

Presentation of Blood Bikes and Support Vehicles to National Association of Blood Bike Groups

On Friday 17th August 2018, representatives from each Mark Province were invited to the National Motor Cycle Museum at Birmingham to witness the handover of over 25 Blood Bikes and support vehicles to many of the groups of volunteers throughout England and Wales who provide this much needed service to the community. Each blood bike group helps to deliver urgently needed units of blood to hospitals throughout their region and in addition conveys blood samples for analysis, milk for nursing mothers etc. All of this is done with no cost to the NHS and each blood bike group is supported by voluntary donations. Some three years ago this service was brought to the attention of the Masonic community and many Provinces have supported their blood bike group since that time.

Last year the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) raised £440,000 through a sponsored walk in London. The walkers from Leicestershire and Rutland were R.W. Bro. Steve Davison, now Assistant Grand Master, W. Bros. John Goodacre, Simon Castleman, Terry Weston, Peter Gibson-Leitch and Don Peacock. This left the MBF with a very enjoyable problem to solve – where should the money go?

After due consideration it was agreed to supply a new motorcycle or support vehicle to every Blood Bike group that applied and following the applications it was agreed that a co-ordinated handover should take place at the National Motorcycle Museum this year. The Provincial Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Phillip Mann, and his Deputy, W. Bro. Don Peacock, attended to represent the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland .

The Leicestershire and Rutland bike, had been brought over by Bro. Colin Brink, a Mark Master Mason from the Knight of Malta Lodge of MMM, No. 30 TI.

The vehicles were then blessed in a short service by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Bruce Harry. He led prayers for the work that the vehicles would do and for the safety of the riders and drivers.

Following this dedication the Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, R. W. Bro. Tony Morris formally handed over the keys of each vehicle to all the recipient groups.



Bro. Colin Brink is shown in his volunteers outfit with the PGM, R..W.Bro. Phillip Mann and the DPGM,



The picture shown above depicts R.W. Bro. Tony (who is of course a Past Provincial Grand Master of our Province) presenting the keys to Bro. Colin Brink and Ollie Cufflin, the Chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland Blood Bike organisation.



L. to R. The PGM, R.W. Bro. Phillip Mann, W. Bro. Mike Fahey, Bro. Colin Brink, the AGM R.W. Bro. Stephen Davison and the Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, R.W. Bro. Tony Morris.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Ryan Williams, in his closing remarks stated that we should all be proud as Mark Master Masons for the work that we do through the MBF. There are some 47,000 Mark Masons around the world under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the good work done by the MBF is entirely down to the tremendous generosity of each and every one of them.

What a super and very special day and it is as well to re-iterate the words of the Grand Secretary – Brethren you can all be very proud!

Congratulations to

Leicestershire and Rutland Blood Bikes

on becoming a worthy recipient of a grant from the

Mark Benevolent Fund

May your vehicle serve your volunteers and patients

well in the many miles to come

Friday, 17 August 2018
National Blood Bike Museum
Birmingham

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M.W. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, G.C.V.O.
Grand President
of the Mark Benevolent Fund

Howe Lodge of MMM No. 21-Installation



From left to right, the AGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, the new Master, WBro. Barry Sayers, the Installing Master, WBro. Martin Collins and the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann.

On Tuesday 18th September 2018, WBro. Barry Sayers was Installed as Master of the Howe Lodge of MMM No. 21 by the Stand in Installing Master of the evening, WBro. Martin Collins. This was an Historical event, as WBro. Barry was last Master of the Lodge in 1997. The Address to the new Master was given by WBro. Alan Roberts, to the Wardens by WBro. Michael Harris, to the Overseers by WBro. Richard Lambert and to the Brethren by WBro. Mark Bigam. The meeting was well supported by Visitors and Friends of the new Master, many of whom had travelled great distances. The PGM, presented Grand Lodge Certificates to Bros. Clive Sparling and Mark Edwards. The evening was further enhanced by an excellent Festive board.

William Kelly Lodge of RAM No. 19-Installation



On Monday 10th December 2018, the WCdr, Bro. Alan Coleman Installed the new Worshipful Commander, Bro. Anthony Wood into the Chair. The Address to the new WCdr. Was given by WBro. Colin Cranmer. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro. Don Peacock was in attendance and presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-Laws. The meeting was well attended and at the Festive board, a cheque for £550 was donated to the PGMs Discretionary Fund.

From left to right, the DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock, the SW, Bro. John Peberdy, the new Commander, WBro. Anthony Wood and the DC, WBro. Steve Finnigan.

Simon de Montfort Lodge of RAM No. 194-Elevation



From left to right, the JW, Bro. Darren Bowles, the Elevatee, Bro. Jay Popat, the Commander WBro. Hemant Trivedi and the JW, Bro. Alan Marshall.

On 19th June 2018, the WCdr. and his Officers Elevated Bro. Jay Popat into the Simon de Montfort Lodge of RAM. The Secrets were delivered by WBro. David Crocker, the Working Tools by Bro Mike Waring and the Address after Elevation by WBro. John Pinnock. The DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-Laws to the Candidate. A cheque for £200 was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

Knight of Malta Lodge of RAM No. 30-Installation



On the 15th November 2018, the WCDr. Bro. Ian Truslove Installed Bro. Geoff Phipps into the Chair. The PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann and his Deputy, WBro. Don Peacock were both in attendance, as were the Past PGMs, RWBros. Michael Herbert and Anthony Morris. The Address to the new Commander was given by the DPGM, WBro. Don Peacock. A Grand Lodge Certificate was presented to Bro. Colin Brink by RWBro. Anthony Morris. The Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-Laws were presented to the new Commander by the PGM. The event attracted many visitors and the Festive board continued the good spirit and atmosphere of the evening. £182 raised in the raffle, was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

Fowke Mark Lodge No. 19-Official Visit




From left to right, the JW, Bro. David Kibert, the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann, the recipient of a 50 year certificate, WBro. David Witcomb, the Master, WBro. David Cooper, the Candidate, Bro. Arjun Sudra and the Provincial DC, WBro. Andrew Lee.

On Thursday 13th December, the PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann and his Officers of the year, made an Official visit to the Fowke Mark Lodge No. 19. The PDGM, RWBro. Michael Herbert and many other Grand Officers were also in attendance. The Master, WBro. David Cooper, Advanced Bro. Arjun Sudra with the assistance of VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel, who explained the Secrets, WBro. David Sandrovitch, who explained the Working Tools and Jaswant Gohil, who gave the Concluding Address.

The PGM presented a framed Grand Lodge 50 year Certificate to WBro. David Witcomb, after giving a resume of his Masonic History. This was followed up by the Provincial DC, WBro Andrew Lee with a proclamation. The PGM, then proceeded to make a promotion in the field to WBro. David to Provincial Grand Senior Warden for his services to his Lodge and to the Province.

The Festive board was continued in the same happy spirit, with over 60 dining. The Master made a donation of £520 to the PGM's Discretionary Fund, from the proceedings of a raffle. On the strength of this, the PGM then immediately donated £1,000 to the Charity, 'Hope against cancer'.

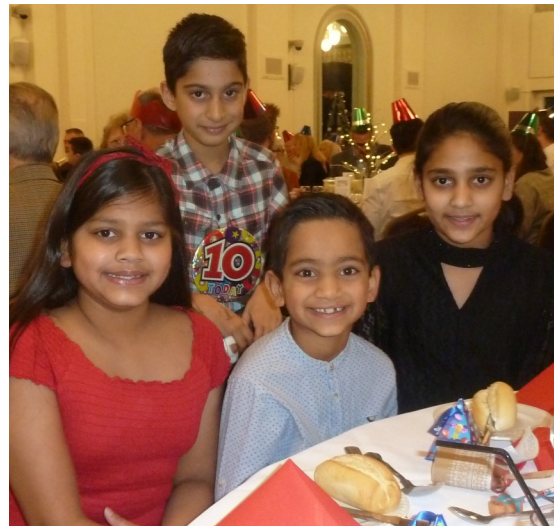


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Mark Christmas Party



On Sunday the 16th December 2018, the annual Mark Christmas Party was held at London Road, Leicester. The event was attended by Father Christmas and his Elves whilst on their travels delivering presents. A selection of happy children are shown above during the festivities. The Wyggeston Brass Band entertained at reception and during the proceedings. A raffle raised £710 which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund. Our thanks go out to the organisers and the hard working staff of London Road.