

PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

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

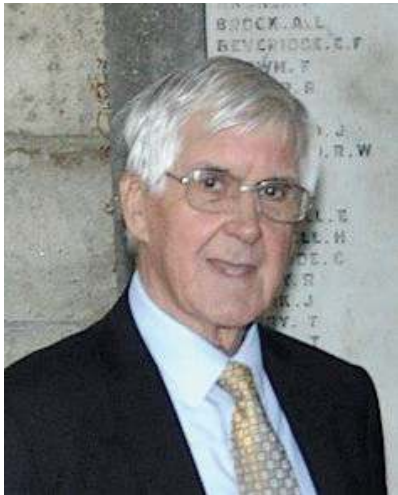
DURHAM



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



“ Mark Centenary Fund receives major boost from Craft ”



ROY NEVILLE

A wonderful gesture by the Craft Benevolent Committee saw a proposition to donate £3000 to the Mark Centenary Fund approved unanimously at it’s quarterly meeting held at Ferryhill on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Since V.W. Bro. Roy Neville was in attendance as one of the PGM’s Nominees (Craft), he was able to receive the cheque on behalf of Chairman V.W. Bro. Frank Rankin and to thank the Committee for this very generous donation.

In his short address V.W. Bro. Roy gave a brief account of the intention to provide a sum of up to £30,000 in matched funding from the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund to add to the Centenary Fund and applications have already been invited from every Mark and RAM Lodge in the Province to nominate a cause or Charity benefiting children and young people to receive a Grant of £1000. He went on to say that this donation would go a long way in helping us to achieve our charitable objective and to hold a celebratory event worthy of the occasion.



LONDON 2019



W.Bro. Peter K.Dale who delivered an excellent history of the Stockton on Tees Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.122



WCmr. C.Warham invited his brother to pick the next ticket which by coincidence made his brother a prize winner as well!

Centenary Celebrations in Stockton on Tees

The Stockton on Tees Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 122 celebrated its Centenary on Tuesday 17th September 2019, when a good number of brethren enjoyed a very special evening.

The Lodge was honoured with a visit by M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, the Pro Grand Master, who was accompanied by Rt.W.Bro. Francis C. Spencer, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Rt.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, the Grand Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Clive Warham, after which the Provincial Grand Master, Rt.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson entered the Lodge and took the Chair and was saluted accordingly. Rt.W.Bro. Prof. D.K.Wilson then welcomed M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, the Pro Grand Master into the Lodge and offered him the Chair.

M.W.Bro. R.J. Smith addressed the Lodge and explained why he was present. He then invited W.Bro. K.P. Dale, a Past Commander and the current Junior Warden of the Lodge to deliver an abbreviated History of the Lodge. M.W.Bro. R.J. Smith then requested Rt.W.Bro. R.A. Williams, the Grand Secretary to read the original Warrant of the Lodge. He then requested Rt.W.Bro. Williams to read the Centenary Warrant, at the conclusion of which M.W. Bro. R.J. Smith presented the Centenary Warrant to the Commander of the Lodge, W.Bro. C. Warham.

M.W.Bro. R.J. Smith handed the Chair back to W.Bro. C. Warham, the Worshipful Commander who proceeded to close the Lodge.

The Brethren retired to the dining hall and enjoyed the festive board where the usual masonic toasts were observed and it was hoped another one hundred years of wonderful Masonic Fraternal friendships would continue in similar excellence.



A wonderful festive board atmosphere with many brethren prize winners and enjoying this special centenary evening.





Bob Hoy John A. Easton Ian Mason Craig Brown Keith Dinning Dave Lawson Chris Mullaney Michael Gilmore
Jim Swinburne

Part of the Oration by V.W.Bro. Keith Dinning, PGJO, Provincial Grand Chaplain at the **Ravensworth Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.718** on Wednesday 25th September 2019, which was given for a dedication of a Founders Jewel to be worn by each WM for his year in office hereafter. The Installation of W.Bro. Craig Brown as WM makes Craig the first WM to wear this jewel. The Representative of the PGM was W.Bro. John A. Easton, PGStB, PPGJW and he was accompanied by his DofC W.Bro. Kenneth U. Robson, PAGDC, PPGSW. The Installing WM was WBro. Dave Lawson, PPGReg, who did a magnificent job after a very short notice to stand in. He was assisted by the brethren of the lodge and visitors which resulted in a very enjoyable and successful Masonic evening.

" This evening it is an honour and a very pleasant duty to dedicate a Founders Jewel, which had some connection to a member of the lodge now deceased, but one of your members, so that your future Worshipful Masters will wear it during their time in office.



*There have been many changes since your founders (with other visiting brethren) consecrated this lodge in 1920. They have achieved much success, with an illustrious list of Provincial and Grand Lodge Officers. I remember when I joined Craft Freemasonry in 1979 my proposer, in his toast to me gave me some very sound advice. He said, " **A keen Freemason practices his ritual, a successful Freemason puts his ritual into practice**". I am sure you as members of this fine lodge would agree with this advice. I note that this lodge next year will be celebrating its Centenary. This also coincides with the Province's Centenary celebrations since Northumberland and Durham seperated and became independent Provinces. It seems to me we can all look forward to a fantastic year in 2020. I wish this lodge success and satisfaction in all your efforts next year.*

Dedication ; 'O Lord our Heavenly Father, Great Overseer of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all dwellers upon the earth; we beseech Thee to bless and hallow this Jewel which we here consecrate, as a symbol of our Masonic fellowship, and to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name. Grant to all who gather here, wisdom to teach, humility to learn, and grace to fulfil their obligations. Pour down upon them, and upon the members of our fraternity, the continual dew of Thy Blessings that we may daily increase in love of Thee and of one another, So mote it be.'

WM and Brethren of Ravensworth Lodge of MMM No.718. It gives me great pleasure to entrust to your keeping this Jewel which I dedicated to the honour and glory of the Great Overseer of the Universe for the service of the Lodge. I am confident it will be treasured for many years to come. K.D.

UNION LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS NO. 124

A new Worshipful Commander has taken a great step in his Royal Ark Mariner career on the 11th September 2019 when WCmdr. Martin Murray took the wheel of his lodge.

The Installing Commander was WBro. Stephen Bell, RAMPrGR, and the ceremony was witnessed by the Representative of the PGM W.Bro. G. Whiteman RAMGRank.

The convivial meeting confirmed to the Representative that this is a happy 'Ark' with a promising future as Royal Ark Mariners.





Kenneth U. Robson David Fuller

WOULDHAVE TYNE DOCK OF MARK MASTER MASONS NO. 362

The Worshipful Master W.Bro. David Fuller, ProvGStdB(N'land) on the 18th September 2019 at their lodge meeting in South Shields was delighted to be able to extend a very warm welcome to the Provincial Grand Master and a Deputation of his Provincial Officers on their official visit to the Wouldhave Tyne Dock of MMM No.362.

After the lodge was opened and when ready the PGM was announced and welcomed into the lodge room to receive the gavel from the WM for a short period while the official salutations were exchanged.

The next business was to receive a talk by W.Bro. Kenneth Urquart Robson, PAGDC, PPGSW, ProvAGDC, which was entitled 'The Keystone'.

Before starting Ken explained that this was the first time he had given a talk and he was a little bit nervous and hoped the brethren would bear with him.

He should not have worried as he proceeded to give a very good masonic lecture which was duly acknowledged by the PGM and brethren.

In his address to the lodge RWBro. Prof. Dennovan K.Wilson mentioned that he first came here as a Junior Warden for Bill Gillhespy when the new old lodge was created from the amalgamation of two lodges in 1994, that it was also interesting that W.Bro. William Malcolm had been the Worshipful Master in both lodges before amalgamation. The PGM thought it was good that the lodge summons did not announce the evenings work as 'in the absence of a candidate there will be a talk', it seems to make a candidate second best, instead say it's great that we are doing a lecture or talk etc.

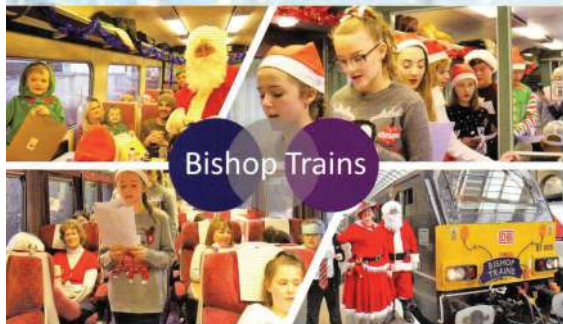
Well, an excellent talk was delivered and a wonderful masonic evening continued at the festive board and in the superb Ingham Street bar room for a final drink and chat.



Festive Capital Express

Festive Excursion by Rail Saturday 23rd November 2019 To Edinburgh

From Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, Eaglescliffe, Stockton, Durham & Chester-le-Street



Book online at www.ba-rail.co.uk/edinburgh
in person at Bishop Trains, Bishop Auckland Railway Station
or telephone 01388-661394 (Mon-Sat 0900-1215 & 1245-1600)

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| Christmas Shopping | Sightseeing |
| Gifts for all children | Festive entertainment |
| Vintage Train | Santa, Mrs Claus & elves |

THE NEW MARK PROVINCIAL TIE

The Provincial Grand Master is pleased to announce that the new Mark Provincial Tie has arrived, and is now on sale.

The new tie is specifically designed to celebrate the fact that the Province of Durham will soon be 100 years old (since the separation from Northumberland). It is on sale from W Bro Graham Wharton - the Deputy Grand Secretary, and a few others only. The price has been set at a realistic £12 per tie.



Please contact Graham in the first instance, as he has the bulk of the ties – David Hanson, Trevor Lynn, Frank Rankin and myself have a small supply only. Email: grahamwharton182@gmail.com

Festive Capital Express

From festive shopping and fairy lights to picturesque ice skating, we've got Christmas all wrapped up on our special excursion train to Edinburgh.

Join us on our special excursion train from Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, Eaglescliffe, Stockton, Durham and Chester-le-Street with around 7 hours free time planned in the Scottish capital where you can enjoy the famous "Edinburgh's Christmas" festival.



Our journey to Edinburgh will be via the East Coast Main Line overlooking the picturesque Northumberland coastline to Waverley station on board a lovingly restored vintage train from a bygone age, with British Rail Mark 1 carriages dating back to the 60's.

During the journey, Santa will join the train with his sack brimming with gifts for the children on-board. Every child will receive a gift and will have the opportunity to meet Santa and his elves (this will take place either the outward or the return journey depending upon the number of children onboard).

All of this, plus Mrs Claus and Mrs Tinsel, carol singers, elves, bagpipes and mince pies will make this a trip to remember. From festive shopping and fairy lights to picturesque ice skating, we've got Christmas all wrapped up on our special festive excursion train to Edinburgh.

The children travelling will be given the opportunity to write to Santa with their Christmas wishes in advance of the excursion and will receive a letter from Santa during the journey.

Fares

- First Class Adult £115 (£105 from Durham & Chester le Street)
- First Class Child £90 (£85 from Durham & Chester le Street)
- Standard Class Adult £79 (£69 from Durham & Chester le Street)
- Standard Class Child £49 (£44 from Durham & Chester le Street)
- Child fares apply for passengers aged 5-15
- 1st Class passengers can add breakfast & dinner for only £30 pp

Children under 5 travel for free but are not allocated a seat. A charge of £5 applies for children under 5 travelling for free to receive a visit and gift from Santa during the journey.

Provisional Times

- Bishop Auckland: 06:10 / 21:25
- Shildon: 06:18 / 21:20
- Newton Aycliffe: 06:25 / 21:22
- Darlington: 06:47 / 21:00
- Eaglescliffe: 07:01 / 20:49
- Stockton: 07:10 / 20:40
- Durham: 07:48 / 20:07
- Chester-le-Street: 07:58 / 20:00
- Edinburgh Waverley: 10:06 / 17:30

Exact timings are confirmed by Network Rail around 7 days before the excursion. Timings will be supplied with your tickets.



**DURHAM
MARK MASTER MASONS**

**HARDWICK HALL
HOTEL**

CENTENARY DINNER

SATURDAY 13th June 2020
AT
**Hardwick Hall Hotel
Sedgefield**

Champagne reception
4 course dinner with wine
Entertainment & Grand Raffle
Tickets £30pp
Reception: 6.15pm, for Dining at: 7.00pm
Carriages: Midnight

To Book your place contact A. J. Clark,
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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

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

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

MARK / OCTOBER	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Hackworth no.761	1	Tuesday	6.45 pm	
Cestria no.1151	1	Tuesday	6.45pm	Installation
Steadfast no. 846	2	Wednesday	6.45 pm	
Unity no. 827	3	Thursday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit / RAM REPRESENTATIVE Launch
Walton no.1106	7	Monday	6.45 pm	
Industry no. 293	7	Monday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit CANCELLED
Bernard Gilpin no.860	8	Tuesday	7.00pm	Installation
Elevation no.1112	10	Thursday	6.45 pm	Installation
Percy no.122	10	Thursday	7.00pm	Installation
Bede no.605	11	Friday	7.00pm	Installation
St.Aidan no.1145	14	Monday	7.00pm	Provincial Visit
Harte no.740	14	Monday	7.00pm	
Ambrose Crowley no.1269	15	Tuesday	6.45 pm	Installation
William Todd no.929	15	Tuesday	6.45 pm	Installation
Chief of the Builders no.1806	18	Friday	10.30am	
Barnard Castle no.778	18	Friday	6.45 pm	Installation
Mosely no.925	18	Friday	7.00pm	Installation
Jarrow no.701	21	Monday	7.00pm	
St.Thomas no.1511	22	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Installation
Dunelm no.356	24	Thursday	6.45 pm	
St.Andrews no.854	24	Thursday	6.45 pm	
Union no.124	24	Thursday	7.00pm	Lodge Moved to Queen Street East, Sunderland, SR1 2HT
Durham Inst. M.Masters no.1294	28	Monday	6.30pm	Installation
Durham Prov.G.Stwds no.1820	30	Wednesday	6.30pm	Installation

RAM / OCTOBER	2019	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Eclectic no.39	14	Monday	7.00pm	Installation / date change by Dispensation
Dunelm no.356	9	Wednesday	6.30pm	Installation
Darlington no.250	9	Wednesday	6.45pm	
Hackworth no.761	21	Monday	6.45pm	
Bernard Gilpin no.860	21	Monday	7.00pm	
Elevation no.1112	23	Wednesday	7.00pm	