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## PGM Makes Progress



The PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, was installed into the Chair of the Progress Lodge of Installed Masters No. 1786 on Wednesday 2nd September 2015, by WBro. Terry Weston. There was a good turn out for this rare occasion, which included two other PGMs, guests of our Provincial Grand Master. They were, RWBro. Peter M. Ball for Nottinghamshire and RWBro. Roger S. Mac for Warwickshire. The DPGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel was in attendance and presented the Warrant, Book of Constitutions & Regulation and By Laws to the new WM. WBro. John Smith presented the Working Tools and WBro. Bryan Simpson gave the Address. The proceeds of the collection and raffle totalled £482 which were donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

## £2,500 Donation to PGM's Discretionary Fund



The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison, is shown here with Mark Pierpoint and his family, having presented a cheque for £2,500 for his Discretionary Fund. This money was raised at the Summer Garden Party event held at Wibtoft, the home of the Pierpoints. The presentation was made during the festivities at the annual Mark Christmas lunch on Sunday 20th December 2015.

## East Goscote Mark Sunday Lunch at Birstall Golf Club



The East Goscote Lodge of MMM No. 970, held a Sunday Lunch fund raising event on Sunday 9th August 2015 at the Birstall Golf Club. It was well attended by families and friends, a total of 60 diners. It was a warm, sunny day and the guests were able to enjoy the view across the golf course. The Raffle was well received, resulting in £200 donated to the Help for Heroes Charity and £200 donated to the Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund, of which £40 was a top up from Lodge Funds. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Ivan Scott, welcomed his guests and generally made the occasion a great success.

## Joey Dunlop Mark Meet at Lutterworth



Saturday 15th August 2015 saw the arrival of many impressive motor bikes at the Wycliffe Rooms, Lutterworth. It was the Installation meeting of the Joey Dunlop Lodge of MMM No. 1881. The meeting was attended by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison., accompanied by the Provincial Director of Ceremonies, WBro. David Milner, Who had travelled down from Yorkshire. At this meeting, WBro. Mike Fahey Installed Bro John Hibberd into the Chair. And Bro. Stuart P. Sands became a Joining member of the Lodge. The Brethren enjoyed an excellent Festive Board in the newly refurbished Masonic Hall. The Rhubarb, donated by Bro. Malcolm Longley, was won by WBro. Bryan Everett, who donated it to the Hall Caterers.



## Mark Ladies Dining Out



The Annual Mark Ladies Dining Out took place at Freemasons' Hall on Friday 21st August 2015. As usual, it was well attended by the Executive, Grand Officers and Officers of the year, together with their wives, partners and friends. This year, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges within the Province, were also invited. After cocktails, everyone assembled in the Oliver dining room and received a warm welcome from the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Stephen Davison.

As usual, the meal was enjoyed by all amid friendly company and pleasant conversation.

At the end of the proceedings, the PGM presented Janet Morris a beautiful bouquet of flowers, following her recent recovery from surgery.

## Howe Mark No. 21 Installation

On Tuesday 15th September 2015, Bro. Alan Young was Installed as Worshipful Master of the Howe Lodge of MMM No. 21. The WM, Martin R. Collins invited WBro. Mark P. Bigam to perform the Inner workings on his behalf. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel was in attendance and had the pleasurable duty of presenting a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Robert Stephens. VWBro. Richard W. Davis gave the Address to the Master, WBro. Michael J. Harris to the Wardens, WBro. Richard J. Lambert to the Overseers and WBro. Graham C. Roper to the Brethren. The Working Tools were presented by Bro. Geoffrey Barnes and the Keystone Lodge Collorette was presented and illustrated by WBro. David Lathrope.

The Festive Board was an enjoyable occasion with good food and happy convivial conversation.





# Wibtoft Charity Garden Party

**LEUKAEMIA  
& LYMPHOMA  
RESEARCH**  
Beating Blood Cancers



On Sunday 30th August 2015, WBro. Mark Pierpoint and his family held a Charity Garden party at his home at Manor Farm, Wibtoft. It was in aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research and other local charities. Although the weather wasn't perfect, it didn't affect the occasion and everyone enjoyed themselves. A staggering total of £9,300 was raised. Donations were made to: the Mark PGM's Discretionary Fund-£2,500; Lutterworth's charity Sherriccliffe-£2,000; the Teenager Cancer Trust, in the name of Jay Harrison-£2,300 and to the Chapter GSupt.'s Fund-£2,500. The BBQ in the afternoon was excellent, with entertainment from Tamsin and Paul, followed in the evening with curry and chilli, with further entertainment from a 9 piece band. Our thanks and congratulations go out to the hard working organisers.

## Sick Note Covered by Deputy PGM



The official visit of the Provincial team to Simon de Montfort RAM Lodge No. 194 took place on Thursday 10th September 2015. The Deputy PGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel. literally deputised for our PGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, who had been rushed into hospital for an emergency operation to remove his ruptured appendix. The team Elevated Bro. Gary J. Atkins, who is seen here in the photograph, second from the left. The Address after Elevation, was given by WBro. Keith Harkness, the Secrets by WBro. Barrie O. Percival and the Working Tools by WBro. Paul Greasley. WBro. Broce White presented a RAM Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Paul G. Prendegast. A raffle at the Festive board, enabled £200 to be donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

## Oliver Lodge-Installation



On Monday 16th November, the Oliver Lodge No. 751 held its annual Installation meeting. The Provincial Grand Secretary, WBro. Don Peacock was in attendance. The accompanying photograph, shows the New Commander, WBro. David Hurst with the PGSec. And his two Wardens, Bros. Geoffrey K. Hibbert and Durai R. Jawahar.

The Warrant, Book of Constitutions & Regulations and By-Laws were presented by the Provincial Grand Secretary. The DPGM, WBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel, gave the Address to the new Worshipful Commander.

The evening was rounded off with an enjoyable Festive Board.

