

Progress Lodge welcomes Stephanie Brown



On Saturday 16th May 2015, the Progress Lodge of Installed Masters No. 1786 welcomed Stephanie Brown, President of the holiday home in Mablethorpe. On this occasion the meeting was held at Syston. After the short meeting, wives and partners of Brethren present, were invited into the Lodge room to listen to Stephanie who gave a comprehensive talk on the running of the charity and in particular, elaborated on the recent installation of play equipment, thanks to the donation of £25,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund. Sixty five sat down for lunch, on 8 circular tables, to enjoy the splendid meal. The PGM., RWBro. Anthony Morris made a donation of £650 to the Mablethorpe charity which included monies from the collection in the Lodge, Raffle and from his Discretionary Fund. The PGM also presented a dolls house donating by a Brother for use by the children at the home.



Seen here is the Worshipful Master, Bro. Terry Weston together with the Senior Warden, WBro. Stephen Davison (Master Elect) and the Junior Warden, WBro. Stephen Johnson.



Rutland Mark Lodge No. 1051 Installation

On Wednesday 13th May 2015, the day after Provincial Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Kenneth Newbold installed his successor, Bro. James R. Hague. The PGM., RWBro. Anthony Morris was in attendance, together with the Deputy PGM., WBro. Stephen Davison, Provincial Grand Master Designate. WBro. Paul A. Wright was invested as the new Secretary, taking over from WBro. Phillip J. Mann. The Lodge also donated £200 to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.



The Deputy PGM, WBro. Stephen Davison, congratulating WBro. William Hutchison, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



Guernsey Break



Trip to Guernsey

On Wednesday 29th April 2015, Brethren and partners set off from East Midlands airport for a short break in Guernsey. The flight was brief and the weather was so clear, that it enabled good views as we left the South coast and headed for the Channel Islands.

On arrival, hire cars were collected and everyone made for the La Barbarie Hotel in St. Martin.

Over the next few days, groups used their time in various ways to explore the island to reach vantage points for the many scenic views. Other pastimes included visits to antique sales and shops, war museums and war installations.

On the Friday, most of the party set off for the island of Sark. The weather was not kind and many struggled to enjoy the boat trip, due to the constant rolling and dipping in the rough sea. Once ashore, groups were ferried around the island by horse and cart, as no cars are allowed. The only vehicles were the many tractors owned by the farmers. The rain held off, enabling the trips around the island to be enjoyed.

The quality and presentation of the food at the hotel was excellent, as was the service provided by the staff. Meal times were thoroughly enjoyed and savoured and the happiness of those on the trip was much in evidence.

Our thanks go to all those who organised the event and made this short break such an enjoyable experience.



New Provincial Wardens for 2015-16



New Wardens were invested at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday 12th May 2015. The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Anthony Morris, was pleased to appoint and invest as Senior Warden, WBro. Martin S.R. Waddington, Secretary of the East Goscote Lodge No. 970.

He was also pleased to appoint and invest as Junior Warden, WBro. John Goodacre, Director of Ceremonies of the Stony Gate Lodge No. 751. Both will carry out their duties, involving official visits, to Mark and RAM Lodges, during the Masonic Mark year.





East Goscote Ladies Evening



The East Goscote Mark Lodge No. 970 chose to have their Ladies evening at the Carillon Rooms at Loughborough Masonic Hall on Saturday 6th June 2015. The WM, Bro. Ivan Scott and his wife Mary, are seen here welcoming their guests to the event. The evening was well attended and the caterers were very attentive. Following an excellent meal, the guests danced the night away to the music performed by 'Going Back'.



Ashby - PGM's First Official Visit



On Monday 22nd June 2015, the New Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison, paid his first official visit to Ashby de la Zouch Mark Lodge No. 1783. He witnessed an excellent ceremony with the WM, Bro. Iain B. Walker, Advancing the candidate, Bro. David John Yates. Bro. Yates is our new man at the forefront of the Mark Website. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel, was also in attendance, together with many Grand Officers and visitors. The Secrets were delivered by WBro. Harry Dalby, the Working tools by Bro. Christopher Terry and the Concluding Address by Bro. Terry Hueck.

The evening was rounded off with a convivial festive board. The excellent food and happy conversation was enjoyed by all.

Provincial Grand Master attends his Lodge



The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, was in attendance at the Simon de Montfort RAM Lodge No. 194 on Friday 30th June 2015 which is his own Lodge.

The WM, Bro. Grahame Harrison and his officers had the pleasant duty of Elevating Bro. Paul Graham Prendergast into the Order. The Secrets were delivered by WBro. John Pinnock, the Working Tools by Bro. Darren Bowles and the Address after Elevation by WBro. Ghanshyam Patel.

The evening was rounded off with an excellent meal, with good company and happy conversation.



Grand Lodge - Appointments & Promotions



On Tuesday 9th June, a luxury coach left Syston and headed for Great Queens Street in London. It was filled with Mark Master Masons, travelling to support those receiving their first appointments or promotions.

MWBro. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, was pleased to make the following First Appointments and promotions:

WBro. Richard A.F. Dimplebee, received his first appointment as Grand Steward and WBro. J. Alan Berry as Past Grand Sword Bearer.

WBros, Barrie O. Percival, Kenneth Beesley and Peter N. Foster, were all promoted to Past Grand Junior Overseer.

On the return home, the coach stopped off at the George Hotel at Kilsby, where the Brethren ate and drank their pre ordered meals. The food provided is of excellent value and the venue is now used by other Orders in Masonry. It is a very old pub and is situated near to the entrance of the tunnel on the main railway line to London.



RAM Ladies Dining out Evening



On Friday 5th June 2015, the annual RAM Ladies Dining out Evening, proved to be as popular as ever. It was a colourful and happy occasion, attended by many who had not done so in the past. Cocktails prior to the meal, enabled the Brethren and their Ladies to mingle and socialise before entering the dining room.

The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Anthony Morris, welcomed those present before the meal was served. The three course meal was excellent and well chosen.

The dining staff were efficient and looked after everyone's needs.

The PGM, in his usual cheerful manner, moved round to each table engaging each and all in friendly conversation.

As usual, our thanks go out to the organisers, for making the evening such a success.

