

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



“ MBF breathes new life into local Hospice ”

Willow Burn Hospice in Lanchester received a huge boost on September 18th when Darren Coleman, MBF Charities Manager, travelled to our Province to make a bumper donation of £35,000 to provide a piped oxygen system to the major rebuild taking place at the Hospice.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

A small group from the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund accompanied Darren on his visit and were treated to a presentation by the executives of the Hospice, a tour of the site and a pleasant lunch. They were also able to witness the installation of the piping, built into the furniture surrounding the beds and avoiding the use of unsightly gas cylinders.

£ 35,000. DONATION

The Mark team were extremely impressed with the dedication of all concerned which includes up to 50 regular volunteers and the provision of many additional services such as child therapy, family bereavement support, music therapy and many other similar activities.
.... RN.



Darren Coleman Heald standing next to one of the new oxygen system cabinets to which the Mark Benevolent Fund has contributed £35,000.



Seen during the tour are left to right : Nicky Doherty, Fundraiser, Paul Jackson, Hospice Chairman, Darren Coleman, MBF Charities Manager, R W Bro Prof D K Wilson, PGM, W Bro R T Lynn, Ass PGM, Anne Britton, Hospice Vice Chairman, W Bro A Gurney, PGSec, and V W Bro R N Neville, PGChSteward. “



On Monday 22nd October, Birtley Masonic Hall was the venue for the Installation of WBro.M.Schoolkate as the Worshipful Master of the D.L.I.M.M. No.1492, the meeting also welcomed the Provincial Team and RW Provincial Grand Master into the lodge and after the installation ceremony the brethren gave their attention to WBro.Darren Coleman Heald, who is the Charity Manager of Mark Masons Hall in London. Darren had travelled from London to present his talk on the workings, in great detail, of the Mark Benevolent Fund and where and how funds are allocated . He was also presented with a cheque for the M.B Fund which was greatly accepted on behalf of the Fund by WBro.Coleman Heald.



John Nicholson Stuart Tinnion Jeff Awdas

St. Andrews Lodge MMM No. 854

W. Bro. Jeff Awdas the New Prov. G.S.W is a member of **St Andrews's Lodge MMM No 854** and as it is now the tradition that the Prov. GJW represents the R.W.PGM at the installation, so it was on Thursday 27th September that W. Bro. John Nicholson came to see Bro. Stuart Tinnion's installation. After the normal business of the Lodge, W. Bro. Nicholson entered the Lodge with a number of G.L and Prov. G.L. Officers under the direction of W. Bro. Sidney James Watson Prov. ADC. The Worshipful Master W. Bro. William James Bell then vacated the chair to allow W. Bro. Stephen Jackson to install his great friend Stuart into the chair of Adoniram .

On closing the inner workings the IPM led the Lodge through all the rest of the Installation proceedings in an excellent manner. At the first rising, greetings were given by the D.P.G.M. W. Bro. David Hanson PAGDC on behalf of the Mark Grand Lodge. In the second rising the Lodge presented a cheque for £50 for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the congratulations of the RW. P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Officers were given by W. Bro. John Nicholson. In the third rising greetings were given by a good number of Mark Lodges.

The very good festive board (pate, braised steak, cheesecake and cheese and biscuits) was served by the Lodge members and the toasts were given by the new W.M. On his reply to the fifth toast, the Prov G.J.W. brought greetings and congratulations from the Prov. G.M . R.W. Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson and also his own congratulations. He then informed the Brethren that in 2002 he had been appointed a Senior Deacon and in 2003 had been part of the Provincial team that had visited a Lodge celebrating its 75th anniversary where they had been given a Mark penny to mark the occasion; that Lodge was St Andrews No 854 and he then produced the penny he had received that night and commented he hoped it would not be another 15 years to revisit the Lodge.

The toast to the new W.M. was given by W. Bro. William Bell the I.P.M. In an emotional reply W. Bro. Stuart Tinnion thanked everyone for what had been a great night for him and the Lodge and then gave the toast to the I.P.M, who replied. The W.M. gave the toast top the visitors with replies by W.Bro. C. Richardson W.M. of Mosely Lodge No.925 and W. Bro. A. Cuthbertson ME of Elevation Lodge No.1112. The raffle was won by W. Bro. M Cuthbertson.

After his closing remarks the Tylers toast was given by W. Bro. Jeff Awdas, Prov. G.S.W. The Brethren then returned home after what had been a very enjoyable and memorable night.

..... Jeff Awdas

Unity Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.827 on the 4th October 2018 reappointed WBro.Joe Higginbottom as the WM for another year. The lodge work that evening carried out a Demonstration of the Ceremony of Advancement with the visiting Deputy PGM WBro.David N.Hanson, PAGDC in attendance.



Moseley Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.925 has a new Worshipful Master when W.Bro.Neil K.Garrett was installed into the Masters Chair by WBro. C.Richardson in a very good ceremony witnessed by the Representative of the PGM, WBro.Allan Monkhouse,PGStdB,PPGJW and many brethren in attendance.

NEW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION PRESIDENT TAKES UP ROLE

On Friday 28th September 2018 the **Mark Annual Lodge of Instruction Festival** was held at Shiny Row Masonic Hall on a memorable Masonic evening, which saw VW Bro. Tony Craven, PGJO, succeed VW Bro. Frank Rankin, PGMO, as President for the forthcoming year.

Members of the L.O.I. Demonstration Team performed an elevation ceremony for the Royal Ark Mariner Degree with W Bro. Les Baker, RAMProvGR, as Worshipful Commander, followed by an advancement ceremony for the Mark Degree with W Bro. Mark Gilpin, PPrGMO, as Worshipful Master. W Bro. Jeff Awdas, ProvGSW, was the Director of Ceremonies throughout the evening.



VW Bro. Tony Craven , L.O.I. President

At the banquet which followed, the Brethren enjoyed a delightful festive board, efficiently served by volunteer Brethren from Penshaw Mark Lodge. VW Bro. Rankin proposed the toast to the New President VW Bro. Tony Craven, his very good friend, which was both humorous and sincere.

In his response VW Bro. Tony Craven rounded off a splendid evening by presenting VW Bro. Rankin with a cheque for £200 donated by the L.O.I. Committee for the Mark Centenary Festival Fund.



The team of L.O.I. Officials –
 W Bro Trevor Lynn, APGM (Preceptor)
 W Bro Doug Quickmire PGJD (Treasurer)
 W Bro Jeff Awdas ProvGSW (D C)
 W Bro Richard Hogg PPrGStwd (Secretary)



L.O.I. Royal Ark Mariner Officers; David Hanson, Frank Rankin, Tony Craven, Denovan Wilson, Trevor Lynn.



Stewards for the L.O.I. festive board were; Ken Howe, Eric Waite, Brian Ball, Edward Green.



The new President of the LOI Festival, Tony Craven, presenting a cheque for the Mark Centenary Festival Fund, which was gratefully accepted by the previous president Frank Rankin.



BEDE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS NO. 605



Alan Weir G.Walker John Ney

The Bede Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.605 on 25th September 2018 in Chester - Le - Street have Installed Bro.G.Walker as their new Worshipfull Commander. The Representative of the RWProv. Grand Master, WBro.Alan Weir, RAM ProvGR, was introduced into the lodge by his DofC, WBro. John Ney, GRank, and after the salutations had been duly given the assembled brethren enjoyed a very good humored and excellent installation ceremony.

A superb festive board meal followed the meeting with every one really looking forward to a good and successful year for the Bede RAM Lodge and the next meeting, soon.



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Organ Recital at St. Peter's Church Sunderland.

An Organ Recital in support of the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund was held at St. Peter's Church, Sunderland on the evening of Saturday 15th September 2018.

The event was organised by W Bro. Derek Allison of Elevation Mark Lodge No.1112 and everyone enjoyed a relaxing and convivial evening of entertainment from renowned organist Andrew Christer, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Prof. D K Wilson and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W Bro. R T Lynn, both wearing their chain of office for the occasion.

Andrew covered a wide range of music including classical pieces and songs from the shows. He concluded with "Land of Hope and Glory", which had all present singing enthusiastically. At the end of the recital W Bro. Lynn gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Province.

The Mark Masons and their wives, along with other guests, were afterwards treated to refreshments and an excellent buffet. W Bro. Allison can be proud that his efforts had raised over two hundred pounds for the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund .



£30,000

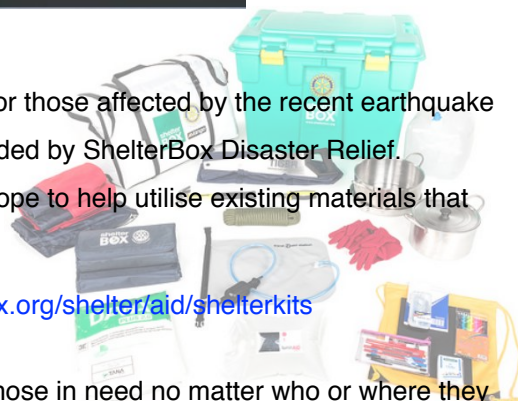
Emergency Grant to Indonesia



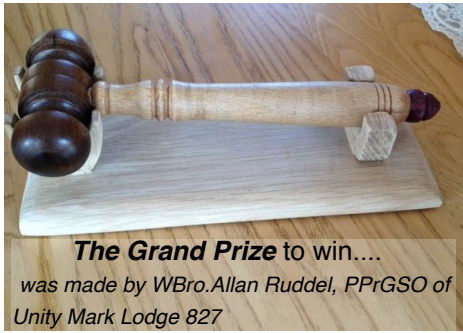
The Mark Benevolent Fund has approved a grant of £30,000 to provide relief for those affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. The grant will be used to purchase 857 ShelterKits provided by ShelterBox Disaster Relief.

Amongst other items ShelterKits provide a tarpaulin, hammer, nails, a shovel and rope to help utilise existing materials that may be on hand to make quick repairs and provide immediate shelter.

To find out more about ShelterBox and Shelterkits click on this link: www.shelterbox.org/shelter/aid/shelterkits



Mark well Brethren, your support for the Mark Benevolent Fund continues to help those in need no matter who or where they are. ..Thank you from Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London SW1A



The Grand Prize to win....

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

TRAVELLING GAVEL

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:

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

Travelling Gavel Rules as from 28th June 2018

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.)

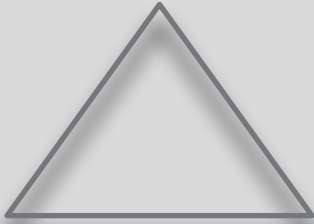
11- At each Annual Meeting of Mark Provincial Grand Lodge the Gavel will be presented to the Provincial Grand Master for the duration of the Meeting and handed back to the Lodge at the end of the Meeting.

*W Bro R T Lynn PAGDC Assistant
Provincial Grand Master. 28th June 2018*

Distance in Miles	Barnard Castle	Billingham	Birtley	Blackhill	Burnhopefield	Castle Eden	Chester le Street	Crook	Darlington	Dunston	Durham	Ferryhill	Gateshead	Hartlepool	Hebburn	Hetton le Hole	Jarrow	Ryton	Seaham	Shildon	Shiney Row	South Shields	Spenny moor	Staindrop	Stanhope	Stanley	Stockton	Sunderland	West Auckland
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	11
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	22
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	25
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	20
Burnhopefield	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	24
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	22
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	23
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	7
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	10
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	31
Durham	25	21	11	14	16	10	6	10	20	17		7	17	17	6	18	22	14	13	13	20	6	19	24	9	21	12	14	
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	9
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	31
Hartlepool	37	9	2	27	31	35	7	26	28	25	17	16	16		29	16	27	38	16	23	23	29	17	30	39	32	10	21	25
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	31
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	21
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	32
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	36
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	29
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	5
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	27
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	34
Spenny moor	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	8
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	5
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	17
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	22
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	20
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		26
West Auckland	11	22	25	20	24	22	23	7	10	31	14	9	31	25	31	21	32	36	29	5	27	34	8	5	17	22	20	26	

OBITUARIES

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



19 / 09 / 2018 - WBro. Stanley Trewick, ProvGRank, RAM 860

13 / 10 / 2018 - Bro. Robert Irvin, M 1112

NOVEMBER	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Spennymoor No.981	1	Thursday	6.45 pm	Provincial Visit
G.Washington No.1626	1	Thursday	7.00 pm	
Staindrop No.1274	5	Monday	6.45 pm	Installation
Industry No.293	5	Monday	7.00 pm	
Cestria No.1151	6	Tuesday	6.45 pm	
Ferryhill No.1560	8	Thursday	6.45 pm	
Penshaw No.1055	8	Thursday	7.00 pm	Installation
Ryton No.1714	9	Friday	7.00 pm	
Bede No.605	9	Friday	7.00 pm	
Bernard Gilpin No.860	13	Tuesday	7.00 pm	
Darlington No.250	14	Wednesday	6.45 pm	Installation
St.Lawrence No.1093	15	Thursday	7.00 pm	
Jarrow No.701	19	Monday	7.00 pm	
Ambrose Crowley No.1269	20	Tuesday	6.45 pm	
Ernest Dixon No.1015	20	Tuesday	7.00 pm	
Wouldhave Tyne Dock No.362	21	Wednesday	7.00 pm	
Auckland No.596	21	Wednesday	6.45 pm	
Dunelm No.356	22	Thursday	6.45 pm	
St.Andrews No.854	22	Thursday	6.45 pm	
Union No.124	22	Thursday	7.00 pm	
Indaba No.1936	23	Friday	6.45 pm	Installation
Stanhope No.1551	26	Monday	7.00 pm	
Eclectic No.39	27	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Provincial Visit
Shipley No.1271	27	Tuesday	7.00 pm	
Ravensworth No.718	28	Wednesday	7.00 pm	
Castle Eden No.930	28	Wednesday	7.00 pm	

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Ryton No.1714	7	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Installation
St.Andrew,s No.854	8	Thursday	7.00 pm	
Durham Inst. Comm. No. 1492	15	Thursday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit/ Installation
Rockcliffe No.362	16	Friday	7.00 pm	
Barnard Castle No.778	19	Monday	7.00 pm	Provincial Visit/ Installation
Stockton on Tees No.122	20	Tuesday	7.00 pm	
Castle Eden No. 930	20	Tuesday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit/ Installation
Spennymoor No.981	26	Monday	6.45 pm	Installation
Moseley No.925	26	Monday	7.00 pm	
Bede No.605	27	Tuesday	7.00 pm	

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....

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



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