

Simon de Montfort RAM Installation



PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, WCdr. Bro. David Crocker and WBro. Bob Greenlees.

On Monday 22nd May 2017, the WCdr. Bro. Stephen Johnson, Installed the new Commander, Bro. David Crocker. The new PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, was in attendance and presented the Warrant and By-Laws. Following the ceremony of Installation, WCdr. David Crocker, appointed and invested his Officers. The Address to the Commander was given by the PDepPGM, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel. The Keystone Jewel was presented by WBro. John Carter. The Festive board completed the evening, with good conversation, excellent food and wine.

New Grand Rank Appointments



WBros. John Carter, Terry Weston & Clive Weston

On the 9th June 2017, His Royal Highness, MWBro. Prince Michael of Kent, was pleased to invest three Brethren from the Province of Leics. & Rutland, receiving their first appointment. The recipients, seen here in the photograph are WBro. Terry Weston PAGDC and Bros. Clive Weston and John Carter, both PASwdB. Other appointments and promotions were received by WBros. Anthony Avery and Barrie Owens, both now PGJO and consequently VWBros. WBros. John Pinnock and Bruce White, were promoted to PGSD.

Ashby Mark Advancement



Bro. Trevor Delisle-Barrow, WM Bro. Chris Maybury & DC WBro. Rick Morris



On Monday 26th June 2017, the WM of the Ashby de la Zouch Mark Lodge No. 1783, together with his team of Officers Advanced Bro. Trevor Delisle-Barrow into Mark Masonry.

Many distinguished Brethren were present to witness the excellent ceremony, including the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, the DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock, the PPGM, RWBro. Anthony Morris, the PDPGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel and other Grand Officers, WBros. Harry Dalby, David Hagger, Michael Langley and Terry Weston.

The Secrets were delivered by WBro. Iain Walker, the Working Tools by Bro. Paul Long and the Concluding address by WBro. Robin Gilliver.

RWBro. Anthony Morris, the Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, announced, to those present, the donation of £3.1 million to replace the St. John's ambulances gifted eight years ago.

Mark Benevolent Fund Festival 2017



This year's Festival was held at Berkshire and several members of the province and their wives and partners travelled to Reading to support the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, RW Bro Richard Olliver, and his Festival Committee. The Provincial group consisted of the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock, Provincial Grand Treasurer, VWBro. Keith Harkness, Provincial Grand Almoner WBro. Geoff Hibbert, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, WBro. Clive Weston, and WBros. John Stock and Bob Rankin and their wives and partners. Our very own RWBro. Steve Davison was in attendance in his new role as Assistant Grand Master and RWBro. Tony Morris, accompanied by his wife Janet, in his role as Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The weekend commenced with a Beatles Tribute music night, which some of our members attended, while others enjoyed a chance to dine together at the hotel or in a restaurant in Reading. On the Saturday morning, the host province had arranged for coaches to take us to Windsor Castle and with pre-purchased tickets, we were able to by-pass the long queues for tickets on this glorious summer's day. Arriving back from Windsor, we had a chance to rest and then prepare for the Festival Banquet, which was held at Trunkwell House. Some 600 attended this event and everyone, enjoyed a splendid summer evening in rural surroundings. The Grand Secretary, RW Bro Ryan Williams, announced the results for the Festival and we heard that over £666,000 had been raised for the MBF, an excellent achievement. **Don Peacock**

Re-appointment of Deputy President



On Tuesday 13th June 2017, RW Bro. Anthony Morris was re-appointed as Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

This is indeed an honour for both Tony and for the Province of Leics. & Rutland and an office he enjoys considerably.

At the Communication of Grand Lodge on Tuesday 7th March 2017, it was announced that the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund had made grants totalling £100,381 to the following Worthy Causes:

Designability	£8,500
Dreams and Wishes	£10,000
Mark District of Italy	£25,000
Pathway Workshop	£25,381
Shelterbox for Haiti	£31,500

At the last meeting of the Ashby de la Zouch Lodge No. 1783 on 26th June 2017, Tony announced to those present that 3.1 million pounds had been allocated to replace the St. John's ambulances donated eight years ago to the Provinces of England and Wales. It is hoped that 18 ambulances and 34 support vehicles will be made available.



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for Life**

RAM Ladies' Dining Out Evening

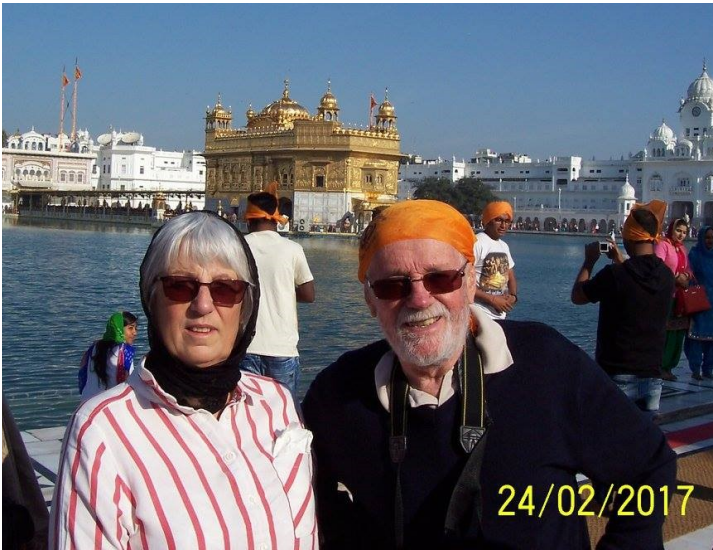
This annual event was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester on Friday 9th June 2017 and all holders of Grand Rank or Provincial Grand Rank and Worshipful Commanders and Past Commanders were invited to attend with their wives or partners.

Some 80 sat down to dine and an excellent time was had by all. This evening was the first event at which the new Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Phillip Mann, presided and he was accompanied by his wife Ruth. The DPGM, W Bro Don Peacock, was also present with his escort Mrs Vicky Gilbert.

The Past Provincial Grand Masters, RW Bros Michael Herbert, Tony Morris and Stephen Davison, with their wives and partners also supported the new PGM and the PGM and DPGM tried to talk to as many of the attendees as possible, during the course of the meal.

The event was organised by the new Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary, Bro Roger Whale, and all agreed that he had made an excellent job of the arrangements. The PGM thanked Bro Roger and the Provincial Grand Secretary, W Bro Pete Gibson-Leitch, for their hard work in organising the event and asked them to compliment the chef and the waiting staff for the quality of the food and service.

Trip to India



At the end of February 2017, a large party of Leics. & Rutland Masons, together with their wives and partners, flew out to India for an organised tour of the area of Gujarat. The full group can be seen at the top of the page, wearing their uniform green tops, to prevent themselves from getting lost. Headgear was also supplied, as can be seen in the photograph above. Reports from those who went, expressed a 'once in a lifetime' experience, savouring the delights of both well known places and good food. One of the much enjoyed experiences, was the elephant rides undertaken by most of the group. Thanks go out to VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel and his helpers for all the hard work put into the unique occasion. Another trip is being planned to the South of India in February 2019.