



# The Magic of the Mark

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## DGM visits Progress Lodge



On Wednesday 7th September 2016, the Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Raymond J. Smith, visited the Progress Lodge of Installed Masters No. 1786. He witnessed the Worshipful Master and PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, install WBro. Stephen Johnson into the Chair. The meeting was well attended and the occasion proved very successful.

At the Festive board, the DGM was presented with two books on the History of the Province of Leics. & Rutland and its Side Orders. A Melton Mowbray pork pie and a Stilton cheese was also presented for consumption back in London. A happy time was had by all, as can be especially seen in the photograph.

## Grand Lodge Appointments



On 7th June 2016, a luxury coach left Syston with supporting members of the Mark degree and headed for Mark Masons' Hall in London. At the meeting, the MWBro. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, appointed and invested to active rank, WBro. Barry Sayers as Inner Guard and WBro. Phillip Mann as Steward.

WBro. Keith Harkness was promoted to PGSO and WBro. Bryan Simpson to PGJO. As a result, both Keith and Bryan become Very Worshipful Bros.

## Stony Gate holder of MBE Installed into Chair



On Friday 11th March 2016, WBro. John Stock and his team of officers, installed Bro. Bryn Bedder MBE into the chair of the Stony Gate Lodge No. 751. A dispensation was granted by the PGM resulting in a unique experience for Bryn, as this is his first chair in Freemasonry. The Provincial Senior Warden was in attendance and presented the Book of Constitutions and the By-Laws of the Lodge. He also presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bros. Carl Johnson-Biddles and William Roberts. VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel delivered the lecture on the Keystone Jewel and also presented the newly installed Master with the 2008 Festival Jewel. The address to the Master was given by VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel, to the Overseers by WBro. Les Shoebridge and to the Brethren by WBro. Geoff Hibbert. The Festive board was a continuation of a very pleasant evening. A raffle raised £117.50 for the Lodge Discretionary Fund.

## Provincial Registrar visits Portland Bill Quarry



On a college re-union in Weymouth, the Provincial Grand Registrar, WBro. Terry Weston, had the opportunity to visit Portland Bill to see at first hand the quarrying sites of a by gone age. The old hoists have been left in place as a reminder of how the blocks of stone were lowered down onto the awaiting barges, before heading for their intended destination. The Thames estuary, the gateway to London was one of the ports of call. Nelson's Column and Buckingham Palace are just two examples of where the stone has been used.



## Super Sub stands in for Howe Mark



Each year the Provincial Grand Master pays at least one Official Visit to a Mark Lodge in the Province accompanied by his Provincial Officers. On March 15th 2016 it was the turn of Howe Lodge of MMM No 21 to receive the Provincial team. The Lodge was opened and the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Stephen Davison, accompanied by his Deputy, VW Bro Ghanshyam Patel, and the Past Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Michael Herbert, and escorted by 23 Provincial Grand Officers of the year and 10 Grand Officers entered in procession.

The PGM was offered the gavel by the acting Worshipful Master, W Bro Martin Collins, who was occupying the Chair due to the indisposition of the WM, W Bro Alan Young, but politely declined the honour. The Lodge also received a deputation from the Fidelity Lodge No 491 who were making a reciprocal visit. The acting WM then advanced Bro Shaun Kerrigan, who must have been impressed by the excellent ceremony and the very large attendance.

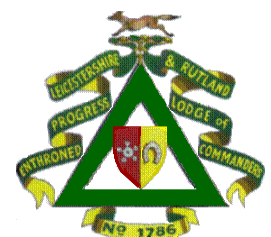
WBro. Don Peacock

## New RAM Banner dedicated at Lutterworth



The new Royal Ark Mariner Banner was officially dedicated on Friday 15th April 2016 in the Progress Lodge of Enthroned Commanders at Lutterworth Masonic Hall. The Commander of the Lodge, WBro. John Pinnock, invited his Senior Warden, RWBro. Stephen Davison to take the Chair for the dedication ceremony. The PGM then proceeded to ask his acting officers to take their respective places. The ceremony was conducted with much pomp and dignity under the direction of the Provincial DC, WBro. Bruce White. The acting Provincial Chaplain, WBro. Don Peacock, gave a well researched oration, explaining the History and purpose of the Banner dedication.

During the Lodge meeting, wives and partners of the Brethren were treated to a talk given by WBro. Michael Robinson on the subject of the Joey Dunlop Lodge. They then joined the Brethren at the Festive board for an excellent meal. The whole occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



# Flamingo Indian Sunday Lunch



An Indian Sunday lunch was held at the Flamingo restaurant on 13th March 2016, organised by the Fowke Mark Lodge No. 19. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison was in attendance to support the event as were many other Provincial Grand Officers. The afternoon was comprised of a three course meal and a raffle in aid of charitable causes. The Master of the Lodge, WBro. Roger Quantock can be justifiably proud of the occasion, having filled the room with 115 happy customers. From the proceeds of the raffle, £300 was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

## William Kelly Elevation



On Monday 11th April, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Chris Packham, assisted by his Officers, Elevated Bro. Brent Goodwin into the William Kelly Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 19. They are shown here with the official visitor, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, WBro. Keith Harkness. WBro. Cliff Rowley gave the Secrets & signs and Bro. Roger Quantock the Working Tools. The Address to the Elevatee was delivered by Bro. Paul Wallace. Two Past Provincial Grand Masters, R.W.Bros. Michael Herbert and Tony Morris were in attendance, a total of 36 Brethren in all.