

Worcestershire Mark



Consecration of a new Mark Lodge

Friday May 8th 2009 saw the Consecration of the Quill and Key Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1901 at The Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, Worcester. The first Worshipful Master, W Bro John King, was thrilled to see in excess of 70 Brethren witness the birth of this new Mark Master Masons Lodge. The Lodge was formed with 28 Founders, all of whom attended on the evening. The PGM, RW Bro FC Spencer consecrated the new Lodge and then invited the DPGM, VW Bro AT Morris to take the chair to Install W Bro JA King as Worshipful Master. The new WM then invested his Founding Officers. The aim of the Lodge is to provide and share information for the



WV Bro John King
WM Quill and Key 1901



W Bro Fred Hall SW
VW Bro Ted
Kettleborough JW

benefit of Lodge Secretaries, Scribes and Treasurers. All Brethren who have held one of these Offices are eligible to become a member. The Lodge will meet twice a year at the Lodge Rooms, Northfield. For further details contact the Secretary of the Quill and Key 1901, W Bro KJ Bryant, kevbyr@fsmail.net.

Welcome to your new layout newsletter and to a new Masonic year. The aim of the newsletter is to keep all the Brethren informed of news and events. For this purpose we need your help. Please forward all news, events and photos to W Bro Jeff Whiteley at jeff@inteva.co.uk.

The Mark Province of Worcestershire is 125 years old.

On the 08 December 1884, at the Masonic Chambers, 95 High Street, Worcester, under the Banner of Lechmere Lodge of MMM No.59, the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire was held for the Installation of Bro Augustus Frederick Godson as Provincial Grand Mark Master. To celebrate RW Bro FC Spencer, PGM, held a Provincial Ladies Night at the Stourport Manor Hotel on Saturday 09 May 2009. Over 200 Brethren, family and friends attended this superb black tie ball and were entertained by Julian Smith and his saxophone. Julian was voted into 3rd place in the recent 'Britain's Got Talent' show and was certainly a hit with the ladies. After the dinner the guests danced the night away to 'The Rat Pack Boys' who thrilled the audience with their superb act.



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Forthcoming Events

- 29 September 2009
*Inter-Province meeting, Masonic Hall, Church Walk, Rugby.
Provincial Team Visit.*
- 15 October 2009 Quiz night
by Athlumney Lodge MMM at Stourbridge Golf club 7.00pm. £12 to include buffet. W Bro John Fleming 01384 370736 or W Bro Bob Grainger 01384 394442.
- 06 November 2009 Lodge of Instruction demonstration evening at Worcester. All Lodge Wardens and Overseers should attend. Lodge opens at 6.15pm. W Bro R Reid 01905 454081
- 07 November 2009 Family bonfire night at Tenbury Wells, 6.00pm start £8.00 includes 1st drink and snack, under 12's free. . Contact W Bro Bob Rice on 0121 422 8273 or 07960 788060.
- 11 November 2009
*Malvern Priory MMM 1351. 40th Anniversary and Banner Dedication.
Provincial Team Visit.*
- 06 February 2010
*Provincial Director of Ceremonies Lodge 1813. Installation at Kings Heath, Birmingham.
Provincial Team Visit.*
- 18 May 2010
Worcestershire ICL and Provincial RAM Grand Assembly.
- 12 June 2010
Worcestershire Provincial Grand Lodge at Kings Heath.

PGL 13 June 2009

On a glorious Saturday morning the PGM RW Bro Francis C Spencer led another highly successful Provincial Grand Lodge meeting that was not only supported by the Worcestershire Mark Masons, but by Provinces nationwide. Both the Lodge room at Kings Heath and the festive board were filled to capacity to witness the PGM Appoint and Invest his new Officers. After re-appointing VW Bro Tim Morris as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he appointed W Bro Colin Brown as his Senior Warden and W Bro Ian Thorpe as his Junior Warden. The rest of the Officers were then appointed and invested in rank order. The PGM addressed the meeting and personally welcomed all the visitors from other Provinces. He thanked all the Brethren for their continued support in helping to produce another successful year for Worcestershire Mark Masonry.



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Treasure Hunt. On Sunday 28 June, W Bro George Simpson opened up his home and gardens to all with his annual car treasure hunt. Brethren and their families and friends were invited to use their own vehicles or for a small fee George generously offered one of his vintage and classic cars. The event was a great success and took about 2 hours to complete the course. There was a cream tea to follow with everybody enjoying the sunshine. The event raised over £1200 for the 2015 appeal.



'HOWZAT'

For the first time, Worcestershire MMM win the annual cricket match against Warwickshire MMM, much to the delight of the PGM, who was all smiles when he received the trophy from RW Bro David Rawlings, PGM Warks. Worcestershire won the toss and put Warwickshire in to bat and after 20 overs had scored 85 runs. Worcestershire easily passed this target with 2 overs to spare. It was a fantastic family day out for all with cream teas, bar-b-cue, picnics and great support for both teams. If you are interested in supporting Worcestershire defend the trophy next year by playing or attending, please contact W Bro Jeff Whiteley on 07973 254278



Festival News

The 2015 Festival has got off to a flying start in its first year. The total so far including standing order pledges is £74,557. The efforts from Lodges and individuals has been unrivalled with 6 Brethren achieving Grand Patron, 6 Vice Patron, 3 Patron and 28 Life Governor. The following Lodges have also been recognised with jewels.

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| St Egwin MMM | Grand Patron |
| Vernon MMM | Grand Patron |
| Moseley MMM | Patron |
| St Egwin RAM | Patron |
| Stechford MMM | Patron |
| Teme Valley MMM | Patron |

Three more Lodges yet to receive Patron jewels. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Grand Lodge of MMM 09 June 2009.

Worcestershire Mark Masonry was well represented in this years honours at a capacity filled Freemasons Hall. Those who attended saw the Pro Grand Master appoint and promote Brethren in Grand Rank and add: 'A first appointment or promotion in Grand Rank is an obvious signal of how diligent you have been with your efforts for our Order in the past and I am now pleased to say "thank you" for all you have done'.

- RW Bro S I Edwards re-appointed as GTreasurer.
- W Bro J A King promoted to PGJO
- W Bro R D Rice promoted to PDSB
- W Bro G G Boughton appointed PAGDC
- W Bro P A Milner appointed PAGDC
- W Bro P G Jenkins appointed PGStB.

Stuart Edwards in the Pudding Club

RW Bro Stuart Edwards held a pudding club at his home on Sunday 09 August. Brethren and their families had their normal Sunday lunch at home but then went to Stuarts house to join in the mass pudding consumption. Each person made a donation to the Festival appeal. The event raised approximately £538 for the 2015 appeal

Annual Charity Dinner—On Wednesday 05 August, members of Lechmere MMM, Ark RAM, Malvern Priory MMM, St Egwins MMM and RAM held their annual dinner at St. Peters Garden Centre, Worcester. VW Bro AT Morris, DPGM, represented the Province for the event which witnessed 93 Brethren and their families enjoy a social evening out and help raise £572 for the 2015 appeal.

New Provincial Web Site—within the next few weeks The Provincial Grand Lodge of MMM's of Worcestershire will launch their very own dedicated web-site. It will provide information about Mark Masonry in general and about the Province of Worcestershire in particular. Brethren will be able to download forms and other information as it becomes available. Brethren will be informed of the new web address.

In Memoriam.

- W Bro Mervyn John Bradley—Teme Valley Lodge
- W Bro Dennis Brooks—Lechmere Lodge
- W Bro Gordon Davenport—Kings Heath All Saints (Hon Mem)
- W Bro Alan Acton—Vernon Lodge
- W Bro Rodney Pitham—Eaton Lodge
- W Bro Kenneth Harbour—Prov. DC's Lodge