

# Sandbanks Weekend September 2016



Another Magic of the Mark weekend, was once again enjoyed by those attending the Sandbanks Haven hotel. Most arrived on the Friday 2nd September and left on Sunday 4th, but some couples arrived earlier in the week and stayed an extra night on the Sunday. Once again, the food and entertainment were excellent, especially the Abba appearance at the Saturday evening banquet. Rick Morris ensured that the evening went well and he gave an enlightening supporting toast to our PGM, Stephen Davison. Our thanks go out to Rick and Lynn for all their hard work in organising the event and to all others who assisted them.

Many Brethren and their partners took advantage of Malcolm Longley's kind invitation to his house party on the Sunday afternoon.



## St. Peter's Mark Lodge No. 1078 Installation



WBro. Matthew Robinson of St. Peter's Lodge of MMM No. 1078 Installed his successor, Bro. Earl Harrison into the Chair at their regular meeting in Market Harborough on Wednesday 5th September 2016. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was in attendance to witness the occasion, together with forty four other Brethren.

The Festive board was enjoyed in true 'Magic of the Mark' style.

WBro. Michael Robinson



## Wyggeston Mark—Official Visit



On Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Stephen Davison, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Ghanshyam Patel, and a large number of escorting Provincial Officers attended Wyggeston Lodge of MMM No 1149. The PGM was also accompanied by a number of Grand Officers.

After the PGM was escorted into the Lodge a very poignant eulogy was given in respect of the Worshipful Master, W Bro Remy Fuccio, who had regrettably died after a long fight with cancer.

The next business was to see a new Advancee, Bro Christopher Turner start his career as a Mark Master Mason. The ceremony was ably carried out by the members of the Lodge, led by WBro. David Pearson and Bro. Chris was welcomed into the Fraternity.

The PGM then presented a 50 year Certificate to W Bro William A James PGStdB and gave a resume of his long career in Freemasonry and especially in the Mark and RAM Degrees.

The Festive Board was excellent and the sight of so many Mark Masons dining together at a regular Lodge meeting showed that the event was very well supported.

Don Peacock

# William Kelly RAM



On Monday 10th October 2016, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Chris Packham Elevated the candidate Bro. Trevor Rogers into the William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

He was assisted by Bros. Stephen Finnigan who delivered the Secrets, Paul Wallace, the Address to the Elevatee and Brent Goodwin the Working Tools.

At the same meeting, Bro. Simon Sharman was elected into the Lodge as a Joining member.

At the end of the ceremony, RWBro. Michael Herbert rose and on behalf of RWBro. Anthony Morris and himself, congratulated those who took part in the ceremony.

RWBro. Anthony Morris presented a Grand Council Certificate to Bro. Brent Goodwin

## East Goscote Mark-Advancee



The photograph shows the newly Advanced Bro. Situl Raithatha, with the Worshipful Master, John Hoskins, together with the Director of Ceremonies, WBro. Ken Evans.



On Tuesday 25th October 2016, the East Goscote Lodge of MMM No. 970 met at the Masonic Hall, Syston and Advanced Bro. Situl Devji Raithatha into the Order. The Master, WBro. John Hoskins, led a strong team of officers during the ceremony. WBro. Gordon Richardson delivered the Secrets, WBro. Simon Castleman the Working Tools and Bro. Richard Barnett the Concluding address. WBro. Gordon Richardson also presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Barry Webster, who was Advanced on 23rd February 2016. The evening was rounded off with a very enjoyable Festive board.

# Devonshire Court 50th Year



On Wednesday 2nd November 2016 WBro. George Stamp of the St. Peter's Lodge of MMM No. 1078 unveiled a brass plaque to mark the refurbishment of the lounge at Devonshire Court, now named the Lifford Lounge. This was paid for by a legacy from the late WBro. Fred Lifford who was a member of the St. Peter's Lodge No. 1078. It is now 50 years since the residence was opened by the late Queen Mother.

There were 60 invited guests, joined at 2pm by Brethren from Market Harborough and Lutterworth.

Bro. George Stamp gave a eulogy for the late Fred Lifford.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, WBro. Don Peacock was in attendance.

## Mark Provincial Visit to Cyprus



Thirteen happy travellers set off from Birmingham on November 13<sup>th</sup> for the island of Cyprus to enjoy a convivial week together at the Hotel Elias in the city of Limassol. On arrival we found the hotel situated on a very beautiful part of the coast in the Amathus district and the whole ambience was everything we could have wished for. The package was all inclusive and the food and drinks were plentiful and free all day long. The weather was bright and sunny; in fact the island had not experienced any rain since April, apart from one 3 hour storm during the night.

Several of the party rented cars and we explored various parts of the island including Nicosia, Larnaca and Paphos. My ambition was realised when we tracked down a wintering party of greater flamingos on the Larnaca salt lake.

We were joined on the Wednesday night by the Provincial Grand Master and also by WBro Ian McCafferty who had opted for a 4 day package.

On the Thursday 3 car loads set off for Polis in the north-west of the island and explored this most beautiful area. The experience on the way back over the Troodos mountains will become the stuff of legend and will no doubt be recounted by many of the travellers during the course of the Masonic year.

On Friday we all attended the meeting of the District of Mark Master Masons of Cyprus at a neighbouring hotel and after the meeting were joined by the ladies for a very good banquet.

Saturday was a day to explore the city of Limassol and its attractive marina and shopping district and then on Sunday after a very good breakfast and lunch it was time to return to Paphos for the flight home to Birmingham. Everyone enjoyed the trip very much and all are looking forward to the next MAGIC OF THE MARK ADVENTURE.

Top row WBros. John Goodacre, Mark Meade and Clive Weston.

Seated: WBros. Ian McCafferty, Geoff Hibbert, Don Peacock, RWBro. Theodosius Theodossiou (District Grand Master of Cyprus), RWBro. Stephen Davison, WBro. Jeremy Ridge and WBro. Bert Attfield.

The Brethren were joined on the trip by Mrs Kathy Goodacre, Mrs Hazel Meade, Mrs Anne Weston, Mrs Maureen Kerr, Mrs June Ridge and Mrs Margaret Attfield.

Don Peacock.