

Provincial Visit to Howe RAM



On Monday 14th November 2016, the PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, together with his Deputy, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel and Officers of the year, attended the Howe RAM Lodge. He was welcomed as an Honorary member and given the By-Laws of the Lodge. Also in attendance, was the PGM of Nottinghamshire, RWBro. Peter Ball and his Deputy, WBro. Chris Adkin. The WM, Bro. Stuart Cooper then Elevated Bro. Jimmy Wheatley into the Lodge, assisted by his Officers. The WM presented the Working Tools, WBro. Graham Jackson delivered the Secrets and WBro. Michael Gyles gave the Concluding address. The Festive board was an enjoyable occasion with good food, wine and friendly conversation. A raffle raised £168, which was divided between the two Provinces.

Donation of £500 to Intercare Medical Aid to Africa



On Friday 2nd December 2016, at Syston Masonic Hall, Charlotte Wright, a representative for 'Intercare', received a cheque for £500 in support of the excellent work for aid to numerous countries in Africa. VWBros. Bryan Simpson, PPGSec. and Keith Harkness, ProvGTreas. were in attendance.

The donation was from the PGM's Discretionary Fund, in support of Bryan's application for assistance.

Recycled Medical items, donated to the Charity, are sent to: Sierra Leone, Ghana, Cameroon, Zambia, Tanzania and Malawi.

Charlotte gave a comprehensive talk on the organisation's work and how the thousands of pounds worth of medical supplies helped the needy in some of the poorest parts of Africa.

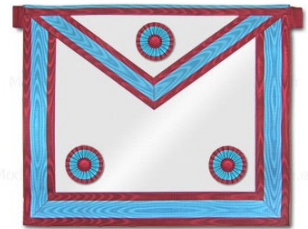
Donate your surplus healthcare goods (at least 6 months in date) via your GP practice, or send direct to Intercare.

For a full list of items acceptable, visit their website or email: info@intercare.org.uk

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East Goscote Mark Dispensation



On Tuesday 6th December 2016, East Goscote Lodge MMM No. 970 held an Emergency meeting in order to Advance Craig Curtis, a close friend of the Master, WBro. John Hoskins. 30 attended the meeting to support the WM, his Lodge and the Candidate. The PGM was in attendance with his Deputy DC, WBro. Simon Castleman. WBro. Martin Waddington delivered the Secrets, Bro. Stephen Topham the Working Tools and Bro. Richard Barnett gave the Concluding address. A raffle at the Festive board raised £210 which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund. The PGM thanked the Brethren and then announced that he was instructing the Provincial Grand Treasurer to support the WM's Charity to the sum of £500, the charity being the Baldwin Trust and their Narrow boats.

 **The Baldwin Trust**
Narrow boats for community action on Leicestershire waterways



RAMGR Recipients

A luxury coach left Syston on Tuesday 13th December 2016 with many Royal Ark Mariners, travelling to London to support the recipients of RAMGR, namely WBros. Peter Foster of Howe Lodge No. 21 and Keith Hallam of Rutland Lodge No. 1051. Other supporters were picked up in Lutterworth en route. The Journey was enjoyable, with no traffic holdups, taking us to Mark Masons' Hall for lunch. Aterwards,

The party re-boarded the coach and headed for Great Queen Street for the Annual meeting. This was led by the Pro Grand Master, MWBro. Richard V. Wallis. Our own WBro. Barry Sayers also took part in the ceremony as Grand Inner Guard.

After the meeting, with excellent timing, the party met the coach outside the Hall and returned to Leicester. Ham and Tongue rolls were well received, provided by our PGM's daughter Emily. Our thanks go out to Emily and also to WBro. Bryan Simpson for all his hard work in organising the trip.

For those who have never attended these annual meetings, I can recommend them to you. An enjoyable day was had by all.



Lutterworth holds Bollywood Evening



Provincial Mark Charity Stewards Report

Our first Provincial fund raising event took place on Saturday 12th of November 2016 in the form of a Bollywood night held at Freemasons' Hall, Lutterworth. 101 guests attended the event which was a great success and a total of £1125.00 was raised for the Provincial Grand Masters Discretionary Fund. My thanks must go to our Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Bro Ghanshyam Patel who organised the Indian Dance group. My thanks must also go to the Lutterworth Masonic Association for the use of the Hall.

We have now obtained a licence to be able to run a Provincial raffle and again my thanks to our Treasurer for obtaining this. It is hoped to run a Provincial raffle during 2017. Both our PGM and I are aware of what financial commitments from both the Craft and other orders and we feel that we do not want to overtax our members.

It is my intension to visit as many Mark and Royal Ark Mariners lodgers as possible to keep them informed of what fund raising events are being held.

Clive S Weston Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Provincial Team Visit Fowke Mark Lodge No. 19



On Thursday 8th December 2016, the Provincial team visited the Fowke Lodge No. 19 and witnessed Bro. Paul Roberts, the Craft Provincial DC, Advanced in style.

The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, Grand Lodge Officers and his Officers of the year were received ceremoniously and welcomed by the WM, Bro. Michael Ludlow. The PGM presented a Grand Lodge certificate to Bro. Francis Michael Hollier.

During the ceremony, WBro. Malcolm Hollier delivered the Secrets, WBro. David Sandrovitch the Working Tools and Bro. Bipin Shah the Concluding address.

The evening was well attended and the Festive board was enjoyed by all, with good wine, food and convivial company.

A raffle raised £300 which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

The candidate, Bro. Paul Roberts is shown here with the Worshipful Master, Bro. Michael Ludlow and the DC, WBro. Tony Fraser.

Fearnley Mark Lodge No. 58-Mirfield



On Wednesday 12th October 2016, the PGM, WBro. Barry Sayers and WBro. Terry Weston, travelled North to visit Fearnley Mark Lodge No. 58 in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. WBro. Barry has connections within the Lodge, having travelled in the North during his working career and knowing the three Oldfield brothers. WBro. Philip being the Lodge Secretary, WBro. Alan the Provincial Grand Secretary and also WBro. Chris.

The WM, Bro. Rod Dyer is shown here with the contingent from Leics. & Rutland. He made us most welcome and performed admirably during the Advancement ceremony.

The Deputy PGM of West Lancs. WBro. Richard Puttrell was also in attendance, 47 Brethren in all. The Festive board was an enjoyable occasion, with good food, wine and friendly conversation throughout. Their Pea & ham soup was the starter, attracting Brethren from far and wide, followed by home made steak & kidney pie.

William Kelly Installation



On Monday 12th December, the WM, Bro. Christopher Packham Installed Bro. Ian Johnson into the Chair of the William Kelly Lodge No. 19. The Deputy PGM, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel was in attendance, 38 Brethren in all. A Dispensation was read out by the Secretary before the Installation ceremony. The address to the new Master was given by WBro. Anthony Morris. A collection raised £75 which was donated to the PDM's Discretionary Fund.

