

PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

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

DURHAM Centenary Year 1920 – 2020



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



Eclectic Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 39 welcomes the Assistant PGM.



On Tuesday 28th January 2020, the oldest Mark Lodge in the Province, which meets at Hartlepool, gave a very warm welcome to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Trevor Lynn who was attending the Lodge on an Official Visit.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Dr. JKBB Patel presided over his last full working night as the W.M. This is prior to installing his successor, the Master Elect, W.Bro. S. Pounder, at their next meeting on the 24th of March 2020.

During the Lodge Meeting the Brethren acclaimed W.Bro. Darren Bethell following his superb delivery of a lecture on the Mark Masters Tracing Board.

Afterwards, the Brethren, including six Grand Officers enjoyed an excellent Festive Board followed by the usual Masonic Toasts in a vibrant and friendly atmosphere.

Pictured left to right are: W.Bro. Darren Bethell, Treasurer, W.Bro. Trevor Lynn, Assistant PGM, W.Bro. Dr. Jitendra Patel, WM, and W.Bro. Sid Watson, Prov. AGDC.

JARROW LODGE OF MMM NO.701 - 20 January 2020.

Another important moment in the long and distinguished history of the Jarrow Mark Lodge when W.Bro. Ken Dodds, PPGJO, was duly installed as the Worshipful Master in an excellent ceremony as observed by the Representative of the PGM, W.Bro. George Clark. The brethren present send their very best wishes to the outgoing WM, W.Bro. Ron Stobbart, PPGStB, who was unable to install his successor as he is still recovering from his recent stroke and needs to take things easy until he is fully recovered.



UNION LODGE OF RAM NO.124

On 12th.February 2020, the Union Lodge of RAM No. 124 had the pleasure of welcoming Bro. Steven Paul Swansbury into the Royal Ark Mariner brotherhood. Bro. Swansbury was proposed by W.Bro. D.Dorward and seconded by W.Bro. Stephen Bell, RAMPrGR, and he afterwards explained how much he had enjoyed the ceremony of his Elevation as a Royal Ark Mariner. Paul also found it fascinating and was very happy that he had made the decision to join this wonderful Degree, he looks forward to learning more and enjoying being a Royal Ark Mariner.





UNION LODGE OF MMM No. 124 - 23 January 2020 -

PROVINCIAL VISIT

WBro. Ian Wardle, the Worshipful Master of the Union Lodge of MMM No. 124, had the honour and pleasure to welcome the PGM, RW Bro. Prof. Denovan Wilson and a Delegation of Provincial Officers to a meeting of the Union Mark Lodge. This special evening also saw **Bro. Darren Anthony Davis** Advanced as a Mark Master Mason.

An excellent ceremony and a full lodge room provided an unforgettable masonic evening for Bro. Davis, which continued at the festive board with the PGM welcoming Bro. Davis to his 4th. Step in Masonry which is generally regarded as a further enhancement in our Craft Masonry.

**Hackworth Lodge of Mark Master Masons
No. 761 shows generosity**

On a cold frosty night on Tuesday 4th February the Assistant PGM, W Bro Trevor Lynn, was given a very warm welcome on an Official Visit to Hackworth Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at Shildon.

Over forty Brethren, including thirteen Grand Lodge Officers were present to witness a very well worked demonstration Ceremony of Advancement led by the WM, W Bro Stan Hunter.

Afterwards at a vibrant and very friendly Festive Board, two senior Representatives from Bishop Auckland Air Cadets were invited to dine along with the Brethren.

The Assistant PGM, in his response to the toast to the Provincial Officers, enthused at the large number of Officers in the Lodge, who are on the ladder of progression but have not yet been through the chair. They include both Wardens, the three Overseers, both Deacons, Inner Guard and Tyler, which bodes well for the long term future of the Lodge.

An excellent Masonic evening was rounded off when the WM presented the Representatives of the Bishop Auckland Air Cadets with a cheque for £1000.00 from the Durham Mark Benevolent Fund, to conclude the Lodge's successful nomination to benefit young persons, in this Centenary Year for the Province. The generosity did not end there however, when the WM duly handed over a further cheque for £138.00 from the Lodge raffle proceeds. A truly memorable evening at Shildon showing the essence of Freemasonry at its best. *T.L.*



VW Bro Danny Guy, Bro Chris Downie (SW) , W Bro Stan Hunter (WM) , Bro Paul Smith (JW) and W Bro Trevor Lynn (APGM).

MARK CENTENARY PROJECT 2020

The first 10 cheques presented, more to follow...

1st.
Stanhope
Scouts and
Cubs -
Stanhope
RAM
No.1551



In Your
Face
Theatre
Group -
Unity
Mark
No.827

Razzamataz
Theatre
School -
Dunelm Ram
No. 356



CASA
Performing
Arts -
Bernard
Gilpin RAM
No. 860

Kianan Karate
Kai - Union
RAM No. 124



Springwell
School
Hartlepool -
Eclectic Mark
No. 39

27th. Darlington Scout
Group - Indaba Mark
No. 1936



Karin Shire
School of
Dance -
Union
Mark No.
124

Waves
Hidden
Treasures -
Jarrow
Mark No.
701



Plains Farm
Amateur
Boxing Club -
Ravensworth
Mark No.718



Moseley Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 925 delighted and honoured to receive the Provincial Grand Master and a delegation of Provincial and Grand Lodge Officers at their meeting in Birtley on the 21 February 2020.

The lodge room was pretty full after everyone was seated and the Worshipful Master was delighted to see it so as he was to give a talk this evening about the connection between Freemasonry and the Mormons. He hoped the brethren would find this slightly unusual topic interesting. As it happened one of the brethren afterwards at the festive board informed the brethren that he had knowledge that one of his family members had emigrated in the 19th Century to America and had joined the Mormons, there he became the father of 41 children!

The same evening saw the 'Travelling Gavel' change hands when the Ferryhill Lodge of MMM No. 1560 was successful in outnumbering the home team and so became the new guardians of the Gavel. W.Bro. John Nye and three brethren stood in open lodge during the greetings from the visitors to claim their prize.

Congratulations to the Ferryhill brethren and they now invite all visiting brethren to claim this wonderful prize from them at their next meeting on the 12th March 2020.



THE TRAVELLING GAVEL



W.Bro. John Nye receives the Travelling Gavel from the W.M. W.Bro. P.Layton.

Spain 2020 - Winter Sun Break

Durham Mark to the A.G.M. of the District of Spain,

This our 5th trip for some winter sun, and this year we did get that winter sun, with a 10-day winter break. After leaving Newcastle on the 24th January 2020, with the temperature not a lot above freezing, we landed in Alicante, Spain. The sun was out to greet us with a temperature around 17 degrees, (nice) and we soon arrived at our Hotel, 'The Nereo'. This is the Hotel we have used for 3 years now, it is a small, friendly Hotel, the food is really good and with friendly staff, what more can one need, except good weather! After booking in and dinner we all congregated in the lounge bar.

As you can see there were 14 attending this year, a good crowd and our numbers were boosted on the Monday when 3 more arrived. The weather got hotter as the days passed, on the Sunday some took the bus to Albir. The Sea front was devastated after the storms they had the week previous, for those who remember the sea front, the children's play area, the wood buildings were all down and the sand was full of debris, apparently the shops and cafés were flooded or damaged.

Wednesday we had a trip to Guadalest, then we went to a restaurant (Ca Rafel) recommended by Lee who had arranged the trip. A walk through Guadalest Village and Lunch at Restaurant 'Ca Rafel', Thursday evening we had a free night at the Benidorm Palace, and once again a fantastic show and a good night was enjoyed by all.

On Friday some attended a talk given by Mark Smith, you will have seen him on the Antique's Road Show. The talk was about the Victoria Cross, very interesting and next year Mark is going to give the second part of his talk.

Saturday up early and a quick breakfast then off to the Grand Bali for the Meeting, the Ladies were going to a shoe factory (plastic at the ready) and off they went, after the visit and trying on shoes the Ladies had Lunch in a Restaurant overlooking the harbour at El Campello.

We Brethren attended the A.G.M. This was also attended by W.Bro. Stephen Davison, Assistant Grand Master along with 8 or 9 Provincial Grand Masters, after the meeting we retired to the bar for some liquid refreshment before Lunch.

Saturday was a quiet night, not many made it down to the bar, too full of good food and Wine after the meeting. Sunday night is a quiet night before the homeward trip, we all met up in the Lounge for a last drink. Dancing was a nightly occurrence. You can see also the Birthday boy Gilbert enjoying the Entertainment. This was the long and short of Dancing, Angie and Gill enjoying a bit boogie, as well as Ken and Jean showing how it's done.

The 10 days were over and we all had a good time, the weather was the best we have had on our winter break over

the years. Monday at 12 noon the bus picked us up and we set off for Alicante Airport, The sun was shining as we boarded, 23 degrees but when we arrived back at Newcastle we were met with wind, rain and 3 degrees, looking forward to next Year all ready!

Arthur Clark

Joseph and Hitchim two of the bar staff who kept us well watered.



Beautiful Spain, Sun, blue skies and lovely heat! A wonderful time was had by everyone.



Dunelm Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 356

The February, 2020 meeting of Dunelm Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners saw a large attendance of 50 brethren.

After the lodge had been opened and the usual formalities completed the Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by a deputation of his Officers and holders of Grand Rank, entered the Lodge.

The assembled brethren then witnessed the latest electronic presentation by Bro. George Young, 'The Tracing Board Re-imagined - A voyage through the Tracing Board using contemporary images', accompanied by the narration of the Tracing Board lecture by W.Bro's G.S. Savage, G. Metcalf, G. Martin and Bro. W. Bentham. The electronic presentation built up the Tracing Board using clear modern images in vibrant colour and compared it with the traditional tracing board and was greatly appreciated by all present. The presentation concluded on the usual light hearted note, this year with a nautical theme depicting the Provincial Grand Master as Pop Eye consuming his spinach, much to the amusement of all.

There then followed an excellent presentation of Grand Lodge Certificates to Bro's John E. Hudson and Nigel J. Watson by W.Bro. John Denham of Hackworth Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No.761.

The Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Peter Wilkie, presented a cheque for £100 towards the Centenary Fund which was gratefully accepted by the Provincial Grand Master who also congratulated Bro. Young and the narrators on their excellent presentation.

At the Festive Board the Provincial Grand Master was presented with a mock large can of spinach and a clay pipe to complete his transformation to Pop Eye. In replying to his toast he commented that he had come to expect something different each time he visited Dunelm and recounted the amusing incidents which had occurred over the years.

An excellent evening, enjoyed by all.



We are a group of Freemasons, their families and friends who have a shared interest in Camping and Caravanning. Throughout the year we organise a number of caravan and camping rallies, mostly in the North East but we have also held rallies in Scotland, the Lake District and Yorkshire. The aim is to enjoy the great outdoors and the emphasis is on relaxed family enjoyment.

If you are interested to join us and find out more information please contact the club secretary at: secretary@dmccc.org.uk

Durham Masonic Camping and Caravan Club follow the link WWW.DMCCC.org.uk for Rallies and forthcoming events.

MARK / MARCH	2020	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Walton no.1106	2	Monday	6.45	
Industry no. 293	2	Monday	7.00	
Cestria no.1151	3	Tuesday	6.45	
Spennymoor no. 981	5	Thursday	6.45	
ShipleY No. 1271	6	Friday	6.30	
St. Aidan no.1145	9	Monday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin no. 860	10	Tuesday	7.00	
Darlington no. 250	11	Wednesday	6.45	
Ferryhill no.1560	12	Thursday	6.30	Provincial Visit/ Wardens Night
Penshaw no.1055	12	Thursday	7.00	
Bede no. 605	13	Friday	7.00	
Stanhope no.1551	16	Monday	7.00	Installation
Jarrow no.701	16	Monday	7.00	
Ambrose Crowley no.1269	17	Tuesday	6.45	
Ernest Dixon no.1015	17	Tuesday	7.00	
Auckland no. 596	18	Wednesday	6.45	
Wouldhave Tyne Dock no. 362	18	Wednesday	7.00	Installation
St.Lawrence no.1093	19	Thursday	6.30	Provincial Visit
Chief of the Builders no.1806	20	Friday	10.30	Installation
St.Thomas no.1511	24	Tuesday	6.45	
Eclectic no. 39	24	Tuesday	7.00	Installation
Ravensworth no. 718	25	Wednesday	7.00	
Castle Eden no. 930	25	Wednesday	7.00	
Dunelm no. 356	26	Thursday	6.45	
Union no.124	26	Thursday	7.00	
St.Andrews no. 854	26	Thursday	6.45	
Clavering No.896	30	Monday	7.00	

RAM / MARCH	2020	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Stanhope RAM no.1551	6	Friday	7.00	
St.Andrews RAM no. 854	12	Thursday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin RAM no. 860	16	Monday	7.00	
Stockton RAM no.122	17	Tuesday	7.00	
Rockcliffe RAM no. 362	20	Friday	7.00	Installation
Moseley RAM no. 925	23	Monday	7.00	
Bede RAM no. 605	24	Tuesday	6.45	
RAM Provincial Assembly	27	Friday	6.30	Ferryhill
Barnard Castle RAM No. 778	30	Monday	7.00	

SHIPLEY MARK NUMBER 1271

You are invited to attend our regular meeting which will take place on Friday 6th March 2020 at 6.30 pm at Shiney Row Masonic Centre

The Ceremony will be a Double Advancement

Come along and join us on our renaissance journey and enjoy some excellent ritual, great food, exceptional harmony and of course great friendship

All Mark Master Masons are welcome to attend

Banquet Tickets - £8.00 each
To assist with catering, dining fees need to be paid by 29th February


Menu
Home Made Thai Fishcake with dill mayonnaise
Bacon wrapped Chicken Breast with seasonal vegetables
Big Bowl Sportsman's Trifle

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7TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER


FRIDAY 6TH
MARCH 2020

7:00PM DOORS FOR 7:30PM
WEARISIDE MASONIC TEMPLE

Featuring
Former International, Premier League and Football League Referee, and Eric Cantona's Nemesis(!)

Alan Wilkie


Star of Britain's Got Talent, Impressionist and Comedian



Compered by the Ever-Popular Comedian and Cricketer

David Greener

3 COURSE MEAL
RAFFLE



Tickets still only **£25!** Tickets available from Ronnie Jardin (07940 007970) or Graham Stephinson (07932 684114)
Dress Code: Smart/Lounge Suits

OBITUARIES



- 20/10/2019 - W.Bro. Albert Henry Norman, PPGJO,RAMProvGR - DOB/ 06/04/1942 - M1339 R 896
- 11/11/2019 - Bro. Philip Craner Dobb - DOB/ 24/04/1954 - M1714
- 02/01/2020 - Bro. Christopher Beard - DOB/ 17/08/1973 - M 718
- 04/02/2020 - W.Bro. Allan Simpson, PPGJW,RAMProvGR - DOB/ 28/05/1930 - M 1626 R925
- 13/02/2020 - W.Bro. William John Coward, PPGJW - DOB/ 21/08/1940 - M740 R 1055
- 15/02/2020 - W.Bro. Neil Anderson,PAGDC, PPGSW,RAMProvGR - DOB/ 04/06/1943 - M929 R 761

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