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L. to r. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Don Peacock, the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith and the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann

On Thursday 3rd May 2018, the Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters No. 19 celebrated its Sesqui-centenary (150 years of continuous existence), at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The Lodge members enjoyed the company of many guests drawn from our other Mark Lodges, together with distinguished visitors from Grand Lodge and other Provinces. This special meeting was honoured with an official visit by the Provincial Grand Master who was accompanied by the team of Provincial Grand Officers of the year. The Lodge was further honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raymond J. Smith, who was accompanied by the Assistant Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Stephen Davison, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Ryan A. Williams, and V. W. Bro. Paul Paterson, a member of Joey Dunlop Lodge No. 1881, who was acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. During the proceedings, it pleased the Provincial Grand Master to confer field promotions on the Lodge Secretary, W. Bro. Stephen Finnigan, to Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and on the Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Tony Fraser, to Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer.

The Pro Grand Master presented the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Michael Walker with the Lodge's Sequi-centenary Warrant after which the Brethren received a very interesting talk on a brief history of the Lodge given by W. Bro. Aubrey Newman, who shed light on its earliest years and subsequent development. To further mark the occasion, and in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Lodge and to Mark Masonry in general, the Pro Grand Master honoured W. Bro. Aubrey by conferring on him in the field, a first appointment to Grand Rank as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Sesqui-centenary breast jewels and a printed History of the Fowke Lodge compiled by W. Bro. Aubrey were presented to the members by the Pro Grand Master, after which an enjoyable festive board completed a marvellous evening.

Oliver Lodge of RAM-Elevatee



L. to r. W.Bro. Don Peacock, Bro. Naishad Chatralia, W.Bro. Bob Greenlees and W.Bro. Ghanshyam Patel.



On Monday 19th March 2018, Bro. Naishad Chhatralia was Elevated into the Oliver Lodge by the Worshipful Commandeer Bob Greenlees and his Officers. He was assisted in the ceremony by W.Bros. Mark Glover, Ian Nesbitt and Ghanshyam Patel. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Don Peacock who presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Peter Ellwood. The occasion was well attended and an excellent Festive board completed an enjoyable evening.

Howe Mark Lodge— Advancee



L. to r. The new Advancee, Bro. Mark Edwards, the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Geoff Searson and Bro. Freddie Harris.



On the 20th March 2018, the WM, Bro. Geoff Searson, with the assistance of his team of Officers, Advanced Bro. Mark Edwards into the Howe Mark Lodge No. 21. The meeting was well attended, especially with the annual visit of the Fidelity Lodge No. 491, who were received in ceremonial form. Also in attendance were the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, the Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Anthony Morris, the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Ghanshyam Patel, plus ten other Grand Officers. The Worshipful Master and his Officers were assisted in the ceremony by V.W.Bro. Peter Foster, Bro. David Foster and W.Bro. Graham Roper. W.Bro. Barry Sayers, who was Master in 1997, was elected as Master for the ensuing year. A raffle at the Festive board, raised £115 for the P.G.M's Discretionary Fund.



Progress Mark Lecture on Cartophily



On Saturday 28th April 2018, members of the Progress Lodge of Installed Mark Masters No. 1786, together with their partners, met at Ashby de la Zouch for their Spring meeting. W.Bro. Terry Weston gave a talk on his hobby of collecting old cigarette cards. This was illustrated with a fraction of his collection on display for all to see. The talk included a History of the Hobby and reasons for cards to be used in cigarette packets. He also emphasised that he has always been a non smoker.

WM, Bro. Mark Meade and his wife Hazel, are shown here displaying framed sets of cards. Those held by Mark are Typhoo tea cards from 1933.

Ashby Lodge of RAM - Installation



L. to r. Bro. John Reynolds (Senior Warden), R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann, the New Commander W.Bro. Mark Meade and Bro. Geoff Warner (Junior Warden).

On Tuesday 3rd April 2018, the Worshipful Commander of the Ashby RAM Lodge No. 1783, Bro. Malcolm Talbot, with the assistance of his team of Officers, Installed Bro. Mark Meade into the Chair. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann, who witnessed a fine ceremony and presented the Warrant, Book of Regulations & Constitutions and Bye-Laws of the Province and those of the Lodge. The Worshipful Commander and his Officers were assisted in the ceremony by W.Bro. Harry Dalby and W.Bro. Maurice McMorran. The evening was completed with an excellent Festive board.

Grand rank First Appointments



From left to right, W.Bros. Martin Waddington, Andrew Lee, Peter Gibson-Leitch, Mel Cowley and John Goodacre.

On Tuesday 12th June, a large contingent of Leics. & Rutland Mark Master Masons travelled by coach from Syston via Lutterworth to the Grand Lodge Investiture Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, in London to witness five of our brethren receive First Appointments to Grand Rank. Those being invested were W. Bros. Mel Cowley, Peter Gibson-Leitch and Andy Lee, as Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and W. Bros. John Goodacre and Martin Waddington as Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearers. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent presided and carried out the individual investitures. We also witnessed the re-appointments of the Assistant Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Steve Davison, and R. W. Bro. Tony Morris as Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Our P.G.M. R. W. Bro. Phillip Mann was one of many P.G.M.s from across the country present, and our Province was further represented by the presence of the Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Michael Herbert. On returning, a splendid meal awaited us at Lutterworth Masonic Hall. Thanks go to W. Bro. John Goodacre for organising the trip, to W. Bro. Clive Weston for the coffee and bacon baps breakfast at Lutterworth, to Ms. Emily Davison who prepared the cobs for the coach trip, and W. Bro. Michael Cocks who kept everyone happy with a range of refreshments. A great day was had by all, and at the next meeting of Grand Lodge in September, three of our Grand Officers will be receiving promotions to Past Grand Rank; W. Bros. Don Peacock (P.G.S.D.), Bert Attfield (P.G.S.D.) and Les Woodhouse (P.G.J.D.).

Devonshire Court Cocktail Morning



The St. Peter's Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1078 supported by members of the Wiclif Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1068, held a Cocktail Morning in the Lifford Lounge at The R.M.B.I. care home at Devonshire Court on Saturday the 21st April.

The event was attended by residents from the home, and Brethren and their Ladies from the both Lodges.

Cocktails were shaken, and served to all present by Brethren dressed appropriately in black bow ties.

A two part quiz was run by V.W.Bro. Michael Robinson who reminded all present that the beautiful Lounge had been made possible by the substantial legacy left by the Late W.Bro. Fred Lifford who had been a member of both Lodges.

All residents were able to take from the event a raffle prize donated by the Brethren, and the Ladies attending.

Stony Gate BBQ

On Sunday the 10th June 2018, the Worshipful Master of the Stony Gate Mark Lodge No. 751, Bro. Carl Windram and his wife, held a very successful BBQ at his luxurious home in Fleckney. The weather was perfect and the food and company excellent. The event was well attended and the raffle raised £400, which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund. W.Bro. Mark Meade, of the Ashby Mark Lodge, together with other guests, took advantage of the heated swimming pool, with an impressive diving display.



The Photograph shows R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann being presented with the cheque by Debbie Windram.

150th Anniversary of the Mark Benevolent Fund

Many Leicestershire & Rutland Mark Masons, together with their wives and partners, enjoyed a pleasant summer weekend in Lincoln, supporting our friends from the Province of Lincolnshire at their festival banquet on Saturday 8th July in celebration of the conclusion of the 150th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF). Earlier in the day, many took advantage of the organised trip to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Museum at East Kirby, formerly a WW2 bomber airfield; and afterwards to the newly opened International Bomber Command Centre which has the UK's tallest war memorial and overlooks Lincoln Cathedral and the city. After a busy day out, around 900 guests representing every Mark province gathered for the black tie banquet that evening at the Lincolnshire Showground. The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master and their ladies were in attendance, along with other dignitaries from Grand Lodge and the Mark Benevolent Fund. A drinks reception preceded the meal, after which the evening rounded off with the formalities and toasts during which the Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, R.W.Bro. Revd. Trevor Walker, expressed his thanks for the support and donations received. The Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, having built up the suspense, announced that the grand sum raised was an impressive £853,023. A firework display closed a wonderful evening.



W.Bro. Don Peacock next to East Kirby's Lancaster bomber, named 'Just Jane'. Long term restoration works are underway to return it to flight.

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