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On Tuesday 9th May 2017, the new Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, RWBro. Phillip J. Mann, was Installed by the Pro-Grand Master, RWBro. Richard Wallis, at the Annual meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The Installation was occasioned by the resignation of RWBro. Stephen Davison, who was himself Installed as the Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, on 13th June 2017. The Pro-Grand Master was assisted by a full team from Grand Lodge. Following his Installation, the new PGM announced that he would be appointing WBro. Donald A. Peacock as his new Deputy and then proceeded to invest and Install him. The Provincial Grand Lodge was called off just after 12:00 and the Brethren adjourned to the dining rooms, where 260 sat down at the Festive board. Provincial Grand Lodge was called on again at 3:00 pm and the rest of the normal business of the Annual meeting was conducted. The PGM paid a well deserved tribute to the outgoing Deputy PGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel, who had played a significant part in the success of the Province. The PGM then appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers, including WBro. Brian Golland as Senior Warden and WBro. Malcolm Carrington as Junior Warden. There were some changes in the Executive, with WBro. Peter Gibson-Leitch being appointed and invested as the new Provincial Grand Secretary and WBro. Roger Whale as his Deputy.

## East Goscote Mark Advance



From left to right, Bro. Craig Pollard, WM. Bro. John Hoskins and the DC, WBro. Ken Evans.

On Tuesday 28th February 2017, the WM, Bro. John Hoskins, with the assistance of his team of Officers, Advanced Bro. Craig Pollard into the Order of Mark Master Masons.

The Secrets were delivered by WBro. Gordon Richardson, the Working Tools by Bro. Stephen Topham and the Concluding address by Bro. David Andrews.

Grand Lodge Certificates were presented to Bros. Situl Raithatha and Alan Curtis by WBro. Gordon Richardson.

## Stony Gate Lodge No. 751-Installation



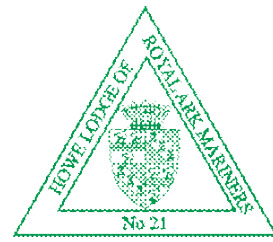
From left to right, WBro. Ian Needham, PGM, WM Bro. Peter Wright and Bro. Carl Windram.

On Friday 10th March, the WM, WBro. Bryn Bedder, invited WBro. Malcolm Colyer to take the Chair, to Install Bro. Peter Wright into the Chair. Bro. Peter is shown here with the PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison and the newly invested Wardens, Bro. Carl Windram and WBro. Ian Needham. The address to the new Master was given by WBro. Derrick Swinfield, to the Wardens, WBro. Les Shoebridge, to the Overseers, WBro. Ian Needham and to the Brethren, WBro. Geoff Hibbert.

The PGM presented Bro. Glenn Mitchell with his Grand Lodge Certificate, together with a comprehensive explanation of its contents. The meeting was well attended and was rounded off with an enjoyable Festive board.



# HOWE RAM Installation



On Monday 13th March 2017, the W.Cdr. and his team of Officers, Installed Bro. James Young into the Chair.

He is shown here with his Wardens, Bro. Tony Fraser and Bro. Michael Mee. WBro. Keith Harkness, the Provincial Grand Treasurer was the official visitor and he presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-Laws to the new Commander.

The address to the Commander was given by WBro. Mel Cowley and the Keystone Jewel delivered by WBro. Malcolm Carrington.

The evening was well attended and was rounded off with an excellent Festive board.

# Oliver RAM Elevation



Shown here is the WM, Bro. Geoff Hibbert, the Master Elect, Bro. Bob Greenlees and the Candidate, Bro. Kalpesh Chauhan.

**From left to right, Bro. Bob Greenlees, W.Cdr. Bro. Geoff Hibbert and Bro. Kalpesh Chauhan.**

On Monday 20th March 2017 the Oliver Lodge was honoured with a Provincial Visit. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, and his team of active Officers, entered the Lodge in ceremonial form. He was welcomed by the W.Cdr, Bro. Geoff Hibbert and offered the Gavel and Chair. On this occasion, the PGM accepted the Chair and then delegated offices for the ceremony. The PDGM, RWBro. Michael Herbert and the PPGM, RWBro. Anthony Morris, were also in attendance. A Grand Lodge Certificate was presented to Bro. Arvind Lakhani by the DPGM, WBro. Ghanshyam Patel, who gave a comprehensive explanation of its contents. Bro. Kalpesh Chauhan was then Elevated by the PGM and his team. The Secrets were delivered by WBro. Andrew Lee, The Working Tools by WBro. Peter Gibson-Leitch and the Address to the Candidate after Elevation, by WBro. Ghanshyam Patel. The Festive board was an enjoyable occasion, with 50 dining. The happy conversation reflected the positive mood of the evening, together with excellent food and wine.



## Howe Mark Provincial Visit



From left to right, WBro. Andy Lee, PGM, VWBro. Peter Foster Bro. Alan Farmer and WM Bro. Nicholas Simpson

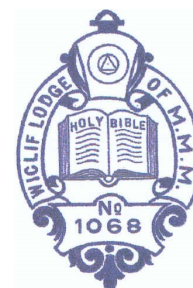
Over 80 Brethren attended the Howe Lodge of MMM No. 21 on Tuesday 21st March 2017. The Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Fidelity Lodge No. 491 were received in ceremonial form. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison and his active Officers of the year, also entered ceremoniously and were greeted by the Master, WBro. Nicholas Simpson.

Bro. Alan Farmer was then Advanced in due form and is shown above shaking hands with the WM. The DPGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel then Presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Andrew Parkinson.

The PGM then had the pleasure of presenting VWBro. Peter Foster with his 50 Year Certificate, giving a comprehensive resume of Peter's Career and History within the Order.

The Festive board was again a pleasurable experience with good food, wine and conversation. A raffle raised £440 and a further £570 from the Lodge's funds, brought the total to £1,010 to be donated to 'Heart Link', the Childrens' Heart Charity. The PGM then rose and added a further £490 from his Discretionary Fund, bringing the final total to £1,500.

## Wiclif Mark Installation



Bro. Jim Buckle, WBro. Steve Johnson, WM Bro. Mark Smith, Bro. Tony Stockton and WBro. Andy Stilgoe.

On 22nd March 2017, Bro. Mark Smith was Installed into the Chair by WBro. David Milner, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge. The WM, WBro. Keith Tiplady, had invited David to perform this duty. The address to the Master was given by WBro. David Bull, to the Wardens, WBro. Brian Rayner, to the Overseers, WBro. Michael Muncaster and to the Brethren, WBro. Richard Heap. The Working Tools were delivered by Bro. Jonathan Hallett.

A Grand Lodge Certificate was presented to Bro. Paul Weston by WBro Martin Sercombe.

The Official Visitor, was the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, WBro. Stephen Johnson, as shown above.

The Festive board was excellent and the happy atmosphere and enjoyable conversation was evident throughout the evening. A raffle raised £176 which was to be shared by the Sherricliff Charity and the PGM's Discretionary Fund.