

PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS AND ROYAL ARK MARINERS OF DURHAM

DURHAM



PGM of DURHAM - RW.Bro. Prof. DENOVAN KEITH WILSON



INDUSTRY LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS NO. 293

Tuesday 15th January 2019 saw the Provincial Grand Master and his Team, on their first Full Provincial Visit of the year, attend Industry Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 293, which meets at Dunston.



On a superb Masonic occasion the Brethren witnessed an excellent Ceremony when the Worshipful Commander Keith Musgrove Elevated sprightly 86 year old Bro John David Bell, a member of Ambrose Crowley Mark Lodge No 1269.

After an excellent Festive Board, attended by over 40 Brethren, Bro Bell's proposer, W Bro Keith Liddell delivered a very warm toast to Bro Bell who has been his very good friend for over 40 years. He then presented him with a ritual which was received enthusiastically by Bro Bell, who then gave an equally warm response.

TL



WBro. Ken Dobbin of the Industry Lodge of RAM No.293 is a Master Craftsman in woodwork who has created another magnificent Past Masters Board as well as a beautiful repair job on another board which needed two extra wings added to the original centre piece. Ken is a retired Technical Consultant, as a hobby and in some of his spare time he has made several of these boards over the years for the different degrees in masonry. The quality and finish achieved by WBro. Dobbin is of the highest standard which has earned him the admiration of all the brethren.



The next Mark Benevolent Fund Festival will once again be a Black Tie Event to be held at the Hilton Metropole in Brighton on Saturday, 6 July 2019 in Sussex.

The **Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund** has purchased a small quantity of Sussex Festival badges which are available at a cost of £10 each. Only **20** badges remain and these will be distributed on a first come, first served basis and on receipt of a cheque for £10 made payable to the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund.

Please forward your request for a badge with your cheque to –
Roy Neville, 113 Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland, SR2 9HN.

WEARISIDE MASONIC TEMPLE PROUDLY PRESENT THEIR

6 T H A N N U A L SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

SUNDERLAND SPORTING HEROES



Richie Pitt

Billy Hardy

Lee Howey

ably compered by the incomparable

David Greener

THREE COURSE MEAL AND RAFFLE

Tickets
£25

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019 – 7PM

Tickets available from Bro Ron Jardin (07940 007970) or W Bro Graham Stephinson (07932 684114) Dress Code: Smart/Lounge Suits



The Grand Prize to win....

was made by **WBro.Allan Ruddel, PPRGSO** of **Unity Mark Lodge 827**

dougquickmire@yahoo.co.uk
phone number is **07980 391298.**

Travelling Gavel Rules as from 28th June 2018

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Annual Meeting on 27th June, the Provincial Grand Master announced that he is introducing a 'Travelling' Gavel in the Mark Degree to encourage visiting between Lodges.

The Travelling Gavel was presented to the Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Mark Lodge No 854 which meets at Stanley Masonic Hall, and the first chance for Lodges to capture the Gavel will be at their Lodge Installation Meeting on Thursday 28th September 2018.

Please find attached a set of Rules, and a chart recording the distance in miles between each Masonic Hall.

The Travelling Gavel Coordinator is W Bro Doug Quickmire, whom you should contact for any clarification of the Rules. His contact details are:

- 1- The Travelling Gavel competition is open to all Durham Mark Lodges with the exception of The Durham Lodge of Installed Mark Masters No 1492, The Durham Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No 1820 and Chief of the Builders Lodge No 1806, and the Travelling Gavel must not in any circumstances leave the Province.
- 2- To claim the Gavel a minimum of three visitors representing the other Lodge must visit the Lodge in possession of the Travelling Gavel, but a Lodge cannot claim the Travelling Gavel if on a Fraternal Visit.
- 3- The visiting Lodge with the most visitors (after taking into account the Distance Travelled Factor) will be entitled to claim the Gavel.
- 4- A Distance Travelled Chart has been produced to show the distance in miles between each Masonic building where a Mark Lodge is held. A visiting Lodge can claim an additional number of visitors according to the distance travelled as follows:-
Between 1 and 10 miles Between 11 and 20 miles Between 21 and 30 miles Between 31 and 40 miles Between 41 and 50 miles
1 visitor 2 visitors 3 visitors 4 visitors 5 visitors.
- 5- In the unlikely event of a tie, the Lodge which has travelled the furthest distance will claim the Gavel.
- 6- The Travelling Gavel remains the property of the Mark Province of Durham and may be

- recalled at any time, and if recalled the current holders must ensure its safe return.
- 7- To claim the Travelling Gavel the visiting Lodge Members making a claim must all stand up when giving greetings in the usual manner, but the Lodge Member giving the greeting will add the following: - " I have come to claim the Travelling Gavel on behalf ofLodge, number....." Each visiting Lodge will do the same and the Lodge Secretary will note all claimants, but no comment will be made by the WM.
 - 8- At the Festive Board the Lodge Secretary will verify the number of visitors from the signing in book and during the Toast to the Visitors the Travelling Gavel will be presented to the successful claiming Lodge.
 - 9- The Secretary of the Lodge giving up the Gavel should complete the Log sheet before passing it over to the new Lodge, and inform the Provincial Grand Secretary of the new Lodge by the following day.
 - 10- The Travelling Gavel Coordinator will then inform all Lodge Secretaries of the name and number of the Lodge holding the Travelling Gavel, together with the date and time of their next Lodge Meeting, and details will appear in the Monthly Mark & RAM Newsletter. The Coordinator will also keep a duplicate Log (the original Log will remain with the Gavel.)
 - 11- At each Annual Meeting of Mark Provincial Grand Lodge the Gavel will be presented to the Provincial Grand Master for the duration of the Meeting and handed back to the Lodge at the end of the Meeting.

W Bro R T Lynn PAGDC A PGM 28th June 2018

TRAVELLING DISTANCES

Distance in Miles	Barnard Castle	Billingham	Birtley	Blackhill	Burhopsfield	Castle Eden	Chester le Street	Crook	Darlington	Dunston	Durham	Ferryhill	Gateshead	Hartlepool	Hebburn	Hetton le Hole	Jarrow	Ryton	Seaham	Shildon	Shiney Row	South Shields	Spennymoor	Staindrop	Stanhope	Stanley	Stockton	Sunderland	Willington	
Barnard Castle		36	36	29	34	33	35	19	17	42	25	20	42	37	42	32	43	47	40	15	38	45	19	6	18	31	29	38	20	
Billingham	36		31	35	37	11	29	21	16	36	21	17	34	9	33	20	31	42	21	20	27	33	19	27	35	35	2	25	23	
Birtley	36	31		14	8	21	3	17	29	6	11	16	6	27	7	9	8	11	14	26	5	10	18	30	26	7	30	10	16	
Blackhill	29	35	14		6	24	13	14	30	13	14	19	14	31	22	20	23	10	27	23	17	25	19	25	12	7	37	23	15	
Burhopsfield	34	37	8	6		28	9	17	35	6	16	22	6	35	15	14	18	7	22	32	12	17	23	30	19	4	36	17	18	
Castle Eden	33	11	21	24	28		21	19	28	26	10	13	23	7	22	9	21	31	10	21	16	22	15	27	31	26	13	14	19	
Chester le Street	35	29	3	13	9	21		14	28	10	6	15	10	26	10	6	11	15	11	24	5	12	16	28	24	7	28	10	13	
Crook	19	21	17	14	17	19	14		18	24	10	11	25	28	25	16	25	23	23	8	19	27	8	14	12	13	23	21	2	
Darlington	17	16	29	30	35	28	28	18		35	20	12	36	25	36	25	36	41	36	9	31	38	13	11	27	32	12	31	19	
Dunston	42	36	6	13	6	26	10	24	35		17	22	2	32	12	15	11	6	19	32	10	14	24	36	38	8	36	14	22	
Durham	25	21	11	14	16	10	6	10	20	17		7	17	17	17	6	18	22	14	13	13	20	6	19	24	9	21	12	8	
Ferryhill	20	17	16	19	22	13	15	11	12	22	7		23	16	23	12	24	28	21	8	19	25	3	14	22	20	14	18	8	
Gateshead	42	34	6	14	6	23	10	25	36	2	17	23		16	7	16	9	8	17	32	11	10	24	37	35	8	36	13	23	
Hartlepool	37	9	27	27	31	35	7	26	28	25	17	16	16		29	16	27	38	16	23	23	29	17	30	39	32	10	21	26	
Hebburn	42	33	7	22	15	22	10	25	36	12	17	23	7	29		14	2	18	15	33	9	5	24	36	34	15	35	12	23	
Hetton le Hole	32	20	9	20	14	9	6	16	25	15	6	12	16	16	14		13	24	6	22	4	15	14	26	30	12	22	8	14	
Jarrow	43	31	8	23	18	21	11	25	36	11	18	24	9	27	2	13		19	14	33	9	4	25	37	35	16	34	10	24	
Ryton	47	42	11	10	7	31	15	23	41	6	22	28	8	38	18	24	19		24	37	16	20	29	41	25	11	41	20	24	
Seaham	40	21	14	27	22	10	11	23	36	19	14	21	17	16	15	6	14	24		29	9	16	22	35	38	19	23	5	21	
Shildon	15	20	26	23	32	21	24	8	9	32	13	8	32	23	33	22	33	37	29		28	35	7	9	21	24	19	28	8	
Shiney Row	38	27	5	17	12	16	5	19	31	10	13	19	11	23	9	4	9	16	9	28		11	20	32	29	10	29	6	18	
South Shields	45	33	10	25	17	22	12	27	38	14	20	25	10	29	5	15	4	20	16	35	11		27	39	37	18	36	9	25	
Spennymoor	19	19	18	19	23	15	8	13	24	24	6	3	24	17	24	24	25	29	22	7	20	27		13	19	14	17	19	6	
Staindrop	6	27	30	25	30	27	28	14	11	36	19	14	37	30	36	26	37	41	35	9	32	39	13		20	27	25	32	14	
Stanhope	18	35	26	12	19	31	24	12	27	38	24	22	35	39	34	30	35	25	38	21	29	37	19	20		19	34	36	14	
Stanley	31	35	7	7	4	26	7	13	32	8	9	20	8	32	15	12	16	11	19	24	10	18	14	27	19		33	15	14	
Stockton	29	2	30	37	36	13	28	23	12	36	21	14	36	10	35	22	34	41	23	19	29	36	17	25	34	33		27	21	
Sunderland	38	25	10	23	17	14	10	21	31	14	12	18	13	21	12	8	10	20	5	28	6	9	19	32	36	15	27		20	
Willington	20	23	16	15	18	19	13	2	19	22	8	8	23	26	23	14	24	24	21	8	18	25	6	14	14	14	21	20		



**Provincial Grand Lodge
of
Mark Master Masons
of
Durham**



Mark Gala Dinner

on

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019

at

SPENNYMOOR TOWN HALL
HIGH STREET, SPENNYMOOR

Black Tie



Black Tie



Entertainment by
Mark Hodgson

Reception: 6.45pm, for Dinner at: 7.15pm, Carriages: 11.30pm

Ticket Price Still Only £26.00

Tickets can be obtained from:

A J Clark, 155 Hilda Park, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, DH2 2JS
Or by E-mail at ajc5807@gmail.com

All Tickets Will be E-Tickets

Please make Cheques payable to Mark Coordinating Committee
Or Pay by Bank Transfer Details on request.

For Tickets Contact Arthur Clark

155 Hilda Park Chester le Street DH2 2JS

ajc5807@gmail.com

please make Cheques payable to:

Mark Coordinating Committee

Or pay by Bank Transfer to:

Barclay's Account No. 80926566

Sort Code 20-09-44

Mark Gala Dinner

11th May 2019

Dress Formal

Menu

To Start With

Melon with Forest Fruits

And Then

Topside of Beef

Yorkshire Pudding

Creamed & Roast Potatoes

And a Medley of Vegetables

To Finish With

Raspberry Roulade



If you or any Guest has Dietary Needs

Please order the Alternative menu

By 25th April 2019.

No Meal changes are possible on the day

Dietary Needs Only

Alternative Starter

Pate

Main

Salmon or Vegetarian

Pudding

Ice Cream

**Entertainment By the fantastic
Mark Hodgson!**



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham

Mark Gala Dinner

Saturday 11th May 2019

To be held at Spennymoor Town Hall

Ticket Application:-

Full Name (Block Capitals).....Date...../...../2019

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

Please supply me with.....Tickets at £26.00 each:-

I enclose the full remittance of £.....

Or I have Transferred £.....To Barclays Account 80926566 Sort Code 20-09-44

Reception at 6.45pm, for Dinner at 7.15 pm, Carriages at 11.30pm.

Tables will be round and set for groups of Eight,

Please indicate **ANY DIETARY** arrangements that you, ore your guests may need.

Eg. Fish or Vegetarian:

Please return this completed Pro-former with your **full remittance**
Cheques made payable to:

“MARK CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE”

Or by Bank Transfer to. Acc 80926566 Sort Code 20-09-44

To:- A J Clark, 155 Hilda Park, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, DH2 2JS

Application by Email to ajc5807@gmail.com if paying by Bank Transfer

Please Note ALL Tickets will be E-Tickets

FEBRUARY / MARK	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Walton no.1106	4	Monday	6.45	
Industry no.293	4	Monday	7.00	Installation
Hackworth no.761	5	Tuesday	6.45	
Cestria no.1151	5	Tuesday	7.00	
Steadfast no.846	6	Wednesday	6.45	
George Washington no.1626	7	Thursday	6.30	
Bede no.605	8	Friday	7.00	
Harte no.740	11	Monday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin no.860	12	Tuesday	7.00	
Elevation no.1112	14	Thursday	6.45	
Percy no.122	14	Thursday	7.00	
Barnard Castle no.778	15	Friday	6.45	
Moseley no.925	15	Friday	7.00	
Jarrow no.701	18	Monday	7.00	
Ambrose Crowley no.1269	19	Tuesday	6.45	
William Todd no.929	19	Tuesday	6.45	
Durham of Inst.Masters no.1492	25	Monday	6.30	
Shipley no.1271	26	Tuesday	7.00	
Dunelm no.356	28	Thursday	6.45	Installation
Union no.124	28	Thursday	7.00	



11 Marwell Drive, The Glade,
Usworth Hall, Washington,
Tyne and Wear, NE37 3LH.
Tel: 0191-4166764
Email: j.stubbings@talktalk.net
Lots of Regalia in stock, please ring or
call in to see what is available.

Brethren can support the Durham 2020
Centenary Festival by purchasing this special
badge which can be supplied by
WBro.Graham Wharton on
07855815958
and VWBro.Frank Rankin



FEBRUARY / RAM	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Darlington no.250	13	Wednesday	6.45	
Dunelm no.356	13	Wednesday	6.30	Provincial Visit
Union no.124	13	Wednesday	7.00	
Bede no.605	26	Tuesday	6.45	
Elevation no.1112	27	Wednesday	7.00	Installation
Clavering no.896	28	Thursday	7.00	Provincial Visit

OBITUARIES

“THEY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS AND THEIR GOOD WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM, THANKS BE TO GOD THEY HAVE MARKED WELL”



27 / 12 / 2018 — Bro. Cyrill Palmer , M1106