

# Marking Time

## An update from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master

In these curious days, the likes of which most of us have never seen before, it may be a good opportunity to pause and reflect as we have so much more time on our hands. With this enforced lay-off from our normal life, how have we spent this time? I'm sure our gardens are looking much better than they have for years and jobs around the house are mostly caught up. As for me, Carole made a list of chores to accomplish and I have been "gradually" working my way through them only to find that as soon as I finish one she adds another to the bottom of the list.

Brethren, if you have any spare time please consider keeping in contact with some of your Lodge members who may live alone or whom you think might need a bit of cheering up, it's surprising what a friendly voice on the end of the phone can do.

Out of this turmoil and uncertainty, there are many unsung heroes stepping up and making their mark, whether it be at their place of work, fund raising or charity giving and all must be congratulated on their great efforts. With respect to Charity, Freemasonry is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of all mankind, it teaches us its members, that unselfishness is a duty and it's not only more blessed to give than to receive, but also more rewarding.

One of the lessons I am learning from this pandemic is how much we rely on each other to get through. I'm sure that some of the people living in our inner cities were probably seeing their neighbours for the first time or in a different light when the whole country came together on Thursday nights to clap in appreciation of our wonderful NHS and care workers. I am sure new friendships have been formed through neighbourly actions such as shopping and running errands or something simple like saying "hello" for the first time to people in our near communities. Coronavirus makes us realise that everything around us is only temporary but tough times never last forever and we should always have HOPE. Hope is important because it can make the present moments less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear the hardships of today. I find it easier to have a "plan" and if plan "A" doesn't work out, remember the alphabet has 25 more letters!

Some are saying that it will take a while for life to get back to normal but maybe some of the practices that we have adopted will have a good impact on our future lives bringing us all together again in this wonderful world that we have the privilege to live in.

A question I am sure all of us Masons are pondering is "what impact will this pandemic have on Freemasonry?" Throughout its history Freemasonry has had to weather adversity and disruption, through Wars, The Great Depression, bad press, scorn and ridicule, but as we know, Freemasonry is resilient. Maybe there might be some changes in our Organisation going forward; in the short term it could be where and when and the way in which we meet but I am confident that due to the character of our Brethren we will come through this crisis not only stronger as individuals but we will further cement the friendship and brotherly love that we share in the Mark Degree.

It would be very remiss of me not to mention the sad loss of our very good friend Very Worshipful Brother Arthur Weed who passed away on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Arthur was well known around the Province and supported all the Lodges especially their Installation meetings. Very Worshipful Brother Tony Morby gave a an excellent account of Arthur's Masonic career in the funeral ceremony at Barnstaple attended by our Provincial Grand Master and other Mark Executives. **Rest in peace dear friend**

Dame Vera Lynn who died at the wonderful age of 103 in June was famous for her wartime hit. We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.

So, until we meet again, good health, keep safe and keep smiling.

And if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

Stay Safe

*Peter*





## Mark Charity News

### M.B.F. Grant of £10,700 to iSight Cornwall

Cornwall's oldest charity, iSight Cornwall, was delighted to receive a generous grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund of £10,700 to overhaul their busy Sight Centre in Truro and make it more accessible. The charity's Sight Centre is the only dedicated resource centre for all in Cornwall who are affected by a visual impairment. However, the space has not changed very much at all since opening in 1994.

With social distancing now being an important consideration too, the charity realised that the reception area wasn't fit for purpose and launched a funding appeal to refurbish the space, making it large enough to accommodate more clients, provide more appointments and therefore offer more one-to-one help in a comfortable and secure environment.

Thanks to the Mark Benevolent Fund, iSight Cornwall were able to make this happen. The funding will allow the charity to extend the reception area by opening up the space between two rooms. They will install new lighting for the benefit of their visually impaired clients, increase the number of seating areas for visitors and add a new area for demonstrating equipment and daily living aids.

Carole Theobald, Chief Executive of iSight Cornwall said: *"We are thrilled to be able to turn our vision in to a reality thanks to the support of the Mark Benevolent Fund and locally Kevin Hicks and Phil Lakin. This will make a big difference to the way we deliver our services and make the experience more welcoming and accessible for local people"*.

## Cornwall Mark Benevolent Association

At the Provincial Virtual business meeting held on Saturday 26th September, the Provincial Grand Master was delighted to announce that eight members of our Province had been awarded charity collarettes by the Mark Benevolent Fund, marking their continued support of the fund, this included the first Grand Patron Diamond Award Collarette being awarded to a member within the Province, along with three other Grand Patron Diamond Awards to Lodges.

The recipients were:-

### **Vice Patron**

W.Bro. M. Headleand	Fortitude Lodge No78
Bro. J. Creber	Sir Alfred Robbins Lodge No1514

### **Patron**

Bro. F. Cogdell	Sir Alfred Robbins Lodge No1514
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### **Grand Patron**

W.Bro. T. Conroy	Fortitude Lodge No78
W.Bro. S Kenny	St Annes Lodge No351
W.Bro. J. James	Three Grand Principles lodge No879
W.Bro. D. Trevains	St Nicholas Lodge No1188

### **Grand Patron Diamond**

W.Bro. M. Boase	Three Grand Principles Lodge No879
St Austell Lodge No275	St John the Baptist Lodge No404
William James Hughan Lodge No1437	

# An update on the Mark Provincial Charity Golf Day

By V.W.Bro. Peter Johns D.P.G.M.

The Mark Charity Golf Day, took place on Friday 11th September at Merlin Golf Club, Mawgan Porth near Newquay. 46 golfers took part, some were experienced in the game some just went for the walk, and of course to give their support to the event. It was quite a cold breezy day. Don't ever listen to those who live in the area who say that the sun always shines on Newquay. The course played quite long and in places really difficult, nevertheless there were some really good scores recorded. We had the privilege of the company of our Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Kevin Hicks who helped in the draw for the raffle and the Mark 100 club draw. Our Provincial Grand Charity Steward W. Bro. John Mills was also present and was a great help with the raffle and 100 club draws.

Grateful thanks to W. Bro. Dudley Bennett for again putting up a wonderful prize for the raffle.

The day definitely would not have taken place but for the perseverance of W. Bro. Rob Brook who was determined not to be beaten by everything this year has thrown at us. On behalf of us all well done and many thanks Robert.

A big thank you to Merlin Golf Club for allowing us to hold our golf day there and to all the staff who produced an excellent buffet and helped us all to adhere to social distancing on the course and in the clubhouse to the strict regulations in place.

The event raised the wonderful sum of £791-00 for the Cornwall Mark Foundation which was gratefully received and will eventually be distributed to Non-Masonic Charities and good causes in the Province.

The winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Ambrose with 42 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Read 37 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ivor Phillips, special thanks to Ivor for travelling from Plymouth to take part.



1st Prize Dave Ambrose with 42pts



W. Bro. Peter Everest who received a special prize, Well done Peter.



Our Provincial Grand Master addressing the troops



W. Bro. Robert Brook our organiser modelling the new Mark t shirt which is hoped will be available for next year



I've included this picture of mushrooms growing in an abundant supply around the course which added a touch of peace and tranquillity to those that were struggling to find their game. I add my commiserations to all those golfers that took part and like myself would probably have enjoyed the afternoon more picking those mushrooms! Better luck next year. It was wonderful to see you all and that you supported the event in such good numbers. Thank you. **Peter**

## V.W.Bro. Arthur Walter Weed Past Grand Junior Overseer

### A Personal Tribute By V.W.Bro. Tony Morby P.G.J.O. P.Dep.P.G.M.

V. W. Bro. A W Weed PGJO, passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and will be remembered by many across our Province for his travels across the length and breadth of Cornwall to support Lodges and the Province at installations and celebration meetings.

Arthur was born at Brighton on the 5th November 1939.

He trained as a structural engineer, working in many different countries across the world, Ghana, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, to name but a few. Arthur married Irene on the 15th July 1961 and have two children, they all moved in the early 80's to Chilla, at Halwill Junction, Devon, to run a small holding, they did this for ten years. Arthur then decided to go back to his trade as a Structural Engineer and start a new business based at Chilla which he ran until he became unwell.

Arthur joined Freemasonry in 1966, being initiated by his father into the Arts and Sciences Lodge No5626, in London, when he moved to Devon he joined Granville Lodge at Bude. Arthur was a very dedicated and well respected Mason, he belonged to numerous degrees and a number of Lodges, I think about 15 Lodges in total, he held many offices in the different Lodges.

I think Arthur would agree that the Mark Degree was one of his favourite degrees,

He was a member of Sir Bevil Granville Lodge No1231, Tintagel Castle Lodge No1800,

Cornish Installed M.M.M. Lodge No1332, Edwin Perry Morgan Lodge No1632, Holsworthy Mark Lodge No1727 (Devon) and the Grand Stewards Lodge (which as Arthur would often tell us has "no number")

Arthur was also a founder member of Cornwall Mark Wardens Lodge No1885 and Lyver Ha Pluvonn Lodge No1884.

Arthur was also a member of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree being a member of Sir Bevil Granville Lodge No1231, Cornish Installed Commanders Lodge No1332 and Edwin Perry Morgan Lodge 1632.

Arthur was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of the Rose Croix, being a member of two Chapters.

Launceston Castle No1037 and Laurie Francis No1137, he was Prelate in both Chapters and had received his 31st Degree.

Arthur was a member of Granville Lodge No3405 and also a member of the Granville Holy Royal Arch Chapter No3405, both of which meet in Bude. Arthur received also London Grand Rank in the Craft and received his Fifty year pin in 2016.

As we know Arthur had received many appointments in the Mark Degree, being Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2000, Provincial Grand Senior Warden in 2002, Grand Steward in 2005, Past Grand Junior Deacon in 2008 and being promoted to V.W.Bro. as a Past Grand Junior Overseer in 2016, as well as being a recipient of the Provincial Grand Masters Certificate of Service to Mark Masonry and holding the rank of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank

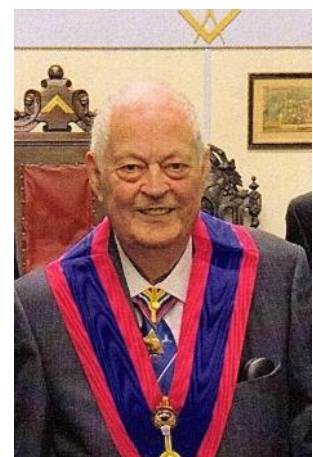
As you can see Arthur has had a very distinguished career in Freemasonry.

My wife and I became very good friends of Arthur and Irene, we went on holiday together, one of Arthur's customers had a house in Cyprus, which we had for couple of weeks, we had a trip to Southern Ireland and many trips to Irene's homeland of Scotland, visiting the Isle of Arran, Isle Mull, Isle of Sky and also to the Outer Hebrides, which I think Arthur found particularly enjoyable. On one of our trips to Scotland we took a trip out on a fast Rib boat which Arthur was a bit apprehensive about! to a place called the Corryvreckan which is a giant whirlpool, that is if you catch the tide right, on our way back we came across a pod of Dolphins, I think Irene particularly enjoyed that trip.

We have also been on a couple of narrow boat outings with Mark and Debbie Hocking making us six in total, we all had a wonderful experience with the six of us on a narrow boat as you can imagine!

Arthur we all thank you for allowing us the privilege of knowing you.

We all wish Irene and the family all the best for the future.



# Spotlight on!

## St Nicholas Lodge No1188

**Warranted on 1st December 1954 Consecrated on 30th March 1955**

**Meets at Masonic Hall, St Nicholas Street Bodmin, on the third Thursday (7.15pm) in February, April, June, August and October, with the Installation being held in April,**

St Nicholas Lodge No1188 currently has 26 subscribing members, including among it's numbers, our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master – V.W.Bro Bob Johns and the Provincial Grand Secretary - W.Bro. Simon Trevains. There are a further 2 Grand Officers, 7 Provincial Officers, 2 Worshipful Brethren and 11 Brothers.

St Nicholas Lodge holds a special place in the hearts of it's members not least for living up to the Mark ethos of having fun and being a friendly Lodge in the friendly degree!, the Lodge is unique being the only Octuple Keystone Lodge in the constitution, qualifying as such by donating eight times the required amount per member to the fund to purchase Mark Masons Hall. The early records of the Lodge record W.Bro. T.E. Meagor being elected as chairman of the "foundation committee" among the founder members was H.R.H. Prince Chula Chakrabongse of Thailand, a mason of note, who greatly supported masonry and the formation of St Nicholas Lodge.

The Founder Master was W.Bro. T.E. Meagor, with the petition for the formation of the new lodge being submitted to St Columba Lodge on the 27th October 1954, annual dues were set at £1.10, the consecration meeting was held on 20 March 1955 at the Masonic Hall Newquay with the consecration dinner held at the hotel Bristol at a cost of 10/6!. The Lodge got off to a flying start advancing the Chief Constable of the Cornwall Constabulary Ken Julian on 9th June 1955, in August 1955 two more advancements followed by another in November 1955, the minutes then record the advancement of Bob Johns on 26th January 1956 with either one or two candidates being advanced at all subsequent meetings up until 1960.

In 1960, a petition was submitted to the Lodge to support the forming of a new Lodge, which was to meet at Bude and later became known as Sir Bevil Granville Lodge No1231, this signalled the start of the long and supporting relationship between the two lodges which continues to the present day, with regular visits and exchange workings being carried out each year. St Nicholas also carries out "missionary work" in Devon having held reciprocal fraternal visits with Plympton Earle Mark Lodge No1100 for over 50 years being started by W.Bro. Jack Lowden M.B.E.

The Lodge has over the years, had among its members many notable Masons, all who served the Lodge and the Mark Degree with selfless distinction, W.Bro. Eric Athelstan Sebbage served the Province between 1968 and 1975 as Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro Bob Johns serving as Deputy Provincial Grand Master between 1992 and 1998, V.W.Bro. Colin Headdon served as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies as well as Assistant Provincial Grand Master from 1998 to 2000.



50th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Nicolas Lodge  
30th March 2005



60th Anniversary meeting of St Nicholas Lodge  
19th March 2015

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#### **W.Bro. Peter Long Worshipful Master.**

My Masonic career began in Buckinghamshire but having moved to Bodmin 10 years ago I became a joining member of One and All Lodge 330. Despite some gentle persuasion I resisted the urge to join the Mark Degree as I was still commuting weekly to London for work as a Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police. On my retirement I decided to investigate (pun intended) the “friendly” degree and joined St Nicholas. Through a marked inability to say no I progressed rapidly through the various offices and am delighted to now be the Worshipful Master of the lodge. It is truly the friendly degree and I am thoroughly enjoying my Mark Masonry.

Outside of Masonry I run my own small business which mainly consists of chauffeuring American visitors to Cornwall and providing guided tours of the Duchy. Obviously, with the present situation that line of work has dried up so in order to keep busy and do something useful I have taken on a role as a home delivery driver for a local supermarket. I also volunteer with the Devon and Cornwall 4x4 response team (I’m a bit of a land rover nut) and am involved with fundraising for the Padstow Lifeboat so it’s fair to say I keep busy. I can also be found each winter in the French Alps teaching the employees of a ski company how to drive 4x4s in snowy mountains – it is a job, honest! What I love about Mark Masonry in particular is how it teaches you to be a better man but to have fun in the process – which I try to reflect in my daily life.



#### **W.Bro. Mark Brandon P.P.G.Swd B.**

I was admitted into Masonry in 2004, joining the One and All Lodge 330, and became Master in 2011, I joined Mark Masonry about a year after achieving Master Mason, I am also a member of St Nicholas Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. My partner Dawn and I have been together since 2012, she has 3 daughters ranging from 21-29 years old, of which her eldest, has a son, Freddie who is 3, her second daughter is 27 and lives about 100 yards up the same street as her mum, the youngest lives with us.

I have been employed by Cormac for 28 years and my current job title is an estimating technician, which involves the meeting of clients and preparation of estimates on reasonably small jobs up to 100K.

As a family we try to involve ourselves in the social side of Masonry, BBQs, and race nights etc. as much as we possibly can. As a lodge we have close ties with a host of other lodges, and have an extremely close bond with Sir Bevil Grenville and Plympton Earle, both of which we exchange annual visits, and extremely good evenings are had by all on these occasions.

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**W.Bro. Dennis Knight P.P.G.J.W.**

All at Sea in the Merchant Navy

On reaching the age of 15 I left Port Isaac High school (on top of the cliff!) I left on the day of my birthday 26th July 1956. I had a busy summer catching mackerel. Then on 17th September it was time for me to go to sea school. The name of the school was TS Warfleet and was based at Botley near Southampton. There I did 12 months training in order to become a fully fledged steward in the Merchant Navy. Oh what a shock to the system! Up at 6am and all ready for the day by 6.20am. Cup of tea, clean ship and then PT – which included a daily half a mile run. Breakfast, then in to school – depending on our timetable, theory in the classroom and practical down to the boatyard. Our subjects were all aspects of catering, with quite a bit of seamanship thrown in as it was 50-50 catering trainees and deckhand trainees, with a few midshipman thrown in as well. We covered morse code, semaphore, international code, knots, splices, boat handling and basic navigational skills.

One day, whilst having lunch in the mess room, I flicked a pea across the table at another trainee – little did I know that Captain Southcott was a few feet away. “Laddie – do you do that at home?” he asked. “No, sir” I replied. “And you don’t do it here! You will have weekend defaulters and no shore leave!” he continued. My punishment involved four hours work on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, when I could have been out having fun with my mates on shore leave. Shortly after that I met a girl in the village of Botley – needless to say I didn’t flick any more peas or lose any more shore leave!!

We were allowed home four times during the year and I finished my training in July 1957, I chose to go with the shipping company of Esso, so I came back to Port Isaac to await my first ship. On the 17th September 1957 – a year to the day when I had begun my training, I set off. As a 16 year old boy, little did I know the experience I was about to have. I caught a train from Port Isaac Road Station to Southampton, where I was met by the second officer, who took me to TS Warfleet to pick up the rest of my kit (which I had left there on returning to Port Isaac). I was given my travel warrant and the papers that I needed. Then I went from Botley Station to London – I spent the night in London –having to find my own digs! Early the next morning I had to go to Prescott Street to the shipping federation to sign on.

The ship that I was joining was the Esso Canterbury – a 26,000 ton oil tanker. After signing on I had to go to the Esso office to pick up any pay that I was due – as I hadn’t worked I didn’t think that I would have any pay, but I was told to get out of the coach that myself and 26 other members of the crew were on. Low and behold – I had three days pay!! Two pounds, nine shillings and sixpence. I never had money before for not doing anything!! Now to find the ship!

Off to Blackbush Airport, we were given a slap up lunch, then went on to a Dakota aircraft– propeller job- I couldn’t believe that I was on an aeroplane going to join a ship – I had never dreamed that I would be flying at 16! First stop – Bordeaux for more fuel, then on to our final destination – the Rock of Gibraltar. We were then taken to the ship, which was in the Royal Navy dry dock, where we remained for four days. As I climbed up the gangway the night we arrived, at about 11.30pm, I thought so that was what that hard training was all about. My role on the ship was a galley boy – I washed pots and pans, and peeled a 100 cwt of potatoes a day, with the help of a rumbler. Occasionally, when the ships cook, and the second cook and baker had had too much the night before I prepared the breakfast for the 52 crew as well.

We left Gibraltar, went down the Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal, Red Sea, sailed around Aden and up the Persian Gulf to Kuwait. That took us about two weeks. At our destination we loaded with crude oil and did the return journey back to Forley Refinery, Southampton. I did this journey four times after which I decided that I had seen enough sand and camels for the time, so I joined a passenger liner.

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## St Nicholas Lodge No1188

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### Bro. Malcolm Frost

During the mid 60s when I was a mere slip of a lad, I was working on an Admiralty salvage vessel RMAS Pintail. The vessel covered the Southwest area of England and Wales and attended in Aircraft recovery, and Submarine accidents in the aforementioned area. It was during this time that the vessel was sent to recover a crashed helicopter from the seabed. ( I was a diver onboard at the time.) After several days of locating and preparing to recover the aircraft to the surface, we commenced the lift, as always the weather started to turn during this operation, and the swell got quite large. The Helo had just broken surface and was taking a bit of a pounding, but could not be lifted inboard until additional strop pin was carried out. There was a loud band and the main lift wire parted, the help slowly started to fill with water and sink....

“Quick Jack, jump on it and shackle a new wire in”, came the shout from an old navy P.O. being young and not thinking it through, I leapt from the deck of the ship into the water and onto the helo. The crew on deck then started to pass a new heavy wire and strop down into the water to me. By now I had climbed up onto the top of the rotor head, and passed the new strop into the head, what I had failed to notice was how quickly the Helo was sinking again, the wire from the vessel was now touching the rotor head but was not secured.

My thoughts were, we have spent days getting this machine up here, and it's not going back to the seabed again. We both disappeared beneath the surface, and we both reached about 20 feet below the surface before I managed to shackle the new wire to the rotor head, I shot to the surface gasping for breath like an old man. We managed to get the Helo back up and onboard just in time before the weather broke.

A couple of hours later I was summoned before the Captain who asked me my version of what happened. I was given a right royal rollicking and told never to do such a stupid thing again, I left the wardroom totally admonished. Some weeks later I was caught with a camera, and was summoned by the MOD police to explain, (We were not allowed to take any photos whatsoever of our work or recoveries of various aircraft and subs)

Again I was summoned to see the “Old man” and promptly got another roasting, along with the words that “he was not sure what the Mod cops” were going to do about it.

A week or two later just after the ship had docked we were surrounded by police and top brass..... Minutes later the Chief mate came to me and told me to go below and get changed into my shore going clothes immediately.. “what's happening”, said I to the mate, “ Top brass want a word with you” he said.

My thoughts were that I must have taken a photo of something classified, and that I was going to be arrested as a spy or something, I was quite literally shaking with fear.

I got changed and almost had to be helped up the stairs to the wardroom as I was petrified.

The captain met me and took me into the room, where there were loads of high ranking naval officers, “This is leading seaman diver Frost sir” he said to an equerry, who then took me on to who I now know, was Rear Admiral Sir Fitzroy Talbot.

He promptly shook my hand and said that he was proud to be able to present to me a Citation for Bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Apparently after giving me the roasting for the Helo recovery, the captain had recommended me for recognition for what I had done.

Due to being able to inspect the Helo, it was found that there was a design fault in the gearbox and all helos of that type were grounded until a fix was made, lots of lives were potentially saved.

I could have cried with relief knowing that I was not being arrested for spying, and I never took a camera onboard again.

I was also made a freeman of the little town that I was living in at the time.



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### W.Bro. David Trevains P.P.G.S.D.

I know for most their Masonic connection starts normally around the time they start to consider joining, whether being approached or approaching someone.

However long before my 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday I was exposed to some of the social side, I remember going along to a One and All Sunday lunch at around the age of 6 and being exposed to the influence of a certain Colin Headdon, Eric Bowers and Dudley Truscott, I think my parents were glad that there was some there to entertain me so that they could enjoy their meals, of course there were other members of One and All and the craft who had an influence whilst I was going growing up, Ron Vigus and his wife Ruth were great friends with my grandparents. On passing your driving test I think you are normally meant to go out with your friends and celebrate however, I passed at lunchtime on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October, I therefore was dispatched to Cardinham to pick up Eric Bowers, so Eric could “enjoy” a One and All Meeting and then pick Father and Eric up and take them home.

My connection with the Mark degree also precedes my Advancement, as part of the fund raising for the last M.B.F. festival in 2006 a concert was held at Boconnoc, the headline act being the Band of H.M Royal Marines, however the “warm up” act was the Bodmin College Jazz Orchestra. At the time the “Jazz Band” had been lead by Adrian Evans for some 25+ years and we were fundraising to undertake a tour to Australia visiting Geelong just outside of Melbourne. As part of the fundraising, in addition to playing at Boconnoc we ended up playing at various different venues and events up and down the Country, whether it was at Pencarrow House supporting Tony Hadley from Spandeanu Ballet, the Hall for Cornwall, Plymouth Pavilions or playing at the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden. In addition to Bodmin College Jazz Orchestra I was part of the Cornwall Youth Wind Orchestra who regularly played, (and still does) at Truro Cathedral, Princess Pavilions and Carnglaze Caverns, (every year I sat somewhere different and every year I ended up under one of the stalactites that was forming and dripping!). On leaving school I supported the Triggshire Wind Orchestra, and was lucky enough to also play on Hyde Park Bandstand, at the Royal Albert Hall and at Southwark Cathedral.

I joined Freemasonry at 21 whilst in my final year at Plymouth University studying Civil and Coastal Engineering, on graduating I was lucky enough to join the Environment Agency based in Bodmin, initially I joined the Flood Risk Management Department, I some times feel like I have jinxed the place, I spent most of the summer and winter of 2012 in the “Bunker” at County Hall assisting all of the blue light services in the response to all of the flooding this was repeated in 2013-2014 in particularly when we went through all of the Storms that resulted in the loss of the railway line at Dawlish.

Being based in Bodmin allowed me to make the most of Freemasonry, being advanced into St Nicholas Mark Lodge in 2010, I was lucky enough to be Master twice first in 2015 and secondly in 2017 I was elevated in St Nicholas RAM in 2012 becoming Commander in 2018. Working for the EA has presented a number of opportunities, in 2017 (whilst being W.M of a 1188 Mark and S.W of 1188 RAM), I had the opportunity to study for my Masters in Flood and Coastal Engineering at Brunel University. Being away a week a month was a logistical nightmare trying to make sure I could fit 4 weeks work into 3 and then juggling lodge meetings and Installations on top.

In 2018 I was lucky enough to change jobs, I became the Emergency Planner for the EA, Covering Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. I now look after 35 Members of staff, who respond to Incidents as part of my role I also sit on the Local. Resilience Forum, the LRF. Is the group for all of the Council’s, Blue Light Authorities and other Responders. Since moving roles. It’s been rather Interesting planning for EU Exit, the “dry” weather and various flood events, not to mention COVID, the joys of telling local councils how to inform people how to dispose of copious amounts of beer and potatoes not to mention, all of the other interesting topics.

I’m also a member of Cornish Installed Commanders and Mark Master Masons, along with the Holy Royal Arch at St Columb, and Rose Croix at Launceston.



60 year certificate presentation to  
V.W.Bro Bob Johns



Welcoming Bro. Chris Stephens to the Mark Degree in 2016

## A Look Back to Provincial Grand Lodge 1923

### 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!

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**Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales.**

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT & STRATHEARN, K.G., M.W. GRAND MASTER.  
THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF STRADBROKE, K.C.M.G., M.W. PRO. GRAND MASTER.  
THE RT. HON. LORD ALDENHAM, R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

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Province of  Cornwall.

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**INSTALLATION**

OF

**V.W. Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH, P.G. Overseer**

AS

**Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall**

BY

**R. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. VISCOUNT VALENTIA, C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O.,**  
Provincial Grand Master for Berks & Oxon.

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FALMOUTH,  
April, 1923.

A Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Cornwall will be held at the **Wesley Hall**, adjoining the Wesley Chapel, **Truro**, on **Monday**, the **23rd of April, 1923**, at **11.45 a.m.** for the purpose of Installing the Provincial Grand Master Designate, the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers and the transaction of the Provincial Business; 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. The attendance of Mark Master Masons of other Provinces is cordially invited.

By Order,  
W. W. J. SHARPE, P.G.D.,  
Provincial Grand Secretary.

(FULL MARK MASONIC CLOTHING).

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A **Luncheon** will be held at the **Red Lion Hotel, Truro**, at **1.30 p.m.** at which the Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will preside and the Rt. Worshipful Installing Master and other Officers of Grand Lodge will be present.

Tickets 3/6 each can be procured from W. Bro. R. Rowe, 10, Station Road, Truro, up to April 16th, and only those having Tickets will be provided for.

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The **Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master**, assisted by other **Officers of Grand Lodge** will subsequently consecrate the **Tregenna Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 787**, in the same Hall at 3 p.m. All Mark Masons are invited to attend. After the ceremony, the W.M. and Brethren of Fortitude Lodge, No. 78, will entertain the Brethren to tea.