

Marking Time

An update from the Provincial Grand Master



Dear All,

As things appear to be moving at a faster than anticipated pace, I thought it prudent to give you an update and outline some decisions coming from Mark Masons Hall, as well as other Provincial news.

So let me start by talking about the lifting of the suspension for our meetings. You will all by now have received a copy of the letter from MMH stating that as of 17th July 2020 the general suspension to meetings is lifted, so what does that mean? I have of course heard many comments about it being too early, so I wanted to set out for you the thinking behind that decision. The lifting of the suspension, is one of the steps back to a resumption of meetings; the decision was made in the full knowledge that most of our meetings in reality will not start again until January 2021 at the earliest. So lifting the suspension, now gives lodges the opportunity to start planning their approach for future meetings when the conditions are right for them.

To ensure every member is absolutely clear on this point, no one should return to meetings unless they feel it is right for them, no one is under any pressure to return or being in any way coerced to do so. The decision on when to return to a meeting is an individual one based on his own circumstances.

I am aware a number of Lodges in other Provinces, have taken advantage of the option to hold "Virtual Business Meetings" and can announce that this scheme will now be extended until a date to be decided, but will be reviewed in December. A new 7 step approach has been issued by Grand Lodge. This approach now gives Lodges further options, which I will come on to shortly.

Before any meetings can take place of course, there needs to be a centre open to accommodate the meeting. My understanding is that the Craft is taking a lead on this and is in conversations with centres around the Province to determine their readiness. If the centre where your Lodge meets is not able to re open in time for your meeting, the meeting will have to be abandoned, however if your Lodge needs to approve accounts, elect officers etc a "virtual Business Meeting" may be a suitable option. The abandonment of meetings along with the necessary steps for a "Virtual Business Meeting" will be discussed with Lodge Secretaries and Scribes at the Annual Meeting of Secretaries and Scribes, which this year is being held via Zoom on Monday 31st August.

So let me recap

1. No individual brother is under any pressure to return to meetings until they feel it is right for them.
2. Between 17th July and 31st December Lodges have the option to hold a business meeting via zoom or other suitable means.
3. A number of other documents have been distributed by Grand Lodge which you may find is worthwhile refreshing your memories on, all of which can be found on the website

The Province will hold an annual meeting to finalise its end of year business on the 26th September 2020. This is to make the necessary appointments to ensure the Province continues to function in the correct manner.

You will no doubt be aware that the Craft have allowed zoom type meetings for Lodge of Instructions (With several conditions and do's and don'ts). I can inform you that Grand Lodge have seen the benefits of this approach and will be releasing similar details.

Because of the changes and updating instructions and guidance currently taking place, Grand Lodge will also be releasing a FAQ paper to assist lodges resume meetings and the administrative requirements for the resumption of meetings.

I will of course keep you updated on any further changes as they happen.

Stay Safe

Kevin



Cornwall Mark Foundation

Charity Golf Day 2020

Following on from the highly successful charity golf day held on 13th September 2019 at Killiow. Where thirty two golfers took part, later being joined by twelve diners! Who collectively raised over £500.00 for the Cornwall Mark Foundation. We are delighted to confirm that a follow up event will be held on Friday 11th September at Merlin Golf Course, St Eval Road Mawgan Porth near Newquay commencing at 12.00pm. The competition format is the same a last year a 18 hole stableford, entry fees are £22.00 for golfers and £14.00 for those wishing to dine, which will take place from 6.00pm

Further information can be found on the Provincial Website www.cornwallmark.com Under the "news tab" [upcoming events](#) or from your Lodge Secretary.



Mark Province of Cornwall

2020 Charity Golf Day

At Merlin Golf Club

St Eval Road, Mawgan Porth, TR8 4DN

On Friday 11th September

Open to all Masons and friends

Competition 18 Hole Stableford

Commencing 12-00pm

Dining from 6-00 pm

Entrance fee for Golfers £22-00

Non Golfers (Dining only) £14-00



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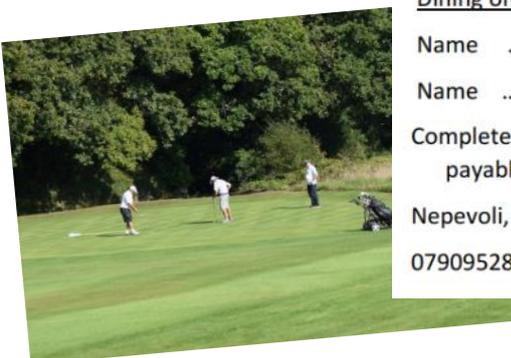
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Provincial 100 Club

The Provincial 100 Club, which alongside donations from Lodges and individuals further supports the Cornwall Mark Foundation while allowing us to get together for some fun at the draws in Lodges around the Province, has recently come to the end of its current year. Our Provincial Charity Steward John Mills recently wrote to members and Lodges.

A copy of the letter is below, further information can be found by visiting the Provincial Website www.cornwallmark.com

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Dear Sir & Brother

MARK100 CLUB

I hope you are keeping well in these unusual and uncertain times.

I am sure like me you are missing the fellowship and friendship that we enjoy as members of the Mark Degree with all regular and installation meetings on hold for the foreseeable future.

We are no longer contributing to our lodge charity and subsequently the Mark Provincial charity by contributing to raffles and making charitable donations to our lodge charity stewards. This leaves us all with a few more pounds in our pockets than usual.

Why not therefore support our Cornwall Mark Charities by joining the 100 Club. Funds from which support the Mark Foundation Account the latest of which have been used to make donations to NHS Treliske and Derriford Covid 19 Appeals.

If you are not already a member I am wondering if you would like to consider joining the Mark 100 Club the features of which are:-

- Membership of the '100 Club' is £10.00 per annum
- Members will be notified of their respective numbers on receipt of remittance
- There is no limit on the amount of numbers a brother can hold
- Draws will be held bi-monthly
- 40% of the monies will be returned as prize money
- Current prizes are 1st £60.00; 2nd £40.00; 3rd £20.00
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- Attached is the form to complete

Yours sincerely,

John Mills
Secretary/Treasurer

Spotlight on!

St Michael's Lodge No175

Warranted on 15th February 1874 Consecrated on 27th October 1874

Meets at Masonic Hall, Cross Street, Helston on the second Tuesday (7pm) in January, March, May, September and October, with the Installation being held in October.

St Michael's Mark Lodge No. 175 currently has 49 subscribing members, including among its numbers, our Past Provincial Grand Master - R.W. Bro. F Tonkin, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master – V.W.Bro P F Johns and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master - W.Bro. P Furness. There are a further 4 Grand Officers, 16 Provincial Officers, 3 Worshipful Brethren and 23 Brothers.

Over its long history St Michael's has had many notable members;

Prior to the Consecration meeting, Bro. the Rev William Henry Bloxsome was installed as the first Master of St Michael's by W.Bro N.J. West, a Past Master of Cornubian Mark Lodge No 87 at Hayle.

James Martin Trezise became Master in 1906 and during his time installed 15 other Masters between 1907 and 1926 he passed away in 1940.

John Liddell Milne, advanced in 1930, Master in 1935 was a Provincial Grand Senior Warden and an active Grand Steward.

Albert Edwin Anthony who was Master in 1939 became a PGStdB in 1956 and PGSD in 1975, he was a founding member and one of the first Officers of the Cornish Installed Mark Masters Lodge No 1332.

Geoffrey Banks who was Master in 1946, became Curator of the Helston Museum passing away in 1979.

Major Charles Searle Head MC was Master in 1956, PPGJW in 1970 and appointed to Grand Sword Bearer in 1976. He was a well-respected local vet who during his military career was one of the first volunteers for the Commandos when it was instigated during WW2. He passed away in 1982.

Raymond John Goodhead a well-known jeweller, was advanced in 1948 and Master in 1962 and 1971. He became Provincial Grand Senior Warden and Provincial Grand Secretary in 1975 and Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1980.

More recently we have been honoured to have some of our members in eminent positions in the Province, notably RW Bro Frank Tonkin. Frank was advanced in 1962 and Master in 1975, he became Provincial Grand Secretary in 1980, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1982 and then Provincial Grand Master in 1992.

We currently have V.W.Bro. Peter Johns the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Peter Furness the Assistant Provincial Grand Master as Members of our Lodge. The Brethren of St Michael's do not have to look far for inspiration and guidance.

W.Bro A E Soady – Worshipful Master of St Michael's Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 175

My first experience of anything Masonic was that my Father-in-Law was a self-confessed Mason who ran a successful Printing business in Plymouth my personal encounter, was being asked if I would like to join, on becoming Special Constable in Mullion, sometime late, in 1982 .

Having decided to find out more, I agreed to "try it out" and was "tipped off" that in addition to the well known trouser leg requirement, I should have to be able to perform the special feat of standing on my head and singing the National Anthem backwards I am really not sure who exactly thought of this ...in hindsight ridiculous idea, but suspect that my wife, and possibly my proposer, had something to do with it !

My Craft initiation, passing and raising all went well and it was such a relief to realise that I had been seriously set-up by my wife. I was soon appointed Tyler and spent an interesting year outside the door, reading the masonic history books in the foyer library, however to be told that I would need to be Tyler for a second year ...and then a third ..was not welcome news and not, thank goodness, recognised as good present policy.

Employment as an electronics Technician at Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station, developed sharply with progression through the ranks and regular Lodge attendance became impossible, partly due to protracted study for professional institute qualifications and also due to having ever increasing staff management and system development requirements across the country all requiring pretty well continuous travel both in the UK and abroad .

At this stage my Masonic career was put on hold really until my retirement in 2007, when I had the good fortune to meet an old Mark Masonic brother, who urged me to return to Masonry now that I had kept my seniority and time to devote to the Craft and the Mark.

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St Michael's Lodge No175(continued)

W.Bro A E Soady – Worshipful Master (Continued)

I re-started both from the bottom, progressing year by year doing my very best to deliver acceptable ritual, and feeling that doing so was keeping my brain active. Sadly in 2014 I reacted badly to a dose of prescribed anti-biotics which made life exceptionally difficult in general and lasted for three years, during which time the brethren from both Craft and Mark made kind and subtle allowances for my problems.

As if by magic in 2017 the debilitating effects suddenly wore off ...and I recovered fully, strongly feeling that every day we have is so precious and gifted. Since then progression to Master in both Craft and Mark, have been an absolute honour to undertake ...and the realisation of a lifetime of personal ambition.

Over what is getting on for 40 years I can see that Masonry has changed with the times, but the fundamental principles remain as firm as they have always been. Last year I was delighted to be the Master of my local St Mellyon Lodge No 7422.and this year I am proud to be Master of St Michael's Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 175.

W Bro Chris Sharrinton P.Prov.G.St.B.

I was born and educated in Wiltshire and so rather than being native Cornish I'm really a "Moonraker". Having completed my education in Leeds and qualified as a Building Engineer I took up gainful employment in London before joining my parents in the grocery business here in Cornwall.

My masonic career started in 2003 when I was initiated into the Penhellaz Lodge in Helston. Subsequently I joined St. Michaels Lodge of Mark Masons in March 2005 and St Michaels RAM in September 2005, a ceremony I will always remember as it was done by the "Provincial Team". My first chair was that of W. Commander of St Michaels in 2013, followed quickly within the same year Craft and The Order of the Secret Monitor and so I was always apologising if I suddenly went into the wrong ritual. I feel that I should have joined Masonry earlier in my life as it has given me a lot of camaraderie and if I had been younger my mind would have been a little sharper for learning the rituals.

Today having received Provincial honours in most orders, I can now sit in the East and enjoy the ceremonies and at various times support the Orders as required. The present circumstances have made me realise the importance of having interests throughout life and has encouraged me to look forward to enjoying my three main interests, family, motor sport and Masonry.

W. Bro. D H Moore P.G.Std.B

I was born at Zoar St. Keverne on the Lizard peninsula on the 15th of August 1933. I went to Coverack school and then to Helston Secondary Modern, known as the Green school. Leaving school, I served my apprenticeship as a Motor Mechanic, at Mill Garage in Coverack. On finishing my apprenticeship, I was called for National Service and served two years in the REME first at Blandford Forum, then Taunton Manor Camp and finally, at Catterick Garrison in Yorkshire and I must say I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in the army.

On leaving the Army I worked at Helston Garages and then with the Air Ministry works dept. After the death of my father who was the proprietor of Zoar Garage, I returned there and together with Margie, we ran the business for 40 years. My son Robert now runs the business. I married Margie in 1955. and we have three children Helen, Robert, Catherine, 5 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren.

I joined Freemasonry and was initiated into Penhellaz Lodge on 28th of May 1970 and was Worshipful Master in 1983, I then became Lodge DC in 1989 to 1993 and Prov.A.G.D.C. in 1990 and I attended two consecrations.

I was Advanced into St. Michaels Mark Lodge No.175 on November 9th 1971 serving as Worshipful Master 1985 and was Lodge Chaplain 1989 to 1992. I became a Prov.G.Swd.B 1989.

I served as Keystone Steward, back in my early days in Mark Masonry and had the great honour of going to Grand Lodge with the late W.Bro. Wilfred Harris to receive the Keystone Collarette, when St Michaels 175 became a Keystone Lodge. I received my grand rank in 1997 that of Past Grand Standard Bearer.

In 2021 I hope to receive my 50 years certificate. I have had many interesting years in Mark Masonry.

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St Michael's Lodge No175 (continued)

W.Bro. L E Timmins Prov.G.I.G.

My Kayaking Story

As many of you will know that in addition to Masonry I spend a lot of time kayaking. This is a sport I first got involved in about 25 years ago when my youngest son Adam said, "Dad I would like to try Kayaking". Well I duly enrolled us both for a beginner's course at Falmouth Canoe Club and over a couple of seasons we attained our British Canoe Union 1,2 and 3 Star awards. After that Adam moved on to do other pursuits but Dad was hooked.

After learning the basics at Falmouth I moved on to Hayle Canoe Club where a greater number of kayaking disciplines were on offer such as kayak surfing, sea kayaking, kayak polo and also I was able to learn some white water skills on the "Sluice " at Carnsew Pool which is a large pool that fills with sea water via a sluice gate on the incoming tide thus causing the water to be very turbulent at that point and somewhat similar to the turbulence experienced on a white water river , these skills came in handy for club trips to the river Dart in Devon one of our nearest white water rivers. Needless to say I tried and enjoyed all of these disciplines but Hayle Canoe Club had still something else to offer and that was Marathon Kayak Racing, this took place at Malpas on the river Fal and was to become my chosen discipline.

In Marathon kayak racing we use a type of kayak known as a K1 for singles and a K2 for doubles, these are often made from Carbon Kevlar for lightness and strength. A K1 is 5.2 metres long and weighs 10kg and a K2 is 6.5 meters long and weighs 18kg . Marathon racing revolves around a national competition called the Hasler Trophy which consists of nine divisions with promotions and demotions from one division to another and also there are three different distances : Divisions 1,2, and 3 race over a distance of 12 miles and the paddlers in these divisions are among the fastest in the country and our National teams are selected from these (needless to say that I never quite made Division 1,2 or three), Divisions 4,5 and 6 race over a distance of 8 miles and Divisions 7,8 and 9 race over a distance of 4 miles. All divisions are open to both Male and Female regardless of age and are keenly contested with technique being paramount. The highest division that I have raced in is Division 4 but that was some time ago, I'm still racing today but just about holding my own in Division 5.

Here in Cornwall we have Hasler Trophy races on the River Fal, River Fowey, River Camel and the River Tamar, and also in the South West division we have races on the River Ex at Exeter, the River Dart at Totnes, the river Avon at Bradford upon Avon, the River Severn at Tewkesbury and also the Canal at Gloucester. Points gained from each of these races goes towards the Hasler trophy with the final being held at one of the bigger clubs in London or the Midlands. At Truro Canoe Club we have never won the Hasler trophy itself as this is usually won by the larger clubs upcountry but we have on occasions achieved the highest number of Hasler points in the South West Division for which there is a very nice trophy. The Hasler Trophy itself is a magnificent Trophy and has a very interesting history; This Trophy commemorates the World War 2 operation codenamed Frankton and involved a very daring raid on the German Battleships in the Harbour at Bordeaux using kayaks and led by Major Blondie Hasler. This operation was immortalized in the film "The Cockleshell Heroes".

After the war Lloyds of London Underwriters presented a trophy in recognition of Operation Frankton to the Royal Marines who in turn presented it to the British Canoe Union as they were best placed to organise an annual kayak race, and so the Hasler Trophy races sprung from this. No story about canoeing would be complete without telling you about a race that is sometimes regarded as the canoeists Everest and that is the annual Devizes to Westminster Canoe race often referred to as the DW.

The DW canoe race is a grueling ultra-marathon that takes place every Easter weekend and is the longest non-stop canoe race in the world, which attracts many competitors from overseas and as its name implies starts at Devizes in Wiltshire, travels down the Kennet and Avon Canal until it joins the river Thames at Reading. It then follows the Thames to finish at Westminster Bridge in central London, opposite the Houses of Parliament, a distance of 125 miles with 75 portages. What is a portage I hear you ask, well a portage is where you have to get out of your Kayak and carry it around an obstacle that cannot be navigated and then get back in on the other side and continue to paddle again. On the DW there are 75 locks in total and each one must be portaged, so as well as arduous paddling there is a considerable amount of running involved too.

It was in 2004 that I decided it was high time for me to take on the DW, there are several classes to choose from including staging the race over four days using a single kayak but for me it had to be the main event i.e. Senior Double which meant starting on a Saturday morning and not stopping until we got to Westminster Bridge on Sunday. Preparations started in earnest in 2003 with many miles spent paddling down the River Fal with my DW buddy Alan who has previously completed several DW races and hence a good mentor.

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Spotlight on! St Michael's Lodge No175 (continued)

W.Bro. L E Timmins Prov.G.I.G.

In a race of this distance it is essential to have a good back up crew following you in a car to keep you supplied with drinks and food on route, my wife Lorna and my eldest son James volunteered for this job and quickly became very adept at meeting us at the portages and keeping our drinks bottles topped up and of course giving us plenty moral support and encouragement on the way.

At the halfway point at Reading there was a compulsory short stop where we had to fit navigational lights to the Kayaks and change into dry and warm kit, this gave our back up crew an opportunity to give us some hot food and drinks before our paddle down the River Thames through the night .

The night time paddle was the most arduous especially if you had managed to miss the backup crew at a portage so you then desperately hoped to see them at the next portage for a bit of well-deserved chocolate , similarly it was difficult for our crew to spot us on the river at night amongst other paddlers that were on the water so we instigated a well-known method of communication amongst Cornish folk i.e. .When Lorna and James were waiting at a portage for us to arrive and they heard the sound of paddlers approaching in the dark they would call out Oggy Oggy Oggy into the night air and on hearing this Alan and I would respond with the Password Oi Oi Oi. We completed the race in a time of 25 hours and 59 minutes which was not a particularly fast time but we were very pleased with it as our main object was to complete the race. We were fortunate to have good weather throughout which is a major factor in a race of this type especially as it can sometimes snow at Easter.

Competitors calculate their own time of starting the race on the Saturday based on the time of Sunday mornings High tide at Teddington Lock the tidal lock for the Thames, the point being to reach Teddington Lock on the High Tide as the race Marshals will not allow competitors on to the tideway on an incoming tide. We left Devizes at 10:00 on Saturday morning and reached Westminster Bridge at 11:59 on Sunday.

Big Ben was still chiming 12 O'clock as the chief Umpire put our medals around our necks.



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St Michael's Lodge No175 (continued)

V.W. Bro. Raymond Lewry P.G.J.O.

My Life in Masonry

I was born in Woking Hospital on 17th February 1944 during an air raid, Mother tells the story that she started labour just before the air raid siren, those patients who could walk were taken to the air raid shelter but Mother had to stay in the hospital with a midwife. I have to confess I do not remember any of this. We rented the family farm at Bisley in Surrey it was a small village about a mile from the Bisley Riffle Range, we could hear the shooting but got used to it. The farm was mixed, we had a herd of shorthorn cattle hand milked by ladies of the village and used to sell milk locally delivering the milk to the village and outlying parts every morning, we also had chicken, pigs, and grew corn as well as many vegetables that would accompany the milk. I was told that during the war Dad bred rabbits for meat as these could be sold without ration coupons and were very popular. During the school holidays I would help out as much as I could and soon had a small round of my own delivering milk to houses close by on my tricycle. A few periods of the year stand out in my memory, Christmas was a busy time as we sold birds for the table so they all had to be killed, plucked, and dressed for the table and then delivered on Christmas Eve. Hay and harvest time was of course also busy, although we had a tractor we also still had horses and luckily for me it happened mostly in the summer school holidays. The highlight of the year was thrashing the corn during the winter, to see the contractor moving onto the farm in the late afternoon and setting up the main thresher with baler behind, unfortunately this happened during school term time so I ran home from school on those days. My earliest memories was of having ex-military vehicles pulling the machines as after the war so much surplus war material was auctioned off. Later a big Minneapolis Moline tractor made in the USA moved and drove the thresher, this was huge to a small boy and I was allowed to sit on the tractor seat but my feet could not touch the clutch or brake pedals. After the war a great amount of house building took place both in and around the village and in parts up to the farm boundary, these were used to house a lot of families from London, it caused a lot of problems for Dad and Grandad as their dogs would worry the cattle, hay ricks would catch fire if built outside the far yard and lots of junk was thrown into the fields causing no end of problems.

In 1956 Mum & Dad, Grandad & Granny and myself aged 12 moved to Trannack Farm just outside Helston and I attended Penrose Secondary Modern School (The Green School, so named as all blazers were green), I did not know it at the time but my future wife was in my class. My heart was not in school work as I wanted to become a farmer and I could not see the point of a lot of my education, at the end of the 4th year I left school and attended Camborne Technical College for a 1 year full time Agricultural Course and passed the City and Guilds stage 1 in Agriculture, staying on for a one day a week doing theory while at home doing practical and then passing City & Guilds stage 2 in Agriculture. I then stayed on and studied for C&G stage 3 but changed to agricultural engineering, at this time the Agricultural Department of the college started an Agricultural Club in the evenings and I was its first Chairman, I also joined Helston & St. Keverne Young Farmers and later became the club Chairman. It was at one of the YFC dances at Porthleven where I again met Ruth and we married in 1965. I was full time on the farm at this time but having difficulty in breathing with the hay and straw dust, it was decided that I would go more into the engineering side and I took on local work from the farms around while still doing most of the tractor work on the farm. Our local blacksmith retired and I rented his shop and moved to Trenear breaking away from the farm but doing repairs to agricultural machinery. All went well for a short time until I caught pneumonia, they took me to Treiske Hospital where I stayed for 13 weeks, I did not work again for 9 months. This was a very low period for me as we also had 2 young children at this time. During my long convalescence we discussed what I could do, it was quite evident I could not return to heavy manual work again but I could do office work, so I learnt to type by getting from the library "Teach Yourself Typing". We had long conversations and decided to start a mail order company selling agricultural product to farmers, so the Agricultural Mail Order Service was born, we sent out leaflets to all the farmers and started trading. This went well and as time passed I got stronger and soon was able to attend the local markets and placed advertisements in the "West Briton" and shortened the name to AMOS. At that time I banked with the Midland Bank who's manager was Mr James, he called me into the bank one day and suggested I took our another account just for the business and had a proper accountant, he suggest a Mr. Tonkin a few doors down Coinagehall Street and suggested I joined the towns Chamber of Commerce. Both suggestions I carried out, some years later I became Chairman of the Chamber.

The business was doing well and we moved to our present location and changed the name of the business to Amos Pumps (UK) Ltd. One memorable evening Mr. Tonkin brought the accounts out to us for a signature and asked if I ever thought about becoming a Freemason, you could have knocked me down with a feather as I thought only accountants, solicitors and bank managers were Freemasons. We both talked about it and I decided to join Penhellez Lodge 7680, I was initiated on 28th June 1984, passed on 25th October 1984 and raised on 28th February 1985,

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St Michael's Lodge No175 (continued)

Some years later I left and joined Penwith Lodge 8538 and went through the chair, I've been its Treasurer for quite a few years. I joined St. Michael's Mark Masters Lodge 175 on the 10th of September 1985 and soon understood how different the Mark was to the Craft, I liked the friendly and relaxed way the Lodge business was carried out.

While progressing towards the chair I realised our centenary was not far away and organized Sunday lunches in the Spring and Autumn of each year to raise funds and was delighted to find that I was to be Master in 1996, our Centenary Year. We had our Centenary Warrant, a Lodge banner and each subscribing member had a centenary jewel as well as a ladies night. During my year of office I wanted to visit as many Mark Lodges as possible but found nothing was available to tell me when each lodge met so I produced a calendar with all lodge meetings and gave a copy to W. Bro. Fred Matthews and R. W. Bro. Frank Tonkin who ask if they were for sale, I said no as I had only printed three. This gave me the idea to make it into a newsletter, to record the happenings of the previous year and incorporating the calendar of meetings so the Mark Calendar was launched in 2000, it continued for several years with all the profit going to the CMBF but with the rise in popularity of the internet sales dropped and it's became part of history.

I became Lodge Secretary in 1998 and enjoyed that position, I found a closeness to the members never experienced before. My first promotion was Provincial Senior Deacon in 2000, I was "as pleased as punch" to get it and to walk in to lodge with the Province at an installation meeting felt great. I thought I was settled into the Mark as I was producing the Year Planner, we continued the spring and autumn Sunday Lunches and each year we had a Fancy Dress Dinner & Dance. We had great fun with the fancy dress events having a Breton evening, Hawaiian Evening and a Victorian Evening and many others, each held in the Penmorvah Manor Hotel, the committee meetings were also fun as we held them in the top room of the Wheal Dream and had Dinner at the same time. But I was to go in another direction, one morning I had a telephone call from R. W. Bro. Frank Tonkin asking me to come and see him in his Porthleven office, thinking I had done something wrong I travelled to his office only to be asked to become Provincial Grand Secretary, WOW! I thought, I never expected that. After talking it over with Ruth I accepted the office that afternoon.

After receiving the Provincial Secretaries collar in 2003 my first job was to help organize the farewell lunch of Rt. W. Bro. Frank Tonkin on his retirement as our Provincial Grand Master along with V. W. Bro. Mark Hocking who later became Deputy-in-Charge. My next big job was the Provincial Meeting with the Installation of W. Bro. Geoffrey Isaac as our next Provincial Grand Master, I felt it was a "baptism of fire". But the real highlight within my term of office was the 2006 Festival, all of the committee meetings, all of the pre festival fund raising events and all of the fun. Who could not forget the Pre-Festival Dinner at the Greenlawns Hotel, then next day the Pendennis Castle, Falmouth, the weather started great, during the morning we were getting things ready in the sunshine, then at the start it turned cloudy but at the end the rain blew up the river and we were all soaked, but we made £562,794.00 for the MBF. We made history within our Province on 27th September 2007 when R. W. Bro. G. F. W. Isaac Consecrated the Lyver Ha Pluven lodge 1884 and the Cornwall Mark Provincial Wardens Lodge 1885 on the same day at Falmouth, I was WM of the first and V. W. Bro. G. W. Hubber became WM of the second. During my time as PGS I became friendly with the PGS of Dyfed, a friendship that still exists and I became a member of the Grand Officers Lodge 1700 and also the Provincial Grand Secretaries Lodge. I had the honour of receiving Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2004 and Past Grand Senior Deacon in 2008. All good things come to an end and at the Provincial Meeting of 2008 I handed my collar back and W. Bro. Craig Bryant was appointed PGS. At the following Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting I was given the collar of the Provincial Grand Almoner, when I thought things could not get better, they did. One of my first jobs was to write an Almoners Handbook and I have to thank W. Bro. Roger Freeman and W. Bro. Jonathan Roberts from Grand Lodge, also RW Bro Geoffrey Isaac all of whom were invaluable. I was invited to the Provinces of Dyfed and Middlesex to give presentations and finally Grand Lodge adopted the book and put it on the website. A few years into my office I learnt that a new Provincial Grand Almoners & Charity Stewards Lodge was to be formed and I registered an interest, to my delight I was asked to be on the committee and later to become the first Senior Warden and in 2014 I became its second Master. During my time as PGA I have met some wonderful people dedicated to helping others, I have been to Grand Lodge several times and met the staff and members of the MBF who are to be congratulated for their dedication in helping all sorts of people in need and giving relief. Finally I give my very best wishes to W. Bro. Alan Odgers who is taking over as PGA and a BIG thank you for all of the Lodge Almoners who continue to work unseen for the benefit of the members. I have been through the chair in the Cornwall Installed Mark Masters Lodge and in the Edwin Perry Morgan as well as St. Michael's RAM, Cornish Installed Commanders and Edwin Perry Morgan RAM. I was awarded the Certificate of Service to Mark Masonry by R. W. Bro. Geoffrey Isaac on 9th May 2009. In 2014 I was again privileged to be given Past Grand Junior Overseer at Grand Lodge. What's next. Well, we know Corvid-19 is going to be with us a long time and that is going to change Masonry, we must adapt to this new problem and move forward but for now I have my photography and gardening (that I do with as many tractors as possible!).

A Look Back to Provincial Grand Lodge 1904

Grand Lodge of of England Mark Masters and Wales.

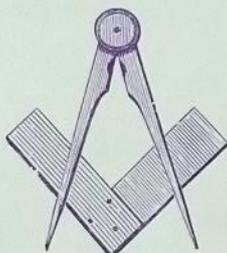
HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII., Patron.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., M.W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro. 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 Y. W. Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH, P.M., P.G.Ov. of England,

Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason.

V.D.B.

FALMOUTH, *June 10th, 1904.*

I am commanded by the R.W. BRO. THE RT. 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

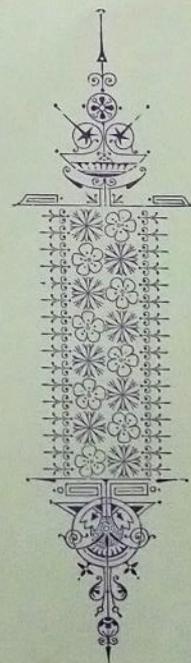
St. Michael's Lodge, No. 175, at the Godolphin Hall, Helston,

On TUESDAY, JUNE 28th, at 1.30 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,

**W. W. J. SHARPE, P.M. 94, P. Prov. G. W.,
Prov. Grand Sec.**



The Order of Royal and Select Masters

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Each Council is led, as in the Holy Royal Arch, by three Principals, and also the District has three leaders The District Grand Master (R.III. Companion Jan Olszewski ,His Deputy (Ill. Comp. Angus Herdman) and a Principal Conductor of the Work (Ill, Comp. Gary Peard)



Indeed relationships with the Holy Royal Arch are even closer, as one of the Past Master's degrees involves the Passing of the Veils, a ceremony well known in Scottish and Bristol Chapters.

In this Order you learn **what happened to the word ?**

In the **Degree of Select Master** you become part of the mysterious work going on beneath the building site of King Solomon's Temple.

In the **Royal Master Degree** the Candidate solicits Hiram Abiff for the Word of a Master Mason.

In **Most Excellent Master** we reach the Dedication of the Temple.

The **Degree of Super Excellent Master** takes us to a time when the Israelites are preparing for their inevitable fate as the Babylonish forces of Nebuchadnezzar threaten Jerusalem.

But let us ask a new member, Companion Robert Bodé, why he joined and how he found the Order :

From the moment I began looking at orders beyond the Craft, it was immediately obvious to me that Royal and Select Masters (RSM) was going to be the one which I would most want to join and would, in all likelihood, have the most interest to me due to the range and subject matter it appeared to encompass. The only reason for not joining sooner was that I delayed joining Holy Royal Arch until I was sure I was ready for that particular adventure.

For me RSM stands out from other orders due to the range of the rituals involved and the very different approaches and humours needed in working them. This combined with the extra commitment which members of other Councils make to support each other and the candidates are very special features and make it so enjoyable. The aforementioned range of rituals is something which I haven't seen in many other orders.

I would imagine that most masons who aren't members of RSM will be unaware of just how different from each other the various degrees are and this alone would be a reason to join as there really is something for everyone in the diversity of the degrees.

If those aren't reason enough to join then there is also the draw that one of the degrees in RSM contains what is (regularly voted as such by those senior masons who are members of many orders) regarded as the most beautiful piece of ritual in all masonry. If you want to progress your masonry then RSM totally fits the bill

Rob Bodé

Grade – Most Excellent Master

Royal Duchy Council No 170

Provincial Virtual Business Meeting

And Finally!!

We hope you have found something worthwhile and interesting in this 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!

Send your articles to our Provincial Secretary, whose details are at the bottom of the page!

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Cornwall.

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Secretaries and Scribes will have received the papers of business for the Provincial Business Meeting which will take place on Saturday 26th September, the details are as below.

Ancient Degree of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales Province of Cornwall



R.W.Bro. Kevin John Hicks

Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Cornwall

V.W.Bro. P.F. Johns P.G.J.O. W.Bro. P.J. Furness P.A.G.D.C
Deputy Provincial Grand Master Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Dear Sir and Brother,
Your attendance is requested at a Virtual Business Meeting, to be held on Saturday 26th September in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled to have been held on Saturday 9th May 2020 during the General Suspension of Masonic Activity arising from the Covid-19 Pandemic

The meeting will be open from 10.30 for you to join.

The Provincial Grand Master will call the meeting to order at 11.00am.

The meeting will be held via ZOOM which can be found via the link [HERE](#)

The meeting can be joined by clicking on the link [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 832 6525 2080 Password: 534746

The business of the meeting will be to consider items as per the Paper of Business on Page 2 of this notice.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
W.Bro. S.J. Trevains G.J.D. Provincial Grand Secretary.
*It is requested that all those joining the meeting are to wear a **white shirt and Provincial Tie**, Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers will wear **the Collar and Jewel of their Rank**.*

Annual Meeting For Lodge Secretaries, Scribes, Treasurers, Directors of Ceremonies and Active Officers

The Annual Meeting for Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Scribes, Assistant Scribes & Treasurers, will take place via Zoom on Monday 31st August 2020 commencing at 7.30pm, the login details for the meeting are as below.

The Provincial Grand Master also requests that all current Active Officers join the meeting from 8.00pm (you may attend from 7.30 if you wish)

All Lodge Directors of Ceremonies and Assistant Directors of Ceremonies are requested to attend the meeting from 8.00pm (you may attend from 7.30 if you wish)

Zoom Login details:- www.zoom.us

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