

# Marking Time

April Update from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Welcome to the May edition of our Newsletter.

Provincial Grand Lodge has come and gone, and I think we can all agree it went very well. Credit should be given to Simon, Mike and Trevor our Provincial Secretariat who put a lot of time and effort into producing a slick production. It's amazing how far we have come in such a short time with our 'Zoom' meetings.

The message that came out of the meeting from our Provincial Grand Master is that face to face Mark and Royal Ark Mariner meetings are suspended until midnight on the 31st of August 2021. In the meantime, we must continue with Zoom virtual business and social meetings. The Provincial Grand Master also told us to consider having a get together with all members and partners outside, possibly on the beach or in a park or other legal location. With all this in mind, hopefully we can hit the ground running in September, regulations permitting. Remember your first meeting will have to be a Proclamation or Installation of a new Master.

It was wonderful to see our Assistant Grand Master RW Bro Stephen Davison and Grand Secretary RW Brother Ryan Williams at our meeting. The encouraging message from the Assistant Grand Master was, "We are nearly there."

I agree. We are nearly there. As we look towards the summer and the end of the Covid restrictions let's just pause and reflect. Since the pandemic struck I've spent a lot of my masonic time engaged in thinking about the three "R"s, retention, recruitment and revitalization. How are we going to return, and what state will we be in when we do? But I haven't considered how wonderful it will actually be when we do.

We all know the difficulties masonry in general is experiencing, but let's allow ourselves to embrace the here and now. To see our friends and brethren face to face and maybe shake their hands. To sit in the temple. To smell the familiar smells (mainly damp!). To watch and take part in a ceremony. To enjoy good company at a festive board. To eat and drink together and hear people laugh and joke. To be masons again!

There will be time enough to tackle long term problems as we move forward.

As the Provincial Grand Master said, we need to make our return a joyous occasion and celebrate. Consider inviting your friends and partners to attend the lodge, they are as much part of our masonic lives as brethren.

So, let's start digging out our suits and seeing if they still fit, dusting off the regalia, refreshing our ritual and making sure everything is in place to allow a safe and happy return.

We are coming back!

Peter



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## Special points of interest

- C.P.R. Van Presentation
- M.B.F. Hospice Donations



## Vehicle Presentation to C.P.R. Foodbank

As reported in the last edition of Marking Time, the Mark Benevolent Fund had approved a donation of £30,000.00 following an application by Mount Edgumbe and St Lukes Lodge No417, to the M.B.F in support of the C.P.R. foodbank, which covers the areas of Camborne, Pool & Redruth. We are please to announce that the hand-over of the vehicle was made by the Provincial Grand Master at the C.P.R. facility at Pool, the Provincial Grand master was joined by W.Bro. Keith Baker, Worshipful Master and W.Bro. David Langridge Charity Steward of Mount Edgumbe and St Lukes Lodge No417 along with W.Bro. Mike Pritchard Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary



## THE WORK OF TRANSFORMATION CPR

The varied work that operates to support the vulnerable in the Camborne, Pool and Redruth area is to meet the needs as they manifest themselves and support poverty in families without criticism.

We operate several facets to support this. The Independent Foodbank, Foodshare , Camborne Community Hub, Step-up, Fuel Bank, Santa Meal Appeal, and Easy IT. We employ two part-time staff 2x25 hours, and have 74 volunteers including myself and have been operating for twelve years.

**FOODBANK**—We have four foodbanks across the area and are open Monday to Friday at various times. I operate an, out of hours, service covering nights and weekends. We average 400 families per month providing 14-16,000 meals. The system provides a week's food eight times in six months plus extra support if the agency requests it. It operates on a voucher system which are held by 174 professional agents in the area.

**FOODSHARE**--- This is a warehouse facility which makes up the meal boxes and delivers them to the four foodbanks. The van also collects the donated food from 22 Churches, seven schools and other donors. All our supermarkets have public collection points and these have to be emptied three times a week. We also collect "waste" food from supermarkets every day, plus product "over manufactured" by local food producers. Predominately fresh food' and deliver to lunch clubs, day centres, drop-in centres, homeless shelters etc. We also support other food projects which have difficulty obtaining sufficient supplies. All collected food is checked and dated by a team of volunteers before delivery.

## Mark Benevolent Fund Major Capital Grant to Lodges in England and Wales

In recognition of a lifetime of service and dedication to the Crown and the nation by His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) approved a Major Capital Grant of £1.25 million to support hospices in England & Wales.

Every Mark Lodge in England & Wales were invited to nominate a local hospice to receive a £1,000, in Cornwall our members who are on email were asked to submit their nominations electronically, while those members without email were contacted by their Lodge Secretaries.

The Nominations are as follows

St Julia's	Mount Edgcumbe	Little Harbour
Meridian No73	Fortitude No78	Boscawen No101
Cornubian No87	Carnanton No1028	St Anne's No351
Love and Honour No94	Sir Bevil Granville No1231	St Martin's No379
St Michael's No175	Cornish Installed Mark	St Columba No700
St John The Baptist No404	Masters No1332	Zetland No831
Mount Edgcumbe and St Lukes No417	St Breock No1605	Trevaunance No1023
Tregenna No787	Edwin Perry Morgan N01632	Victory No1030
Three Grand Principles No879	Edward the Black Prince No1680	Carew No 1098
William James Hughan No1437	Lyver Ha Pluvenn No1884	St Nicholas No1188
Cornwall Mark Provincial Wardens No1885		St Piran's No1367
		Sir Alfred Robbins No 1514
		Tintagel Castle No1800

## Other Charity News from around the Province



Following the meeting of the Trustees of the Cornwall Mark Foundation earlier in the year, a donation of £500:00 was agreed to the Five Carns Explorer Scouts Unit, below are pictured W.Bro. John Thomas Worshipful Master of St Pirans Lodge No1367, pictured making the presentation to Explorer Scout Leader Debbie Victor, with the Lodge Charity Steward and Provincial Grand Senior Warden W.Bro. Graham Jose.

## A Fond Farewell

The fundraising that goes on at Provincial level doesn't just happen, with a small team headed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master working away behind the scenes to come up with events and fund raising ideas.

Since it's inception by R.W.Bro. Geoff Isaac our Past Provincial Grand Master, the Committee has planned and hosted numerous events, which have been well supported by our members.

We have recently said a sad but fond farewell to two members of the Committee, who have been with the Committee from the outset and who's support, friendship and sense of humour will be greatly missed by all.

V.W.Bro Peter Cheesman P.G.J.O

W.Bro. Martin Winchester  
P.A.G.D.C.

Both of which truly  
"Marked Well"





## W Bro Geoffrey N Grenfell, Prov G.J.O. Prov.R.A.M.G.R.

*This article was written prior to the news of the sad passing to the Grand lodge above of W.Bro. Geoff on Monday 24th May by W Bro. Andy Matthews, Prov G Registrar.*

W Bro. Geoff is well known & respected throughout the Mark community in Cornwall as a loyal supporter of the individual lodges & Provincial team overall, as demonstrated by his attendance at Installations during his 3 years as a Prov.A.G.D.C. No doubt this is one of the main reasons that our P.G.M, R W Bro. Kevin Hicks deservedly appointed him as our current Active Provincial Grand Junior Overseer. And at the Virtual Provincial Meeting in May 2021 announced he had appointed W.Bro. Geoff to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner. Unfortunately, initially due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, W Bro. Geoff has been prevented from fulfilling his Provincial duties & lately due to his own health issues, it is unlikely we will see him at our meetings when Freemasonry resumes. I'm sure that all those who have attended meetings with W Bro. Geoff will agree that the enjoyment of those meetings was enhanced by his presence.

It was with these sentiments in mind that the members of his Craft Lodge, Lodge Lyonesse 6014, were prompted to recognise W Bro. Geoff's contribution to the Lodge, as well as freemasonry generally in Penzance, by a recent presentation at his home.

To give some context W Bro. Geoff was Initiated into Lodge Lyonesse on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1994, Passed on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1994 & Raised on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1994.

He occupied all Offices from Steward to Senior Warden, before becoming the Worshipful Master for the 2001/02 masonic year.

He held the Office of Charity Steward from 2005 to 2008, Assistant Director of Ceremonies from 2010 to 2013, eventually being appointed Director of Ceremonies from 2013 to 2020.

In addition Geoff was one of the Lodge representatives on the Penzance Masonic Lodge Management Committee, & he regularly took it upon himself to visit the building to ensure everything was in order, many times with a pot of paint and brush, overseeing minor repairs and building work. This culminated in him being appointed Chairman of the Committee from 2016 to 2019.



This selfless commitment was also demonstrated by his willingness to support all the orders in Penzance & I was always grateful for the support he has given myself over the past 4 years as Charity Steward of St John the Baptist MMM 404, an office I took over from W Bro. Geoff in 2017.

As Director of Ceremonies of Lodge Lyonesse he was often applauded for the quality of the ritual produced by the brethren, which was testament to his constant attendance at rehearsals & LOIs & his ongoing support for the junior brethren. A level of commitment repeated in the Mark, Mariners, Royal Arch & Order of the Secret Monitor degrees.

To recognise Geoff's commitment the WM of Lodge Lyonesse 6014, W Bro. Andy Branchett, presented him with an engraved Pocket Watch & Chain, with grateful thanks from all the brethren.

The presentation group was reduced due to the current government restrictions, but he was accompanied by W Bro. Nigel Stephens, Secretary, W Bro. Andy Matthews, Treasurer, W Bro. Peter Trahair, Almoner, W Bro. Phil Bounden, DC & W Bro. Andy Bennetts, ADC.

W Bro. Geoff was also supported at the presentation by his wife, Lyn, as well as his daughter & son-in-law.

There is no doubt that W Bro. Geoff's 'retirement' from lodge activities is a great loss to freemasonry in Cornwall generally & to Lodge Lyonesse in particular. But he should feel very proud of his achievements & personal contribution over the past 27 years.

I personally will miss his company, his support & his good humour at masonic meetings & I will always be proud to call him a brother & a friend.

W Bro. Andy Matthews.

## Spotlight on!

### Trevaunance Lodge No1023

Trevaunance, No. 1023, 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 1945 and consecrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1945. Trevaunance meets at Rosemundy Hall, St Agnes on the third Friday in January, March, May, September and November for their Installation meeting.

The first mention of Trevaunance in the Cornwall Mark Provincial History was that on 29th May 1954, at St Agnes, the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held under the banner of Trevaunance. It wasn't until 2011, on the first occasion the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay, did this happen again.



According to Keystone Online, Trevaunance has a current membership of 31 and 5 of them have Grand Rank amongst whom are the Prov.Dep.G.Sec. and Prov.Dep.G.D.C. Trevaunance has a further 6 Past Provincial Officers, and the remaining membership consists of 2 Worshipful Brothers and 18 Brothers. 22 of the members were Advanced at Trevaunance and the remaining 9 have all joined the lodge. 27 of the current membership live in Cornwall, 2 in Leicestershire (Brothers Barry Brown and Ed Humphreys) and 2 from British Columbia, Canada, Brothers Brian Young and John Hawthorne who Trevaunance remembers fondly when they were Advanced in May 2012 during the May exchange visits held between Trevaunance and Meridian (No. 73) Mark Lodges.

As mentioned in every Lodge Spotlight, in every Mark lodge its members are the most important part of the Lodge. 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 and above all, and probably most importantly, we enjoy their company and have fun. 6 Mark Men of Trevaunance Lodge have taken the time to write a bit about themselves for you to read and enjoy:

#### **W. Bro Jeremy Squibb - Worshipful Master - P.Prov.G.M.O.**

I was initiated into my Godfather's beautifully named Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality in September 1996, sadly he died in 1981, but nevertheless, it was a great delight for my God Mother to see me join his lodge.

After a few years of modest masonic activity, my great friend W Bro Adrian moved back to the county and tried to recruit me for St Piran's Lodge - telling me I would love Freemasonry - his shock when I mentioned I was already a member was superb. Despite being from a different lodge, Adrian quickly took me under his wing, and took a massive detour each meeting to pick me up (and make sure I attended) - thus cementing my reinvigoration for masonry - if ever there is the epitome of a mentor, it is Adrian. He guided and supported me through the offices and was a stalwart traveling companion when I was in the chair of that wonderful traditional lodge.

Having been left my Grandfather's regalia, I joined his Chapter (again, he did not live long enough to share that evening having died 20 years before I was born) True & Faithful in Helston, and naturally, was subsequently recruited by Adrian for Trevaunance Mark Lodge in 2005 (I should point out, that the rather vibrant WM apron unveiled at my Mark Installation in 2008 was not my Grandfather's ancient regalia, but rather a misguided internet purchase).

Trevaunance is a Lodge which is the essence of Mark Masonry in Cornwall - a well-worked ceremony, plenty of jovialities, and most of all, a sense of belonging, support and kindness (behind the mask of some pretty brutal banter). Of course, we are fortunate in Trevaunance to have our own in-house chef, who as we all know, personally tastes, tests, and tastes again the meals he superbly produces.

2012 afforded a great honour for me with the appointment to Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, a very special year indeed, mostly sat with W Bro Graham Wharton, who was the most superb company throughout a most memorable 12 months.

The character and special nature of those within Mark Masonry was exuded by V W Bro Peter Johns at a craft meeting one evening. Let's just say that my enthusiasm, in general, had started to meander somewhat, visiting and attendance had reduced - all the warning signs we see from time to time (and should be very mindful of as we start to return to Masonry in the Autumn). Peter simply sat down and asked how I was and how nice it was to see me - no sarcasm, no underhand comments -

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### Trevaunance Lodge No1023 (continued)

#### **W. BRO Jeremy Squibb - Worshipful Master - P.Prov.G.M.O.**

In the same way, in which my discussion with Adrian reignited my vigour so did this gentle show of interest and care - both Adrian and Peter, I cannot thank you enough. That little interaction ensured I took the chair of St Michaels RAM in 2018 and had the very special delight of being installed by W Bro Peter George, again, someone who has inspired and supported me for many years.

From the origins of W Bro David Pascoe's "Brass Baker's Dozen" who appeared at the Mark Provincial Ball in 2007, with the support of Peter George, The Cornish Brassonic Ensemble morphed, and who can forget the CD 'A Time For Giving' which was recorded in aid of the Festival, and included the 2019/20 Mark Provincial: Treasurer, Deputy D.C, Master Overseer, Registrar and Assistant Secretary. The CD was described by the late composer Goff Richards as the finest which PM Sound had ever recorded - a very high accolade indeed.

The pandemic of 2020 of course prematurely curtailed the most special active year as Provincial Grand Master Overseer - a year of so much fun and friendship, being made all the more special by taking the chair of Trevaunance for a second (and as it has turned out, third) time. Whilst a few eyebrows were raised, everyone seemed to attend the somewhat off-piste banquet of chicken noodle soup and guinea fowl, but as always, it was a wonderful evening with the Lodge heavily supported by the travelling cohort of Provincial and Grand officers. The only meeting we managed since that special night was the visit of the Provincial Team, where my good friend Bro Chris Fooks was splendidly advanced by the whole team.

I have much to thank Mark Masonry and those within it for - most of all, for all your friendship, companionship, and support. Til we meet again Brethren.

#### **Bro Chris Fooks**

I think I am still the newest member of the lodge!

Having moved to Cornwall from Hertfordshire in 2018 and leaving friends and family behind I was very fortunate to be invited to join Trevaunance Lodge No 1023.

I was made to feel welcomed and more importantly that I belonged the moment I set foot into the lodge.

There are lots of wonderful Brethren in my lodge all of which outside of lodge I can call friends.

#### **W. Bro Terry Lewis – Junior Warden - P.G.St.B.**

Although I have not been a member many years, my thoughts of Trevaunance go back a long way. As a schoolboy I would ride my bike pass the lodge building wondering what the men in dark suits would do at their meetings.

I then had the chance, 48 years ago, to join Masonry. My Proposer W. Bro Charles Jewell & Seconder W. Bro Dank Flamank both members of Trevaunance lodge advised me to join Perranporth as there were more members of my own age in St Piran's. So, I never join Trevaunance much to the disappointment of W. Bro Dr Henry Whitworth that never let me forget it. I have gone onto to become WM of St Piran's Craft, WM of St Piran's Mark, WM of Fortitude RAM and MEZ of Royal Cornubian Chapter, now being their most senior member, as I am of St Piran's Craft. I am now in the chair of the Edwin Perry Morgan Grand Officers lodge, in the Mark.

I was going to London this year to receive my Grand Rank in the RAM but due to COVID was cancelled but to my great surprise on the morning of the cancelled meeting I had a phone call from London from HRH Prince Michael, he said I know it's only second best by phone and congratulating me on the honour. I was delighted. I'm glad I didn't say is this a joke, but he called me Terence not Terry the name my mother called me when I was in trouble.

As I said, I have not been a member many years but have been a regular visitor for more than 40 years and had helped out standing in offices so I thought it way about time I joined, I enjoy now being a member and the friendship of its members.

I am now in the office of JW and look forward in years to come going into the Chair.

At last, for me a St Agnes boy in a St Agnes lodge may be then I will find out what the men in dark suits do at their meetings.

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### Trevaunance Lodge No1023 (continued)

#### W. Bro Darren Stephens - Secretary – P.Prov.G.S.D.



My introduction to Freemasonry started on joining the family insurance broking business. We would have plenty of visitors coming into the office talking about their evening excursions around the county and to the likes of Penzance and Saltash with their black cases. I seem to recall plenty of visits came from the late W. Bro Charlie Jewell. He would mention to my Father Roger that they had a meeting that evening and they were short of an overseer. Charlie would say, you can do that Roger to which my Father would stoically agree. My father would then shut himself away in his office and seemed to morph into a Buddha like figure with a blue book face down on his lap, his eyes clench shut whilst his mouth mumble random words as if he were casting a spell. This was of course my first introduction to the famous blue book.

Shortly after this and in the spring of 1991 and as a Lewis, I was initiated into St Piran's Lodge No 7620. This did not go without hitches as on the night of the ceremony of my passing and with no doubt a shaking hand I cut my self-shaving. I could not stop my chin bleeding. I believe it was the DC at the time, the late Webroot Alfred (Dank) Flamank who said, "whatever happens don't let him bleed on the Volume of the Sacred Law!!".

My journey in Freemasonry was initially on a slow burner as at the time I was playing Pool for a local Perranporth team and having a great time touring and playing around the local pubs. Unfortunately, father time waits for no one and with the pool balls not appearing as crisp as they once were, it was time to hang up the pool cue. It was around this time that I ventured back to the lodge. I was welcomed with open arms by the then DC W. Bro Godfrey Carpenter who encouraged me to learn and present the first degree walking tools. The blue touch paper had now been lit to my previously incumbent slow burner and I now began my progression through the various offices and become Worshipful Master in 2010.

It was around this time that my father had returned to Mark Masonry. He had been previously Worshipful of St Piran's No 1367 he had by now joined a rejuvenated Trevaunance Lodge no 1023 and had also progressed to Worshipful Master. For me the ceremony of advancement was scheduled to take place at our May meeting in 2006. A slight fly in the ointment was that on the day of the regular meeting a Friday, I was driving to the Peak District to attend a family wedding taking place on the very next day. It was agreed that I would now be advanced at Meridian Lodge No 73 on the following Tuesday as part of our exchange visit with them. Generally, the Worshipful Master of Trevaunance would take the chair and then carry out the ceremony of advancement for the Meridian candidate. However, on this occasion Meridian gracefully agreed that I could be the candidate. Both my Father and I will always be eternally grateful to the members of Meridian for allowing this to happen. I remember that the Tyler for the evening was the late W. Bro Leo Opie who instructed me to wait while he went downstairs in order to check the pasties. Of course, the moment he left me; the inner guard gave a little twist on the doorknob to let him know that they were ready for the knocks on the door. No response and so the inner guard started to shake the doorknob more vicariously but to no avail. Eventually he opened the door and popped his head around enquiring about Leo's whereabouts. Checking the pasties, I explained. This was duly reported back to the Worshipful Master (my father) who exclaimed he was pleased he had got his priorities right. After all no one likes a burnt pasty!!!!

I became the Worshipful Master of Trevaunance Lodge in 2014. It was a special moment for me when I went back to Meridian Lodge as the Worshipful Master of Trevaunance Lodge and I took the chair and carried out the ceremony of advancement as part of our exchange visit.

It was a great honour when in 2018 I received an active appointment in the Mark Degree to Provincial Grand Senior Deacon. I had a wonderful 12 months with great friendship and company. The highlight of my year would be the Provincial working that took place at Saltash in March 2019. The Provincial team carried out a ceremony of advancement to the highest standard. A magical meeting and festive board and one that I will never forget.

Like most Freemasons, I am also pretty active in the other orders. I was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in 2006 and I became MEZ of the Rose of Sharon Chapter No 1006 in 2015 and again in 2017. I was privileged in the Holy Royal Arch to be appointed in 2018 to Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. A position I am currently very proud to continue to hold.

I am also currently the Worshipful Commander of Fortitude Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners no 78 where I am already preparing for our October meeting, when all things being well and after a delay of 12 months, I will hopefully be putting my successor in the chair.

Away from Freemasonry my hobbies are playing golf and that also complements my Freemasonry as I am a member of the Cornish Links Lodge No 9481 and the Cornwall Masonic Golf Society. I enjoy dog walking and by now the dog has got to know our ceremonies quite well.....

I have been married to my lovely wife Jean since 1999 and we have two great lads, Sam and Morgan. They have both progressed from selling the raffle tickets at our annual Trevaunance Mark Sunday/Christmas Lunches to running the bar at our last luncheon in December 2019. I have no doubt that when the time is right, they will follow my footsteps into Freemasonry. In the chaos of today's modern world, it will bring them a sense of belonging, friendship, and self-worth which will last until time is with us no more.

Take care, stay safe and I look forward to when we can all safely meet again.



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### Trevaunance Lodge No1023 (continued)

#### **W. Bro Edwin John Pritchard – Treasurer - P.Prov.G.J.O.**

The Life of Johnny P.... 2nd edition.

Hello, I'm John Pritchard currently enjoying the office of Treasurer of Trevaunance Lodge No.1023.

Having been born in South London in 1938 I spent my early years sleeping nights in a shelter under our garden during almost nightly German air raids. Dad, who served during the 1914-18 war with the Royal Engineers, designed and built the shelter which survived undamaged until Mum fell through the roof! At the age of five my school was flattened by a bomb, so I was evacuated to live for a couple of years with a fisherman and his family in Hoylake, Cheshire. This stirred my lifelong love of the sea and fishing of many types.

I attended Dartford Technical School in Kent and was awarded a Government sponsored Engineering Apprenticeship at the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School, Hatfield. Part of my block release course from Hatfield Technical College involved work experience in most departments of the de Havilland aircraft company which at the time was producing the Comet 2 and 3 aircraft, the first jet propelled airliners in the World. From there, having qualified in Mechanical and Production Engineering I then worked for several years as a Technical Sales Rep. for a specialist high alumina ceramic manufacturer in Rugby followed by a job as Sales Manager for an electronic component manufacturer in Lymington, Hampshire where I was also involved with design engineering. It was in Lymington that I bought an old gaff rigged cutter on which I learnt to sail. I further also had the good fortune of meeting and marrying Ros and also had the pleasure of joining Ros's father in The New Forest Lodge No.319 where I was initiated on Feb 5th, 1969 and rose to the dizzy heights of Steward. After 9 years in Lymington and through a takeover I was forced to leave my job as Sales Director and so, in 1974, I started a new electronic component manufacturing unit in Cornwall later to become ARCOL UK Ltd. Ours was the first factory to be built at Threemilestone, now a thriving Industrial Estate. It was there that I produced a new type of power resistor which I had designed and developed, and which is now used worldwide in a wide range of electrical and electronic applications. (I had always dreamed of working in Cornwall as Cornwall is in my blood. Mum was born in Botallack and my Grandad John Grenfell lost his life in the 1919 Levant Tin Mine disaster leaving a family of nine dependants. In a roundabout sort of way my dream came true).

By then, 1974, Ros and I had three young boys and together with family responsibilities coupled with the building up of a new business which also involved plenty of world travel I only found time for occasional visits to Cornish Lodges and never got back again into active freemasonry until I was proposed by my son Mike in 2013 to become a joining member of St Piran's Craft Lodge No 7620. In 2015 I was installed in that Lodge as Master.

Since then, I've been through the chair of Trevaunance Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1023 and I'm currently S.W. of Boscawen Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No101.

My son Mike, with a partner, took over the ownership of ARCOL UK Ltd when I retired in 2001 and took the company to even greater heights. I now enjoy Clay shooting, Fly and sea fishing and playing my Ukulele and Banjolele with my bands, Los Chaos and The Elderly Brothers (We play for free and stop for money!). I'm also a member of the local Dancing Flea Orchestra which provides entertainment at day centres, memory cafes, care homes and music festivals throughout Cornwall.

I also now enjoy walking a few miles every day with my gundog Lab. Todd.

Here endeth the lesson!

#### **W. Bro Adrian Ashely Waters – Director of Ceremonies - P.A.G.D.C. – Prov.Dep.G.D.C.**

The world, depending on your point of view, was much improved on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1959 when I was born. Arriving on planet Earth in the auspicious surrounding of Redruth Hospital I weighed in as a fabulous 10 and a bit Lbs. Born big and just kept getting bigger! Having left Redruth, home was and still is Little Callestock Farm which was a mixed dairy and beef farm of 150 acres. Although now I live in the bungalow which used to be my grandparents' home, "Rivendell".

I was in partnership in the farming business with my father until we sold nearly 25 years ago. Following the sale of the farm I took a year's sabbatical enjoying life in France and everything that had to offer. France further increased my interest in food and wine and on returning to Cornwall undertook a fast-track NVQ catering course at Cornwall College Camborne, and with great surprise won the best student of the year award for cooking excellence. From college I was head hunted to work at Lakeview country club, working there for about 2 years. I then moved to Wiltshire, following my heart, working as an agency Chef for a while and then finishing at Princes Margaret Hospital in Swindon, overseeing the team and cooking over 2500 meal every day.





## Spotlight on! Trevanance Lodge No1023 (continued)

### W. Bro Adrian Ashely Waters – Director of Ceremonies - P.A.G.D.C. – Prov.Dep.G.D.C.

I left the hospital when it moved to a new location and Management implemented a change in cooking standards, from fresh to preprepared, which wasn't for me! I then found a job at Honda working as a quality controller in the paint shop. After a year I returned to cooking in the Trotting Horse Pub, near Lyhnam for another year. However, following a change in my personal circumstance and my head taking over from my heart I returned to Cornwall and back to Rivendell. I was approached by W. Bro Tony Hattam, on behalf of W. Bro John Veall, to see if I could help Veall's with a bit of driving that summer. 11 years later John and Ron Veall sold their business and after a short time thereafter I decided to start a new endeavour! You may now see me driving in my white van "Van-essa" on my way to various gardens where I tend, not to mention a bit of catering, mostly Masonically based.

Since the age of 9 my father taught me to play the Trombone. I wanted to be a musician like my father but unfortunately ended up on Bass Trombone. One out of two isn't bad. Starting my musical career in Newquay Town Band, Cornwall Youth Band and the Hot Foundation Big Band I then joined St Austell Town Band a Championship standard band, for many, many enjoyable years, traveling thought Cornwall, England, and Holland, a much talked about trip Mr Squibb! (If you want to know more ask me, Mike Pritchard or Kevin Dower, who all know!). I then joined St Dennis Band



for a short time before my sojourn around France.

When I return, I helped out some Cornish bands and then when living in Wiltshire joined the Swindon Pegasus Band. Following my move back home I then joined Camborne Town band and finally ended my Brass Banding Career at the Helston Town Band, helping them gaining promotion from the second section into the first and then for their first time into the Championship section. I made many great friends in the banding world, some of whom I have managed to turn into Freemasons.

I was initiated into St Piran's Craft lodge at the age of 21, being proposed by my Father, W. Bro Donald Ashley Waters and seconded by W. Bro Raymond Arthur. My father initiated me on 25/03/82, passed on 27/05/82 and raised me on 28/10/82. I became the Master of St Piran's for the first time in 1993 and was the first member to become St Piran's Master for a second time in 2005. W. Bro Godfrey Carpenter is now the only other member to have achieved this. I joined the Mark degree before the Chapter, being a member of Royal Cornubian and now the current MEZ of Rose of Sharon. In the Mark degree I was Advance in Trevanance 1023 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1988 being Advanced by my father who was in the chair at the time. When I returned from Wiltshire, Trevanance was a Mark lodge struggling for membership and will always be very grateful for the help Meridian lodge gave us then. I was lucky to propose a couple of my good friends into the Mark degree and with new young blood and enthusiasm Trevanance has had a good number of Advancements since, even two from Canada who I am really pleased are still members. Coincidentally Trevanance Mark Lodge has a good number of Ex Brass Band members in it, some more musical than others and some only bats can hear.

At Trevanance I have been in the Chair on three occasion. I am also a member of several other Mark lodges and have taken the Chair at St Piran's three times and Meridian once. I have been lucky to have received Provincial promotion with my first as ProvAGDC in 2009 following this I was appointed Prov.G.S.O. in 2013 and then unbelievably ProvGJW, which I feel was the best year of being a Freemason to date. I am currently the Prov.Dep.G.D.C. in my third year of Office. At the start of 2020 I opened the post to be further honoured with a letter from Grand Lodge being appointed to the Grand Rank of PAGDC. Unfortunately, COVID-19 pandemic saw fit to stop the investiture and I've not been able to wear my regalia yet in action, but on our return which I hope is very soon I will be making the very, very most of my Mark regalia. I am also a member of Cornish Installed Mark Masters and Cornwall Mark Wardens lodges.

I am a proud Royal Ark Mariner being Commander of Boscawen 101 for two years from 2011, and further honoured with Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 2018. I am also a member of Cornish Installed Commanders and I am the D.C. of both of these Royal Ark Mariner Lodges.

Some of you will have known a bit about me and, I hope, this has given you more insight into me and I really can't wait to get back to Masonic life to meet and enjoy good times again.



With this being the fourteenth edition of Marking Time, we hope you have enjoyed the this as well as the previous editions.

We extend our grateful thanks to all those who have contributed over the last year, and look forward to your support as we move forward.

If you have an article you would like to share please email it to PGSec.mmm.Cornwall@gmail.com

Also if you have any comments, good or bad, please let us know.

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## And Finally, We Plan Our Way Back.

On Friday the 28th May, the Provincial Grand Master will be hosting a meeting, for Lodge Secretaries, Scribes, Worshipful Masters, Commanders, Directors of Ceremonies and any other member who wishes to attend.

The meeting will be to discuss the available options for Lodges to restart their meetings and gather opinions from members on their wishes for a return to meetings after the end of the temporary suspension at midnight on 31st August.

Login details have been circulated to your Lodge Secretaries, and should you wish you are more than welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Carew Lodge No1098	Tuesday 25th May 7.00pm
Meeting to discuss resumption of meetings (All are welcome) (details are available from your	Friday 28th May 7.00pm
St John the Baptist Lodge No404	Wednesday 9th June 7.00pm
St Columba Lodge No700	Monday 21st June 7.00pm
Boscawen Lodge No101 (demonstration of a virtual Advancement	Wednesday 7th July 7.00pm

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