
Mark & Ark Newsletter

A message from the Provincial Grand Master



Brethren

Over the course of a Masonic Season there are many important events and personal milestones which are worthy of recognition and celebration. With this in mind the Executive have produced this newsletter, which contains the dates and venues of these celebrations, to enable you to plan your diaries should you wish to support these special occasions.

Also included in the newsletter are other items of interest to all Mark Masons of the Province not least, the names of those who have been preferred in Grand Lodge or the Province.

I hope that you find the newsletter informative and helpful and I look forward to seeing you all in the season ahead.

John H Smith

The Executive



WBro David G
Rainford,
PGJD,
Deputy PGM



VWBro David H
Thompson,
PGJO, APGM



WBro Kevin M
Reaney,
PGStwd, APGM



WBro Andrew J
Hickson,
ProvGSec

The Provincial Grand Master presents a cheque for £28,795 to The Christie Charitable Fund – Bloods Closer to Home

On the 12th May 2022, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro John H Smith, accompanied by his wife Jane, along with the Provincial Grand Almoner, WBro Barry Heal and WBro Stewart Mills, attended the premises of The Christie Charitable Fund in Manchester.

The purpose of the visit was to officially present a cheque for £28,795, generously funded by the Mark Benevolent Fund, for the set p costs of the “Bloods Closer to Home” project.

They were met by Hazel Rushton, Trust and Foundations Manager and Marie Toller, Head of Major Relationships and taken to a meeting room where refreshments were served. They then had a very happy discussion in which the Provincial Grand Master outlined the background of the Mark Benevolent Fund and some of the recent grants that have been made. In return, Marie gave them a fascinating insight in new projects at the Hospital, including medical research into many forms of Cancer and particularly how important the “Bloods Closer to Home” project is.

Patients at The Christie require a routine blood test before having Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies on consecutive days. This means they have to visit The Christie twice during the week of treatment.

The Christie has been testing the potential for the development of a local blood testing service to enable patients to have routine blood tests closer to where they live.

Following a successful pilot, Christie now want to expand on this and create permanent local Christie blood testing clinics around Greater Manchester to reduce the need for patients to travel long distances to The Christie in Withington for blood tests. Feedback from patients is that they would much prefer to receive all their treatment closer to home where this is clinically possible.

The Christ Charity supports the development or cancer prevention, treatment research and education through investment in staff, equipment, facilities and other support services that are over and above what the NHS funds.



The Magic of The Mark

This very recent video issued by Grand Mark Lodge outlines the history of the Mark Degree along with its development and progress during the following years, and how it works in harmony with the Craft and Royal Arch. It also includes information on the formation of the Mark Benevolent Fund which is the charity arm of the Order. It is a very interesting and informative video and one which is well worth watching, especially by all Mark Masons and those brethren considering joining the Order.

The link for the video is <https://bit.ly/MagicOfTheMark>

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons meeting – 25th May 2022

The meeting was held at the King Georges Hall, Blackburn with an overall attendance of approximately 250 including brethren from within the Province and visitors. This was the first full Provincial meeting for RWBro John H Smith, PGM, since his investiture on the 19th October 2021.

The meeting was supported by representatives from eleven other Provinces, including nine Provincial Grand Masters along with the Heads of six Orders from within the Province and a number of Past senior members of the Mark Province of East Lancashire.

Once the meeting had begun, WBro John Rimmer, RAMGR, led in the procession of the representatives of the 31 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges who pledged their support for the Provincial Grand Master.

After the Mariners had taken their seats, the meeting continued with a number of Mark salutations being given to the senior brethren in attendance. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then read out the names of 21 Brethren who had sadly passed away since the last meeting, including the Assistant Grand Master, RWBro Stephen Davison. The brethren stood to order as a mark of respect to departed brethren.

After the general business of the day to day running of the Province had concluded, the brethren were addressed by the Provincial Grand Master.

To read the Provincial Grand Master's address please follow the link below:

<http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=14675>

It was then time for RWBro John H Smith, to invest his officers for the coming year.

Firstly, he re-appointed WBro David G Rainford, PGJD, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then VWBro David H Thompson, PGJO, and WBro Kevin M Reaney, PGStwd, as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

The following brethren were then invested:

The Investiture

Provincial Honours - 25th May 2022

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>No</i>
ProvGSW	Aubrey Oldham	Temperance	56
ProvGJW	Martin Blades	Pendle	695
ProvGMO	David Key	Temperance	56
ProvGSO	Graham Jones	County Palatine	156
ProvGJO	David Dredge	Union	171
ProvGChap	Peter Hargreaves	Starkie	159
ProvGTreas	Ian Connor	Union	171
ProvGReg	David Stevens	Friendship	1459
ProvGSec	Andy J Hickson	Semper Paratus	852
ProvGDC	Michael Porter	Ardwick	1222
ProvGAlm	Barry Heal	Stanley	1454
ProvGCharStwd	Brendan Harte	Manchester Engineers	1059
ProvAGCharStwd	Stewart Mills	William R Callender	136
ProvGInspWks	Bernard Forbes	Roberts	24
ProvGSwdB	Howard Freear	Integrity	1369
ProvGDepGChap	Roger Fielding	Union	171
ProvDepGSec	Malcolm McCarthy	Friendship	1459
ProvDepGDC	Stephen Lawlor	Temperance	56
ProvDepGSwdB	Roger Paul	Good Report	1309
ProvGSD	Stephen Pilling	Salford	994
ProvGSD	Stephen Whitelegg	Fabric	939
ProvGJD	Brian Derbyshire	Starkie	159
ProvGJD	Ross Turner	Rectitude	18 TI
ProvAGSec	Mark Rowe	Union	171
ProvAGSec	Vic Murphy	Good Report	1309
ProvAGDC	Wesley Marchant	White Stone	1080
ProvAGDC	Matt Phillips	Constitution	949
ProvAGDC	Stephen Lord	Keep	911
ProvAGDC	Ian Paul	Manchester Engineers	1059
ProvGOrg	Paul Bowen	Stanley	1454
ProvGStB	Alston Karl Hall	Fabric	939
ProvAGStB	Richard L Zoltie	Constitution	949
ProvGIG	Gordon Cox	Middleton	1303
ProvGStwd	Craig Wood	Faith	20
ProvGStwd	Stuart Hughes	Lancastrians	689
ProvGStwd	Christopher Cunliffe	Union	171
ProvGStwd	Robert Ashton	William R Callender	136
ProvGTyler	Tony Cleworth	William R Callender	136

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>No</i>
PProvGSW	Anthony Dyson	Rugby Football	1965
PProvGSW	Kenneth Lamshead	Temperance	56
PProvGSD	Brian Durkin	Manchester Engineers	1059
PProvGSD	Ian Walvin	Ardwick	1222
PProvGJD	James Mullen	Salford	994
PProvGJD	Jim McNally	Wycoller	1582
PProvGJD	Michael Dawson	Supera Moras	1042
PProvGJD	Graham Allinson	Pendle	695
PProvGJD	David McGurty	Adoniram	1065
PProvAGDC	Roland Josef Schafer	Keep	911

Promotions

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>No</i>
PProvGSW	Ken Jones	Arnold Moreton	1649
PProvGSW	James Worrall	Supera Moras	1042
PProvGSW	Victor Longdon	Ardwick	1222
PProvGSW	Gordon Spencer	Scarlett with Gawthorpe	1014
PProvGJW	Alan Barlow	The Roberts	24
PProvGJW	David Whittaker	Adoniram	1065
PProvGJW	Paul Clark	Manchester Keystone	745
PProvGJW	David Wood	Keep	911
PProvGJW	Anton Koropisz	Ardwick	1222
PProvGJW	Ivor Beswick	Fabric	939
PProvGMO	Nigel Smith	Adoniram	1065
PProvGSO	John Jackson	Manchester Keystone	745
PProvGSO	Terry Smith	Good Report	1309
PProvGSO	Bryan Ross	Pendle	695
PProvGSO	Tony Smith	Rectitude	13
PProvGSO	Mark Rowe	Union	171
PProvGJO	Steven Howarth	Wycoller	1582
PProvGJO	Thomas Pearson	Adoniram	1065
PProvGJO	David Starbuck	Wike	142

Grand Appointments - 7th June 2022

Martin Caller GStwd
Paul G Bowen AGOrg [re-appointment]
Vic Murphy AGInG

Ian Connor PAGDC
Ian Casson PAGSwdB
Peter Lambert PAGStB

Grand Promotions - 13th September 2022

Gerry Young PGJO
Garry Errock PGSD
Mark Davies PGJD

Stephen Lawlor PGJD
Kevin Reaney PGJD

Diary dates:

Lodge Meetings:

Thomas Sharples Barlow Lodge No 1383 [Grand Officers' Lodge]

Installation meeting Monday, 7th November 2022
Half yearly meeting Monday, 3rd April 2023

East Lancashire Provincial Officers' Lodge No 990

Installation meeting Tuesday, 25th October 2022
Half yearly meeting Tuesday, 25th April 2023

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No 1272

Installation meeting Friday, 2nd September 2022
Half yearly meeting Friday, 13th January 2023

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers' Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 990

Half yearly meeting [Investiture] Monday, 31st October 2022
Installation meeting Monday, 30th January 2023

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge:

Wednesday, 24th May 2023

East Lancashire Provincial RAM Investiture meeting

Monday, 31st October 2022

Special events:

Masters and Commanders Assembly Dinner

Friday, 10th March 2023 at Bury Masonic Hall

Newly Appointed & Promoted Grand & Provincial Grand Officers Assembly Luncheon

Sunday, 16th April 2023 at Middleton Masonic Hall

East Lancashire Mark Fellowship:

Mark Charity Banquet at Middleton Masonic Hall Saturday, 17th September 2022
Mark Away Weekend Friday, 28th October 2022
Cabaret Evening at the Holiday Inn, Bolton Saturday, 19th November 2022
Valentines Ball, Manchester Hall, Manchester Saturday, 18th February 2023

Grand Mark Lodge:

Meetings take place on the Tuesday before the 2nd Wednesday in the months of March, June, September and December

Tuesday, 13th September 2022 [promotions investiture]

Monday, 12th December 2022 [RAM Investiture]

Tuesday, 7th March 2023

Tuesday, 13th June 2023 [first appointments investiture]

Birthdays: 50 years in Mark Masonry:

RWBro Keith W Clayton, PGJW

6th September 2022 in Progress Mark No 1577, Manchester Hall, Manchester

VWBro Brian Sigsworth, PGJO

4th October 2022 in St Andrew's Lodge No 34, at the Crescent, Salford

VWBro Malcolm Moreland, PGSO

9th January 2023 in Mossley Mark Lodge No 1381, at Westholme, Mossley

Bro J Keith Wareing

3rd November 2022 in George Farnworth Nuttall Lodge No 1405, at the Masonic Hall, Clayton-le-Moors

Special Lodge Celebrations and Team Visits:

Perseverance RAM Lodge No 403, Centenary

To be held on 14th September 2022, at the Masonic Hall, Clayton-le-Moors

Skelmersdale Mark Lodge No 141, Sesquicentenary

To be held on 18th October 2022, at Jowetts Walk, Ashton-under-Lyne

Wike Lodge No 142, Sesquicentenary

To be held on 9th November 2022, at Radcliffe Masonic Hall, Radcliffe

Starkie Lodge No 159, Sesquicentenary

To be held on 17th January 2023, at the Masonic Hall, Accrington

Manchester Engineers Lodge No 1059

To be held on 16th February 2023, at Manchester Hall, Manchester

Pendle Lodge No 695

To be held on 8th March 2023, at the Masonic Hall, Padiham

Temperance Lodge No 56

To be held on 20th April 2023, at the Masonic Hall, Todmorden