

Marking Time

PGM's Corona Virus Update

We are now six weeks into the general suspension of Masonic activity due to the coronavirus pandemic and the national lockdown has just been extended. My first thoughts are with those who have suffered from the COVID-19 virus themselves or who have loved ones who have. In particular, my thoughts and prayers are with the families of Freemasons who have already passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

Whilst none of us have faced anything quite like this before, I have been hugely impressed with the fortitude and resilience being displayed by our members and their families. It makes you proud to be a Freemason. We will get through this crisis in time and will once again be able to enjoy our Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Masonry.

My primary focus has been, and will continue to be, the welfare of our members. At a video conference with my Deputy, Assistant & executive members on 13th April, we agreed the Provincial priority for now ought to be *Welfare, Welfare, Welfare*. With that as our focus we have put in place a Welfare Support Plan for the Province. Central to this plan is our incoming Provincial Almoner, Alan Odgers and all Lodge Almoners who have the important duty of making sure they keep in touch with all members of their Lodge and their Lodge widows, especially those who are elderly or who have underlying medical conditions.

Our Provincial Almoner has shared the Government and NHS guidance on self-isolating, social distancing and how to reduce the risk of contracting coronavirus. I do hope that this advice has reached you and that you are taking it seriously. If you have not yet received the guidance or have not been contacted by someone from your Lodge please do get in touch with your Lodge Almoner, or with Alan Odgers at a_odgers@sky.com, so that we can put that right.

You can help others track the spread of coronavirus by downloading the free COVID-19 symptom tracker digital application to your mobile device and, once set up, it only takes a few seconds each day to submit your update on how you are feeling. The data is being analysed by Kings College London in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

Aside from health concerns, some of you might be facing financial hardship due to work having ended or through having had to close your business. Whatever the reason, please be assured that the Mark Benevolent Fund, our very own Charity, stands ready to dispense relief to those in need. I have recently been nominated as a Trustee and asked to serve on the Worthy Causes Committee of the Mark Benevolent Fund, I can assure you that the MBF Petitions Committee is conducting business as usual. We deal with petitions via email, and by video conference if necessary, so please do let your Lodge Almoner know, or if you prefer our Provincial Almoner, so they can assist you.

If you are anything like me you will be finding staying at home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week very strange indeed. We know it is the right thing to do but it is something we are not accustomed to. It can at times weigh heavily upon us and, if we are not careful, it can drag us down. Sue and I are finding many ways to keep ourselves occupied, with the weather we have been experiencing being an added bonus whilst working in the garden, helping to break the monotony. We also have excellent friends and family who keep coming up with new ideas to keep us connected. I have been especially heartened to hear of the many initiatives being used by our Mark Lodges to keep in touch with members with WhatsApp groups popping up, ring around networks being established and in some cases Lodges holding "get togethers" via Zoom, to prove that age is no barrier to technology I understand that at a recent Zoom meeting, our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bob Johns, joined the meeting, as always taking an active role in proceedings.

If you are feeling low, pick up the phone and speak to a friend from your Lodge. Also, you might find the NHS website *Every Mind Matters* of interest; you can even create your own mind plan to help you get through the social distancing measures. The isolation we are all feeling just now is temporary and we will meet again. Don't forget - a telephone call merely to check that all is well can make a huge difference to someone living alone.

I look forward to meeting you again when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, stay at home and do your bit to save lives and ease the burden on the NHS, key workers and support services. I wish you and your loved ones well.



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Trevassack Lake Update

Many of you will recall that at Provincial Grand Lodge in May 2019 the Provincial Grand Master talked about the donation from the Mark Benevolent Fund of £40,000.00 to support the work of the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust at Trevassack Lake on the Lizard.

The donation approved by the Mark Benevolent Fund, facilitated the purchase and construction of a floating classroom, which is fully accessible by wheelchair users and being solar powered has minimal running costs. We were delighted to receive a progress report from Helen the fundraising manager at the sailing trust, an extract of which is below



"Thanks to a generous grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund"

Progress report

2019 was a transformative year for the Trevassack Lake Project. All the hard work over the last 3 years designing and developing the scheme brought rewards in the form of three large grants. In September thanks to the direction of Trustee Phil Badger, the substantial water treatment plants were installed on budget and on time. A comprehensive professional team has been appointed to handle all elements of the construction under the supervision of project managers Ward Williams Associates, together with a preferred contractor, Brady Construction. Construction will commence over this winter, with an opening date expected in Spring 2021.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Trust was able to commission a Floating Classroom for Trevassack Lake. The Floating Classroom arrived in May for sea trials amidst a fair degree of trepidation and pride. This is a pioneering craft, suitable for all children, including wheelchair users, to explore the Lake. Powered by a prototype electric engine, the craft proved itself able to operate fully on solar power with remarkable manoeuvrability.

This is a hugely exciting initiative and 'test driving' the classroom with students from Curnow School and Cornwall College Camborne Foundation Learning will start this Spring.

Jonathan Thornton,
Trustee and Lake Steering Committee Chairman



Kevin Hicks, Mark Benevolent Fund presents a cheque to Trustees for the Floating Classroom.

Wine at Nine, Time to Toast & Time for Tea

On the 14th April the heads of orders from the Mark, Craft and Holy Royal Arch degrees across the Provinces of Cornwall, Devonshire and Somerset invited members to join them in taking "Wine at Nine", this fits in with the latest initiatives from Mark Masons' Hall trending daily on Twitter with #T@3 and UGLE's #TimeToToast.

Thanks to our members for your support and for sending in your photo's.
Please send your photo's for our June Edition! to PGSec.mmm.Cornwall@gmail.com

South West Masons Working Together

Brethren & Companions all,

Every Tuesday commencing 14th April, we would like to take "Wine at Nine" with you all. Absent Brethren!



R.W.Bro. Stephen Pearn
Provincial Grand Master
Cornwall



R.W.Bro. Ian Kingsbury
Provincial Grand Master
Devonshire



R.W.Bro. David Medlock
Provincial Grand Master
Somerset



E.Comp. David Pascoe
M.E. Grand Superintendent
Cornwall



E.Comp. Simon Rowe
M.E. Grand Superintendent
Devonshire



E.Comp. Barry Woodsides
M.E. Grand Superintendent
Somerset



R.W.Bro. Kevin Hicks
Provincial Grand Master
Cornwall



R.W.Bro. Peter Balsom
Provincial Grand Master
Devonshire



R.W.Bro. Philip Voisey
Provincial Grand Master
Somerset



MBF Supporting Frontline Staff with PPE

MBF Supporting Front-

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Ryan Williams
@RyanWill11923403

Delighted to announce that Mark Grand Lodge is supporting an initiative to supply upto 2,500 face shields per week to frontline staff throughout our Provinces in England, Wales, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

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The Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, announced via his Twitter feed on 27th April, that the Mark Benevolent fund had supported an initiative to supply 2,500 face shields per week to frontline staff throughout Mark Provinces in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

Hope For Tomorrow

Dear Brethren , you will recall that in 2015 the Province was delighted to announce that the Mark Benevolent Fund had supported the Charity Hope for Tomorrow by funding a number of mobile chemotherapy units which would work from hospitals across the country, at that time the Cornwall NHS Trust entered into an agreement with Hope for Tomorrow and a Mobile unit named Dorothy was based at Treliiske, along with a support vehicle Provided by our Province. Throughout this time the unit has carried out treatment sessions in many locations around our Province, as well as providing additional capacity at the Treliiske site.

I was disappointed to learn recently that due to staffing issues at Treliiske, the NHS Trust felt they were no longer able to effectively staff the unit along with increased pressures caused by the current pandemic, a decision had been taken by hope for Tomorrow to move the unit from Treliiske, to Middlesex where the local NHS trust were struggling to maintain cancer services due to the Corona Pandemic.

It is my hope and that of many others that in due course the unit may return to Cornwall to continue supporting those in need across our county.

Kevin



Spotlight on!

St John the Baptist Lodge No404

The most South Westerly Mark Master Masons Lodge in Cornwall / England, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Districts and Lodges Overseas and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall.

According to the Centenary History on the 25th September 1889, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 11.00am to Advance eleven Brethren of Mount Sinai Craft Lodge No. 121. Provincial Lodge was opened at 1.00pm to Consecrate St John the Baptist Lodge No. 404.

Today the current subscribing membership is 49 of which 3 are Very Worshipful Brethren a further 3 are Grand Officers, 11 are Provincial Officers, 7 Worshipful Brothers and 25 Brothers. 30 of the 49 were Advanced into St John the Baptist 404 and remaining 19 are joining members.

In recent years, the Lodge produced a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W. Bro. Alan B. Calvert in 1998 and several Provincial Grand Wardens, the latest being W.Bro. Jeremy Edwards as Senior Warden in 2015. A new banner was dedicated in December 2014. At this meeting the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Raymond J. Smith was present and promoted with a field office, W.Bro. Harold Wearne to the rank of P.G.J.O. In 2011 and again in 2017, the Lodge has met on St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly to advance an islander. At the 2017 Installation, the Lodge's two Honorary Members occupied the Wardens Chairs during the Ceremony.

As with every Mark lodge the most important assets are its members. History is there to be viewed and to learn from. The Lodge building is important as are the furnishings, but to make a successful Lodge you need a blend of experience, good men, different characters and an appreciation from the members to learn, work together and most importantly have fun. St John the Baptist is a good example for a successful Mark Lodge and for those lucky enough to visit will agree they epitomise our Happy Degree.

St. John the Baptist has a large age gap between members with different masonic and life experience. When we visit any Mark lodge, we see old friends and new faces. We listen to their meetings and how they may differ from our own. We catch up with our old friends and learn about those we have not met before. However, there may be more to learn about members of St John The Baptist Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 404. Below, in no particular order, apart from the WM, are summaries from a selection of today's members written by themselves.

W. Bro Adrian G Smith WM St John the Baptist Lodge 404 Penzance

What a privilege to have been installed as Worshipful Master of St John the Baptist Lodge 404 this year, and yet what sadness I share with others that Masonic Lodges are now closed for the foreseeable future. There we were, all ready for a busy year ahead in the friendly Mark Degree, with a full quota of candidates ready for advancement to the 'Honourable' Degree of Mark Master Mason, and a full team of excellent and keen officers! One of the advantages of being 'locked down' has caused me to reflect not only on my own experiences of life but also on my Masonic one as well and to ask what special talents have I been able to bring to Freemasonry?

I trained in my early days at the West of England College of Art, have always been interested in art and seemingly never without a brush in my hand since! Coming from a strict 'non-conformist' religious background I incurred strong interest in spiritual matters, and eventually was accepted for training as a priest in a monastic institution. As time went by, I realised that this pathway was not for me. At a low point in my life and not knowing which way to turn I saw an advert for the Prison Service which offered 'job security'! Thirty-three years later, having risen through the ranks to Governor Grade I retired, probably from what can be considered as one of the toughest jobs to do! Since retirement I moved to Cornwall, I have always been drawn to this magical land a place of 'inspiration' and well suited to someone who had a hobby painting! Cornwall was a place where I wanted to discover my true self, to realise my full potential as a professional artist in my own right, and to find my true spiritual pathway. When I was 21 years of age working in London in one of the large Victorian prisons, I was given the opportunity to meet freemasons socially at a Ladies Night event, with a view to becoming a Mason. I wish now that I had taken the opportunity afforded at that time! It was not until 2007 that the opportunity would arise again for me, being Initiated into Freemasonry in Mount Sinai Lodge 121.

I still maintain an active interest in a wide range of activities. I have established myself as an artist of 'some renown' I have a small gallery in Penzance assisted by my wife, Mary, selling art, antiques and esoteric items. I also work as a restorer of paintings and ceramics from time to time.

Becoming a Freemason has been one of the highlights of my later life. Yes, I have skills and talents to offer - along with so many other people, there is so much we can all bring and contribute to this unique institution. In 2017, Freemasonry celebrated its Tricentenary, 300 years since the formation of Grand Lodge, on a local level to commemorate this historic event I felt moved to paint the picture entitled 'The Masonic Journey' which now hangs over the Junior Warden's chair in the Lodge. I am mindful of the article 'Pride in Place' by Pro Grand master Peter Lowndes in the Spring Issue of Freemasonry today and would urge all members to read it.

Brethren of the Mark Degree, 'whilst as a consolation under all the frowns of fortune and as an encouragement to hope for brighter prospects' take heart. It may be some time before we meet again in Lodge but when we do, let us do so with renewed energy and zeal within the fraternity of our brotherly love!



Spotlight on! St John the Baptist Lodge No404 (continued)

W. Bro Edward Wallis PProvGJD

I was born and lived in St Just-in-Penwith in January 1939. Between January 1944 and April 1954, I attended and was educated at the St Just Junior School and Cape Cornwall Secondary Modern Schools.

On leaving school in 1954, I was apprenticed as a Motor Vehicle Mechanic at the Carn Bosavern Garage in St Just. During this time, I attended the Cornwall Technical College on a day release and evening classes and obtained my City & Guilds certificates.

When my apprenticeship was completed in 1960, I was then called up for National Service which had been deferred. In May 1960 I joined the Royal Airforce where I spent the next 2 years during which time I was trained as a Medical Nurse and, being demobbed in May 1962, I was qualified to the position equivalent of a State Enrolled Nurse. I returned to St Just and Penzance and continued working in the motor trade and completed studies to become an Associate Member of the Motor Industry.

In 1981 I returned to live in St Just and returned to work for the Carn Bosavern Garage. After 22 years I retired in August 2003 holding the position of Manager.

Being a member of the St Just Parish Church, I served in various offices, eventually becoming Churchwarden from 1996 until 2015, a total of 19 years. Due to connection the vicar, Rev Stephen Leach who was the Provincial Grand Chaplin of the Cornwall Mark Degree, led to me being Advanced in June 2003 to a Mark Mason.

After retirement in 2003, I became involved with voluntary work including a Youth Project based in St Just and The Children's Hospice South West.

W. Bro E. Peter Keast - PAGDC

It now seems a long time since we enjoyed a normal life and one where Mark Master Masons could meet and enjoy one another's company. My wife and I are obviously having a quiet time. We go for a walk about 7 in the morning and are back by 8. The rest of the day is spent doing normal household chores, sitting on our patio in the sun we have been lucky to enjoy, and perhaps, you will be surprised to hear, I might have a glass of red! Looking forward to normality and meeting you all again.

Bro Roger L Cargeeg

I have been a Freemason for over 38 years but only joined the Mark lodge a few years ago. I am fortunate to have been an Active Provincial Grand Officer in the Craft for almost half of the years of my membership culminating in my current Active position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. This left little spare time for other Degrees and Orders, although I am a member of the Holy Royal Arch, Royal Order of Scotland and Rose Croix. I would like to learn more of the Mark Degree and get involved and it is on my to do list when my duties with the Craft permit. The members always appear to be excited and pleased to be at their Mark Lodge and it is my intention to participate when time permits.

Bro Scott Nicholas



I am 38 years old and a Mark Mason. I have been a Mark Mason since being Advanced on the 12th July 2017 and have enjoyed my time in the Mark. As well as being a Mason I am a young, family man, business owner and falconer. I have been interested in falconry for several years and fly Peregrine and Gyr falcons. I also run two businesses with my brother where we strive to employ local people. As a young family man, it is often difficult to juggle all my commitments, but when I am able I visit lodge and thoroughly enjoy it.



W. Bro Derek Freestone

As a result of my wife's serious illness I resigned my position as a director of a civil engineering company and arranged to move with my family to Cornwall in 1978. I purchased some land in Penzance on which I had a house built. In 1984 there I set up a company in the West Midlands to import industrial coal. The business was successful, and I purchased a house in the area but still travelled to Penzance most weekends.

In discussions with a friend, Roger Pender, a Mason himself and a member of the Sir Humphry Davy Lodge in Penzance who suggested I would like to consider Masonry myself, as a result of which I was initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 4021 at Wolverhampton in 1996 and in 1998 I was advanced into Mark Masonry as a member of the Hantune Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1085 and installed in the chair in 2005.

In 2010 I retired from business and returned full time to my home in Penzance and joined the Sir Humphry Davy Lodge and a year later I joined the John the Baptist Lodge of MMM No 404. I have fully enjoyed all my time and all the positions I have been asked to do at 404.

For me, the feeling of fellowship and sense of fraternal equality is second to none in Mark Masonry with a friendly and approachable Provincial Team here in Cornwall

For those Masons who are somewhat lost, don't give up Masonry – join a Mark Masons Lodge where you will be welcomed and will ever find friends.

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Spotlight on!

St John the Baptist Lodge No404 (continued)

W. Bro L Edwards

I joined Freemasonry in 2002 as a Lewis and a 3rd generation mason in Mount Sinai. I naturally processed to the Mark degree in 2003 and obtaining the chair in 2019, I was also installed into the chair of 404 RAM in the same year. The pressure of being double chaired was eased by the fact I had already been through the chair of St Michaels RAM 175 in Helston in 2015. The chairs in both degrees are an excellent and enjoyable experience.

Freemasonry was slow to get going in the early days due the nature of my work working offshore in all corners of the world undertaking various types of drilling and marine construction projects. Work and family always made life busy and it wasn't until my offshore days dropped in 2008 when I took an office role with approx. 60 days a year away that I was able to commit to progression in freemasonry and aim for the office of Master.

Key points in my Mark & Royal Ark Mariner masonic journey has been being presented as Master Elect by my father and installed into the chair of 404 Mark. Being installed into the Chair of St Michaels RAM 175 and installing a childhood friend into the Chair of St John the Baptist RAM 404 this year.



W. Bro. Brian L M Smith PProvGJW

In June 1962, looking for a place to stay on holiday, we made our way to Lands End and spotted a sign to a B&B Farmhouse at Escalls, in Sennen. This we decided would be an ideal place us and our two boys. It turned out to be a fantastic week weather wise, resulting in us returning on holiday most years until we bought our own bungalow in 1979.

In July 1987 we retired from our business in Derbyshire and moved to Sennen. It wasn't long before we became restless and eventually bought the Bowjei Stores in Newlyn. This had a lovely view overlooking the Harbour entrance and all the vessels coming and going. We were soon supplying the fishing boats with their groceries which kept us very busy as well as the day to day running of the shop.

In 1987 I joined the Sennen Indoor Bowling Club and in 1993, as the club Treasurer, needed to get the accounts audited by Phil Pengelly, also a member of the Club. During the audit Phil mentioned he was processing Masonic Accounts and mentioning that I had always been interested in joining Freemasonry he said, "well you will have to ask somebody". I said, "well can I ask you". Consequently, in July 1994 I was initiated into Freemasonry being seconded by Len Balson.

Following the usual path in Freemasonry it was not long before I was Exalted into the Royal Arch Chapter, then in June 1996 was Advanced as a Mark Master Mason and in November the same year Elevated into Royal Ark Mariners, all in Penzance.

Most evenings I was out with Edwin Murley, Phil Pengelly and Len Balson to lodge meeting and traveling extensively around Cornwall visiting Mark Lodges. I still meet Edwin but sadly both Phil and Len have passed to the Grand Lodge above.

With the Mark Provincial Team, I travelled with Jeremy Edwards and Ted Wallis throughout our Province and made many friends in Freemasonry. I would encourage anyone to join the Mark Degree it is known to be the friendly Degree and it most certainly is.

W. Bro Peter Trahair PProvGJW

I am now retired following working as a driving instructor for 52years. During this time, my hobbies were boat fishing. Owning, breeding and showing Bearded Collies.

Most of our time now is spent touring in our caravan, visiting different counties in England.

I was Initiated into freemasonry on July 1987, Exalted into the Royal Arch in May 1989, Advanced into Mark Masonry at St John The Baptist in December 1993 and joined St John the Baptist the Royal Ark Mariners in September 1998. I am also a member of Cornish Installed Mark Masters (1332) and Cornubian Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges (87).

Many thanks to the Brethren of St John the Baptist Lodge of Mark Master Masons (404) who took time to contribute to this lodge focus and to W. Bro Jeremy Edwards who coordinated the work.



Fifty Year Certificate presentation to
V.W.Bro. A.B. Calvert PDPGM



Banner Dedication at
St John the Baptist Lodge in 2014

A Look back on May!

The History of our Mark Province During the Month of May.

- 15th May 1865, Meridian Mark Lodge No. 73. Consecrated at Millbrook and moved to Redruth on 16th October 1867.
- 18th May 1865, Fortitude Mark Lodge No. 78. Consecrated at Truro. Celebrated its Centenary on 15th May 1965 when R. W. Colonel E. Perry Morgan P.G.M. presented the Centenary Warrant.
- 6th May 1868, Consecration of Boscawen Mark Lodge No. 101.
- 27th May 1926, Zetland Mark Lodge No. 831. Consecrated
- 17th May 1929 Consecration of Three Grand Principles Mark Lodge.
- 27th May 1929 At Provincial Grand Lodge, it was reported that the Mark Membership had passed 1,000, there being 1013 memberships among 15 Lodges.
- 23rd May 1940 At Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master sent a letter apologising for his absence as he was on active service in France.
- 29th May 1941, At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting it was reported by the Dep.PGM that the membership of Fortitude was 103, St. John the Baptist had 102 and Mount Edgcumbe had 101. One lodge room within the Province had been damaged by enemy action.
- 27th May 1943, At PGL in Truro a working party was formed to consider the formation of a Cornwall Mark Benevolent Association and to report back to the 1944 PGL Meeting consisting of – PGM, Dep.PGM, PG Treasurer, PGS, W. Bro. F. Latham, W. Bro. A. G. Mildren & W. Bro. W. T. Hall.
- 30th May 1946, Provincial Grand Lodge was held outside of Truro for the first time since the war at Falmouth
- 26th May 1949, Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the Banner of Meridian Lodge No. 75 in the crypt of St.Andrews Church, by kind permission of the Rector W. Bro. Cannon W. A. Ladd Canney, P.Prov.G. Chaplain. Carew Lodge No. 1098 were the first Lodge in the Province to become a Keystone Lodge, this was qualifying donations of 5 guineas per member (£1.05) for the Mark Building Fund providing capital for the purchase of the premises in St.James, London.
- 26th May 1956, Carew Lodge became the first Double Keystone Lodge in the Province.
- 28th May 1960, At PGL the PGM presented the first WM of Sir Bevil Granville Mark Lodge with his Keystone Collarette making the lodge a Keystone Lodge.
- 17th May 1975, William James Hughan Mark Lodge No. 1437. Consecrated by R. W. Bro. J. E. Price, PGM, with W. Bro. E. S. Hancock PProv.GSW as its Founding Master.
- 19th May 1979 It was announced at the Annual Provincial Meeting that St. Nicholas Lodge No. 1188 had received an octuple Keystone Collarette.
- 8th May 1982 W. Bro. Frank Tonkin was invested as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the Annual Provincial Meeting held at Mullion School. W. Bro. L. C. Marsh was invested as Provincial Grand Secretary.
- 11th May 1991 The retirement of V. W. Bro. Harold Whitburn from the office of Provincial Grand Charity Steward of the Mark Benevolent Fund at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Tretherras School, Newquay. W. Bro. Harold Whitburn was first appointed in 1975 having first been the Deputy for 3 years.
- 10th May 1997 The formation of the Cornwall Mark Foundation to “make grants to projects in respect of the relief of suffering to individuals in particular and the public in general”.
- 13th May 2000 The Provincial Grand Master Invested W. Bro. B. M. Hocking as Deputy PGM and W. Bro. G. F. W. Isaac as Assistant PGM.
- 9th May 2009, The PGM, at the Provincial Meeting presented “Certificates of Service to Mark Masonry within the Province” to W.Bro. F. Matthews, PGJD and W. Bro. R. J. Lewry, PGSD being the first two brethren to receive them. W. Bro. Craig Bryant invested as Provincial Grand Secretary.
- 17th May 2014, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 11am by Right Worshipful Brother Frank Tonkin assisted by V. W. Bro. Mark Hocking at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay. After the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, The Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Addy entered in procession, was saluted and addressed the brethren saying the purpose of the meeting was to install the Provincial Grand Master Designate, V. W. Bro. Kevin John Hicks, PGJO, as Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master Designate was obligated, invested and installed. Provincial Grand Lodge was then “Called Off” and the brethren retired to the Hotel Restaurant for lunch, after lunch the usual toasts were given .Provincial Grand Lodge was then “Called On” by our PGM who then appointed W. Bro. Peter Johns PGJD as the Deputy and W. Bro. Christopher Hawkey PAGDC as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Officers of the Province where invested including W. Bro. Roger Quinn as Provincial Grand Secretary and W. Bro. Peter Furness as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, after the address by the PGM and other usual business Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

This abbreviated History is produced by V. W. Bro. Raymond Lewry. Thanks go to R. W. Bro. Frank Tonkin who kindly provided papers of the late R. W. Bro. Lt.-Cdr. T. C. A. Waghorne and our Past PGM, R. W. Bro. Geoffrey Isaac for his help and permission to use the Provincial Minute Books in my research.

A Look Back in Time

GRAND LODGE OF
MARK MASTERS



OF ENGLAND
AND WALES.



His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W., Prov. Grand Master.
The Right Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., R.W., Deputy Grand Master



Province of Cornwall.

The R.W. Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury

(LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR). PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK MASTER MASON,

The W. Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.M. P.G.D. of England, Deputy Prov. Grand M.M. Mason.

V.D.B.,

TRURO, June 6th, 1900.

I am commanded by the R. W. BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HALSBURY,
Provincial Grand M.M.M. of Cornwall, to inform you that a **PROVINCIAL GRAND
MARK LODGE**, and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of this Province,
will be held under the banner of

Love and Honor Lodge, No. 94, at the Masonic Hall, Church Street, Falmouth,

On Tuesday, July 3rd, 1900, at 12.45 p.m.,

when and where the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of the Mark Lodges in Cornwall are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Mark Master Masons are fraternally invited to be present. (Full Mark Masonic Clothing).

Believe me, V.D.B.,

Fraternally yours,

Wm. J. JOHNS. P.M., 78, P.G. Std. Bearer, Prov. Grand Sec.

BRO. HEARD, PRINTER, TRURO.

The Christmas Present

Love Seat

The family was at a loose end,
In knowing what to buy,
Something to bring us together,
They thought it was worth a try.

They decided on a wonderful
item,
That can be assembled in a Mo,
But 6 and a half hours later,
We still didn't know where
things should go.

The screws were all assorted,
The instructions were really
poor,
I'd reach the point I was ready to
throw,
The whole thing out the door!

Eventually with some
"Discussion"
Things seemed to fit in place,
And it looked like something in
the picture,
Now we were ready to sit, face
to face.

Maybe we should have waited,
Until our moods were not so
tart,
The closer we sat together,
The further we felt apart.

So, if any of you have a notion,
To buy this lovely seat,
You need a degree, which can be
bought for a fee,
Unless you want to weep.

In conclusion to all, I say,
Since regularly sitting so near,
It has brought us much closer
together,
And we drink to that, "So
Cheers"

**Written by a well-known
Porthleven Poet, once described
as a legend in his own mind!**



Royal Ark Mariners Showing Support for the NHS

During the current Coronavirus pandemic, the rainbow has become a symbol of support for those members of our communities wanting to show solidarity and support with our frontline staff of the NHS and Care Sectors.

Members of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree have been showing their support for the NHS by finding a novel use for their regalia, whilst our meetings are suspended



A Note from our APGM designate,

Here's an idea I saw started by W Bro Peter McLoughlin PPGJW to display your Royal Ark Mariner Collar in your window to represent the Rainbow supporting our NHS. Let's all who are Royal Ark Mariners



And Finally!!

We hope you have found something worthwhile and interesting in this second edition of Marking Time.

A special thank you to all those who contributed articles and information.

So we need your support, have you got an item that would be of interest to others, your other hobby perhaps?

Your work experiences? Do you do quizzes or cross-word puzzles, or Sudoku?

The ideas are endless!

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Just a Thought!

- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Can you cry under water?
- If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on bigger suitcases?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors, when they ask you to strip, leave the room or close the cubicle curtain while you change? They're still going to see you naked anyway.
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?
- Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

Crossword Answers to last months' Crossword

Across	Down
5, Knocks	1 Working
9 Straight	2 Craft
10 Alarm	3 Joppa
12 Anxious	4 Sixth
13 Plans	6 Portions of Ritual are (8)
17 Keystone	7 Builders
19 Disconsolate	8 Pedestal
20 Lecture	9 Standstill
21 Aptly	11 Mallett
24 Declaration	14 Wages
25 Adoniram	15 Zaradatha
26 Warrant	16 Richly Rewarded
29 Encouragement	18Explanation
30 Huram	22 Mark
31 Meridian	23 Six
34 Holy Writ	27 Dan
35 Perambulates	28 Quarries
37 Kneeling Stool	32 East
41 Second	33 Synonyms
42 Fabric	36 Clockwise
44 Imposter	37 Kebraoth
47 Wickets	38 Inflicted
48 Third	39 Special Duty
	40 Obligation
	43 Report
	45 Skillful
	46 Rubbish

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