



MAKING OUR MARK

The Newsletter of Staffordshire & Shropshire Mark Master Masons



Dear Brethren All,

I write this letter in challenging times, hoping you are all keeping safe and well.

Up until recently and for the last few months, we have had a period of relative normality, whilst recognising that some of our brethren for very understandable reasons, did not feel able to join us. I know that great efforts have been made to keep in touch with them and this becomes especially important over this Christmas period.

The Christmas message is one of joy, peace and love, and we must remember this in the days that lie ahead.

I have been very heartened by the efforts of many Mark masons in support of charitable activities and simple acts of kindness in the past year, and I have no doubt they will continue long into the future. Indeed I today received a card from the Blood Bikers which reminded me of all the valuable work that they have done during the pandemic.

Vivien and I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a safer and more peaceful 2022.

Sincerely & Fraternally

Provincial Grand Master

Nihs Heenan ✉



Wulfric Spot welcomes a New Brother to the Mark Degree



On Thursday 16th December 2021 Bro. John Derry, Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Province of Staffordshire was Advanced into Mark Masonry in general and Wulfric Spot Lodge of MMM No. 1416 in particular.

There were nearly 40 Brethren in attendance to witness the ceremony which was attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Kevin Spencer, PGJD together with several Active Officers. The ceremony was supported by the rulers of the Craft Province, R.W.Bro. John Lockley, PGM, V.W.Bro. Dave Thomas, Deputy PGM and W.Bro. Michael Santopietro, Assistant PGM all of whom are Mark Masons. The meeting was further supported by the attendance of the Provincial Prior of Staffordshire and Shropshire, R.E.Kt. David Philips who is also the Inspector General for Staffordshire and Shropshire in the Rose Croix and also R.E.Kt. Priest John Phillips, Grand Superintendent of the North Midlands KT Priests.

It was wonderful for the Mark degree to receive the support of the other Orders and to show the excellent working relationship that exists between them.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

W.Bro Kevin Spencer—Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Royal Ark Assembly Trip



It was a dark, cold, and wet morning when three members of the Provincial DC team met at Telford railway station. They had with them the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and they were ready for a day of pomp, grandeur, and fun; the Provincial Grand Junior Warden joined the train in Birmingham and the team was almost complete.

Once in London another member of the DC team joined the happy band, and the Provincial Wardens were escorted to Mark Masons Hall with all speed. Meeting up with the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters, who together with other members of the province were enjoying a convivial time in the bar area, we were welcomed rather noisily. Once called, the assembled provinces made their way to the dining room where a wonderful buffet lunch was interrupted only by the pouring of a rather cheeky but full-bodied red wine and inter provincial toasts.

In true Mark Masonic fashion, the Province of Warwickshire offered a lift on board their luxury coach to Great Queen Street to all the Staffordshire and Shropshire Mark Masons.

The assembled Royal Ark Mariners greeted the MW Grand Master warmly and loudly applauded the recipients of their Grand Rank in the order. Only one of the recipients of a Grand Rank from the Province had been able to make the trip to London, it was a proud moment watching WBro Dr Robert Crundwell step up to receive his collar from the MW Grand Master. It was marvellous to be back in Grand Lodge with so many RAM brethren.

The Provincial Grand Wardens were keen to visit the shop in Grand Lodge, probably looking for gifts for loved ones left at home. We made our way across the road in order that we might sample a local ale before one of the DC team needed to leave to catch an earlier train home.

The remaining DC team members escorted the Provincial Wardens on their way back to Euston and then, all too soon the train home, stopping only when called upon by the wardens for further refreshment and sustenance.

Attending the RAM Assembly is an experience. One that every member of this amazing degree should take the opportunity to experience. Attending as a member of our Province adds to that experience, you cannot imagine the spirit of camaraderie that Staffordshire and Shropshire exude. Next year, come with us.



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Dear Sir & Brother,

Christmas 2021

2021 has been a very difficult year due to the Covid pandemic and the restrictions which have been caused by it. As Provincial Almoner for this great Province of ours, in conjunction with the Lodge Almoners are here to help anyone in need or distress including their immediate family, widows, partners and dependants of Staffordshire and Shropshire Mark Master Masons.

If you are alone, perhaps feeling vulnerable & insecure, and unable or unwilling to turn to relatives or close friends for comfort and support we may be able to help. This could include financial support in the short or long term in appropriate cases.

If you or your dependants have a medical problem, but have been told by your doctor that the waiting list to see a Specialist Consultant is 'extremely' long, again we may be able to assist by asking for financial support from one of the Mark Charities to pay for a private appointment. This could help to get you into the medical system more quickly. In addition, we can advise you on various other Masonic Charities and help to put together a package that will benefit an individual or family.

If you feel we may be able to help in anyway, please contact the Lodge Almoner or myself by phone, Email or letter.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wishing you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous & healthy New Year.

Richard.

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Merry
Christmas
& Happy
New Year

