

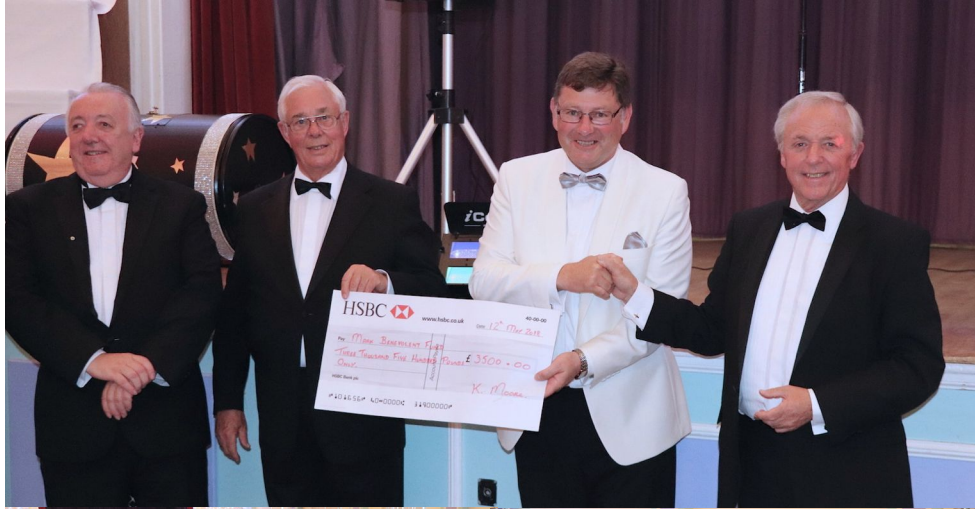
PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

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

DURHAM



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



On Saturday 12 May 2018 the Spennymoor Town Hall was the venue for the Annual Mark Gala Dinner where a large number of Mark Masons and their guests once again enjoyed celebrating another successful year for the Mark Master Masons of Durham. The evening saw the presentation of a cheque for £3500 to the Mark Benevolent Fund, a remarkable achievement gladly acknowledged by RW Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson. After a superb dinner the evening continued with music and dancing as well as the raffle draw which had many wonderful prizes going to their new homes.



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AND THE WINNING NUMBERS ARE...

At the Mark Gala Dinner held at Spennymoor Town Hall on Saturday 12th May 2018, the draw was made for the Mark Benevolent Fund Money Draw Tickets.

There were ten prizes and the Draw results are as follows:-

- 1 - £200.00 Ticket No. 3057
- 2 - £100.00 Ticket No. 2508
- 3 - £50.00 Ticket No. 3145
- 4 - £25.00 Ticket No. 323
- 5 - £25.00 Ticket No. 3836
- 6 - £20.00 Ticket No. 2573
- 7 - £20.00 Ticket No. 952
- 8 - £20.00 Ticket No. 541
- 9 - £20.00 Ticket No. 3225
- 10 - £20.00 Ticket No. 2811





“ **VW Bro. Roy Neville (pictured) , Treasurer of the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund**, attended Penschaw Mark Lodge No. 1055 on May 10th to give a talk on the work of the Mark Benevolent Funds. This was the 6th occasion on which he has delivered this talk which has been described as “ inspiring “ and “ enlightening “ and in the words of the D of C, W Bro Ken Howe, as he escorted VW Bro Roy back to his seat “ it fills the chest with pride “ .

Roy was first asked by Frank Rankin at the Eclectic Lodge to give an address to about 30 attendees explaining in a lecture the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund. It is possible that such a talk was never done before but now Roy is happy to give this lecture when asked by a lodge.

In his clear and incisive presentation brethren learn about the enormous scope and number of people who are benefitting from the wonderful work done by many brethren who contribute so much in their fundraising efforts and selfless dedication to make the Mark Benevolent Fund grow from strength to strength.

The Monument Lodge No.1055 of Royal Ark Mariners enjoyed the monumental occasion at their meeting on the 1st May 2018 of not only Installing WBro. Alan Simpson as their new Worshipful Commander but also at the same meeting welcoming as a joining member WBro. William Alan Swainson and to Elevate Bro. John Halliday. A busy schedule superbly carried out by the Officers of the Monument Lodge on a wonderful sunny morning in Gateshead.

Bro. John Halliday told the brethren that he had deliberately avoided reading anything about the Royal Ark Mariner Degree as he wanted to keep the experience of joining brand new. He really enjoyed the ceremony which he thought was wonderful.

Our newly Elevated brother was also instrumental in getting WBro. John Coward to rejoin the Mark Degree after which it wasn't long before he joined the Monument Royal Ark Mariners where he is now the JW.

This meeting was also the occasion when WBro. Gordon N. Graves stepped down as the Lodge Treasurer after a very long and dedicated 14 years service as Treasurer. He was thanked by the Lodge for all his sterling work during those many years and Gordon was delighted to hand over the books to his successor WBro. John Kay.

The enjoyment of the afternoon continued at the festive board with an excellent meal and refreshments.

WBro. Lionel Danby, RAMGRank, representing the Right Worshipful PGM and his D of C WBro. Fred Pickford RAMGR.



Lionel Danby Gordon Graves Frank Rankin



Lionel Danby John Halliday Allan Shaftoe



WBro. Les Annis has been in many different lodges and side degrees for more than two decades but is now after waiting for 22 years installed as the **Worshipful Master of the Union Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.124**. This is the first time for Les as WM in the Mark and he looks forward to continue the fantastic job done by WBro. Brian Bell during his year in office.

At the meeting the lodge also welcomed a joining member, Bro.Mark Lawson who is a member of the Ernest Dixon Lodge No.1015. This happy occasion was witnessed by VWBro.Roy Neville representing the RWPovGM and he recalled that 24 years ago American Freemasons visiting Scotland were in Sunderland at the Monkwearmouth Lodge which saw over 100 dining at the festive board. The American Brethren about to leave the lodge room marched on the spot together before putting on their hats, a never to be forgotten spectacle. A third degree ceremony was conducted that evening and the Americans could not believe that this was done without using the ritual book even once! They send a letter to the lodge when back home expressing their sincere thank's for the wonderful hospitality they had enjoyed.



Gary Quinn Les Annis Roy Neville

Scarborough Court, Northumberland

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Events Diary

- 24th March 2018 - Easter Fair
- 14th July 2018 - A G M @ 9.30 Followed by Summer Fair
- 18th August 2018 - Summer Party @ 1pm
- Full details to follow.
- 6th October 2018 - Coffee Morning
- 1st December 2018 - Christmas Fair
- 15th December 2018 - Grand Raffle Draw / Christmas Party.



Themed

“Race Night”

“Your Passport to Fun!”

“Real Races”
(Not on a screen)
But it will be a
“Scream”



Dare you experience
“Time Travel”

“On the Tropical Island of Shildon”
Shildon Masonic Hall 16th June 2018 7pm
£7.50 per ticket includes. Cocktail/Mocktail, Supper & Dessert.

To reserve your place

Contact:- Ken Tele /text **07545866348**

PGL of Durham Mark Golf Day

Due to unforeseen
circumstances the
Durham Mark Golf Day
regretfully has been
cancelled ...

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dining Start	Approx Finish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 13 March 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council	Tuesday, 17 April 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:30 PM	1:45 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 3 May 2018	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 16 May 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
ROS	London & Met Counties Prov.	Thursday, 24 May 2018	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Annual Investiture	Tuesday, 12 June 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 3 July 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:30 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:30 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 11 September 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
KBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 13 September 2018	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 23 October 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	1:15 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 8 November 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
KT - Malta	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 20 November 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
ROS	London & Met Counties Prov.	Friday, 23 November 2018	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Tuesday, 11 December 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	4:30 PM	5:45 PM	6:30 PM	8:00 PM

INDABA LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS NO.1936 has invited the L.O.I. Team to attend their meeting on the **29th June 2018** and all brethren are invited to see them at work.

MARK / JUNE	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Staindrop No.1274	4	Monday	6.45pm	
Hackworth no.761	5	Tuesday	6.45pm	Installation
G. Washington no.1626	5	Tuesday	7.00pm	Installation
Unity no.827	7	Thursday	7.00pm	
Ryton no. 1714	8	Friday	7.00pm	
Penshaw no.1055	14	Thursday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit
Barnard Castle no.778	15	Friday	6.45pm	
William Todd no.929	19	Tuesday	6.45pm	
St.Lawrence no.1093	21	Thursday	7.00pm	Installation
Stanhope no.1551	25	Monday	7.00pm	
Indaba no.1936	29	Friday	6.45pm	
Mark Annual General Meeting	27	Wednesday	3.00pm	Dunston Lancastrian Suite

RAM / JUNE	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Eclectic no.39	4	Monday	7.00pm	
Dunelm no.356	13	Wednesday	6.30pm	
Hackworth no.761	18	Monday	6.45pm	
Elevation no.1112	20	Wednesday	7.00pm	(Dispensation - date change as the 27th clashes with AGM)
Clavering no.896	28	Thursday	7.00pm	

The Durham Mark Master Masons
 "Lodge of Instruction"
 For better Understanding & Enjoyment of the Mark & RAM degrees



YET ANOTHER FAMOUS MASON
 (Doesn't our Preceptor VW Bro Danny Guy suit a hat & moustache?)



Your Lodge of Instruction needs YOU!

The Durham Mark LOI is recruiting. Any Mark Master Mason can apply to join. £25 one off payment for lifetime membership. Come along, demonstrate our degree, be it Mark or RAM, in any number of roles (eg you don't need to be a PM to be WM). You'll learn far more about the degrees, visit other Temples throughout the Province, and of course enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of some excellent Mark Master Masons.

Interested?

Contact Richard Hogg on durhammarkloi@gmail.com, 07966 183317. Jeff Awdas, Doug Quickmire and Danny Guy will also be only too pleased to tell you more, or answer any query.

Secretary's / DC's: If you'd like the Demonstration Team to visit your lodge, contact any of the brethren above to set a date....

OBITUARIES

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



28/03/2018 - W.Bro James Leslie Nicol M701 (Hon) PPrGJO

08/05/2018 - Bro. Thomas Foster Jameson M1106 PPrGJD