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Grand Lodge Appointments

**The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent,**
Invested the following Brethren with Grand Rank Honours
at the Annual Investiture Meeting of Grand Lodge
held on Tuesday 7th June 2011

First Appointments

Graham Bryan Gamble, to Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

Marshall Gordon Westley, to Past Grand Standard Bearer

John Wentworth Winston, to Past Grand Standard Bearer

**Christopher Robin White, to Past Assistant Grand Standard
Bearer**

Promotions

Peter Duncan Atkins, Past Grand Steward, to Grand Junior Deacon

Derek Anthony Shailer, PAGSwdB, to Past Grand Junior Deacon

Donation for 40 Commando



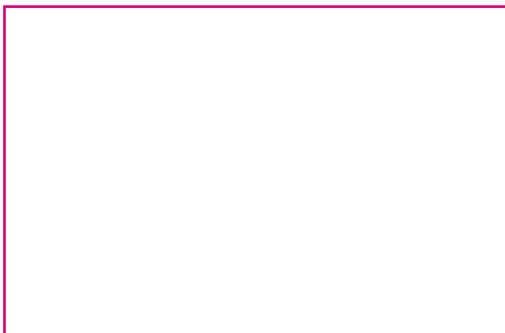
Langdale Lodge, 1615 spent a happy day giving away money to worthy causes. £400 was presented to the ***Pulmonary Hypertension Association*** towards research into the disease from which our Treasurer, John Howlett, is a sufferer.

An additional £400 was presented to Sgt. Martin Ash of ***40 Commando*** for rehabilitation welfare and equipment; £200 of which was donated by our Provisional Grand Master David Nelson.

A further £200 was given to ***Selworthy Special School***. The cheques were presented by Worshipful Master Trevor Cavill.

...Pictures courtesy John Howlett.

Reserved for Royal Cumberland Scout article



Annual Provincial Meeting 2011

PROVINCIAL MEETING Sat 7th May 2011



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 WM and his Wardens drew the first lucky winners.
Prizes: 1st.£150, 2nd.£60, 3rd.£40.

Draw Name Lodge

Draw	Name	Lodge
Feb. 2011	Bro. Keith Colman	1295
“	W. Bro. Graham Gamble	697
“	Mrs Tina Middleton	1608
March	Bro. Paul Cullum	697
“	W. Bro. Ian Cox	TI
“	W. Bro. Richard Stone	162



Annual Provincial Grand Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners Saturday 12th February 2011, Nailsea Masonic Hall

It was a bright sunny Saturday morning for the drive to Nailsea for the annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners for the Province of Somerset. Arriving nearly an hour before the start of the meeting there was no space in the car park! It was obviously going to be a well-attended meeting indeed there were just over 100 Royal Ark Mariners there to enjoy themselves. The Provincial Grand Master entered the Lodge room in procession with his team of Provincial Officers, when all were in place he welcomed all brethren to the meeting, particularly R.W.Bro Geoff Isaacs PGM or Cornwall and R.W.Bro David James the PGM of Monmouth who had obviously travelled far to be with us. The assembly was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Master and other distinguished brethren were saluted. The roll of Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province was called, all were very well represented. The Provincial Chaplain then gave in memoriam for the seven brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above in the past twelve months. The Provincial Registrar, W.Bro John Smith then gave his report on the state of the Lodges in

the Province. This was followed by a very interesting paper entitled "A deeper meaning of the Royal Ark Mariner Ceremony" by W.Bro Vernon Harding the Provincial Grand Chaplain, this was very well received by all brethren present and the PGM thanked W.Bro Harding for a very thought provoking paper. The PGM then invested the following brethren with Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Rank. W.Bros. **Cyril Sahoy 11, Richard Stone 128. John Morgan 155, Ian Walker 571, Derek Wilton 730 and. Stuart Hadler 1548.** He congratulated them all and hoped that they would enjoy their new status in the degree. The PGM then welcomed the new members of the degree, there being present 12 of the twenty three brethren who had been elevated in the last twelve months. He then went on to address the Assembly. All business being concluded the assembly was closed and the PGM and his officers withdrew in procession. The meeting was followed by an excellent lunch at the Masonic Hall.



A happy time for our PGM with Geoffrey Isaacs, PGM for Cornwall and David James, PGM for Monmouthshire.



Happy Eaters!



Left to right: Ray Guthrie, John Morgan, Derek Wilton, Richard Stone, David Nelson, Cyril Sahoy, Ian Walker & Stuart Hadler.



Just Relaxing!

Travelling Ark Programme

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Another happy week-end at Paignton



St. John ECG Monitor Presentation at Bridgwater

Following the very generous response to the PGM's appeal by all the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province our Provincial Grand Master, David Nelson, presented a *heart-Defibrillator-Monitor* and accessories to St John Ambulance, which in turn will turn their Crusader Ambulance into a Paramedic vehicle.

The handover took place at the organisation's local HQ at St John House, Woodland Business Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater on Thursday 3rd March last. This presentation marked the conclusion of a very successful appeal to raise £20,000 for **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** and **St John Ambulance**. The Provincial Grand Master accompanied by Mrs Catherine Nelson was supported by thirty five brethren representing every Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in the Province.

David commented *"All the Lodges in our wonderful Province have responded brilliantly to my appeal. Their generosity demonstrates quite clearly that Mark Masons care about others and that they are very happy to make a significant contribution to their local*



community, I am very proud of them all."

The equipment can accurately diagnose that a heart attack has or is being suffered by the patient and which area of the heart is in trouble. This information is then printed onto a paper roll and accompanies the patient to hospital allowing that patient to bypass the A&E department and get immediate treatment. The unit was expertly demonstrated to all present by Will Newton, the County Ambulance Officer

It may well be remembered that in the year 2000 on a particularly sunny afternoon in the City of Wells and following Evensong at the Cathedral, the Mark Master Masons of Somerset, headed by the then Provincial Grand Master Tony Hick, presented a new Crusader Ambulance to St. John, City of Wells Division. The ambulance was part of a donation of 40 such vehicles donated by the Mark Benevolent Fund throughout England; the gift was valued in excess of £2million.



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?

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Mark Provincial Officers' Dinner



The Annual Mark Provincial Officers Dinner was held in the delightful setting of the recently refurbished Marco Pierre White Function Room at the Cadbury House Hotel, Congresbury. The evening was one of good food & friendship in a very informal atmosphere during which our Provincial Grand Master David Nelson rose once to thank his team for their hard work during the year & of course the ladies for all their support they always give.



The choice of venue for this feast of fraternal friendship was organised by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden of the year, this time round it was Neil Hawes. On behalf of all who attended this happy evening, may we say "Thank you Neil for your hard work, organisation,



greeting everybody at the restaurant door and collecting the money!"
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Organiser Extraordinaire
Neil Hawes, PrGJW

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