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DepPGM Writes...

As our PGM is away on holiday in Scotland, it falls on me to write this short introduction to the summer edition of *The London Mallet*.

Whilst it has become clear that Covid will not be leaving us for the foreseeable future, we are nevertheless now back to Freemasonry - and hopefully from the start of next season



on we will find ourselves returning to more normalised and familiar meetings, ceremonies and Festive Boards.

There will be a lot happening in this Mark Province. We have four confirmed Royal Ark Mariner Consecrations scheduled, plus a new RAF Mark Lodge being formed (please read the article to see if you qualify to be a Petitioner if you would like to become one).

On 6 September at our London Installed Commanders' Lodge meeting, our PGM will be presenting Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Rank to those who have been awarded it this year. 2020 appointees will also be invited to be formally congratulated. Immediately following on from this meeting will be the London Installed Mark Masters' meeting at which our PGM will be installed into the Chair as its Worshipful Master. That is surely an afternoon/evening not to miss....

Our Annual Provincial Meeting will take place this year on 30 September and, as customary, will take place in the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall followed by dinner in the Connaught Rooms. This is the pinnacle of our Provincial year and all Mark Masons in

To follow will be our 30th anniversary dinner at Freemasons' Hall (now I'm afraid completely sold out) and our annual Burns Weekend in Bournemouth on 14-16 January (bookings will open next month).

So there is much to look forward to in the coming months and through the coming season! As Covid will still be with us, it is important to stress that you should only attend meetings if you are happy to do so, and continue to take such precautions as you deem necessary.

The PGM, myself and all members of the Provincial Executive wish you a happy summer break and look forward hopefully to seeing many of you later in the year at some of the above events and when we visit your various Lodges with our respective delegations.

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Provincial Annual Meeting

The Province's flagship event - the Annual Meeting - is being held on Thursday 30 September. This is always a superb demonstration of London Mark Masonry, starting with the various parades into the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall and culminating in a banquet served with lashings of brotherhood and camaraderie. So come and see the new Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Commanders and Advancees, and support your friends receiving preferment.

Bookings are now being taken via our new online facility therefore, if you haven't done so already, head to [London Mark Booking](#).



Mark Awareness Evenings

Following the success of the Awareness Evening held in February, which attracted over 170 attendees including 60 potential Advancees, the Province hosted another popular event in May. All the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters are following up the leads that

New RAF Mark Lodge

The Province is proud to announce the planned formation of a new Lodge dedicated to the RAF. Prospective members should be serving or have served in the RAF, RAuxAF, RAFVR, or Commonwealth Air Forces whether as Commissioned, Non-Commissioned or Other Ranks. Alternatively prospective members should have adult service with RAFAC (RAF Air Cadets) whether as Commissioned, Non-Commissioned, Civilian Instructor, Chaplain, or CivCom (Civilian Committee) members.



Attenshun!

Do you have an RAF connection?

Then the new RAF Mark Lodge could be of interest to you!

Contact John Burnapp
(RAFMark@onsquare.co.uk)
for more information

If you qualify and are interested in joining, all you need to do is contact the Organising Secretary, John Burnapp, on RAFMark@onsquare.co.uk and he will be

delighted to provide you with full information and assistance.

Ceremony Support Team

For some time now, the Province has run a Ceremony Support Team under the leadership of Alan Wakeford. The Provincial Grand Master is extremely keen that any Candidate in either Degree or any incoming Master/Commander deserves the very best ceremony we can give him.

If you have a particular "party piece" within the Mark and/or R.A.M. ritual and are willing and able to deliver it confidently and well, then we need your help. All offices are available.

You will only be expected to deliver ritual that you are confident in and happy to deliver. Furthermore, this is not an *emergency* ritual support team, so plenty of notice will be given if your assistance is required. You will be expected to travel at your own expense and there is no presumption of free dining.

So if you feel that you are able to support the Province in this way, then please contact Alan Wakeford on alanwakeford@yahoo.com.



We have previously reported on the excellent work being carried out on by the Felix Project

production and retail businesses and delivers it to front line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in local communities across London. The Felix Project has been financially supported on your behalf by the Province. Our Provincial Grand Master spent a day with Donald McGarr (who actively volunteers for the charity, and who brought it to the attention of the Province) to see for himself the good work being done by both the charity and Don, and you can read Tom's report [here](#).



How would you like to be able to donate money to charity without it costing you anything? Well, there is a way to do just that. many people purchase small to medium capital goods (and even foodstuffs) through Amazon, where the prices are generally good and the delivery service is market-leading

Amazon has set up AmazonSmile which, if you purchase items (at the same cost as standard Amazon) they will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to nominated charities. At London Mark we identified this opportunity and we are now delighted to say that the



system is fully up and running. It really is quite a simple process inasmuch as simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone

within the Settings or Programmes & Features menu. You will be asked for the name of the charity and it is the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London Benevolent Fund. Once you have entered the info you need to, you are sorted out, and AmazonSmile will direct monies to that charitable account automatically.

We do hope that you will be generous enough to support this endeavour and to see if, in a year's time, we can show a small donation to the worthwhile causes we support.



[This is a really simple little dish](#), easy and simple to prep, and makes a great little lunch served with a nicely chilled Sauvignon Blanc

John Ellis

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Dates for your Diary

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

14 - 16 January, 2022 - Provincial Burns Weekend

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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