## **Hand over of Treatment Centre**





# Caring for Life

On Saturday 1st December 2018, the St. John Ambulance Treatment Centre was officially handed over for use in Leicestershire and Rutland. The Mark Benevolent Charity Fund is actively replacing units throughout the country. The Mark Executive were all in attendance to witness the occasion at the Leicester Cathedral. The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison gave a brief talk on the excellent work carried out by the Mark Benevolent Charity Fund. The PGM, R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann, also said a few words to celebrate the occasion and handed over the keys to the crew of the ambulance. The Deputy PGM, W.Bro. Don Peacock, gave a prayer of thanks, after the Treatment Centre had been blessed by the Clergy of the Cathedral. Despite the inclement weather, the occasion attracted a large group of Brethren and their partners. After the formal handover, refreshments were provided in the adjoining centre. The ambulance then proceeded to the 'King Power Stadium', to carry out its duties for the community.

Clive's Garden Party in Lutterworth





From left to right, the Craft PGM, RWBro. David Hagger, WBro. Clive Weston and the Mark PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann.

On Sunday 29th July 2018, WBro. Clive Weston organised a Garden Party at his house in Lutterworth. After two days of continuous rain, the event proved lucky and the rain held off long enough to make the afternoon very successful. Over 70 members attended, together with their partners and friends. Over £2,000 was raise, of which £1,000 was donated to the Mark PGM's Discretionary Fund and £1,000 to the Craft PGM's 2022 Appeal. Our thanks to Clive and his wife and family and to all others who helped to make the event so successful.

## St. George's Lodge-Advancee





From left to right, the Provincial JW, W.Bro. Geoff Phipps, the Re-joiner, W.Bro. Gary McVeigh, the Master, W.Bro. Ian Johnson, the Candidate, Bro. Bharat Rana and the Provincial SW, W.Bro. David Milner.

On Wednesday 2nd January 2019, the Master, W.Bro. Ian Johnson, welcomed as a Re-joiner, W.Bro. Gary McVeigh. He also Advanced Bro. Bharat Rana, with the assistance of V.W.Bro. Mike Jacobs, who presented the Secrets, Bro. Nitesh Bhundia, the Working Tools and W.Bro. Peter Kinder, who gave the Concluding Address.

The meeting was well attended and both Provincial Wardens were present. The Provincial JW, W.Bro. Geoff Phipps presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Richard Powell. The Festive board was also very enjoyable and continued with in the same positive atmosphere.

## **Rutland RAM-Elevatees**









On Wednesday 9th January 2019, the WCdr. Bro.Martin Waddington had the pleasure of Elevating two Candidates into the Rutland Lodge of RAM No. 1051. He was assisted during the ceremony by W.Bro. Brian Golland, who presented the Secrets, Bro. Philip Gardner, the Working Tools and W.Bro. Keith Harkness, who gave the Address after Elevation to both Candidates. The PDPGM, W.Bro. Ghanshyam Patel and the PProvGJW, W.Bro. John Goodacre, were both in attendance. The Festive board rounded off an excellent evening.

#### Post Christmas Bash 2018 Lutterworth

In order to dispel the post Christmas Blues, Clive and Ann Weston arranged a Sunday lunch at Lutterworth on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Originally the event was to be held at their house but because of the popularity they moved it to the Wiclif Rooms where around 80 Brethren, their ladies and friends gathered to enjoy a welcome few hours together.

Following a drink, we moved to the buffet where we were greeted with a wonderful choice of hot and cold foods including a whole poached salmon. Several of us decided that the food was too good to send back to the kitchen and went back for seconds and thirds. The desserts were equally appreciated and everyone was well satisfied by the time it came round for the singer, Paula, to appear for her hour-long session, performing songs from the Dusty Springfield repertoire and many others. Paula recruited a "volunteer" from the audience to accompany her in a rendition of a couple of songs and I am glad to say that "Bobby" did not let her down.



After Paula had finished, she was warmly applauded and we look forward to seeing her again in some future performance. There was a huge raffle and the result was that W Bro Clive, the Provincial Grand Charity Steward for the Mark Province, was able to hand cheques for £500 to the Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Phillip Mann, for his Discretionary Fund and also cheques for £500 each to the Edward Sherrier and Wiclif Craft Lodges and all of these will be in aid of the Craft 2022 Festival. An excellent afternoon and much appreciated by all.

Don Peacock
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2019



## **Stony Gate Mark-Advancees**





From left to right, the Provincial Grand DC, WBro. Andy Lee, the Master, WBro. Carl Wndram, the candidates, Bros. Andy Glanville and Mick Norman and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro. Don Peacock.

On Friday 11th January 2019, the Master, WBro. Carl Windram Advanced Bros. Michael Norman and Andrew Glanville into the Stony Gate Lodge No. 751. He was assisted by VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel, who presented the Secrets, Bro. Philip Curtis the Working Tools and WBro. Geoff Hibbert who gave the Concluding address. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro. Don Peacock and the Past Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Michael Herbert, were in attendance. Grand Lodge Certificates were presented to Bros. Michael Lapworth and Steven Milnes by VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel. Thirty six dined afterwards and the raffle raised £195 towards the Lodge's Centenary Fund.

#### **Howe RAM-Elevatee**



From left to right, the DPGM for Notts, WBro. Chris Adkin, the Candidate, Bro. Paul Rayne, the Commander, WBro. Tony Fraser, the Cdr. Elect, Bro. Michael Mee and the DPGM for Leics. & Rutland, WBro. Don Peacock.



On Monday 14th January 2019, the Cdr, WBro. Tony Fraser, Elevated Bro. Paul Rayne into the Howe Lodge of RAM No. 21. He was assisted by WBro. Graham Jackson who presented th Secrets, WBro. Stuart Cooper, the Working Tools and WBro. Michael Harris who gave the Address after Elevation. The Deputy PGM was in attendance and presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Timothy Ayris.

### **Howe Mark-Advancee**



From left to right, The Master, WBro. Barry Sayers, the Candidate, Bro. Alan Dawson and the ProvGJW, WBro. Geooff Phipps.

On Tuesday 15th January 2019, the Master, WBro. Barry Sayers, Advanced Bro. Alan Dawson into the Howe Mark Lodge No. 21. He was assisted by WBro. Nick Simpson, who presented the Secrets, WBro. Richard Lambert, the Working Tools and WBro. Mark Bigam, who gave the Concluding Address. The Official Visitor was the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, WBro. Geoff Phipps.

At the Festive board, the raffle raised £155 for the Master's charity, the 'Limb Salvage Unit' based at the Leicester University.