

# Father Advances Son into Fowke Mark



On Thursday 14th April 2016, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Roger Quantock handed over the Chair for WBro. Michael Hollier to Advance his son, Bro. Francis Hollier into the Fowke Mark Lodge No. 19. The PGM and DPGM were both in attendance, together with the PPGM. The Concluding address was given by Bro. Bipinchandra Shah, the Working Tools by WBro. David Sandrovitch, and the Secrets by WBro. Steve Finnigan. The WM, Bro. Roger Quantock, gave the lecture on the Mark Master Masons' Degree. The Festive board continued in the same spirit and the Brethren enjoyed the meal, which was selected from the St. George's menu.



# New Chairman of Worthy Causes Committee



RWBro. Anthony Morris has been appointed as Chairman of the Worthy Causes Committee in London. The Mark Benevolent Fund receives numerous applications for support and these are referred to the Worthy Causes Committee for consideration. Their findings and recommendations are then put to the Board of Trustees of the MBF for final approval or rejection.

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At the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held on Tuesday 6th June 2016, RWBro. Anthony Morris, was Appointed and Invested as Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund.



## East Goscote Installation with French connection



On Tuesday 26th April 2016, WBro. Ivan Scott installed WBro. John Hoskins into the Chair of the East Goscote Mark Lodge No. 970. The Provincial Junior Warden, WBro. John Goodacre was in attendance and presented a Grand Lodge certificate to Bro David Highton and also presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and Lodge By-Laws to the new Master. The Keystone Jewel was presented to the WM by WBro. Gordon Richardson who also gave the Address. The Address to the Wardens was given by WBro. Cliff Rowley, to the Overseers by WBro. Martin Waddington and to the Officers, WBro. Ray Folland. WBro. Simon Castleman presented the Working Tools. The event was well supported with 42 in attendance. WBro. John Hoskins is a Past Master of the Duquesne Mark Lodge No. 13 that met in Dieppe, France.

## Simon de Montfort - Elevatee



The Worshipful Commander, Bro. Stephen Johnson, Elevated Bro. Roger Sherriff into the Simon de Montfort Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, on Thursday 30th June 2016. He was ably assisted by his officers. The DPGM, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel, delivered the Secrets, Bro. Darren Bowles the Working Tools and WBro. John Pinnock gave the Concluding address. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, a member of the Lodge, was in attendance.

The new Elevatee is shown here with the Worshipful Commander, Bro. Stephen Johnson, flanked by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison and the Deputy PGM, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel.

The Festive board completed an enjoyable evening, with good food and company.

# St. Peter's Charity donations



There was a Charity donations evening on Wednesday the 20th April 2016 at the Masonic Hall in Market Harborough. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Matthew Robinson, presented cheques of £200 to each of the charities: 3rd Kibworth Guides Group, Shopmobility and Dementia. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison was in attendance and contributed a further £250 to each of the said charities from his Discretionary fund. The event was well supported by the Brethren of the Lodge, together with their partners and friends.

An enjoyable buffet was supplied by the Brethren, together with drinks from the bar.

## Full Circle Tuk Tuk Challenge



Bro. Stephen Gibbs of the Wyggeston Lodge No. 1149 has completed a Full Circle Tuk Tuk challenge to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK. He was sponsored by the Leics. & Rutland Mark Master Masons. The journey of 2,650 miles, took 21 days to complete. His route took him from Wigston, on to Fenny Drayton (the centre of England), Lizard Point-Land's End, Ardnamurchan Point, Dunnet Head, John O'Groats, Orkney, Lowestoft Ness and back to Wigston. The vehicle has a 198cc engine and was made in India. Bro. Steve has become so attached to it, that he has bought it for keeps. He is shown here with the PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison. To date, the challenge has raised £2,500.

# Visit to Honfleur, Normandy



On Monday 23rd May 2016, a luxury coach left Syston with members of the Mark degree and their partners for Honfleur in Normandy, France. The first port of call was Portsmouth, to board an overnight Normandy ferry and crossing the English Channel to Caen.

Arriving in the early morning, we were transferred to the hotel Mercure in Honfleur, which proved to be very convenient for the old harbour and the many restaurants, with sea food readily available.

Trips during the week included a visit to the Pegasus Bridge Museum, Bayeux to see the world famous tapestry, Arromanches to view the Mulberry Harbour, which played a vital role in bringing ashore heavy equipment and reinforcements for the allied troops following D day.

Other trips included visits to the holiday resorts of Trouville and Deauville. The coach took us around the Cider Route, enabling viewing of many picturesque villages. Cider, pommeau and calvados were sampled at one of the distilling houses, near Cambremer. A trip to Le Havre allowed the party to do a little shopping. A river trip was also organised to view the impressive Normandy bridge.

Before we left for home, a tractor train ride round Honfleur, took us up a hill to an old Chapel that overlooked the town. The chapel was adorned with model boats on shelves and hanging from the ceiling, which sailors had donated. A carillon of bells were outside the chapel, which were automatically triggered at certain times of the day.

Thanks to the PGM for arranging such a wonderful trip were given by John Stock. All of the party fully agreed what a great Magic of the Mark trip this had been. How lucky we had been with the weather, which had been exceptional. Just a week later floods had descended on France!