

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



Union Lodge of MMM No.124 at their meeting on the 24th January 2019 welcomed Bro. Dr. Odin Taylor as a Mark Master Mason into the lodge after an excellent ceremony of advancement conducted by the WM, WBro. Les Annis. Bro. Taylor said he really enjoyed the ceremony and found it most interesting and he looks forward to furthering his Mark masonic knowledge in this wonderful Mark Master Mason Degree.



MARK BENEVOLENT FUND AGAIN ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL WORK CONTRIBUTED BY THE BRETHREN.

Integrating Children Charity works with over 100 disabled children and young people in Durham and helps them to experience full and interesting lives by taking part in enjoyable constructive activities of their choice. We went to see one of their Musical Activities this week and thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiastic performance. We were delighted to support them with a donation of £1000 from the Mark Masons of Durham.





Another enjoyable Royal Ark Mariner evening - this time at Moseley Lodge. A Provincial Visit, delightful Ceremonial, a donation to our Benevolence Fund, a tasty meal and, best of all, a wonderful friendly welcome. Thanks and best wishes to all concerned.



John Nicholson Kenneth C.Hiles

Industry Lodge of MMM No. 293 on Monday the 4th February 2019 at their meeting in Gateshead gave a very warm welcome to the Representative of the PGM, WBro. John Nicholson, ProvGJW and his DofC WBro. Sidney Watson, ProvAGDC. WBro. Nicholson was sure that this warmth was the reason that all the

snow outside the temple had melted away.

The brethren were at the meeting to install the new Worshipful Master Bro. Kenneth C. Hiles.

The installing WM, WBro. Ronnie Amar, IPM, was delighted to perform the ceremony of installing Bro. Hiles into the Chair as it was Bro. Hiles who had previously installed Ronnie as WM in his Craft Lodge.

WBro. Kenneth Hiles pledged himself to be at as many meetings as possible even though his work sees him away from home a lot. The brethren always found no fault in Ken's commitment and standard of work in the lodge, and Ken also hopes to visit as many lodges in the Province as possible. He really enjoys visiting as he finds it a very rewarding masonic experience.

WBro. Nicholson thanked the lodge brethren when he was presented with a cheque of £50 for the Centenary Fund, he acknowledged it was an important contribution for this great centenary event in the Province of Durham.

A wonderful festive board concluded a very enjoyable evening marking a great start for the ensuing year as the new Worshipful Master, congratulations WBro. Kenneth Hiles, WM, you have marked well!



2019 Durham Mark Mason's trip to the A G M of the Mark District of Spain.

Monday 28th January we all met in Newcastle Airport. After a trouble-free flight we arrived in Alicante, then a 45-minute transfer after which we arrived in Benidorm. Owing to road works outside our Hotel we had a short distance to walk to the Nereo Hotel, where we all checked in and unpacked.

Tuesday was a chill out day, go for a walk along the front (in the sun) have a coffee and do just as you like.

On Wednesday we had a trip out arranged, all on the bus and it was off to the Russian Gold Church. Amazing ! The Gold leaf on the outside is 18 carrot gold and the building is made of wood brought in from Russia, it had to be in left for 6 years before it could be used. The inside is overwhelming, the 22 carrot gold and the Icons, we were all amazed at this beautiful Church.



The outside and interior splendour and it's amazing Ceiling

After our time taking in this fantastic sight it was off to the Wine bodega for some wine tasting and then off for Lunch. It was only a short ride away to

a traditional Spanish restaurant, where we all took our seats for lunch, the food was excellent and after more wine or beer we had to move on to our next stop.



Moraira is a small beautiful Spanish fishing Port, there was only time for a coffee and then head back to Benidorm, it was a pleasant ride along the coast and after a fantastic day out it seemed no one had much room for dinner.



No this is not a Fisherman !

Thursday a do what you wish day and after dinner most of us took up the free night at the Benidorm Palace. I can say I've seen around 8 shows at the Benidorm Palace but never a one as good as this year. It was amazing, Dancers, a Juggler then 2 on roller skates going around on a small platform, how did she hang on to him? A Magician, how he got 3 girls out of a box that you could see all around was amazing. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Friday a day to yourself, and then it was Saturday ready for the AGM and the Ladies had a trip with the Ladies of Spain. The bus arrived and we were joined for the transfer by Ken Howe. The photo's show us outside our hotel and outside the Grand Bali Hotel where Richard Hogg and Christine joined us.



Note some were missing as they had to go (you know what I mean)

The Ladies set off at 10.15 for the Chocolate Factory (Yum Yum) then a Winery where they had a late Lunch, apparently, they had several starters, a main course then Ice cream and coffee, the wine was never ending as were other drinks! We Brethren were given our seat numbers and the AGM meeting got under way at 11 am. It was nice to see W.Bro. Terry Porter (District Secretary) promoted to Assistant District Grand Master. After the meeting we enjoyed a drink in the bar and then went down stairs for Lunch. I lost count of the number of courses and the Wine flowed at a never-ending rate. The transfer was booked for 6pm, once again the Ladies were late back and we arrived back at the Nereo in time for dinner, not many takers! Sunday was a do what you wish day, We, Marian, Alan and Polly Crusher and myself went to Albir, just 15minutes away on the bus, with a walk along the front and a pleasant Lunch. Monday we had a 8am breakfast, after that a 9.15am pick up and we were off to Alicante airport. We enjoyed a pleasant flight back to Newcastle, and when back on the tarmac we said our goodbye's and set off for home. Overall a successful trip was enjoyed by all.

Arthur



A wonderful evening at **Elevation Lodge of MMM No.1112**. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was in attendance and witnessed an excellent talk from W.Bro Geoff Dunn about one of the iconic buildings in the world, Durham Cathedral. The WM thanked Geoff and the brethren showed their appreciation. The Lodge made a donation to the Centenary Celebrations and then went from labour to refreshment where an enjoyable banquet was enjoyed by all.



Bernard Gilpin Lodge of MMM No. 860 just keeps going strong when they welcomed a joining member at their February meeting with the Deputy PGM WBro. David Hanson, PAGDC in attendance. WBro. Graham Bainbridge, PPGStdB, is really pleased to join his many friends in the Bernard Gilpin Mark lodge, he is also a member of the Amble Mark Lodge No. 760 and of the Shipley Mark Lodge No. 1271. The work of the lodge witnessed an excellent talk about the building of the statue of Liberty and its connection with Freemasonry, ably presented by WBro. Fred Piggford, PGJD, PPGSO. A great night enjoyed by all the brethren.. present.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF
DURHAM**



**DURHAM LODGE
OF
INSTALLED MARK MASTERS
No.1492**

20TH MAY 2019

Tonight we have the pleasure of re-introducing :

**W.Bro. Dr Rod Taylor, PGJD,
PAssProvGM of the Province of
West Yorkshire**

Dr. Rod Taylor a well-respected speaker
Who was unable to attend last year due to inclement weather

**Will present: an illustrated lecture,
entitled 'The first Royal Mark Mason'**

It tells the story of The life and Masonic career of Prince Leopold
Victoria's youngest son, who died of haemophilia.

**This event is open
for ALL Mark
Masons and YOU
are invited**

**If you are an
Installed or Past
Mark Master why
not come along see
what we have to
offer and become a
member**

**If you wish to dine
afterwards the cost
will be £8.00 but
please let me know
before hand on**

mj.cgraham9910@gmail.com

**DURHAM LODGE
OF INSTALLED
MARK MASTERS
NO.1492**

Birtley Masonic Hall

20 MAY 2019



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Travelling Rules
as from 2018

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....."
The receiving Lodge will do the same and the Secretary will note the names of the claimants, but no fee will be charged.
The Lodge Secretary will receive the Gavel from the signing in of the Visitors the Toast to the Visitors the Gavel will be presented to the Provincial Grand Master by the

The Grand Provincial Gavel
was made by **WBro.Allan H. H. of Unity Mark Lodge 827**

Presently the Travelling Gavel still lives at the Cestria Lodge of MMM No.1151 which meets on the first Tuesday in February, March, April, October, November and December at 6.45pm in the Masonic Temple, Station Road, Chester-Le-Street, DH3 3DU.

At the Provincial Masons Annual Meeting
Provincial Grand Master and introducing Degree to

The Cestria Lodge invites any visiting brethren interested in claiming this Gavel according to rules of the game to make an attempt at their next meeting, and please advise the Secretary or Treasurer of Cestria of their intention to do so, this would greatly assist the lodge in the catering arrangements. Thank you.

The Travelling Gavel was made by **Worshipful Master of Lodge No 854 of the Masonic Lodge** at their Lodge Installation Meeting on **Thursday 28th September**.
Please find attached chart recording the distance in miles between each lodge.
The Travelling Gavel Coordinator is **WBro Doug Quickmire**, whom you can contact for any clarification of the rules.
His contact details are:

giving up the Gavel sheet before passing it to the Provincial Grand Master by the Secretary of the name and address of the Travelling Gavel, and their next meeting in the Lodge.
The Provincial Grand Master will then keep a duplicate Log (the name of the Lodge with the Gavel.)
The Travelling Gavel will be presented to the Provincial Grand Master at the end of the duration of the visit and handed back to the Lodge at the end of the visit.
W Bro Doug Quickmire PAGDC A PGM 28th June 2018

TRAVELLING DISTANCES

Distance in Miles	Barnard Castle	Billingham	Birtley	Blackhill	Burhopefield	Castle Eden	Chester le Street	Crook	Darlington	Dunston	Durham	Ferryhill	Gateshead	Hartlepool	Hebburn	Hetton le Hole	Jarrow	Ryton	Seaham	Schildon	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	
Burhopefield	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	
Schildon	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		

MOSELEY LODGE OF MMM NO. 925

Another wonderful night in the Mark degree in the Province of Durham. An excellent turn out from Grand Lodge Officers who witnessed a well worked ceremony by the WM and his Officers. The festive board, hospitality and friendship was the usual high standard that you receive at Birtley.



Mark & RAM Provincial Lodge of Instruction

The Provincial Lodge of Instruction was founded in 2006 with the aim of portraying a Ceremony of Advancement or Elevation in accordance with the most recent edition of the Mark & Royal Ark Mariner Rituals.

As members of both the Mark & Royal Ark Mariner Degrees we owe it to every Candidate for Membership to receive them into our orders with a dignified and eloquent ceremony.

In addition to portraying a Ceremony of Advancement or Elevation, the Lodge of Instruction, when requested, can also provide competent members to those Lodges which may be short of Officers. The Lodge of Instruction gives each and every member the opportunity of partaking in our ceremonies.

Each year in the Autumn a Lodge of Instruction Festival is held, when all members of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province are invited to attend. The format for the 2019 Festival, which will be held at Shiney Row Masonic Hall on Tuesday 29th October, is to demonstrate a Ceremony of Advancement, which will be followed by a three course dinner.

The continued success of the Lodge of Instruction Festival depends on your support.

Trevor Lynn, Lodge of Instruction Preceptor.

PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE WITH THE POSTER FOR THE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FESTIVAL AND DISPLAY THIS ON YOUR LODGE NOTICE BOARD TO GIVE AS MANY BRETHREN AS POSSIBLE THE CHANCE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.



Durham Mark Lodge Of Instruction Festival 2019



To be held at The Masonic Hall, Station Road
Shiney Row DH4 7LQ

On Tuesday 29th October 2019

Start time 6.30pm.

“The Lodge of Instruction Team will Demonstrate a Ceremony
of Advancement”

“Festival Banquet at 8pm Approx.”

Menu

BROTH

STEAK PIE WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES

LARGE BOWL TRIFLE

Tickets £14.00 each

Available from

W.Bro. R.S. Hodgson, at raymond.hodgson@talktalk.net

W.Bro. R.T. Lynn, at r.trevorlynn@gmail.com

W.Bro. D. Quickmire at doug@quickmire.co.uk

W.Bro. J. Awdas, at jawdas@aol.com

W.Bro. R. Smart. at markroyston761@gmail.com

W.Bro. J.R. Hogg, at durhammarkloi@gmail.com

Closing date for ticket application **Friday 18th October 2019**



**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

MARK / MARCH	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Hebburn no.1339	1	Friday	7.00	
Walton no.1106	4	Monday	6.45	
Industry no. 293	4	Monday	7.00	
Cestria no.1151	5	Tuesday	7.00	
Spennymoor no. 981	7	Thursday	6.45	
Bede no. 605	8	Friday	7.00	
St. Aidan no.1145	11	Monday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin no. 860	12	Tuesday	7.00	
Darlington no. 250	13	Wednesday	6.45	
Ferryhill no.1560	14	Thursday	6.30	Wardens Dinner/ Provincial Visit
Penshaw no.1055	14	Thursday	7.00	
Chief of the Builders no.1806	15	Friday	10.30	Installation 10.30 am
Stanhope no.1551	18	Monday	7.00	Installation
Jarrow no.701	18	Monday	7.00	
Ambrose Crowley no.1269	19	Tuesday	6.45	
Ernest Dixon no.1015	19	Tuesday	7.00	
Auckland no. 596	20	Wednesday	6.45	Meets at Shildon
Wouldhave Tyne Dock no. 362	20	Wednesday	7.00	Installation
St.Lawrence no.1093	21	Thursday	7.00	
St.Thomas no.1511	26	Tuesday	6.45	
Eclectic no. 39	26	Tuesday	7.00	Installation
Ravensworth no. 718	27	Wednesday	7.00	
Castle Eden no. 930	27	Wednesday	7.00	
Dunelm no. 356	28	Thursday	6.45	Provincial Visit
Union no.124	28	Thursday	7.00	
St.Andrews no. 854	28	Thursday	6.45	

RAM / MARCH	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Stanhope RAM no.1551	1	Friday	7.00	
St.Andrews RAM no. 854	14	Thursday	7.00	Installation
Rockcliffe RAM no. 362	15	Friday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin RAM no. 860	18	Monday	7.00	
Stockton RAM no.122	19	Tuesday	7.00	
Moseley RAM no. 925	25	Monday	7.00	
Bede RAM no. 605	26	Tuesday	6.45	
RAM Provincial Assembly	29	Friday	6.30	Annual Assembly at Ferryhill



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Email: j.stubbings@talktalk.net
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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



OBITUARIES

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



11 / 01 / 2019

**WBro. Harry Robson, PPGStwD,
M 1269**