

Marking Time



2021 - A Year of Hope! Provincial Grand Master

Dear Brethren,

BRETHREN -The RULERS, Grand Secretary and I hope that Lodges pass on the recently announced £10/£5 reduction in Grand Lodge dues to members via a reduction in subscriptions from 1st September 2021 in order to assist retention in our order, this of course would involve a V.B.M. to ratify.

Further to Peter Furness's comments in our last newsletter may I wish all Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners in the Province, and their families, a happy, healthy, and very successful New Year. A new year which brings hope for us all. I congratulate you for the fortitude and resilience you have all shown during 2020, and thank you for the continued support you have given to me, the executive and the Province throughout such a difficult year.

Most Lodges are now holding Virtual or Social meetings on their Regular meeting days as I requested, and it is important that these should continue over the winter months to keep our Lodges alive.

I also express my thanks to those members who supported our recent "Zooms", the joint Tri Provinces talk with Devonshire and Somerset by V.W.Bro. Tony Harvey entitled "What is the Royal Ark Mariner degree" which was well supported by members from Cornwall. As was the "Provincial Social Zoom Get Together" on Wednesday 17th February, when a record number attended maxing out our allowed participants of 100, apologies to those who tried to join but were unable to login, we will look at how we can address this problem going forward.

With several vaccines now being rolled out quickly across the UK we should now expect to see a slow but steady return to our Freemasonry during 2021.

My message to you remains the same. No one should feel obliged to return to their Lodges until they feel personally safe to do so, but as the year progresses, I do hope that confidence will grow and that we will all be able to attend our meetings again.

We have many candidates waiting to join our Lodges (one lodge has four I understand) when we do start to meet, so we have much to look forward to.

So here's to 2021 - a year of hope - when we can all start to meet again and to Mark Well.

Best wishes to you all.

Kevin

Mark Charity News



Mark Benevolent Fund

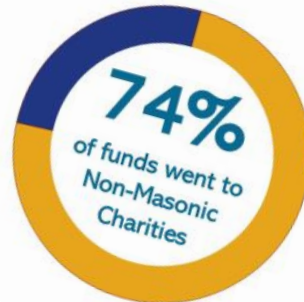
2020 Annual Review



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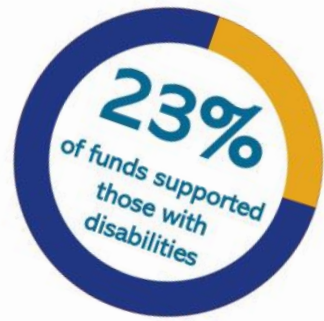
- £166,167 - Back to our Provinces
- £355,585 - Supporting those with Disabilities
- £78,548 - Hospice Movement
- £137,473 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £89,144 - Youth Sector
- £36,554 - Other Sectors
- £74,176 - Individuals



In 2020 the Mark Benevolent Fund made 40 Grants to local charities, Provinces and other worthy organisations



£78,548



£335,585

£48,488
for an inspired mobile sensory room



£3,980
new walkways at their centre in Cheriton

£30,000
supported living for 21 young adults



£32,739
a minibus to assist the elderly suffering with dementia, Alzheimer's and other disabilities

£16,908
14 new specially adapted beds



£8,800
for emergency PPE supplies during the Covid-19 pandemic



£10,700
disabled friendly reception area



£158,970
providing a state of the art disabled friendly river cruiser

Without the continued support of each and every Mark Master Mason the Mark Benevolent Fund would be unable to carry out its invaluable work.
Thank you.



£74,176

Spotlight on! Carnanton Lodge No1028

Carnanton Lodge, No. 1028, 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 8th June 1945 and consecrated on 11th September 1945.

Carnanton Lodge, named after the estate of the Past Provincial Grand Master, Col. E.N. Willyams D.S.O., D.L., currently has a membership of 22; 1 is a Very Worshipful Brother V.W.Bro. Peter F. Johns, D.Prov.G.M. P.G.J.O. 5 further members holding Grand Rank, 3 Active Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, 5 Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and 8 Brothers. 12 were Advanced into Carnanton Lodge 1028 and the remaining are joining members. All members live 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 Carnanton Mark men have taken the time to write a bit about themselves for you all to read and enjoy:

W. Bro. David Langridge – P.Prov.G.J.D.

I was born and bred in Truro in 1946. I attended Bosvigo School and Truro Cathedral School which I left at the age of 17 yrs.

I joined the Cornwall County Ambulance Service and was employed in their Control Room and later in the admin Dept. I did see action on the front line on a few occasions, one being assisting at the birth of a baby in the back of the ambulance whilst en-route to the then Maternity Hospital at Redruth what we called a BBA probably 1964. I left the Ambulance Service in 1966 and joined the Cornwall Constabulary and transferred on amalgamation with Devon. I served in several stations in Cornwall retiring in 1997. I then worked for a Hire Car Firm at Truro for best part of 18 yrs.

My sporting life in the early days was golf, marriage put paid to that as golf on a Probationer Constable's pay and married life did not go hand in hand. I took up Bowls and was a member of the Divisional Team and Cornwall Area side. After retirement from the Force I decided to become a Mason having been approached whilst early in my service but decided not to take up the offer, (a Big Mistake).

I was Initiated in St. Luke's Craft Lodge 5371 on 17th August 1998 and went through the chair in 2003. I was Exalted into St. Illogan Chapter 5371 on 2nd September 1999. I have not progressed further than Sojourner, a position I am quite happy with.

I was advanced into The Mark Degree 23rd April 2001 and became Master in 2014. It was decided that St. Lukes would amalgamate with Mount Edgcumbe Lodge 417 due to lack of numbers. I became Master of the Combined Lodge 2018. I joined Carnanton Mark 1028 on 10th February 2017 and currently hold the office of SW. I joined Cornish Installed Mark Masters on 23rd June 2019 I was elevated into Mount Edgcumbe Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No417 on 9th January 2003 and was a member until it surrendered its warrant on 31st August 2005 in fact, I was the last member elevated. Nearly 5 years later I decided to join another Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and on researching the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges found that several members of 417 Royal Ark Mariners Lodge had were ,members of Carnanton 1028 Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

A visit to one of their meetings resulted in my joining 5th May 2010 which if my memory serves me correctly was their Installation meeting. I became Commander in 2014 and 2015 and remained in office in 2016 due to the Commanders ill health. I am currently Almoner of the Lodge. I joined Cornish Installed Commanders Lodge 30th October 2016. I was appointed to Prov.G.J.D. in 2018 and appointed to Provincial R.A.M.G.R. in 2019. I thoroughly enjoyed my 2 years of Active duty which were tiring at times but well worth it.

I have been a member of The Provincial Lodge of Cornwall of The Royal Order of Scotland for several years. I can honestly say like many Brethren I will be glad when we can get back to meeting again it's been nearly a year since I attended a meeting.

Stay safe Brethren and keep smiling.

Spotlight on!

Carnanton Lodge No1028

W.Bro. Thomas Edgar Andrews - P.Pov.G.Tyler.

I was born close to the village of Callestick, in the parish of Peranzuboloe and my family moved to Creens Farm, Ladock when I was only days old. I attended Ladock primary school, by the church and then in 1949 I attended St. Austell Grammar School.

In 1953 the family had a chance to move to a larger farm in the Ladock Parish, Trelassick Farm. Because of this I had to leave school at the age of 15 to help to carry out the move, being the eldest of the family of three boys. Consequently, I never took my School Certificate exam. In my late teens I joined Probus Young Farmers Club where I had the privilege to meet several distinguished people of the County, including the County High Sheriff of that period, who was a good friend.

I also represented the Club and the County of Cornwall in inter-County Live-Stock (mainly pigs) judging. In my late teens I had the privilege to meet a person at the Carland Cross garage and filling station who was a lifelong friend, the late Basil Warden, who in later life was also a Freemason.

Through the Young Farmer's social life, I met my wife, Elizabeth. We married in late 1963. At first, we lived in the farm cottage at the end of the farm lane, where our three children were born, two girls and a boy. Our farm livestock policy was to keep pedigree or grading-up fully recorded cows, pedigree breeding pigs, and commercial sheep. We also grew our own cereal crops for animal feed. In 1966 we bought our first JCB excavator to carry out some farm work and we were then asked to do some digger jobs on neighbouring farms. On one of our first contract digger jobs my next brother down upset the digger on level ground. As a consequence of his dilemma, I then had to drive the JCB myself. Our digger work expanded to land drainage, farm building sites. One of the most prodigious drainage jobs was the draining of Perranporth playing field. The tolerance on levels on that site was 10 mm. across the site. By this time, we employed two men on the contract work and two at home on the farm. I was recognized and accepted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as a qualified contractor and surveyor. We only did farm work. By 1971 I took over the tenancy of the farm and increased the size from 200 acres to 340 acres. The business was then run by me and two brothers.

By the mid 1980's strong differences came to surface between us. In 1986 the other two took their share and left me with a third of the gross income but 100% of the running cost. Consequently, I had to sell-up under very adverse circumstances.

In 1987 the Cornish Tractor Club was formed, to which I was invited to become a member. The president was Basil Warden. Within a few weeks I was invited to join the committee. I have now progressed to being made an Honorary Member.

This gave me contact with various people of the vintage world, by which I was asked to partake in the research of tractors and other vintage farm machinery, which I started in 2001. This progressed to direct contact with the D.V.L.A. and the subsequent authorization to date the manufacture of Vintage Agricultural Vehicles and Self-propelled machinery. It also led to visits and meetings with the D.V.L.A at Swansea. Over this period, I have certified over 6300 machines.

This has taken my wife and myself all over Great Britain, to some remote spots in Scotland and Wales and at the same time creating friends, some of which are Freemasons of various ranks and levels.

In November 2001 I initiated into Freemasonry, at the Eagle Lodge no 9472 by my friend, Basil Warden, I then joined St Petroc's Lodge no 1785 when they operated from Padstow. This then led to an invitation in 2005 from a Brother Freemason to join the Carnanton Mark Lodge, No 1028, at Newquay. I now have some very good friends from all three lodges.

The Masonic offices that I now hold are, Past Master and Chaplain at St Petroc's 1785, Past Master and Master Overseer in the Carnanton Mark Lodge no 1028. Past Master in Eagle Lodge 9572 and PPGJD in the Craft.

I have four grandchildren, three grandsons and one granddaughter who was born with autism.

My only son died in 2010 at the age of 40 from that awful infliction, Motor Neurone Disease (MDN), the worst illness that can be inflicted on anyone.

Spotlight on!

Carnanton Lodge No1028

W.Bro. Roger P Quinn – P.G.J.D. P.Prov.G.Sec.

I was born in Essex into a Service family (RAF) and spent most of my life in Wiltshire and Norfolk. I have three brothers and one sister.

I left home to join the RAF when I was 18 and started as a Radio Technician serving at various stations including St Mawgan.

During my first tour at St Mawgan I met my wife at the Nurses Social Club at Treliske and shortly after getting married I was posted to the Admiralty Research Labs in Teddington. Our first child was born in Kingston on Thames at the hospital where my wife was training to be a Midwife. After about four years at Teddington I applied to become Aircrew and was successful. Training took place at Finningley in Yorkshire (where my daughter was born) and St Mawgan in Cornwall and on completion I was sent to Kinloss in Morayshire where I served on Nimrods with 206 Squadron.

We still had our house in Truro so when a chance came to get back to Cornwall I took it and spent the last 5 years of my 22 years' service as the Data Manager for the Nimrod Flight Simulator.

In preparation for leaving the RAF I achieved a P.G.Dip. and a B.A. in Mathematics and Computing through the Open University. I already had an HNC and ONC in Electrical Engineering. I retired from the RAF in 1993 in the rank of Master Aircrew (a Warrant Officer that flies).

My first job (unpaid) started 3 months before I left the RAF was helping a company called Riverside Training. One of the Managers there was Keith Boxall who was ex-Nimrod Aircrew like myself and some years later I also found out he was a Freemason (St Petroc's). With the assistance of Riverside and Keith in particular I managed to get a job as the Network Administrator for the planned new Truro College. I was employee number six when the College was just empty fields, and I oversaw the installation of the Computer and Network wiring systems in the new building and at two other sites. The College grew rapidly and so did the Computer systems but the pay and my staff didn't, so I eventually left to work for a computer software company based at Cubert. Shortly before I arrived another employee left - Peter Everest of Carnanton Mark. The company eventually failed after they mismanaged a £10,000,000 Venture Capital project. At that point I decided to work for myself and formed Constant Friend Computing Services Ltd (now you know where the email address comes from!).

This worked really well for me and also enabled me to choose my own hours so that I could fit in all my Masonry. I have been retired for a few years now and both the children are married and living in Cumbria and Devon. One grandchild and she is in Cumbria it's a long way especially during a pandemic, we seem to spend a lot of time doing video chats.

Masonically I am a Past Master in Eagle Lodge (PPGJW), A Past Z in Royal Arch (PPAGDC), Past Master of Cornubian and Carnanton Mark (P.G.J.D. and P.Prov.G.Sec), Past Commander of Fortitude RAM (RAMGR) and a 30th Degree in Rose Croix. I am currently the Secretary in three of those Lodges.

My hobbies include Masonry, Carp Fishing, Learning to play my Tenor Saxophone and my EWI (Electronic Wind Synthesizer), my car (a Ford Mustang 5L V8), walking, computers, gardening and numerous other little projects .



Spotlight on!

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W.Bro. Stephen C Ball – P.Prov.G.S.O.

I was born during 1966 in Padstow and am married with 3 children aged 20,18 and 12 years old and now live just outside Newquay in Kestle Mill. Having attended Padstow County Primary School and then Wadebridge Comprehensive School, in 1982 I went to Camborne College of Higher & Further Education and gained qualifications in Catering, Food Hygiene and a Certificate in Communications. Further adult education courses have ensued and resulted in qualifications in R.Y.A. - Day Skipper Coastal & Open Water Navigation, R.Y.A. - Marine Radio License, Craft Trainer Award (Theory & Practical) as well as W.S.E.T. - Wine & Spirits Education Trust Intermediate Certificate Level Two.

I started working in the Hospitality sector at the young age of 13, honing my skills as a Chef which I am sure many Freemasons in Cornwall have enjoyed over the past few years. From 13 I worked in many different business including hotels, public houses, restaurants, and golf club, in and around the area local to Padstow. From 18 I moved away continuing working in the hospitality trade in and around London & the South East of London and various venues Nationally, until returning to Cornwall in 2003.

I have built three businesses from the ground up during the past 20 years, often working 16/18-hour days, building, and running the businesses and providing for our family.

In Freemasonry I was initiated into Orsett Lodge 5424 (Province of Essex) in June 1999 and was raised in June 2001. On returning to Cornwall, I joined Millennium Lodge of Cornwall No. 9708 and became their Master in Jan 2004 and again in 2007, 2008 and 2018 and am currently the Lodge D.C. And am also a member of a further 4 Craft lodges.

In the Mark Degree, I was Advanced in 2006 into Fortitude Mark Lodge No. 78 and became Master in 2013 and in 2014 joined the Cornish Installed Mark Master Lodge, No. 1332. In 2016 became a joining member of Carnanton Mark Lodge, No. 1028 and am the current Lodge Senior Overseer. In May 2015 I was appointed Prov.G.S.D. and in May 2019 P.Prov.G.S.O.

I was Elevated into The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners at Boscawen Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 101 in 2007 and became the Worshipful Commander in 2009. I also joined Carnanton Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in 2014 and am currently the Lodge DC., and received appointment to Provincial RAMGR, in May 2015.

I am a member of 2 Holy Royal Arch Chapters, a member of 2 Rose Croix Chapters, and a member of Preceptory & St Andrew Priory, Restormel Preceptory and St Andrew Priory Knights Templar. also a member of Fortitude Council No 70 of The Allied Masonic Degree, Carrick Conclave Order of the Secret Monitor, Camel Valley Council No 223, Knights Templar Priests - Kernow Tabernacle 176, Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon - St Martin Chapel No 27, Founding Member of Bryanick Chapel St Thomas of Acon No 125, Joseph of Arimathea Conclave No 253, Masonic Order of Athelstan- King Hywel Court No 69, The Royal Order of Scotland- Province of Cornwall, Society of Operative Freemason's - Penlee Quarry Assemblage, and also the Societas Rosicruciana In Anglia - St Piran Collage No 46.

My Covid Journey!

W.Bro. Revd.Dr. C. Peter B. Blackwell-Smyth

I was admitted to Treliske hospital in mid November with slight chest pain and an irregular pulse. Luckily that settled with medication and I was discharged the following day. However, before I left the ward, we were told that one of the patients on the ward had tested positive for Covid so I was told to isolate for 10 days.

When I came home I felt well but, over the next week, I became short of breath, developed a dry cough and later lost my taste and smell. My blood oxygen levels decreased and my GP advised having supplemental oxygen and doing a test. During the week when I was waiting for the result, I felt very unwell and, when the test proved positive, my GP arranged that I should go back to Treliske but this time to the Covid ward!

When I arrived there my chest X-ray and blood tests were abnormal but I responded well to medication and was discharged 2 days later. I remained unwell for the next 2 weeks and, in particular, I felt that everything was an effort and could not manage the stairs or walk more than about 50 yards. I still had a bad cough and remained very short of breath. I did not feel well enough even to write many Christmas cards!

I have gradually improved but am not back to normal. I still have a cough and easily become short of breath on exertion and now sleep downstairs.

Covid infection is a horrible disease to have. As you know, the mortality rate is now high and, although the vaccine programme is being rolled out fairly successfully. it remains essential that we all adhere to the Guidelines. In particular, I suggest we all ask ourselves this question whenever we leave home; "Is my journey really necessary?"



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.

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

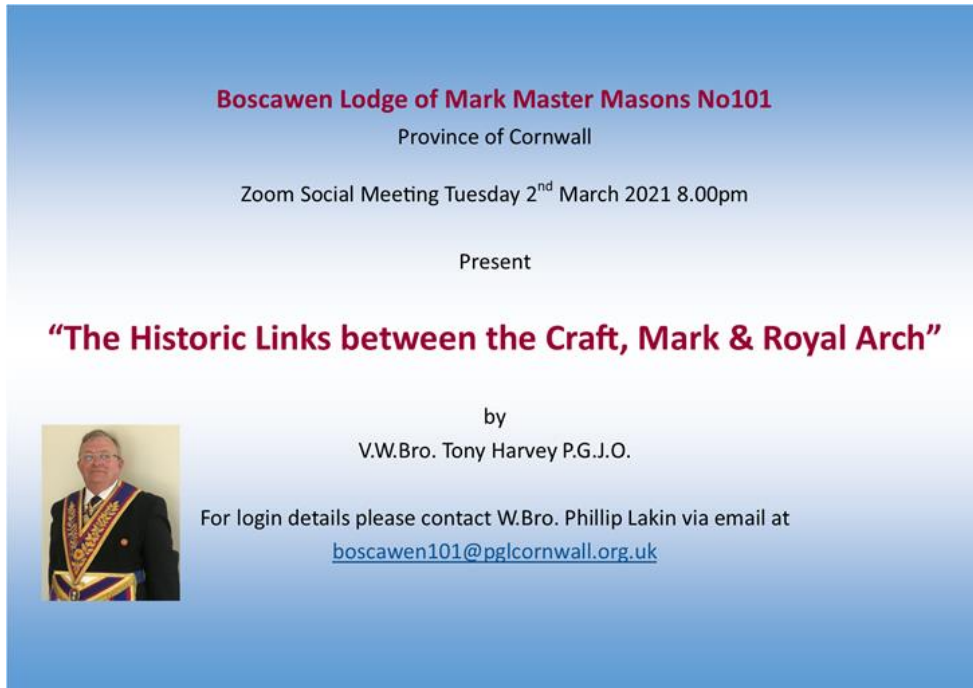
Tuesday 2nd March, at 8.00pm.

Boscawen Lodge No101 will be hosting a Social Zoom Meeting.

The Lodge has been very fortunate to attract the renowned lecturer and presenter, V.W.Bro. Tony Harvey to present his talk

“The historic links between the Craft, Mark & Royal Arch degrees”

this social meeting is open to all Craft Masons, so please invite brethren from your Craft Lodges to join the members of Boscawen Lodge for this unique event and help them gain an insight into the “Magic of the Mark”!



Boscawen Lodge of Mark Master Masons No101
Province of Cornwall

Zoom Social Meeting Tuesday 2nd March 2021 8.00pm

Present

“The Historic Links between the Craft, Mark & Royal Arch”

by
V.W.Bro. Tony Harvey P.G.J.O.

For login details please contact W.Bro. Phillip Lakin via email at
boscawen101@pglcornwall.org.uk

Wednesday 3rd March

Cornwall Mark Provincial Wardens Lodge will be hosting “A Virtual Advancement Ceremony”
Login details will be circulated to all secretaries and members.

Friday 5th March, 7.30pm

Sir Bevil Granville Lodge M.M.M, Virtual Business Meeting, Login details are available from the Lodge Secretary, via email sirbevilgranvillemmm1231@gmail.com

Wednesday 10th March, 7.00pm

St John the Baptist Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No404. Virtual Business meeting an talk by W.Bro. Keith Waters R.A.M.G.R. Login details are available from the Lodge Secretary via email chris404arksec@gmail.com

Circulation of Newsletters

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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