



Mark Well News Flash

Prince Leopold Lodge of MMM No.352 – 11th Oct 2019 Was it 4Rs or 3Rs?

The Lodge very busy, the atmosphere beforehand was lively, warm and friendly as we are accustomed to at this venerable Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by W Bro Jim Millington and the first order of business was for the Worshipful Master to request W. Bro. M. R. C. Pallott to mourn the sudden loss of W. Bro. P. H. Glendinning, and speak of his service to masonry in general and to the Lodge in particular, having been the Worshipful Master in 2006. The Brethren stood in silent tribute to W. Bro. Glendinning's memory.

Upon a Report, the ProvDepADC W Bro Andrew Brown was admitted and stated that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, W. Bro. Alan Oldfield was without and demanded admission. He requested permission to form an escort and this was duly done. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then admitted accompanied by W. Bro. Paul Levey, , Elected member of the Charity Committee and other Provincial Officers. The Worshipful Master greeted Worshipful Brother Alan Oldfield and proffered the gavel, which he accepted, but then handed back saying that he was here to enjoy himself.

W Bro Alan D. Hopwood was then presented for Installation which is where the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle come in to play. W Bro Alan having served twice previously as Worshipful Master, we were to witness a Reduced Obligation with a Reused WM and Recycled Jewels.

We witnessed a truly warm and sincere Installation, with Senior Members playing their part and Junior members taking important roles for the forthcoming year. Installing Master, W Bro Jim was acknowledged for his dedication in making the journey from Lincolnshire for each meeting.

It was great to see an Officer appointed to lead the 4Rs programme, Bro. I. J. Pincombe Membership Co-ordinator, a role which is so important to the Province: Recruitment, Retention, Reinvigoration and Retrieval. Even though Prince Leopold is currently thriving the Past Masters and Brethren recognise the need to be at their best to recruit and retain members in these difficult times.

The Lodge was duly closed and we all retired for hard earned refreshments at the Festive Board, the usual convivial, happy atmosphere that all Mark Masons are familiar with prevailed.

The Magic of the Mark lives on.

W.Bro. Kevin Lloyd