

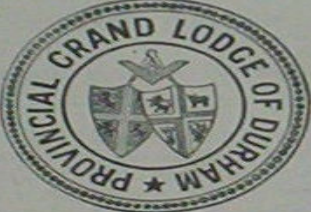
# The Ancient Palatine Lodge No 97

Bro T James

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Bro T James, PM, Provincial Grand Treasurer

  
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**Death of the Provincial Grand Treasurer.**

We regret to report the death of the recently-appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. F. J. Rowland, P.M., 1032, J.W., 3360, which took place at his residence, Bank House, Spennymoor, on the 5th October. The funeral of the late Bro. Rowland took place at Spennymoor cemetery on the 7th October, the Rev. Jos. Short, D.C.L., P.P.G. Chap., conducting the funeral service. There was a large attendance of Provincial Officers, and Officers and Brethren of the Lodges with which Bro. Rowland was connected. The Provincial Grand Master directed the Provincial Grand Secretary to write to the Whitworth and the Rowlandson Lodges, conveying to them the sense of the loss which they and the whole Province had sustained in the death of so important an officer.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. has requested W. Bro. Thomas James, the retiring Provincial Grand Treasurer, to act pending a new appointment.

A Special Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held early in December for the purpose of electing a brother to the vacant office. Nominations must be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before 20th November, 1909.

By order of the R.W. Prov. G.M.,  
JOHN C. MOOR, P.G. S.E. Eng.  
Prov. G. Secretary.

**THOMAS JAMES P.M.**  
**P. G. T. TREASURER**

Thomas James, born on March, 7, 1853, was trained as a mechanical Engineer under the Ebbw Vale Steam Iron & Coal Co. Ltd., Monmouthshire. He afterwards served three years under the L. & N.W. R.C., at their Crewe Works, and prior to coming to his present post at Tullivell as Manager of Sir H. Williamson's Quarries, was Engineer for Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan, & Coles, at their South Bank Works.

MASONIC  
CAREER

He was initiated in Palatine Lodge on July 10, 1896, and appointed S.W. in 1899, which office became a very responsible one for him, owing to the death of the W.M., Bro. Charles Tait. In 1900 he was 'installed' as W.M. of Palatine Lodge. During the period - 1905-7 - he held the office of D of C., and 1906-9 represented the Lodge on the Durham Charities' Committee. In 1908 he was elected Treasurer of P.G.L., at the Annual Meeting held at Durham, for which office four Brethren were nominated. This honour which Bro. James is justly proud of, was greatly appreciated by his Lodge.

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On the death of his successor Bro. J. H. Rowland - he was invited by Lord Barnard P.S.M. to continue in office as P.G. Treasurer until a new appointment was made.

In the administration of the Relief of Distress Fund inaugurated by his Lordship among the Lodges in this Province during the Winters of 1908 & 1909 Bro. James proved an active member of the Committee.

ROYAL ARCH  
DEGREE

In the Royal Arch Degree, he was exalted in the Strict Benevolence Chapter No. 11, on Feb. 1903, and after holding various offices, was elected First Principal in 1909, and appointed P.P. Sojourner of the P.S. Chapter of Durham.

PUBLIC  
CAREER

In addition to his masonic activities he has been prominent in public matters. A Member of the Tullivell Parish Council for the past 14 years, he has, during that period, acted as Overseer, whilst for three years he was Chairman of the Council.

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