

# New RAM Grand Rank

A luxury coach, organised by WBro. Bryan Simpson, left Syston on Tuesday 8th December 2015 and headed for London. Those aboard were travelling to support WBro. Martin Sercombe, who was to receive his Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. The other appointment was for WBro. Ken Beesley, who unfortunately had passed away. Other Brethren were picked up en route from Lutterworth. The first stop was at Mark Masons' Hall, where those present were joined by the PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison and the Past PGMs, Anthony Morris and Michael E. Herbert, to enjoy a carvery meal and drinks. The party then boarded the coach, to travel to Great Queen Street for the annual ceremony. The Pro Grand Master, MWBro. Richard V. Wallis, chaired the meeting. On the way back to Leicester, refreshments were enjoyed in the form of samosas, supplied by VWBro. Ghanshyam's wife Indira, ham and tongue rolls, supplied by the PGM's daughter Emily and a variety of drinks organised by WBro Bryan Simpson. Our thanks to Bryan for organising the enjoyable and successful event.



# William Kelly Installation



On Monday 14th December 2015, Bro. Christopher G. Packham was Installed as Commander of the William Kelly Lodge No. 19. He is seen here with his Wardens, Bros. Ian R. Johnson and Alan Coleman. During the Inner workings, RWBro. Michael E. Herbert sat in the SW's chair, RWBro. Anthony Morris the JW's chair and WBro. Peter C. Kinder acted as Guardian. The address to the new Commander was given by WBro. Colin Cranmer. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison presented a Grand Council Certificate to Bro. Martin C. Herbert. He also presented the Warrant, Bible, Book of Constitutions & Regulations and By Laws to the new Commander, WBro. Christopher G. Packham. The attendance at the meeting was good, with over forty dining. The festive spirit continued at the festive board,





# Mark Christmas Lunch 2015

Sunday 20th December 2015, proved to be another success for the Annual Mark Christmas Lunch. Over 200 Brethren, family, friends and children enjoyed the occasion and the atmosphere was joyous. There were drinks on arrival accompanied by festive music from the brass band. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, gave a welcoming address before everyone sat down to eat their meal. The new Christmas quiz proved popular, though not easy. The raffle raised £1,000 which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund. The prizes of Christmas hampers were won by RWBro. Anthony Morris, WBro. Gordon Smith and Mr. James Tiernan. Father Christmas, together with his Elfin friend, made a timely appearance and distributed gifts to all the children. He was welcomed in by the singing and accompaniment of the Carol, 'Jingle Bells'. As usual, 'The twelve days of Christmas' rounded off the afternoon, with each table playing their part enthusiastically. Our thanks go out to all those who made the occasion so enjoyable.





# Stony Gate Welcomes Advances



The Stony Gate Lodge No. 751 was honoured by the presence of the Past Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Michael E. Herbert, on Friday 8th January 2016. He is shown here, together with the WM, Bro. John Stock and the Advances, Bros. Carl S. Johnson-Biddles and William F. Roberts. During the ceremony, WBro. John Goodacre gave the Secrets, Bro. Philip Curtis gave an explanation of the Working Tools and WBro. Geoff Hibbert delivered the Concluding address.

Both Candidates are members of the Gateway Craft Lodge, joining their many friends in their new venture.

Both were presented, at the Festive board, with a copy of the Summons, duly signed by all those attending. The evening was rounded off with good food, wine and jovial conversation.

## Howe Mark Advancee



WBro. Alan Young assisted by his officers, Advanced Bro. Samuel A. Harris into the Howe Lodge of MMM on Tuesday 19th January 2016. The Master was assisted by WBro. David Adkin, who gave the Secrets, Bro. Paul Blakemore the Working Tools and Bro. Geoff Barnes the Concuding Address. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison was in attendance, it being his mother Lodge.



# Oliver RAM Elevatee



## Surprise, surprise.

Towards the end of the meeting, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison, asked his Provincial Deputy DC, WBro. Martin Bromley to escort the Provincial DC onto the floor. The PGM then appointed and invested WBro. Bruce White to the high honour of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, with immediate effect and was presented with a collarette for his hard work and dedication to the Order.

On Monday 18th January 2016, Bro. Jonathan Mawby was Elevated into the Oliver Lodge of RAM No. 751. The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison was in attendance to witness the occasion. The WCdr, Bro. David Hurst was assisted in the ceremony by WBro. John Carter, who gave the Secrets, WBro. Ian Nesbitt the Working Tools and WBro. Geoff Hibbert who gave the Concluding Address. The evening was completed with an enjoyable Festive Board, full of humour and pleasant conversation.

## Installation and 50 year Certificate



On Thursday 21st January 2016, the PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison attended the Knight of Malta Lodge No. 30 at the Masonic Hall in Hinckley. Bro. Francis John Bevington was ably installed into the Chair by WBro. Brian S. Carruthers. The Address to the new Master was given by WBro. Don A. Peacock, to the Wardens, WBro. John S. Channing, to the Overseers, WBro. Paul D. Greasley and to the Brethren, WBro. David R. Macurrie.

Following the Installation, the PGM had the delightful task of presenting a 50 Year Certificate to WBro. John W. Gilbert, together with a comprehensive History of his Masonic career.

The Provincial Senior Warden, WBro. Martin Waddington, in his official capacity, presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Ian J. Clarke.

The Past Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Michael E Herbert, presented a framed photo to the PPGM, RWBro. Anthony Morris, which is to be hung at a later date in the Hinckley Masonic Hall.

The PGM's Discretionary Fund benefitted from the raffle at the Festive Board, to the sum of £104.90 The evening was rounded off with the traditional rendition of, 'Sweet Molly Malone'.