

# Marking Time

## A New Year Update

### Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the latest addition of "Marking Time" the first of 2021 and on behalf of the whole Mark executive I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.



This time last year no one could have foreseen what was about to unfold, but hopefully 2021 will be the year when we can all think about returning to some normality. However, it may be sometime yet before we can start returning to our lodges and even when we do, things will likely be different to how they were. It will take time for us to find a comfortable new normal, but it will happen, so don't give up hope. Let's all hang in there, because as they say, good things are worth waiting for.

It was a great boost before Christmas to have our on-line "Christmas Cracker" which I'm sure all those who attended on zoom would agree, was a most enjoyable evening and put a little bit of cheer into what was looking like going to be a bleak Christmas. An enormous thanks must go to our Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Secretary, Peter and Simon who put it together and made it work seamlessly which was no mean feat.

On the following pages, we can consider the outcomes of our Provincial Members Survey, but first I would like to start by thanking all of you who took the time to complete our survey and also the Three "R"s committee members who designed it, put it together and collated all the results along with the Provincial Secretary.

When we were asked by the PGM to produce a survey the committee met to decide the best way forward. It was decided to put together a series of questions that would give us a better understanding of how our members in the Mark degree in Cornwall felt and where the Mark degree stood. After careful consideration it was decided to launch the survey via "Google Platform" a free online software package ideal for our requirements.

The survey was designed to be easily completed online so that members didn't feel daunted. We decided on a format of mainly multiple choice or yes/no questions for ease of filling in. Each question was written so it led to the next with the idea of building up a picture of each member who filled in the questionnaire. The "Google platform" also allowed us to breakdown the results in to any group or any question i.e. we could look at the youngest members and compare it with the oldest or those with Provincial rank to those who were still progressing through the offices etc. The final four questions dealt with the current pandemic and were designed to see when we thought we may be able to resume our meetings.

In the following pages, we can take a look at the answers we found:

Stay Safe

Peter F

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

## Considering the results of our Provincial Mark Survey

### **Question 1: Age of Members.**

We were not surprised that the majority were over 65. What it tells us is that we need to get younger members joining us, how we do this is the biggest problem currently facing freemasonry. We all need to look around us at younger members within our Craft Lodges, as they are our future. Perhaps more importantly, we should encourage younger members into the Craft in the first place. We need to look at what we can offer them, but equally, find out what they want and define what they can get from freemasonry.

### **Question 2: Employment.**

We found this mirrored the age profile with most being retired, but it was interesting the proportion of self-employed. The self-employed will always be attracted to progress in masonry as they have a little more flexibility to attend meetings. The full time employed on the other hand will always struggle to attend meetings, so it's an important element to consider. We need to make freemasonry more accessible. We could consider, possibly altering our start times to 7.15 or 7.30 to allow the opportunity for working members to have more time after finishing work. We could try to reduce the time in the lodge by cutting out some of the 'administrative' elements – i.e. minutes could be circulated rather than read, other lodge communications are circulated, some reports could be pre-prepared and circulated rather than spoken about at meetings. We must also encourage members who can't make the meeting to still attend the festive board so it keeps them feeling involved.

### **Question 3: Number of years in the order.**

This was interesting when delving deeper into the number of years brethren had been members in correlation with other answers i.e. a member for 30 years may not be in any other progressive degrees whilst someone who was only in for 5 years could be in 3 other orders.

### **Question 4: Other Progressive Degrees.**

It was good to see that 73% of our members were also in the Holy Royal Arch, showing that there is not a choice between the two rather members joining both. This was also reflected in members being in a broad cross section of other degrees

### **Question 5: How did you become a member?**

The one concerning point was lack of members joining from Mark awareness meetings. But on the other hand, it was encouraging to see the proportion of members joining on their own initiative. The PGM has already considered the issues around the Mark awareness evenings and is in the process of looking at having regional meetings, where several lodges could invite their prospective candidates. With the meeting being run by younger/newer members giving their insights of what got them involved in the Mark degree.

### **Question 6: Pressure to join.**

It was very pleasing to see we are not pressuring members to join as if you feel forced into joining there's a good chance you are not going to be committed.

### **Question 7: Recommending someone to join.**

A great encouragement to see that nearly 90% have considered asking someone to join, we need to keep this up.

### **Questions 8: Why can't you recommend anyone to join?**

As we see 10% couldn't think of anyone, but as a positive only a very few felt uncomfortable in asking someone.

## Considering the results of our Provincial Mark Survey

### **Question 9: Did you feel welcome when joining?**

I think we can pat ourselves on the back and say we are a very welcoming and friendly degree however, we must not become complacent.

### **Question 10: How far have you progressed?**

I think this shows good signs, with progression being at the right pace for most members.

### **Question 11: Costs and value of for money**

With 90% considering it to be value for money then I think we are on the right lines we mustn't be complacent. Costs are always going to be an important factor in members joining especially in these difficult times.

### **Question 12: Are Joining costs prohibitive?**

The fact that 22% of the members think the costs are prohibitive, means we need to take this seriously. Each lodge needs to look at their cost, the fees they charge need to be the very minimum they can be. Savings could be considered like using regalia from the regalia steward or from members of the lodge who don't need it any more. You could look at options to pay fees monthly rather than in a lump sum.

### **Question 13: Aware of the Provinces social media campaign.**

It appears that most members are aware of the Website and social events and younger members are up to speed with Twitter and Facebook.

### **Question 14: What do you enjoy about the degree?**

The ritual and social side came out the highest which again is encouraging. If the ritual and its teachings are enjoyed then we are all more likely to spread the word to others.

### **Question 15: What don't you enjoy about the degree?**

Gratifyingly, not a huge negative response to this question although the running of Mark Grand lodge came out on top. Perhaps Mark Grand Lodge needs to do a little "PR" as they are in fact very cost effective and are run very efficiently.

### **Question 16: What would improve the degree?**

This was the only open question within the survey and we had many different answers. Most by far said we need more members, so let's try and get them!, we can all do our bit to boost our membership.

More visiting also cropped up several times, which hopefully will be boosted when the PGM launches the "Travelling Key Stone", as we know the travelling Ark in the Royal Ark Mariner degree has been great for getting lodges to visit other lodges.

### **Question 17 to 20: Covid related questions.**

The result was quite conclusive, members don't feel ready to return yet.

As with most surveys, we often find that it produces more questions than firm answers. But it is a starting point for us all to look at improving the degree for those who already members and to encourage new members to join us. We may in a year or so feel the need to revisit this survey and ask other questions that have arisen from it or may arise in future.



## Mark Charity News



### Mark Benevolent Fund Collarettes

From the past editions of Marking Time, you will have seen that the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund never stops, in supporting Charities, Good Causes and members across the Country. The work of the M.B.F. only continues due to the unstinting support of our members and their Lodges, one of the most enjoyable tasks carried out by the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy and Assistant is visiting Lodges to present collarettes to Members and Lodges themselves, to Mark their individual support of the M.B.F. Even with all that Covid-19 has thrown at us, our members have continued to support the M.B.F. with many members being awarded collarettes by the M.B.F. to mark their contributions.

It had been hoped to personally deliver the collarettes to the recipients, however with the change in Covid-19 restrictions, it has been agreed to forward Collarettes to recipients via Royal Mail. In the coming days our Provincial Grand Charity Steward will be forwarding Collarettes to a number of members, with thanks from the Provincial Grand Master and the Mark Benevolent Fund for their ongoing support.

### Mark Benevolent Fund supporting C.P.R. Foodbank with £30,000 donation

Mount Edgcumbe and St Lukes Lodge No417, applied to the M.B.F in support of the C.P.R. foodbank, which covers the areas of Camborne, Pool & Redruth. These areas sadly are listed among the poorest 10% in the Country, C.P.R. offer a number of different forms of support through the Independent Foodbank, Foodshare, Camborne Community Hub, Step-up, Fuel Bank, Santa Meal Appeal, and Easy IT. The foodbank alone supports 400 families each month, supplying around 14-16,000 meals, which provides families with a weeks food six times in six months, plus extra support if requested by partner agencies.

We are pleased to report that the application was approved and prior to Christmas the M.B.F. confirmed it had approved a donation of £30,000.00 to purchase a new delivery vehicle for C.P.R. To further support and enhance the work of C.P.R.

Obviously with the current situation being as it is, the delivery of the vehicle may take a little longer than we had hoped, but we will keep you updated as things progress in the coming weeks.

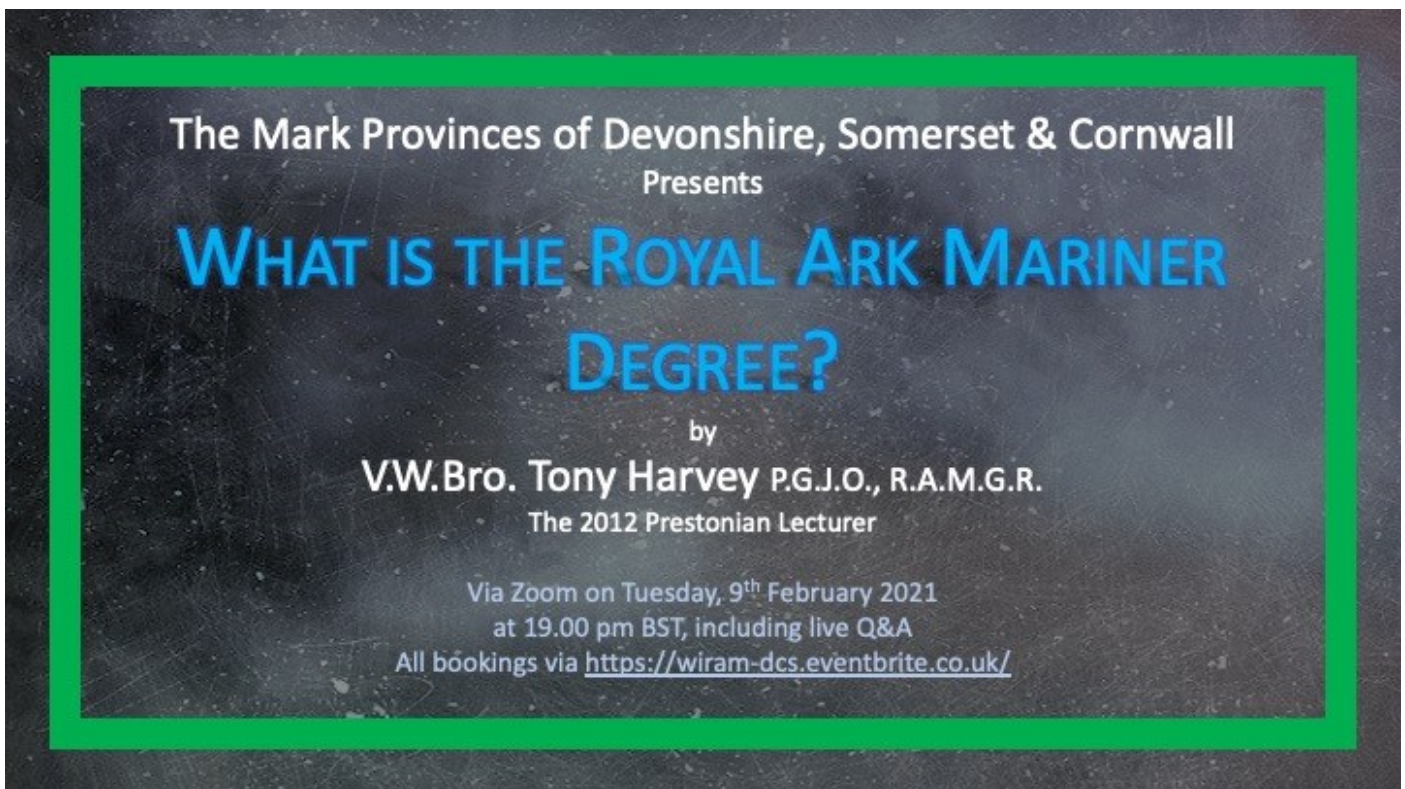


## What is the Royal Ark Mariner Degree ?

We have joined with our neighbouring Provinces of Devonshire and Somerset, to bring you an enlightening lecture by the internationally renowned lecturer V.W.Bro. Tony Harvey P.G.J.O. R.A.M.G.R. entitled "What is the Royal Ark Mariner Degree?".

The lecture is being hosted via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm, it is necessary to book for the lecture, which is free, bookings can be made via <https://wiram-dcs.eventbrite.co.uk/> after you have submitted your booking, login details will be circulated closer to the event.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an interesting and educational evening.



## Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Many Lodges are now making use of holding either Virtual Business Meetings, or Social Zoom Meetings, either to carryout items of Lodge business or to keep in touch with members.

St Martin's Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and St Michael's have already started the New Year with a Social Zoom and a V.B.M respectively. The Lodges listed below have already planned V.B.M's, if you wish to keep up the Mark tradition of visiting, please contact the Provincial Secretary or the Lodge Secretary for the login details

Thursday 14th January 7.00pm Carew Lodge **V.B.M**

Wednesday 10th February 7.00pm St John the Baptist Lodge M.M.M. **V.B.M**

Thursday 18th February 8.00pm St Nicholas Lodge M.M.M & R.A.M. **Social Zoom Meeting**

Friday 5th March 7.00pm, Sir Bevil Granville lodge M.M.M **V.B.M**

PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

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CONSECRATION

OF THE

VICTORY LODGE

(CALLINGTON)

OF

MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 1030

AT

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, LISKEARD

ON

Tuesday, 25th September, 1945,

at 2.30 p.m.

BY

Rt. Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. E. N. WILLYAMS, D.S.O., D.L.,

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF CORNWALL

ASSISTED BY

V. Wor. Bro. THOMAS SHOPLAND, P.G.Ov. (Eng.)

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

And Other Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

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W. BRO. ARTHUR GEORGE MILDREN

BRO. WILLIAM SAMUEL ROGERS

BRO. THOMAS RUNDLE ROWE

Master Designate

S.W. Designate

J.W. Designate



## Order of Procedure.

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1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer takes the chair, appoints his Officers and Opens the Lodge.

3. **Opening Hymn.**

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid  
All created things were made,  
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,  
Hear us, Overseer Divine.

May our work, begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with order be;  
And may we, when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy Glorious Majesty,  
By the Trust we place in Thee,  
By the badge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Overseer Divine.

So mote it be.

4. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the Prayer.

5. **Opening Prayer.**

6. The D.C. addresses the Consecrating Officer.
7. The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.
8. The Founders of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.
9. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
10. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
11. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

12. **An Oration.**

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

13. **Anthem.**

Mark Masters, all appear  
Before the Chief Overseer  
In concert move;  
Let Him your work inspect,  
For the Chief Architect,  
If there is no defect  
He will approve.

Those who have passed the square,  
For your rewards prepare,  
Join heart and hand;  
Each with his mark in view,  
March with the just and true;  
Wages to you are due,  
At his command.

Hiram, the widow's son,  
Sent to King Solomon  
Our great Keystone;  
On which appears the name  
That raises high the fame  
Of all to whom the same  
Is truly known.

14. **Dedication Prayer (First Portion).**

15. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

16. The Brethren turn towards the East, whilst the Consecrating Officer gives

**The Invocation.**

17. Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

18. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.

19. The Lodge Board is then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the Elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each Perambulation.

Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

The Brethren sing—

When once of old in Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessing on them fell  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil

## Spotlight on!

### Victory Lodge No1030

#### **VICTORY Lodge No. 1030**

Victory Mark Master Masons Lodge, No. 1030, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Districts and Lodges Overseas and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall. Date of Warrant 6<sup>th</sup> June 1945 and consecrated on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1945.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 Victory Lodge 1030 would have celebrated 75 years since its' Consecration. The Secretary, W.Bro. Malcom Page, PProvGMO, kindly sent in correspondence and a copy of the Consecration Agenda extracts of which have been included in this spotlight on Victory 1030.

Today, according to KeyStone Online, there are 35 members of Victory Lodge 1030. 1 is a Very Worshipful Brother, a further 5 Grand Officers, 12 Provincial Grand Lodge Officers including the Prov.G.Swd.B. W.Bro. J Wakem and W.Bro. J Stewart a Prov.A.G.D.C., 2 Worshipful Brothers and 16 Brothers. 15 were Advanced into Victory Lodge 1030 and the remaining are joining members. According to Keystone, 3 live in Devon, 1 in Somerset and the remainder all in Cornwall.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, in every Mark lodge the most important assets are its members. When we visit lodges in any Order, we see old friends and new faces. We listen to their meetings and how they may differ from our own. We catch up with friends and learn about those we have not met before. 4 of Victory members have taken the time to write a bit about themselves for you all to read and enjoy below:

#### **W.Bro. John Stewart ProvAGDC**

I was born on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1955 in the town of Saltburn, North Yorkshire and then lived in Redcar until 1975, spending most of my spare time either fishing or hiking across the North Yorkshire Moors.

Joining the Royal Navy in 1975 I served as a Marine Engineering Artificer on both steam and gas turbine powered ships. Whilst undergoing my apprenticeship at HMS Caledonia, Fife, I met my future wife Grace, getting married in 1978. We are still married and have been living in St Ann's Chapel, Cornwall, since 1980. In my service career I had three 6-month visits to the Falkland Islands and three 6-month trips to the Persian Gulf, the last one being during the conflict of 1991. Other than that, I seemed to have a quiet time, not really going much further than the Mediterranean. Finishing my 22-year service career as an instructor of internal combustion piston engines at the Royal Naval school of Marine Engineering in Gosport, Hampshire, I left the service in 1997 and started work at Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth, as a planned maintenance supervisor in the Estates department.

Working with Derriford Hospital on their Estates management software system, I applied for the post of Contracts and Specialist Services Manager at Derriford and was appointed to this post in 2008. Between then and retiring in 2019 I had 17 of the passenger lifts within the main building replaced with new, these being the 'specialist services' element of my job.

I was initiated into the Loyal Victoria Lodge No. 557 in 1998 and was advanced into Victory Lodge of Mark Master Masons in March 1999. I had the privilege of going into the chair of Victory Lodge in November of 2008 some thirteen days before coming out of the chair of Loyal Victoria.

In 2012 I was appointed Provincial Grand Junior Deacon and purchased an additional week's leave which, when taken in half days, allowed me to make it to ten Installation meetings. Much to my surprise I was appointed as Provincial Grand Junior Overseer in 2017 and had one of the best years of my Masonic life travelling the Province with some special and long-lasting friends. At some time during this period, I had taken over as Director of Ceremonies in Victory Lodge, which with a Past Provincial DC in Lodge was quite daunting. However, something must have gone right because I was appointed Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2019, an honour I still hold.

In 2018 I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. Thankfully, whilst not quite caught early enough for surgery, the radio therapy and hormone therapy seem to be working well.

What do I miss during these trying times? Quite simple, I miss the friendship and friendly banter which cannot be replicated by any zoom chat. I have been volunteering at the Trussel Trust food bank in Callington during the pandemic, and this has been quite an eye opener. I now find ordering upwards of 60 tins of baked beans in reverse 'best before date' quite therapeutic!

I am a Yorkshire man, and proud to be one, but I am also very proud to be living in Cornwall and to have made so many good friends.



## Spotlight on!

### Victory Lodge No1030

#### W. Bro Eddie Taylor PAGDC

Born on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1936 in the district of Croydon in South East London and Christened Edward.

I should add a personal detail regarding my Christian name, from the early '50s I decided that I would prefer to be called Dave or David. my family did not adopt this change so only military and work used it but when we moved to Cornwall in 1975 I dropped the David (except for work!)

Early years in London SE27 was like living in a country village, local school St. Luke's was just a walk away and the Church just at the top of the road. Milk and bread delivered by horse and cart. Lots of dung for Dad's Rhubarb! of course, the war intervened, and Mother and I evacuated to Manchester, both Mum and Dad were born and bred Mancunians. Dad being a Tram driver was left in London and worked throughout the Blitz.

Brownly Green Northington was great with fields and a stream so lots of opportunity to enjoy.

Moved back to London mid 40's so experienced flying bombs, doodlebugs and the V1 and V2 buzz bombs.

After secondary School and Technical College, I found work at the TMC (telephone manufacturing company) in West Norwood thinking about training for the job of Tool maker!

At the age of 17 I changed direction and joined Granada Cinema and Television Ltd. Testing transformers, by March 1954 with National Service calling me soon, I volunteered as a 3-year regular by calling in at Scotland Yard where they were recruiting for the Army. By chance the Household Cavalry were on duty and I joined the Royal Horse Guards in Windsor. Being more mechanical than Equine inclined I stayed in the Armoured side and shipped to Cyprus in 1955.

After demob in 1957 Various jobs were available via Brixton Labour Exchange.

First came Silvercrown Ltd an electro plating organization in Lambeth as assistant to the local manager then another trip to Brixton requesting a more interesting job (you could do that in the '50s) Luckily for me there was a vacancy in Pathe Laboratories in London's Soho!

From '58 until I was over 70 years old, I had found my niche, from the Labs to Granada Film unit in London Zoo with the group run by Desmond Morris as an assistant film editor, then to Anvil film unit as a Film Editor cutting commercials for TV. Next back to Soho's Wardour Street with Little King and Partners editing documentaries for BBC and Yorkshire TV and many others. My career

went on as a freelance Film editor until we moved the family to Cornwall in 1975 when I joined Plymouth's BBC followed by Westward TV, returning to Freelance after TSW's closure partly due to the cost of producing their Feature Drama Drakes Venture, my last Feature Film Edit, during its transmission the closure of TSW was announced.

My wife's uncle was a London Mason and suggested I would enjoy the order, he wrote to a friend in Cornwall who eventually wrote to Gastin Nadin the Secretary of St. Martins 510 which I joined after much debating by the senior members, I believe due to my employment in the TV industry. The DC at the time was Douglas Verrin, I felt his military style of keeping order suited me very well, also Jack Crews another great DC. The secretary Gastin Nadin and Jack Crews both encouraged me in my masonic career for which I'm very grateful.

I was Initiated in the Craft September 1987, Chapter followed in November 1989 and thanks to the guiding light of John Page my proposer, Advanced into Victory Mark 1030 in May 1991.

#### Lodge Business.

#### INSTALLATION OF WOR. MASTER.

#### ELECTION OF TREASURER.

#### APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS.

#### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE TO FRAME BY-LAWS.

#### ELECTION OF CERTAIN BRETHREN AS HONORARY MEMBERS.

#### PROPOSITIONS FOR ADVANCEMENT.

#### CLOSING HYMN.

When Wisdom, Strength and Beauty raised,  
A Temple to our Lord,  
Wherein His Holy Name was praised,  
And piously adored.

Our Ancient Brethren closer drew,  
Those chords of Love divine,  
Which bound the hearts of Masons true,  
Since Light began to shine.

May faith in God and hope in Him,  
With Charity to all,  
Still give to Masons power to win  
Those joys that cannot pall.

On Wisdom may our Lodge be borne,  
May strength her walls uprear,  
Secure that Beauty will adorn  
While Virtue's practised there.

#### FIRST OFFICERS AND FOUNDERS.

W. Bro. A. G. MILDREN,	W.M.	W. Bro. L. B. RAPSON,	D.C.
W. Bro. W. MOONEY,	I.P.M.	Bro. J. M. THOMAS,	S.D.
Bro. W. S. ROGERS,	S.W.	" A. M. WHETTER,	J.D.
" T. R. ROWE,	J.W.	" M. J. BODY,	Asst. D.C.
" E. T. HUNN,	M.O.	" H. A. RUNDLE,	Almoner.
" F. HARBOTT,	S.O.	" V. C. STALLARD,	Org.
" W. LEE,	J.O.	" W. H. MAY,	Asst. Sec.
" W. F. HARRIS,	Chap.	" W. E. STEPHENS,	I.G.
" J. H. B. LUCAS,	Treas.	" L. REID,	Steward.
" G. H. HERBERT,	R. of Mks.	" G. CHEAL,	"
" P. COWLING,	Sec.		

#### OTHER FOUNDERS:

Wor. Bros. A. H. PHILP, W. H. BARRY, H. P. BYFIELD, W. ELLIOTT, H. H. WENMOTH.

## Spotlight on!

### Victory Lodge No1030

(continued)

**V.W. Bro. Tony Morby PGJO. PDPGM.**

I was advanced into Victory Mark Masonry 1030 on the 15th March 1973.

At that time, the membership was around 120 not like today with around 40 members, at that time it took a few years before one could start to climb the officers list. I remember the Stewards list was about 10 in number and when I reached the office of senior steward it was expected of me to prepare and cook the festive board, and the other stewards to serve the meal and clear tables and wash up. As a steward I was also expected to learn the tools and other pieces of ritual and to fill any vacant office which might arise, also to attend all practices.

In those days there were several young keen members, so you needed to attend all meetings as well as practice meetings regularly and to learn your ritual, (no reading your ritual book in open lodge) or you could be possible dropped from an active role.

I did most of the offices on my way to the chair, I was W. M. In 1987, in those days Victory Lodge had annual official visits to St. Anne's Lodge 351 Looe and did exchange working there, also Strode Mark Lodge Plymouth, Victory Mark Lodge 690 Bridport Dorset, the visits to Victory Dorset Lodge still continues today.

In 1992 I was appointed as D.C. I followed W. Bro. David Cutts a great DC! my mentor who was also the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Province of Cornwall. I remember when David was the DC of the Lodge and was taking a practice one of his sayings was "well done Brother but I know you can do better" with a grin on his face. Some of our older Brethren. I know will remember David with affection.

My first Provincial office was active ProvGJO in 1991 given to me by R.W. Bro. Lieut. Commander T.C. Waghorn. R.N.

R.W. Bro. Frank Tonkin appointed me to PDGDC in 1998 then PGDC in 2000. R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Isaac appointed me to Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 2004 and as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 2008 which I served for four years.

I received my first Grand Rank of PAGDC in 2000, I then received promotion to PGJD in 2004, and received further promotion to PGJO in 2008.

I have enjoyed many happy years in Victory Lodge 1030. I would like to thank everyone who have assisted me throughout those years and for the Honours I have received throughout my time in Victory Lodge the Lodge has been pleased to see some members go on to higher offices in other Orders, we have had or still hold, these include:

Two Deputy Provincial Grand Masters in the Craft Degree.  
One Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree.  
One Deputy Grand Superintendent in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter.  
One Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor.  
One Provincial Grand Treasurer in the Mark Degree.  
Four Provincial Grand Wardens in the Mark Degree.  
Along with many other Provincial Honours.



Presentation of 50 year certificate to W.Bro. M.H. Hart P.G.S.D

## Spotlight on!

### Victory Lodge No1030

(continued)

#### **W. Bro Gerald Coombe PGJD**

Advanced 19th May 1987 and enjoyed many years of happy times in Victory Lodge and visiting other lodges in the Province as well as further afield.

Installed in the chair of Victory in November 1999.

Provincial Grand Inner Guard 2003. Acting Grand Inner Guard for the Installation of Right Worshipful Brother GFW Isaac as Provincial Grand Master. Very honoured by Right Worshipful GFW Isaac as Provincial Grand Junior Warden and had an excellent year with W. Bro. Peter Johns as Provincial Grand Senior Warden, now VW. Bro Peter Johns DPGM, and a continuing friendship.

2006 saw Cornwall hosting the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival with the Celebrations at Pendennis Castle, a real pity marred that the evening ended with bad weather. 2006 Attended sesquicentenary celebrations at the Royal Albert Hall a really memorable occasion being picked up by coach at Lanson and we were entertained all the way by W. Bro M.O. Johns.

2010 honoured by Grand Lodge to P.A.G.D.C

2016 Promotion to Past Grand Junior Deacon.

Victory Lodge 1030 has a long standing of fraternal visits to Victory Lodge 690 at Bridport Dorset. 4 of our members had an invitation to attend their Centenary Meeting on the 23rd September 2019.

A few notes from Victory Lodge 690 Centenary Brochure:

September 1979, first Official visit from Victory Lodge 1030 Callington Cornwall to Bridport with 6 visitors which has been continuing with visits over the last 40 years.

September 1981 A dispensation for a special meeting to receive a visit from Sarnian Mark Lodge 425 Guernsey and Victory Lodge 1030 with 88 brethren in attendance the meeting finished at 9.11 and then sat down for a 5-course meal.

November 2012 First annual visit with a stretched limo to Callington from Bridport. That year there were more than 36 Grand Officers present including P.G.M s Deputies and Provincial Grand Officers.

I have really enjoyed my time as a Mark Master Mason and Royal Ark Mariner.

I had a long spell in hospital and was visited on many occasions by Brethren. Sometimes in their Lodge suits on the way to meetings. The nurses commented that they had never seen anyone visited by so many funeral directors. Once at a meeting in the lodge the inner guard knocked on the door for the Tyler and there was no reply. It was later discovered that he had gone home to watch Coronation Street.



Presentation of 50 year certificate to W.Bro. D.A.F. Petipher P.Prov. G.J.W.



## 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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Assistant Provincial  
Grand Master

31/12/2020

Dear, Brethren of the Mark Province of Cornwall,

### Notification of the Temporary Suspension of Face to Face Meetings

As you will be aware following the increase in the prevalence of CoronaVirus, Cornwall has been placed into Tier 3 (Very High Risk).

As a result of this change and having taken account of the guidance issued by Mark Masons' Hall, a local suspension of all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner face to face meetings within the Province of Cornwall, will take effect immediately. I have instructed the Provincial Grand Secretary to inform yourselves and our Lodge Secretaries and Scribes of this decision, which will be kept under review.

The raising of the threat level will without doubt impact further on our daily lives, over the past months I have been heartened to see our members pulling together to support each other and our communities. I urge you all to treat this virus and the threat it presents with the utmost seriousness, to have the safety and welfare of your families and your communities to the forefront of your minds, whilst we move forward toward a safe return to a normal life.

Should you have any questions as to the effect of this suspension on your Lodge, please contact our Provincial Grand Secretary, who will be able to give further advice. I encourage you all to keep in touch, attached to this letter is a communication from our Provincial Grand Almoner Alan Odgers, which updates you all on the important work of our Almoners, but we must never lose sight of the fact we are all Almoners, please play your part and keep in touch with the elderly and vulnerable members in your Lodges, by whatever means.

I look forward in the coming days and weeks to joining with you and your fellow brethren in Lodge Virtual Business Meetings or Virtual Social Get Togethers which over the past months have become integral parts of our Masonic Life.

Lastly, I wish you and your families well for the New Year, but most importantly stay safe.

With kind regards, sincerely and fraternally


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