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October 2021



The PGM Writes...

Brethren all, looking back over the events forecasted in my last 'PGM Writes', I am delighted to report that all that was promised for the last quarter of 2021 has actually come to pass. My challenge in writing this piece for this month's *London Mallet* is not about finding news items to write about, but more about keeping this article succinct enough to maintain your attention – there is just so much occurring across our Province, I hardly know where to begin! [READ MORE](#)

Provincial Annual Meeting - a great success!

After almost two years, R.W. Bro. Thomas Quinn, our Provincial Grand Master, was at long last enabled to take his rightful place for the first time at our Annual Meeting - the Province's flagship event. With something approaching 700 attendees of which 400 plus who stayed to partake of the banquet at the Connaught Rooms, we had a most enjoyable and memorable day and was proof in the hope that CV-19 is now on the way to becoming a bitter memory.



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
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for more information

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If you qualify and are interested in joining, all you need to do is contact the Organising Secretary, W.Bro. John Burnapp, via 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 via alanwakeford@yahoo.com.





MBF Hospice Awards

Earlier in the year, following the sad passing of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, the Mark Benevolent Fund announced the donation of £1.3 million to hospices across England and Wales. Lodges were invited to nominate their preferred hospice, with £1,000 available per nomination.

The Executive has recently been out and about across London dispensing cheques to those hospices nominated by London Mark Lodges. Above is a photo montage of some of those cheque presentations so far - amounting to just over £30,000. The culmination, though, was a cheque for £30,000 to the Richard House Hospice which the Provincial Grand Master presented to the hospice team - to thunderous applause - at the banquet following the Annual Meeting.



Membership Engagement Survey - we need your input!

The Executive and Communications team work hard to keep you informed of what's happening across the Lodges and our wonderful Province. But we need to check with you -

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Therefore we have put together a short(ish!) questionnaire and would encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it. We will then use your feedback to inform our strategy going forward and the results will be reported in the next edition of *The London Mallet*.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)



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

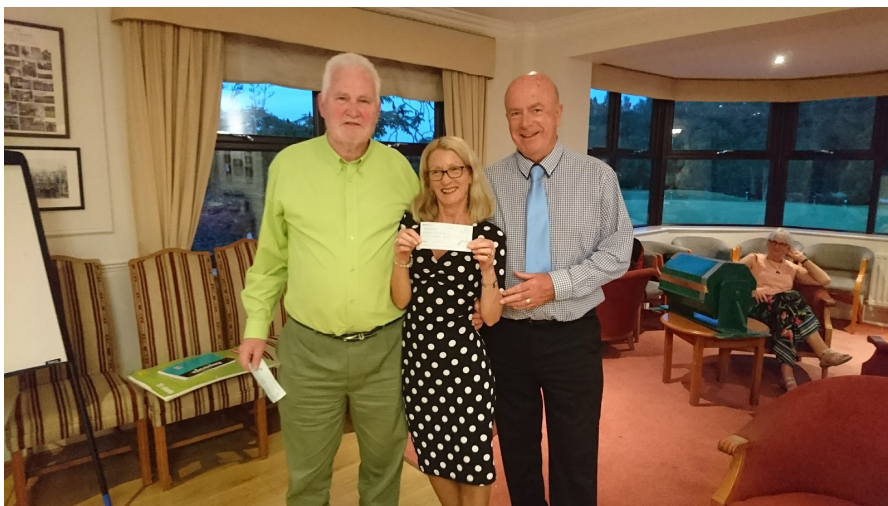
within the Settings or Programmes & Features menu. You will be asked for the name of the charity and it is the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London Benevolent Fund. Once you have entered the info you need to, you are sorted out, and AmazonSmile will direct monies to that charitable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



Ten brethren from Mark Lodges across London shared a pot of £1,250 whilst [London](#)

If you would to join the 50/50 Club please click [here](#) for the background and rules, and [here](#) to sign up. Good luck!



London Mark Golf Day goes with a swing!

At long last - and after an almost 2 year wait due to Covid - the Golf Day finally tee'd off on 16 September 2021. Forty-three players took to the fairways to do battle for the prestigious trophies for teams and individuals. The field was somewhat reduced compared to 2019, but those that played did their best to ensure a smooth and enjoyable day...[READ MORE](#)



Thai Fish Pancakes

Welcome all to the next Recipe of the Month!

[This is another really simple little dish](#), which is easy and simple to prep.

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6 November, 2021 - The Ralph Reader R.A.M. Consecration

8 November, 2021 - Provincial "30th" Anniversary Celebration Dinner - SOLD OUT

14 - 16 January, 2022 - Provincial Burns Weekend - SOLD OUT

26 February, 2022 - Khalsa R.A.M. Consecration

5 March, 2022 - Locomotion R.A.M. Consecration

30 April, 2022 - Metropolitan R.A.M. Consecration

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/>

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