

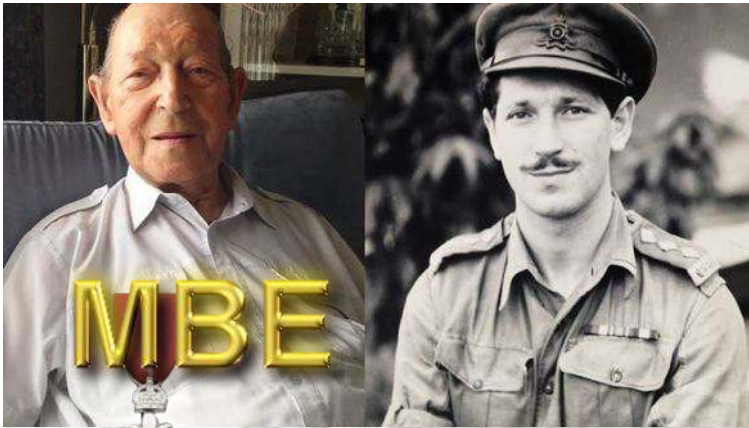
PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

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

DURHAM



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



WBro. Mordaunt Cohen, PAGDC.

Mordaunt Cohen was advanced into the Union Mark Lodge No. 124 on 22 November 1958 and became Worshipful Master of Union Mark in 1972. He Moved to London 1989. He became an Honorary Member at the presentation of his 50 Year Certificate on 24 November 2008.

A Jewish officer commanding African Muslims in Burma, Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt Cohen served in Burma with 251 West African Heavy Anti-Aircraft Unit, commanding Nigerian volunteers.

Mr Cohen was awarded an MBE for his work teaching in schools about the Second World War, and for a series of films recorded to mark VJ Day. He said: 'I am deeply humbled and honoured to receive this award. When I was commanding troops many miles from here, in very tough conditions, never did I even imagine that aged 101, I would receive such an honour.'

It is my mission to make sure that future generations will understand what our armed forces went through, so that we can all live freely and in peace in this country.

'As a British Jewish veteran, I'm especially proud of the immense contribution made by the 60,000 Jewish soldiers who served our country in World War Two.

'I would like to dedicate this award to the soldiers who didn't come home, and who sadly paid the ultimate sacrifice.'

(source - web)



MARK DONATES £1000 TO CHARITY SUPPORTING HOMELESS EX- ARMED FORCES PERSONEL.

The Provincial Grand Master was pleased to visit the charity SHAID, which is the Single Homeless Action Initiative in Durham, at their Headquarters in Sacriston to present a cheque for a £1000 on behalf of the Province of Durham Mark Benevolent Fund.

This Charity supports young single homeless, but also maintains a 16 unit residence for homeless ex-service personel and plans to increase capacity to 35 units.

A supporter of the charity, WBro. Joe Dodson, was on hand to accompany RWBro.Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson together with the Benevolent Fund Treasurer, VWBro.Roy Neville in making this important presentation to Tony Hammond who is the Project Manager of St.Peter's Court.

The team was given a tour of the building by Tony and had the opportunity to meet with one of it's residents who kindly agreed to show them round his apartment. He told them of his previous life as a homeless person living in a tent and how much his life has changed with this new and safe home where he is able to plan his future in a much more positive way. He is actively looking for work and feels having a proper "home address" gives him a huge advantage in his quest.

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The Durham Mark Master Masons

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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....

"TELL ME A STORY"

There is a saying, *“That it's good to talk”* and that is at the heart of the news initiative launch by the Mark Executive to support the popular Provincial Newsletter composed and circulated by Martin Schoolkate for several years. To assist in the circulation of the content of Mark / RAM meetings that maybe of interest to brethren that simple phrase has been taken one step further by giving brethren the opportunity to give their account of a meeting or event. It is acknowledged that not everyone has the time or ability to write an article but they could give a verbally explanation. **“Tell me a Story”** allows anyone who feels that the event/s within a meeting or an individual they know is worth reporting. So, if you feel you have something that you would like to share through the Provincial Newsletter or website all you have to do is; Provide photographs - ideally at least 3 - more would be better. Call the mobile of Michael Wilkinson - 079632 13336, You will be able to give a verbal explanation of your story or details of something or someone you consider would be of interest.

That's it! - you will receive feedback and if appropriate the article will be written and circulated on your behalf. It is hoped that by offering this option it will add to content and interest of our newsletter. In addition it will further assists Martin in producing his monthly publication. There are lots of stories to be told so please get involved and **“Tell your story!”**



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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”



- 01/01/2018 Bro Thomas Kaye Gilpin Scorer M1145
- 04/01/2018 W Bro Wifred Armory Jones M356 (Hon) M1626 (Hon) PGStdB RAM1492(Hon) RAMGR

FEBRUARY / MARK	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Walton no.1106	5	Monday	6.45	
Industry no.293	5	Monday	7.00	Installation
Hackworth no.761	6	Tuesday	6.45	
Cestria no.1151	6	Tuesday	6.45	
Steadfast no.846	7	Wednesday	6.45	
Elevation no.1112	8	Thursday	6.45	
Percy no.122	8	Thursday	7.00	
Bede no.605	9	Friday	7.00	
Harte no.740	12	Monday	7.00	Installation
Bernard Gilpin no.860	13	Tuesday	7.00	
Barnard Castle no.778	15	Thursday	6.45	Changed Date
Moseley no.925	16	Friday	7.00	
Jarrow no.701	19	Monday	7.00	
Ambrose Crowley no.1269	20	Tuesday	6.45	
William Todd no.929	20	Tuesday	6.45	
Dunelm no.356	22	Thursday	6.45	Installation
Union no.124	22	Thursday	7.00	
Durham of Inst.Masters no.1492	26	Monday	6.30	
ShIPLEY no.1271	27	Tuesday	7.00	

FEBRUARY / RAM	2018	DAY	TIME	NOTES
Darlington no.250	14	Wednesday	6.45	Provincial visit
Dunelm no.356	14	Wednesday	6.30	
Union no.124	14	Wednesday	7.00	
Clavering no.896	22	Thursday	7.00	
Bede no.605	27	Tuesday	7.00	Provincial visit
Elevation no.1112	28	Wednesday	7.00	Installation

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM JIM

Jim would be most grateful if any brethren have any Mark or RAM Regalia they would like to donate as he is running very low on stock.

JIM STUBBINGS
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Brethren can support the Durham 2020 Festival by purchasing this special badge which can be supplied by

WBro.Graham Wharton on
07855815958

and VWBro.Frank Rankin



Grand Meetings Calendar 2018 - by F.Beales

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dining Start	Finish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 13 March 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Annual Investiture	Tuesday, 12 June 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 11 September 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Tuesday, 11 December 2018	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	4:30 PM	5:45 PM	6:30 PM	8:00 PM

Provincial Annual Meetings 2018

MARK	Mark Annual General Meeting	Wednesday, 27 June 2018 - 3.00pm	Lancastrian Suite, Dunston, NE11 9JR
RAM	Annual Assembly	Friday, 23 March 2018 - 6.30pm	Masonic Hall, Ferryhill, DL17 8HX