

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 ANNUAL MEETING 2018



Wednesday 27th June 2018 the 98th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Durham was held at the Lancastrian Suite in Dunston, Gateshead. This annual event was again well attended by many Mark Master Masons and brethren from the Province of Durham and by many Distinguished Provincial Grand Masters from the Provincial Districts. This year's meeting represented a milestone for several brethren who had been newly appointed and were involved in the organising of this important Annual Meeting, for the first time for some of them. The great success of the meeting testament to the brilliant work delivered by all participants.

During the meeting a presentation by Dr. Gillian B. Willmore on stage was made on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Service, after which Dr. Willmore was presented with a cheque for £500 for the St. John Ambulance. This was gratefully received and applauded by the assembled brethren.

A special presentation of a MBF - Diamond Award to WBro. Joe Hind was made by RW Bro. Prof. Denovan K. Wilson in recognition of Joe's contributions for many years to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

When the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was closed the room was quickly changed and an excellent dinner was served for the many diners present .

WBro. B. Hays, PPRGSD together with Dr.Gillian Boughton Willmore who is the Chair of the Durham County Priory Group of St.John, was presented with a cheque for £500 towards the maintenance of the St.John Ambulance Emergency Vehicle which had been donated by the Mark Master Masons of Durham.

"4 STEPS TO THE MARK" present at the Annual meeting promoting this important initiative in encouraging brethren to become Mark Master Masons.



Here we go Again

Your chance to join the party.

The Mark & RAM Degree Winter Break in Benidorm.

We are again looking to fly off to Spain for a "Mark Winter Break". The trip in 2018 was a bigger success than previous years.

I am again looking at Jet2 and Easy Jet flights for Monday the 28th January 2019 and returning to Newcastle on Monday the 4th February, I am also looking at Easy Jet flights for Sunday or Monday with return flights on Sunday or Monday.

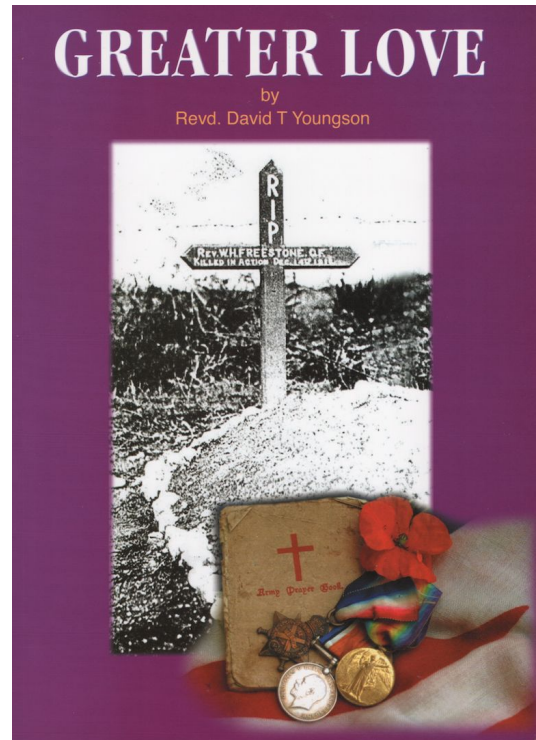
Once again, we will stay at the Nereo Hotel where half board for a couple is payable on arrival.

For those who are looking for a Long Weekend trip I will have to try to arrange this as the Hotel is closing the 4 nights stay on January 31st.

Last year I arranged a trip to Valencia, which was a great success. I will be looking to arrange another trip this year (still trying to get a look around the Russian Gold Church).

We are once again going to the Grand District of Spain Annual Meeting at the Gran Bali Hotel on Saturday 2nd February. This will include Lunch while the Ladies will have the opportunity (we hope) to attend the arranged trip with the Ladies from Spain. These trips have proven to be a good day out for the Ladies every year.

I know that some of our travellers are looking forward to attending this trip again in 2019. So if you are interested in this Mark trip please contact me, Arthur Clark, by email ; ajc5807@gmail.com ASAP as I will be Booking soon.



In 2006 our well known and greatly respected brother **WBro.Rev'd David T. Youngson, PAGChap**, published his book **"Greater Love"** detailing the lives and war experience of all Army Chaplains who lost their lives in the First World War.

In spite of being blind, Rev'd David has produced a comprehensive and extremely well researched record which to date has sold around 3000 copies.

Rev'd David has only **30 copies** left and has offered to sell them at a discounted price of £10 with all proceeds being donated to the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund.

If you have an interest in First World War History, and in particular the role of the Clergy, or perhaps just wish to support Reverend David's kind gesture, please send your remittance which includes postage, together with your details to;

Revend David T. Youngson, 35 Buxton Gardens, Billingham, TS22 5AJ



About the Author

David Youngson was born at Dundee. On moving to England in 1946 he was educated at The Grammar School Gateshead. He served in the Merchant Navy as an Apprentice Deck Officer and as a National Serviceman in The Royal Air Force. Following a successful business career he trained for the Priesthood at Cuddesdon College, Oxford serving his entire ministry in the Diocese of Durham. Registered Blind in 1986 he pioneered a Welfare Advisory Service for people with a visual impairment at the point of diagnosis and continues to provide a monthly CD magazine for the visually impaired. His interest in World War One stemmed from research into his Great Uncle and has been a developing feature of his life for over twenty years.

David T. Youngson



WBro.M.P.Lambird,PPrGMO, DofC and WBro.K.Ward,PPrGJW,WM in front of the beautiful Staindrop Lodge No.1274 Banner

The Village name Staindrop or "Standropa" derived from "Saen-thorpe" and referred to a "Stoney Village". Today the village retains its old world charm and beauty and is the home of the **Staindrop Lodge of MMM no.1274**. There is nothing "stoney" about the warm welcome one receives when visiting the Lodge at their recent meeting on the 6th August 2018. Each time the journey through beautiful countryside to Staindrop is rewarded with an excellent evening and ceremony, which this time included a lecture on the Mark Mason's Degree given by WBro.M.P.Lambird,PPrGMO.

The presentation was very much appreciated by the brethren including the Assistant Provincial Grand Master WBro. Ronald Trevor Lynn,PAGDC. After the meeting everyone enjoyed the festive board, and replying on behalf of the visiting brethren WBro.David Lawson PPrGReg, especially mentioned the excellent way brother Lambird delivered the lecture by moving round the lodge room to the relevant parts of the lodge room to better illustrate the lecture.



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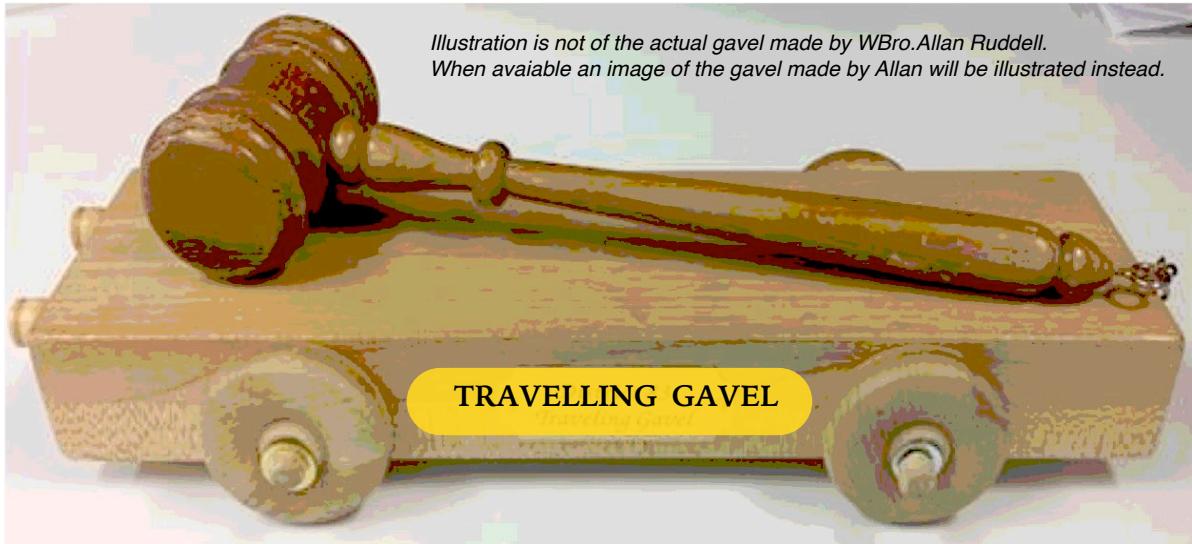


Illustration is not of the actual gavel made by WBro.Allan Ruddell. When available an image of the gavel made by Allan will be illustrated instead.

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

TRAVELLING GAVEL - LODGE MILEAGE CHART

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	Spennymoor	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
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	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	

[Durham Mark Master Masons Lodge of Instruction Festival 2018.](#)

The Lodge of Instruction Festival will be held this year at the Masonic Hall, Shiney Row, DH4 7LQ on Friday 28th September 2018.

There will be a demonstration **Royal Ark Mariner Ceremony of Elevation at 5.00pm**, followed by a demonstration **Mark Master Mason Ceremony of Advancement at 6.00pm.**

Appropriate regalia (RAM or Mark) must be worn at each Ceremony.

There will be a Banquet afterwards costing £12.00. Tickets are available from;-

W Bro Jeff Awdas, email jawdas@aol.com tel: 07984 664656

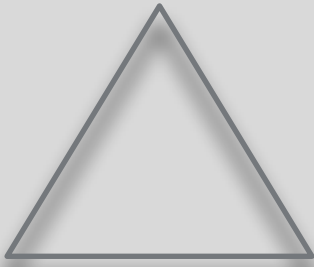
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OBITUARIES

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



- 18/05/2018 - WBro. Guy Paul Gibson, M846
- 09/07/2018 - WBro. John McLean, M122
- 14/07/2018 - WBro. Cyril George Metcalf, M356
- 19/07/2018 - WBro. Peter Gordon Parlour, M250
- 22/07/2018 - WBro. Douglas Alan Wright, M701
- 24/07/2018 - WBro. James Burns Hopper, M1015
- 31/07/2018 - WBro. Charles Brian Todd, M740

SEPTEMBER - MARK	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Staindrop no. 1274	3	Monday	6.45	Provincial Visit
Spennymoor no.981	6	Thursday	6.45	
Darlington no. 250	12	Wednesday	6.45	
Penshaw no.1055	13	Thursday	7.00	
Ferryhill no. 1560	13	Thursday	6.45	Installation
Ryton no. 1714	14	Friday	7.00	Installation
Ernest Dixon no. 1015	18	Tuesday	6.30	Installation
W.Tyne Dock no. 362	19	Wednesday	7.00	
Auckland no. 596	19	Wednesday	6.45	Provincial Visit
Clavering no. 896	20	Thursday	7.00	
Stanhope no. 1551	24	Monday	7.00	
Eclectic no. 39	25	Tuesday	7.00	
Ravensworth no. 718	26	Wednesday	7.00	Installation
Castle Eden No.930	26	Wednesday	7.00	
Dunelm no. 356	27	Thursday	6.45	
St.Andrew's no. 854	27	Thursday	6.45	Installation

SEPTEMBER - RAM	2018	DAY	TIME	
Monument no. 1055	4	Tuesday	10.30	Provincial Visit
Ryton no.1714	5	Wednesday	7.00	Provincial Visit
Stanhope no.1551	7	Friday	7.00	Installation
Union no. 124	12	Wednesday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin no. 860	17	Monday	7.00	Installation
Stockton-on-Tees no.122	18	Tuesday	7.00	
Industry no. 293	18	Tuesday	7.00	Installation
Rockcliffe no. 362	21	Friday	7.00	
Moseley no. 925	24	Monday	7.00	Installation
Spennymoor no. 981	24	Monday	6.45	
Bede no. 605	25	Tuesday	6.45	Installation

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Organ Recital

to be held in



**St. Peter's Church
Monkwearmouth
Sunderland
SR6 0DY**

In Support of the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund

on
Saturday 15th September 2018

at
7.30pm

The programme by

Andrew Christer

Will cover some great organ music including music from the shows
Something for everyone

Entry will be by programme costing £7.50 per person

Tickets:- from Derrick Allison at 67, Rose Lea, Witton Gilbert, Durham, DH7 6RE. Tel:- 0191 371 2205
Please make cheques out to "PGLMMM of Durham" and include a SAE for the return of your tickets.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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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