

February 2011

£40,000 new Dial-a-Ride Mini Bus for Wyre Forest



Following an approach from VW Bro Tim Morris, RW Bro Stuart Edwards petitioned The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for assistance in the replacement of a Dial a Ride vehicle which was damaged in a road accident. The petition was successful with £40,000 being granted for a replacement vehicle. Our picture shows the RWPGM Frank Spencer handing over the keys to Dial a ride co-ordinator Rob Hartell whilst the Worshipful DPGM Eric Bourne, RW Bro Stuart Edwards and VW Bro Tim Morris look on.

Noah's Ark Trust.

Volunteers from Lechmere Lodge No 59, St Egwin Lodge No 1135 and Malvern Priory Lodge No 1351, together with Mark Masons from across the Province, created a little magic in Santa's Grotto at St Peters Garden Centre Worcester during the period leading up to Christmas.

Their efforts raised more than £3,000, which will go towards the costs of carrying on the splendid work Noah's Ark Trust undertake with children who have suffered bereavement. Work that the Trust has become Nationally renowned for. At a function to mark the end of this years activities the RW PGM Frank Spencer, spoke of his pride that Mark Masons in Worcestershire, have now raised more than £20,000 for the Noah's Ark Trust. He said that special thanks must go to W Bro Tony Blake, for allowing the fund raising to take place at his business premises and for the social events that take place here in his restaurant. He announced that the

proceeds of this years fund raising will be presented to the Trust in February, during a live programme on BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio.

He thanked everyone for their continued support and work in the name of Worcestershire Mark Masonry. A raffle and auction raised £271 for the 2015 appeal.

Introducing the 100 Club

The Province has another method of fund raising with the introduction of a 100 club. There are a few places left so if you or your partner wish to join in please contact, W Bro George Simpson. The first draw took place at Perseverance Lodge Halesowen on the 17th January 2011 (Draws take place monthly).

Winners: Mrs Margaret Pritchard. W Bro Fred Hall.

Royal Ark Mariners.

RAM Provincial Grand Rank will be conferred on the following brethren at the Worcestershire Installed Commanders Lodge meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at Rainbow Hill, Worcester.

W Bro Martyn Amey	1462	W Bro Martyn Coss	923
W Bro Richard Green	59	W Bro John Icke	1135
W Bro Andrew Cook	733	W Bro Peter Ransome	923
W Bro Malcolm Cannings	667	W Bro Terence Hewlett	59
W Bro Robert Barrett	590	W Bro Wilf Allbutt	893

Forthcoming Events.

(Awaiting Confirmation of dates for some events)

Tuesday 17th May 2011
Worcestershire Installed Commanders Lodge and Provincial RAM Grand Assembly at Rainbow Hill, Worcester.
(Provincial Team Visit)

Worcestershire Mark Open Golf Day. to be played at Bromsgrove Golf Centre.
Wednesday 29th June 2011
First tee time 1pm Contact: W Bro Keith Crawford 0192622345

11th June 2011
Worcestershire Provincial Grand Lodge at King Heath

Summer Treasure Hunt and Garden Party.
Contact W Bro George Simpson.
01905 381278

Pudding Club Extravaganza.
Contact: RW Bro Stuart Edwards or W Bro Bob Rice 0121 4228273

Fish and Chip Supper.
Contact W Bro George Simpson.

To have your event listed in the next issue please contact W Bro John Icke 01386 41330

Worcestershire Mark and Ram News Letter

Charity Fund Raisers.

W Bro Jeff Whitely organised a 40's night which went very well with most of those attending dressed in period costume. All in all a very enjoyable night out.

W Bro George Simpson and his wife Jenny opened their home for a Garden Party/Treasure Hunt. This event took place in lovely warm sunshine and was well attended.

V. W. Bro Ted Kettleborough organised the very successful Annual Fish and Chip Supper at Rainbow Hill Worcester . Once again a very well attended regular fund raiser.

W Bro Keith Crawford organised a most successful and enjoyable Golf Tournament at the Bromsgrove Golf Centre.

The event was sold out with just about the maximum numbers attending. Well done W Bro Keith, more of the same this year please.

Unfortunately the Inter Province Cricket Match with Warwickshire had to be postponed. A skittles event was organised to take its place and a good attendance made it a great success. Well done to all concerned for such a wonderful event at short notice.

Towards the end of the year, W. Bro Eric Humphries again put on the very successful Family Bonfire Party and Fireworks Display. Many made their way towards Tenbury to enjoy a cracking evening. Abundant refreshments around the bonfire and a great firework display were enjoyed by all who attended.

In Memoriam.

W Bro Leslie Arthur Mason	1260
W Bro Gordon Ernest Freeman	1135
W Bro Geoffrey Belfield	1334
W Bro Albert John Celes	1462
W Bro Kenneth Matthews	1351

PGM announces his officers for 2011/12

Senior Warden	W Bro Ian Strongman	733.
Junior Warden	W Bro John Icke	1135
Master Overseer	W Bro R C Sutton	1462
Senior Overseer	W Bro J. M. Fleming	590
Junior Overseer	W Bro C. P. Field	1462
Chaplain	W Bro A. G. Papandreou	1135
Treasurer	W. Bro M. G. Taylor PAGDC	1462
Registrar	W. Bro F. W. Hall PAGDC	1334
Secretary	W Bro K. J. Bryant	1260
Dir Ceremonies	W. Bro J. W. Whiteley	923
Almoner	W Bro N. A. Yarnell PGStB	1334
Charity Stwd	W Bro G S W Simpson	1135
Insp of Works	W Bro R. J. Read	923
Sword Bearer	W Bro R. M. Bennett	893
Dep Chaplain	W Bro C. C. Farrer	1334
Dep Secretary	W. Bro D. T. Davies PGStwd	1260
Deputy D. C	W. Bro R. J. Green	1351
Senior Deacon	W Bro M. C. Cummings	747
Senior Deacon	W Bro M. A. Qureshi	1334
Junior Deacon	W Bro M. A. Cannings	667
Junior Deacon	W Bro D. G. Gibson	1136
Asst Chaplain	W Bro P. J. James	1351
Asst Secretary	W Bro A. C. Hutt	1135
Asst DC	W Bro D. A. Stanford	977
Organist	Bro I. J. Horne	1462
Standard Bearer	W Bro M. L. Preece	1462
Inner Guard	W Bro E. P. Lee	893
Steward	W Bro J. T. Parker	590
Steward	W Bro A. C. T. Skidmore	923
Steward	W Bro S. J. Cameron	59
Steward	W Bro D. J. Hughes	1623
Tyler	Bro K. F. Whitehouse	590

Past Ranks

As PPrGJW's			
W Bro P Wills	1822	VW Bro G D Jones	1813
W Bro G Crew	1334	W Bro T. Johnson	59
W Bro B Thompson	1135	W Bro K Stooke	923
W Bro D Acton	923		
PPrGMO	W Bro D Brown		1351
PPrGReg	W Bro M Winfield		330
PPrGReg	W Bro G Perry		59
PPrGReg	W Bro D Cleveland		1281
PPrIWks	W Bro I Evans		59
PPrGSD	W Bro A Bryan		59
PPrGSD	W Bro M Gibbs		330
PPrGJD	W Bro D Cowell		330
PPrGJD	W Bro D Ursell		1822
PPrGJD	W Bro T Wakeman		1260

Brethren I have observed that some lodges have yet to update the order of officers listed on their summons.

Please refer to Rule 72iv BoC to ensure your summons is compliant.

Lodges are further reminded that the Lodge Treasurer cannot act as Account Examiner for the Lodge.

W Bro Kevin Bryant.
Provincial Grand Secretary



Installed Commanders Lodge No 1409

Members, partners and guests, enjoyed a **Themed Burns Night** festive board following the January meeting of the Worcestershire Installed Commanders Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. When the Commander called for order two rather dubious Scottish gentlemen, Angus McBryan and Rory MacGoodfellow carried the Haggis into the Dining room.

What can we say but well done, a fun evening enjoyed by all who attended.

Friends gather to say farewell...

Masons of many denominations gathered at the Worcester Crematorium to celebrate the life of Les Mason. Before his retirement Les ran a newsagents business in London Road, Worcester. He was a busy Mason, a Justice of the Peace and an active member of his local community. Well liked and admired amongst his brothers.

Les joined the RAF and was assigned to 76 Squadron as a mid turret gunner on the Halifax Bombers during WW2. Les flew 33 missions. He always said "I was lucky to survive whilst so many perished". In 1943 Les was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Medal. King George VI was ill at the time and wrote to Les apologising for his not being well enough to formally present the medal. Possibly because of it being war time, the matter was overlooked and although Les was given the medal no formal presentation took place. In fact Les had to wait until 2009 when, at a special ceremony at RAF Linton on Ouse, he received a formal presentation of his Medal and Citation from the Stations current Commanding Officer, Group Captain Mike Longstaff. Les will be missed in many Lodges, none more so than in his Mark Lodge, Teme Valley Lodge No 1260 Tenbury Wells.