



Mark my Words

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Mark Convocation 9th March....

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THE PROVINCIAL TEAM FOR 2019-20

Senior Warden	Michael Joseph Roche	Cleveland	1040
Junior Warden	Stanley George Grisedale	Streonshalh	337
Master Overseer	Joseph Wells	Streonshalh	337
Senior Overseer	Roy Henry Padwick	Sykes	1830
Junior Overseer	Philip Neville Joyner	St Cuthbert's	743
Chaplain	Maurice Hatton	Streonshalh	337
Treasurer	James Valentine Johnson	The Victory	1588
Registrar	Thomas James Spinks	Fitzwilliam	277
Secretary	William Ernest Glanville	Beverlac	281
DC	Ronald Leonard Campbell	Streonshalh	337
Almoner	John David Jennings	Star in the East	95
Charity Steward	William Stephen Hawkes	Alexandra	803
Insp of Works	John White	Star in the East	95
Sword Bearer	Donald William Cook	The Victory	1588
Deputy Chaplain	Andrew Nicholas Lawton	Cleveland	1040
Deputy Secretary	Geoffrey Nicholson	Minerva	1271
Deputy DC	Leslie Richings	Beverlac	281
Senior Deacon	Christopher Stoney	Abbot Hugh of Selby	1640
	Steven Kevin Pace	Alexandra	803
Junior Deacon	Christopher Bond Lefevre	De La Pole	329
	John Thomson	Saltburn	1532
Assistant Chaplain	Ian Leslie Sugarman	Lodge of St Andrew	1130
Assistant Secretary	Allan Williams	Cleveland	1040
Assistant DC	Jonathan Mark Mitchell Smith	Beverlac	281
	Stephen Cox	Humber	182
Organist	Robert Edwin Stannard	The Victory	1588
Standard Bearer	Michael John Townend	St Cuthbert's	743
Assistant Standard Bearer	Timothy George Harris	Minerva	1271
Inner Guard	David Ian Anderson	Alverton	845
Steward	Peter Kevin Hart	St Peter's	1008
	Dennis Clayton	St Cuthbert's	743
	John Derek Wilson	Brough	1170
	David Eric Duffill	De La Pole	329
Tyler	Kenneth Raymond Lawn	York	71

FIRST PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

PPGJD	David Lloyd Tyler	Star in the East
PPGStdB	Michael Jackson	Alexandra

PROVINCIAL PROMOTIONS.

PPGSW	Geoffrey Nicholson Barry	Fitzwilliam
	Donald Gill Whitehead	St Cuthbert's
	Peter Taylor	Alexandra
	Harold Dennis Woolf	Alverton
	Douglas Alan Hatfield	Brough
PPGJW	Kay Raper	Beverlac
	George Wilfred Walker	Beverlac
	Alec Norris Wilson	Cleveland
	Garry Bennett	Brough
	Alan Richardson	Saltburn
	Keith Richardson	Abbot Hugh of Selby
PPGMO	Peter David Rose	Fitzwilliam
	Francis Allan Cammish	Londesborough
	John Roger Lowe	Sykes
PPGJO	Ian Keith Barker	Alverton
	Ian Scott	Alverton
	Peter William Audin	Memorial IM
PPGSD	Philip Clifford Hopwood	Redcar
PPGJD	John Robert Hunter	Alverton.

CHARITY IN ACTION

The Provincial Charity approved the following donations.
3rd Tranche of 5 year programme

Northdale Horticulture is working hard to create an environment in which vulnerable adults can be supported to achieve their full potential. Northdale recognises the important role work can play in an individual's life. They believe that work and work based activity helps provide structure, purpose and direction to an individual whilst also maintaining and developing a wide range of social and vocational skills. The Charity awarded them £1000

Carer's Together offer friendly and confidential services that aim to ease the pressure of caring. The team of staff and volunteers are on hand to help carers with any issues they may face, including benefits, health problems, housing, training, employment, taking a break from caring or concerns about the person they care for. Again our Charity awarded them £1000.

Humber Rescue are an independent charity who have had 28 years in supplying fast response search and rescue operations on the Humber Estuary. They cover approximately 540 square miles of water including the River Hull, the Trent, the Ouse and the River Humber, we again awarded them £1000

Cheque presented by Peter Nesbitt



Yorkshire Girl Guides - support for Girl Guide troops across the Province, £1000

One-off Grants made to non Masonic Charities;

Stape Silver Band - this Pickering based charity Band entertained us very well at the Mark Summer Fayre, £500

Musical Connections - York based charity aimed at improving quality of life for vulnerable, or older people at risk of social isolation by encouraging community music groups and choirs, £1000

Cheque presented by David Broadhead



LittleFoot Trust - organises educational trips to London each February for disadvantaged children from the Scarborough area in their final year at primary school, £500

Sight Support Ryedale - providing support resources for vision impaired adults in the Ryedale area £250

Isabella Court - contribution to the cost of converting their garden into a "sensory haven" with easy access for their residents who suffer from learning disabilities and have complex needs, £1000.

Stephen Hawkes Prov. Charity Steward.

'Deserving
Causes
In
Our
Region'

DATES OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER MARK FUNCTIONS

Dates for your 2019 diaries....

'Fish and Chip supper' at Drifffield on 25th February.

'Night of Eastern Promise' at The Jinnah on 19th March.

'Grand Mark lodge of Instruction Festival' at York Racecourse on 25th April **NEW EVENT**

Combined Church Service on 28th April at Welburn Church.

'French Night' at Howden Masonic Hall on May 18th. **NEW EVENT.**

'Mark Ladies evening' at York Racecourse on June 22nd.

'Mark Garden Party' at Pickering on July 13th.

'Northern BBQ' at Welbury on August 3rd. **NEW EVENT.**

'Southern Family Lunch' at Beverley Road Masonic Hall on Sept 29th.

'Gourmet Evening' at Scarborough Tec College on October 17th.

'Some
Important
Dates'

RAM NEWS

For the last 5 years the 'Travelling' Porphyry Stone has not seen much of the Province!! Every year since the conception it has been presented to Allertonshire RAM who have had the most Brethren dining at the Special Meeting each year (although Beacon Centenary RAM were very close to beating them last year!)

To enable the Stone to progress through the Province the rules have had an additional feature applied to its conditions. The Stone is now to be taken by the Worshipful Commander holding the Stone to another Lodge within two months of receiving it and present it to the WC of the Lodge under 'Any Other Business' on their Summons.

When Allertonshire RAM received the Stone at the Special Meeting last November W. Bro. Andy Lawton and four other Brethren of the Lodge immediately took it to the November meeting for the special 25th Anniversary ceremony of the Rydale RAM Lodge at Malton and presented the Stone to a very surprised WC, Worshipful Brother Alan Langan.

Rydale RAM now have the option of attending three Lodges in January, namely;

- Howdenshire RAM on 14th January
- St Peter's RAM on 15th January
- Hull RAM on 29th January



Your Scribes are receiving notification of all movements by means of a new 'Travelling Porphyry Stone' Flier which will keep you in touch with the movements around the Province and the Lodges that could be challenged at any time. It could be you.....

**'Commanders
Make
A
Challenge'**

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

The photo on the left is of the new 'Mark Master Mason' rowing boat on Lake Windermere.

The MBF gave £34,680 last year for a pair of boats to be built for the educational Charity, the Outward Bound Trust

The other boat is in build and will be launched shortly and will be called 'Royal Ark Mariner'.

Look out for them on Lake Windermere Brethren.



**'Mark
Charity
In
Action'**

AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARDS

A Doctor on TV this morning said the way to achieve inner peace in 2019 is to finish all the things you have started.

So I looked around my house to see things I'd started and hadn't finished:

So far I have managed to finish off a bottle of Merlot,

A bottle of Chardonnay,

A bottle of Baileys,

A bottle of wum, a package of Prungles, the remainder of both Prozac and Valium scriptins,

The rest of the chesecake and a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how blummin' fabul' I feel right now.

Please pass this idea on to dem you fee ar in ned ov iener peess....

An telum, appy nu yer!! xx

**'A
Happy
New
Year'**

'THE JINNAH' IS HERE AGAIN

The Grand Kashmiry Buffet at The Jinnah on the A64 between York and Malton is being organised again this year for the 19th March at 7.00pm.

This event will appeal to those who would like to sample Indian food or those who are fully committed to enjoying this superb evening out with their friends and family eating food at superb value.

Your evening starts with Popadoms and Pickles. This is followed by a selection of Appetisers brought to your table. The main course is entirely up to your tastes. There are 9 Indian meals to choose from the Buffet ranging from mild flavours to hot, plus 2 Vegetarian and a Fish dish. There is also a choice of Pilau Rice and Naan Breads.

The evening finishes with a superb Raffle and all for a total of £14.50 per person.

Please contact Gordon Dudley on gordon@gdudley.com and send your cheque with the names of those attending and who you would like to sit with, to 3 Bry Hills, Seamer, Scarborough. YO12 4QQ.

**'A
Very
Popular
Evening'**

Brethren.
Editorial or correspondence
will be most welcome

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NEWS FROM THE PAST

Your Mark Newsletter was launched in 14 years ago in January 2005. These are just two of the entries from the first edition for your interest.....

We will shortly have a new Standard to replace the one that has unfortunately gone adrift. This Standard will be dedicated on 9 March at York Mark Lodge T.I. and will be a lasting memorial to our late Provincial Grand Master. The keystones upon it will bear the mark of R.W.Bro George Alfred Cooper and a suitable plaque will be placed on the shaft commemorating the years that George gave to this Province. It will be funded through money collected at his memorial service and from the sale of his Masonic regalia.

The Provincial Standard will be used at all official Masonic functions in the future, and the Provincial Banner, which is now approaching 100 years old, will only be paraded at the Annual Convocation.

Lord Bolton Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 785 has become what we believe to be the first daylight Mark Lodge in the North. It will meet at the Masonic Hall, Beverley Road, Hull, on the 3rd Friday in Jan, Feb (Installation), and Oct, Ladies will be invited to join the Brethren for luncheon on most occasions.

Having suffered from greatly reduced membership in recent years, there is a revival of interest from those Mark Masons who can no longer enjoy dining late at night, or driving home in the dark. 14 Joining Brothers in October have given the Lodge a "kick-start", and 'caretaker' Worshipful Master, V. W. Bro. Donald B Bulmer P.G.J.O. at the age of 94 years, will install his successor on February 18th some 39 years since he first performed this duty in Lord Bolton Mark Lodge.

GOLF COMPETITION

At Easingwold Golf Club, members and visitors can enjoy a beautiful 18 hole, Par 72 SSS 72 golf course that is 6,699 yards long, lying in woodland and heath just south of the Georgian market town of Easingwold. The original course opened in 1930 and Easingwold has all the character one would expect from a course with so much history, offering a very pleasant experience and being one of the flattest of courses, is enjoyed by golfers of all abilities across all ages.



With over 15,000 mature trees and water coming into play on several holes, Easingwold is an outstanding example of woodland and heath golf at its best, with wide, forgiving fairways which nonetheless punish the most wayward of drives.

Brethren you can have the chance to savour a great day's Golf on this course. Gordon Turner is again organising his superb, value for money, Golf Tournament on May 31st.

Gordon has arranged the day to include a Bacon Butty before starting the 18 holes of Golf and following up with a two course meal afterwards, all for a total of £37.00.

Contact Gordon on 07801 884595 or email gordon.turner73@gmail.com to reserve your place.

AN APOLOGY

In the last issue of Mark my Words I reported on the success of The Star in the East Lodge of Mark Master Masons completing 150 years since it was formed in 1866. One of the founders of the Lodge was R.W.Bro. John Woodall Woodall the first Provincial Grand Master of our Province.

In the article I stated that he went on to become the Grand Secretary of Grand Mark Lodge which was incorrect and it was not achieved in the Mark Degree.

I apologise for the error and I thank the Right Worshipful Brother for pointing this out.

G. Dudley
Editor

CAPTION COMPETITION

Your Captions following the last edition.....

Our 'Friendly Degree' in action.

"Gizz us a gottle of gear"

"This must be a wind up!"

"Our new Friendly Mark Logo"

