J. Plumb, No. 1555.
„	-	„	J. N. Sheffield, No. 2225.
„	-	„	H. L. Armstrong, No. 3212.
„	-	„	G. H. Harrop, No. 3552.
„	-	„	B. Wolde, No. 3557.
<i>D.G. Tyler</i>	-	-	Bro. C. Baugh, No. 2970.

Wor. Bro. Frederick Apps was appointed and invested as President of the District Board of Benevolence.

Wor. Bros. W. Craig and A. W. Still were elected to represent District Grand Lodge on the District Board of Benevolence.

GRAND LODGE.

The following reports of Sister District Grand Lodges were laid on the table:—

Grand Lodge of England, 5th December, 1917.

District Grand Lodge of Natal, 7th April and 29th September, 1917.

„	„	Nigeria, 23rd May, 1917.
„	„	Burma, 23rd June, 1917.
„	„	South Africa, Eastern Division, 12th September, 1917.
„	„	Bombay, 13th September, 1917.
„	„	British Guiana, 25th October, 1917.
„	„	Ceylon, 14th November, 1917.
„	„	Auckland, 4th December, 1917.
„	„	Queensland, 5th December, 1917.
„	„	Hongkong and South China, 29th December, 1917.
„	„	Northern China, 22nd October, 1917 and 22nd January, 1918.

The Rt. Wor. District Grand Master addressed the Brethren on the progress of Freemasonry in the District and pointed out that although all Lodges were affected by the War, some more than others, Freemasonry in the District was flourishing. A petition for a new Lodge at Kedah had been granted by Grand Lodge, and as soon as the Charter arrived he would consecrate the Lodge. Wor. Bro. F. B. Sewell, a brother well-known to all, was the first Master, and he was sure that all would join with him in wishing the new Lodge a prosperous career.

He announced that the November meeting would be held at Kuala Lumpur, under the banner of Lodge Makepeace.

He expressed his gratification of seeing so many outstation Brethren present that evening, and gave them a hearty welcome.

District Grand Lodge was closed at 10-30 p.m.

APPENDIX A.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN
ARCHIPELAGO.

RT. WOR. BRO. FREDRICK MITCHELL ELLIOT,
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

FREEMASONS' HALL,

Singapore, 10th April, 1917.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

You are requested to attend the Regular Half-yearly Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, which will be held under the banner of Lodge Eastern Gate, No. 2970, at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Thursday, 16th May, 1918, at 9-15 p.m.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HAROLD CARPMAEL, P.D.G.TREAS.,

District Grand Secretary.

All Master Masons who are Subscribing Members of a Lodge in the District are invited to be present.

Agenda.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held at Penang on 9th November, 1917.
2. To call the Roll of the Lodges in the District.

3. To receive the District Grand Treasurer's Accounts.
4. To receive the Report of the President of the District Board of General Purposes.
5. To receive the Report of the District Board of Benevolence.
6. To receive the Report of the Library Committee.
7. To elect a District Grand Treasurer.
8. To appoint and invest the Officers for the year, and to appoint a Member of the District Board of Benevolence.
9. To elect two Members to represent the District Grand Lodge on the District Board of Benevolence.
10. General.

APPENDIX B.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1918.

RECEIPTS.	\$	c.	PAYMENTS.	\$	c.
To CASH AT BANK, 1ST APRIL, 1917	3,412	84	By GRAND LODGE DUES, 1916	326	86
„ Annual Dues, 1917:—			„ GRAND LODGE FEE FOR WARRANT, LODGE KEDAH	45	45
Lodge Zetland-in-the-East, No. 508 ... \$321 50			„ General Expenses:—		
St. George, No. 1152 ... 206 00			Rent \$170 00		
R. P. of Wales, No. 1555 ... 172 85			Wages and Telephone ... 150 48		
Perak Jubilee, No. 2225 ... 129 75			Postage and Telegrams 27 35		
Read, No. 2337 ... 232 50			Bank Charges ... 15 57		
St. Michael's, No. 2933 ... 52 00			Printing and Stationery ... 117 72		
Eastern Gate, No. 2970 ... 260 00			Subscription Lodge Quatuor Coronati 4 55		
Kinta, No. 3212 ... 195 53			Insurance ... 12 75		
Klang, No. 3369 ... 241 00			Sundries ... 8 86		
Napier, No. 3418 ... 98 72			Organ Repairs ... 7 50		
Negri Sembilan, No. 3552 ... 159 00					
Elliot, No. 3557 ... 140 50			„ Refreshments D. G. L. Meeting	36	20
Makepeace, No. 3674 ... 208 00			„ Printing Pentagram	317	50
	2,417	35	„ Tyler's Fees and Travelling Expenses	102	00
„ Annual Dues, 1918:—			„ Cash at Bank, 31st March, 1918	4,824	44
Klang, No. 3369 ... 19 00			„ Cash with Treasurer		10
Negri Sembilan, No. 3552 ... 27 50					
Napier, No. 3418 ... 10 00					
	56	50			
„ Dispensations	74	75			
„ Patent Fees	20	00			
„ Grand Lodge Bicentenary Jewels	112	70			
„ Lodge Kedah—Fee for Warrant	45	00			
„ Bank Interest	28	19			
TOTAL \$	6,167	33	TOTAL \$	6,167	33

Audited and found correct:—

B. BALL,
W. S. ELMSLIE,

} Auditors.

JOHN R. BROOKE,

District Grand Treasurer.

May 2nd, 1918.

SINGAPORE, May 2nd, 1918.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS ON 31ST MARCH, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
Reserve for Masonic Hall Debentures	625	00	Sundry Debtors:-		
			Lodge Elliot, No. 3557 ...	10	00
Sundry Creditors:-			25 Masonic Hall Debentures...	625	00
Lodge Klang, No. 3369 \$	19	00	Cash on Current Account and with Treasurer	4,824	54
Lodge Negri Sembilan, No. 3552 ...	27	50			
Lodge Napier, No. 3418	10	00			
		56			
Grand Lodge Dues and Bicentenary Jewels	394	26			
Reserve for D. G. Lodge Regalia on order (£150) ..	1,285	50			
Balance, being Assets over Liabilities	3,098	28			
TOTAL \$	5,459	54	TOTAL \$	5,459	54

Audited and found Correct.

B. BALL,

W. S. ELMSLIE,

} Auditors.

JOHN R. BROOKE,

District Grand Treasurer, E.A.

May 2nd, 1918.

SINGAPORE, May 2nd, 1918.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO
CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1918.

RECEIPTS.	\$	c.	PAYMENTS.	\$	c.
To Balance at Bank as at 1st April, 1917 ...	1,299	81	By Casual Relief:—		
„ Annual Dues 1917:—			Bro. No. 508 ...	20	00
Lodge Zetland in the East No. 508	175	00	" „ 508 ...	81	00
Lodge St. George No. 1152 ...	111	00	" „ 353 I. C. ...	148	70
Lodge Royal Prince of Wales No. 1555 ...	98	00	" „ 1152 ...	300	00
Lodge Perak Jubilee No. 2225	77	00	" „ 1555 ...	300	00
Lodge Read No. 2337 ...	124	00	„ Donations to Widow of Bro. No. 1555 ...		849 70
Lodge St. Michael's No. 2937 ...	36	00	„ Educational Grants:—		
Lodge Eastern Gate No. 2970 ...	121	00	Children Deceased Bro. No. 508 ...	175	00
Lodge Kinta No. 3212 ...	108	00	Child Deceased Bro. No. 508 ...	293	20
Lodge Klang No. 3369 ...	135	00	Children Deceased Bro. No. 2225 ...	559	15
Lodge Napier No. 3418 ...	60	00	Children Deceased Bro. No. 1152 ...	312	56
Lodge Negri Sembilan No. 3552 ...	94	00	Children Deceased Bro. No. 2225 ...	119	04
Lodge Elliot No. 3557 ...	92	00	Children Deceased Bro. No. 2970 ...	48	00
Lodge Makepeace No. 3674 ...	108	00	„ Relief Fund No. 1 (A) ...		1,506 95
„ Annual Dues 1918:—			„ Relief Fund No. 2 (B) ...		108 00
Lodge Kinta No. 3369 ...	11	00	„ Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—Purchase of Votes ...		1,140 00
Lodge Negri Sembilan No. 3552 ...	16	00	„ Purchase of \$6,500 Straits Settlement War Bonds 6% ...		6,500 00
„ Patent Fees ...		27 00	„ Balance at Bank		2,301 46
„ Interest on Investments:—		145 29			
On \$10,000 Municipal 4% Bonds	376	00			
On \$11,500 6% Straits Settlements War Bonds	260	00			
On \$7,000 Mortgage Masonic Hall, Penang	320	80			
On \$7,000 Mortgage Masonic Hall, Ipoh	350	44			
On \$5,000 Mortgage through Solicitors	202	24			
On Current Account	68	16			
	1,577	64			
Carried forward \$	4,388	74	Carried Forward \$	14,114	22

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
St. John's Fund ...	22,899	63	Investments :—		
Relief Fund No. 1 (A)	135	00	\$10,000 Municipal Bonds 4% ...	9,000	00
Relief Fund No. 2 (B)	443	52	\$11,500 S.S. War Loan 6% ...	11,500	00
Relief Fund No. 3 (C)	1,752	51	Loans :—		
Annual Dues, 1918 —			Penang Masonic Building Fund \$7,000 00		
Klang 3369 ... \$ 11 00			Ipoh do. do. 7,000 00	14,000	00
Negri Sembilan ... 16 00	27	00	65 Singapore Masonic Hall Debentures :—		
Balance, being Assets over Liabilities	12,856	39	Contracted to sell \$1,625 00		
			Less part purchase money 1,275 00	350	00
			Cash on Current Account	2,301	46
			Interest Accrued :—		
			On \$7,000 Masonic Hall Penang at 5% \$ 350 00		
			On \$10,000 Singapore Municipal Bonds at 4% (6 months) 200 00		
			On \$11,500 6% War Bonds (4½ months) 258 75	808	75
			District Grand Chapter, 20½ Dues 1917 accrued	153	84
TOTAL \$	38,114	05	TOTAL \$	38,114	05

Audited and found correct.

B. BALL,
W. S. ELMSLIE,

Auditors.

JOHN R. BROOKE,

District Grand Treasurer, E.A.

May 2nd, 1918.

SINGAPORE, May 2nd, 1918.

ST. JOHN'S FUND (CAPITAL ACCOUNT).

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance 1st April, 1917 ...	22,462	00	By Grants to Educa- tion	\$1,506	95
„ Donations received during the year	437	63	„ Less paid by Board of Bene- volence	383	85
„ Share of Interest accrued during the year	1,123	10			
			„ Balance 31st March, 1918		1,123 10
					22,899 63
TOTAL \$	24,022	73	TOTAL \$	24,022	73

RELIEF FUND NO. 1 (A.)

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance 1st April, 1917 ...	243	00	By Twelve Months' School Fees for Children ...	108	00
			„ Balance 31st March, 1918	135	00
TOTAL \$	243	00	TOTAL \$	243	00

RELIEF FUND NO. 2 (B.)

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance 1st April, 1917 ...	1,031	59	By Grants	\$1,279	29
„ Share of Interest accrued	51	57	„ ½ Share	639	64
			„ Balance 31st March, 1918	443	52
TOTAL \$	1,083	16	TOTAL \$	1,083	16

RELIEF FUND NO. 3 (C.)

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Donation, Lodge Prince of Wales No. 1555 ...	1,600	00	By Balance 31st March, 1918	1,752	51
„ Donation, Lodge Eastern Gate No. 2970	102	85			
„ Share of Interest accrued ...	49	66			
TOTAL \$	1,752	51	TOTAL \$	1,752	51

Audited and found correct.

B. BALL,

W. S. ELMSLIE,

} Auditors.

JOHN R. BROOKE,

District Grand Treasurer.

SINGAPORE, 2nd May, 1918.

2nd May, 1918.

APPENDIX C.

SINGAPORE, 16th May, 1918.

To the Right Worshipful

The District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelego.

DEAR SIR AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,

I have the honour to present the report of the District Grand Board of General Purposes for the second half of the year, December to May, 1917-1918.

The Board held the usual Meetings in February and May.

At the February Meeting it was decided to purchase a complete set of undress regalia for the District Grand Lodge.

It was announced that a warrant had been granted for the Kedah Lodge.

Some discussion took place in reference to raising funds for the Masonic War Hospital, but it was decided to postpone doing so, although it was agreed that the object was a worthy one, as every effort was being made to raise funds for the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, as it was felt that these institutions would need all the help that could be given to them for the children of Freemasons killed during the War.

It was announced that the District Grand Lodge Regalia which was presented to the District Grand Lodge by the Right Worshipful Brother Sir Charles Warren, and which had been lost for some time, had been found intact.

At the May Meeting it was decided that \$660 be voted to the Masonic School for Boys, and that \$1,500 be transferred to the St. John's Fund.

A letter was received from a Lodge in the District, which was in receipt of a loan from the Board of Benevolence, asking that the Board would forego the interest thereon for the duration of the War. The Board pointed out that the loan was made from Trust money; therefore the interest should be paid.

The minute book is forwarded herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALFRED W. BEAN,

Pres. D.G.B. of G.P.

APPENDIX D.

FREEMASONS HALL,

SINGAPORE, 11th May, 1918.

*To the Right Worshipful**District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago.*

DEAR SIR AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,

I have the honour to present the Report of the District Board of Benevolence for the year 1917-18.

The Board has met five times during the year.

As will be seen from the Accounts, the receipts for the Fund of Benevolence have amounted to \$12,376.78, for St. John's Fund \$437.63, which together with a balance brought forward of \$1,299.81 make a total of \$14,114.22.

Of this amount \$6,275 is accounted for by a Mortgage repayment of \$5,000 and \$1,275 by the sale of Masonic Hall Debentures. \$1,702.85 represents a sum held in trust by the Board and \$1,140 a donation by Lodge Zetland in the East No. 508 for the purchase of votes in the Masonic Institute for Boys.

The expenditure from the Fund of Benevolence has been \$4,189.66, made up of \$849.70 for casual relief, \$428.82 by grant to the widow of a late Brother, \$1,387.29 to the Relief Funds Nos. IA, 2B, and \$383.85 to the St. John's Fund, and in addition \$6,500 has been invested in the Straits Settlements War Loan.

I am glad to report that payments for casual relief are again small. In three cases help was rendered by assisting Brethren to return to their native land, and in two other cases, the loan of \$20, and half of the \$300 advanced has been refunded.

St. John's Fund was unfortunately not able to meet the demands on its income, the grants amounting to \$1,506.95, an increase of \$615.95 over the previous year.

The grants now current are as follows:—

No. 1.	Two children of a late Bro.	No. 508		\$120
No. 2.	Son	„	No. 508 £35 approximate	300
No. 3.	Son	„	No. 2225 £30	257
No. 4.	Son	„	No. 1152 £20	170
No. 5.	Children	„	No. 2970	48
No. 6.	Children	„	No. 2225 £50	430

An approximate amount of \$1,325

I trust the brethren will continue to especially remember the claims of St. John's Fund when considering worthy objects of their charity, and that the hope expressed by The Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir W. J. Napier, P.D.G.M., in 1904 that a sum of \$50,000 be raised, is not far distant.

The Relief Funds No. 1a and 2b will close during the current year. The former was started in 1907 for the assistance of the widow and children of a late Bro. of Nos. 1555 and 2337. \$850 was paid to the widow, and the balance in half yearly grants of \$54 for the education of the children, one of whom is now serving with His Majesty's Forces in France.

No. 2b, formed to assist in the education of three children of a late Brother of No. 2337, has a balance of \$443.52, to which will be added a further sum of £37-10-0 as per the Board's agreement with Read Lodge.

No. 3b Fund was inaugurated by R. P. of Wales Lodge during the past year for the benefit of the children of a late Bro. of Nos. 2970 and 1555. The moneys of this fund are held in trust by the Board, and payments only made as instructed by the W. M. of Lodge No. 1555.

In concluding the Report of the Board of Benevolence, I would point out that this does not show the total of what has been done in the way of benevolence in the district during the past year; and I think that mention should be made of the very substantial donations which have been made by the various Lodges and by District Grand Lodge, to such funds as the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, the Masonic War Hospital, etc.

It is must be very gratifying to every one of us to know that during the past year, despite the many calls which every brother has had upon

his benevolence, we have been able to render support to these worthy Institutions, and I feel sure that all Brethren in the District will endeavour to eclipse during 1918 the substantial amount realized for these charities during the past year.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. APPS,

President D.B. of Benevolence.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER.

Minutes of a Regular Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of the Eastern Archipelago held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, May 16th, 1918.

The District Grand Chapter was opened in Ancient and Solemn form, the following Officers and Companions being present:—

Officers.

M. E. Comp.	W. F. Nutt	-	<i>D.G. 2nd Principal as D.G. Superintendent.</i>
„	C. Henly	-	<i>as D.G. 2nd Principal.</i>
„	C. G. Cadman	-	<i>D.G. 3rd Principal.</i>
„	H. Carpmael	-	<i>D.G. Scribe E.</i>
„	R. Charter	-	<i>D.G. Scribe N.</i>
„	J. R. Brooke	-	<i>D.G. Treasurer.</i>
„	F. Fletcher	-	<i>D.G. 2nd Asst. Sojourner.</i>
„	T. O. Mayhew	-	<i>D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
„	F. G. Bourne	-	<i>D.G. Asst. Scribe E.</i>
E. Comp.	C. Baugh	-	<i>D.G. Janitor.</i>

Members.

M. E. Comp. W. Craig, F. Apps, and A. J. Amery, No. 508; E. Comp. H. R. W. Lobb, and F. Younger Blair, No. 1152; E. Comp. C. L. Chapman, No. 2337, E. Comp. A. J. King, No. 2225.

Visitors.

Comps. G. Coombes, E. Gill, J. Palmer, H. J. Carley, T. Key, N. Blumenthal, W. R. Smeddley, R. J. Page, and R. A. Page, No. 508; Comps. H. Wightwick, and W. Phipps, No. 1152; Comps. R. J. Delmege, J. Graham, F. A. Punter, E. H. King-Harman, F. W. Jarman, G. Harrop, C. Hammond Smith, and A. W. Tayler, No. 2337; Comps. W. Stuart and G. A. Magill, No. 2225.

The Roll of the Chapters in the District were then called, the following being represented.

Dalhousie, Chapter No. 508.
 St. George, Chapter No. 1152.
 Perak, Chapter No. 2225.
 Selangor, Chapter No. 3212.

The Minutes of the Regular Convocation held at Penang on 9th November, 1917, having been printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Annual Accounts.

The D. G. Treasurer's accounts as presented, on the motion of M. E. Comp. C. Henly, seconded by M. E. Comp. C. J. Cadman, were taken as read and passed. *Appendix B.*

Treasurer.

M. E. Comp. J. R. Brooke was re-elected to fill the office of District Grand Treasurer.

Officers.

On behalf of the District Grand Superintendent M. E. Comp. Nutt appointed and invested the following Officers.

M. E. Comp.	W. F. Nutt, No. 2337	-	<i>D.G. 2nd Principal.</i>
„	C. G. Cadman, No. 2337	-	<i>D.G. 3rd Principal.</i>
„	H. Carpmael, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Scribe E.</i>
„	A. W. Still, No. 1152	-	<i>D.G. Scribe N.</i>
„	J. R. Brooke, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Treasurer.</i>
„	W. Craig, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Registrar.</i>
„	H. Redfearn Shaw, No. 2337	-	<i>D.G. Principal Sojourner.</i>
„	W. Frew, No. 3212	-	<i>D.G. 1st Asst. Sojourner.</i>
„	A. J. Amery, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. 2nd Asst. Sojourner.</i>
E. Comp.	F. Fletcher, No. 3212	-	<i>D.G. Sword Bearer.....</i>
M. E. Comp.	A. S. Wilson, No. 1555	-	<i>D.G. Standard Bearer.</i>
„	T. O. Mayhew, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
E. Comp.	C. L. Chapman, No. 2337	-	<i>D.G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.</i>
„	F. G. Bourne, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Asst. Scribe E.</i>
Comp.	W. M. Butchart, No. 1152	-	<i>D.G. Organist.</i>
„	C. Baugh, No. 508	-	<i>D.G. Janitor.</i>

Notice of Motion.

M. E. Comp. W. F. Nutt, on behalf of the D.G. Superintendent moved. "That the sum of seven hundred dollars be voted to the Board of Benevolence." The D.G. Treasurer mentioned that as the accounts

showed such an excellent credit balance he would suggest that the sum of \$1,000 be substituted for \$700. M. E. Comp. W. F. Nutt accepted the suggestion, and Excellent Comp. A. J. King having seconded the amendment, it was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Correspondence.

Letters of apology were received from several Companions expressing their apologies and regret at being unable to be present.

M. E. Comp. A. W. Bean, called attention to the question of the legality of a Chapter calling an Emergent Convocation on a Sunday, and read correspondence between the D.G. Scribe E. and the Grand Scribe E. on the subject.

The correspondence was ordered to be recorded on the Minutes for future reference. *Appendix C.*

The District Grand Second Principal Ruling expressed on behalf of the Grand Superintendent his apologies and great regret at not being able to preside owing to temporary disposition. He hoped to be able to be present at the meeting of District Grand Lodge, but did not feel equal to attending both meetings.

The District Grand Second Principal Ruling expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and especially thanked the Out-station Companions for their attendance, many, he knew, at great inconvenience to themselves.

There being no further business District Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

APPENDIX A.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE
EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

EXCELLENT COMPANION F. M. ELLIOT,
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

DISTRICT GRAND SCRIBE " E.'s " OFFICE,
FREEMASONS' HALL,
April 10th, 1918.

DEAR COMPANION,

You are required to attend the Half-yearly Convocation of this District Grand Chapter to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Thursday, May 16th, 1918, at 6-30 p.m., prompt.

I am dear Companion,

Yours fraternally,

HAROLD CARPMAEL, P.D.G.TREAS.

District Grand Scribe " E."

All Royal Arch Companions, who are Subscribing Members of a Chapter in the District, are invited to be present.

Agenda.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Regular Convocation held at Penang, on 9th November, 1917.
2. To call the Roll of the Chapters in the District.
3. To receive the District Grand Treasurer's Accounts.
4. To elect a District Grand Treasurer.
5. To appoint and invest the Officers for the year.
6. To consider a proposition of the District Grand Superintendent.
" That the sum of seven hundred dollars be voted to the Board of Benevolence."
7. General.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

BALANCE SHEET AS ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE:—			S. S. 6% War Loan ...	\$500	00
20% of Fees 1917-18	153	84	Accrued interest on same	11	25
Balance being assets over liabilities	1,346	00	Cash at Bank	988	59
TOTAL \$	1,499	84	TOTAL \$	1,499	84

Audited and found correct.

B. BALL, P.M.,

W. S. ELMSLIE,

4th May, 1918.

} Auditors.

JOHN R. BROOKE, P.M.,

District Grand Treasurer, E.A.

SINGAPORE, 4th May, 1918.

APPENDIX C.

Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W.C. 2,

FREEMASONS' HALL,

27th December, 1917.

DEAR SIR AND E. COMPANION,

I regret that owing to the lamented death of our late Grand Scribe E. your letter of August 31st has not been answered before this.

The Grand Superintendent I think was quite right with regard to his ruling in the case of holding an Emergency Convocation on a Sunday. That day in Masonry has always been looked upon as a *dies non*, and the Authorities of the Craft have ever set their faces against Meetings being held on that day.

I cannot, however, find that there are any definite rulings on the point.

I am, Dear Sir and E. Companion,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P. COLVILLE SMITH,

Grand Scribe E.

E. COMP. HAROLD CARPMAEL,

District Grand Scribe E.,

Eastern Archipelago.

LODGE ST. MICHAEL.

Masonic Democracy : A Model for the Nations.

At the ordinary quarterly meeting of Lodge St. Michael, Singapore, held on January 29, 1918, the Worshipful Master gave an address on "Masonic Democracy : A Model for the Nations."

Wor. Bro. Still said that the explanation of the somewhat peculiar subject he had chosen was the unhappy and abnormal conditions under which Freemasonry, in common with all other human institutions, was being carried on in these days of universal strife. The Lodges missed the presence of many who had gone to serve King and Country amid conditions of every conceivable danger and privation. It was impossible at such times to take a placid interest in those matters of Masonic research which normally occupied the attention of a Lodge constituted for such purposes as St. Michael. Their thoughts were drawn away by the great conflicts produced by cupidity or by ignorance and they found themselves wondering what relation their Order, with its sublime principles of brotherhood, had towards these sad and distressing events. Did Freemasonry have a message for mankind? If so, what was the nature of that message? He put forward the theory that Freemasonry was based upon principles of reverence, of discipline, and of democratic constitution which might serve as a model to the nations, some of which were battling against the sordid materialism of autocracy, while others were blindly groping for a sound foundation on which to rear a solid structure of freedom and of justice.

The foundation of Freemasonry is reverence. For centuries past philosophers have discussed a question which might be crudely stated thus: "Can humanity stand alone?" The issue raised was whether a mere human sense of mutual obligation, fortified by those forces which are described as "the law," can produce the highest results known to us in civilised society—consideration for the weak, tenderness to the suffering, generosity to the poor, honesty in dealings with fellow men, purity of personal conduct in all the relations of life. It is too great a subject to be entered upon in any detail. Suffice it to say that in all history there is no record of any human society attaining distinction in good works without a Theistic basis to its morality. In the most ancient civilisations of which we can find a trace, there is evidence that men and women worshipped something higher than themselves, and the tone of any society can be seen to depend largely—mainly indeed—upon the nature of the qualities attributed to its God or Gods.

On the threshold of his Masonic career every novice is asked: "In all cases of difficulty and danger in whom do you put your trust?" and if he fails to answer. "In God," the ceremony of initiation cannot proceed. Thus Freemasonry makes its safe anchorage in reverence for the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe. But it preserves its breadth and toleration. Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, Hindus and others are perfectly qualified to participate in the great Brotherhood.

Thus, we see that the Order which we are trying to put forward as a model for the nations possesses the breadth and comprehensiveness without which it would be useless. It has qualities which set it apart from ordinary associations of men. It is unlike a trade union, because it is open to all trades and all professions. It is unlike a benefit society, because, while benevolence and charity are the most splendid of its ornaments, its aims beyond the mere material welfare of its members. It is unlike a sect, or denomination, or party, because it is broad enough to include all who put their trust in God, and who desire to increase their knowledge and enlarge their powers of usefulness to their fellow men.

Let us come now to the question: Is the basis of Freemasonry Democratic? What does Democratic mean? It means that before the law all men are equal, and have the same rights, privileges and obligations. The Order is essentially Democratic in constitution. Neither rank nor wealth can claim precedence in our Lodges. Men rise by merit and by readiness and capacity to serve the craft, or not at all, each brother has precisely the same power of influencing the selection of men to be rulers in the craft, and a ruler in the craft derives his authority from the laws and constitutions governing his office, not from his wealth or his rank or any other external circumstance.

Now consider what are the great essentials in any national organisation. There is first Fidelity to the community. That is a duty impressed upon every Freemason at the outset of his career. There is, secondly, Justice to the individual. In our order the rights of the individual are most carefully safeguarded. He can never be penalised without good cause, and if the judgment of his Lodge does not satisfy him, a member can appeal to the District Grand Lodge, and, in special cases, to the highest authority of all, the Grand Lodge itself. Thirdly, as a Democratic essential there must be equality of opportunity. The son of a peasant must have the same chance of elevation as the son of a peer if he can prove himself worthy. In our Lodges, no man can

reach the Master's chair except by the free votes of his brethren, and to win these votes he must be found worthy. Fourthly, Discipline is as essential as fidelity or justice or equality, for without it good order and harmony are impossible; and, fifthly, respect for and strict obedience to lawfully constituted authority are the foundations of discipline in its best sense, and are essential to any society of men who wish to live orderly and peaceful lives.

All who are familiar with Freemasonry will recognise that the five points mentioned are what may be called fundamentals of Masonic organisation, and full comprehension of their vital importance would qualify men anywhere to form wise judgments as to what is necessary in forming sound principles of national government.

Wor. Bro. Still proceeded to point out that the organisation of a nation requires sub-division, and, in order that justice may prevail, there must be perfect co-ordination of its parts—no part should be capable of exercising arbitrary authority. In Masonry the Lodge is the unit, the District Grand Lodge is the Intermediary Authority, the Grand Lodge is the Supreme Authority. The basis of the Lodge is its members. The vote of the members exalts an approved Brother to the rank of Master, and the rank of Master qualifies its recipient to take his part in the work both of District Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge. No one who is raw and in-experienced can spring to a position of superior authority, or usurp such authority, in Masonry. All progress is based upon the approval of the community and each man is tried and proved before he advances to high offices. Applying the same principles to the constitution of the British Empire we should have:—

- (a) For the Grand Lodge: A true Imperial Parliament.
- (b) For the District Grand Lodges: The Parliaments of the self governing parts of the Empire.
- (c) For the Lodges: The state or County Councils of each self-governing part of the Empire.

Alternately, for that larger and cosmopolitan organisation of human society to which the world's great thinkers look hopefully for a solution of economic and military dangers and difficulties:—

- (a) For the Grand Lodge: A great Council of Associated Nations.
- (b) For the District Grand Lodges: The Parliaments of the Associated Nations.
- (c) For the Lodges: The State Councils of the Associated Nations.

Recent dreadful experience has forced men to consider problems of government more seriously and more broadly than they have ever done before. On the one hand, we see an autocracy based on militarism doing as it pleases with the lives and properties of seventy millions of people, and forcing war upon all the nations which value freedom. That impresses upon us the necessity of all nations constituting themselves on a democratic basis, so that arbitrary power may be held in check. But, on the other hand, there is the spectacle of Russia—of a great people which, having cast off autocracy, is blindly and madly tearing itself to pieces because it knows not how to find its way to a safe road, free from tyranny on the one hand, safe from chaos on the other. The model of the Masonic order stands out clearly. It may be described as a finger-post pointing to the safe road. It inculcates reverence, large toleration, just but firm discipline, liberty and equality, and above all the principles of Brotherhood which, as they spread from nation to nation, will make the brutalities of war impossible and exalt the whole character of human society.

Bro. Hardman said the address they had listened to might be described as ultra-idealistic, but the idealist, he ventured to think, might serve a useful purpose, and the idealistic side of Freemasonry might be emphasised a good deal more than it was in the ordinary proceedings of the Lodges with advantage. He mentioned his personal experience, in South America, of a Lodge which met each Sunday morning for readings from the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Brother Serle thought the grosser elements of the natural man would assert themselves and make realisation of the ideals put forward in the address impossible. Many high ideals had been put before mankind, and hitherto the human element had marred them.

Wor. Bro. Boomkamp welcomed the opening up of a wider field of thought. English Masonry seemed to him to be too much absorbed in conferring degrees, and too little in its own intellectual development and the propaganda of the principles of universal brotherhood, which constituted the chief claim of Freemasonry to respect. He contrasted it with Continental Freemasonry, which was marked by a keener spirit of inquiry and by a more active desire to extend to others the principles of brotherhood.

Wor. Bro. Craig did not wholly favour the democratic ideals which had been put forward, and pointed out very marked limitations to these in the regulations governing some of the higher offices in the craft.

Wor. Bro. Still in reply admitted that he had been idealistic, but held that there was a practical side to such idealism. The grosser tendencies of human nature to which Brother Serle had referred had always to be faced, but in watching the grim drama now being enacted in Russia they could not help feeling that as much was due to ignorance as to baseness; and he thought that if the principles of Freemasonry had been more widely known and more fully understood in that country there would have been a better chance of the foundations of peaceful self-government being quickly and securely laid. The great lessons of Freemasonry were that no society of men could prosper without a moral basis, without strict observance of its own laws, or without our readiness to do unto others as we would be done by. He was inclined to agree with Wor. Bro. Boomkamp that Freemasons might do more to spread a knowledge of their principles. At any rate it was imperative that, among themselves, they should study and emphasise the principles of the fraternity and so rule their own lives and actions as to reflect credit on the Order.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE "KEDAH" No. 3830 E. C.

The tenure of office of Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon. Mr. F. M. Elliot as District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago will be notable not only for his assiduity, tact and unflinching interest where anything relating to the craft is concerned, but chiefly perhaps, because of the great strides Freemasonry has made as evidenced by the number of new Lodges opened during his regime. His latest consecration is that of Lodge "Kedah" No. 3830 on the roll of the English Constitution, which took place on Friday, August 2nd, 1918, at Sungei Patani, in the presence of a large gathering.

The D.G.M. had the advantage of a good attendance of D.G.L. officers, many of whom went up with him from Singapore or joined him en route at Port Swettenham and Penang. Also the ceremony had been rehearsed a few days previously in Singapore at a special meeting of "Emulation" Lodge called for the purpose, so that the different officers had had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with their work. Moreover, as on previous occasions, Wor. Bro. T. O. Mayhew, D.G. Director of Ceremonies, was in charge of all arrangements—to which he is no stranger—thus ensuring the smooth working of the ceremony.

The journey from and to Singapore on the "Ipoh" (Bro. J. M. Daly Captain) was, as always, in every sense as enjoyable and comfortable as anyone would wish, and its pleasantness was further enhanced by the company of some "sisters of the Craft" (if such a term can be employed) not forgetting the two charming daughters of the D.G. Pursuivant.

Quite early on, it was decided that any "Bridge" winnings during the voyage were to go to the Benevolent Fund, (which may possibly account for some of the rash "calls"?) Anyhow, altogether, during the double journey, we understand that \$25.35 was put into the hands of the Treasurer, which, if not exactly a tribute to the skill of the "Jonahs" who had to pay up, at least benefits a most deserving charity. [A suggestion that any mistakes that obviously lost tricks should be paid for *pro rata*, did not receive that enthusiastic support it might have.] Wild horses would not drag from us the names of the principal losers, suffice it to say that they all paid up—the Treasurer saw to that.

Arrived at Penang the party was met by, amongst others, Wor. Bros. Sproule, Wilson and Plumb who saw to their comfort; and about 2-30 p.m. the train journey was commenced, the numbers having in

the meantime been considerably augmented, and eventually the destination was reached when Wor. Bro. Sewell and friends took charge. Most of the visitors were accommodated at the Rest Home, every available inch of which seemed to be occupied. Many slept on the verandahs (and, thank goodness there was no rain!) whilst it was rumoured that some slept on the roof! Really late comers had long chairs. In any case it was really marvellous how so many were accommodated, and also how the D.G. Dir. of Cer. utilised his long experience and unerring instinct by securing for himself the best bed! *Par rubiscum*—Not a word!!

The ceremony itself went through without a hitch although at the start a noisy evil spirit possessed the punkah and seemed likely to disturb the peace of the Lodge; but the D.G. Tyler—prepared for all cowans and intruders—suitably armed himself with a bottle, and poured oil on the trouble, and thus harmony was restored.

Before going further, let all honour be given to the founders of this new Lodge. At the beginning of this notice, mention has been made of the number of Lodges established during Rt. Wor. Bro. Elliot's regime, but, as he told us, this is the first time he has had the honour and pleasure of consecrating a Lodge which had not only erected its own building, but had also paid for it before the opening ceremony: and we feel sure that every Freemason in this district will heartily endorse his congratulations and commendations on this excellent start which augurs so well for its future welfare.

The ceremony was carried out by Rt. Wor. Bro. The Hon. F. M. Elliot, D.G.M. assisted by Wor. Bros. C. J. W. Burt, (D.G.S.W.), F. Apps, (*as* D.G.J.W.), H. Carpmael, (D.G.Sec.), The Hon. P. J. Sproule, (*as* D.G. Chaplain), R. Charter, (D.G.S.D.), H. R. W. Lobb, (*as* D.G.J.D.), B. Wolde, (D.G. Std. Br.), J. R. Delmege, (D.G.S. Br.), T. O. Mayhew (D.G. Dir. of Cer.), J. R. Brooke, D.G. Treas., (*as* D.G. Org.), G. Coombes, (D.G. Purs.) and C. Baugh, (D.G. Tyler).

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the R.W.D.G.M. proceeded to instal Wor. Bro. F. B. Sewell, D.G.J.D. as the first Wor. Master of the Lodge and Wor. Bro. Sewell duly invested the following as his officers:—Wor. Bro. The Hon. P. J. Sproule, P.D.D.G.M. (I.P.M.) and Bros. J. Gorman, (S.W.), S. E. Jenkins, (J.W.),—Tromley, (Treasurer), A. W. Davidson, (Secretary), N. E. B. Grayburn, (S.D.), R. W. St. G. Caulfield, (J.D.), R. O. Wood, (I.G.), C. G. Boucher, (Org.), Wor. Bro. W. F. Nutt, D.D.G.M., (Dir. of Cer.),

Bros. J. A. Symes, (Std.), and—Haylett, (Tyler). During the Ceremony at the request of the D.G. Tyler, (Wor. Bro. C. Baugh, W.M. of Lodge Eastern Gate), the D.G. Master presented Wor. Bro. A. S. Wilson, P.M. of that Lodge with a Past Master's Jewel.

Later a very excellent banquet was served, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and replied to, and it was not until a late (or early?) hour that the subsequent musical programme was completed.

As one who was present, and has been present at other consecrations, the writer of this notice wishes to add that the general concensus of opinion of the visitors was that Sungei Pātani had extended to us hospitality that could not be exceeded in many a larger town and the wishes of everyone are for the welfare of its founders and members. They start with a "clean slate" as regards their building; their Master and I.P.M. are experienced Craftsmen; their officers and members are obviously keen, so may the Grand Architect of the Universe guide and protect them and further their interests and the interests of the Craft in general.

PROPOSED NEW LODGE.

As we go to press we learn that D.G. Lodge has been approached by influential brethren in Johore Bahru, to recommend for the approval of grand Lodge an application for a Charter for a new Lodge.

We understand that the Lodge will start under the patronage of a Brother of an exalted rank, who has intimated his intention of presenting the Lodge with its Temple.