

PGM Donates £300



Melton Mowbray was one of the last stops for us, having come up from Northampton early in the morning. When we reached Melton there was only approx. 25 miles to go, hence people looking a little jaded! The 300 miles raised over £21,000 for Rainbows and the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

The cycle ride took us on a journey over four days, visiting all of the masonic centres in Leicestershire & Rutland, as well as the site of the Goose & Gridiron pub, and Grand Lodge, Great Queens Street.

The office press release reads:

The 300 mile trip not only marked the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry but raised over £21,000.00 to be split equally between the Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough and the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The 23 cyclists ranged from 19 to 64 years of age and were from 15 masonic lodges based in Leicester, Oakham, Syston, Market Harborough and Ashbourne in Derbyshire.

Richard Barnett

Official Team Visit to Joey Dunlop Mark Lodge No. 1881



On Saturday 19th August 2017, the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann and his team of Officers, attended the Joey Dunlop Mark Lodge No. 1881 on an official visit. The meeting was held in the Lutterworth Masonic Hall and was well attended by Masons from all over the country. Motor bikes parked outside the building gave a clear indication as to what was taking place.

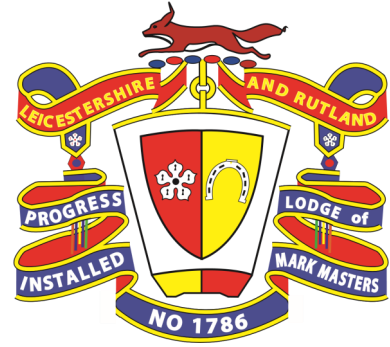
The PGM is shown here with the new Master, WBro. John Morris.

The PGM presented the Warrant, book of Regulations & Constitutions and the By-Laws.

The Address to the Master was given by WBro. James Millington, to the Wardens by WBro. David Milner, to the Overseers..... And to the Officers WBro. Barry Owens.

The Working Tools were presented by WBro. Paul Greenwood.

Progress Mark Installation



On Wednesday 6th September 2017, the Master, WBro. Stephen Johnson and his team of Officers, Installed WBro. Mark Meade into the Chair of the Progress Lodge No. 1786.

The PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann and his Deputy, WBro. Don Peacock are shown here with the new Worshipful Master.

The meeting was well attended and a smooth ceremony performed.

The happy atmosphere was continued at the Festive board, enhanced with the good food, conversation and company.

WBro. Anthony Wood has now produced a History of the Progress Lodge of Installed Mark Masters and is on sale at five pounds, proceeds of which will go towards the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

Mark Ladies' Dining Out Evening



Another Mark Ladies Dining Out Evening was held at London Road, Leicester on Friday 18th August 2017. Once again the evening was well attended and the occasion enjoyed by all those present.

Our new PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, opened the proceedings by welcoming the Brethren and their wives and partners.

A convivial dinner followed, with excellent food and pleasant conversation.

Our PGM thoroughly enjoyed himself and presented himself to each table as the afternoon wore on, to ensure that everyone was happy with the occasion as a whole.

24th Sandbanks Visit



Another September 2017, successful venture to Sandbanks, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The weather was once more kind to us, allowing for various visits within the local vicinity of Dorset. Our thanks to Rick Morris for organising the event and to all those who assisted him. You only have to look at the faces to appreciate what an enjoyable occasion it was.
Book in early next year for our 25th get together.

PGM Donates £1,040 to Caribbean Disaster Fund

On Saturday evening 9th September 2017, at the banquet, in the Haven hotel at Sandbanks, a raffle was held, which raised £710. This was donated to the Leics. & Rutland Benevolent Fund. The PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, topped this up, with another £330 from his Discretionary Fund, to an impressive total amount of £1,040.

He then announced that this amount would be donated to the Mark District Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Brian Cobham, of the South & East Caribbean District, to support their Disaster Fund, as a result of the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

Scout Lodge No. 1907 Visits Syston



On Saturday 16th September 2017, the Scout Lodge of MMM No. 1907, based in Derbyshire, visited Syston. The Lodge is peripatetic and travels far and wide, promoting Scouting in general and encouraging the formation of new Scout Lodges. The WM, Bro. Mike Gyles and his team, Advanced Bro. Clive D. Carroll. Many of the members were in Scouting regalia, as can be seen in the photograph. The Deputy Grand Master of Leics. & Rutland was in attendance, lending support for the occasion. WBro. Tony Harvey, seen above on the left, played an important part in making it an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. Following the ceremony, we were further entertained and enlightened, with a talk entitled 'Scouting in Leicestershire', given by Jack Barber, the County Youth Commissioner. The talk was accompanied with a visual computerised display, showing many different activities enjoyed by the Scouts.

An enjoyable Festive board rounded off the event. A raffle was held and the proceeds of £105 was donated to the Leics. & Rutland Development Fund. The DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock, intimated that the monies would probably find its way to the Leicestershire Scout Movement, to go towards a new building under construction.

Howe Mark No. 21 Installation



From left to right, the SW, Bro. Peter Crankshaw, the Asst. Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison, the new Master, Geoff Searson, the ProvGSW, WBro. Brian Golland and the JW, Bro. Graham Thorpe.

On Tuesday 19th September 2017, Bro. Geoffrey Searson was Installed as Master for the Howe Mark Lodge No. 21. The Assistant Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison, who is a member of the Lodge, was in attendance. Also in attendance was WBro. Brian Golland, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, in an official capacity, who presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-Laws. He also presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Alan Farmer. VWBro. Barrie Percival gave the Address to the new Master, WBro. Michael Harris to the Wardens, WBro. Malcolm Carrington to the Overseers and WBro. Graham Roper to the Brethren. Bro. Robert Stephens presented the Working Tools and WBro. David Lathrope presented and gave an explanation of the Keystone Collarette.