

# Provincial Grand Lodge



# of Mark Master Masons

West Yorkshire

Welcome to this eighth issue of the West Yorkshire Newsletter,  
'Marking Well'.

## Welcome to the new Provincial team

It was my great pleasure to appoint and invest the Provincial Officers for the year 2019-2020 at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. I also thanked last year's Officers for their unstinting support. In particular, 3 brethren stepped down from office at the meeting after serving the Province with great distinction for several years.

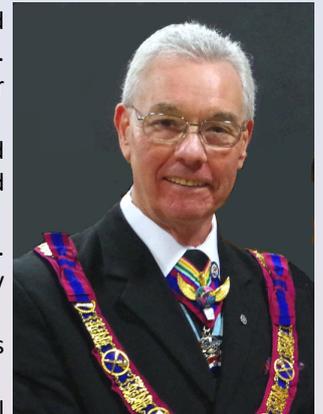
W.Bro. Andrew Wright stepped down as Provincial Grand Charity Steward after 3 years in office and also served as a Trustee of the Cleeves and Whitehead Trust for over 9 years. Excellent service to the Province and Andrew thoroughly deserves his recent appointment to APGM in the Craft. Jim Stanley takes over as our new Charity Steward and we wish Jim every success in that new role.

W.Bro. Alex Steele stepped down as Provincial Grand Almoner after 6 years in office and I can't thank Alex enough for the care and support he has given to the brethren and widows of the Province during that time. Paul Leach takes over from Alex and, although he has a hard act to follow, I know that Paul will do an excellent job as our new Provincial Almoner.

V.W.Bro. Edward Patnick stepped down as Provincial Grand Chaplain after 9 years in office and, as I said at the meeting, Edward has been an inspiration to us all. He has attended almost every Provincial event since his appointment, organised our Carol Service each year, and delivered no less than 19 Orations at major Lodge and Provincial events. It was my great pleasure to present Edward with the Provincial Grand Master's Award, one of only 2 such awards I have made in my 6 years as PGM. Rev Roger Quick takes over from Edward as our new Provincial Chaplain.

I wish all the new Team every success in what will be another busy year. A year in which we will see a new Mark Lodge Consecrated, a Lodge Centenary and the Dedication of a Provincial RAM Banner. We will also be focussing on Recruitment and Retention of our membership this year, so watch this space for that.

And finally, please don't forget to support and sponsor our Past Deputy PGM V.W.Bro. Richard Puttrel on his 230 mile Perimeter Walk. More information on that is contained elsewhere in this Newsletter and It's for an excellent cause. Best wishes to you all for the year ahead - and Mark Well



Jim Steggles, Provincial Grand Master

Message from the Editor My thanks go to W.Bro. Stuart Burrows for his computer skills, V.W.Bro Edward Patnick for injecting a touch of class, their contribution is integral to the production of this News Letter. Edward is, of course, now taking a well earned retirement but, his successor as Provincial Chaplain, Rev,Roger Quick has accepted the mantle and will contribute henceforth, look out for some fireworks methinks! However, as I have said before on more occasions than I care to remember, it is YOUR NEWS LETTER so if you have any ideas for future items, or wish to write one yourself, go ahead; I can count upon one hand the number I have received in the last, now almost six years. Do not complain if something you wish to see does not appear, I am not aware of everything that takes place in the Province, so be proactive and let me know. Contact details are e-Mail, duncansmith161@gmail.com, Tel. 07932 692439 I look forward to hearing from you.

T.I.	Old York
14	Prince Edward
53	Britannia
58	Fearnley
110	Integrity
111	Copley
127	Portal
137	Truth
352	Prince Leopold
374	St. Chad
398	Danum
457	Legiolium
493	Eland
501	Caldene
525	Haywra
535	Bronte
545	Dartmouth
618	Cleeves
641	Dewsbury
651	Rother
658	Pudsey
669	Aries
681	Peace
706	Halifax
715	Lightcliffe
727	Worth
753	Brighouse
768	Knares' Castle
812	Gilkirke
878	Pontefract
887	Lascelles
943	Sincerity
1004	Thorne
1018	Gothic
1027	Wharfedale
1067	White Rose
1079	St. Hiev
1139	Escafeld
1191	Vulcan
1257	Castle
1523	Beaumont
1739	Ainsty
1769	Aireferry
1905	James Bramley Morley
<b>RAM</b>	
T.I.	Old York
14	Prince Edward
53	Wentworth
58	Fearnley
110	Carl Whitehead
111	Elmete
127	Portal
137	Truth
501	Caldene
525	Claro
535	Bronte
641	Dewsbury
651	Welcome
658	Pudsey
681	Peace
715	Hipperholme
768	Abbey
878	Pontefract
1004	Thorne
1079	St Hiev
1905	The Bram Morley

## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, West Yorkshire.

### Annual Meeting, Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Please receive an abridged version of the Address given by the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother James Steggles, G.M.R.A.C., the full version is on the web site.

I start by extending a right Yorkshire welcome to our Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, and to the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams. It's good to have you both with us brethren, and we hope you have a very enjoyable day. Our guests from Other Provinces were introduced to you individually as they entered today brethren and on your behalf I also extend to them a very warm welcome to West Yorkshire. Our meeting this year clashes with the Annual Meeting of the Craft Province of Derbyshire, and some of our usual stalwart supporters, including the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. David Pratt, are unable to be with us today, but we are still well supported from the Craft and Other Masonic Orders.



Brethren, you will have seen from the Provincial Grand Secretaries Report that it's been another very busy year in which we Dedicated a new Provincial Banner, celebrated two Lodge Centenaries, and Consecrated a new Royal Ark Mariner Lodge as well as numerous other Lodge and Provincial events. We also enjoyed a very full and successful Social Program, and I thank Mick Ricketts and his team for organising our Social Events, also John Whitworth and John Fitzpatrick for their Musical evenings. The Second Northern Masonic Variety Show and the Barge Pull, raised between them over £20,000. This year will be just as busy, brethren, with the Consecration of a new Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge and the Dedication of a Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Banner, dates for these will be announced shortly. Our only Provincial Festival event this year will be the 'Perimeter Perambulation' where our Past D.P.G.M. Richard Puttrell, will be attempting to walk around all the Lodge buildings on the perimeter of the Province. see the web site for sponsorship. But it's your Lodge fundraising which will ensure the success of our Festival in 2023 brethren, together that will raise a far greater amount than the Province could possibly achieve.

When I launched the Festival in 2016 I asked all Lodges to attempt to reach Grand Patron Gold Award status by 2023, so that the Province could qualify and several Lodges have already done so. Good news that I can now share with you all is that ALL Lodges in the Province have now achieved at least Grand Patron status. An excellent result in only 3 years and I do congratulate you all. Now last year, arrangements for the investiture of Grand Ranks changed, with First Appointments being conferred in June, and Promotions in September. That proved to be very successful and will continue again this year.

The names of brethren in the Province receiving appointments are as follows:

With appointments to Active Rank:

W.Bro. Mark Kenyon to Assistant Grand D of C  
and Chris Oldfield to Grand Steward

With First appointments to Past Rank:

Michael Holmes to P.A.G.D.C  
Sam Cariss to P.A.G.Swd.B.  
George Foster to P.G.St.B.  
David Cordell to P.G.St.B.

and to celebrate the Centenary of Peace Lodge No 681 just 2 weeks ago:

Martyn Roche to P.A.G.Swd.B.

And with Promotions to Past Rank to be conferred in September:

Michael Holgate to P.G.S.D.  
Jim Stanley to P.G.S.D. and  
Tony Mackrell to P.G.J.D.

Brethren, congratulations to you all.



Brethren, the Annual Meeting of the Charity Committee, took place at Otley on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and the Report will appear in the 2019 Provincial Year Book. I thank Jim and the Trustees for the magnificent support the Trust continues to provide but we should always remember that Freemasonry is not just about Charity. Whilst it is important, we must not forget our roots and still need to love and respect one another, to transmit friendship and harmony, to encourage discipline in our Order, and to help make better men, out of men and better Freemasons out of Freemasons. In order to do that I once again urge all brethren in the Province to go out and visit the other Lodges. That especially applies to Worshipful Masters and their Wardens, who during their year in Office, are Ambassadors for their Lodges, visiting is a fundamental part of our Order.



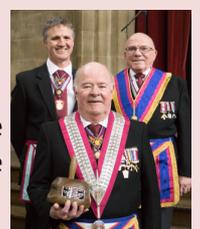
In addition at least try to learn the ritual, so that we can make the best possible impact on our Candidates who we so desperately need to keep. Over the last few years we have seen a slow but steady decline in our numbers, mainly due to three things: deaths, fewer Candidates, and Resignations. There is little we can do about the deaths but there has been a great deal of work done nationally on Recruitment, Retention & Re-invigoration. I have asked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to head up a team locally to review that work and to prepare a shortlist from the ideas it's generated, to consider for use in this Province. That has already led to another 'R' being added that being 'Retrieval,' to look at ways to recover some of the brethren we have previously lost, we are also re-launching the Presentation we offer to Craft Freemasons. In 2021 the Province will celebrate its Sesquicentenary; it was formed on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1871, so on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August 2021, which will be the 7<sup>th</sup> August that year, there will be a special celebratory meeting of the Province, held here at Bradford Grammar School. More details later brethren but get the date in your diary now. One brother, who steps down today, has been an inspiration to us all. V.W.Bro. Edward Patnick, was appointed as our Provincial Grand Chaplain by R.W.Bro. Jim Truswell in 2010 and was told that the job only entailed a few prayers. Edward has attended almost every Provincial event since then, organised our Carol Service each year, and delivered no less than 19 Orations at major Provincial events. Edward, on behalf of all the brethren of the Province I can't thank you enough for the job you have done as our Prov.G.Chaplain and it's my great pleasure to present you with this Provincial Grand Master's Award. It's only the second one I have presented in 6 years and there are only 3 others currently held by brethren and Ladies of the Province, I cannot think of a more worthy recipient.

Congratulations to all, I do hope that you enjoy the year ahead, continue to be Ambassadors for this wonderful Order of ours, and work the Mark Degree with pride but, most of all brethren, continue to enjoy your Mark Masonry, God Bless you all and Mark Well.

The Festive Board was well received followed by the Toast to the P.G.M. in the hands of the newly appointed Prov.G.S.W., W.Bro.Ian Lewis who said, "Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I know you have recently enjoyed a family holiday and have come back with batteries fully recharged looking forward to another enjoyable year leading your new team of Provincial Officers. We are proud and honoured to have you as our leader, and, in the midst of the Festival 2023 we continue to do great works in supporting charities communities, people and Masons; our ability to respond to fill the wants of the needy is remarkable.Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, we are all here to support you. We all wish you health, enjoyment and happiness in everything you do, so that your continued tenure as our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master continues for many years to come"

The P.G.M. responded appropriately and then went on to Toast the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro.Stephen Davison and to present him with a bottle of Emmetts Gin, in memory of our dearly beloved Past.Pro.Dep.G.M., R.W.Bro.Brian Emmett. Not to be left out, the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro.Ryan Williams was also given a bottle and both told to be careful, it is quite strong. R.W.Bro.Stephen has become a regular visitor to the Province and has converted us all to the 'Magic of the Mark'; As R.W.Bro.Jim said if we could bottle this fraternal atmosphere that characterises our get togethers, we could make a fortune.

Next years Provincial Meeting will be at the same venue, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April and hosted by the South Yorkshire Association of Installed Masters whose President, W.Bro.Chris Watson accepted the Maul.



## GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.

Grand Master's Lodge of MMM was warranted on the 14th February 1881 to assist in spreading friendship and fellowship between the most senior brethren in the Order who were all encouraged to become joining members. Whilst other lodges are older, it is deemed the most senior and, as such, it is the very first on the Roll of Lodges. A corresponding Grand Master's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was eventually considered to be required and was warranted on the 2nd March 1989. Each Lodge meets on the same day on two occasions each year at Mark Masons' Hall in London with the Meetings in April hosting the Installation of the Mark Lodge and a brief business Meeting for the RAM Lodge with the reverse in October.

Over the last 15 years, no less than four members from the northern Provinces have attained the Chair of each of those respective Lodges being M.W. Bro. Ben Addy from Cheshire, R.W. Bro. Philip Birch from West Yorkshire, R.W. Bro. Fred Smith from N & E Yorkshire and most recently R.W. Bro. Brian M. Batty who became a joining member in 1997. Having joined in 1997 and served as Commander of the Grand Master's Lodge of RAM in 2017-18, R.W. Bro. Brian was installed into the Chair of the Mark Lodge on the 3rd April 2019 and proclaimed as Master of the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, first without number on the Register of the GLMMM of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas. Due to the absence through ill health of the outgoing Master, the Installation Ceremony was undertaken by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John Prizeman.

Amongst the Officers appointed were R.W. Bro. Jim Truswell, R.W. Bro. Jim Steggles and V.W. Bro. Bob Corfield as Overseers and V.W. Bro. Richard B. Puttrell as Chief Steward.

The Address to the Master was given by M.W. Bro. Ben Addy, Past Pro Grand Master,  
to the Wardens by V.W. Bro. Bob Corfield,  
to the Overseers by V.W. Bro. Richard Puttrell

and to the Brethren by R.W. Bro. H. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master.

The events of the day concluded with a most enjoyable Festive Board.

**Congratulations R.W. Bro. Brian from all the Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire**

### **Forty Seventh West Yorkshire Mark Golf Tournament**

This competition has been arranged to take place at Doncaster Golf Club on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and play will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee from 1.00pm.

The cost of the day, to include Coffee/Bacon or egg rolls on arrival, 18 holes of Golf and a two course meal after play at a cost of £45 per player (Price Includes a £5 Charity Donation). This is a Stableford competition and the Trophies will be awarded to the players with the highest points in each category which are:

The Carl Whitehead Trophy for the best net score.

The Ryburn Trophy for the best scratch score.

The Frank Whitworth Rose Bowl for the best net score by a Past Master.

The Provincial Master's Cup for the best net score by a Veteran (60 and over)

The Provincial Master's prize for the longest drive competition.

The John Fox prize for nearest the pin.

The Jack Senior Cup. A team prize for the Lodge submitting the best 3 cards.

If you are interested in partaking please contact Graham Bailey at [gbmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:gbmasonic@gmail.com) and arrange payment any single players are most welcome who's names will be drawn for partners. Now all we do is pray that the weather is kind to us, it normally is!! last words.

## Chairman of the Festival's Corner



Brethren, thank you all for your continued support of our Festival, it would not happen without you. Another of the Pig race evenings organised by John Madigan, John Whitworth's concerts, Lodge events, raffles, standing orders and sponsorships have all been in the mix so far this year. This year's main event, the Perimeter Perambulation starts on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, this year, we aim to cover 18 to 20 miles each consecutive day for 12 days. We would love to have your company and support on this adventure, however, as footpaths don't always take us in the right direction, some road walking is inevitable. We are also walking through towns and cities so as to visit Lodge buildings en-route. Below we detail each days walk; you are welcome to join us for the full day, the first 12 miles being at a reasonable pace and may involve road walking in places (own risk), or join us for a more leisurely walk along footpaths towards the end of the day (or even for the last mile. Don't forget to arrange your transport back to where you start. **Why not get out your boots and come along**, bring your partner, your friends and the dog! If you would like to join us, please contact W. Bro Jason Cunningham, who has kindly offered to act as our central point. Please specify the day and the part you would like to walk. W. Bro Jason's contact details are: [jason@jasonc.co.uk](mailto:jason@jasonc.co.uk), **07568 341928** Please see the letter sent to you by your Lodge Secretary or the Mark Web site for full details. All times are approximate, depending on terrain and blisters! All days start at **9.00**, but you can join us for the last miles at the "join us" point. When we meet up in June, I will probably be 3 inches shorter, but fitter, having been running to keep up with W. Bro Steve Spooner. You could sponsor the walk by going onto [www.westyorksmark.co.uk](http://www.westyorksmark.co.uk) and following the link, or <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/perimeterwalk>, just as you did for the Barge Pull last year. Alternatively, sponsorship forms will be available at the Festive Boards, with funds raised going towards your Lodge honorifics. In the mean time, please keep an eye on the web site for details of other Festival events.



## Grand Patron Gold Award Presentation which took place at the Annual provincial Meeting

The following Brethren and Recipients for their Lodges received their Grand patron Gold Award Collarets fro the Asst.G.M., R.W.Bro.Stephen Davison.

### **Brethren:**

John	Simpson	Integrity	110
John	Derwanz	Copley	111
Dennis	Parfitt	St Chad	374
Jim	Stanley	Gothic	1018
Alan	Crusher	Ainsty	1739
Alex	Geddes	Vulcan	1191
Leslie	Moxon	Castle	1257

### **Lodges:**

Bronte	535
Dartmouth	545
Peace	681
Brighthouse	753
Sincerity	943
Escafeld	1139
James Bramley Morley	1905

### **Recipient for Lodge**

Tom Ward (Ch.Stwd)
W. Bro Ken Wootton (IPM)
Bev Heywood (WM)
Marios Adamou (WM)
John Smith (WM)
Charles Drury (WM)
John Davies (WM)

**Eulogy for Mrs Judith Mann delivered by W.Bro. Geoff Wilson at her Funeral.**

'We are here today with a single objective, to celebrate the life of a remarkable young Lady, Mrs Judith Mann. Born Judith Wilson, she had a younger sister Gwyneth who was born two years later. On leaving school she got a job at the Office of Monkbridge Engineering works. She was a very attractive girl, and we can picture when her work took her into the production area, she became a focal point for many admiring eyes, in particular Philip Mann, who was seven years older than her.



I, for one, believe in love at first sight, this was certainly the case with Philip and Judith, they became madly in love and decided that they should spend the rest of their lives together. In the course of time they were blessed with two children, Simon in 1967 and Sarah in 1969. Tragically, Simon died in 2009 aged just 42, many of us were present in this Crematorium chapel for his funeral.

The traumatic effect of losing your child is almost impossible to visualise.. Judith threw herself into helping others. Philip was very involved with a Masonic Charity, the Cleeves and Whitehead Trust, and he could not have had a better Assistant and partner than Judith. Together they helped organise a holiday for Freemasons and their widows based on the concept, 'would it benefit those participating in it' This holiday was a tremendous success, soon to be followed by others. Judith's kindness and compassion shone like a beacon, I once referred to Philip as a shepherd ably assisted by his faithful collie Judith. One complimented the other. When Philip died just thirteen months ago, part of Judith died also. As we say farewell to Judith, we give thanks and mourn a unique and inspiring life.

Goodbye Judith, you will be forever in our hearts.

P.G.L.M.M.M., WEST YORKSHIRE  
250 CLUB PRIZE DRAW  
13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019



PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER	WINNER	LODGE
£250	207	Michael	Jessop	Caldene No. 501
£250	28	David	Marcus	Portal No. 127
£250	249	Leon	Rothman	Vulcan No. 1191
£100	653	Philip	Drury	Escafeld No. 1139
£100	183	Jack	Acton	St. Hiev No. 1079
£100	578	James H.	Newman	Britannia No. 53
£100	610	Pauline	Robinson	
£100	145	David E.	Blackburn	Dewsbury No. 641
£100	403	Alan P.	Wester	Castle No. 1257
£50	237	George	Crofts	Gothic No. 1018
£50	569		Fearnley Lodge	Fearnley No. 58
£50	269	Rod. G.	Taylor	Brighthouse No. 753
£50	11	Michael J.	Minns	Sincerity No. 943
£50	76	Robert J.	Winterflood	Legiolium No. 457
£50	200	Brian	Walker	Prince Edward No 14
£50	442	Ian M.	Beardsmore	St. Hiev No. 1079

Chairman.....Keith Robinson  
Administrator.....Alan D Hines  
Scrutineer..... James W. Wilson Eland Lodge No. 493

## Almoners Workshops



At the request of the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother, James Steggles, *G.M.R.A.C.*, a series of Workshops have been arranged for both Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Almoners; it is stressed that there are no restrictions as to attendance. Anyone who considers that they may become an Almoner, Worshipful Masters and all who seek to achieve this high honour, and Brethren are all welcome; it is key that they know what is required in selecting an Almoner.

The nature of this very important role in Freemasonry, perhaps the most important as it is the one that enshrines our three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, has seen significant change over the years. This has been largely due to an ageing population but also significant Government legislation to protect the vulnerable; sadly much needed. It is important that all involved are aware of the requirements of the Role and apply them rigorously, not only for their own protection but also for Brethren and Lodges. In addition we now have the General Data Protection Regulations covering the protection of personal information and the keeping of relevant data records.

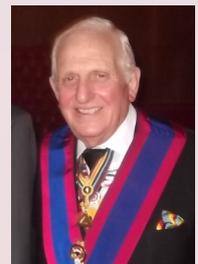
This initiative is under the direction of the Provincial Almoner, W.Bro.Paul Leach anyone wishing to attend any of the dates below should advise their Mark Secretary/ RAM Scribe who will collate for each Lodge and send forward. Timings for all dates are 10.30 a. to 12.30 p.m.

Westbourne House , Otley,	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Swinton Masonic Hall	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July.
Brighouse Masonic Hall	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September and
Wetherby Masonic Hall	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October.

It cannot be overstated how important the role of Almoner is and how central it is to our daily life. Sadly I have to tell you that in my travels as your Communications Manager I have seen Lodges that have no appointed Almoner and others where the W.M. had to step in as no one else was willing. What a tragic indictment on us as Mark Master Masons and our Province, and I have also received comments to the effect that an Individual could not become an Almoner because he had to be very caring; true, but if you consider you are not a caring individual, why are you a Freemason, think upon it? We have to live, and demonstrate in our daily lives and actions, the Precepts to which we all committed thereby making Better Mark Masons of Mark Masons.

**Worshipful Brother Duncan Smith P.G.S.D. Communications Manager**

**The Chaplain's Corner : A last goodbye, V.W.Bro. Edward Patnick.**



L'Chayim

When I was asked to write my last article for the Newsletter my thoughts strayed to a story I had heard of a lecturer who was asked to speak in China. He had a translator who stood next to him, since he couldn't speak Chinese. After the first sentence he stopped and waited for the translation. He was surprised to be beckoned to continue. After some 15 minutes stopped again and the translator said three words and told him to continue. He was surprised but continued. After another twenty minutes he stopped again. The interpreter spoke another three words and motioned him to continue. After ten minutes he stopped and waited for his translator who again spoke a few words and everyone walked out! The lecturer sought out the person who had invited him to speak, who he knew spoke English and asked what the translator had said? He said, "The first time he said, He hasn't said anything new. The second time he said he still hasn't said anything new. The last time he said he has finished and still hasn't said anything new". I hope my nine years as Provincial Grand Chaplain doesn't merit the same response?

*L'Chayim* means, "To life", and is used, by Jewish people, in the same way as "Cheers", in clinking glasses with a drink. This I now say to all the people I've had the pleasure of meeting, helping and have encouraged me in my unusual position of West Yorkshire Mark Provincial Chaplain. The word *Chayim*, Life, can also mean "living" as in the verse "Only you, the ones who remained attached to G-d your Lord are all alive today", which is in the present tense. In other words it carries on living. Chaplains may come and go but the principles and messages of Freemasonry carry on living spreading their education to whomsoever wishes to benefit from them.

I did have reservation, when I was asked by R. W. Bro. James B. Truswell to take the post. I am not a clergyman or lay preacher, just a retired "Junk Dealer". I was told it only required a few prayers. Also I had been recommended by my predecessor, Rev. Terry Collin who wished to retire. My wife, Anne, gave her support and also my Rabbi Golomb who's only other comment was, "You must wear a head covering when praying", as well as his advice and assistance over my term of office. After my first few weeks I was surprised to be told by two Grand Craft Officer, both Mark Masons, that a Jewish person couldn't be a Masonic Chaplain. Rabbi B. I. Cohen was a Provincial Chaplain of the craft in 1928 before going through the chair of our Lodge, Hadassah. Also when I did my National Service we had Jewish Chaplains. As you can see I've managed as well.

I have tried to attend most Mark Masonic events whether social or ceremonial when a prayer may need to be given. Always remembering those wonderful Sublime Precepts of Mark Masonry, "do justices, love mercy, practice charity; maintain harmony, and endeavour to live in unity and brotherly love, plus the Grand Principles of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth". I hope by carrying out these Precepts we will become better men by being a Mark Masons. I do hope our new Chaplain; Rev. Roger Quick has a happy term of office and enjoys his time in office as much as I have. I say "*L'Chayim*", to him and all Mark Masons in our wonderful Province.

### **Classics on the Square-a day of delight for all!**

Classics on the Square was formed in 2005 promoted by W.Bro. Michael Green ASPGM, W.Bro. Robert Bowhill Chairman and W.Bro Barry Hartley Provincial Almoner with the founders meeting at Westbourne House, Otley. The name and program of activities were formulated and the first event started in Penistone at the home of W.Bro. Barry Orr with a run into Derbyshire.

They currently have over 100 members from all around the Province and are open to all Classic vehicle owners, anyone interested in Classic vehicles or with a wish to enjoy a day out. Their next event is to be held on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, details herewith;

**The Mark Benevolent Fund Festival**  
Together With  
**Classics on the Square**  
Present a classic day out

You don't need to own a classic or even be a classic to join us.

**Fun run out to  
The Oil Can Cafe  
For a fuel (Food)  
TOP UP**

**Greenhead Masonic Hall, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4EN. Sunday 23rd June 2019**  
Cost including Brunch and Cream Tea. £17.50, Children under 12 £8.75

All bookings with payment (Only meals booked can be guaranteed) to Les Davy, 31 Bishopton Lane, Ripon, HG4 2QN. [lesdavy@talktalk.net](mailto:lesdavy@talktalk.net)

Starting at Greenhead Masonic Hall around 10:30am with a get together in the car park, a chance to look at some of our members classic cars. Followed by brunch at 11:00am. There will be a quiz or two, don't worry you won't need to be a petrol head to answer the questions. There will also be something for our younger visitors too.

Then a run out for everyone ending up at the Oil Can Cafe for Cream Tea and Prize Giving.

Incidentally I am advised that they still have room for a further two stalls if you are interested. All profits are in aid of the M.B.F.F.2023.

Promises to be a fun day out for all, particularly the Family as children will see vehicles rarely on view in the public domain, **get there, I intend to.**

## **Meet the Team, Worshipful Brother Ian Lewis, Provincial Grand Senior warden**



My Grandfather, Joseph Norman Elliott Lewis, was Worshipful Master of Legiolium Lodge in 1947 and of Legiolium Mark Lodge in 1944. He initiated his son Robert Ronald Elliott Lewis (Worshipful Brother Dad) in 1956. Dad was the Master of Legiolium Lodge in 1971 and of the Mark Lodge in 1975. In turn Dad initiated me in 1992 and installed me in the Chair of the Craft Lodge in 2000. Since that time there have been a number of occasions where Dad and I have installed the other into a Chair! Yes, I am a Lewis by name and a Masonic Lewis. Right, that's got the masonic family history out of the way!

I was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1958, which was a Thursday. The rhyme states "Thursday's Child has far to go" Little did I know how far! Ever since I have been a child I have been passionate about sport, any sport. I loved playing Rugby Union at School and also watching Castleford Rugby League. Sadly, my school boy progression in Rugby was halted when at 14 years old I was run over and I lost the intensity required to progress through the school boy ranks. I still have the same passion, but sadly playing is no longer an option.

Two of my lasting memories as a child were, being taken to a Christmas carol concert in Castleford where the room had a beautiful black and white chequered carpet. Little did I know then that I would walk on this carpet on a weekly basis. This was my first contact with a Masonic Lodge. The other is the many times I would find either my Grandpa or Dad sitting quietly in the lounge with their eyes shut as if they were asleep but their lips were moving and they had a small book on their lap. It was many years later that I would find myself doing the same thing. In 1991 I asked Dad about joining the Freemasons. His response was "I have been waiting for you to ask". Just after my initiation in 1992 my job resulted in a relocation of my home to Morpeth, as I was working in Newcastle. I can still remember the 200 mile round trip for practices and monthly meetings.

I am very lucky to have four wonderful children, Katy, Matthew, Jennifer and Stephanie, together with four wonderful grandchildren Ben, Dan, Riley and Amelia. My wife, Melanie and I are so proud of them all. Two of the daughters now reside in Sydney, Australia, which does have its benefits! My career was spent in Banking and Finance, first with Standard Chartered Bank, then Lombard NatWest (which later became RBS!). Then latterly in the independent sector before I retired at the end of October 2018. Looking back I can recall the characters that have had an influence on me, but the greatest influence of all has been Dad, especially over the last 27 years where his mentoring in Freemasonry has been invaluable.

I have been lucky to be a Provincial AGDC in the Craft and in the Mark. It is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable roles and it has enabled me to see how the Province is administered, the work that is undertaken behind the scenes which nobody sees and the care and compassion the Rulers and Senior Masons have for Freemasonry and the Brethren. Having been a member and chairman of the Provincial Communications Committee in the Craft I totally realise the importance of communicating both with the external world and also the Brethren about Freemasonry letting them know the great good we do and tackling the misconceptions, regardless of the order we are representing. At the end of the day we are all one big Masonic Family.

The challenges I now have are ones I am looking forward to with great anticipation. APGM in the Craft and Provincial Grand Senior Warden in the Mark. This is not the first time someone will have tackled both roles at the same time – Worshipful Brother Paul Clarke. It is a great opportunity to look at and assess from both the Craft and the Mark viewpoint how both orders can support and assist each other.

I am looking forward to what is going to be an exciting time.

## 'Peace in our time'



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March saw the centenary celebration of Peace Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 681 at the Masonic rooms at Uppermill.

The Lodge was opened at 11.00am with 16 members being present along with 37 visitors. The Lodge received and welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro James Steggles G.M.R.A.C, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master WBro Alan Oldfield P.G.S.D and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master WBro John Trevor Bolton P.G.J.D. The Lodge was also honoured to share the celebration with two past Provincial Grand Masters, RWBro Brian Batty and RWBro James Truswell accompanied by VWBro Richard Puttrell P.G.J.O who acted as the Provincial DC for the occasion, VWBro John F. Clough P.G.J.O and VWBro Dr Rod G. Taylor P.G.J.O. The Lodge stretching back to its Founders, had and retains, a long and close connection with our friends in East Lancashire via Union Lodge 171. It was most fitting, therefore, that the Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, RWBro Alexander S McLaren had accepted an invitation to attend.

There was a superb turn out of acting officers of the year lead by WBro Mark Holland, Prov.G.S.W and WBro Alex Geddes Prov.G.J.W, who occupied the Warden's chairs for the celebration. Having occupied the Chair, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master invited the Lodge Secretary WBro Martin Paul Roche to read extracts from the minutes of the Consecration meeting; before he could do so the Provincial Grand Master stood and announced to the Brethren that he had received permission from Grand Mark Lodge to inform the gathering that Bro Roche would receive a first appointment in June at the Grand Mark Investitures of Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer. He immediately commented that it had clearly taken such an announcement, for the first time, to strike Bro Roche silent!

Bro Roche then gave a short presentation of the history of the Lodge following which the Centenary Warrant was presented (to prolonged applause) by RWBro RWBro Steggles to the Worshipful Master, WBro Bev Heywood. Centenary Jewels were presented to the members and in addition, the Worshipful Master presented a jewel to RWBro Brian Batty and RWBro James Truswell. VWBro Edward Patnick P.G.J.O., the Provincial Grand Chaplain, then delivered a fascinating Oration in his well-established, engaging and inimitable style, an abridged version follows, the full text is on the web site.



'This I believe will be my nineteenth and final Oration. I am sure after nine years as Provincial Chaplain we will all be pleased to hear our new Chaplain with his fresh approach to this important Office. Time stops for no one; we all reach an age when enough is enough. My thoughts stray to the occasion when I was invited back to talk to a group, some six weeks after a previous talk. The Chairman in his introduction remarked, "For those of you who haven't heard Mr. Patnick before, you might find that he has something interesting to say. To those who have heard him, I do apologise. Time is a priceless commodity because unlike money, time lost can never be regained. Down here on earth we only have one life to live; Masonry is one of the most elaborate refined time management systems, designed to ensure that we live for the things that matter, that bring meaning and value and joy. This we do by carrying out the Sublime Precepts of Mark Masonry, "do justices, love mercy, practice charity; maintain harmony, and endeavour to live in unity and brotherly love, plus the Grand Principles of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth", by carrying out these Precepts we will become better men by being a Mark Masons.

As our new Masonic year begins, with our new Provincial Officers, it behoves us to reflect on our relationships with our family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and the community at large. Let us resolve to invest more effort and time and to seek out the virtues in others. As the Book of Ecclesiastes says 'There is none righteous upon the earth who doeth only good and sinneth, not'. We all have our faults but we prosper most when others see the good in us and we in turn must focus on the positive and noble traits in others. If you want to change other's lives, speak to their feelings not just their minds. Calm their fears, understand their anxieties, kindle their hopes and raise their spirits.

I happened to be thinking about this oration way back last year the when I discovered that the 21<sup>st</sup>. September is the

International Day of Peace. This was the day your Peace Lodge received its original Warrant in 1918 The name Peace; means freedom from war and violence. It is often used with a handshake, as used in Freemasonry which believes in a state of quiet; no disturbance; no contention, ease of mind; tranquillity; this equates to Brotherly Love one of the Grand Principles of Freemasonry and Mark Masonry. A hand shake is also used by Jewish people with the Hebrew word *Shalom*, Peace, as a greeting. The number you were given was 681. In Hebrew letters of the alphabet are used to make up numbers. Then the 681 will also create a word. In this case 681 equate to *Terapai*, "Thou shalt heal". meant much dancing!

*Purim* commemorates the role of Queen Esther of Persia, who was Jewish and a descendant of the Tribe of Benjamin, saving the Jewish people from total annihilation. The Prime Minister of Persia, Haman, had passed a decree that all the Jewish people should be killed on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the Jewish month of *Adar*, this would have meant the extinction of the Jewish people. Queen Esther fasted and prayed before approaching her husband, Ahasuerus, the King of Persia, to plead with him to overturn this evil Decree and prevent the holocaust of the Jewish people. Now the Amalekites should have been utterly destroyed by King Saul, by Divine command but he failed to do this. It is thus very fitting that Queen Esther should be the person who saved the Jewish people as she was descended from the same tribe as King Saul who didn't fully carry out our Great Overseers instructions.

Since this is likely to be my last official duty as Province Grand Chaplain allow me to end with the following thought. *Shalom* in Hebrew also means complete therefore peace and completion are intertwined. Pursuing peace makes a person more wholesome as there are no broken relationships, words of apology that ought to have been said but haven't and no loose ends which have still to be tied. To make peace even with those whom we don't like is not easy but if we can achieve it, this will make everyone of us into a more complete person. The principles and philosophy of this lodge makes for a more rounded individual and in championing the cause of peace makes one more complete. In a couple of week's time our new Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. Roger Quick, will take over my duties. So I borrow the words of the Beatles, Rev. Roger, "You Say Hello and I say goodbye". "May the Sublime Precepts of our Order be transmitted pure and unsullied through this, the Peace Mark Lodge, from generation to generation?" S. M. I. B.



If there can be such a thing, the final highlight of the day came when the Worshipful Master presented a donation to The West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival in the sum of £5000. It is perhaps fitting to end this report with an extract from the history the Secretary delivered: *"The recent history comprises the recollections of many in this room, the fabric of what it is to be a member of Peace Lodge of MMM now. History gives us a sense of our basis, our origins, but today gives us a sense of our aspirations. It is during living memory that the Lodge has gone through that most important stage in its life, a stage which many Lodges ignore at their peril – its evolution. It has changed, grown and in doing so, cemented its relevance in the current age thereby ensuring that our members choose to stay as such, that new ones join us and our friends always come to see us again. We are so exceptionally fortunate to have a large number of close friends of which we think so much. That relationship makes this Lodge a special thing. A Lodge we would not choose lightly to be apart from and, to which, we always look forward to returning.*

*It has defined in its recent history the nature, the character, the spirit and vitally, the personality of Peace. It has a very definite sense of fun but is sincere within this evolved approach to Mark Masonry and indeed, all that it does; put simply, I think it 'cares to care.' This was reinforced by the Lodge perhaps achieving its greatest accomplishment when we founded Peace Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.*

*The family of Peace Mark reached out across the Province and found new friends, rediscovered old ones and importantly, acquired a new extended family. This has also cemented the great relationship we have with East Lancashire, to the extent that it is difficult on many occasions to look around the room and distinguish who is a member of where apart from the obvious point: we clearly have better taste in ties!  
I would not even suggest we have planned what we have done. Peace is not that kind of Lodge. But I think it has*

*naturally become (I feel) the success it is, due to the hard work, commitment and determination of all of the members to keep alive something we know is worth working for. Brethren, long may that continue."*

**WBro Martin P Roche P.Prov.G.J.W**

All adjourned for the Festive Board after which R.W.Bro.Jim gave the Toast to Peace Lodge, in the following terms; The Lodge was formed in 1918 when there was not a great deal of Peace and love around but we did have some hope and the Armistice soon followed. As many of you are aware Joan and I take a long holiday in February and part of it was thinking about this Toast associating Peace, Love and Hope.

It was a very windy wet day on the twenty seventh of September when Brethren from both sides of the Pennines met, travelling by train in the main as up to the 1920's there was virtually no buses in the area. The P.G.M., R.W.Bro.Fredrick Cleeves was present and the Consecrating Officer was the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Loveland Loveland. An aside, in the area they have a unique event Cobbling which involves a barrel full of cobblestones, I did not enquire further, the Beer Walk being of more interest. The last one hundred years have seen unprecedented change but the Peace Lodge has endured through the Reign of three Monarchs, twenty three Prime Ministers eleven P.G.M's and one hundred and one Masters who received one hundred candidates.

It has continued quietly working the Mark Degree, with dignity and pride, to inculcate the Lessons as they did all those years ago. Hard work always wins out in the end and that is how we make better Men of Men and better Mark Masons. It's commitment has been outstanding and it has more than fulfilled it's obligations to the Order.

Today is a well deserved tribute to the last one hundred years and it I a solid foundation upon which will be built the next century. May I thank you all for your continued dedication and for the delightful day we have spent together.

**Another wonderful occasion of Mark Master Masonry, Enjoy.**

