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As this edition of the *London Mallet* goes to press, the nation has been saddened to hear of the passing to the Grand Lodge Above, of Bro. HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

UGLE and our own Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons have made fitting comment and conveyed suitable expressions of condolence on behalf of the Masonic community. Whilst he was not an active Mark Master Mason, he was, as we have read and heard from Grand Secretary in his short interview with the BBC, a Master Mason. Throughout his long life, Prince Philip amply illustrated those characteristics recommended within our First Degree Charge and other masonic teachings. He was most certainly a pattern for excellence, which many of us should consider and strive to emulate. He has lived respected and died regretted. May he now rest in peace.

Thomas Quinn
Provincial Grand Master

essential aspect of our well-being. So, please make a careful note of the 'Dates for your Diaries' section in the *London Mallet*. I make no apology for trying to reinforce and expand upon these as follows...[READ MORE](#)



19 MAY 7.30PM ON ZOOM

Mark Awareness Evening

Register your interest by emailing Chris James on chrisjames2849@gmail.com

Mark Awareness Evening

Following the success of our last Awareness Evening, which attracted over 170 attendees including 60 potential Advancees, the Province will be hosting another Zoom event on 19 May.

For those who missed out last time, this is a perfect opportunity to invite members of your Masonic network who have yet to experience some of the "magic of the Mark", and to start building a pipeline of work for your Mark Lodge ready for the resumption of normal meetings.

Simply pre-register with Chris James via chrisjames2849@gmail.com

Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Consecration - save the date!

The Ralph Reader Lodge of Mark Master Masons is delighted to announce that on Saturday, 6 November 2021, at Mark Masons' Hall, their Royal Ark Mariner Lodge is to be Consecrated.

This will be a milestone in their history and one they would like to share with you. The founders would love to see as many attend as possible and, as this event is expected to be popular, pre-reservations are recommended to avoid disappointment..



And should you not yet be a member of RAM, but have the Scouting connection, you can put your name on the list of forthcoming Elevatees and be one of the first to join this brand new Lodge.

All you need to do for any of the above, is to contact the Organising Scribe, W Bro John Palmer, on palmermasonic@btinternet.com and he will be delighted to provide you with full information and assistance.



We have reported in the past on the great work being done by the West London Masonic Centre during the pandemic. Rohit Pattni brings us up to date on the latest:

Christmas 2020: we carried on preparing the cooked meals for distribution to the local community via the organisations that we have been working with. By the end of December we had cooked just under 13,000 meals. In addition we prepared basic food packages for 425 families. Each package consisted of fresh fruits, vegetables, rice, pasta, biscuits, tinned foods, bread and milk. This was distributed again by the local organisations that we have been working with. They added items to make up the packages relevant to each family. These packages were put together with a view of supporting a family of four for a week.... [READ MORE](#)



Simon Dodd of Eclectic & Empress Britannic Lodge has done the Run the Month Marathon for Prostate Cancer UK and reports:

This January I participated in fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK....The aim was to run at least 26.2 miles in the month – and for a beginner like me that was quite a challenge! However, with massive support from friends, family and Freemasons on various Social Media channels I completed this – I actually ran 37.1 miles, and the last 2 was with my 10 year old son doing his first “long-distance” run. If you’d like a laugh, I have a series of videos on YouTube post run (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SimonDodd3862>)



In total (excluding Gift Aid) I raised £2,404 which was far in excess of anything I thought I could raise – and I’d like to thank all those within the Province who spared their hard earned money in these challenging times to support me. It is quite overwhelming to see so much generosity.



Following the Provincial Quiz, where we were able to raise £800 for UNHCR, the Provincial Grand Master received a letter of thanks from the UK Head of Fundraising which said *"Your support will not only protect families like Amira's [see video link above] – it will also tell them something very important. It will tell them that they have not been forgotten and that there are compassionate people in the world who are prepared to act on their behalf. Thank you again for standing with refugee families and I look forward to letting you know more about UNHCR and the incredible impact of your support."*



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7 April 2021

To: Members of All Orders Administered from Mark Masons' Hall

Dear Sir and Brother

Discount on Annual Dues payable in September 2021

At the beginning of February, we announced a further package of financial measures to help our members, which included an extension of the reduction in Registration and Joining Fees first announced last July, and a discount on the Annual Dues to be invoiced in September.

The last twelve months have been a difficult time for us all and the Management Board wanted to acknowledge your loyalty and support as well as contribute to the costs of membership which, for some, may otherwise prove too great in the current circumstances.

So, the discount on Annual Dues which will be made available later this year is intended for the benefit of individual members to whom this saving should be passed directly rather than retained by the Unit for other purposes.

There are grounds for optimism that masonic meetings will be able to resume soon, and the Management Board hopes that the support it has made available to you will enable you to retain your existing memberships and encourage you to look for others who may be interested in extending their research to the Progressive Orders.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

R.W.Bro. Ryan A Williams, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary



Chicken Caesar Salad

Welcome all to the next Recipe of the Month!

This [simple dish](#) is really delicious, and is perfect to eat as the weather starts to warm up.

John Ellis

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Dates for your Diary

19 May, 2021 - Mark Awareness Evening

6 September, 2021 - Annual Royal Ark Mariner Assembly

7 September, 2021 - Mark Grand Lodge

16 September, 2021 - Mark Provincial Golf Day

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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