

Marking Time

An update from the Provincial Grand Master



Brethren,

I trust that you and your families all remain in good health and spirits.

Questionnaire.

Mark Masonry in the “new normal”. There will be a questionnaire arriving with you shortly, in response to the varying levels of concern regarding returning to physical Lodge meetings and the position of Mark Masonry at this time, and I ask you all to complete it if at all possible, in order for your executive to determine how we proceed at this time in the best interests of our members and the order.

Mark Grand Lodge Guidance.

You will all I hope have read the latest information from the Grand Secretary regarding Dues and Fees and the documents from the Grand DC amending the ceremonies to a Covid compliant basis, this of course is in place when our Lodges can meet again in the future, and the likely restrictions that will be in place, I have asked the Provincial Wardens Lodge to perhaps demonstrate the “New way” sometime in the future when restrictions allow.

Incidentally it occurs to me that this might be an ideal time for those brethren who have yet to join the Installed Masters Lodge or the Installed Commanders Lodge, with the reduction in Joining Fees.

Lodge Membership & Meetings.

Masonic Halls in Cornwall have determined that they feel unable to open in a cost effective and Covid compliant manner, and therefore Lodges will be unable to meet, I would therefore urge all Lodges, if there are items requiring a Zoom business meeting please contact our Provincial Grand Secretary, who will be only too willing to assist and guide you through the process, also if needed host your meeting for you, I would also urge you if not hosting a “virtual Business Meeting, you consider using the date and time of your regular meeting for a zoom social chat with your members. If Lodges can determine to meet in the appropriate manner on the appointed date and usual time, it will I hope retain members connections with their Lodges.

I am aware that a number of our brethren have zoom installed and have hosted meetings in the past five months, and I thank them for that, and hope that facility will still be available and that if a Lodge does not have such access, please contact the Provincial Grand Secretary who will look to facilitate matters.

Provincial Grand Lodge.

In line with other Provinces, we shall be having a Zoom Provincial meeting on the 26th September 2020 to deal with items of business during the coming months. As the Pro Grand Master has indicated that the Active Grand Officers appointed this year will continue in office for a second year, so we will be following suit for 2021. Therefore, please note there will be no appointments to active Provincial Grand Rank or Promotions next year.

I conclude with the continued hope you will all remain fit and healthy, that you will remain in contact through your Almoner and his team, and if you have concerns, we are here to try and help. May the Great Overseer & Supreme Commander of the Universe protect you and your loved ones.

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

Stay Safe

Kevin



Cornwall Mark Foundation Provincial 100 Club

The Provincial 100 Club has been running for a number of years, with the support of the Brethren and Lodge in Cornwall has raised over fifteen thousand pounds for the Cornwall Mark Foundation, these monies have been distributed to charities and good causes

following nominations from Lodges, with the "New Year" Upon us and the next round of draws set to start, we are always on the lookout for new members.

Membership of the "100 Club" is £10.00 per annum.

There is no limit on the amount of numbers a brother or lodge can hold.

Draws will be made Bi-Monthly.

Lodges will be invited to host the draws at their regular meetings.

40% of the income will be returned as prize money.



It is hoped that members and lodges will feel inclined to support the "100 Club", should you wish to become a member, please complete the form Below and return to the address below or your Lodge Charity Steward.

Should you have any queries, please contact
Mr J Mills, Ciderbarn, Bulsworthy, Launceston,

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Cornwall
"100 Club"

(Please print the following details)

Name _____

Address _____

Lodge Name _____ Lodge No _____

Telephone No _____ E Mail Address _____

Number of 100 Club No's required _____

Standing Order Enclosed

Subscription enclosed for £ _____ (Cheques Payable to CMBA)

Bankers Order (100 Club)

To The Manager _____ Bank Plc _____ Date _____

Branch Name _____ Post Code _____

Please Pay from My Account

Number _____

Sort Code _____

the sum of £ _____

(in words) _____ Pounds Annually,

Commencing on _____ / _____ / _____

And continued until cancelled by me to the:-

Cornwall Mark Benevolent Association
Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Sort code 30-98-76
7 Boscawen Street,
Truro TR1 2QT

Account Number 2109328 Reference _____

Signed _____

Print Name _____

MBF Update from W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.A.G.D.C., Charities Manager, Mark Masons' Hall.

Brethren,

To say that the MBF office has been busy this year would certainly be an understatement.

What began as a normal run of the mill year was soon turned upside down as the Covid-19 pandemic swept the planet affecting every one of us.

A carefully planned program of Provincial and charity visits was very quickly wiped out as everything was shut down and we were told to stay at home.

It soon became evident as time went on that many people, both individuals and charities, were going to struggle through. The office started receiving many enquiries from all areas about funding and tough decisions were being made as to how the MBF was going to react.

In June we were pleased to welcome V.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.M.O. as President of the M.B.F. in succession to R.W.Bro. John LW Wright, RD, P.G.S.W. Also, a new Deputy President in R.W.Bro. David F Ashbolt, Past Provincial Grand Master (London) in succession to R.W.Bro. Tony Morris, Past Provincial Grand Master (Leicestershire & Rutland). On your behalf, I thank them both for their contribution to the work of the Fund over many years.

As you know, the M.B.F. supports individuals in need through the work of the Petitions Committee and charities through the work of the Worthy Causes Committees.

The Petitions Committee

The Petitions Committee looks at applications received from individuals - mainly from Brethren or their widows. The Committee consists of 5 of the 12 MBF Trustees and is headed up by R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master. I work very closely with Keith and am always on hand to offer any help or further information that the committee may need to make a fair and objective decision.

It is essential that any Almoner or Visiting Brother makes sure that every application for relief contains as much information as possible about the applicant and their circumstances especially details of any government benefits applied for and whether assistance has been sought from the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). It is also prudent to find out a Brother's previous occupation as there may be a benevolent fund attached to it that they can utilise.

To date this year, we have received a total of 34 applications with more anticipated in the coming months as the effects of Covid-19 become more evident. The total amount granted so far this year is almost £55,000 (this includes £12,500 for 8 emergency grants).

Emergency grants are made when an immediate need is identified but in order to fully evaluate an application, further details are still needed which cannot be provided at that time. This can include the need for details of applications to the Department for Work & Pensions or waiting for the result of a grant from the MCF. Once all information is received then the case can be objectively considered.

Worthy Causes Committee

We receive many applications from charities looking for help in funding capital projects. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit the trustees of the MBF decided that their grant making policy needed to be adjusted to:

- a) concentrate on looking after our own brethren; and
- b) accept applications from those charities who were directly involved in providing services to the NHS but not receiving the necessary funding from them.

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MBF Update from W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.A.G.D.C., Charities Manager, Mark Masons' Hall. (Continued)

Each case is considered on its merits by the Worthy Causes Committee which consists of seven MBF Trustees. This committee is headed up by the Deputy President of the MBF, R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London).

So far this year, 33 eligible applications have been received and 23 cases approved – 70% success rate for anyone submitting a request.

The total amount granted so far is just over £403,000.

Many of the applications have been granted directly to Mark Provinces to aid in their work with their own brethren and other Covid-19 related charities.

- Essex Province was first off the blocks with a request for £25,987 for their Meals on Wheels Service.
- Somerset was awarded £5,750 to support their local food bank through the allocation of £250 to each of their 23 Lodges. The Province made up the difference by giving the charity £10,000.
- Leicestershire and Rutland followed with their 'Keystone Boxes' initiative. Each week they provided boxes of essential goods. Ninety recipients were reached, and the project ran for 3 months. £10,800 was awarded to the Province.
- In Devonshire, the Teignmouth meals project provided weekly meals to 300 vulnerable and self-isolating people. £11,000 was granted to the Province who initially had only asked that the MBF match the £500 that they had already raised for the project.
- In Northumberland, the Province provided locals with over 100 Sunday lunches every week for 5 months. £14,240 was given to cover the cost of packaging, heating units and transport costs.
- Finally, £8,500 was again awarded to Somerset for the Bath Masonic Square Meals Project. The project targeted shielding over-65s, those with serious care issues and families lacking the resources to feed their children adequately without the provision of school meals.

All in all, we had an excellent response to the change in grant making policy but regardless of this, applications generated by Provinces are on the increase as awareness of the work of the MBF spreads.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that the new interactive petitions application form is going live this week as well as an updated version of the Almoner's Handbook. A copy of each will be sent to all Provincial Grand Masters and Almoners for dissemination throughout their lodges. I am sure you will agree that it is a much called for improvement and will assist the petitions committee greatly in their deliberations.

Thank you.



Spotlight on!

Cornubian Lodge No87 Hayle

With thanks to W.Bro. Jan Olszewski P.G.J.D.

At the beginning of the 19th Century, Hayle developed into one of the most important towns in England, if not the world. It was at the forefront of the industrial expansion and pioneering inventiveness of the age.

Two smelting works were to develop into the largest mine engine foundries in the world, producing the largest steam engines built anywhere. Cornish Beam Engines from Hayle were to be found in Australia, New Mexico, the USA, Jamaica, and even Russia.

There was a substantial ship building operation where vessels up to 4,000 tons were constructed and launched.

Two of the most famous steam engineers lived and worked here : Richard Trevithick and Arthur Woolf, Inventing the “Cornish” Boiler Engine, the screw propeller for ships, and in 1804 the world’s first railway locomotive, named the “Cornubia”, made especially for the newly completed Hayle railway line in 1838. Most dear to a Cornishman’s heart, of course, was Trevithick’s high pressure steam vehicle (the first car ?), cast in Hayle and given its first road trial up a hill in Camborne

Sadly, by the time of the founding of Cornubian Lodge in 1866 the declining mining industry was having a disastrous effect on local industry, and the Cornish Copper Company, engineering works and shipyard were facing terminal decline.

So, all a distant memory – well not quite, as the Masonic Complex in which the lodge meets in Hayle was in fact Richard Trevithick’s house.

Perhaps because of the downturn in the economy in Hayle, the early days of Cornubian were not easy ; on June 16th 1866 two brethren were advanced but were unable to pay their Advancement Fee or Subscription by reason of “ having left their purses at home”. This is recorded as a “disgrace to the Lodge”.

By April 1869 the Lodge was in a sorry state ; attendance was very poor, and on two occasions there were not enough members present to open the Lodge.

But ‘cometh the hour, cometh the man”, and after another few difficult years Bro. Nicholas West, in 1872, took the bull by the horns and said he would accept the nomination as Worshipful Master only if every brother present would commit themselves to ‘working up’ the degree and giving the Lodge their full support. It worked, and W.Bro. West was elected Worshipful Master for a second year, and Cornubian was back on track to become one of the most flourishing and efficient Mark Lodges in the Province.

Cornubian Lodge has been indebted is to a number of very committed Freemasons over the years.

Let us celebrate their contribution, together with mentioning a few other significant dates :

In January 1938 Bro. F.M. Biggleston was Installed as Worshipful Master – the beginning of a very long and illustrious career; he was promoted to P.G.J.W in 1957, but more importantly for Cornubian, after a spell as Treasurer, he took over as Lodge Secretary in January 1953 after the death of W.Bro. T.A. Taylor who had been Secretary of Cornubian Lodge for 61 – yes, 61 ! – years.

In **1969** the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. J.E. Price presented the Lodge with a Mark Benevolent Fund Collarette in recognition of having become a Patron by subscribing over 200 Guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

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Spotlight on!

Cornubian Lodge No87 Hayle

With thanks to W.Bro. Jan Olszewski P.G.J.D. (continued)

Cornubian becomes a Keystone Lodge.

A very positive move forward for the Lodge was a Motion accepted unanimously at the beginning of 1974 that 'this Lodge shall become a Keystone Lodge'. It took 2 years to raise the funds, and in March **1976** the Worshipful Master, W.Bro Alfred Hubbard, reported to the Lodge on his recent visit to Grand Lodge to receive from the hands of the Dep.Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Colonel Edwin Perry Morgan the collarette of a Keystone Lodge.

It was a particularly fitting occasion, as it was the first time the Deputy Grand Master, a Cornish Mason, had presided at Grand Lodge.

In **1971** a presentation was made of a stainless silver tea service to W.Bro. Bigggleston, who had been Lodge Secretary for 18 years (and Treasurer for 9 years before that), sadly, he was to die in 1975. It is recorded in the Minutes that he was "a tireless worker for the Lodge with a quiet unassuming manner".

For 5 decades W.Bro. T. Uren had been a staunch supporter of the Lodge and had regularly delivered the Lecture on the Mark Masons' Degree. In **1982** he was presented at the Festive Board with a 'suitably decorated cake'. He had been a member now for 50 years . He was soon to be promoted to PGSD. Sadly, he was to die 4 years later.

In the same year, 1982, W.Bro. Ivor Anstice was congratulated on receiving the B.E.M.

The 125 years Celebration took place in March, **1991** with the Ceremony of Advancement worked by Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Team.

The Lodge had always enjoyed the support and contribution of some very committed Freemasons. Let's see how many you can remember ! :

A Roll of Honour Board , designed and made by **W.Bro. Henry Mitchell**, with the assistance of **Bro. John Middleton**, was presented to the Lodge, W.Bro. Henry Mitchell had also founded the Hayle Masonic Museum and requested a donation to set up a fund to purchase items for the Museum ,H.Mitchell continued to work hard to improve the Hayle Masonic Complex, and in **1994** he proposed to Install a Chair Lift. Cornubian Lodge agreed to make a donation.

January **1997** the Lodge was saddened to learn of the very recent death of **W.Bro.R. Tilly**, who had been a member for 42 years and had served the Lodge for many years in the Office of Chaplain.

In July the records also record the death of W.Bro. **R.J Hosking**, who had been Lodge Treasurer for 16 years although he was no longer a member.

In January **2007** W.Bro. **John Roberts**, a member of the Lodge for 43 years stepped down after 26 years as Lodge Secretary, informing his successor, W.Bro. **Peter Everest**, that he expected the same longevity of service from him !

W.Bro. John Roberts was clearly in failing health and could not attend meetings, in May W.Bro. **Neville Don** proposed him as an Honorary Member.

In January 2008 W.Bro **Michael Eddy** received his 50 year pin, and also an engraved Tankard to mark his 25 years as Lodge Director of Ceremonies..

Spotlight on!

Cornubian Lodge No87 Hayle

With thanks to W.Bro. Jan Olszewski P.G.J.D. (continued)

2011

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Kevin Hicks presented the new Grand Patron's Collarette to the Lodge.

2012

In November it is reported that W.Bro. **GRP Williams** was to be awarded the Provincial Grand Master's Certificate for Services to Mark Masonry, He was not well enough to make the Provincial Meeting and so the A.P.G.M. and W.M. visited him at home.

Called to Higher Service

The new Millennium brought sadness to Cornubian Lodge, as it lost many of its senior members.

Many of you will remember these fine Freemasons :

In 2001 W.Bro. **Terry Lobb**, who had been a member for 36 years, was forced to resign as Charity Steward. It was sad to witness his progressive ill health.

W.Bro. Terry was to die in 2006 of Alzheimer's, after a number of years in a Nursing Home.

In 2001, W.Bro. **Geoff Mason** was also becoming frail, and was made an Honorary Member.

Bro. **Peter Powell** was suffering from health problems and asked to stay as Senior Warden, a portent of things to come.

In July 2002 the Lodge recorded the death of W.Bro. **Henry Mitchell**. W.Bro. Henry had been a towering figure in Masonry in Hayle, and in the Province of Cornwall generally. He had owned a Printing Firm, and was an accomplished Draughtsman, much of his work can still be seen in the Hayle Masonic Complex.

In March 2004 the death is recorded of W.Bro. **Geoff Mason**; who had been an English teacher at Penzance Grammar School, remembered by his pupils as a 'lovely man' (he was W.Bro. Murton's Form Teacher !) and respected by all as a true gentleman.

In May 2005 the death is recorded of W.Bro. F.L. **(Bob) James**, who can truly be called the Mr. Freemasonry of the Hayle Masonic Complex.

W.Bro. **John Roberts**, who had been a member since 1964, and Secretary for 26 years was absent for most of 2006 though ill health.

In September 2008 W.Bro. John Roberts passed away, and sadly at the same time, the Lodge lost W.Bro. **Eslea Lashbrook** and W.Bro. **Peter Powell**.

In January **2010 W.Bro. Michael Eddy's** death was announced - a local farmer, Michael had been a member for 52 years and Director of Ceremonies for 26 years, another great stalwart of the Lodge. In November 2010 W.Bro. **Len Davies**, custodian of the Hayle Masonic Library, died. In November 2011 we were delighted to welcome R.W. Bro. **Morris Avern's** as a joining member; he was a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. He was a delightful man and helped the Lodge whenever he could.. Sadly he passed away in March 2013.

May 15th 2013 the Lodge lost W.Bro. **Ralph Neydorf**. W.Bro. Ralph moved down from Bolingbroke Mark Lodge in 1997. He loved his Mark Masonry and took on as his special 'piece' the Signs and Secrets. He died on the Golf Course on the 23rd March 2013.

The Lodge did go through some difficult times but was buoyed by the presence of some regular visitors and assistance from members of our Daughter Lodge Tregenna, and others from Penzance.

Whatever the turn out for the evening, the emphasis of the Lodge has always been on enjoyment and a commitment to a well ordered procedure.

A Look Back to Provincial Grand Lodge 1906

Grand Lodge of  Mark Masters
of England and Wales.

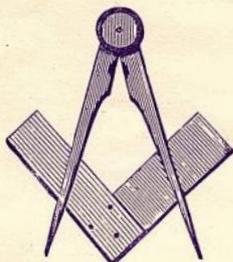
HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII., Patron.

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. the Earl of Donoughmore, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Province of Cornwall



The R.W. Bro. Right Hon. the EARL OF HALSBURY,
Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason.

The V.W. Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH, P.M., P.G.O.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason.

V.D.B.

FALMOUTH, *June 18th, 1906.*

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

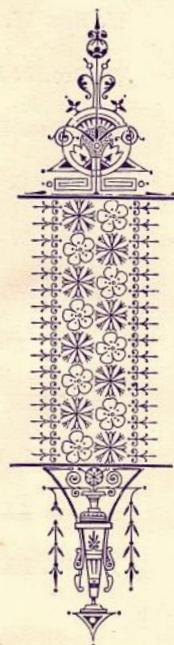
Meridian Lodge, No. 73, at the Masonic Hall, Redruth,

On TUESDAY, July 3rd, at 12.30 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 Secretary.



Provincial Virtual Business Meeting
Saturday 26th September 2020 at 11.00am

We look forward to seeing as many of you at our Provincial Virtual Meeting on Saturday 26th September, the login details for the meeting are as below, please make the effort to join the meeting and support the Provincial Grand Master and those Brethren being appointed to Active Office, first appointments and those receiving promotions

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

Security Message

Please do not share the Meeting ID or Password, also please ensure you use your full name when logging in to Zoom, to enable us to easily identify those entering the meeting space

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.***

A little light relief!

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.

3 Higher Broad Park, Treffry Lane, Lanhydrock
Bodmin, PL30 5AF Phone: 07580 363312

Quote of the week from UGLE First Rising #5

by Donald Taylor, Director of Legal Services at UGLE writing about "Dining Restrictions" ...

"If you are not confused by the government's guidance, then you haven't read it properly."

Found on the website of Aldridge Lodge 7921 (Staffordshire and Shropshire Mark Master Masons)

Diary of a frustrated Mason. Day 1

No meetings for 4 months! How will I cope? Found a strange woman in the house. Apparently she's my wife. Seems pleasant enough though. We ate dinner last night, but she didn't do any toasts or fire.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 2

The good lady of the house tells me I don't need to say, 'Inquire who wants admission', every time someone knocks on the front door. I have now won the raffle two nights in a row - with only two of us in the place, what are the chances.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 3

The dog barked today. I looked up and stated, 'I acknowledge the correctness of your bark, see who seeks admission'. Would you believe it, yet another raffle win - this is getting embarrassing

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 4

I have received a warning letter from Royal Mail. Apparently, blindfolding the postman and putting a noose round his neck is not the done thing. Another raffle prize - despite putting it back, I still won it.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 5

Next door came round for dinner. I proposed the visitors toast. Visiting is the life blood of Freemasonry - but in the current climate, 'Not visiting' may actually be the life blood! Is anybody else buying raffle tickets, or is it just me?

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 6

Tip of the day - normal wine glasses should not be used as firing glasses. As an aside - can anybody give me a lift back from A & E? I won the top prize in the raffle last night - a toilet roll.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 7

Things are getting bad. I've talked the dog into completing a Form P. Told him he could eventually become the Worshipful Barkster. The cat was one number out in last night's raffle.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 8

The wife is not happy with the new black and white chequered carpet, but that's probably more so because I painted it on the existing carpet ... The cat thinks I'm fiddling the raffle.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 9

I have been reminded by my good lady that Feng shui does not mean I can rearrange the living room to look like a Masonic temple. I didn't buy a raffle ticket last night and still won!

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 10

Some more good advice - a claw hammer does not make a good substitute gavel. Also - is anybody selling a dinner table? I gave the raffle prize away to the wife, but she donated it back for tomorrow's raffle.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 11

I have invested my two dogs as Senior and Junior Wardens. The four cats are the deacons, Inner Guard and Tyler. Whilst the cats are unimpressed, the dogs think they've now got a chance at the raffle ... which I won again last night.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 12

Got up to turn the TV off. I squared the room to do it. My granddaughter's geometry set of Square, compasses and a kitchen knife are now on the wall by the front door. The cats took the dogs raffle tickets out last night, and I won again.

Diary of a frustrated Mason - Day 13

The wife gave notice of motion that tomorrow she would be proposing a shopping trip. Despite a trawl through the BoC there is nothing to prevent this. Still it's an opportunity to buy more raffle prizes - which incidentally I won last night.