



January 2021



The PGM Writes...

Here we are with the first *London Mallet* and the first PGM Writes of 2021. The New Year has certainly started on an optimistic note so far as the battle against Coronavirus is concerned. I hope that all of our members who are qualified to be in the initial group to receive the long-awaited vaccine have received their jabs and not suffered any long lasting after-effects. Us younger chaps will just have to be patient, but there does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel – albeit the tunnel still needs to be measured in months and weeks and not feet and inches! [Read more](#)



**The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London
Requests the pleasure of your company**

at a

Mark Awareness Evening

To be Held by Zoom

On THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2021

From 7pm for a 7:30 pm start

Why not start a new chapter in your Masonic career by inviting a Brother Craft or Royal Arch Mason along to find out about the friendly degree of Mark Master Mason?



← After our Work is Done

A post-meeting Festive Board is enjoyed as much as ever by all our members.

The Magnificent Staircase →

Leading to the Temples and to the Dining Rooms with access to the administrative heart of English Mark Masonry..



Although we are unable to meet at Mark Masons' Hall at the present time, we can, in some small way still deliver the ethos of the Mark Degree to everyone, presenting them not just with a very informative and factual presentation of the history and make-up of the degree, but also a genuinely friendly and interesting discourse.

You will meet the PGM, Tom Quinn who will be assisted in this presentation by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters doubtless with many Provincial Grand Officers attending as well. Apart from this educational and enjoyable presentation there will be a Question and Answer period afterwards when the Provincial Grand Master will be delighted to take all relevant questions.

This will be a great opportunity to get anyone even remotely interested to come along and enjoy a very interesting and varied talk, and get to meet (virtually) the PGM and his Team.

Please do come along and see for yourself what makes The Mark so very special to us all.

[Register here](#)



Auld Lang Zoom - a Provincial hit!

To mark the birthday of the celebrated Scottish bard, the Province held a virtual Burns Night which featured our ProvGM, the DepProvGM, the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master and... Kim Halifax!

Over 350 people (members, family and friends) tuned in to listen to music, singing and very entertaining speeches. You can read more about this event [here](#).



There are a number of fund-raising activities taking place at Provincial, Lodge and individual levels:

The WLMC foodbank project continues apace, and Bob Hancock sent us [this report](#) on its progress

Meanwhile, 2 members of Hibernia Mark Lodge - Campbell Caraher and Kevin Gold - have, with the support of the Mark Province of London, to date raised over £1,000 for the Rickmansworth Foodbank. You can read more [here](#).

Simon Dodd of Eclectic and Empress Britannic Lodge has been running in support of Prostrate Cancer UK and you can support his efforts with a donation [here](#).

And finally we have received a very nice [letter](#) from the Royal British Legion thanking us for our donation of £2,750 following our Remembrance event in November.



Guess the Baby Competition

As we are now in the New Year, our thoughts turn to babies and sensible people. Regrettably, at the London Mallet we failed to find any of the latter, so we found some pictures of the former. We have 8 pictures of the Executive in baby form for you to try to identify. Put the right name to the right baby and earn yourself a grown-up prize! All the photos and the details of the competition can be found [here](#).



Chorizo and Brandy Chicken

Welcome all to the next Recipe of the Month!

This [chorizo and chicken dish](#) is absolutely fantastic; it's not easy to prepare and cook, but well worth the effort.

If you need any tips or advice when preparing or cooking, then please just give me a shout.

John Ellis
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Dates for your Diary (may be subject to change)

30 September, 2021 - Provincial Annual Meeting
8 November, 2021 - Provincial "30th" Anniversary Celebration Dinner

You can keep up to date with all the News and Events from across the Province (including galleries containing pictures of all the Executive visits to our Lodges, and useful information) by visiting the Provincial website - <http://www.markprovinceoflondon.com/>

Regular updates from Mark Masons' Hall on all the Progressive Orders can be found [here](#).

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