

TRIANGLE

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A First for George Norman



The September meeting of the George Norman Lodge, 967 was very special! Why was that? Well, to keep all Mark members familiar with the history of the Degree and the deeper message contained in the Ritual, it is the usual practice, whenever possible, for Mark Lodges to arrange for senior Lodge members or a visiting distinguished and learned brother to present the Mark Lecture once each Masonic Year. So what was so special about this meeting? After the Ceremony of Advancement was completed and the new Mark Master Mason Brother John Wring had taken his seat in the Lodge, the Mark Lecture was presented to the appreciation of all present, including our Provincial Grand Master, David Nelson, by the last two Candidates to be advanced into the Lodge,

Brothers, Tony Price and Dominic Male together with a new joining member, Ian McDonald! The presentation was not to be faulted and on its conclusion, the Lodge members gave a round of applause, which was noticeably appreciated by the three lecturers! The appreciation of their hard work continued into the splendid Festive Board with the after dinner speakers, including new Advancee John, bringing it into many a toast or reply. The future of the Lodge is in very good hands with members and Candidates of this quality!

The Picture shows: left to right:

Provincial Grand Master, David Nelson with Candidate John Wring, Tony Price, Dominic Male and Ian McDonald. At the top is Worshipful Master, Martin Yates. *Copy/Picture..Ed.*

Mark Golfers win the Provincial challenge



The idea for the Provincial Golf Challenge to compete in a friendly way for a trophy, first came from Robin Bex. He envisaged four orders, Craft, Holy Royal Arch, the Mark Degree and Knights Templar (of which he is the Sub-Prior for the Province of Somerset). Captains were appointed, Peter Layzell for the Craft, Barry Woodside for the Holy Royal Arch and Ray Guthrie for the Mark degree with of course Robin captaining the Knights Templar team.

Rules of engagement were also established and it was decided that a team of six from each order would contest the Provincial Golf Challenge. The winner would be decided by totalling the Stableford points of all six team members. The first venue was chosen as Clevedon Golf Club and on Tuesday, 18th August battle commenced.

The weather was perfect and the course in excellent condition, all 24 players enjoyed a very pleasant round of golf in good company. This was followed by an excellent three course meal in the clubhouse where all the players were thanked for their support by Robin. The trophies were presented to each member of the winning Mark golf team by the Right Eminent Provincial Prior for Somerset, Barry Burrige. It is hoped that this will become an annual event in the Masonic calendar. Next year's event is planned for Tuesday 17th July at Bath Golf Club (Sham Castle).

Barry Burrige pictured centre, presents the trophies to the winning team, left to right: **Tony Guthrie, Derek Wilton, Richard Stone, Barry Burrige, John Nicholson, Ray Guthrie and Malcolm Head.**

The Buffet was a Bonus!



The Province of Somerset held its annual and very successful Secretaries/Director of Ceremonies meeting at the Wedmore Masonic Centre.

The meeting was due to start at 7.00pm, but because of tailbacks

on the north-bound motorway of 20 miles, with main roads blocked by motorists leaving the motorway through an incident near Bristol earlier in the day, many members had to use local knowledge to arrive on time; two made it when the meeting was ending!

One brother arriving at Wedmore was accosted by a rather smart car full of exasperated and very hot looking passengers who asked for directions to Milton Keynes! They were advised to continue on to Cheddar and then hopefully ask again!

The meeting was chaired by our Provincial Grand Master, David Brian Nelson, with contributions from the Dep. PGM Raymond Guthrie, the Provincial Grand Secretary John Morgan and the newly appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Ray Johnstone-Smith. Many questions and much discussion followed each speaker, all of which were answered to the satisfaction of the majority of those present.

The meeting was followed by a buffet, where more questions were asked in an informal and happy atmosphere and well answered by the members of the Executive Team present.

On leaving the meeting at 10.00pm, all three lanes of the north-bound Motorway were still gridlocked. ...Ed.



2009 Mark Golf Day

The fourth annual Mark Golf Day was held at Farrington Golf Club on Thursday 16th July. Forty Players from all over the Province and from our neighbouring Provinces of Bristol and Wiltshire contested the individual Stableford event. The afternoon started fine but turned to rain before the first four balls had completed their round. However despite being soaked, the change of weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits! After an enjoyable meal in the club house the prizes were presented by Richard Stone one of the organisers of the event. There were of course the usual loud comments about handicap cuts! Last year's defending champion John Allen was just pipped into second place this year by Tony Guthrie.

Individual Stableford

- 1st Tony Guthrie with 40 Points
- 2nd John Allen with 38 Points
- 3rd Gordon McFarlane with 37 Points (count back)
- 4th Ian Johnstone with 37 Points
- 5th John Nicholson with 36 Points (count back)

Team competition

- 1st Place
with 118 Points, Tony Guthrie, Malcolm Head, Gordon McFarlane and Richard Jefferies
- 2nd place
with 116 Points, John Nicholson, Ray Parker, John Moray and John Nicholson Jr.
- 3rd place
with 108 Points, Willy Brown, Dean Bradwell, John A'court and Roger Hutchings
- Nearest the pin on the fifth, Tony Guthrie
- Nearest the pin in 2 on the 14th, Dean Bradwell
- Longest Drive Div 1 on the 13th, Dean Bradwell
- Longest Drive Div 2 on 11th, Tony Guthrie

Pictured with Richard Stone from top:

Tony Guthrie, winner of the PGM's Shield, 2nd place, John Allan and 3rd place Gordon McFarlane.



A very special Meeting for Cerdic Lodge

A group of six Mark Master Masons from Cerdic Mark Lodge, 571 made a fraternal visit across the border to Dorset, to their friends in Victory Lodge, 690. The group from Cerdic were very warmly welcomed at the Masonic Hall at Bridport by the Brethren of Victory. Each Cerdic member was given a summons for the Advancement that evening of Bro. Donald Percy Slade. To the great surprise of Cerdic DC Joe Laver, the Advancee was

none other that his cousin Don Slade! Their paths had never crossed in Masonic life and Joe, despite being a well travelled visitor in this and other Provinces had no idea that his cousin was a Mason! It was a wonderful ceremony conducted by Worshipful Master Christopher Lill and his team and was followed by a superb festive Board where the Cerdic brethren were wined and dined in true friendly Mark style. The whole occasion was most enjoyable not only because of the Advancee's relationship to Joe but by the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Dorset Gerald Ridge; the speeches also reflected the happiness of this special occasion. A wonderful evening was had by all. The photograph shows Joe with his long lost cousin Don. Joe is on the left...*Nigel White.*



Successful Hog Roast for Langdale, 1615 and Fidelity and Unanimity, 348

A very successful summer hog roast and get-together was organised by Worshipful Masters Peter Penfold and Sidney French at Sidney's farm during the summer. To the accompaniment of the *Concords* the unpretentious sum of £10 bought each of the 100 plus guests a big slice of hog with all the crackling, a green salad, a sweet, a beer and/or soft drinks. All agreed it was a great event and after all the costs of the evening were met, the combined Lodges were able to donate a cheque for £210 to the S.U.R.E campaign; the **Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment**. *The picture shows Sidney and Peter presenting the cheque to the S.U.R.E. Representative. ...Peter Penfold.*



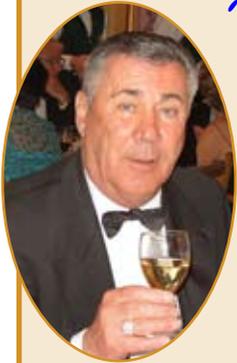
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Provincial Grand Secretary's Corner

John G. Morgan

Provincial Grand Secretary



600 Club Winners

Congratulations to our lucky winners over the last few months. Speak to your Lodge Charity Steward about the entry forms. The first draw of the 2009/2010 season took place at the September meeting of Portcullis Lodge, 1656 at Langport. The WM and his Wardens drew the first lucky winners. **Prizes: 1st.£150, 2nd.£60, 3rd.£40.**

Draw	Name	Lodge
September	Mrs Eileen Lamkin	1548
"	Bro. Neil R. Tinkley	162
"	Bro. Edward A. Bevis	119
October	Bro. Graham Hayman	781
"	Bro. Len Bourne	781
"	W. Bro. Derek Fry	119
November	W. Bro. John Nicholson	177
"	W. Bro. Ken Parsons	781
"	Bro. John Gould	1295
December	Special Draw, £100 per winner	December
"	Bro. Malcolm Ashford	730
"	Bro. Peter Harris	807
"	Mrs Rose Hayman	781
"	W. Bro. Joe Wignall	191
"	Mrs. Sue Harding	781
"	Bro. Darren Dymond	119
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Royal Ark Mariners



Annual Provincial Grand Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners Saturday 30th January 2010

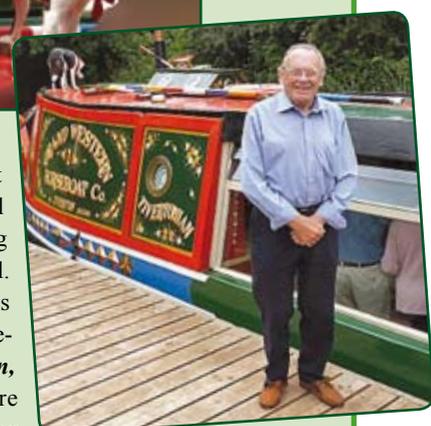
Sat. 30th January - Thackeray RAM Lodge No 730 will present the Travelling Ark to the Provincial Grand Master at the Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly to be held at the Nailsea Masonic Hall.

Somerset Commanders out on the Tiverton Canal

It has become a tradition of the Somerset Commanders Lodge No 1656 to have an annual day out. This takes place during the summer, (if we have one!) Wives and partners are of course very welcome.

The responsibility for organising the day falls to the Worshipful Commander. This year's commander, John Lendon decided that the trip would have a nautical flavour and so chose a morning cruise along the Tiverton Canal. Twenty four Lodge members and partners boarded the horse-drawn barge, the *Tivertonian*, at Tiverton Wharf and were taken out into the Devon countryside. The barge travels for one hour to East Manley, there it turns around and moors up allowing for the opportunity to take a short walk to see the one and only Aqueduct on the Grand Western Canal. Alternatively one could stay and talk to the horse as he rests awhile under the shade of a tree! During the journey we heard some tales and history of the canal, and enjoyed a minute's silence thus experiencing the true peace and tranquillity of travelling by Horse-Drawn Barge. On returning to Tiverton Wharf everyone made their way to the Fisherman's Cot at Bickleigh. This is a lovely old pub by the river Exe; there we all enjoyed a very pleasant lunch.

One of the pictures shows that number one Masonic pin-up without which no outing would be complete!



Travelling Ark Programme

- 17th March - Royal Cumberland Lodge to Monument Lodge
- 20th April - Monument Lodge to Portcullis Lodge
- 24th May - Portcullis to Somerset Installed Mark Masters Lodge
- 21st June - Somerset Installed Mark Masters Lodge to Carnarvon
- 27th September - Carnarvon Lodge to George Norman Lodge
- 6th October - George Norman Lodge to Quantock Lodge
- 26th October - Quantock Lodge to Mendip Lodge
- 22nd November - Mendip Lodge to Royal Sussex Lodge
- 24th November - Royal Sussex Lodge to Hallam Lodge



Founding Lodges Meet



Worshipful Master Richard Chivers and four other members of Royal Cumberland, TI travelled to Mark Mason's Hall, St James, London to join the brethren of the Old Kent Lodge, TI at their meeting.

This was an opportunity for members of the Founding Lodges of Mark Masonry to get together and meet, there were also present members visiting from the Bon Accord Lodge. It is hoped that this meeting will be the forerunner of a regular exchange of visits between the five founding Lodges of Mark Masonry and approaches are now being made to the Northumberland and Berwick Mark Lodge, Newcastle upon Tyne and Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth.

Also attending the Old Kent that evening was the PGM for London, Raymond John Smith.

The picture shows from left to right: *John Lacey, Richard Chivers, David Dixon, R.F. Murphy-WM Old Kent, Michael Jakins, Trevor Burton and Raymond John Smith-Provincial Grand Master, London... Michael Jakins.*

Grand Lodge Appointments

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, will be pleased to invest the following Brethren of this Province with Grand Rank Honours at the Annual Investiture Meeting of Mark Grand Lodge on ????????



Promotions

First Appointments

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Paignton Mark Annual Ball

In the last edition of Triangle it was stated that yet another highly successful weekend had come and passed at our usual venue, the Redcliffe Hotel Paignton. And what a great get-away-from-it-all occasion it was!

However, the head-line stated that it was the 6th time the Ball had been held, and we were soon taken to task, it was in fact the 11th!

Sincere apologies to Tony and Dorothy, we will be more careful next time!

Pat Morrissey, Editor



Travelling Keystone Programme



The Travelling Keystone has been roving around the Province for the last 20 years, its mission to bring Mark Masons together at their various Lodges, forging new friendships and strengthening old ones; long may this continue in this our happy Degree! shown right is the programme for 2010.

where are YOU on it?

2010

10th Feb. Else Lodge	take it to Royal Cumberland Lodge
17th Mar. Royal Cumberland Lodge	take it to Monument Lodge
20th April Monument Lodge	take it to Portcullis Lodge
24th May. Portcullis	take it to Installed Mark Masters Lodge
21st June Installed Mark Masters	take it to Carnarvon Lodge
27th Sept. Carnarvon Lodge	take it to George Norman Lodge
6th Oct. George Norman Lodge	take it to Quantock Lodge
26th Oct. Quantock Lodge	will take it to Mendip Lodge
22nd Nov. Mendip Lodge	take it to Royal Sussex Lodge
24th Nov. Royal Sussex Lodge	take it to Hallam Lodge

Grand Officers' Mess - Grand Officers' Mess - Grand Officers' Mess



The third Grand Officers' Mess was held at Clevedon Masonic Hall on Tuesday 13th October 2009. On arrival all were welcomed by our Provincial Grand Master David Nelson together with his Deputy Ray Guthrie. This is an important occasion in the Masonic Calendar and it was good to see the room full of chatting and laughing brethren.

As usual, the random seating plan invited diners to select a numbered ticket and find the same numbered seat amongst the round tables set out in the dining room. The lunch was to the usual very high standard we have all become accustomed to at Clevedon, and much appreciation was shown to Zena, Neil Hurcum and their team for the super meal.

Near the end of the lunch, David Nelson rose, welcomed the brethren present and proposed the Loyal Toast. He then invited topics for discussion and soon many voices were raised with questions asked and hopefully

answered. One of the main items discussed was the new Somerset Mark web-site, (<http://www.somersetmarkmason.co.uk>). This site is up-dated weekly with news, photographs, forthcoming events and a section for Secretaries and Scribes to down-load the many forms and information required throughout the Masonic year. The date for the next Grand Officers Mess will appear on the future events page.



Fifty Years for Pat



Last October at St Keyna Lodge, 1833 Peter Layzell our Craft Deputy PGM presented a 50 Year Veterans' Certificate to Alan Patrick Parker. Pat was born in 1929, attended the Bristol Grammar School, eventually leaving to take up

employment in the paper trade. He spent 25 years with the company before moving on to the Thompson Organisation and retired as a divisional controller at the age of 57. Pat has been happily married for 50 years and has three children and six grandchildren. He has attended St Martins Church, Knowle, Bristol as a Sunday School Teacher, a server for 50 years and Church Warden. Pat was initiated into St. Keyna Lodge, 1833 in 1959, becoming Master in 1970. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Keynsham Masonic Hall and was Treasurer for 17 years.

Pat holds Grand Rank in Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees where he was Dep.PGM for five years. Those of us who have enjoyed our Masonry in the company of this remarkable and nice man can vouch for his dedication and even today he will pick-up the smallest mistake in the Ceremonies and have a quiet word with you afterwards!

In Craft, Pat was promoted ProvAstGReg. in 1976 and PPrJG.Warden in 1992. He has Grand Rank in Holy Royal Arch, 30 Degrees in Rose Croix, PPrReg. in KT and is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland....*Jim Ivory.*

Twenty Five Years for Langdale

On the 15th December Langdale Lodge 1615 celebrated their 25th anniversary and were honoured with a visit by the Provincial Grand Master and his team. They performed the ceremony of Advancement to perfection, a ceremony that neither the Advancee Richard Norris nor the rest of the brethren will forget. At the festive board 92 brethren - the most anybody can ever remember attending a Langdale meeting - sat down to a six course meal identical to the one eaten at the Consecration; there was also a cake to commemorate the occasion.

A memorable evening to *Mark* an important milestone.

The picture shows our PGM David Nelson with Lodge Master Ben Legg and the cake! ...Peter Penfold



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